

• Backtracking DFS

Finding solution incrementally by trying different options and undoing them if they lead to a dead end (the algo back tracks to previous decision point and explores a different path until a solⁿ is found or all possibilities have been exhausted).

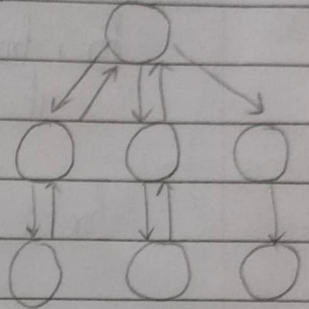
i) choose initial solution

ii) Explore all possible outcomes / extensions

iii) If an extension leads to solⁿ, return it.

iv) If an extension doesn't lead to a solⁿ, backtrack to previous solⁿ and try another.

v) Repeat (ii) to (iv) until all solⁿs are explored.

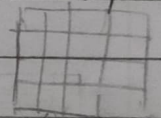


• N-Queens :-

straight

In chess, queen can move \sim in row, column, and diagonal.

Here, we place the queens in such a way that they don't kill each other. Place queens successively in columns beginning from left and moving from top to bottom. If it's not possible to place a queen in a column, we backtrack to previous column and move the queen down.



function solveNQueens(n): Main function

result = [] initialize empty list

initialize board = empty 2D array of size $n \times n$

call Utility fn. solveNQueensUtil(board, 0, n, result) for backtracking

return result.

state of board

current column

size of board

list of solutions

function solveNQueensUtil(board, col, n, result): recursive backtracking

explores all possible combinations of queen placements

if col == n: all queens have been placed

result.append(copy(board)) copies board to result.

return

→ iterates from each row in current column (col)

for row from 0 to n-1:

if isSafe(board, row, col, n): a queen in that position
board[row][col] = 1 if its safe, it marks the position with 1

calls itself recursively for next column

← solveNQueensUtil(board, col+1, n, result)
board[row][col] = 0 unmarks position '0' before backtracking

function isSafe(board, row, col, n):

for i from 0 to col-1:

if board[row][i] == 1:

return false

for i, j in zip(range(row-1, -1, -1), range(col-1, -1, -1)):

if board[i][j] == 1:

return false

for i, j in zip(range(row+1, n), range(col-1, -1, -1)):

if board[i][j] == 1:

return false

return true

Fixed:-

function isSafe(board, row, col, n):

for i from 0 to col-1:

if board[row][i] == 1:

return false

Conflict

for i from row-1 down to 0:

for j from col-1 down to 0:

if board[i][j] == 1:

return false

Conflict

for i from row+1 to n-1:

for j from col-1 down to 0:

if board[i][j] == 1:

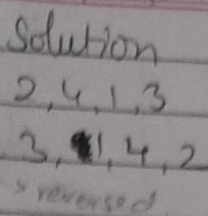
return false

Conflict

return true

none violated above

This is mostly Python based fts. Fixed version up ahead



Time Complexity :-

Best: $O(n^2)$: Worst: Avg

Space : $O(n)$

→ DFS

Hamiltonian Circuit

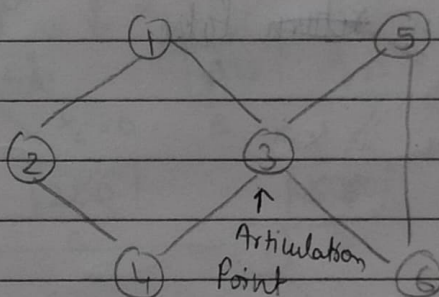
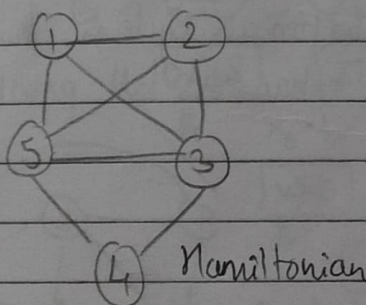
NP Complete Problem

Cycle that visits every vertex of G exactly once and returns to the starting vertex

In this we have to show all the Hamiltonian paths.

