Backtracking Striver sir lecture Notes 📒

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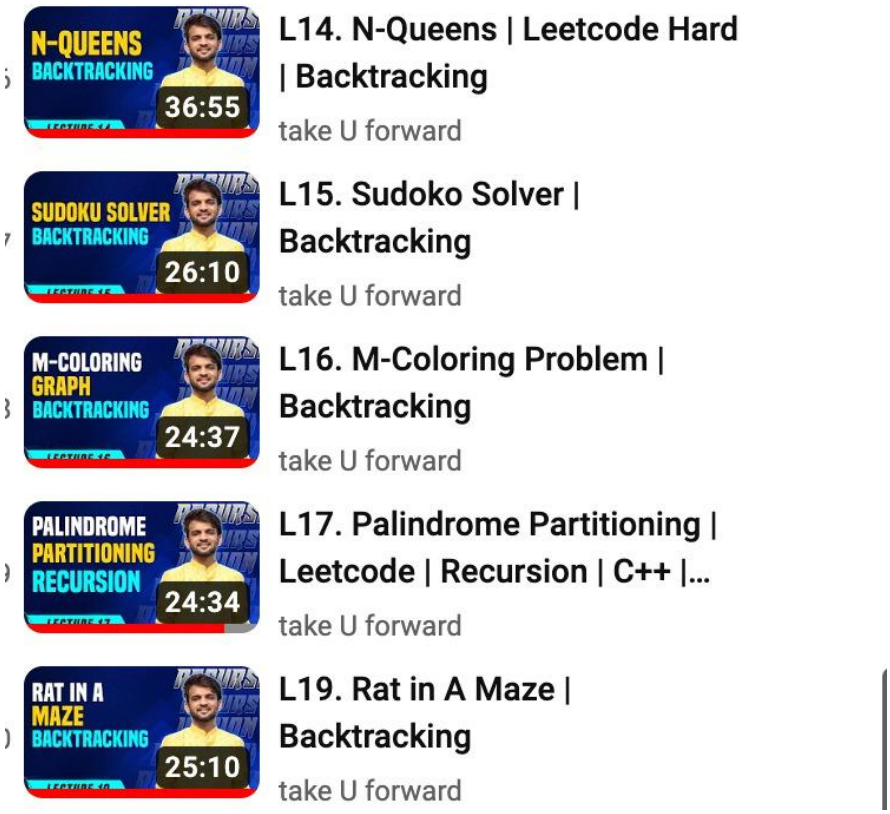

