

# SolvingMazes-BFS\_vs\_DFS

Breath-first Search (BFS) - Queue frontier is used

Depth-first Search (DFS) - Stack frontier is used

## maze1.txt

This is a maze made from hash marks. A is the starting position and B is the goal or ending position

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#####B#
##### #
#### #
#### ##
      ##
A#####
```

## maze.py

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import sys

class Node():
    def __init__(self, state, parent, action):
        self.state = state
        self.parent = parent
        self.action = action

class StackFrontier():
    def __init__(self):
        self.frontier = []

    def add(self, node):
        self.frontier.append(node)

    def contains_state(self, state):
        return any(node.state == state for node in self.frontier)

    def empty(self):
        return len(self.frontier) == 0

    def remove(self):
        if self.empty():
            raise Exception("empty frontier")
        else:
            node = self.frontier[-1]
            self.frontier = self.frontier[:-1]
            return node

class QueueFrontier(StackFrontier):

    def remove(self):
        if self.empty():
            raise Exception("empty frontier")
        else:
            node = self.frontier[0]
            self.frontier = self.frontier[1:]
            return node

class Maze():

    def __init__(self):
        filename = sys.argv[1]
        self.frontierType = sys.argv[2]

        self.frontiers = {'stack': StackFrontier(),
                          'queue': QueueFrontier()}

        # Read file and set height and width of maze
        with open(filename) as f:
            contents = f.read()

        # Validate start and goal
        if contents.count("A") != 1:
            raise Exception("maze must have exactly one start point")
        if contents.count("B") != 1:
            raise Exception("maze must have exactly one goal")

        # Determine height and width of maze
        contents = contents.splitlines()
        self.height = len(contents)
        self.width = max(len(line) for line in contents)

        # Keep track of walls

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self.walls = []
for i in range(self.height):
    row = []
    for j in range(self.width):
        try:
            if contents[i][j] == "A":
                self.start = (i, j)
                row.append(False)
            elif contents[i][j] == "B":
                self.goal = (i, j)
                row.append(False)
            elif contents[i][j] == " ":
                row.append(False)
            else:
                row.append(True)
        except IndexError:
            row.append(False)
    self.walls.append(row)

self.solution = None

def print(self):
    solution = self.solution[1] if self.solution is not None else None
    print()
    for i, row in enumerate(self.walls):
        for j, col in enumerate(row):
            if col:
                print("#", end="")
            elif (i, j) == self.start:
                print("A", end="")
            elif (i, j) == self.goal:
                print("B", end="")
            elif solution is not None and (i, j) in solution:
                print("*", end="")
            else:
                print(" ", end="")
        print()
    print()

def neighbors(self, state):
    row, col = state
    candidates = [
        ("up", (row - 1, col)),
        ("down", (row + 1, col)),
        ("left", (row, col - 1)),
        ("right", (row, col + 1))
    ]

    result = []
    for action, (r, c) in candidates:
        if 0 <= r < self.height and 0 <= c < self.width and not self.walls[r][c]:
            result.append((action, (r, c)))
    return result

def solve(self):
    """Finds a solution to maze, if one exists."""

    # Keep track of number of states explored
    self.num_explored = 0

    # Initialize frontier to just the starting position
    start = Node(state=self.start, parent=None, action=None)
    frontier = self.frontiers[self.frontierType] #QueueFrontier()

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frontier.add(start)

# Initialize an empty explored set
self.explored = set()

# Keep looping until solution found
while True:

    # If nothing left in frontier, then no path
    if frontier.empty():
        raise Exception("no solution")

    # Choose a node from the frontier
    node = frontier.remove()
    self.num_explored += 1

    # If node is the goal, then we have a solution
    if node.state == self.goal:
        actions = []
        cells = []
        while node.parent is not None:
            actions.append(node.action)
            cells.append(node.state)
            node = node.parent
        actions.reverse()
        cells.reverse()
        self.solution = (actions, cells)
        return

    # Mark node as explored
    self.explored.add(node.state)

    # Add neighbors to frontier
    for action, state in self.neighbors(node.state):
        if not frontier.contains_state(state) and state not in self.explored:
            child = Node(state=state, parent=node, action=action)
            frontier.add(child)

def output_image(self, filename, show_solution=True, show_explored=False):
    from PIL import Image, ImageDraw
    cell_size = 50
    cell_border = 2

    # Create a blank canvas
    img = Image.new(
        "RGBA",
        (self.width * cell_size, self.height * cell_size),
        "black"
    )
    draw = ImageDraw.Draw(img)

    solution = self.solution[1] if self.solution is not None else None
    for i, row in enumerate(self.walls):
        for j, col in enumerate(row):

            # Walls
            if col:
                fill = (40, 40, 40)

            # Start
            elif (i, j) == self.start:
                fill = (255, 0, 0)

            # Goal
            elif (i, j) == self.goal:

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        fill = (0, 171, 28)

    # Solution
    elif solution is not None and show_solution and (i, j) in solution:
        fill = (220, 235, 113)

    # Explored
    elif solution is not None and show_explored and (i, j) in self.explored:
        fill = (212, 97, 85)

    # Empty cell
    else:
        fill = (237, 240, 252)

    # Draw cell
    draw.rectangle(
        [(j * cell_size + cell_border, i * cell_size + cell_border),
         ((j + 1) * cell_size - cell_border, (i + 1) * cell_size - cell_border)]),
        fill=fill
    )

img.save(filename)

if len(sys.argv) != 3:
    sys.exit("Usage: python maze.py maze.txt frontierType(e.g stack, queue)")

m = Maze()
print("Maze:")
m.print()
print("Solving...")
m.solve()
print("States Explored:", m.num_explored)
print("Solution:")
m.print()
m.output_image("maze.png", show_explored=True)

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In [1]: %bash
python -i maze.py maze1.txt 'stack'

