Lab 1: Getting Started & Search

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1 Exercise 1: Stack & Queue

1.1 Stack

Stack is a data structure that manage the data based on the principle of last in first out. My implementation is as follows:

```
class Stack:
 1
2
        def __init__(self):
3
            self._list = []
4
        def push(self, item):
5
            self._list.append(item)
6
7
        def pop(self):
8
            return self._list.pop()
9
10
        def is_empty(self):
11
12
            return len(self._list) == 0
```

1.2 Queue

Queue is a data structure that manage the data based on the principle of first in first out. My implementation is as follows:

```
1
   class Queue:
2
        def __init__(self):
            self._list = []
3
4
        def push(self, item):
5
6
            self._list.append(item)
        def pop(self):
8
            return self._list.pop(0)
10
11
        def is_empty(self):
            return len(self._list) == 0
12
```

2 Exercise 2: Depth first search

In depth first search, we use a stack to maintain the fringe, which means we always explore the node that has just been added to the fringe so that we can expand a deepest node first. My implementation is as follows:

```
1
   def depth first search(problem):
 2
        from util import Stack
 3
        explored = []
 4
        s = Stack()
 5
        s.push((problem.get_start(), []))
 6
 7
 8
        while True:
9
            if s.is empty():
10
                return []
11
12
            now = s.pop()
13
            explored.append(now[0])
            if problem.is_goal(now[0]):
14
15
                return now[1]
            successors = problem.get_successors(now[0])
16
            for succ in successors:
17
18
                if not succ[0] in explored:
19
                     s.push((succ[0], now[1] + [succ[1]]))
```

In order to remember the route, I push the state and the corresponding route as a tuple into the stack so that the answer can be returned immediately after the goal is found. The list **explored** is used to store the explored node. The result is as follows:

3 Exercise 3: Breadth first search

In breadth first search, we use a queue to maintain the fringe, which means we always explore the node that was first added to the fringe so that we can expand a shallowest node first.

```
def breadth_first_search(problem):
    from util import Queue

4    explored = []
5    s = Queue()
6    s.push((problem.get_start(), []))
7

8    while True:
```

```
9
            if s.is_empty():
10
                return []
11
            now = s.pop()
12
            explored.append(now[0])
13
            if problem.is_goal(now[0]):
14
                return now[1]
15
16
            successors = problem.get_successors(now[0])
            for succ in successors:
17
                if not succ[0] in explored:
18
                     s.push((succ[0], now[1] + [succ[1]]))
19
```

The algorithm is similar to the depth first search except that it use a queue to maintain the fringe. It also use a list **explored** to store the explored node. The result is as follows:

```
1 Result:
2 Description Successfully reach the goal (cost=8).
```

4 Exercise 4: Improvement

Considering I have stored the visited node in each loop, so I can't find a maze world where the algorithm will fail except that there is no way between G and S. So my designed maze is as follows: