#### CS1020 Lab #5

#### **Exercise #1: Shortest Path Problem**

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#### **Learning Objectives:**

- (1) Working with two-dimensional array.
- (2) Writing recursive function.
- (3) Use of LinkedList/Stack and Point.

#### **Task Statement:**

One common task in many computer games is to find the shortest path out of an  $N \times N$  maze. In this lab, we will be representing the maze using a 2-dimensional integer array where 0 denotes a path and 1 denotes a wall. The minimum size of the maze is 3 x 3, the maximum size 20 x 20, and the entrance to the maze will always be located at (1,0). Rows are numbered from top to bottom (hence the top-most row is row 0), and columns are numbered from left to right (the left-most column is column 0). There may be multiple exits, which are located along the top, right, and bottom boundaries of the maze.

Write a program **ShortestPath.java** to read in the size of the square maze, followed by the grids containing the paths and walls. Your program will then compute and output the <u>coordinates</u> of the shortest path out of this maze. Your solution must make use of a recursive function and either a **LinkedList** or **Stack** data structure which holds a Java **Point** object.

You may assume that there are no cyclic paths, no path leads to a dead end, and that there is only 1 shortest path.

# Sample Input 1:

1111111111 1111111111

# Sample Output 1:

The shortage path is 13 steps:

```
(1, 0)
(1, 1)
                      The shortest path is illustrated in bold red font below:
(2, 1)
                      1110111111
(3, 1)
                      0010111111
(4, 1)
                      1010011111
(4, 2)
```

1011011111 1000011111

(4, 3)(4, 4)1111111111 (3, 4)1111111111

(2, 4)1111111111 (2, 3)1111111111 (1, 3)

(0, 3)

# Sample Input 2:

# Sample Output 2:

The shortage path is 13 steps:

```
(1, 1)
(2, 1)
(3, 1)
(4, 1)
(4, 2)
(4, 3)
(4, 4)
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(1, 0)

```
The shortest path is illustrated in bold red font below:
1110111111
0010111111
1010011111
1011011111
1000000111
1011110100
1011110001
101111111
1000000000
```

(1, 3)(0, 3)

(3, 4)

(2, 4)

(2, 3)

# Sample Input 3:

# **Sample Output 3:**

The shortage path is 27 steps:

(1, 0)(1, 1)(2, 1)(3, 1)(4, 1)(5, 1)(6, 1)(7, 1)(8, 1)(9, 1)(10, 1)(11, 1)(12, 1)(13, 1)(13, 2)(13, 3)(13, 4)(13, 5)

(13, 6)

(13, 7)

(13, 8) (13, 9) (13, 10) (13, 11) (13, 12) (13, 13) (13, 14)

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The shortest path is illustrated in bold red font below:
111011011110101
0010000000000000
101101111111111
101101111111111
101100011111111
101111000000000
101111011111111
10111111111100
101111011110001
101111011110111
101111011110111
101111011110111
101111011110111
1000000000000000
111111111111111
```