**Friend Circles**

There are $N$ students in a class. Some of them are friends, while some are not. Their friendship is transitive in nature, i.e., if $A$ is a friend of $B$ and $B$ is a friend of $C$, then $A$ is also a friend of $C$.

A friend circle is a group of students who are directly or indirectly friends.

You must write a function `friendCircles` that returns the number of friend circles in a class. Its argument, `friends`, is an $N \times N$ matrix that comprises characters $Y$ or $N$. If `friends[i][j]` is $Y$ then the $i^{th}$ and $j^{th}$ students are friends, otherwise they are not friends.

Constraints:
- $1 \leq N \leq 300$.
- Each element of friends will be $Y$ or $N$.
- The number of rows and columns in `friends` will be equal.
- `friends[i][i]` is $Y$, where $0 \leq i < N$.
- `friends[i][j] = friends[j][i]`, where $0 \leq i < j < N$.

Sample input 1:
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YYNN
YYYN
NYYN
NNNY
```

Sample output 1:
```
2
```

Sample input 2:
```
YNYY
NYYNN
NNYNN
NNYN
NNNY
```

Sample output 2:
```
5
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