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**Problem Solving using State Space Search *and*  
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# Maze Solving by State Space Search and Knowledge-based Inference

## 1 Maze Description

- **Maze Dimensions:** 5 rows and 6 columns, so it's a grid of size 5x6.
- **Start Node:** (0, 0)
- **End Node:** (4, 5)
- **Blocked Nodes:** Represented as obstacles (red nodes), which prevent movement.
- **Permitted Moves:** Up, Down, Left, Right.

## 2 Maze Validation

We use BFS for solving this problem. First we check the maze is validation for searching the goal start and end both points are in the range of maze or not. Approach using BFS, a breadth-first search algorithm that explores all possible paths level by level to ensure finding the shortest path in an unweighted graph like this Maze. BFS is a blind search method that explores all possible moves in a layer-wise fashion.

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 from collections import deque
4 import time
5
6 # Define the maze as a grid
7 maze = [
8     [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
9     [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
10    [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0],
11    [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
12    [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]
13 ] # 1 means obstacles, and 0 means paths in the maze
14
15 # Define possible permitted movements: up, down, left, right
16 directions = [(-1, 0), (1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)]
17
18 # Define the start and goal positions
19 start = (0, 0)
20 goal = (4, 5)
21
22
23 def validate_maze(maze, start, goal):
24     # Check if maze is a rectangle
25     row_length = len(maze[0])
26     for row in maze:
27         if len(row) != row_length:
28             print("Invalid maze: All rows must have the same length.")
29             return False
30
31     # Check if start and goal are within the maze boundaries
32     rows, cols = len(maze), len(maze[0])
33     if not (0 <= start[0] < rows and 0 <= start[1] < cols):
34         print("Invalid start position: Out of maze bounds.")
35         return False

```

```

36     if not (0 <= goal[0] < rows and 0 <= goal[1] < cols):
37         print("Invalid goal position: Out of maze bounds.")
38         return False
39
40     # Check if start and goal are on valid paths (0, not 1)
41     if maze[start[0]][start[1]] == 1:
42         print("Invalid start position: Start is on an obstacle.")
43         return False
44     if maze[goal[0]][goal[1]] == 1:
45         print("Invalid goal position: Goal is on an obstacle.")
46         return False
47
48     # Check for valid maze contents (only 0 for paths and 1 for obstacles)
49     for row in maze:
50         for cell in row:
51             if cell not in [0, 1]:
52                 print("Invalid maze content: Maze should contain only 0 (paths)
53                 and 1 (obstacles).")
54                 return False
55
56     return True
57
58 # Example usage:
59 if validate_maze(maze, start, goal):
60     print("Maze validation successful.")
61 else:
62     print("Maze validation failed.")

```

Listing 1: Maze Validation Code

### 3 Breadth First Search

Breadth-First Search (BFS) algorithm for finding all possible paths and their associated costs from a start point to a goal in a maze represented as a grid.

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 from collections import deque
4 import time # Import the time module
5
6 # Define the maze as a grid
7 maze = [
8     [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
9     [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
10    [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0],
11    [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
12    [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]
13 ] # 1 means obstacles, and 0 means paths
14
15 # Define start and goal positions
16 start = (0, 0)
17 goal = (4, 5)
18
19 # Directions for moving: up, down, left, right
20 directions = [(-1, 0), (1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)]
21
22 # Function to check if a position is valid within the maze
23 def is_valid(x, y, maze):
24     rows, cols = len(maze), len(maze[0])
25     return 0 <= x < rows and 0 <= y < cols and maze[x][y] == 0 # 0 represents
26     valid paths

```

```

27 # Breadth-First Search algorithm to find all paths and their costs
28 def bfs_all_paths_with_cost(maze, start, goal):
29     queue = deque([[start], start]) # Queue stores (path, current position)
30     all_paths = [] # Store all paths found to the goal with costs
31
32     while queue:
33         path, (x, y) = queue.popleft()
34
35         # Check if we have reached the goal
36         if (x, y) == goal:
37             # Calculate the cost of this path (number of steps)
38             cost = len(path) - 1 # Exclude the start point from the cost
39             all_paths.append((path, cost)) # Save this path with its cost
40             continue # Continue to explore other paths
41
42         # Explore all possible directions (up, down, left, right)
43         for dx, dy in directions:
44             newx, newy = x + dx, y + dy
45             if is_valid(newx, newy, maze) and (newx, newy) not in path: #
46                 # Ensure we don't revisit nodes in this path
47                 new_path = path + [(newx, newy)]
48                 queue.append((new_path, (newx, newy)))
49
50     return all_paths
51
52 # Function to measure the time of the given algorithm
53 def measure_time(algorithm, *args):
54     start_time = time.time() # Record the start time
55     result = algorithm(*args) # Run the algorithm with the given arguments
56     end_time = time.time() # Record the end time
57     elapsed_time = end_time - start_time # Calculate the elapsed time
58     print(f"Execution time: {elapsed_time:.4f} seconds")
59     return result
60
61 # Function to visualize a single path
62 def visualize_path(maze, path, title=""):
63     # Create a color map for visualization
64     rows, cols = len(maze), len(maze[0])
65     grid = np.zeros((rows, cols, 3)) # RGB grid initialized to black
66
67     # Set background to light green
68     background_color = [0.9, 1, 0.9] # Light green
69     grid[:, :] = background_color
70
71     # Set obstacles to light gray
72     obstacle_color = [0.8, 0.8, 0.8] # Light gray for obstacles
73     for i in range(rows):
74         for j in range(cols):
75             if maze[i][j] == 1: # 1 now represents obstacles
76                 grid[i, j] = obstacle_color
77
78     # Set path to light blue
79     path_color = [0.6, 0.8, 1] # Light blue for path
80     for (x, y) in path:
81         grid[x, y] = path_color # Assign light blue color to the path cells
82
83     # Plot the grid
84     plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
85     plt.imshow(grid)
86     plt.title(title)
87     plt.axis("off")
88     plt.show()