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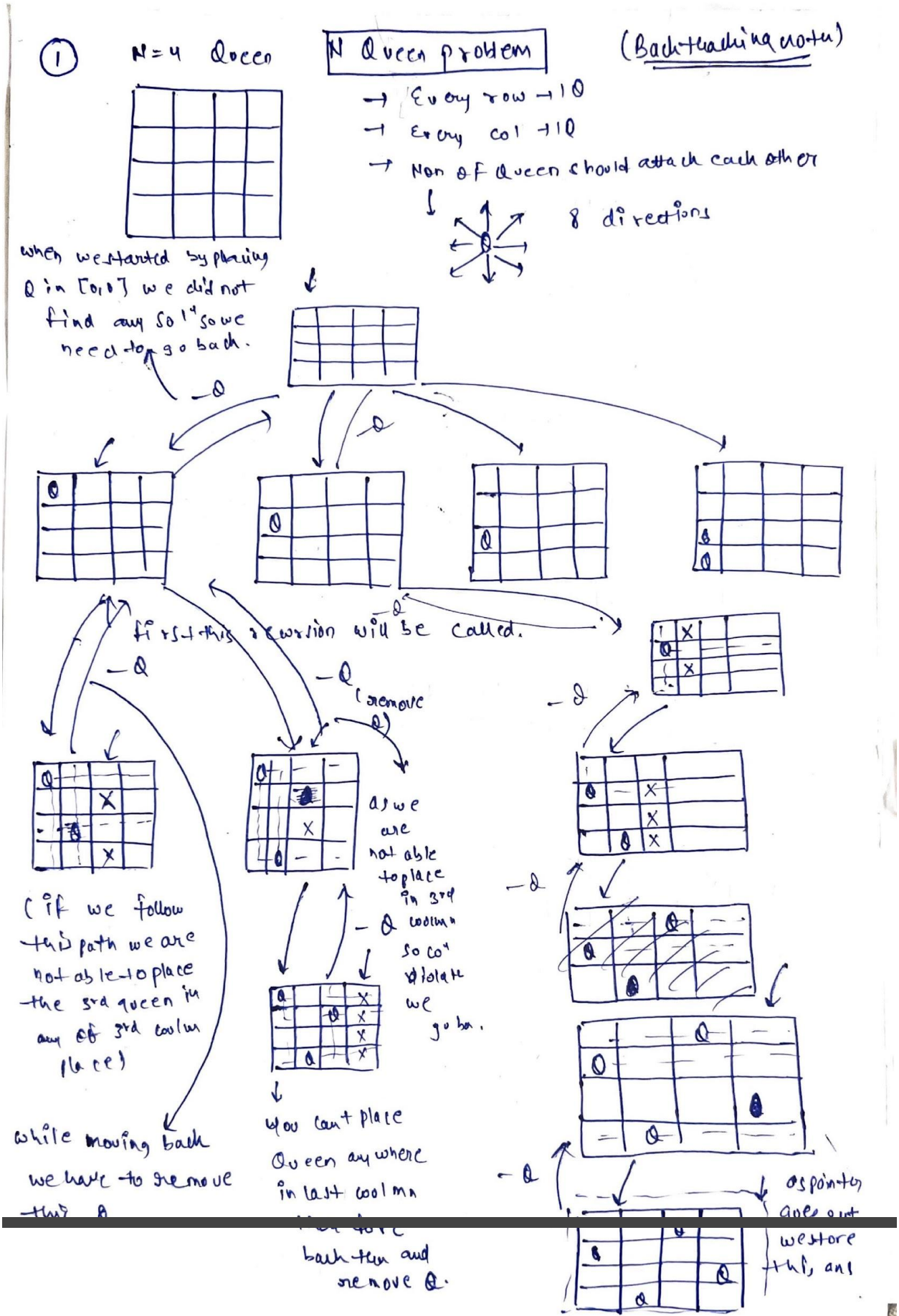

(1) N=4 Queen
N Queen problem
(Backtracking method)
→ Every row → 1Q
→ Every col → 1Q
→ Non of Queen should attack each other
8 directions
when we started by placing Q in [0,0] we did not find any sol^n so we need to go back.
-Q
first this recursion will be called.
-Q
-Q (remove Q)
-Q
(if we follow this path we are not able to place the 3rd queen in any of 3rd coulm place)
as we are not able to place in 3rd coulmn so col^n violate we go back.
-Q
while moving back we have to remove this Q
You can't place Queen anywhere in last coulmn
back then and remove Q.
-Q
-Q
as pointer are out we store this, and

Structure of code

```
f( col)
{  for ( i=0 --> n-1)
   if ( Aij )
   {mat[new][col] = 0
      f(col+1)
      empty
   }
}
```

