

Data Structures & Algorithms

Problem statement:

Minesweeper is a single-player puzzle video game. The objective of the game is to clear a rectangular board containing hidden "mines" without detonating any of them, with help from clues about the number of neighboring mines in each field.

The game will be played through a console-based interface. The user will choose a size N for the board (≥ 5). The board will be randomly generated, with the density of the elements roughly equal to 25%. The $N \times N$ board will be presented with the unexplored spots marked with '-' and a number of flags equal to the number of mines. The user can explore a spot or mark it with a flag. Whenever the user chooses to explore a spot he will either: lose the game if the spot is a mine or otherwise expand it such that he gains new information on the surrounding mines. The game ends when a mine is hit or when there are no empty spots left on the board.

Justification:

The game is played on a rectangular board where the majority of the elements are 0 (the empty spots), thus the only relevant elements remain the spots occupied by a mine. This enables us to use a sparse matrix, since, by ignoring the empty spots, the data requires significantly less storage.

ADT Domain specification & representation:

SparseMatrix = { m | m is a container that represents a two-dimensional array, where each element has a unique position determined by 2 indexes (line & column) and a non-zero value. The elements are stored under the form triplet = (line, column, value), with { line \in Integer, column \in Integer, value \in TValue }.

The hashing will be done using the division method, while the collisions will be resolved by separate chaining.

For this particular problem perfect hashing could be achieved with a hash function that uses the line and column indexes; an example would be: $\text{lineIndex} + \text{columnIndex} * \text{noColumns}$.

TElem:

line: Integer

column: Integer

value: TValue

Node:

next: \uparrow Node

element: TElem

SparseMatrix:

matrix: \uparrow Node[]
 noLines: Integer
 noColumns: Integer
 hash: TFunction
 size: Integer

ADT Interface specification:

create(m, nol, noc)

Pre: $nol, noc \in \text{Integer}, nol > 0, noc > 0$

Post: $m \in \text{SparseMatrix}$ with nol lines and noc columns

modify(m, l, c, v)

Pre: $m \in \text{SparseMatrix}; l, c \in \text{Integer}, v \in \text{TValue}$

Post: $m1 \in \text{SparseMatrix}; m1 = m$ where the TValue with key k on $(l, c) = v$

Throws: `InvalidPositionException` if $l > m.noLines$ or $c > m.noColumns$

lineNr(m)

Pre: $m \in \text{SparseMatrix}$

Post: $lineNr \in \text{Integer}, lineNr \leftarrow$ the number of lines in the matrix

columnNr(m)

Pre: $m \in \text{SparseMatrix}$

Post: $columnNr \in \text{Integer}, columnNr \leftarrow$ the number of columns in the matrix

getElement(m, l, c)

Pre: $m \in \text{SparseMatrix}; l, c \in \text{Integer}$

Post: $e \in \text{TValue}, e \leftarrow$ the value at (l, c) mapped with the key k

Throws: `InvalidPositionException` if $l > m.noLines$ or $c > m.noColumns$

ADT Implementation:

Subalgorithm create(m, nol, noc):

for $i \leftarrow 0, i < \text{size}, 1$ do
 $m.matrix[i] \leftarrow \text{NULL}$

```
m.noLines <- nol
```

```
m.noColumns <- noc
```

End-Subalgorithm

Complexity:

$BC = AC = WC = \Theta(n)$, $n = m.size$ – whenever a new matrix is created all the elements are always initialized with NULL

