

# Design And Analysis Of Algorithms

## Project Using Backtracking Team

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## Problem Statement : Rat In A Maze

You are given a maze in the form of a matrix of size  $n * m$ . Each cell is either clear or blocked denoted by 1 and 0 respectively. A rat sits at the top-left cell and there exists a block of cheese at the bottom-right cell. Both these cells are guaranteed to be clear. You need to find if the rat can get the cheese if it can move only in one of the two directions - down and right. It can't move to blocked cells.



Gets Cheese



Does Not Get Cheese

## **Approach:** Backtracking

1. Backtracking is an algorithmic-technique for solving problems recursively by trying to build a solution incrementally. Solving one piece at a time and removing those solutions that fail to satisfy the constraints of the problem at any point of time (by time, here, is referred to the time elapsed till reaching any level of the search tree) is the process of backtracking.

2. Form a recursive function, which will follow a path and check if the path reaches the destination or not. If the path does not reach the destination, then backtrack and try other paths.

## ALGORITHM

1. Firstly, create a matrix to store your solution. It should contain all zeros and should be of the same size as the maze matrix.
2. Make a recursive call with the position of the rat in the matrix: initial maze matrix, solution matrix
3. If the position provided is invalid, return from the function.
4. Otherwise, mark the position as 1 in the solution.



matrix.

5. Recursively call for position  $(i+1, j)$ ,  $(i, j+1)$ ,  $(i-1, j)$ , and  $(i, j-1)$ .

## CODE:

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def valid_path(mAze, i, j, m, n):    if i == m or
j == n:        return False    if mAze[i][j]
== 1:        return False    return True
def rat_mAze(mAze, i, j, m, n, Arr):    if Arr[-
1][-1] == 1:        return True    if
valid_path(mAze, i, j, m, n):        Arr[i][j]
= 1        if rat_mAze(mAze, i + 1, j, m, n,
Arr):
            return True        if
rat_mAze(mAze, i, j + 1, m, n, Arr):
            return True
Arr[i][j] = 0    return False
mAze = [[0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [1, 0, 1, 0, 1],
        [0, 0, 1, 0, 0],
[1, 0, 0, 1, 0]]
```

```
Arr = [[0 for i in range(len(maze[0]))] for j in range(len(maze))]
rat_maze(maze, 0, 0, len(maze), len(maze[0]), Arr)
for i in Arr:
    print(i)
```

```
1 def valid_path(maze, i, j, m, n):
2     if i == m or j == n:
3         return False
4     if maze[i][j] == 1:
5         return False
6     return True
7
8 def rat_maze(maze, i, j, m, n, arr):
9     if arr[-1][-1] == 1:
10        return True
11    if valid_path(maze, i, j, m, n):
12        arr[i][j] = 1
13        if rat_maze(maze, i + 1, j, m, n, arr):
14            return True
15        if rat_maze(maze, i, j + 1, m, n, arr):
16            return True
17        arr[i][j] = 0
18    return False
19 maze = [[0, 1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [1, 0, 1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1, 0, 0], [1, 0, 0, 1, 0]]
20 arr = [[0 for i in range(len(maze[0]))] for j in range(len(maze))]
21 rat_maze(maze, 0, 0, len(maze), len(maze[0]), arr)
22 for i in arr:
23     print(i)
```



```
[1, 1, 1, 1, 0]  
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0]  
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]  
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1]
```

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...Program finished with exit code 0  
Press ENTER to exit console.
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## Time-Complexity and Auxiliary Space

**Time-Complexity:**  $O(2^{(n^2)})$ . The recursion can run upper-bound  $2^{(n^2)}$  times.

**Auxiliary Space:**  $O(n^2)$ . Output matrix is required so an extra space of size  $n*n$  is needed.

THANK YOU