```

```

89 # Run BFS to find all paths and their costs, and measure execution time
90 all_paths_with_cost = measure_time(bfs_all_paths_with_cost, maze, start, goal)
91
92 # Output and visualize all paths
93 if all_paths_with_cost:
94     print("All paths found with costs:")
95     for i, (path, cost) in enumerate(all_paths_with_cost, 1):
96         print(f"Path {i}: {path}, Cost: {cost}")
97         visualize_path(maze, path, title=f"Path {i} - Cost: {cost}")
98
99     # Visualize the final optimal (shortest) path
100    optimal_path, optimal_cost = all_paths_with_cost[0] # BFS guarantees the
    first path is the shortest
101    print(f"Optimal Path: {optimal_path}, Cost: {optimal_cost}")
102    visualize_path(maze, optimal_path, title=f"Optimal Path (Cost: {
    optimal_cost})")
103 else:
104    print("No path found.")

```

Listing 2: BFS Blind Search Code

### 3.1 Maze Layout and Basic Setup

The maze is represented as a grid of cells, where each cell can either be open (1) or blocked by an obstacle (0). The starting position of our path is set at the top-left corner of the grid, (0, 0), and the target is in the bottom-right at (4, 5). It allows for movement up, down, left, or right (but not diagonally). Each direction is represented by a change in the x or y coordinates.

### 3.2 Valid Moves Checker

A function, **is\_valid**, ensures that any move stays within the grid boundaries and doesn't try to go through an obstacle that comes in the path. For example, if the algorithm wants to move up but that position is either outside the maze or blocked, **is\_valid** function will return False, and that direction will be ignored and try to move in the other direction.

### 3.3 Finding Paths by using Breadth First Search

### 3.4 Breadth-First Search (BFS) in Maze Solving

#### Purpose of BFS:

- BFS is a graph traversal algorithm well-suited for finding the shortest path in an un-weighted graph.
- In this maze-solving problem, BFS is chosen because it systematically explores all paths layer by layer, guaranteeing that the shortest path to the goal is found first.

#### How the Algorithm Works:

- The algorithm uses a queue to manage paths being explored.
- The path taken so far (stored as a list of coordinates).
- The current position in the maze.

#### Initialization:

- Start from the given start point and add it as the first entry in the queue with an initial path [start].

- If the goal is reached, the path is saved in a list (`all_paths`) along with its cost (number of steps in the path, excluding the starting point).
- The algorithm considers moving up, down, left, and right.
- The move must stay within the maze boundaries.
- The cell must be a walkable path (not an obstacle).
- If valid, extend the path to include this new position and add the updated path back into the queue for further exploration.
- The algorithm continues until all paths have been explored, and every valid path to the goal is saved.

### 3.5 Timing the Algorithm

A function called `measure_time` is used to record the execution time. By wrapping the algorithm call in this function, it measures how long the BFS takes to complete. This can be useful to see how efficiently the algorithm performs on different maze sizes or configurations. But most of the time its value changes when the size of maze changes but in our case the maze size is same and so its value changes slowly due to server and machine speed.