Subalgorithm modify(m, l, c, v)

```
if l > m.noLines or c > m.noColumns then
```

```
    @Throw InvalidPositionException
```

```
end-if
```

```
k <- l + c * m.noColumns
```

```
position <- m.hash(k)
```

```
node <- m.matrix[position]
```

```
if node = NIL and v = NIL then
```

```
    return
```

```
else if node = NIL and v != NIL then
```

```
    @allocate(newNode)
```

```
    newNode.next <- NIL
```

```
    newNode.element.line <- l
```

```
    newNode.element.column <- c
```

```
    newNode.element.value <- v
```

```
    node <- newNode
```

```
    return;
```

```
else if node != NIL and v = NIL then
```

```
    aux <- NULL
```

```
    if node.element.value = v then
```

```
        aux <- node.next
```

```
        @de-allocate node
```

```
        node <- aux
```

```
        m.matrix[hash] <- aux
```

```

    return;
end-if
while node.next != NULL and node.next.element.value != value do
    node <- node.next
end-while
if node.next != NULL and node.next.element.value = value
    aux <- node.next.next
    @de-allocate node.next
    node.next <- aux
    return;
end-if
else
    while node != NULL and node.element.value != value
        node <- node.next
    end-while
    if node != NULL and node.element.value = value do
        node.element.value <- v
    end-if
end-if

```

End-SubalgorithmComplexity:

BC = $O(1)$ – value associated to the key is null

AC = $O($

WC = $O(1 + \alpha)$ – the value associated to the key is a list of length α

Function getElement(m, l, c)

```

if l > m.noLines or c > m.noColumns or l < 0 or c < 0 then
    @Throw InvalidPositionException
end-if
k <- l + c * m.noColumns

```

```

position <- m.hash(k)
node <- m.matrix[position]
if node != NIL then
  while node != NIL and node.key != key and node.next != NIL do
    node = node.next
  end-while
  if node == NIL then
    telem.line <- -1
    telem.column <- -1
    telem.value <- 0
    return telem
  end-if
  return node.value
else
  telem.line <- -1
  telem.column <- -1
  telem.value <- 0
  return telem
end-if

```

End-Function

Complexity:

BC = $O(1)$ – the specified element does not exist or it is the head of the list

AC = $O($

WC = $O(1 + \alpha)$ – the specified element exists on position α in the list

Function lineNr(m)

```
lineNr <- m.noLines
```

End-Function

Complexity:

BC = AC = WC = $\Theta(1)$ – the number of lines directly accessed at m.noLines

Function columnNr(m)

```
columnNr <- m.noColumns
```

End-FunctionComplexity:

BC = AC = WC = $\Theta(1)$ – the number of columns directly accessed at m.noColumns

ADT Tests:

```
void Tests::testMine()
{
    Mine mine{ 1, 2 };

    assert(mine.toString() == "Mine={x=1, y=2, marked=0}");

    assert(mine.getX() == 1);
    assert(mine.getY() == 2);
    assert(mine.isMarked() == false);

    mine.setMarked(true);
    mine.setX(10);
    mine.setY(20);

    assert(mine.getX() == 10);
    assert(mine.getY() == 20);
    assert(mine.isMarked() == true);
}

void Tests::testHashTable()
{
    HashTable<int, Mine> table = HashTable<int, Mine>();
    Mine mine1{ 1, 2 };
    Mine mine2{ 3, 4 };
    Mine mine3{ 5, 6 };
    Mine mine4{ 9, 10 };

    table.insert(1, mine1);
    table.insert(24, mine2);
    table.insert(2, mine3);
    assert(table.getSize() == 3);

    table.insert(47, mine4);
    assert(table.getSize() == 4);

    assert(table.getValue(47) == mine4);
    assert(table.getValue(1) == mine1);

    assert(table.removeKeyValue(24, mine2) == true);
    assert(table.removeKeyValue(24, mine2) == false);
}
```

```

    assert(table.removeKeyValue(7, mine2) == false);
    assert(table.removeKeyValue(2, mine3) == true);
    assert(table.getSize() == 2);

    assert(table.update(1, mine1, mine2) == true);
    assert(table.update(5, mine1, mine2) == false);
    assert(table.update(1, mine4, mine2) == true);
}

void Tests::testSparseMatrix()
{
    SparseMatrix matrix = SparseMatrix(5, 5);

    assert(matrix.columnNr() == 5);
    assert(matrix.lineNr() == 5);

    Mine mine;
    bool getElemTest = false;
    try {
        mine = matrix.getElement(6, 6);
    } catch (InvalidPositionException ex)
    {
        getElemTest = true;
    }
    assert(getElemTest);
    mine = matrix.getElement(3, 2);
    assert(mine.getX() == -1 && mine.getY() == -1 && mine.isMarked() == false);

    mine.setMarked(true);
    mine.setX(1);
    mine.setY(1);

    matrix.modify(1, 1, mine);
    assert(matrix.getElement(1, 1) == mine);
    Mine newMine{ 2, 4 };
    matrix.modify(1, 1, newMine);
    assert(matrix.getElement(1, 1) == newMine);
}

