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COMPUTER SCIENCE 1A

SAMPLE DESIGN

Problem Description

Design a program that will output a well-known Cellular Automata, rule 30. This version of the cellular automaton uses an array of elements that are considered to be either alive or dead.

Ref: Practicaal Assessment 7

Input & Output

Input			
Input Description	Mechanism		
New value of array	Standard Input Stream		
Number of rounds	Standard Input Stream		
Output			
Output Description	Stream (optional)		
New sequence	Standard output stream		

Data Format

Identifier	Data Type	Description
intPrevInd	Integer	Tracks where the previous value in the array is
intNextInd	Integer	Tracks where the next value in the array is
intPrevNum	Integer	Tracks the previous value in the array
intNextNum	Integer	Tracks the next value in the array
arrNums	Array of Integers	Stores the sequence

Pseudo Code

For every round:

Run function CompltAutomation Run function PrintArray

CompltAutomation:

For all the values in the array: integar intPrevInd → n-1 integar intNextInd → n+1

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if n is less than or equal to 0 then intPrevInd = intCount-1
       if n is the last value in the index of the array then intNextInd = 0
       integar intPrevNum → arrNums[intPrevInd]
       integar intNextNum → arrNums[intNextInd]
       If intPrevNum is equal to ALIVE and intNextNum is equal to ALIVE then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to ALIVE then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow DEAD
       If intPrevNum is equal to ALIVE and intNextNum is equal to DEAD then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to ALIVE then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow DEAD
       If intPrevNum is equal to ALIVE and intNextNum is equal to ALIVE then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to DEAD then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow DEAD
       If intPrevNum is equal to ALIVE and intNextNum is equal to DEAD then:
           If arrNums[n] is equal to DEAD then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow ALIVE
       If intPrevNum is equal to DEAD and intNextNum is equal to ALIVE then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to ALIVE then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow ALIVE
       If intPrevNum is equal to DEAD and intNextNum is equal to DEAD then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to ALIVE then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow ALIVE
       If intPrevNum is equal to DEAD and intNextNum is equal to ALIVE then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to DEAD then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow ALIVE
       // Part 8
       If intPrevNum is equal to DEAD and intNextNum is equal to DEAD then:
         If arrNums[n] is equal to DEAD then:
            arrNums[n] \rightarrow DEAD
PrintArray:
    For all the values in the array:
        If arrNums[n] is equal to DEAD then display charDEAD
        If arrNums[n] is equal to ALIVE then display charALIVE
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