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9 DAA -

N-Queen Problem using Backtracking

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Problem Analysis:-

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The problem is to find an arrangement of N queens on a chess board, such that no queen can attack any other queens on board.

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The chess queens can attack in any direction as horizontal, vertical, & diagonal way.

Binary matrix is used to display the position of N queens, where no queens can attack other queens.
[$N \times N$ board]

INPUT:- $N=4$

step-1:-

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | Q ₁ | | | |
| 2 | | | Q ₂ | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |

First column first
row now for second
we can't place it
in 2nd colm
(dia.) so placed
in 3rd column.

now for 3rd queen
we can't place it in
column 1 bcz Q₁ is
there not in 2nd &
4th because then it'll
be diagonally placed with
Q₂ not in 3rd also
because Q₂ is placed
there so... placing Q₁
in second column...

step-2:-

| 1 | | Q ₁ | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2 | | | | Q ₂ |
| 3 | Q ₃ | | | |
| 4 | | | Q ₄ | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Q₂ → 4th (not 1, 2, 3 possible)
Q₃ → 1st (2 → Q₁
3, 4 → Q₂)
Q₄ → 3rd (1, 2 → Q₃, Q₁
3, 4 → Q₂)

(Trace for: row, column, dia.)
rule defined

9 other solution possible? yes. (mirror image)

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11 placing Q_1 in 3rd column...

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|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | | | Q_1 | |
| 2 | Q_2 | | | |
| 3 | | | | Q_3 |
| 4 | | Q_4 | | |

\therefore (no violations are caused.)

\rightarrow row, col, diag.

Algorithm:-

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Algorithm place (k, i)

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// return true if Q is placed at k th row and i th column,

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// return false otherwise

// $x[]$ is a global integer array

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{

for $j=1$ to $(k-1)$ do

if $(x[j] = i)$ // in same col

or $(abs(x[j] - i) = abs(j - k))$ // diag same

return false

return true

}

Algorithm Nqueens(k, n)
 // using backtracking

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 for $i=1$ to n do

 if (place(k, i)) then

$x[k]=i$

 // store col in x array

 if ($k == n$) then

 print($x[1:n]$) // print soln

 else

 Nqueens($k+1, n$) // recursive

Time complexity:-

$O(n^n)$: it will trace every position on an $n \times n$ board n times for n queens.