```

Maze:

```

#####B#
##### #
##### #
#### ##
      ##
A#####

```

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Solving...
States Explored: 11
Solution:

```

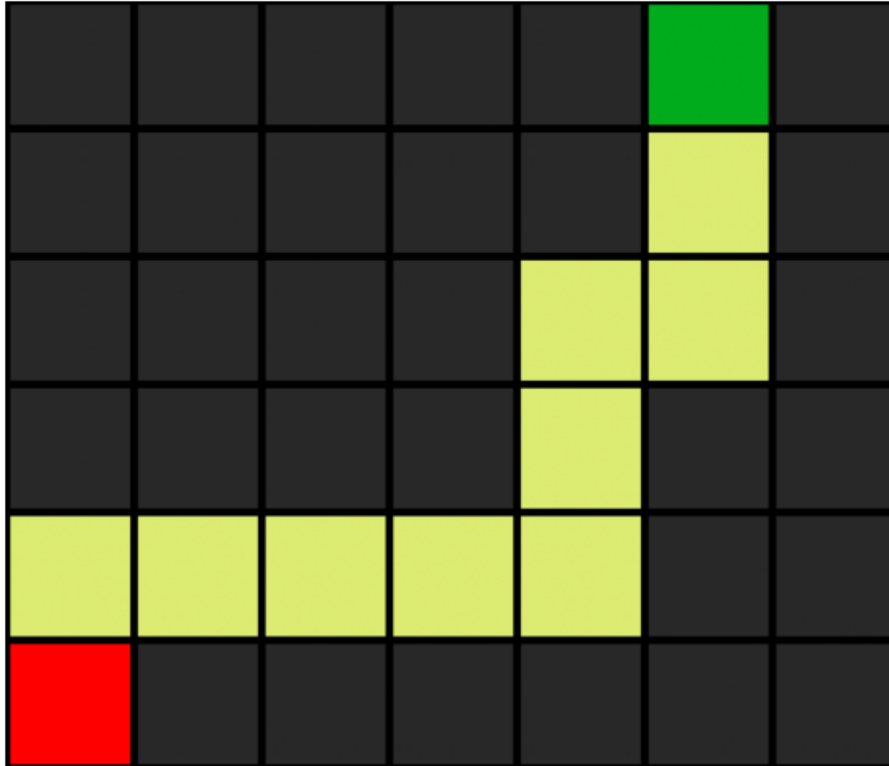
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#####B#
#####*#
#####*#
#####*#
*****##
A#####

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```
In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```



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In [3]: %%bash
python -i maze.py maze1.txt 'queue'
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Maze:

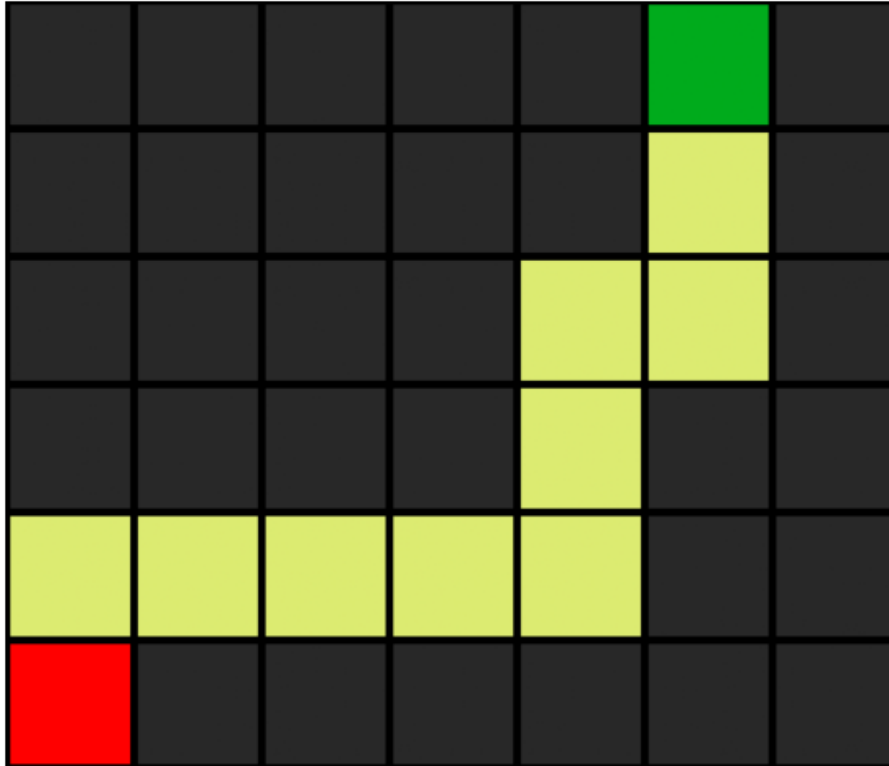
```
#####B#
##### #
##### #
##### ##
#####
A#####
```

