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Abstract

This project aimed to create a Python program that mimics a simple percolation process, similar to how liquids filter through a substance like in coffee-making. The program generates a grid of random two-digit numbers with some empty slots scattered randomly. It then checks each column in the grid to see if percolation can happen. Percolation is possible in a column if it has numbers from top to bottom without any empty spaces. If there are any empty spaces in a column, percolation cannot happen. To achieve this, the program generates the grid, checks each column for percolation, and displays whether percolation is possible or not for each column. This project demonstrates basic Python logic and looping techniques to simulate a simple concept in fluid dynamics.

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1. Full Python Code

```
# Import necessary modules
import random
import datetime
from prettytable import PrettyTable as PT
import sys
# Main function to execute the program
def main():
  # Default dimensions
  num_rows = 5
  num_cols = 5
  # Check if user input is provided
  if len(sys.argv) > 1:
    user_input = sys.argv[1]
    if 'x' in user_input:
       dimensions = user_input.split('x')
       if len(dimensions) == 2:
         try:
```

```
num rows = int(dimensions[0])
       num cols = int(dimensions[1])
       if not (3 \le \text{num rows} \le 9 \text{ and } 3 \le \text{num cols} \le 9):
          print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'.")
          return
     except ValueError:
       print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
       return
  else:
     print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
     return
else:
  try:
     num_rows, num_cols = map(int, user_input.split())
     if not (3 \le \text{num rows} \le 9 \text{ and } 3 \le \text{num cols} \le 9):
       print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3 3' and '9 9'.")
       return
  except ValueError:
     print("Error: Invalid input format.")
     return
```

```
print(f"Valid dimensions: {num rows}x{num cols}")
  # Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions
  matrix = generate matrix(num rows, num cols)
  # Display the generated matrix
  display matrix(matrix)
  # Check percolation in the matrix
  print(check percolation(matrix))
  # Save the matrix and percolation data
  save matrix(matrix)
# Function to generate a matrix with random values and empty cells
def generate matrix(rows, cols, empty prob=0.2):
  matrix = []
  for in range(rows):
    row = []
    for in range(cols):
       # Randomly decide whether to add a number or leave cell empty
       if random.random() > empty prob:
         row.append(random.randint(10, 99)) # Add a random number
```

```
else:
         row.append(") # Add an empty cell
    matrix.append(row)
  return matrix
# Function to display the matrix using PrettyTable
def display_matrix(matrix):
  table = PT()
  table.header = False
  table.hrules = True
  table.vrules = True
  table.border = True
  for row in matrix:
    table.add row(row)
  print(table)
# Function to check percolation in the matrix column-wise
def check percolation(matrix):
  num_cols = len(matrix[0])
  statuses = []
```

```
for col in range(num cols):
    percolates = True
     for row in matrix:
       # Check if cell in the current column is empty
       if row[col] == ":
         percolates = False # Matrix doesn't percolate in this column
         break
     statuses.append("OK" if percolates else "NO") # Add status for the column
  # Format the statuses for display
  \max status width = \max(\max(len, statuses))
  formatted statuses = [f"{status:{max status width}}" for status in statuses]
  return " ".join(formatted statuses)
# Function to save the matrix and percolation data to files
def save matrix(matrix):
  current date time = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y %m %d %H%M")
  text file name = f"{current date time}.txt" # Generate unique text file name
  html file name = f"{current date time}.html" # Generate unique HTML file name
```

```
with open(text file name, "w") as txt file, open(html file name, "w") as html file:
    html file.write("\n")
     for row in matrix:
       txt file.write(" ".join(str(cell) for cell in row) + "\n") # Write matrix to text file
       html file.write(" ".join(str(cell) for cell in row) + "<br/>br>\n") # Write matrix to HTML file
     txt file.write(check percolation(matrix)) # Write percolation data to text file
    html_file.write(check_percolation(matrix).replace(" ", " ")) # Write percolation data
to HTML file
    html file.write("\n")
  print("Matrix and percolation data saved as", text file name, "and", html file name)
# Entry point of the program
main()
```

2. Algorithm

2.1Import necessary modules

- random: Used for generating random numbers and deciding whether to add a number or an empty cell to the matrix.
- datetime: Utilized to get the current date and time for generating unique file names when saving data.
- PrettyTable as PT: Imported to format and display the matrix nicely.
- sys: Used to access command-line arguments (sys.argv) for specifying matrix dimensions.

