

Lab 7

- the Stack in getPath is for reversing – don't change it to Queue or PriorityQueue for #3, #4!

– tracing the “discovered from” info back from the goal yields the rooms on the solution path in reverse order – want path from start to goal

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/**
 * Get the solution path, from the start to the goal. Requires that the solver
 * be done.
 *
 * @return solution path (the list is empty if the maze is unsolvable)
 */
@Override
public List<MazePos> getPath () {
    if ( !isDone() ) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("solver isn't done!");
    }

    // TODO [#2] create an empty Stack (holding MazePos) to hold the rooms found
    // on the path

    // find the rooms on the solution path from the "discovered from"
    // information
    for ( MazePos current = maze.getGoal(); current != null;
        // TODO [#2] update current to be the room current was discovered from
        ) {
        // TODO [#2] add current to the rooms on the path
    }

    // TODO [#2] create an empty List (holding MazePos) to hold the path

    // TODO [#2] one-by-one, remove all of the rooms from the stack and add them
    // to the path list

    // TODO [#2] return the path
    return null;
}
```

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- Stack, Queue, PriorityQueue operations
 - for various reasons, there are multiple methods for adding and removing
 - for Stack, prefer push() and pop()
 - these are the traditional names for stack operations, so using them makes the code clearer
 - for Queue and PriorityQueue, prefer add() and remove()
 - these are more traditional names for adding and removing, so using them makes the code clearer
 - offer() and poll() return special values instead of throwing exceptions if the queue is full or empty – it is easy to let those go unchecked, making bugs harder to find

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- instance variables should be private
- declare variables of the most general applicable type
 - Stack, Queue, PriorityQueue
 - Set, Map