

Computer Programming

Section G, Spring 2018

Assignment 1

Due Date: Tuesday February 13, 2018

Consider a robot that intends to find its way through a maze. The maze can be represented by a 2-D array. A free cell is represented by a value 0 and a cell with obstacle is represented by a value 1. If the start and end points are known, develop a function that can evaluate, given a set of moves that define the path from start to end, whether a successful path is found or not.

A move can be described with the help of number of steps to be taken in a specific direction. For instance: r10 means move ten steps right, while u2 means move two steps up. A robot can cover 1 free cell in 1 step, but cannot cross a cell with obstacle. Movement is possible in four directions: left, right, up, down, each represented by l,r,u,d respectively.

A successful path is a set of moves from start to end such that no obstacle is encountered in between.

A maze can be of size MxN and its structure shall be read from a file along with start and end point.

A sample file format along with description is illustrated in the table below:

Size of maze	6x9
Structure of maze	111111111 001010001 101010101 100000100 110111011 100000001
Start point	1, 0
End point	3, 8

Path can be input on console using standard input (cin), comprising of each move separated by ->

For instance, sample inputs and outputs are illustrated in the following table:

Sample Input	Sample Output
r1->d2->r4->u2->r2->d2->r1	true
r1->d2->r7	false
r1->d2	false