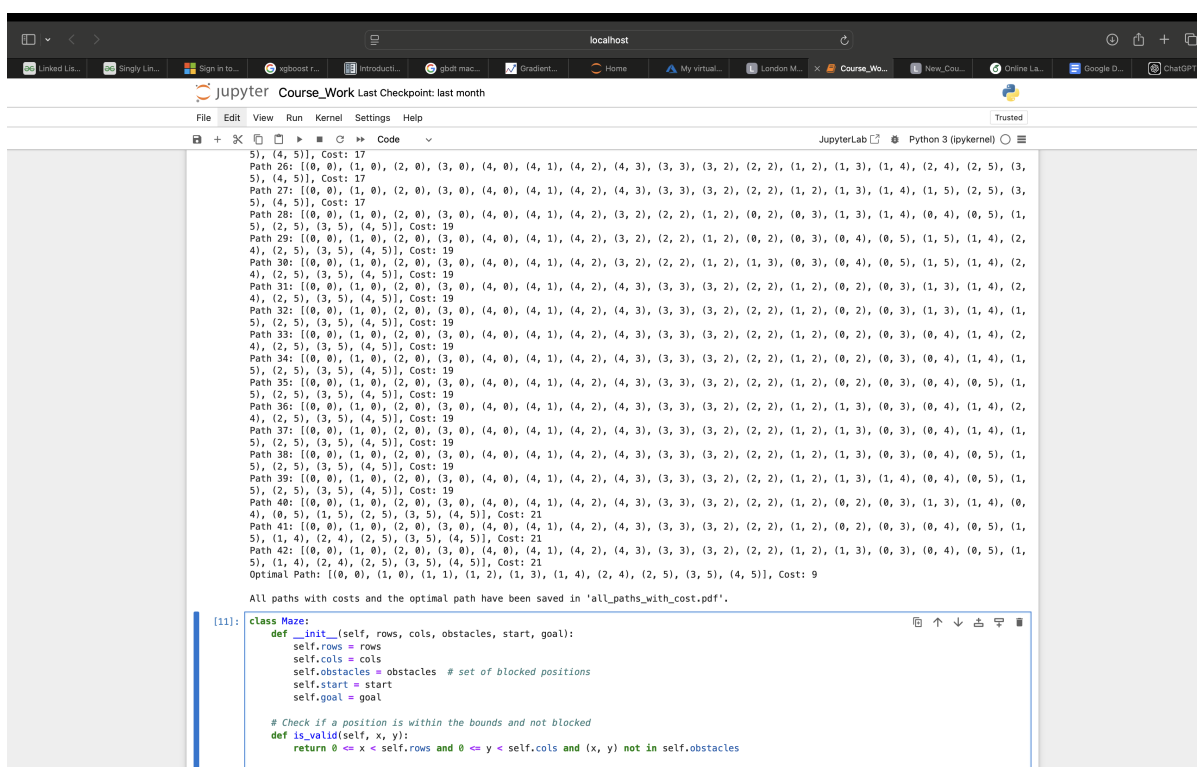
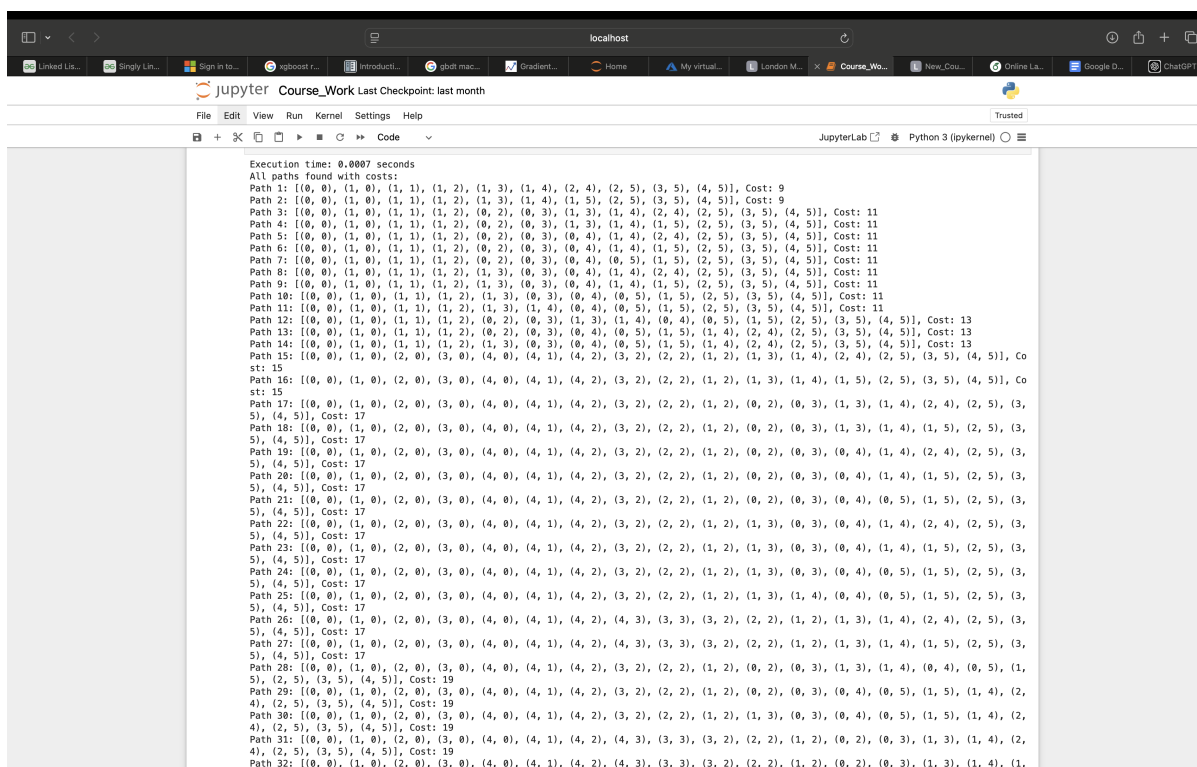
### 3.6 Visualizing Paths in the Maze

A `visualize_path` function that uses `matplotlib` to create a visual map of each path on the maze grid.

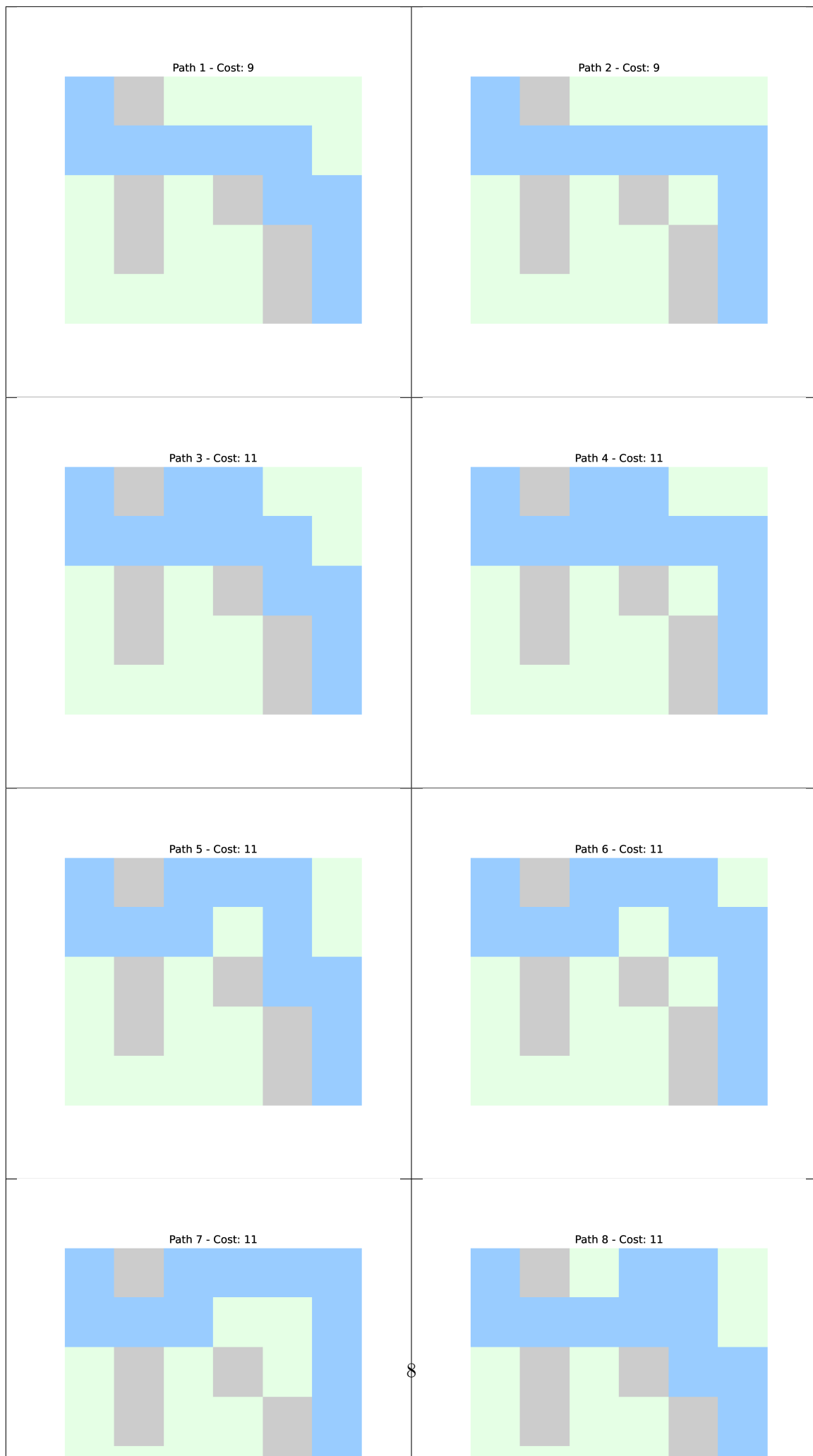
- The visualization uses color coding.
- Walkable areas are shown in light green.
- Obstacles are in light gray.
- The specific path being shown is in light blue.

