

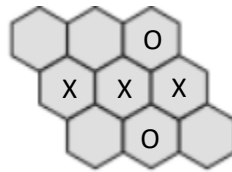
- 4 The Hex game involves an  $n \times n$  hexagonal board. An example of a  $3 \times 3$  Hex board is thus as follows.



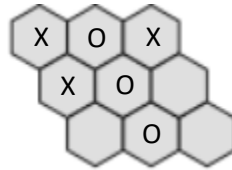
Hex is a two-player game, where one player must build a bridge that extends from left to right, and the other player must build a bridge that extends from top to bottom.

Each player takes turns to play, and may place a piece in any empty cell.

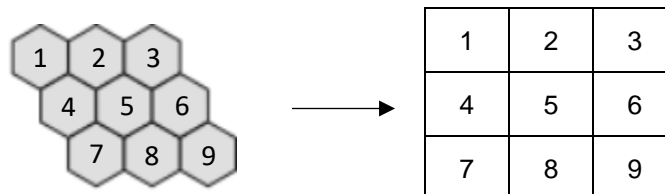
The following is an example board where the X player (going from left to right) has won the game.



The following is an example board where the O player (going from top to bottom) has won the game.



The representation for a Hex Board may be based on a standard 2-dimensional Array. Essentially, the Hex Board may be referenced as a 2-dimensional Array as follows.



You are tasked to design an object oriented programming class to store the Hex Board. This class, `HexBoard`, should be implemented as follows.

HexBoard
-board: ARRAY OF ARRAY OF STRING -turn: INTEGER
+constructor(INTEGER) +playX(INTEGER, INTEGER) +playO(INTEGER, INTEGER) +checkWinX(): BOOLEAN +checkWinO(): BOOLEAN +printBoard()

Attribute/Method	Description
HexBoard.constructor (INTEGER)	Initialises the board attribute as a 2D Array of Strings. The size of each array (both outer and inner arrays) are based on the specified integer value. The turn attribute is initialised as 0.
HexBoard.playX (INTEGER, INTEGER)	This method allows the X player to make a move by specifying the coordinates where he or she wished to place an X piece.
HexBoard.playO (INTEGER, INTEGER)	This method allows the O player to make a move by specifying the coordinates where he or she wished to place an O piece.
HexBoard.checkWinX(): BOOLEAN	This method checks the board and returns True if the X player has won the game, or else returns False.
HexBoard.checkWinO(): BOOLEAN	This method checks the board and returns True if the O player has won the game, or else returns False.
HexBoard.printBoard()	This method prints the contents of the board using the 2D Array representation.

**Task 4.1**

Write the program code to implement the HexBoard class, excluding the checkWinX and checkWinO methods. Your solution **must work for any board size**.

**Evidence 19**

- The program code for **Task 4.1**.

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**Task 4.2**

Write the program code to implement the checkWinX and checkWinO methods.

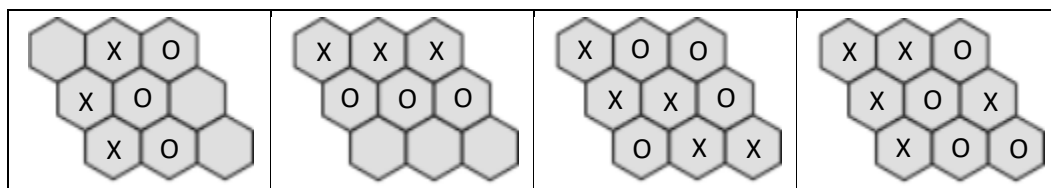
**Evidence 20**

- The program code for **Task 4.2**.

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**Task 4.3**

Write the program code to test the following 4 test cases for both X and O.



Note that X wins by forming a bridge from left to right, while O wins by forming a bridge from top to bottom.

**Evidence 21**

- The screenshots of the inputs and outputs to test each of the above cases.

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