

Week 8

Stack and Queue

Stack in Python 3 can be implemented as a list. `S = []`

Push operation is appending to the stack list : `S.append(x)`

The top of the stack is `S[len(S)-1]`

Pop operation is deleting the last element of the stack list : `del S[len(S)-1]`

Workshop: Solve this problem. <https://dmoj.ca/problem/postfix>

- 1) Create a user account at the website <https://dmoj.ca>. You need it for submitting your code.
- 2) Study the supplemented document (PostFixTutorial.pdf) up to page 15 for the method to solve this problem.

Queue in Python 3 can be implemented as a list. `Q = []`
 Enqueue operation is appending to the queue list : `Q.append(x)`
 The front of the queue is `Q[0]`
 Dequeue operation is deleting the first element of the queue list : `del Q[0]`

Workshop: Shortest Path in Maze

Given an obstacle in an otherwise empty room, what is the shortest path around it?

Each input is a 10 by 10 character matrix. The character representations are as follows:

- `.` - empty space
- `#` - wall
- `X` - one of the ends

The output will be an integer distance between the two points marked with X.

There will always be only two X spots per set. There will always be a valid path. Valid steps are into any adjacent empty space; *diagonal steps are illegal*.

Sample input

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....#.....
....#.....
X...#...X.
....#.....
....#.....
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Sample output

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- 3) Modify the provided program to solve this problem.
- 4) Test your program with the provided three test cases.

The correct answers are maze_1.in : 12, maze_2.in : 23, maze_3.in : 26