```

Pseudocode Solution:

Subalgorithm create(con, size):

```

con.board <- SparseMatrix(size, size)
con.view <- SparseMatrix(size, size)
con.numberOfMines <- NULL
initMines()

```

End-Subalgorithm

Complexity:

$BC = AC = WC = \Theta(n+m)$, $n = \text{size}$, $m = \text{numberOfMines}$ – time taken to initialize the matrices and the mines

Subalgorithm initMines(con):

```

con.numberOfMines <- (con.board.columnNr() * con.board.lineNr()) / 5
emptyElem.x <- -1
emptyElem.y <- -1
emptyElem.value <- 0
for i <- 0, i < con.numberOfMines, 1 do
  do
    x <- @random % con.board.lineNr()
    y <- @random % con.board.columnNo()
    while con.board.getElement(x, y) != emptyElem
      con.board.modify(x, y, Mine(x, y))
  end-for
end-for

```

End-Subalgorithm

Complexity:

$BC = AC = WC = \Theta(n)$, $n = \text{numberOfMines}$ – time taken to initialize n mines

Subalgorithm flag(con, x, y):

```

mine <- con.view.getElement(x, y)
if mine.isMarked() = true then
  mine.setMarked(false)
  con.view.modify(x, y, mine)
  con.board.modify(x, y, mine)
else
  mine.setMarked(true)
  con.view.modify(x, y, mine)
  con.board.modify(x, y, mine)
end-if

```

End-Subalgorithm

Complexity:

BC =

WC =

AC =

Function expand(con, x, y):

mine.x <- -1

mine.y <- -1

mine.value = 0

if con.board.getElement(x, y).isMarked() then

@throw MarkedSpotException

end-if

if con.board.getElement(x, y) != mine then

expand <- false

else

con.fillBoard(x, y)

expand <- true

End- FunctionComplexity:

BC =

AC =

WC =

Subalgorithm fillBoard(con, x, y):

counter <- 0

if y + 1 < con.board.columnNr() and con.board.getElement(x, y+1).getX != -1 then

counter <- counter + 1

if x + 1 < con.board.lineNr() and con.board.getElement(x+1, y).getX != -1 then

counter <- counter + 1

if y + 1 < con.board.columnNr() and x + 1 < con.board.lineNr() and

```

    con.board.getElement(x+1, y+1).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
if y - 1 > con.board.columnNr() and con.board.getElement(x, y-1).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
if x - 1 > con.board.lineNr() and con.board.getElement(x-1, y).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
if y - 1 > con.board.columnNr() and x - 1 > con.board.lineNr() and
    con.board.getElement(x-1, y-1).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
if y + 1 < con.board.columnNr() and x - 1 > con.board.lineNr() and
    con.board.getElement(x-1, y+1).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
if y - 1 > con.board.columnNr() and x + 1 > con.board.lineNr() and
    con.board.getElement(x+1, y+1).getX != -1 then
    counter <- counter + 1
mine <- Mine(x, y)
mine.setProxy(counter)
con.view.modify(x, y, mine)

```

End-Subalgorithm

Complexity:

BC =

AC =

WC =

Function getBoardHeight(con):

```

    getBoardHeight <- con.board.lineNr()

```

End- Function

Complexity:

BC = AC = WC = $\Theta(1)$

Function getBoardWidth(con):

```
getBoardWidth <- con.board.columnNr()
```

End- Function

Complexity:

$BC = AC = WC = \Theta(1)$