If there's a path $'1, 2, 3, 4, 1'$,

Then we can't have other paths like '2,3,4,1,2'



Not Hamiltonian

function hamiltonian Cycle (adjacency Matrix) :

n = size of adjacency matrix

$x =$ array of size $n+1$

Store Hamiltonian cycle

used = array of size $n+1$ keep track of visited vertices

for i from 1 to n :

used[i] = false

indicate that no arrays have been used.

$x[1] = 1$ cycle starts from here

used $[i] = \text{true}$ and marks it as visited.

starting from 2nd vertex

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recursive function is called

if $\text{rHamiltonian}(\text{adjacency Matrix}, 2, x, \text{used}, n)$:
return x

else:

return false

function $\text{rHamiltonian}(\text{adjacency Matrix}, k, x, \text{used}, n)$:

if $k == n + 1$: all vertices have been visited

if $\text{adjacency Matrix}[x[n]][x[1]]$ check if there's an edge from last vertex to first to complete cycle
return true

else:

return false

for v from 2 to n : iterates over vertices v from 2 to n

considering not visited & connected to previous vertex $x[k-1]$, it is added to cycle

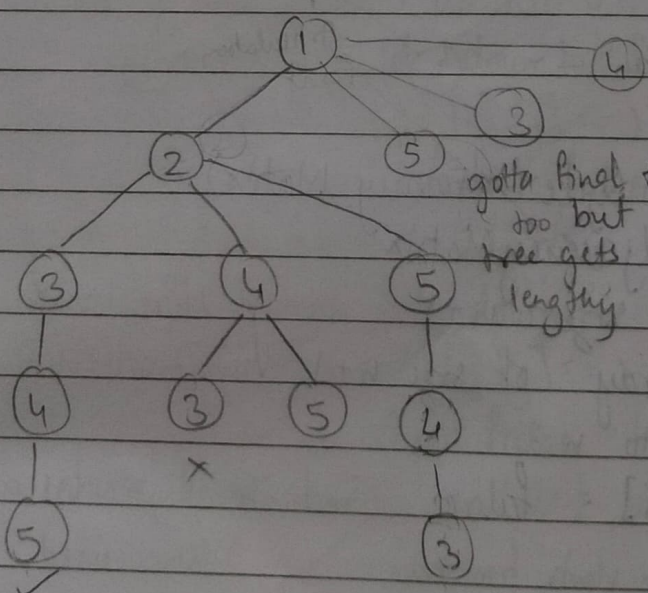
if not used $[v]$ and $\text{adjacency Matrix}[x[k-1]][v]$:
 $x[k] = v$

used $[v] = \text{true}$ and marked as visited

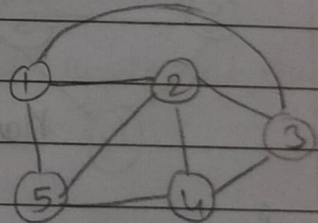
if $\text{rHamiltonian}(\text{adjacency Matrix}, k+1, x, \text{used}, n)$:
return true and the function is

if no valid vertex is found \leftarrow used $[v] = \text{false}$ recursively called to extend for k , it backtracks by $x[k] = 0$ the cycle further

return ~~return~~ false if no Hamiltonian cycle is found after exhausting all possibilities and resets its value in x



gotta find these too but tree gets lengthy



	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	1	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	1	1
3	1	1	0	1	0
4	0	1	1	0	1
5	1	1	0	1	0