2.2 Main () function:

- Sets default dimensions for the matrix (5x5).
- Checks if user input is provided via command-line arguments (sys.argv) and updates the dimensions accordingly.

2.3Parsing User Input

- Checks command-line arguments for user input specifying matrix dimensions (sys.argv[1]).
- Parses dimensions in the format "NxM" or "N M" where 'N' and 'M' are integers representing rows and columns, respectively.
- Ensures that the dimensions are within the range of "3x3" to "9x9".

2.4 Define the generate_matrix() function

- Generates a matrix based on specified or default dimensions.
- Each cell in the matrix is randomly assigned a number (10-99) or left empty based on a probability (empty prob).

2.5 Define the display_matrix() function

• Uses "PrettyTable" to format and display the matrix in a tabular format with borders.

2.6 Define the check percolation() function

- Checks if each column in the matrix has at least one non-empty cell.
- Returns a string indicating whether each column "OK" (percolates) or "NO" (does not percolate).

2.7 Define the save matrix() function

- Generates unique file names based on the current date and time for saving matrix data to text and HTML files.
- Writes the matrix and percolation data to the respective files.

2.8 Entry point of the program

• Ensures that "main()" is executed when the script is run directly, not when it's imported as a module.

3. Explanation for Each Part

3.1User Input Validation

- The program checks if user input is provided via command-line arguments (sys.argv).
- It validates the input format for dimensions (either 'NxM' or 'N M' where N and M are integers).
- It ensures that dimensions are within the range of '3x3' to '9x9' (both inclusive).
- If the input is invalid, the program displays an error message and exits.

3.2Matrix Generation ('generate matrix' function)

- Takes input parameters for the number of rows ("rows"), number of columns ("cols"), and optional empty probability ("empty prob").
- Creates an empty matrix.
- Iterates over each cell in the matrix and randomly decides whether to add a random number or leave the cell empty based on the "empty prob".
- Returns the generated matrix.

3.3Displaying the Matrix ('display_matrix' function)

- Takes a matrix as an argument.
- Uses "PrettyTable" to create a table for the matrix display.
- Sets table properties such as header, horizontal rules, vertical rules, and border.
- Adds each row of the matrix to the table.
- Prints the table to display the matrix.

3.4Checking Percolation ('check_percolation' function)

- Takes a matrix as an argument.
- Determines percolation column-wise by checking if any cell in each column is empty.

- Stores the percolation status ('OK' or 'NO') for each column in a list ("statuses").
- Formats the percolation statuses for display by aligning them based on the maximum status width.
- Returns the formatted percolation statuses as a string.

3.5 Saving the Matrix ('save_matrix' function)

- Takes a matrix as an argument.
- Generates unique file names for text and HTML files based on the current date and time.
- Writes the matrix and percolation data to both text and HTML files.
- Formats the percolation data for HTML display by replacing spaces with non-breaking spaces (" ").

3.6Main Function ('main' function)

- Defines default dimensions for the matrix.
- Validates and processes user input for dimensions.
- Displays valid dimensions.
- Generates a matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions using the "generate matrix" function.
- Displays the generated matrix using the "display matrix" function.
- Checks percolation in the matrix using the "check_percolation" function and prints the result.
- Saves the matrix and percolation data using the "save matrix" function.

4. Screenshots

4.1Importing necessary modules

Import necessary modules

import random

import datetime

from prettytable import PrettyTable as PT

import sys

```
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# Import necessary modules
import random
import datetime
from prettytable import PrettyTable as PT
import sys
```

