

n_queen(4, Solution) :-

 %create a list of 4 dummy variables

 length(Solution, 4),

 queen(Solution, 4). %search for a configuration of 4 queens

%returns a list of integer from K to 4 included es up2N(1,3,X) X = [1,2,3]

up2N(N,N,[N]) :-!.

up2N(K,N,[K|Tail]) :- K < N, K1 is K+1, up2N(K1, N, Tail).

queen([],_). %No queens is a solution for any 4 queens problem. All queens are in a safe position.

queen([Q|Qlist],4) :-

 queen(Qlist, 4), %first we solve the subproblem

 %we then generate all possible positions for queen Q

 up2N(1,4,Candidate_positions_for_queenQ),

 %we pick one of such position

 member(Q, Candidate_positions_for_queenQ),

 %we check whether the queen Q is safe

 check_solution(Q,Qlist, 1).

check_solution(_,[], _).

check_solution(Q,[Q1|Qlist],Xdist) :-

 Q =\= Q1, %not on the same row

 Test is abs(Q1-Q),

 Test =\= Xdist, %diagonal distance

 Xdist1 is Xdist + 1,

 check_solution(Q,Qlist,Xdist1).