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FOREST OF NUMBERS

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In these puzzles, you start by placing the numbers 1, 2, and 3 in the pink squares. Then, you have to put the numbers from 4 onwards in order in the gray squares with the condition that each number is the sum of its neighbors that are already placed horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. You cannot put numbers in the white squares.

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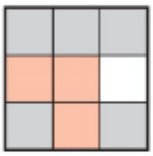
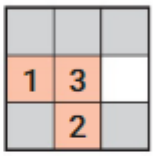
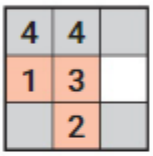
EXAMPLE



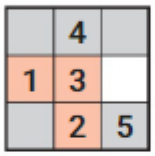
FILL THIS 3×3 DIAGRAM WITH THE NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 5.



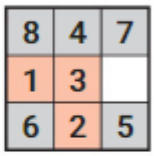
FIRST, YOU PLACE THE NUMBERS 1, 2 AND 3 IN THE PINK SQUARES. THIS IS ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES.



NOW YOU HAVE TO PLACE THE 4. YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS (4 = 1 + 3).



IF YOU CHOOSE THIS POSSIBILITY FOR 4, THEN YOU HAVE ONLY ONE PLACE TO PUT THE 5 (5 HERE = 2 + 3).



THEN YOU CAN PLACE IN ORDER THE NUMBERS 6 (IN THIS CASE 1 + 2 + 3), 7 (IN THIS CASE 3 + 4) AND 8 (IN THIS CASE 1 + 3 + 4).

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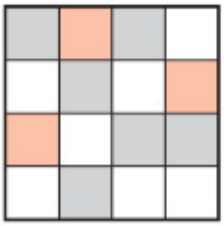

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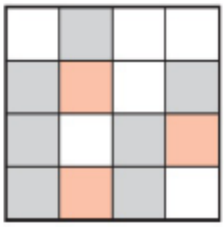

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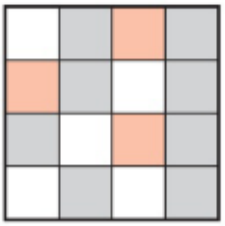

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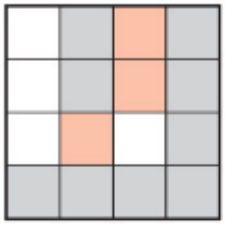

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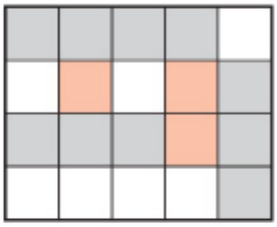

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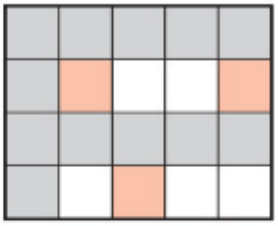

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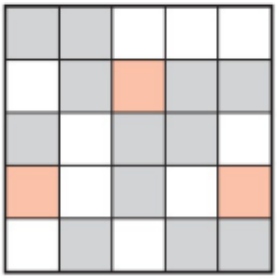

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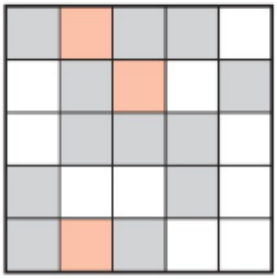

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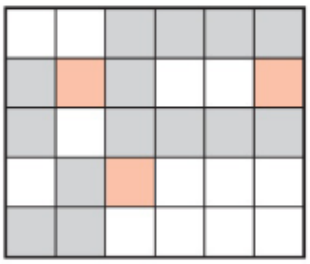

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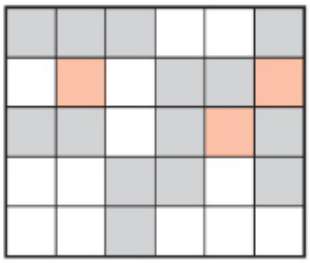

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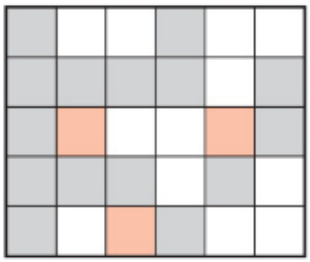

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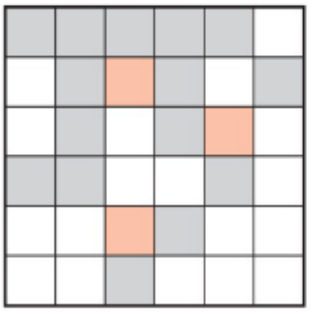

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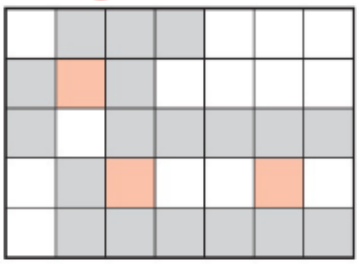
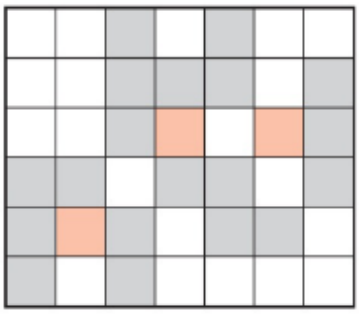
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