

BIQ Puzzle Project - Part 2 - due date: 04 May 2018

In this exercise the following changes and additions on top of part 1 shall be made:

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Improve your code - do a code review over your code, if you think the code shall be improved please do so.

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Improve the efficiency of your algorithm as far as you can.

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Command-line parameters:

-input <input_file_name>

Mandatory - position of the puzzle file to solve

-output <output_file_name>

Mandatory - position of the puzzle output file (for solution or errors)

-rotate

Optional - indicating whether the puzzle pieces can be rotated - see below

-threads <num_threads>

Optional - indicating number of threads to use (including main)

if not provided default should be 4 threads

The order of parameters is not important (each parameter can appear anywhere in the command line, but if the parameter expects a value - the following parameter is assumed to be its value). In case command line is illegal for any reason: just print usage to screen.

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The **-rotate** parameter:

If the parameter appears it means that the solution can rotate the puzzle elements.

In this case the solution file would look a bit differently:

The output file should be the IDs of the elements in the structure that solves the puzzle:

A single space between IDs on the same line, a new line for each row in the puzzle.

In case an element is used in rotation, the rotation angle should be added in square brackets in the following manner (suppose a puzzle of 6 elements):

1 [90] 2 5 [270]

6 4 [180] 3

Note:

- You are allowed only to rotate the elements, but not to flip them
- Rotation is clockwise, that is 90 means that the top edge becomes right
- The only possible values for rotation are: 90, 180, 270
- 0 rotation shall not be presented in the output file
- This makes a solution without rotations a special case of the generic output file

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The **-threads** parameter:

If the parameter appears or not: the program should be able to use threads smartly. You are not required to manage all the threads allowed, but you cannot use more than allowed!

Errors management note:

- You are allowed to take decisions and modify the errors from part 1 if they do not fit anymore the rotate option: waive validations, modify the errors or print other errors (for example: the error for missing corners become a bit complicated and maybe irrelevant for -rotate option - so you are free to make changes and even waive it)

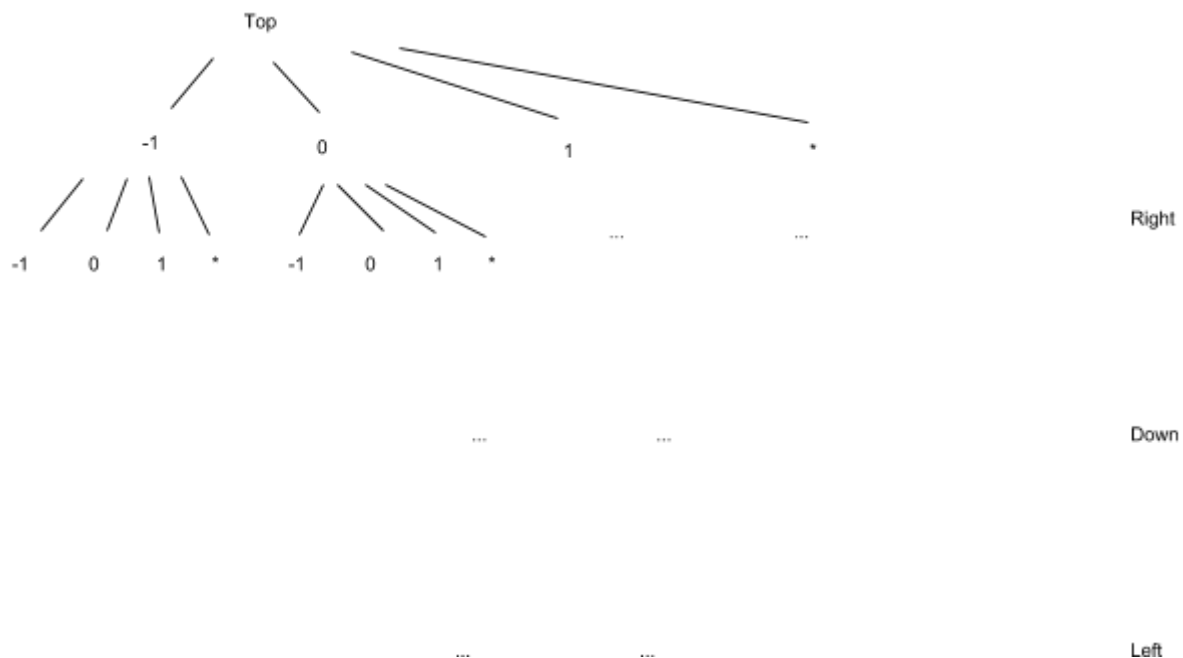
Algorithm efficiency note:

- Regardless of the exact data structure that manages your puzzle elements, you may want a method like this in class `Puzzle`:

```
List<PuzzlePiece> getPieces(const PuzzlePieceRequirements& r);
```

The method can return all Puzzle Pieces that meets the requirements and is not in use yet, including possible rotations.

- Consider managing puzzle pieces that are “the same shape” (including - the same after rotation!) as “one”, having the list of IDs and rotations that match this “shape”.
- Consider the following data structure for managing the puzzle elements:



The '*' in the diagram above represents “there are no requirements for this edge”. With some kind of a data structure like the above you spend 256 buckets to achieve $O(1)$ search for getting the next required element for any requirement and any given previous puzzle piece checked.

- You can postpone the efficiency to later. But have the proper design and API to allow your efficiency thoughts and plans to fit in later.

Good Luck!