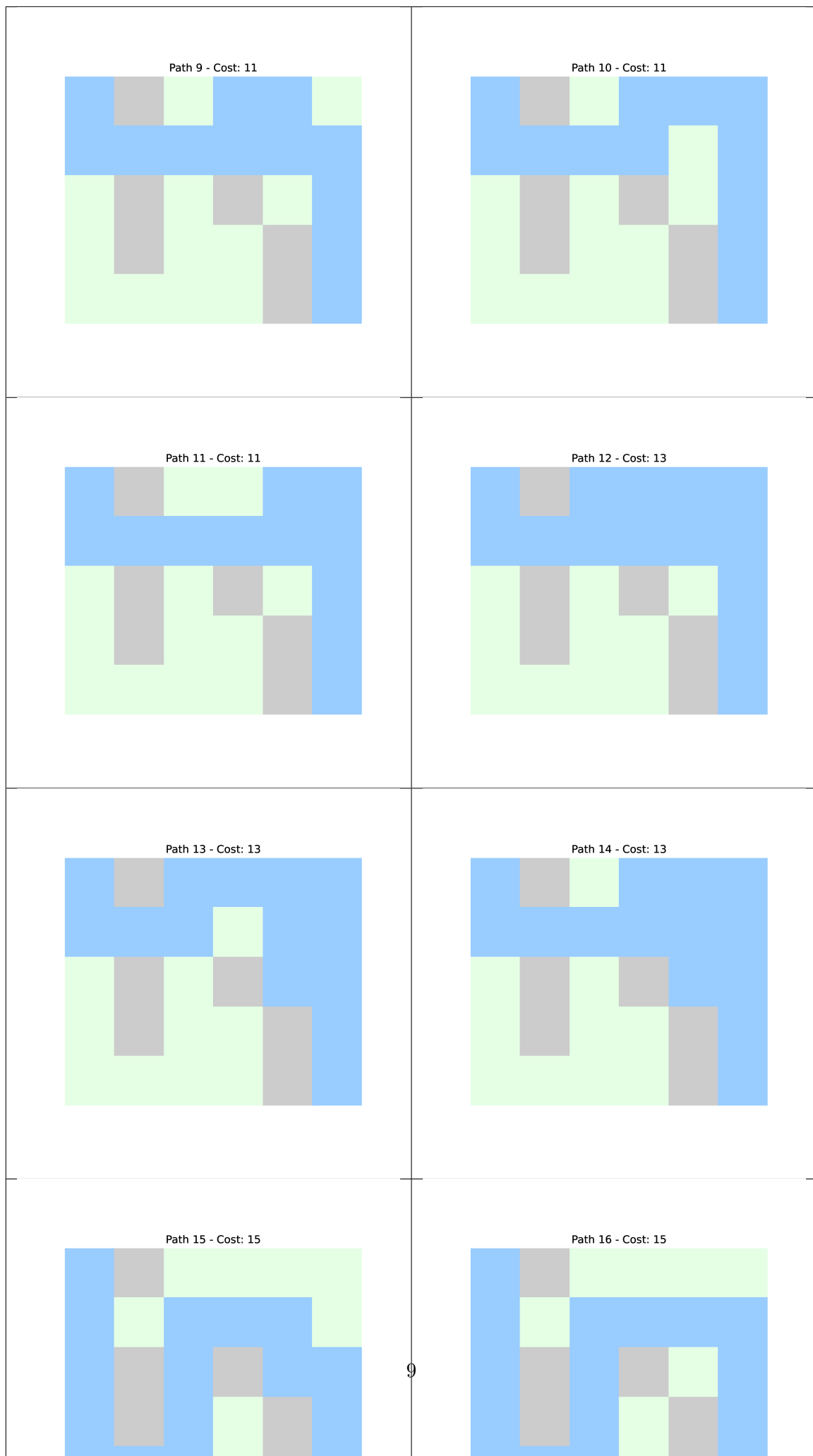
### 3.7 Generating Output and the Optimal Path