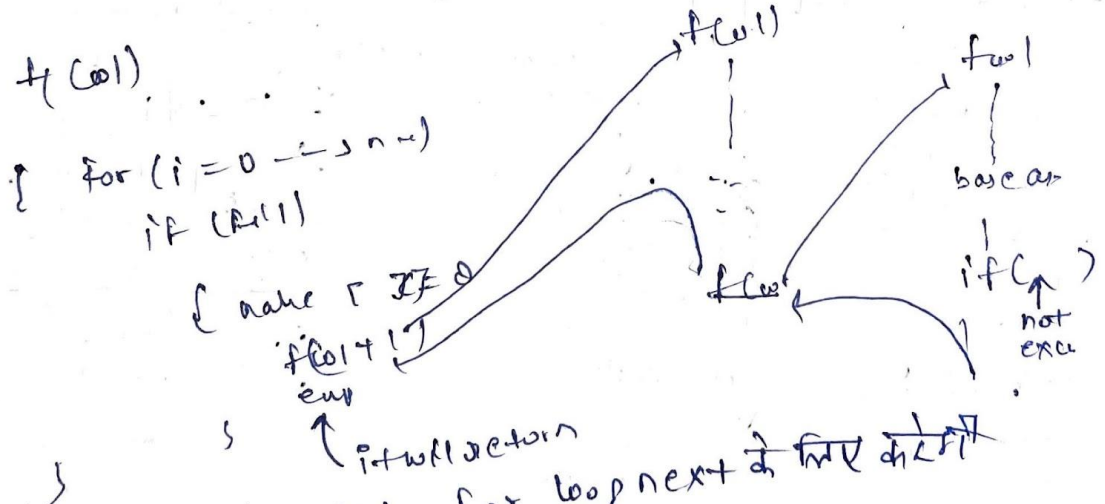
checking is it possible to fill or not

(0 ने add करना, matrix में)

जब fill कर दिया तब next col पे move कर गए'

when this recursion will be complete remove 0

Q or work safe na hua तो backtrack करते हुए pick e jaya जहाँ से call किया था where hua tha.



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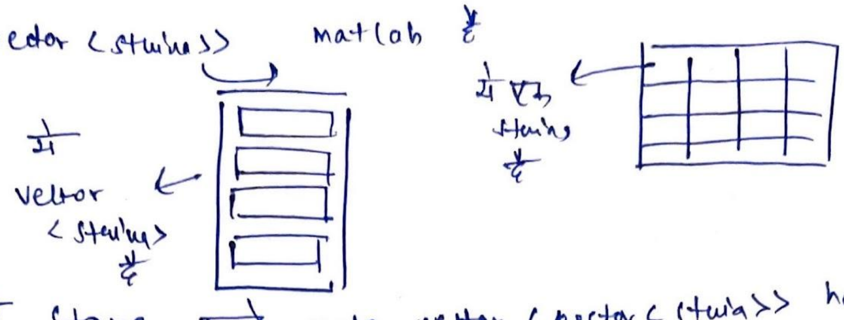
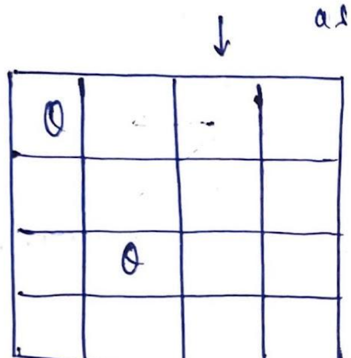
vector<vector<string>> matlab है

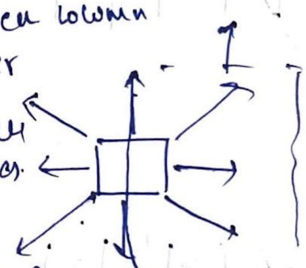


ab इसमें store करने वाले vector<vector<string>> honge जो possible ans store करेंगे।

now we need to write the function to check whether it is safe to fill up or not.



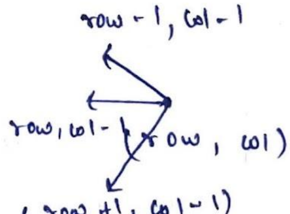
as we are placing queen once in a column so we don't need to check column neither these all places.



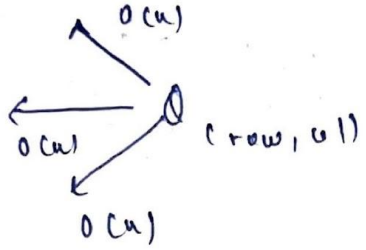
By checking in these three direction we can be sure about placing queen

** Queen can attack any in this direction

So we won't just check in adjacent rather we will run a loop till the end to check.

