This exercise is on the application of stack and queue.

We represent a maze using a 2D array of char.

The symbol '.' represents a path, 'X' represents a block, 'S' represents the start-point, and 'E' represents the end-point (destination).

An entry A[i][j] is connected to its 4-neghbors, i.e. A[i][j-1], A[i][j+1], A[i-1][j], and A[i+1][j], if they exist.

The main () function reads in the maze from a data file.

You are asked to implement the function findShortestPath() to determine a shortest path from the start-point to the end-point.

To solve this problem, you can make use of a 2D array of integer to record the distances of other points from the start-point.

## Example:

Initially the array d[][] is initialized such that the value at the start-point is zero, and all the other entries are set to -1.

X			X	X	X		
X	X				X	X	
				X	X		
		X		X		X	X
	X	X		S			X
		X	X	X			
			X	X		X	X
X	X		Е			X	X

Input array A[][]

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

Initial values of the array d[][]

Your program will label the neighboring points of the start-point to have a distance equal to 1, if the neighboring point is not blocked.

For the points labelled with 1, labelled their neighboring points to 2 (if the neighboring point is not blocked and it has not been visited before).

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

After the 1<sup>st</sup> pass.

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	2	-1	2	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	2	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass.

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	3	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	2	-1	2	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	2	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	3	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	3		
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

After the 3 <sup>rd</sup> pass.	

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	4	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	4	3	-1	-1	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	2	-1	2	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	2	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	3	4
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	3	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	4	-1	-1

After the 4<sup>th</sup> pass.

The labelling process is repeated until you have reached the end-point.

## You can use a queue < Coordinate > to control the labelling processing.

If a valid path can be found from the start-point to the end-point, the path is recorded in a stack<Coordinate>, with the coordinate of start-point at the top and the coordinate of the end-point at the bottom of the stack.