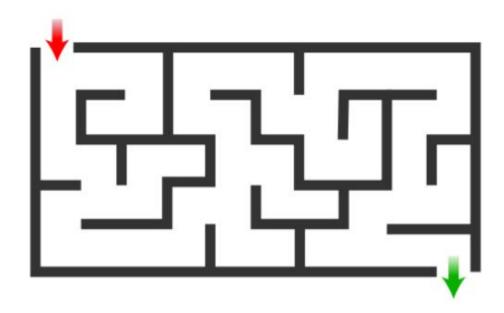
## Programming Assignment Diamonds Maze

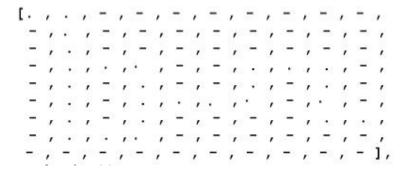
## Part1 (10 marks)

Overview: A maze is a tour puzzle in the form of a complex branching passage through which the solver must find a route. The pathways and walls in a maze are .fixed



The goal is to choose a path to the exit of the maze

For example if the input is a list with "." meaning empty space and "-" means blocked like this:



The solution would be

- 1- Define a suitable data structure (1 marks)
- 2- Define the moves that generate the new states using prolog (5 marks).
- 3- Implement Depth first search to find a solution for this problem using prolog (2 marks).
- 4- Print the valid path on the given maze board at the end of the program (1 marks).
- 5- Print the number of visited nodes (1 marks).

In order to do that you will use function "Expand nodes" as you know expand nodes calls all the moves and puts the new children in a list. When putting the new children in a list put them by calling move\_up, move\_down,move\_left,move\_right in this order. That would easier for debugging when discussing the assignment.

## Part 2 (10 marks)

Assume that the maze contains diamonds. We want to implement the A\* algorithm in order to find a path till the exit of the maze while at the same time maximizing the number of collected diamonds that is within the path

If this is the input list that represents the maze where "." means empty "-" means blocked and "D" is a diamond

The optimal path that will be found by the A\*

Maximum number of collected diamonds=9

- 1- You will implement the search algorithm A\*.
- 2- define the heuristic in order to choose the path with the maximum number of collected diamonds (6 marks).
- 3- Print the number of collected diamonds (2 mark).
- 4- Print the number of visited nodes (2 marks).

## **Rules of submission:**

- 1. Students can form teams of 3 to work on this assignment.
- 2. Students can only use Prolog to implement this assignment.
- 3. No late submissions.
- 4. Each part should be implemented in a separate file
- 5. Students required to add comments to explain their code.