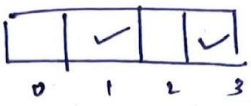


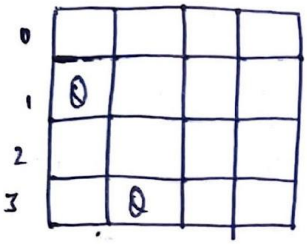
स्टार्ट index आ रहा है उस के लिए we will run the loop.



· we can optimise this checking code using hashing

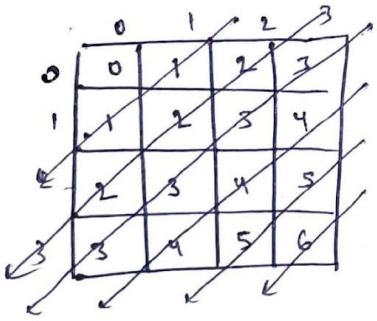
Now for case of row checking we can maintain a array mark it for all the row Q has been put in.





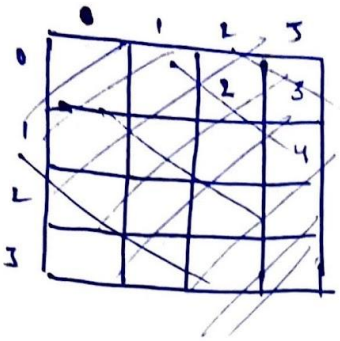
whenever placing into new row we can check this array

for diagonal we need to observe pattern.

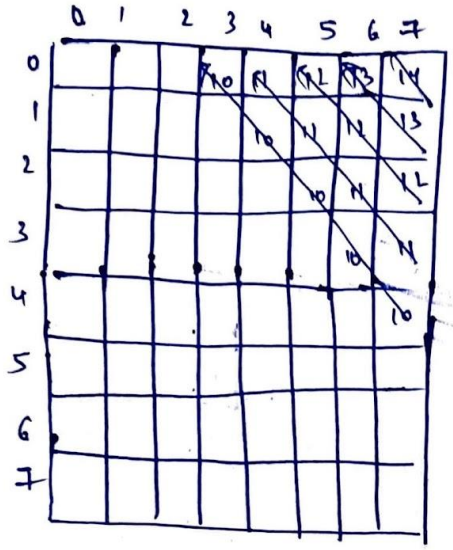


we can observe this pattern which will therefore in an N×N matrix
i+j = K for a diagonal, both of sum.

* so we can make an array. of 2n-1 size and in that if at any index we place a Q we will mark i+j value index →



n = 8



now we need to fill it for

this diagonal

for that we will use a formula

n-1 + col - row

8-1 + 7 - 0 = 14

8 - 1 + 6 - 0 = 13

8 - 1 + 7 - 1 = 13

So again this we will make an array of 2n-1 size and hash the values.

(n-1 + j - i) should be marked 1 for any index we place.

So now in recursion we pass left row, upper Diagonal. and lower diagonal and check if they are zero put 'Q' in specified row and column and mark them 1 and then call recursion once recursion returns on making call and removing Q by replacing it with blank.

Sudoku Solver !

① The digit 1-9 only appears once in any row or col and in 3×3 matrix

① Traverse the matrix to figure out empty places

② when empty place found try all possible combinations for it for each number call is valid function

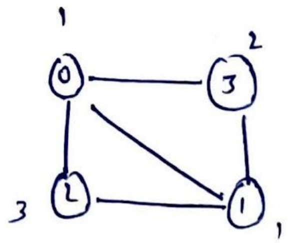
③
```
if( isvalid(board,i,j,c))
{   board[i][j]=c;
    if(solve(board)==true)
        return true;
}   else
        board[i][j]='.';
return false.
```

④ if there are never an empty cell ∴ at last true is returned.

