Functional Exercise

Test case design

There are many algorithms to generate a maze. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maze generation algorithm)

A valid maze has exactly one entry point and exactly one exit point (exactly 2 openings in the edges) and there must be at least one path from the entry point to exit point.

Write the test cases necessary to validate whether a maze is valid or not in the format that you find more appropriate. Make notes regarding coverage. Provide the solution and the notes you took to achieve it.

Maze validation test cases

Test scenario	Test steps	Test data	Expected results
Check that maze has exactly one entry point and one exit point	 Check number of openings in edges. Validate that one opening is the entry point Validate that opening is the exit point 	A generated maze	 Number of openings is 2. Entry point exists Exit point exists
Check that entry point is not same as exit point	Validate that the entry point is not the same point as the exit point	A generated maze	The entry point is not the same as the exit point
Check that there is at least one path from the start to the finish	 Start at the entry point Move through the maze following your right-hand wall Stop when you reach the exit or the entrance** 	A generated maze	3. The exit is reached*
Check that both the entry point and the exit point are on the perimeter of the maze	 Validate that entry point is at the edge of the maze Validate that exit point is at the edge of the maze 	A generated maze	Entry point is at the edge of the maze Exit point is at the edge of the maze

^{*}All two-dimensional mazes with the entry- and exit point on the perimeter can be solved by the "right-hand rule" if it is started immediately at the entry point (i.e. you make sure that you are not following a "wall island" inside the maze)

^{**}The entrance would only be reached if no exit exists on the perimeter. These conditions are validated in Scenarios 1,2 and 4.