

# Inf-2101 - Algoritmer

## Graph Search

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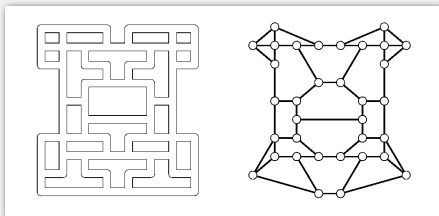
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Some foils are adapted from the book and the book's homepage.

## Maze exploration

### Maze graphs.

- Vertex = intersection.
- Edge = passage.



**Goal.** Explore every passage in the maze.

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## Trémaux maze exploration

### Algorithm.

- Unroll a ball of string behind you.
- Mark each visited intersection by turning on a light.
- Mark each visited passage by opening a door.

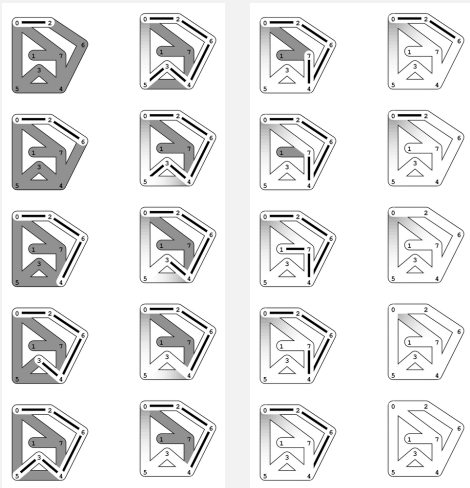
**First use?** Theseus entered labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur; Ariadne held ball of string.



Claude Shannon (with Theseus mouse)

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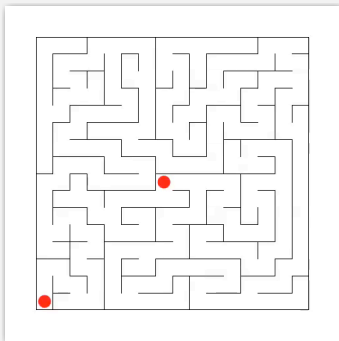
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## Maze exploration



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# Maze

**Rat In a Maze**  
using a stack

pathLength = 15  
Number of walls = 122  
Speed = 10 frames/sec

Instructions.....

- 1) "place walls" as you wish
- 2) "find path"
- 3) "clear maze" or "clear path" and repeat

NOTE: instead of making a maze you can use a "premade maze"

**S** start tile  
**F** finish tile  
**■** wall tile  
**■** path tile  
**■** blocked tile

place walls find path continue speed  
clear path clear maze Spiral

—ROBO GAMES—

<http://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spring03/cs226/demo/ratmaze/maze.htm>

## Depth-first search

**Goal.** Systematically search through a graph.

**Idea.** Mimic maze exploration.

*DFS (to visit a vertex  $s$ )*

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*Mark  $s$  as visited.*

*Recursively visit all unmarked  
vertices  $v$  adjacent to  $s$ .*

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**Running time.**

- $O(E)$  since each edge examined at most twice.
- Usually less than  $V$  in real-world graphs.

• **Typical applications.**

- Find all vertices connected to a given  $s$ .
- Find a path from  $s$  to  $t$ .



# Time for some code



## Flood fill

Photoshop "magic wand"



## Graph-processing challenge 1

**Problem.** Flood fill.

**Assumptions.** Picture has millions to billions of pixels.

### How difficult?

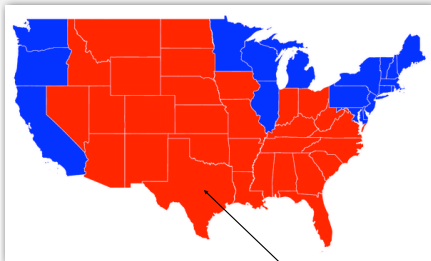
- Any COS 126 student could do it.
- Need to be a typical diligent COS 226 student.
- Hire an expert.
- Intractable.
- No one knows.
- Impossible.

## Connectivity application: flood fill

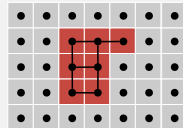
Change color of entire blob of neighboring **red** pixels to **blue**.

Build a **grid graph**.

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent red pixels.
- Blob: all pixels connected to given pixel.



recolor red blob to blue

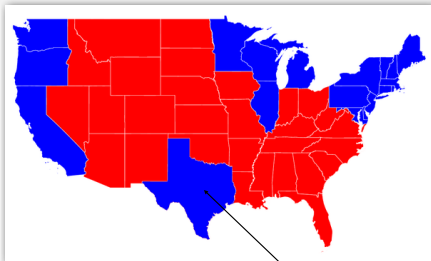


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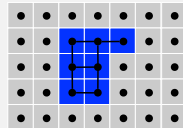
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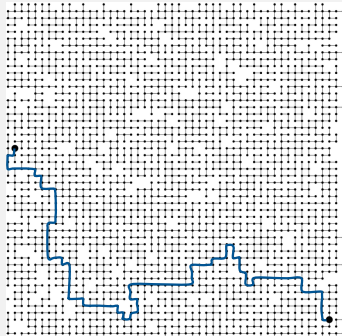
## Graph-processing challenge 2

**Problem.** Find a path from  $s$  to  $t$  ?

**Assumption.** Any path will do.

How difficult?

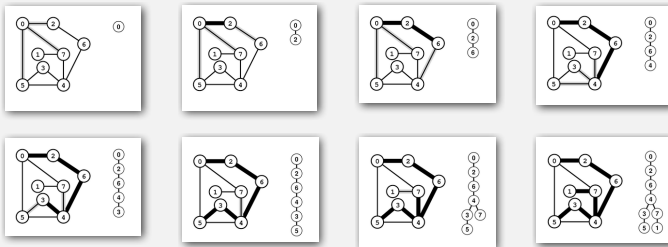
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## Keeping track of paths with DFS

**DFS tree.** Upon visiting a vertex  $v$  for the first time, remember that you came from  $\text{pred}[v]$  (parent-link representation).

**Retrace path.** To find path between  $s$  and  $v$ , follow  $\text{pred}[]$  back from  $v$ .



# Challenge

- Use pygame for animation of graphs.
- Reconfig when adding and removing nodes and edges (use graphviz for layout).
- Show animation of algorithm.
- Use it to test out your understanding of the algorithms.