Solutions :- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

Time Complexity : $O(N!)$

Space Complexity : $O(1)$

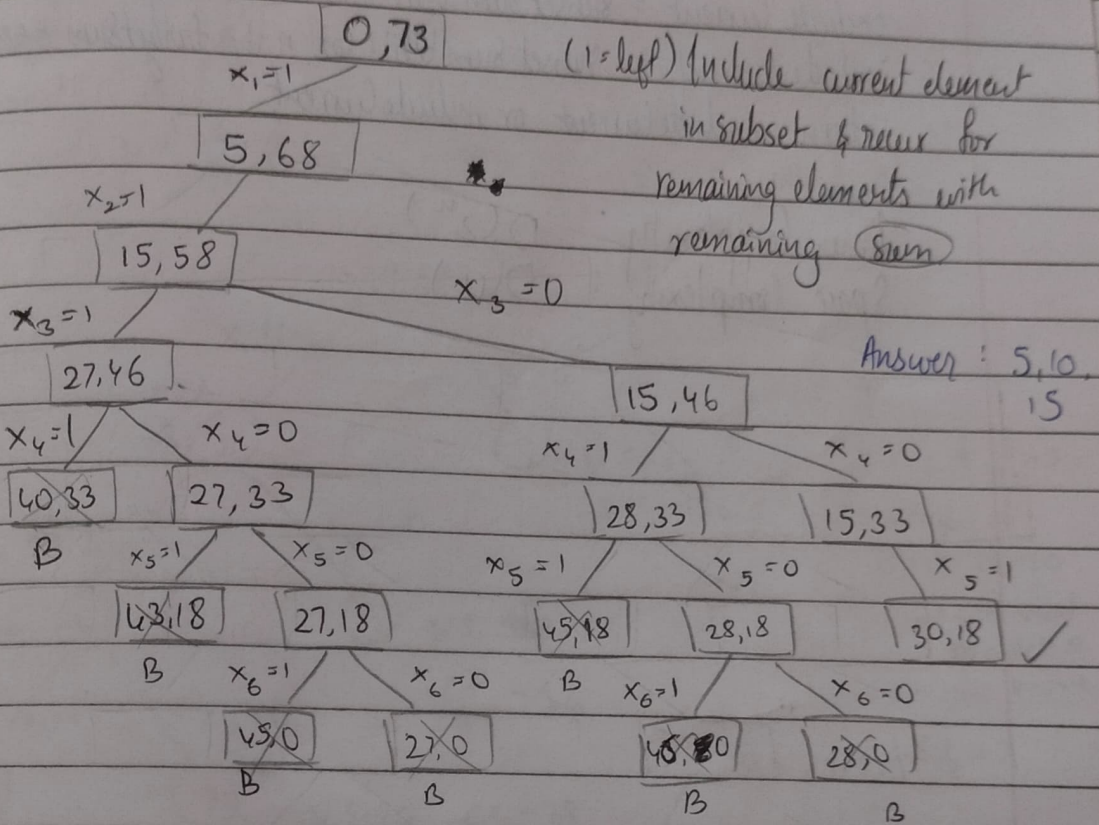
and 1, 2, 5, 4, 3, 1

\sim no. of vertices

No extra space used.

Sum of Subsets

Set I of non-negative values is given along with a sum, solution should be subset whose sum is \sim given sum
 $w[1:6] = \{5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18\}$ $n=6$ $m=30$



(0 = right) Exclude current element from subset and recur for the remaining elements.

If the sum becomes 0, print elements of current subset.

function subsetSum (num, targetSum):

n = size of nums

dp = 2D array of size

function subsetSum (set, targetSum):

n = size of set

return subsetSum (set, n, targetSum)

function subsetSum (set, n, targetSum):

if targetSum == 0:

return true subset with sum = Target Sum has been found, so true is returned

if n == 0 or targetSum < 0: no subset is possible for sum = Target Sum, so, false

return false

excludeCurrent = subsetSum Util (set, n-1, targetSum)

includeCurrent = subsetSum Util (set, n-1, targetSum - set[n-1])

return excludeCurrent or includeCurrent

Time Complexity : $O(2^n)$

Space Complexity : $O(n)$