

DAY 22:

ASSIGNMENT 1:

Task 2: Rat in a Maze

Implement a function `bool SolveMaze(int[,] maze)` that uses backtracking to find a path from the top left corner to the bottom right corner of a maze. The maze is represented by a 2D array where 1s are paths and 0s are walls. Find a rat's path through the maze. The maze size is 6x6.

ANSWERR:

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public class RatInMaze {

    private static final int N = 6;

    // Function to print the solution matrix
    private static void printSolution(int[][] solution) {
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
                System.out.print(solution[i][j] + " ");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
    }

    // Function to check if x, y is a valid index for N*N maze
    private static boolean isSafe(int[][] maze, int x, int y) {
        return (x >= 0 && x < N && y >= 0 && y < N && maze[x][y] == 1);
    }

    // Function to solve the maze using backtracking
    private static boolean solveMaze(int[][] maze) {
        int[][] solution = new int[N][N];
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    if (solveMazeUtil(maze, 0, 0, solution)) {
        printSolution(solution);
        return true;
    } else {
        System.out.println("No solution exists");
        return false;
    }
}

```

// Utility function to solve the maze using backtracking

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private static boolean solveMazeUtil(int[][] maze, int x, int y, int[][] solution) {
    // If x, y is the goal, mark it as part of the solution path
    if (x == N - 1 && y == N - 1) {
        solution[x][y] = 1;
        return true;
    }
}

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// Check if maze[x][y] is a valid move

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if (isSafe(maze, x, y)) {
    // Mark x, y as part of the solution path
    solution[x][y] = 1;
}

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// Move in all four possible directions: right, down, left, and up

// Move forward in x direction

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if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x + 1, y, solution)) {
    return true;
}

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// If moving in x direction doesn't give solution then move down in y direction

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if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x, y + 1, solution)) {
    return true;
}

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        // If moving down doesn't give solution then move left in x direction
        if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x - 1, y, solution)) {
            return true;
        }

        // If moving left doesn't give solution then move up in y direction
        if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x, y - 1, solution)) {
            return true;
        }

        // If none of the above movements work then backtrack
        solution[x][y] = 0;
        return false;
    }

    return false;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[][] maze = {
        {1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
        {1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0},
        {0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0},
        {1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1},
        {1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1},
        {1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1}
    };

    solveMaze(maze);
}
}

```

In this implementation:

- The solveMazeUtil method now attempts to move in all four possible directions: right, down, left, and up. This is to showcase how you can handle more directions than just moving right and down.
- The rest of the logic remains the same with backtracking and marking the path as part of the solution matrix.
- If a path is found, it prints the solution matrix. If no path is found, it prints "No solution exists".