CS2302 - Data Structures Spring 2019

Lab # 6

Disjoint Set Forests

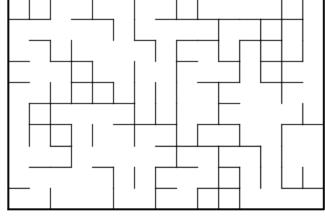
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In this assignment you will use a disjoint set forest to build a maze. Your maze should contain a collection of cells separated by walls in such a way that there is exactly one simple path (that is, a path that does not visit any cell more than once) separating any two cells.

To build a maze, you must do the following. Let M be the number of rows and and N be the number of columns of your square maze. When all walls are present (see figure), each of the M*N cells in the maze belongs to a different set. Thus you have M*N sets in your disjoint set forest. When you remove a wall, if the cells that were separated by that wall belonged to different sets, you must unite these sets. This process is repeated until all cells belong to a single set; at that point you display the maze. The following pseudocode illustrates the process to build the maze:

Create full maze with all adjacent cells are separated by a wall
Assign each cell to a different set in a disjoint set forest S
While S has more than one set
Select a random wall w =[c1,c2]
If cells c1 and c2 belong to different sets, remove w and join c1's set and c2's set otherwise do nothing
Display maze

135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149
120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134
105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14



Initial maze, including cell numbers

Maze after removing randomly-chosen walls

The program *maze.py*, provided in the class web page, contains code for all drawing operations and to remove randomly chosen walls from the maze. You will need to modify the program to remove the walls that will result in a correct maze.

Perform a comparison of running times of the program using standard union and union by size with path compression for various maze sizes. As usual, write a report describing your work.