Imp `board[3*(row/3)+i/3][3*(col/3)+i%3]=c` to traverse in small matrix.

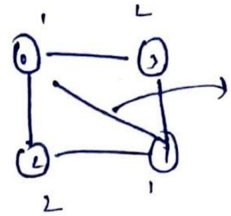
M Coloring of Graph !

You have to use max of m colours such a way that nodes in graph are having same colour.



N=3

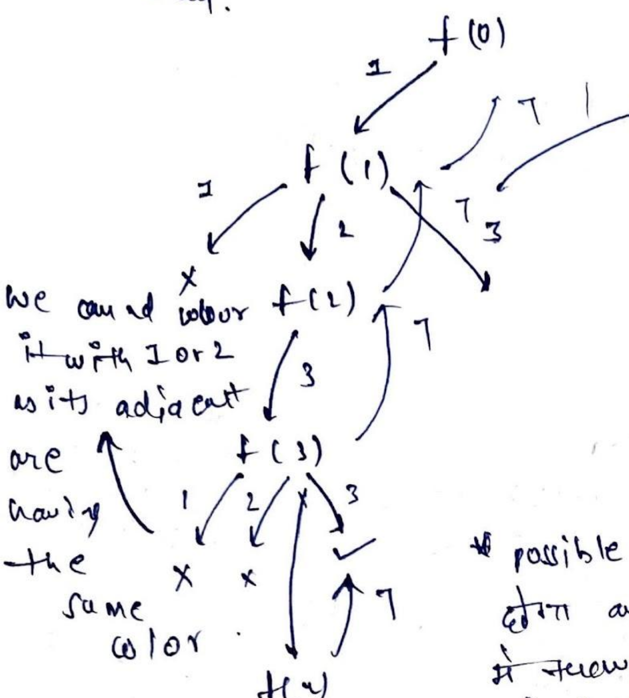
✓ can color



M=2

∴ not possible

* lets try colouring every node with all the possible way.



→ we have also posibility at various nodes of colouring but as the question is can we so ∴ when we reach at node N = 4 the we keep on returning true.

* possible fuction में कुछ नहीं node दिया होगा and color and uske adjacent में traverse करो and देखो r adjace में किसी का color वोह तो नहीं है

f(node)

```
{   if (node == N) return True;
    for (col = (1 ⟶ m))   → a fuction to chech if col that node with that particular color possible or not
    {  if (possible)
       { color [node] = col
         if (f(node+1) == T)
            return T
         else  color [node] = 0
       }
    }
} return false.
```

