

Maze to Savor!

Maze of UCSC is classical maze runner game where the end goal is to capture the flag randomly placed on the maze. The maze has three floors. Each floor is made out of standing blocks which are square shaped and is four (4) square foot in area. The description of floors is as follows:

- **Floor 1:** - Has a total floor area of 856 square foot with ten (10) blocks width and 25 blocks length. There is a starting area in this floor that is four (4) blocks in width and nine (9) blocks in length and it is placed along the south border of the floor and its starting position is the eight (8) block along the length.
- **Floor 2:** - Has a floor area of 748 square foot with two rectangular areas with ten (10) blocks width and eight (8) blocks length connected by a bridge that is of four (4) blocks width and nine (9) blocks length situated right above the standing area.
- **Floor 3:** - Has floor area of 360 square foot and is a rectangular area of ten (10) blocks width and nine (9) blocks length situated right above the standing area.

Each block, whether it is game block, standing area, bridge is referred assuming all three floors are rectangular in shape with ten (10) blocks width and 25 blocks length and the floor number subject to the positional restrictions of the floor design given above. The numbering starts from zero (0) and the blocks of each floor is referred to in the following format:

[floor number, cell number on width side, cell number on length side]

- Value ranges are as follows
 - Floor number → 0, 1, 2
 - Cell number on width side → 0 to 9 (both included)
 - Cell number on length side → 0 to 24 (both included)
- For example, first cell on the ground floor is referred as [0, 0, 0].
- The first cell block of the ground floor is the top left hand corner of the floor and all other floors are referred using the locations are referred with respect to the ground floor and only the floor numbers differ.

There are stairs and poles within the maze that controls the movement of the players. The rules regarding the stairs and poles are as follows:

Stairs

The stairs have a starting cell block and an ending cell block and is given in the following format.

[start floor, start block width number, start block length number, end floor, end block width number, end block length number]

- Stairs are always defined in the form from a lower floor to an upper floor in the maze.
- If a player lands on the start cell or the end cell of the ladder, the player is instantly moved to the other end.
- Stairs are unidirectional unless otherwise specified. This means stairs can be used to go both ways.
- Example for a stair case starting at ground floor block 4, 5 and ending at third floor block 0, 10 is given using the format [0, 4, 5, 2, 0, 10]

Poles

The poles have only cell block position and a starting and an ending floor. Poles are in the same cell across all three floors.

[start floor, end floor, block width number, block length number]

- Poles are one directional and the only way of movement is from a higher floor to a lower floor.
- If the pole is from the third floor to the ground floor, then there is also an entrance through the second floor since the pole runs through it.
- A pole that is place from the ground floor to the third floor at block number 5, 24 is given in the form [0, 2, 5, 24]. So when a player reaches 5, 24 cell in the first floor or the second floor they will be moved to the 5, 24 cell of the ground floor.

Walls

Walls are placed on the floor of the maze and is represented as impassable obstacles on the floor of the maze. The walls are presented as straight line segments and are confined to the size of a single cell block and to the floor that is specified. Walls are provided in the following form:

[floor number, starting block width number, starting block length number, ending block width number, ending block length number]

- For example, a wall from block cell as 0, 2 to block cell 8, 2 in the first floor is given by [1, 0, 2, 8, 2].

- No player shall pass through a wall unless under special conditions.

Goal

The goal of the game is to capture the flag place in the location given in the following format:

[floor, block width number, block length number]

Gameplay

- **Rule 1:** Maze Runner at UCSC is a three player game between players A, B and C and the starting locations of each of them in the starting area are given below.
 - A -> 6, 12, and first maze Cell to enter is 5, 12 and the current direction is North
 - B -> 9, 8 and the first maze Cell to enter is 9, 7 and the current direction is West
 - C -> 9, 16 and the first maze Cell to enter is 9, 17 and the current direction is East
- **Rule 2:** Each player roles two dices to progress in the game. The functionality of the two dices is given below.
 - The two dices are six sided and named the movement dice and the direction dice.
 - Movement dice has values from 1 to 6 in the its each side.
 - The direction dice have two empty faces and the other four faces have a direction of north, east, south, and west. The six faces are as follows:
 - Face 1 -> Empty
 - Face 2 -> North
 - Face 3 -> East
 - Face 4 -> South
 - Face 5 -> West
 - Face 6 -> Empty
 - At the beginning of the game the players are placed in their respective location and players start by rolling the movement dice. Each player needs to roll a six (6) in the movement dice to enter the maze and when a six (6) is rolled they move to the first maze cell specified for the relevant player as specified above.
 - Once the player has entered the maze the player should be move the number of cells that is represented by the number on the movement dice if such movement is possible. The

direction of the movement is governed by the direction dice. The initial direction is given by the Rule 1 above.

