CHAPTER 4 PROGRAM STRUCTURE 79

## POINTS TO PONDER

4.1 The function

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INTEGER FUNCTION TEST(BOARD,I,J)
INTEGER BOARD(8,8)
TEST = -1
IF (I.LT.1 .OR. I.GT.8 .OR. J.LT.1 .OR. J.GT.8) RETURN
IF (BOARD(I,J).GE.0 .AND. BOARD(I,J).LE.4) TEST = BOARD(I,J)
RETURN
END
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returns -1 if BOARD(I,J) is undefined or illegal; otherwise it returns BOARD(I,J). Rewrite subroutine STORE of the checker-playing program to use TEST. Add code to SEARCH to include valid single jumping moves. At most eight statements should have to be added. (Don't forget to add TEST to the INTEGER statement and increase the sizes of ROW and COL.) What would be involved in adding jumps to the original version?

- 4.2 What simplifications can be made in the checker-playing subroutines if we use a 10 by 10 checkerboard, where the border squares contain negative values?
- 4.3 What happens to the original maze program if the top border looks like

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...010...
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What if the top left corner looks like

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110.....
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The POINT array can handle up to 60 loops. Can you define a maze that has more than 60 loops? Remember that

looks like seven loops when searched from left to right. Does our version handle these cases correctly?

4.4 Rewrite the maze program without using recursion, using the recursive version as a model. How much bigger and more complicated does it get? Can you do better with a different approach?