

NCKU Programming Contest Training Course

Course 7

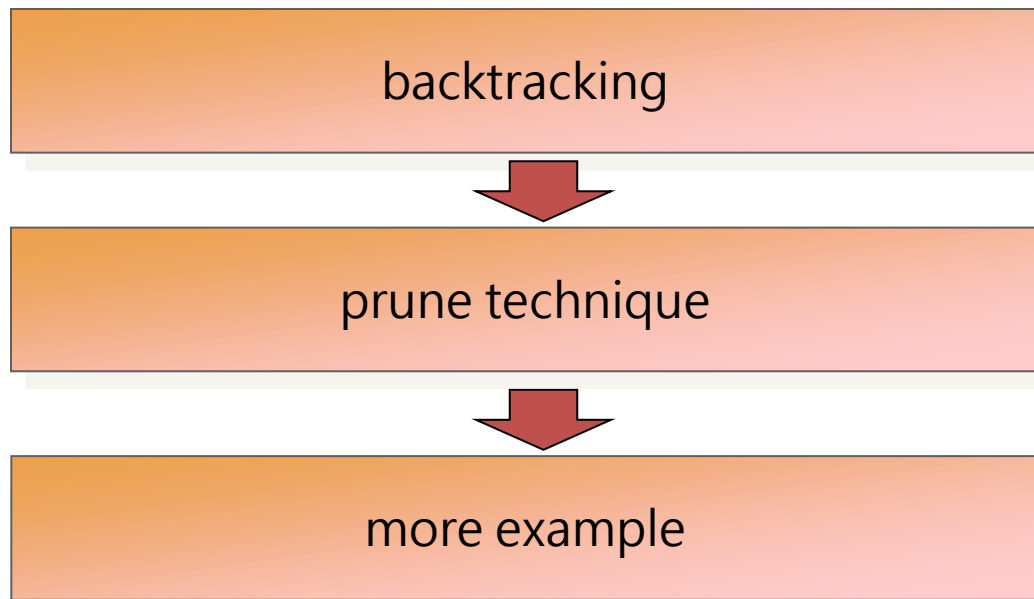
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Outline