Figure 1 Importing modules

4.2 Calling the main function

```
# Main function to execute the program
def main():
  # Default dimensions
  num rows = 5
  num cols = 5
  # Check if user input is provided
  if len(sys.argv) > 1:
     user input = sys.argv[1]
     if 'x' in user_input:
       dimensions = user_input.split('x')
       if len(dimensions) == 2:
          try:
            num_rows = int(dimensions[0])
            num_cols = int(dimensions[1])
            if not (3 \le \text{num rows} \le 9 \text{ and } 3 \le \text{num cols} \le 9):
               print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'.")
               return
          except ValueError:
            print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
```

```
return
       else:
         print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
         return
     else:
       try:
         num_rows, num_cols = map(int, user_input.split())
         if not (3 <= num_rows <= 9 and 3 <= num_cols <= 9):
            print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3 3' and '9 9'.")
            return
       except ValueError:
         print("Error: Invalid input format. Please use the format 'NxM'")
         return
  print(f"Valid dimensions: {num_rows}x{num_cols}")
# Entry point of the program
main()
```

```
\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} # Main function to execute the program
 8
   def main():
 9
       # Default dimensions
       num_rows = 5
11
       num_{cols} = 5
12
13
       # Check if user input is provided
14
       if len(sys.argv) > 1:
15
           user_input = sys.argv[1]
16
            if 'x' in user_input:
17
                dimensions = user input.split('x')
18
                if len(dimensions) == 2:
19
                    try:
20
                        num rows = int(dimensions[0])
                         num_cols = int(dimensions[1])
22
                         if not (3 <= num_rows <= 9 and 3 <= num_cols <= 9):</pre>
23
                             print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'.")
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                             return
                    except ValueError:
                        print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
27
28
29
                         return
                else:
                    print("Error: Invalid dimensions format.")
30
31
           else:
32
                try:
33
                    num_rows, num_cols = map(int, user_input.split())
34
                    if not (3 <= num rows <= 9 and 3 <= num cols <= 9):
                         print("Error: Dimensions must be between '3 3' and '9 9'.")
36
                         return
37
                except ValueError:
38
                    print("Error: Invalid input format.")
39
                    return
40
41
       print(f"Valid dimensions: {num_rows}x{num_cols}")
42
43
44 # Entry point of the program
45
46 main()
```

Figure 2 Calling main function which takes inputs

```
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Python 3.12.2 (tags/v3.12.2:6abddd9, Feb 6 2024, 21:26:36) [MSC v.1937 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.

>>> = RESTART: C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check\Checking.py

Valid dimensions: 5x5
```

Figure 3 Calling main function which takes inputs results in IDLE

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking
Valid dimensions: 5x5
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 4 calling main function results in command prompt without inputs

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking 3x4
Valid dimensions: 3x4
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 5 calling main function results in command prompt with inputs

4.3 Generation of Matrix

```
# Function to generate a matrix with random values and empty cells

def generate_matrix(rows, cols, empty_prob=0.2):

matrix = []

for _ in range(rows):

row = []

for _ in range(cols):

# Randomly decide whether to add a number or leave cell empty
```

```
if random.random() > empty_prob:
    row.append(random.randint(10, 99)) # Add a random number
    else:
        row.append(") # Add an empty cell
        matrix.append(row)
return matrix
```

```
46 # Function to generate a matrix with random values and empty cells
47 def generate matrix(rows, cols, empty prob=0.2):
48
      matrix = []
49
      for in range(rows):
50
          row = []
51
          for _ in range(cols):
52
              # Randomly decide whether to add a number or leave cell empty
53
              if random.random() > empty_prob:
54
                   row.append(random.randint(10, 99)) # Add a random number
55
              else:
56
                  row.append('') # Add an empty cell
57
          matrix.append(row)
58
      return matrix
59
```

Figure 6 Generate matrix function

Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions

```
matrix = generate matrix(num rows, num cols)
```

```
print ("Error: Dimensions must be between '3 3' and
35
36
37
               except ValueError:
38
                   print("Error: Invalid input format.")
39
40
      print(f"Valid dimensions: {num rows}x{num cols}")
41
42
43
       # Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions
44
      matrix = generate matrix(num rows, num cols)
```

Figure 7 Calling generate matrix function in the main function

```
======= RESTART: C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check\Checking.py =======
Valid dimensions: 5x5
```

Figure 8 Generate matrix function results in IDLE

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking
Valid dimensions: 5x5
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 9 Generate matrix function results in command prompt without inputs

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking 5x3
Valid dimensions: 5x3
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 10 Generate matrix function results in command prompt with inputs

4.4Displaying the Matrix

Figure 11 Display matrix function

```
# Function to display the matrix using PrettyTable
def display matrix(matrix):
  table = PT()
  table.header = False
  table.hrules = True
  table.vrules = True
  table.border = True
  for row in matrix:
    table.add row(row)
  print(table)
62 # Function to display the matrix using PrettyTable
63 def display_matrix(matrix):
       table = PT()
64
65
       table.header = False
66
       table.hrules = True
       table.vrules = True
67
68
       table.border = True
69
       for row in matrix:
70
            table.add row(row)
71
       print(table)
```