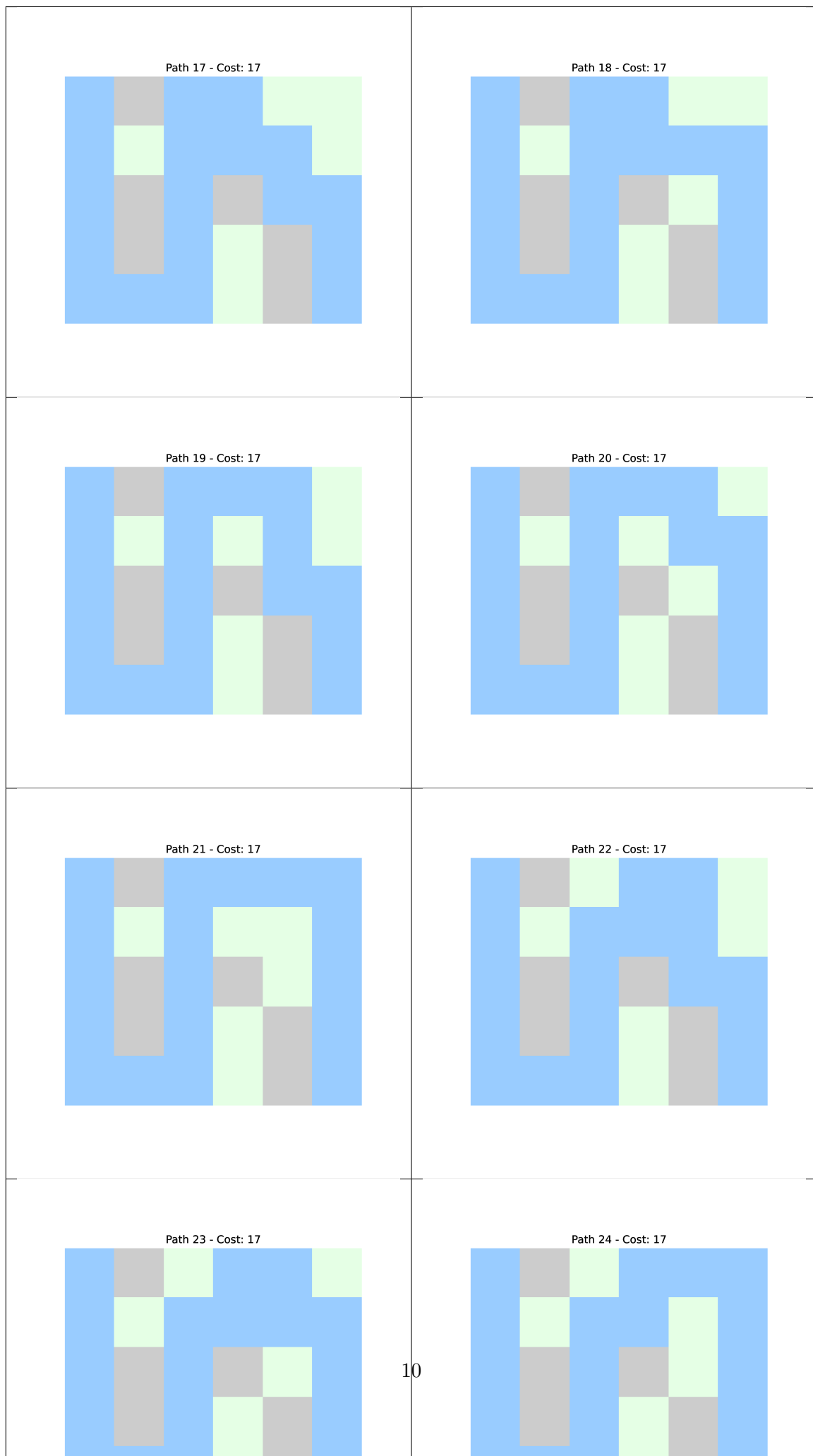
We use BFS Algorithm we find total 42 paths and the cost of each path is different because BFS try every move in the maze in every direction and find the goal. But most of the maze has same cost. Basically Cost is the steps from Starting point to Goal point in the maze. And in the last we print the optimal path of the maze. Because the optimal path is the path with least cost and the least cost in the maze is 9. So, In the last the with the minimum cost path print in the last among all of them.

