

Queue

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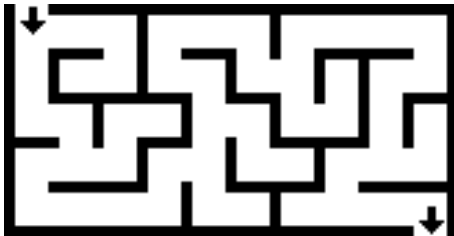
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What We Have Done

algorithm	data structure
sequential search	array (or linked list)
selection sort	array (or linked list)
insertion sort	linked list (or array)
binary search	ordered array
polynomial merge	sparse array on linked list
parenthesis matching	stack
postfix evaluation	stack
infix to postfix	stack

next: another algorithm with stack (and more)

The Maze Problem



<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Maze01-01.png>

given a (2D) maze, is there a way out?

Recursive Algorithm

GET-OUT-RECURSIVE($m, (0, 0)$)

Getting Out of Maze Recursively

GET-OUT-RECURSIVE(Maze m , Postion (i, j))

mark (i, j) as visited

for each unmarked (k, ℓ) reachable from (i, j) **do**

if (k, ℓ) is an exit

return TRUE

end if

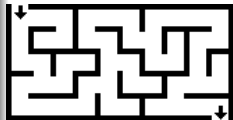
if GET-OUT-RECURSIVE($m, (k, \ell)$)

return TRUE

end if

end for

return FALSE



Recursion (Reading Assignment: Section 3.5, Remember?)

- a function call to itself
- be ware of **terminating conditions**
- can represent programming intentions clearly
- at the expense of **“space”** (why?)

A General Maze Algorithm

Getting Out of Maze by **Container**

GET-OUT-**CONTAINER**(Maze m , Postion (i, j))

while **container** not empty **do**

$(i, j) \leftarrow$ remove from **container**

 mark (i, j) as visited

for each unmarked (k, ℓ) reachable from (i, j) **do**

if (k, ℓ) is an exit

return TRUE

end if

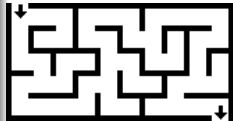
 insert (k, ℓ) to **container** [and mark (k, ℓ) as todo]

end for

end while

return FALSE

- if “random” remove from **container**: “random walk” to exit



Queues

Queue

- object: a container that holds some elements
- action: [constant-time] enqueue (to the rear), dequeue (from the front)
- first-in-first-out (FIFO): 買票, 印表機
- also very restricted data structure, but also important for computers

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Maze From Stack to Queue

Getting Out of Maze by Queue

GET-OUT-QUEUE(Maze m , Position (i, j))

while queue not empty **do**

$(i, j) \leftarrow$ dequeue from queue

 mark (i, j) as visited

for each unmarked (k, ℓ) reachable from (i, j) **do**

if (k, ℓ) is an exit

return TRUE

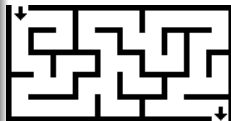
end if

 enqueue (k, ℓ) to queue [and mark (k, ℓ) as todo]

end for

end while

return FALSE



- use of stack/queue: store the yet-to-be-explored positions
- stack version : first (lexicographically) way out (explore deeply)
—depth-first search
- queue version : shortest way out (explore broadly) —breadth-first search

Dequeues

Deque = Stack + Queue + push_front

- object: a container that holds some elements
- action: [constant-time] push_back (like push and enqueue), pop_back (like pop), pop_front (like dequeue), push_front
- application: job scheduling

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