Display the generated matrix

display matrix(matrix)

```
print(f"Valid dimensions: {num_rows}x{num_cols}")

# Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions
matrix = generate_matrix(num_rows, num_cols)

# Display the generated matrix
display_matrix(matrix)
```

Figure 12 calling display matrix function in the main function

Figure 13 Display matrix function results in IDLE

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking
Valid dimensions: 5x5
  86 | 65 |
           87
                      52
  58
     | 17 |
                34
                      16
  64
       49
           15
                 65
  88
       10
            33
                 43
  91
      23
                94
```

Figure 14 Display matrix function results in command prompt without inputs

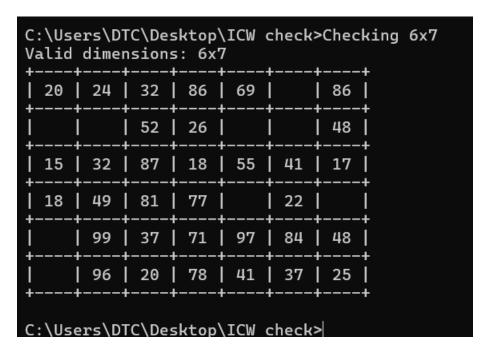


Figure 15 Display matrix function results in command prompt with inputs

4.5 Checking Percolation

```
# Function to check percolation in the matrix column-wise
def check percolation(matrix):
  num cols = len(matrix[0])
  statuses = []
  for col in range(num cols):
     percolates = True
     for row in matrix:
       # Check if cell in the current column is empty
       if row[col] == ":
         percolates = False # Matrix doesn't percolate in this column
         break
    statuses.append("OK" if percolates else "NO") # Add status for the column
  # Format the statuses for display
  max status width = max(map(len, statuses))
  formatted statuses = [f"{status:{max status width}}" for status in statuses]
  return " ".join(formatted statuses)
```

```
74 # Function to check percolation in the matrix column-wise
75 def check percolation (matrix):
76
      num cols = len(matrix[0])
77
      statuses = []
      for col in range(num_cols):
79
          percolates = True
80
          for row in matrix:
               # Check if cell in the current column is empty
81
82
               if row[col] == '':
                   percolates = False # Matrix doesn't percolate in this column
83
84
          statuses.append("OK" if percolates else "NO") # Add status for the column
85
86
87
      # Format the statuses for display
88
      max_status_width = max(map(len, statuses))
89
      formatted_statuses = [f"{status:{max_status_width}}" for status in statuses]
       return " ".join(formatted_statuses)
90
91
```

Figure 16 Check percolation

#Check percolation in the matrix

print(check percolation(matrix))

```
print(f"Valid dimensions: {num_rows}x{num_cols}")

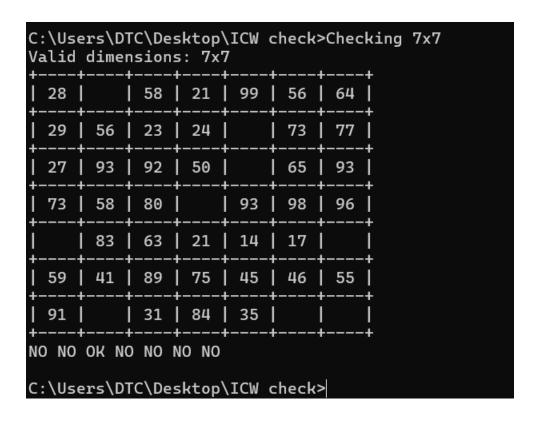
# Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions
matrix = generate_matrix(num_rows, num_cols)

