



SOLUTION: Moving Boston's Tartarean Abominations



This is a puzzle about silly images representing MBTA stops. The reference material that may be helpful in the Copley area is the multiple physical maps of T stops, but the information can be obtained online as well.

The left and right images both correspond to T stations that are accessible to each other via one line. The only one not on a main line is UPHAMS CORNER, on the Commuter Rail, as clued by the purple train in the bottom right of the image.

After identifying the stations, we take the instructions from the flavor text ("count (from the start) how many places they stopped (including the start and finish))---and we index into the first station by the total number of stops visited on each trip. Reading in provided order gives the answer ROUTER.

| First Stop | Last Stop | Number of Stops (including ends) | Index into First Stop |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BRIGHAM CIRCLE | LONGWOOD MEDICAL AREA | 2 | R |
| WONDERLAND | REVERE BEACH | 2 | O |
| SOUTH STATION | UPHAMS CORNER | 3 | U |
| HAYMARKET | ROXBURY CROSSING | 9 | T |
| BRAINTREE | BROADWAY | 8 | E |
| PACKARDS CORNER | BLANDFORD ST | 6 | R |