```
Solving...
States Explored: 11
Solution:
```

```
#####B#
#####*#
#####*#
#####*#
*****##
A#####
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```
In [4]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```



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In [5]: %%bash
python -i maze.py maze2.txt 'stack'
```

Maze:

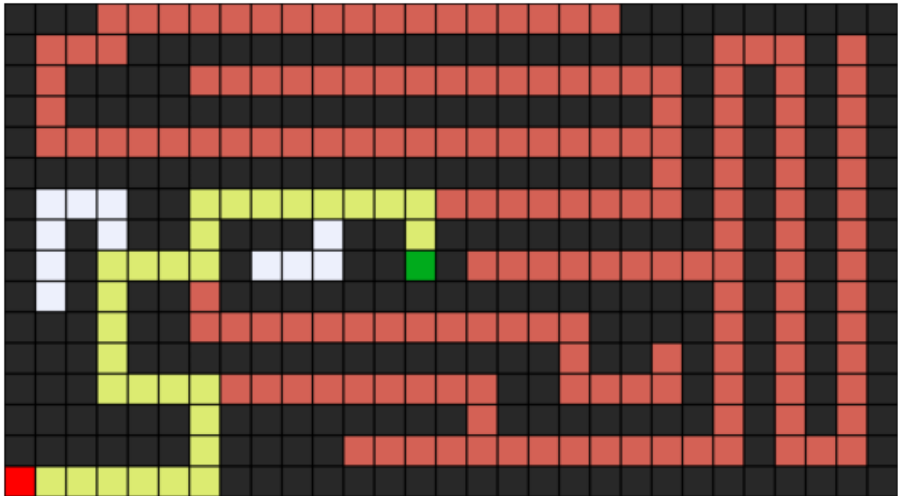
```
###                      #####
# #####                  # #
# #####                  # # #
# #####                  # # #
# #####                  # # #
#####                  # # #
#  ##                    # # #
# # ## ## ## #####      # #
# #  #  ##B#             # #
# # ## #####            # #
### ##                  ##### # #
### #####              ## # #
###                    ##  # #
##### #####           # #
##### #####           #  #
A      #####
```

Solving...  
States Explored: 194  
Solution:

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###                      #####
# #####                  # #
# #####                  # # #
# #####                  # # #
# #####                  # # #
#####                  # # #
#  ##*****             # # #
# # #*## #*#####       # #
# #***#  ##B#           # #
# #*## #####           # #
###*##                  ##### # #
###*#####              ## # #
###***                  ##  # #
#####*#####           # #
#####*#####           #  #
A*****#####
```