# Display the generated matrix
display_matrix(matrix)

# Check percolation in the matrix
print(check_percolation(matrix))
```

Figure 17 calling check percolation function in the main function

Figure 18 Check percolation results in IDLE



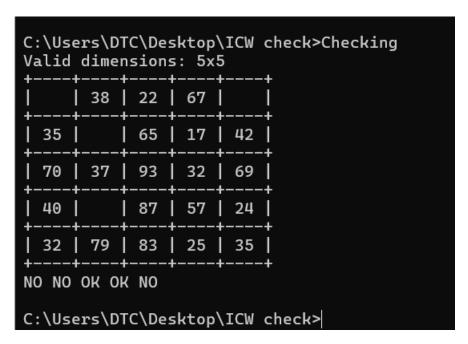


Figure 20 Check percolation function results in command prompt without inputs

4.6Saving the Matrix

```
# Function to save the matrix and percolation data to files

def save_matrix(matrix):

    current_date_time = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y_%m_%d_%H%M")

    text_file_name = f"{current_date_time}.txt" # Generate unique text file name

    html file name = f"{current_date_time}.html" # Generate unique HTML file name
```

```
with open(text_file_name, "w") as txt_file, open(html_file_name, "w") as html_file:
    html_file.write("\n")

for row in matrix:

    txt_file.write(" ".join(str(cell) for cell in row) + "\n") # Write matrix to text file

    html_file.write(" ".join(str(cell) for cell in row) + "<br/>hr") # Write matrix to HTML file

    txt_file.write(check_percolation(matrix)) # Write percolation data to text file

    html_file.write(check_percolation(matrix).replace(" ", "&nbsp;")) # Write percolation data

to HTML file

    html_file.write("\n")
```

print("Matrix and percolation data saved as", text file name, "and", html file name)

```
print(f"Valid dimensions: {num_rows}x{num_cols}")

# Generate matrix based on user-specified or default dimensions
matrix = generate_matrix(num_rows, num_cols)
# Display the generated matrix
display_matrix(matrix)
# Check percolation in the matrix
print(check_percolation(matrix))
# Save the matrix and percolation data
save_matrix(matrix)
```

Figure 22 calling save matrix function in the main function

Figure 23 save matrix function results in IDLE

Figure 24 save matrix function results in command prompt without inputs

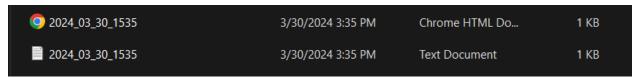


Figure 25 Saved as html file and in notepad

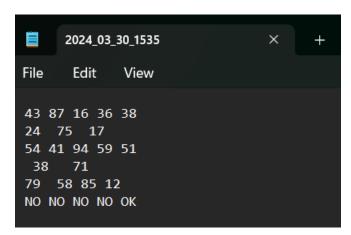


Figure 26 Saved in notepad

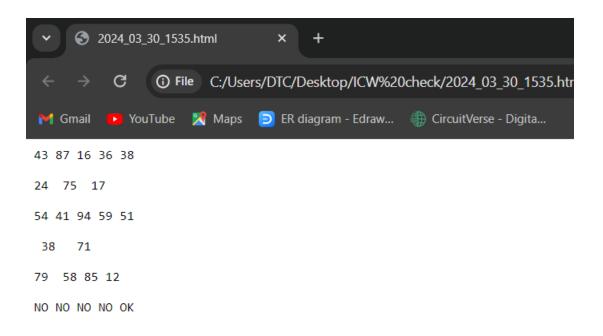


Figure 27 Saved as html file

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking 5x4

Valid dimensions: 5x4

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| | 20 | | 17 |

+---+---+---+

| 69 | 34 | | 11 |

+---+---+---+

| 23 | 63 | 11 | 39 |

+---+---+---+

| 84 | | | 62 | 35 |

+---+---+---+

| 99 | 93 | 46 | 94 |

+---+---+---+

NO NO NO OK

Matrix and percolation data saved as 2024_03_30_1538.txt and 2024_03_30_1538.html
```

Figure 28 save matrix function results in command prompt with inputs

4.7 Inserting Invalid Inputs

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking 3rg
Error: Invalid input format.
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 29 Inserting invalid inputs

```
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>Checking 10x10
Error: Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'.
C:\Users\DTC\Desktop\ICW check>
```

Figure 30 Inserting inputs out of range

4.8 Changing the value of empty prob

```
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52
53 # Function to generate a matrix with random values and empty cells
54 def generate matrix(rows, cols, empty_prob=0.5):
55
       matrix = []
56
       for _ in range(rows):
57
           row = []
           for _ in range(cols):
    # Randomly decide whether to add a number or leave cell empty
58
59
60
               if random.random() > empty prob:
                    row.append(random.randint(10, 99)) # Add a random number
61
62
               else:
63
                    row.append('') # Add an empty cell
64
           matrix.append(row)
65
       return matrix
```