- The direction dice is not thrown always. It is thrown with the movement dice at each fourth throw. That means after throwing a six (6) in the movement dice the player enters the maze and the player will continue to move through the maze in their initial directions for the next three throws of the movement dice. For example, Player A throws a six (6) and enters the maze at its initial location cell 5, 12. Then Player A throws two (2), two (2), and one (1) in the next three throws. Since its initial direction is 'North' after the first throw Player A will be at 3, 12, then 1, 12 and finally at 0, 12.
- On every fourth throw when the direction dice is rolled the players direction is now changed to what is indicated on the face of the direction dice. In case the face up is an empty face that means the Player has to remain on the same direction as previously and if any direction is indicated the player has to change its direction to the direction so specified and then move the number of squares indicated by the movement dice.
- The player is only to move if and only if the entire number of cells can be moved. There would be no partial movement in case of coming to the edge of the maze or an obstacle. If a player's movement direction is towards an obstacle the player remains in position until its direction changes so movement is possible.
- If the player meets pole or stair cells when moving and does not land on such, then such poles or stairs have no effect on the movement of the player and stair movement or the pole movement is not activated.

- A single round in the game is where all three players have finished rolling the dices.

➤ **Rule 3:** The Goal is to reach and capture the flag. Once a player captures the flag, the game ends.

If the game is developed as specified without the additional gameplay elements given below a student will obtain 40% of the mark allocated for the assignment which is consistent with a pass grade. To obtain higher grades, the additional gameplay elements listed below has to implemented.

Additional Gameplay Elements

- **Rule 4:** Overrides last part of Rule 2 where if a player now comes across a stair cell or a pole cell in the middle of the movement the player has to take the pole or the stair movement and perform the remaining movement of the movement dice from the landing cell. For example a player has thrown six (6) on the movement dice and now moving from cell 6, 3 North bound to 0, 3. However, there is a stair cell on cell 3,3 which takes player to cell 6,7 in the second floor. In this case the player will move to cell 3,3 take the stairs to the second floor and then move three more cells to cell 3,7 of the second floor.
- **Rule 5:** If a player lands on cell occupied by another player, the other player is considered captured and moved to the starting cell in the starting area. The players are not to capture another player if they are to not land on the same cell. In such case it will be considered the player has jumped over the current player.
- **Rule 6:** For a specified number of turns (defined globally as a game setting) the direction of the stairs change. The direction of the stairs is unidirectional, one way up, one way down. The changes are at random and changed every five rounds.
- **Rule 7:** Bawana is a square shaped area in the ground floor of the maze located in the following boundary:
 - From 6, 20 to 9, 20 and is separated from a wall which is of single cell width from 6, 20 to 9, 20 and from 6, 20 to 6, 24.
 - The entrance is the cell 9, 19 and is a one-way entrance where players can go out of the area but cannot walk into the area by movement. If a player is placed in the entrance cell after visiting Bawana they will always be placed there with a North movement direction.
 - There are 16 cell blocks within the Bawana area and they are to give following benefits to the player when the player lands on one of the 16 cell blocks.
 - **Food Poisoning:** The player is incapacitated and has a stomachache after eating and therefore will miss the next three (3) throws. After the expiry of the three turns the player is again placed on one of the 16 cells randomly and the effects are applied.
 - **Disoriented:** The player gets disoriented after eating at Bawana. The player gets 50 movement points and placed in the entrance cell. However, after moving away from the door the disorientation sets in and the player moves on randomly for

the next four throws. The movement direction is determined by randomly selecting one of the four directions and when disoriented, such effects will override the direction dices value until the effects have worn off.

- **Triggered:** After consuming food from Bawana, the player is agitated. He gets 50 movement points and is placed in the entrance cell. When moving, he moves twice as fast so if the movement dice face shows four (4), the player moves eight (8) spaces.
 - **Happy:** After consuming food from Bawana, the player is happy and gets 200 movement points and placed in the entrance cell. There are no other effects on the player when happy.
 - Bawana shall have 3 of each type of cells within the 16 cells and then the remaining four (4) cells shall give movement points between 10 to 100 at random.
- **Rule 8:** Each cell in the maze have a consumable value between zero (0) to four (4). When a player moves through them the consumable value is deducted from the movement points. For example, let's say a player has 20 movement points and has rolled four in the movement dice. The four squares that the player travels and eventually lands have 1, 4, 2, and 1 as the consumable value. As such 8 movement points are deducted from the 20 movement points and the player now is placed on the final movement cell with 12 movement points remaining.
- **Rule 9:** Maze can also have cells that given movement bonuses to the player by increasing movement points by adding one (1) to five (5) movement points to the overall movement points or multiplying them by a factor of two (2) and three (3).
- **Rule 10:** The consumable value or bonus value or multiplier is set at random at the initialization of the game and will not change through the game. The cell distribution are as follows:
- Consumable zero value cells 25% of all cells
 - 35% of cells will have a consumable value between one (1) to four (4).
 - 25% of cells will have bonuses of one (1) or two (2).
 - 10% of cells will have bonuses of three (3) to five (5).
 - 5% of cells will have bonuses of multiply factor of two (2) and three (3).
- **Rule 11:** If the movement points fall to zero or become negative in the course of movement, the player is transported to Bawana immediately and Rule 7 applies to the player.
- **Rule 12:** Each player has 100 movement points at the beginning. Each die role would cost two movement points if the player does not move due to blocking by walls.