## COP 3503 Recitation #8 Problem: Backtracking (Week of 7/8)

Due: 7/18/13 (Thursday) at 11:55 PM Webcourses2 time

### **The Problem: Robot Navigation**

Your goal is to navigate a robot from one side of the room to another. Your robot can only travel in four basic directions from its current location: up, down, left, and right. Given a map of the room with obstacles, determine whether or not the robot will be able to get to the other side of the room.

Your robot must always start at position (1,0), specifying the door to the room. The map given will be of size  $n \times n$ . Thus, if you determine whether he can find a path to (x, n-1) where x is any number between 0 and n-1, you will have found out if he can travel to the other side of the room.

<u>Note:</u> Directly read your input from the input file, <u>maze.in</u>. Turn in your program file, <u>Maze.java</u>.

#### **Input Format (for maze.in)**

There will be several sets of input. The first line will contain a single positive integer m (m < 100) describing the number of test cases in the data set. The first value of each data set will be a positive odd integer n (n < 200), representing the size of the  $n \times n$  map. Following will be the  $n \times n$  map specified by n characters on the next n lines, where an 'x' denotes an obstacle and a '\_' denotes a passable area.

#### **Output Format**

For each data set, your output will be of the following format

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Data Set k: The robot CAN get to the other side.

Data Set k: The robot CAN NOT get to the other side.
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where k is an integer in between 1 and m, inclusive.

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Sample Input
5
XXXXX
___X___
x___x
x \times x
XXXXX
15
xxxxxxxxxxxx
____X___
x_xxx_x_x_xxxxxxx
x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_xxx_x_x
x_x___x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x__x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_xxxxxxxxxx
x_x_x_xxxxxxxxxx
XXXXXXXXXXXXX
15
XXXXXXXXXXXXX
____x__
x_xxx_x_xxxxxxx
x_x_x_x__x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x__x__x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_x_x_x_x_x_x
x_x_xxxxxxxxxxx
x_x_x_xxxxxxxxx_x
x_x_x_xxxxxxxxxxx
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# **Sample Output**

xxxxxxxxxxxx

Data Set 1: The robot CAN get to the other side.

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Data Set 2: The robot CAN get to the other side.

Data Set 3: The robot CAN NOT get to the other side.
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Please prepare a pseudocode that best describes the operation of your program and include ample comments in your code.