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```
In [6]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```





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In [7]: %%bash
python -i maze.py maze2.txt 'queue'
```

Maze:

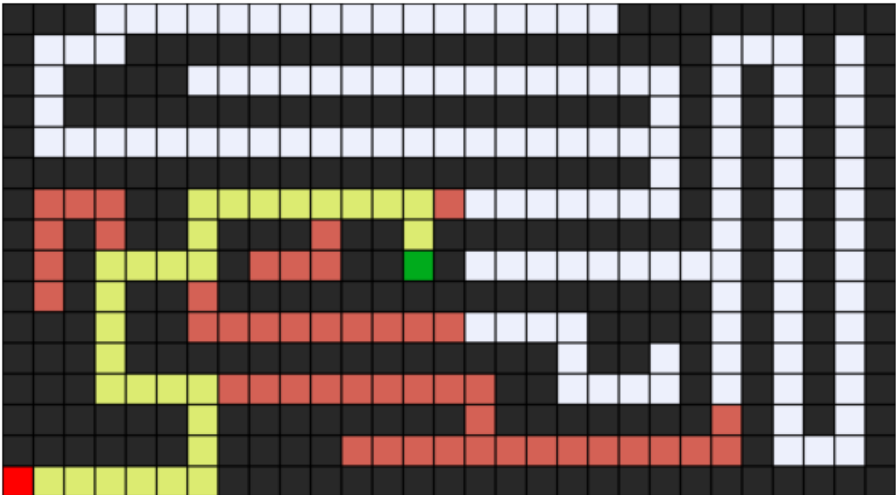
```
###                #####
# #####          # #
# #####          # # #
# #####          # # #
# #####          # # #
#####          # # #
#  ##          # # #
# # ## ## ## ##### # #
# #  #  ##B#      # #
# # ## #####      # #
### ##          ##### # #
### #####      # # #
###          ##   # # #
#####          ##### # #
#####        # #
A          #####
```

Solving...  
States Explored: 77  
Solution:

```
###                #####
# #####          # #
# #####          # # #
# #####          # # #
# #####          # # #
#  ##*#####      # #
# # ##*## ##*##### # #
# #*##*#  ##B#      # #
# #*## #####      # #
###*##          ##### # #
###*#####      # # #
###*#####      # # #
#####*#####      # #
#####*#####      # #
A*****#####
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```
In [8]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```







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In [ ]: %%writefile ./maze0.txt
#####
###   ###   #####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####  #####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####  #####
##                                     ###  ##  #
##  ###  #####  #####  ###  #
##  ###  #####  #####  ###  #
##  ###      B#####  ##  ###  #
##  #####  #####  #####  ##  ###  #
##  ##      ###  ###
##  ###  ###  #####  #####
###  ##      ###      #####  #####
###  #####  #####  #####  #####
###A      #####      #####
###
#####
```

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In [14]: %%bash
python -i maze.py maze0.txt 'stack'
```

Maze:

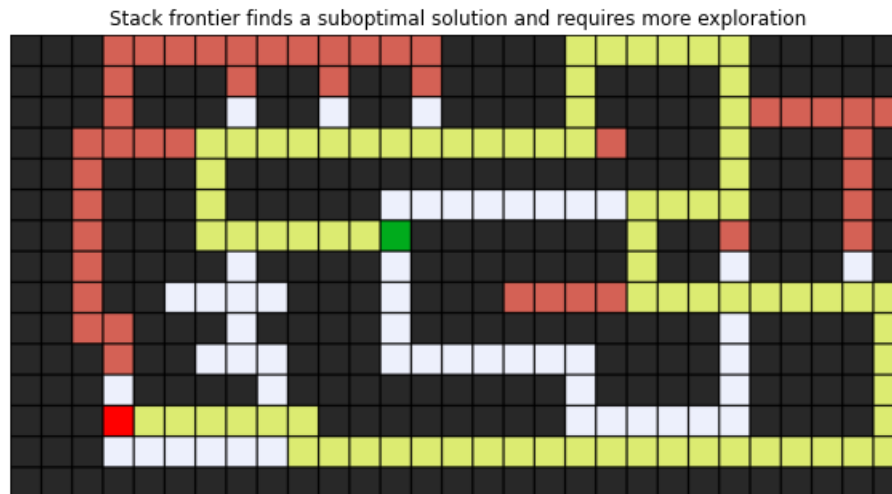
```
#####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####  #####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####  #####
##                                     ###  ##  #
##  ###  #####  #####  ###  #
##  ###  #####  #####  ###  #
##  ###      B#####  ##  ###  #
##  #####  #####  #####  ##  ###  #
##  ##      ###  ###
##  ###  ###  #####  #####
###  ##      ###      #####  #####
###  #####  #####  #####  #####
###A      #####      #####
###
#####
```

Solving...
States Explored: 123
Solution:

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#####*****#####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####*#####
###  ###  ##  ##  #####*#####
##      *****  #####*###  #
##  #####*#####*#####*###  #
##  #####*#####      *****  #
##  #####*#####*#####*###  #
##  #####  #####  #####*###  #
##  ##      ###  ###      *****
##  ###  ###  #####  #####*
###  ##      ###      #####*
###  #####  #####  #####*
###A*****#####      #####*
###      *****
#####
```

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```
In [15]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('Stack frontier finds a suboptimal solution and requires more exploration')
plt.show()
```



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In [16]: %%bash
python -i maze.py maze0.txt 'queue'
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Maze:

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###          #####
### ## # # ## #####
### ## # # ## #####
##          ## ## #
## ## ##### ## #
## ## ##### ## #
## ##      B##### ## ## #
## ##### ##### ## ## #
## ##      ## ##
## ## ## ##### #####
### ##      #####
### ##### #####
###A      #####
###
#####
```

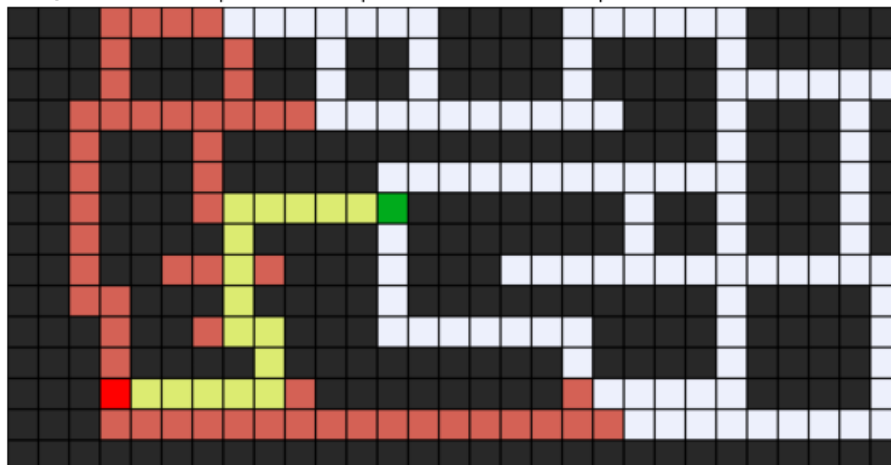
Solving...  
States Explored: 69  
Solution:

```
###          #####
### ## # # ## #####
### ## # # ## #####
##          ## ## #
## ## ##### ## #
## ## ##### ## #
## ## *****B##### ## ## #
## #####*##### ## ## #
## ## * ## ##
## #####*##### #####
### ## *##### #####
### #####*##### #####
###A***** #####
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```

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In [17]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.imshow(plt.imread('./maze.png'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('Queue frontier requires fewer exploration and finds the optimal solution to the maze')
plt.show()
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Queue frontier requires fewer exploration and finds the optimal solution to the maze



In [ ]: