

STEP 1

	1	2	3	4
1	A	B	C	E
2	S	F	C	S
3	A	D	E	E

Search word = ABCEED

Step 1:

Start vertically and horizontally to search

	A [✓]	B	C [✓]	E ^x
	S ^x			
	A ^x			

Cells 1:1, 1:2, 1:3 match search word. Cell 1:4 does not.

Step 2:

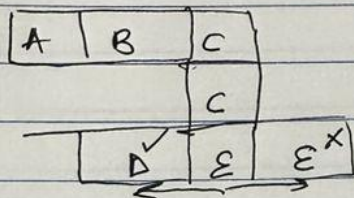
Continue Search from the last Cell with a positive match

A	B	C	
		C [✓]	
		E [✓]	

Cells 2:3, 3:3 match search word

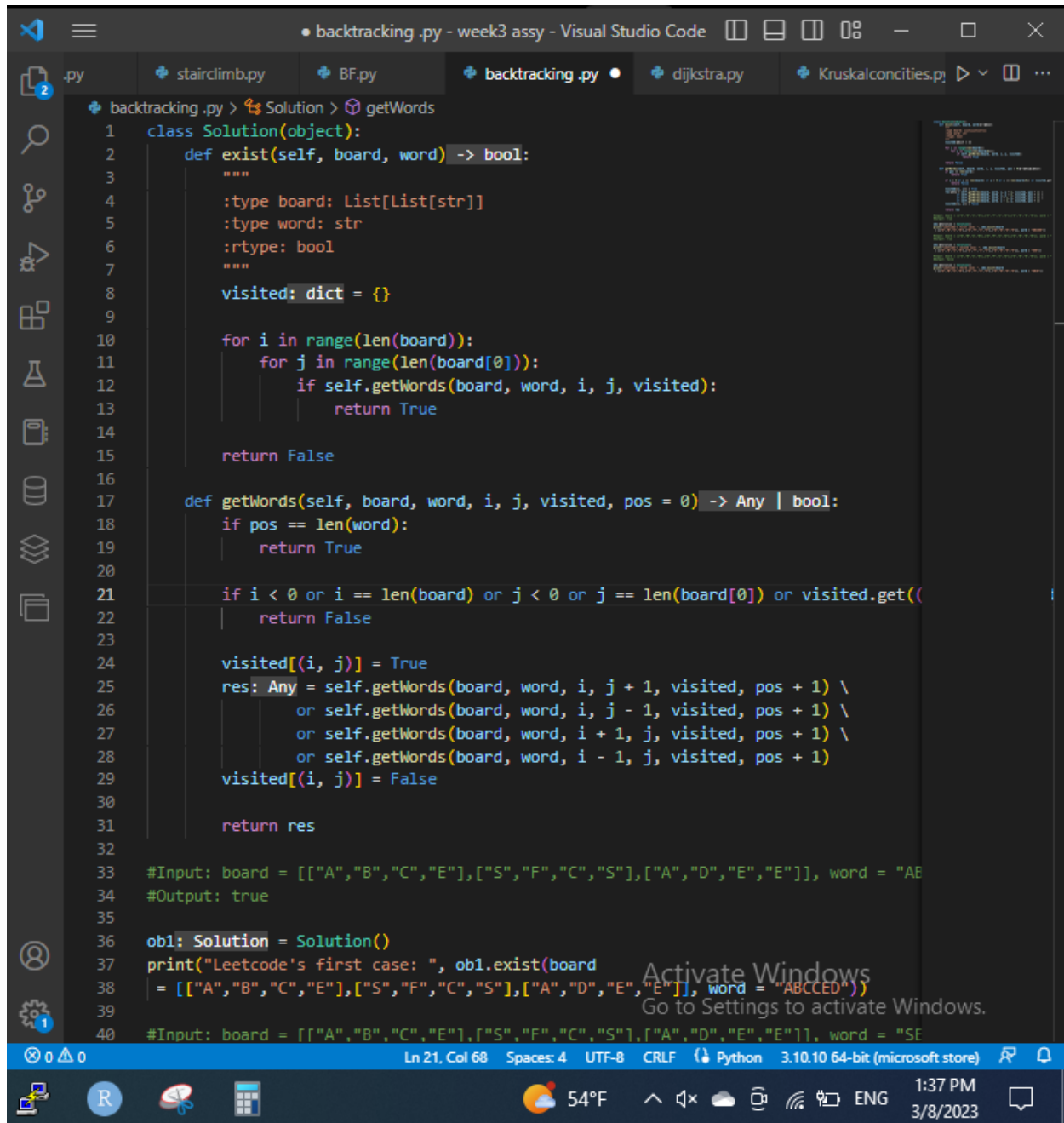
Step 3:

