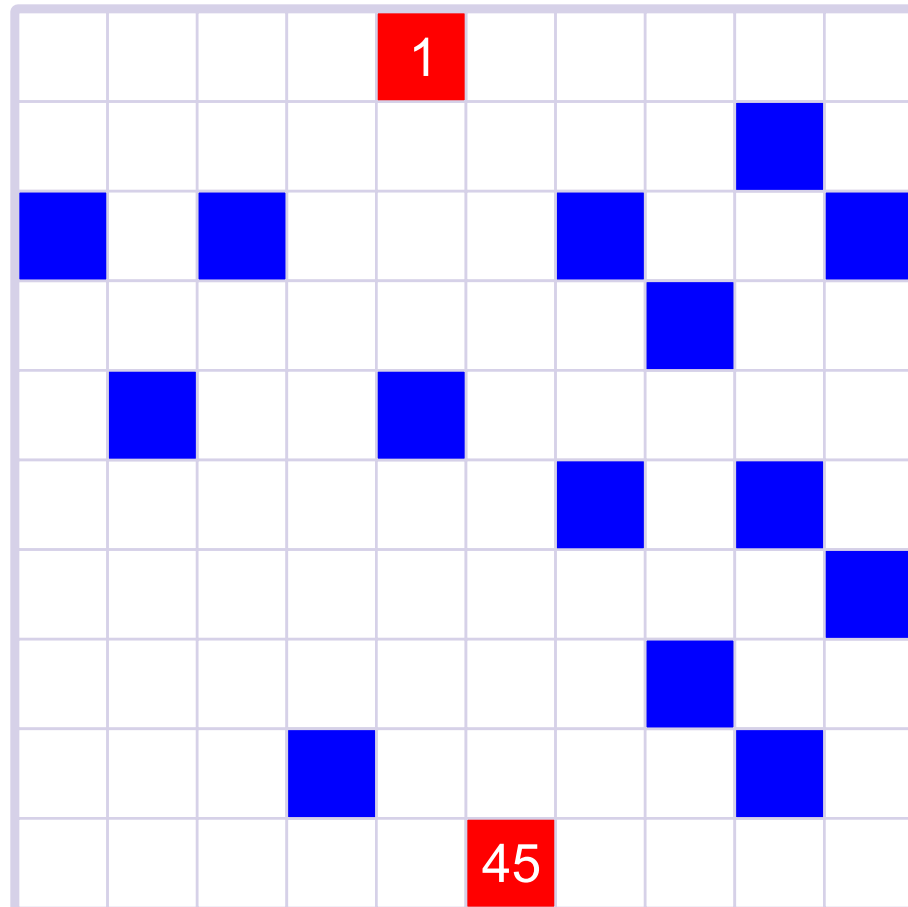


Finnish Snake

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A sea serpent, 45 meters long lies hidden under the surface of the water. The animal is bent horizontally and vertically, but doesn't touch itself anywhere, even diagonally. Its head (the top red square), tail (the bottom red square) and a few other parts (the blue squares) are visible. Can you figure out the snake's exact position?

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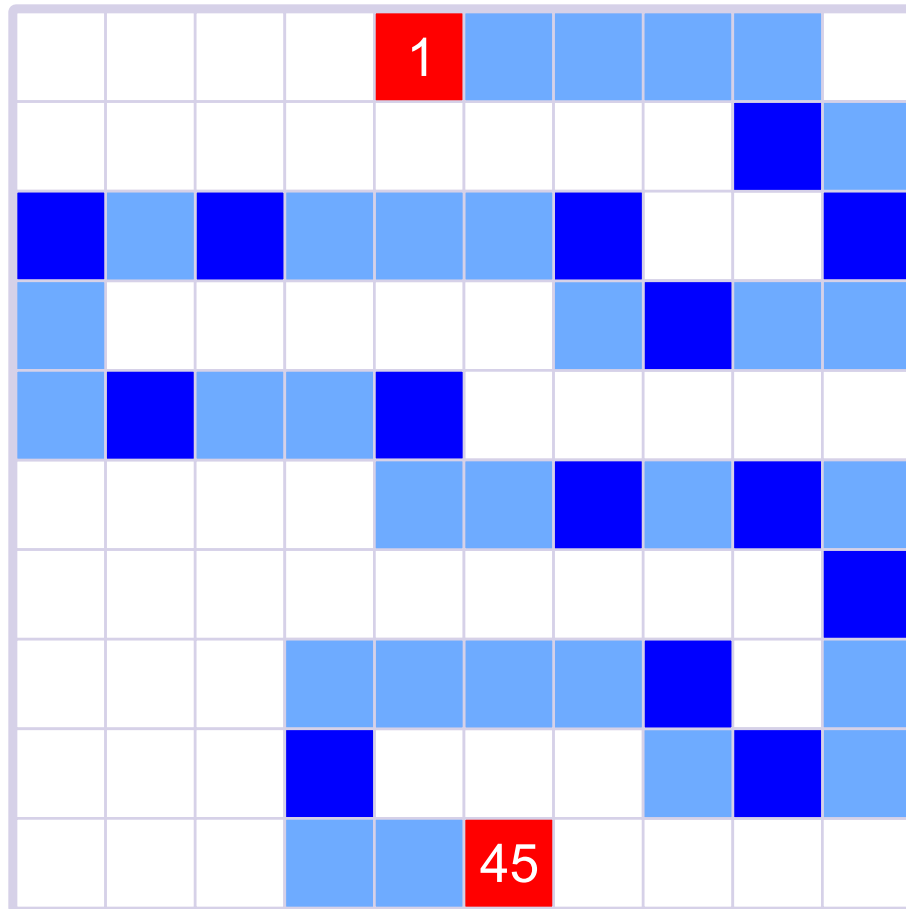
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Solution

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