

# Problem 490: The Maze

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 59.88%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Depth-First Search, Breadth-First Search, Matrix

## Problem Description

There is a ball in a `maze` with empty spaces (represented as `0`) and walls (represented as `1`). The ball can go through the empty spaces by rolling **up, down, left or right**, but it won't stop rolling until hitting a wall. When the ball stops, it could choose the next direction.

Given the  $m \times n$  `maze`, the ball's `start` position and the `destination`, where `start = [startrow, startcol]` and `destination = [destinationrow, destinationcol]`, return `true` if the ball can stop at the destination, otherwise return `false`.

You may assume that **the borders of the maze are all walls** (see examples).

**Example 1.**

 (https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2021/03/31/maze1-1-grid.jpg)

**Input:** `maze = [[0,0,1,0,0],[0,0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,1,0],[1,1,0,1,1],[0,0,0,0,0]]`, `start = [0,4]`, `destination = [4,4]` **Output:** `true` **Explanation:** One possible way is : left -> down -> left -> down -> right -> down -> right.

**Example 2.**

 (https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2021/03/31/maze1-2-grid.jpg)

**Input:** `maze = [[0,0,1,0,0],[0,0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,1,0],[1,1,0,1,1],[0,0,0,0,0]]`, `start = [0,4]`, `destination = [3,2]` **Output:** `false` **Explanation:** There is no way for the ball to stop at the destination. Notice that you can pass through the destination but you cannot stop there.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** maze = [[0,0,0,0,0],[1,1,0,0,1],[0,0,0,0,0],[0,1,0,0,1],[0,1,0,0,0]], start = [4,3],  
destination = [0,1] **\*\*Output:\*\*** false

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `m == maze.length` \* `n == maze[i].length` \* `1 <= m, n <= 100` \* `maze[i][j]` is `0` or `1`. \*  
`start.length == 2` \* `destination.length == 2` \* `0 <= startrow, destinationrow < m` \* `0 <= startcol, destinationcol < n` \* Both the ball and the destination exist in an empty space, and they will not be in the same position initially. \* The maze contains **\*\*at least 2 empty spaces\*\***.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool hasPath(vector<vector<int>>& maze, vector<int>& start, vector<int>&
    destination) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public boolean hasPath(int[][] maze, int[] start, int[] destination) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def hasPath(self, maze: List[List[int]], start: List[int], destination:
    List[int]) -> bool:
```