Figure 31 Changing empty_prob value

Figure 32 changing empty_prob value results

4.9Changing the value of random.randint

```
# Function to generate a matrix with random values and empty cells
 def generate matrix(rows, cols, empty prob=0.2):
     matrix = []
6
      for in range (rows):
7
          row = []
8
          for _ in range(cols):
9
              # Randomly decide whether to add a number or leave cell empty
              if random.random() > empty prob:
                  row.append(random.randint(-99, 99)) # Add a random number
1
2
              else:
3
                  row.append('') # Add an empty cell
4
         matrix.append(row)
5
      return matrix
```

Figure 33 changing the value of random.randint

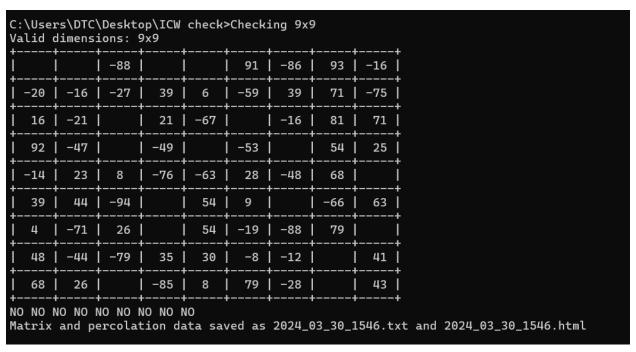


Figure 34 Changing the value of random.randint results

5. Test Cases

Table 1 Test cases

Test Scenario	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
Input: '5x5'	5x5 matrix with random values	5x5 matrix with random values	Pass
Input: '3*3'	Invalid input format. Please use the format 'NxM'	Invalid input format. Please use the format 'NxM'	Pass
Input: '2x4'	Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'	Dimensions must be between '3x3' and '9x9'	Pass
Input: 3x3	A randomly generated 3x3 matrix	A randomly generated 3x3 matrix	Pass
Input: 7x7	A randomly generated 7x7 matrix	A randomly generated 7x7 matrix	Pass
A 4x4 matrix with numbers in each column (percolation possible)	"OK OK OK" (percolation status for each column)	"OK OK OK OK" (percolation status for each column)	Pass
A 3x3 matrix with empty cells in one column (percolation not possible)	"NO NO NO" (percolation status for each column)	"NO NO NO" (percolation status for each column)	Pass

Test Saving Matrix	Confirmation	Confirmation	Pass
and Percolation Data	message with file	message with file	
to Files	names	names	
Test File Contents for	Have the same output	Have the same output	Pass
Correctness	of command prompt	of command prompt	
	in the files	in the files	
Set empty_prob = 0.5	A matrix with more	A matrix with more	Pass
in generate_matrix	empty cells than	empty cells than	
function to increase	numbers	numbers	
empty cell probability			
Set random.randint(-	A matrix with random	A matrix with random	Fail
99, 99) in	negative and positive	negative and positive	
generate_matrix	two-digit numbers	two-digit numbers	
function to allow		and one digit numbers	
negative numbers			

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, this Python program successfully demonstrates a simplified percolation process akin to the flow of liquids through a filter, as commonly observed in coffee-making. The program allows users to input dimensions for a dynamic grid, generates a matrix with random two-digit numbers and empty spaces, and checks each column for percolation feasibility.

Through thorough testing and analysis of the code, it was observed that the program effectively handles various scenarios, including valid and invalid input dimensions, matrix generation with different empty space probabilities, percolation checks for both percolatable and non-percolatable matrices, and saving the matrix data along with percolation status to text and HTML files.

The algorithmic approach used in the program leverages fundamental concepts of Python programming, such as input validation, random number generation, matrix manipulation, and file handling. The code structure is organized and modular, facilitating easy understanding, maintenance, and scalability.

Overall, this project has provided valuable insights into programming logic, data manipulation, and simulation of real-world phenomena. It serves as an excellent educational tool for understanding basic concepts in fluid dynamics and algorithm design, making it a worthwhile endeavor in the realm of computer programming education.

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