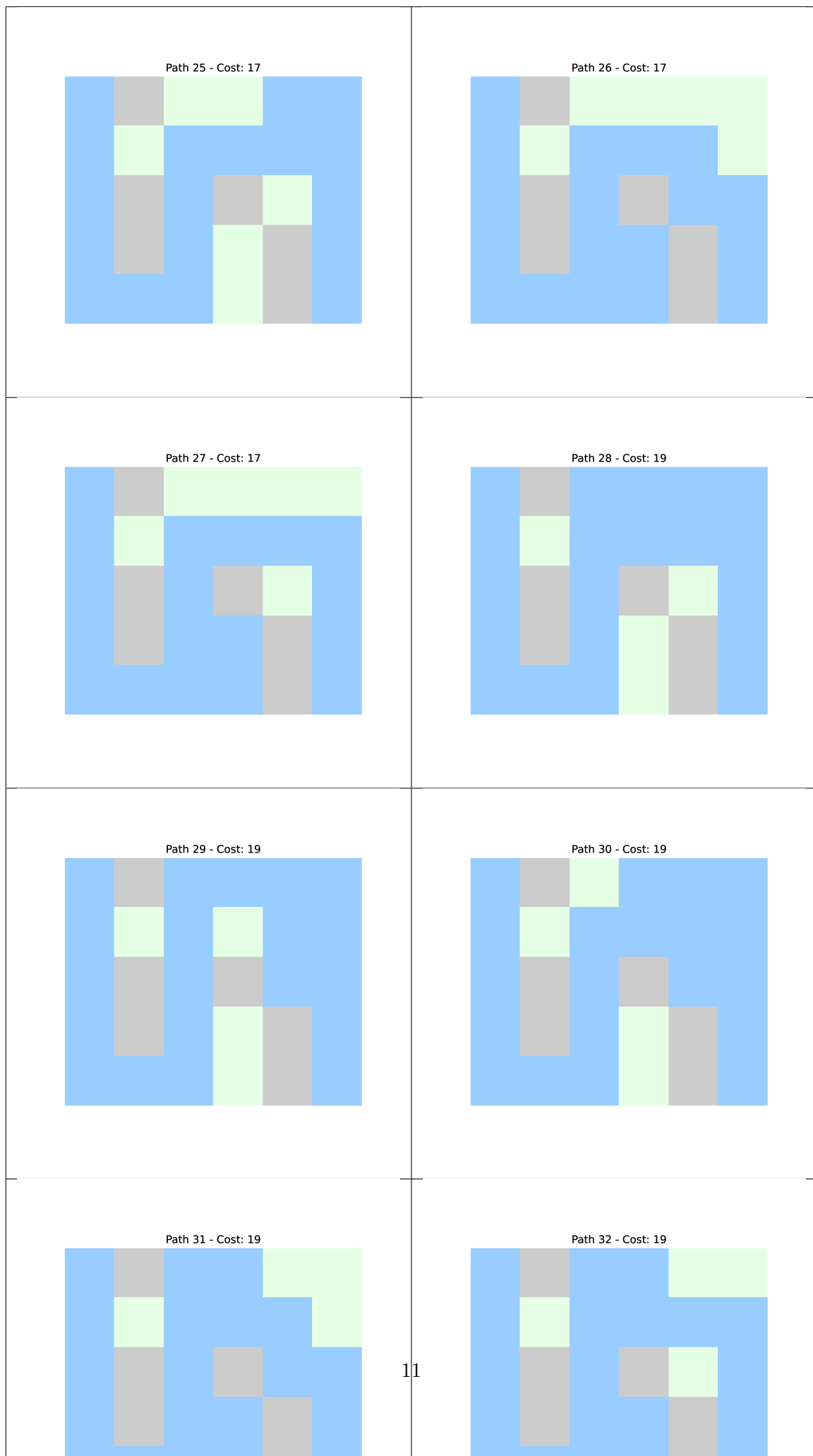


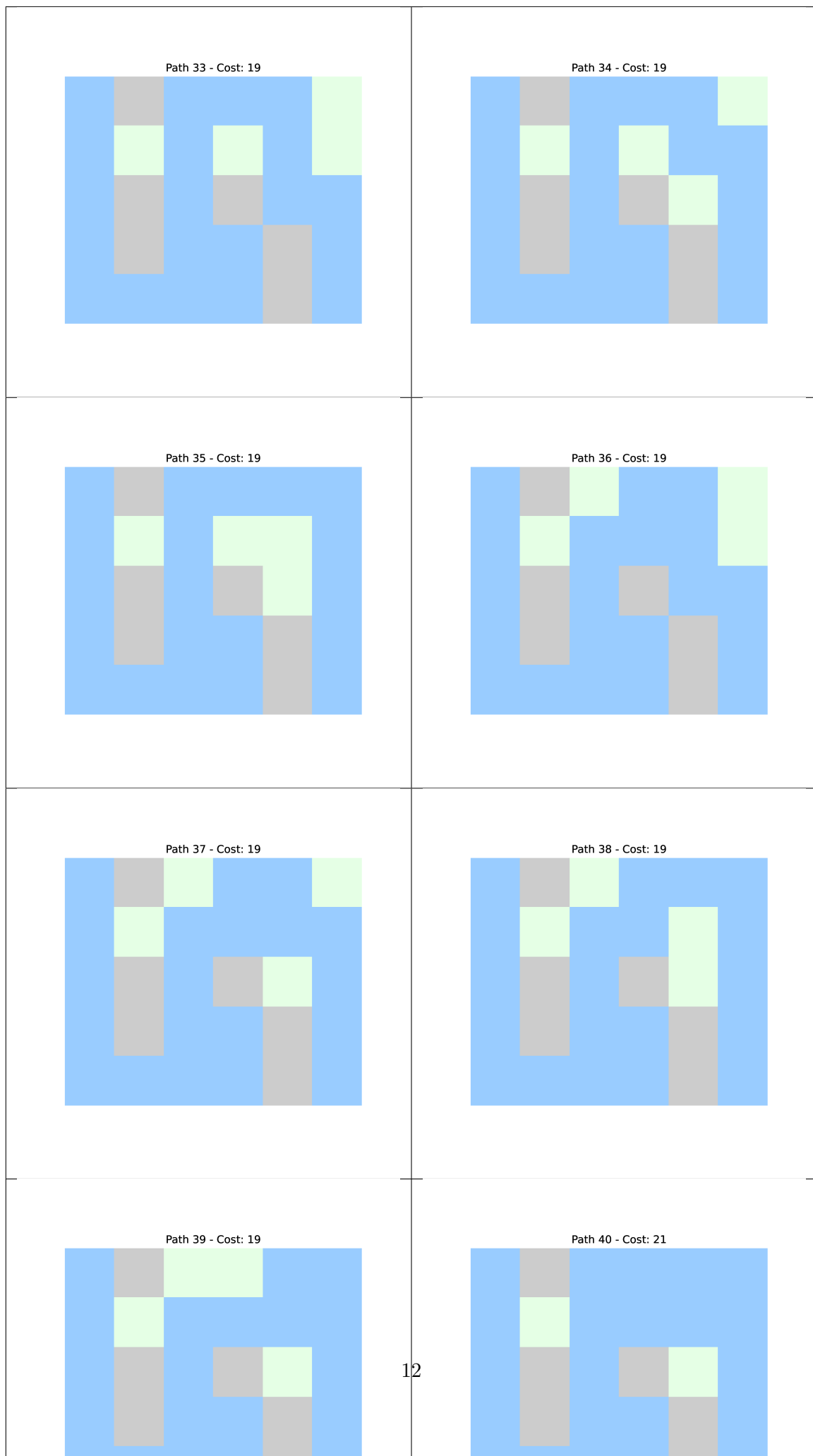


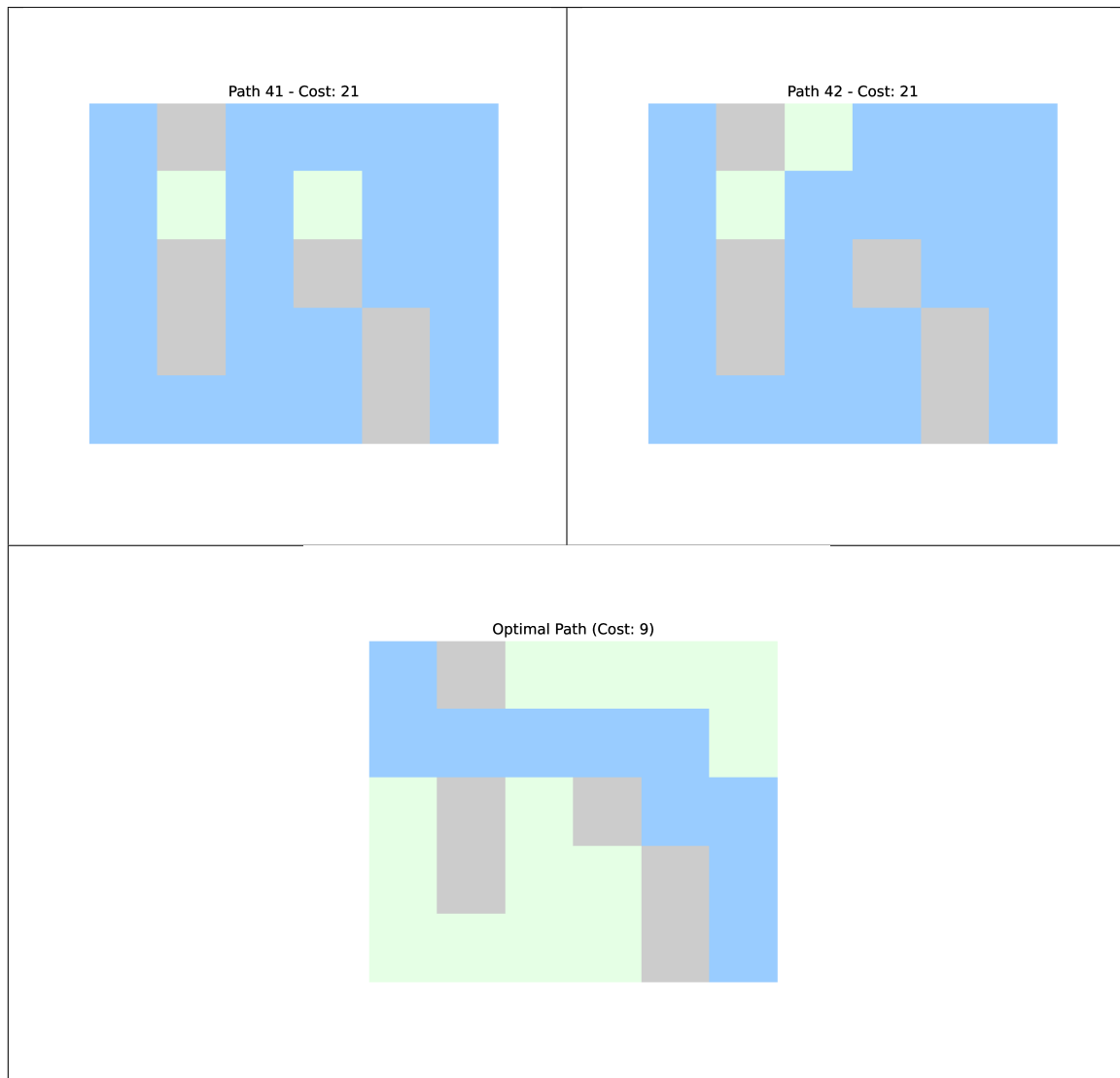












## 4 Logical Theory

### 4.1 Maze Class

- Sets up the maze dimensions and obstacles.
- Checks if a position is valid (within bounds and not blocked).

### 4.2 LogicalInference Class

- Uses logical rules to determine possible moves (*up, down, left, right*) from any point.
- Includes a `find_path` method that performs a BFS search to explore paths from start to goal.

### 4.3 Pathfinding

- Starts at the start node and applies move rules to find reachable cells.
- Stops once the goal is reached, returning the path taken.
- If no path is found, it returns `None`.

### 4.4 Knowledge Representation

- The maze is represented as a set of facts:
  - Allowed moves.
  - Obstacles.
  - Walls.
  - Boundaries.
- Each node in the maze can have predicates indicating:
  - Its position.
  - Whether it is blocked.
  - The available moves.

### 4.5 Logical Rules

- Rules are defined for moving *up, down, left, or right*.
- These rules check if a move is allowed based on the current state of the agent.
- Includes a rule for reaching the goal (success condition).

### 4.6 Inference Process

- The inference engine applies rules iteratively.
- Determines a sequence of moves from the start position to the goal.

