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# **Turning off lights**

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Suppose that each cell in an  $n \times m$  board has a light that can be off or on. Furthermore, every cell has a switch that changes the state of the (at most) 8 neighboring lights, and also the state of the light in the same cell. Compute how many switches must be pressed to turn off all the lights.

#### Input

Input consists of several cases, each with the dimensions n and m, both between 2 and 5, followed by n rows with m characters each. A point indicates a light that is off, and an asterisk a light that is on.

### Output

For every case, print the minimum number of switches to be pressed to turn off all the lights. If it is impossible, print "no".

#### Observation

Sample input

The expected solution to this problem is a "reasonably" pruned backtracking.

Sample mput	San
2 4	0
• • • •	1
• • • •	2
3 3	4
***	no
***	1
* * *	no
3 3	
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3 3	
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2 5	
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5 5	
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## Sample output

# **Problem information**

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