Continue Search from the last Cell with a positive match



Was the search word found? TRUE

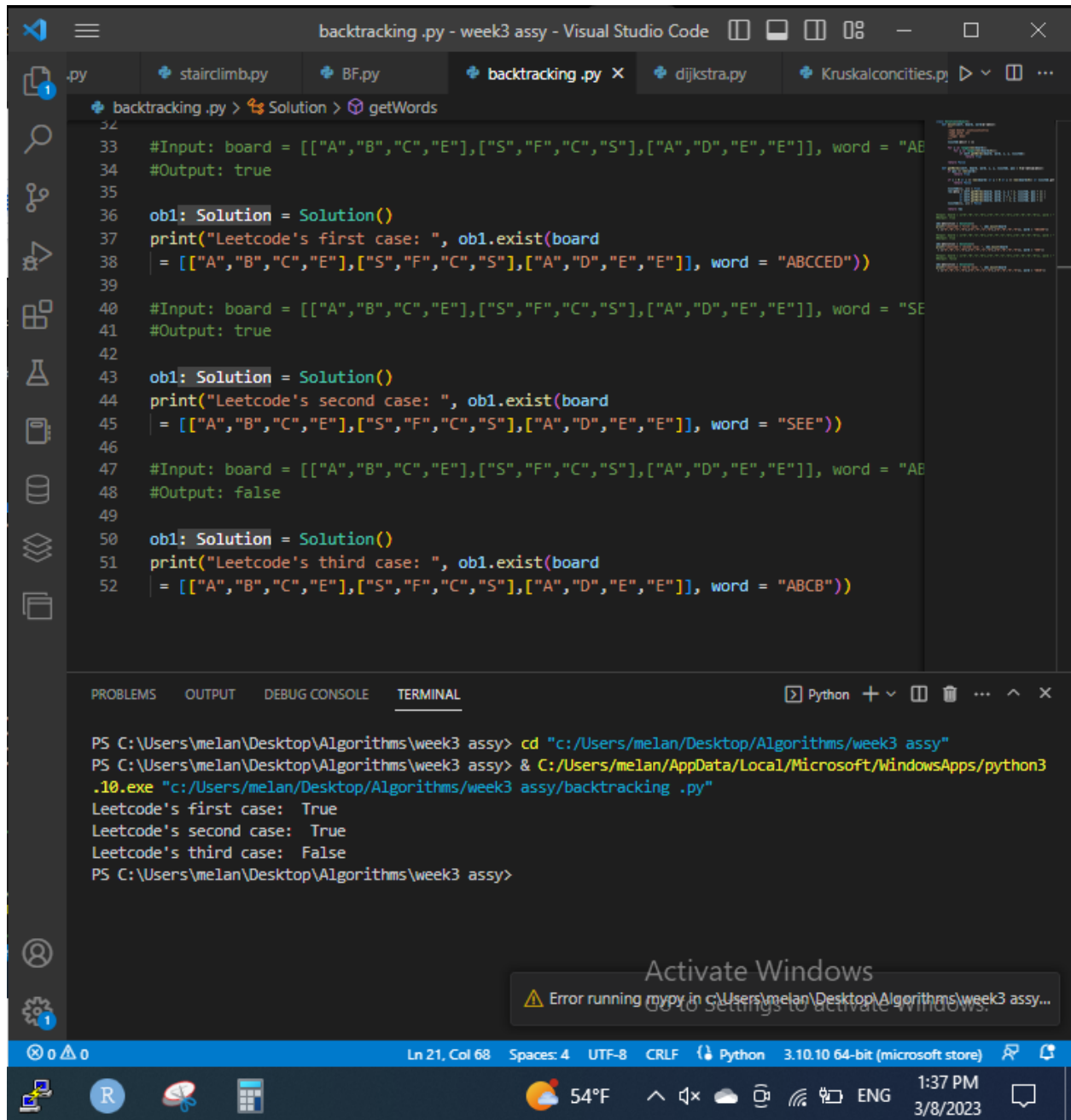
STEP 2



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backtracking.py > Solution > getWords
1 class Solution(object):
2     def exist(self, board, word) -> bool:
3         """
4         :type board: List[List[str]]
5         :type word: str
6         :rtype: bool
7         """
8         visited: dict = {}
9
10        for i in range(len(board)):
11            for j in range(len(board[0])):
12                if self.getWords(board, word, i, j, visited):
13                    return True
14
15        return False
16
17        def getWords(self, board, word, i, j, visited, pos = 0) -> Any | bool:
18            if pos == len(word):
19                return True
20
21            if i < 0 or i == len(board) or j < 0 or j == len(board[0]) or visited.get((i, j)) == True:
22                return False
23
24            visited[(i, j)] = True
25            res: Any = self.getWords(board, word, i, j + 1, visited, pos + 1) \
26                or self.getWords(board, word, i, j - 1, visited, pos + 1) \
27                or self.getWords(board, word, i + 1, j, visited, pos + 1) \
28                or self.getWords(board, word, i - 1, j, visited, pos + 1)
29            visited[(i, j)] = False
30
31            return res
32
33        #Input: board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCCED"
34        #Output: true
35
36        ob1: Solution = Solution()
37        print("Leetcode's first case: ", ob1.exist(board, word = "ABCCED"))
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39        #Input: board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "SE"
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CODE

```
class Solution(object):
    def exist(self, board, word):
        """
        :type board: List[List[str]]
        :type word: str
        :rtype: bool
        """
        visited = {}

        for i in range(len(board)):
            for j in range(len(board[0])):
                if self.getWords(board, word, i, j, visited):
                    return True

        return False

    def getWords(self, board, word, i, j, visited, pos = 0):
        if pos == len(word):
            return True

        if i < 0 or i == len(board) or j < 0 or j == len(board[0]) or visited.get((i, j)) or word[pos] != board[i][j]:
            return False

        visited[(i, j)] = True
        res = self.getWords(board, word, i, j + 1, visited, pos + 1) \
            or self.getWords(board, word, i, j - 1, visited, pos + 1) \
            or self.getWords(board, word, i + 1, j, visited, pos + 1) \
            or self.getWords(board, word, i - 1, j, visited, pos + 1)
        visited[(i, j)] = False

        return res

#Input: board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCCED"
#Output: true

ob1 = Solution()
print("Leetcode's first case: ", ob1.exist(board
= [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCCED"))

#Input: board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "SEE"
#Output: true
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ob1 = Solution()
print("Leetcode's second case: ", ob1.exist(board
= [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "SEE"))
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```
#Input: board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCB"
#Output: false
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```
ob1 = Solution()
print("Leetcode's third case: ", ob1.exist(board
= [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCB"))
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