

2.2 Finding Paths in Mazes

```
private void iterateSearch(Dimension loc, int depth)
```

The class variable *isSearching* is used to halt search, avoiding more solutions, once one path to the goal is found.

```
if (isSearching == false) return;
```

We set the maze value to the depth for display purposes only:

```
maze.setValue(loc.width, loc.height, (short)depth);
```

Here, we use the super class *getPossibleMoves* method to get an array of possible neighboring squares that we could move to; we then loop over the four possible moves (a null value in the array indicates an illegal move):

```
Dimension [] moves = getPossibleMoves(loc);
for (int i=0; i<4; i++) {
    if (moves[i] == null) break; // out of possible moves
                                // from this location
```

Record the next move in the search path array and check to see if we are done:

```
searchPath[depth] = moves[i];
if (equals(moves[i], goalLoc)) {
    System.out.println("Found the goal at " +
                       moves[i].width +
                       "\", " + moves[i].height);
    isSearching = false;
    maxDepth = depth;
    return;
} else {
```

If the next possible move is not the goal move, we recursively call the *iterateSearch* method again, but starting from this new location and increasing the depth counter by one:

```
iterateSearch(moves[i], depth + 1);
if (isSearching == false) return;
}
```