## 4.7 Logical Theory

- Basic predicates are defined as follows:
  - `at(X, Y)`: The agent is at position  $(X, Y)$ .
  - `blocked(X, Y)`: The position  $(X, Y)$  is blocked.
  - `move(Direction, (X1, Y1), (X2, Y2))`: A move from  $(X1, Y1)$  to  $(X2, Y2)$  in the specified direction.
  - `goal(X, Y)`: The position  $(X, Y)$  is the goal.

## 4.8 Rules

- Move Left:

```
move(left, (X, Y), (X-1, Y)) :- not blocked(X-1, Y), X > 0
```

- Move Right:

```
move(right, (X, Y), (X+1, Y)) :- not blocked(X+1, Y), X < MaxCols
```

- Move Up:

```
move(up, (X, Y), (X, Y-1)) :- not blocked(X, Y-1), Y > 0
```

- Move Down:

```
move(down, (X, Y), (X, Y+1)) :- not blocked(X, Y+1), Y < MaxRows
```

- Reach Goal:

```
goal(X, Y) :- at(X, Y), X == GoalX, Y == GoalY
```

```

1 class Maze:
2     def __init__(self, rows, cols, obstacles, start, goal):
3         self.rows = rows
4         self.cols = cols
5         self.obstacles = obstacles # Set of blocked positions
6         self.start = start
7         self.goal = goal
8
9     # Check if a position is within bounds and not blocked
10    def is_valid(self, x, y):
11        return 0 <= x < self.rows and 0 <= y < self.cols and (x, y) not in self
        .obstacles
12
13 class StateSpaceSearch:
14     def __init__(self, maze):
15         self.maze = maze
16
17     def explore_state_space(self):
18         # Represent the state space as a queue for exploration

