

Rat in a maze

↳ This is a very famous question for backtracking.

SRC	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	DEST

Rat has to
reach the
destination
from the
source.

0 means the path is blocked
1 means the path is open

- Rat can move Left, Right, Down, Up
- We can move forward only when:
 - The index is inside the array.
 - Next position is 1.
 - We haven't visited that path before.
(will create a VISITED ARRAY for that)
- Use of backtracking:

Suppose we reached a point when one part of code is done, now when we move to the other part, we have to backtrack other ^{parts} ~~sentences~~ too. So we make the visited array as it was before after completing one part.

Base Case - When we reach the destination we assume that we have reached the base case, here, we will add the path to the answer vector.

1	0	0
1	1	0
1	1	1

1	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

- We have to initialize $V.A[0][0]$ as one

Time Complexity:

$$T.C = O(4^n)$$