DWITE Online Computer Programming Contest October 2006

Problem 4

Count Squares

For this particular problem, you will need to count the number of squares found in a grid. The grid will contain '.' and '*' characters. Squares are defined to be a solid shape formed with '*' characters, that have equal length and width.

Examples of squares:

Square with length and width of 1:

Square with length and width of 2:

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Square with length and width of 3:

Square with length and width of 4:

The input file (**DATA41.txt** for the first submission and **DATA42.txt** for the second submission) will contain five sets of data. The first line of each set contains two integers, r and c. r represents the number of rows in the grid and c represents the number of columns in the grid. 0 < r, c < 25. The next r lines of the set will contain c characters, either a '.' or a '*'.

The output file (OUT41.txt for the first submission and OUT42.txt for the second submission) will contain the number of squares found in the grid.

| Sample Input (three sets of data only) | Sample Output (three sets of data only) |
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| 4 4 .*.* | 14 45 |
| ** ***. **** | 41 |
| 5 6 ***** .**** | |
| ***** ***** **** | |
| 7 4 **** | |
| **** **** | |
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