```

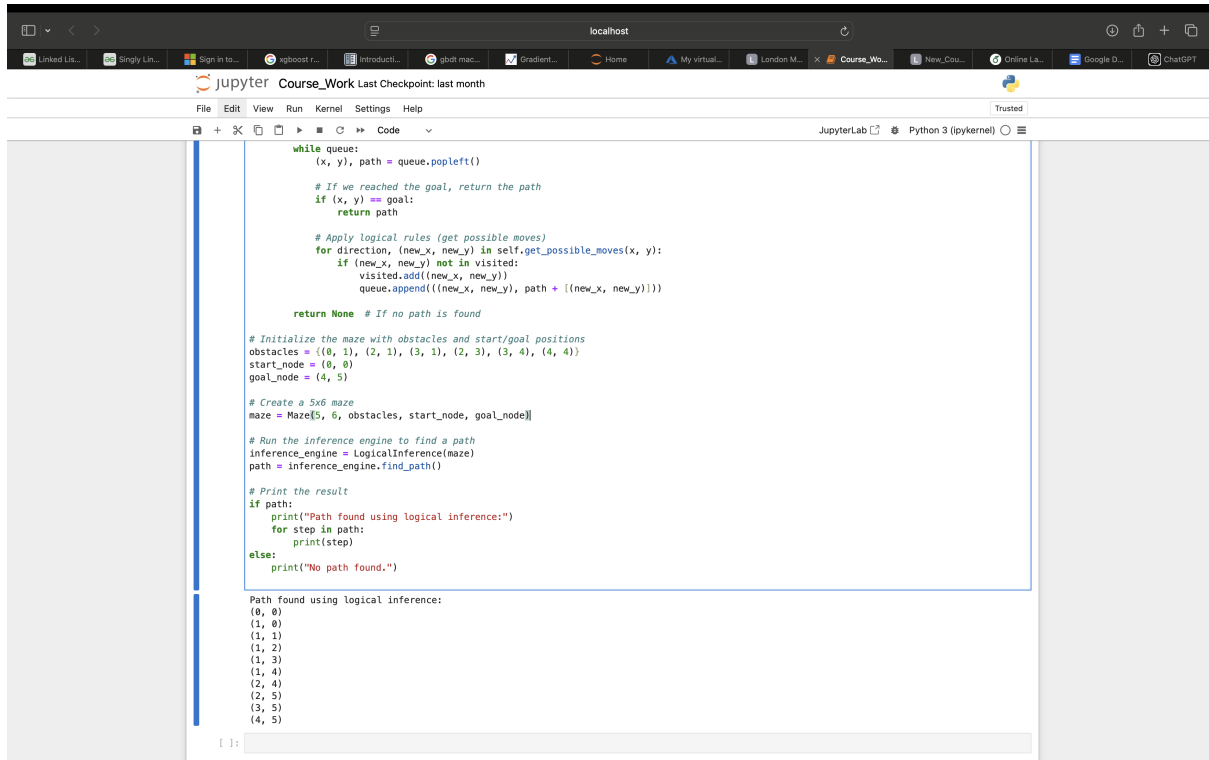


```

19     from collections import deque
20     queue = deque([(self.maze.start, [self.maze.start])]) # (current state
    , path)
21     visited = set() # Keep track of visited states
22
23     while queue:
24         current_state, path = queue.popleft()
25         x, y = current_state
26
27         # Check if the goal state is reached
28         if current_state == self.maze.goal:
29             return path
30
31         # Mark the current state as visited
32         visited.add(current_state)
33
34         # Generate possible next states
35         for new_state in self.get_neighbors(x, y):
36             if new_state not in visited:
37                 queue.append((new_state, path + [new_state]))
38
39         return None # Return None if no path is found
40
41     def get_neighbors(self, x, y):
42         # Define possible moves and filter valid ones
43         directions = [(x, y - 1), (x, y + 1), (x - 1, y), (x + 1, y)] # Left,
    Right, Up, Down
44         return [(nx, ny) for nx, ny in directions if self.maze.is_valid(nx, ny)
    ]
45
46 # Example Usage
47 if __name__ == "__main__":
48     # Define the maze
49     obstacles = {(0, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)}
50     start_node = (0, 0)
51     goal_node = (4, 5)
52     maze = Maze(5, 6, obstacles, start_node, goal_node)
53
54     # Perform state space search
55     search = StateSpaceSearch(maze)
56     path = search.explore_state_space()
57
58     # Print the result
59     if path:
60         print("Path found:")
61         for step in path:
62             print(step)
63     else:
64         print("No path found.")

```

Listing 3: Logic Inference



```
while queue:
    (x, y), path = queue.popleft()

    # If we reached the goal, return the path
    if (x, y) == goal:
        return path

    # Apply logical rules (get possible moves)
    for direction, (new_x, new_y) in self.get_possible_moves(x, y):
        if (new_x, new_y) not in visited:
            visited.add((new_x, new_y))
            queue.append(((new_x, new_y), path + [(new_x, new_y)]))

    return None # If no path is found

# Initialize the maze with obstacles and start/goal positions
obstacles = {(0, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)}
start_node = (0, 0)
goal_node = (4, 5)

# Create a 5x6 maze
maze = Maze(5, 6, obstacles, start_node, goal_node)

# Run the inference engine to find a path
inference_engine = LogicalInference(maze)
path = inference_engine.find_path()

# Print the result
if path:
    print("Path found using logical inference:")
    for step in path:
        print(step)
else:
    print("No path found.")

Path found using logical inference:
(0, 0)
(1, 0)
(1, 1)
(1, 2)
(1, 3)
(1, 4)
(2, 4)
(2, 5)
(3, 5)
(4, 5)
```

Figure 3: Jupyter Notebook Output.