

Lab 3: HillClimbing_N_Queens

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import random

def heuristic(state):
    """Calculate the number of conflicts between queens."""
    conflicts = 0
    n = len(state)
    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 generate_neighbors(state):
    """Generate all neighboring states by swapping two queens."""
    neighbors = []
    n = len(state)
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(i + 1, n):
            # Swap queens at positions i and j
            new_state = state.copy()
            new_state[i], new_state[j] = new_state[j], new_state[i]
            neighbors.append(new_state)
    return neighbors

def print_board(state):
    """Print the board configuration."""
    n = len(state)
    board = [["_ " for _ in range(n)] for _ in range(n)]
    for row in range(n):
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        board[row][state[row]] = "Q"
    for line in board:
        print(" ".join(line))
    print()

def get_user_input(n):
    """Get initial state from user input."""
    while True:
        try:
            input_state = input(f"Enter the initial positions for {n} queens (0 to {n-1}, space-separated): ")
            positions = list(map(int, input_state.split()))
            if len(positions) != n or any(p < 0 or p >= n for p in positions):
                raise ValueError
            return positions
        except ValueError:
            print(f"Invalid input. Please enter exactly {n} numbers between 0 and {n-1}.")

def hill_climbing(n):
    """Perform the Hill-Climbing algorithm using the swapping technique."""
    # Get initial state from user
    current_state = get_user_input(n)
    current_cost = heuristic(current_state)

    print("Initial State:")
    print_board(current_state)
    print(f"Initial Heuristic (Conflicts): {current_cost}\n")

    while current_cost > 0:
        neighbors = generate_neighbors(current_state)

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next_state = None
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next_cost = current_cost # Initialize with the current cost
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for neighbor in neighbors:
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    cost = heuristic(neighbor)
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    print(f"Evaluating Neighbor:")
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    print_board(neighbor)
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    print(f"Heuristic (Conflicts): {cost}")
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    # Update the next state if a better (lower cost) neighbor is found
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    if cost < next_cost:
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        next_cost = cost
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        next_state = neighbor
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if next_state is None: # Local maximum reached
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    print("Local maximum reached. No better neighbors found.")
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    break # Exit the loop
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# Move to the best neighbor found
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print("Moving to Next State:")
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current_state = next_state
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current_cost = next_cost
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print_board(current_state)
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print(f"Heuristic (Conflicts): {current_cost}\n")
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return current_state, current_cost # Return the best found state and its cost
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# Run the algorithm for the 4-queens problem
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n = 4 # Change this value for different sizes of the board
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solution, solution_cost = hill_climbing(n)

print("Best Solution Found:")

print_board(solution)

print(f"Final Heuristic (Conflicts): {solution_cost}")

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output:

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Enter the initial positions for 4 queens (0 to 3, space-separated): 2
Invalid input. Please enter exactly 4 numbers between 0 and 3.
Enter the initial positions for 4 queens (0 to 3, space-separated): 1 2 0 3
Initial State:
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
. . . Q

Initial Heuristic (Conflicts): 1

Evaluating Neighbor:
. . Q .
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . . Q

Heuristic (Conflicts): 4
Evaluating Neighbor:
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
. . . Q

Heuristic (Conflicts): 2
Evaluating Neighbor:
. . . Q
. . Q .
Q . . .
. Q . .

Heuristic (Conflicts): 2
Evaluating Neighbor:
. Q . .

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Q . . .  
. . Q .  
. . . Q
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Heuristic (Conflicts): 2

Evaluating Neighbor:

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. Q . .  
. . . Q  
Q . . .  
. . Q .
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Heuristic (Conflicts): 0

Evaluating Neighbor:

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. Q . .  
. . Q .  
. . . Q  
Q . . .
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Heuristic (Conflicts): 4

Moving to Next State:

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. Q . .  
. . . Q  
Q . . .  
. . Q .
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Heuristic (Conflicts): 0

Best Solution Found:

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. Q . .  
. . . Q  
Q . . .  
. . Q .
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Final Heuristic (Conflicts): 0

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