Simulates annealing

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import random
import math
N = 4
def cost(state):
   """Compute number of attacking queen pairs."""
   conflicts = 0
   for i in range(N):
       for j in range(i+1, N):
            if state[i] == state[j] or abs(state[i] - state[j]) == abs(i - j):
                conflicts += 1
    return conflicts
def random_neighbor(state):
   """Generate a neighbor by moving one queen to another row."""
   neighbor = state.copy()
   col = random.randrange(N)
   new row = random.randrange(N-1)
   if new_row >= neighbor[col]:
       new row += 1
   neighbor[col] = new_row
   return neighbor
def simulated_annealing(
   T0=5.0, alpha=0.995, Tmin=1e-6, max_iters=50000
):
   state = [random.randrange(N) for _ in range(N)]
   current_cost = cost(state)
   T = T0
   it = 0
   while T > Tmin and it < max_iters and current_cost != 0:
       neighbor = random_neighbor(state)
       neighbor_cost = cost(neighbor)
       delta = neighbor_cost - current_cost
       if delta <= 0 or random.random() < math.exp(-delta / T):</pre>
            state, current cost = neighbor, neighbor cost
       T *= alpha
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def print_board(state):
    """Pretty-print the board."""
   for r in range(N):
        row = ""
        for c in range(N):
            row += "Q " if state[c] == r else ". "
        print(row)
    print()
solution, c = simulated_annealing()
print("Final state (col -> row):", solution)
print("Cost:", c)
print("\nBoard:")
print_board(solution)
Final state (col -> row): [1, 3, 0, 2]
Cost: 0
Board:
. . Q .
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