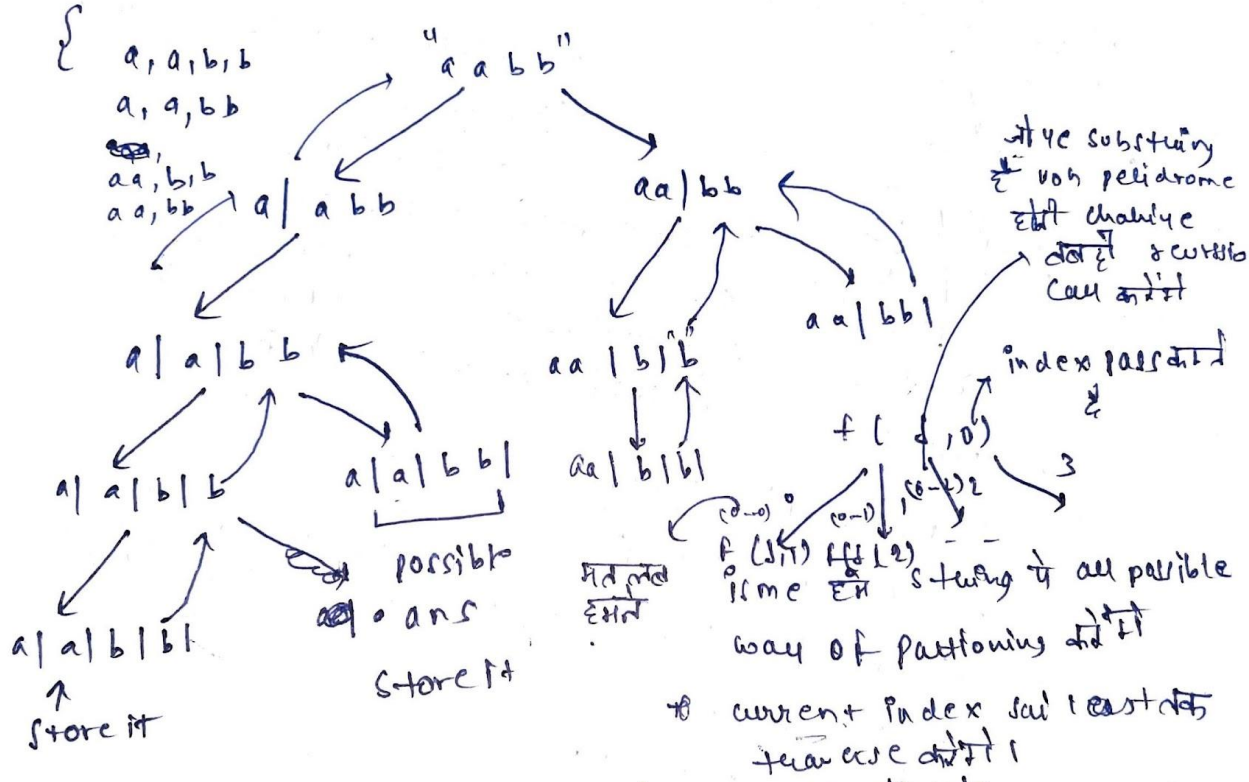
→ after trying for all the color if it won't be possible then we return false.

TC → (N^m)

SC → O(N) + O(N)

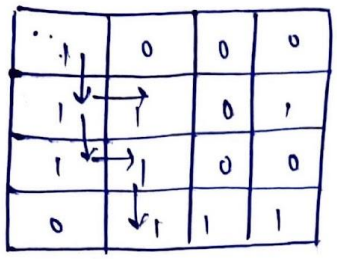
Palindrome Partitioning

* whevor you reach the end your recursion call is over it means that you are able to partition then we back track.



** whevor we make tree diagram we try to make all to our given constrains and based on concision of recursion tree we tell how the recursion would be called.

Rat in A Maze :



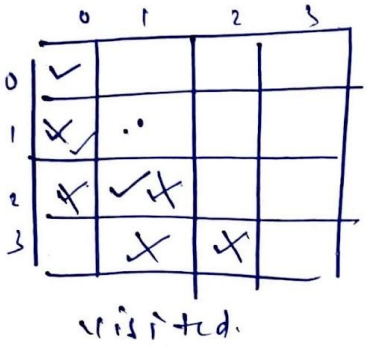
→ we will maintain an string in which we would keep adding the order

→ we would start traversing in D L R U fashion as we want lexographical order

→ we also maintain a visited array bcoz we don't want to visit same again and have now and co!.

f(0, 0, "")

D | L | R | U



visited.

f(0, 0, "")

D | L | R | U

f(1, 0, "D")

D | L | R | U

f(1, 1, UR)

D | L | R | U

f(2, 0, "DD")

D | L | R | U

on 4 possible option while backtr. but at (2,0) we don't go upward so we back tr.

now for this as we have gone through Down so we will take from L, R, U

always remember we'll continue from where we left if possib

f(1, 1, DDRU)

non possible we get it.

f(2, 1, "DDR")

D | L | R | U

f(3, 1, "DDRD")

D | L | R | U

[whenever u backtrack pls unmark the visited.]

f(3, 2, "DDRDR")

D | L | R | U

f(3, 3, "DDRDRR")

4e possible ans