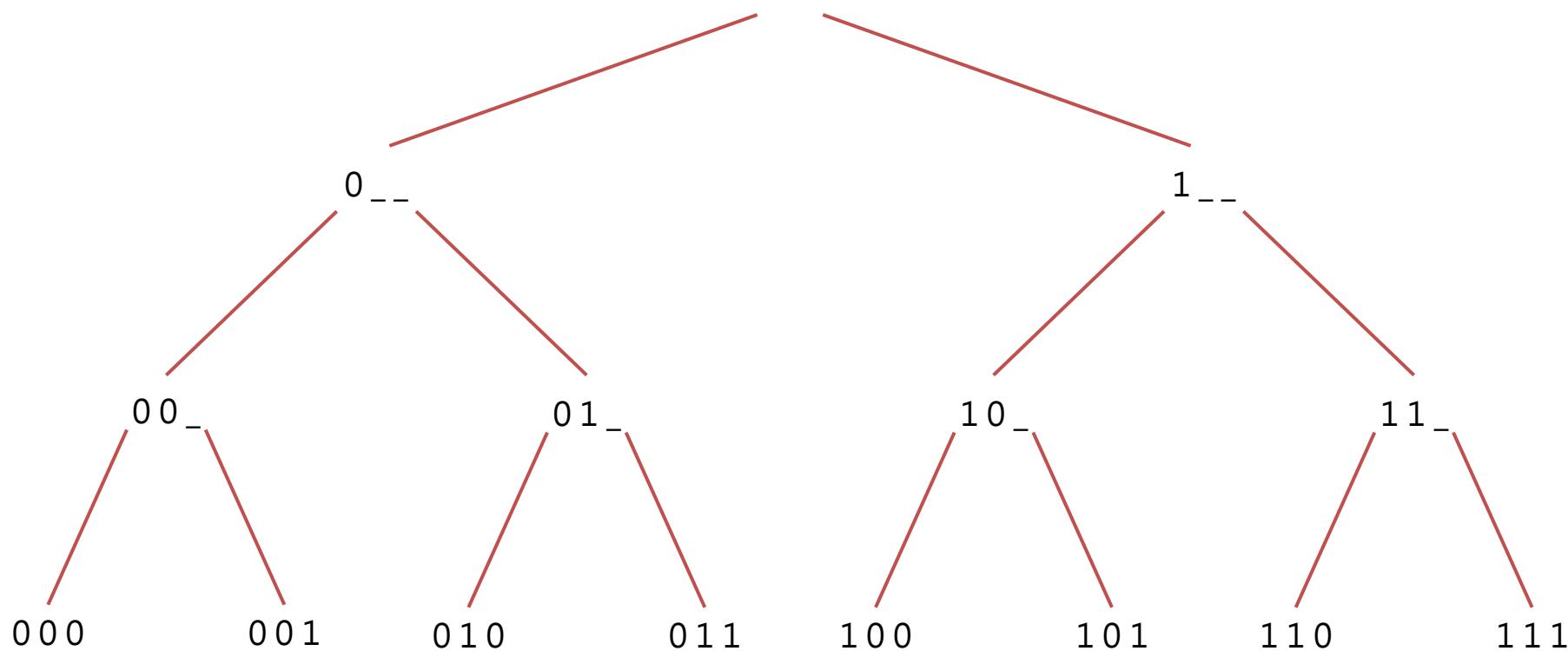
Backtracking

- Backtracking
 - a general algorithm for finding all (or some) solutions to some computational problem, that incrementally builds candidates to the solutions, and abandons each partial candidate c ("backtracks") as soon as it determines that c cannot possibly be completed to a valid solution
- Design Method
 - DFS based recursion
 - constraint setting



Backtracking

- Example of enumerating 3-bits gray codes



Backtracking

- General pseudo code

```
backtrack( [v1,...,vn] )  // [v1,...,vn] is multiple dimension vector
{
    /* a solution candidate */
    if ( [v1,...,vn] is well-generated ){
        if ( [v1,...,vn] is a solution ) process solution;
        return;
    }

    /* set constraints and recursion */
    for ( x = possible values of vn+1 ){
        set up constraints;
        backtrack( [v1,...,vn, x] );
        back up the constraints
    }
}

call backtrack( [] );  // call function
```



Backtracking

- Permutation
 - a permutation of a finite set S is a bi-jective map from S to itself; in other words, the any ordering of its element in a list
 - $S=\{1, 2, 3\}$, the permutation are as follows:
 - $\{1, 2, 3\} \{1, 3, 2\} \{2, 1, 3\} \{2, 3, 1\}, \{3, 1, 2\}, \{3, 2, 1\}$
- Algorithm
 - backtracking



Backtracking

- Pseudo code

```
int solution[MAX];    // a candidate
bool used[MAX];       // constraint
void permutation(int k, int n)    //the kth dimension
{
    if (k == n) // it's a solution
    {
        for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
            cout << solution[i] << " "; cout << endl;
    }
    else {
        for (int i=0; i<n; i++) // try to enumerate all possible number
            if (!used[i])
            {
                used[i] = true; // set constraint
                solution[k] = i; // set solution
                permutation(k+1, n); // recursive
                used[i] = false; // back up the constraint
            }
    }
}
```



Backtracking

- Subset enumeration
 - s is the subset of S means that all elements in s belong to S
 - $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 - s can be $\{1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \dots$
 - total 2^n
- Algorithm
 - backtracking



Backtracking

- Pseudo code

```
void backtrack(int n) // n is the dimension
{
    // it's a solution
    if (n == 3)
    {
        print_solution();
        return;
    }
    // take n and set constraint
    solution[n] = true;
    backtrack(n+1);
    // back up the constraint and take nothing
    solution[n] = false;
    backtrack(n+1);
}
```



Example - 1

- uva 441: loto

Sample Input

7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Sample Output

1 2 3 4 5 6

1 2 3 4 5 7

1 2 3 4 6 7

1 2 3 5 6 7

1 2 4 5 6 7

1 3 4 5 6 7

2 3 4 5 6 7

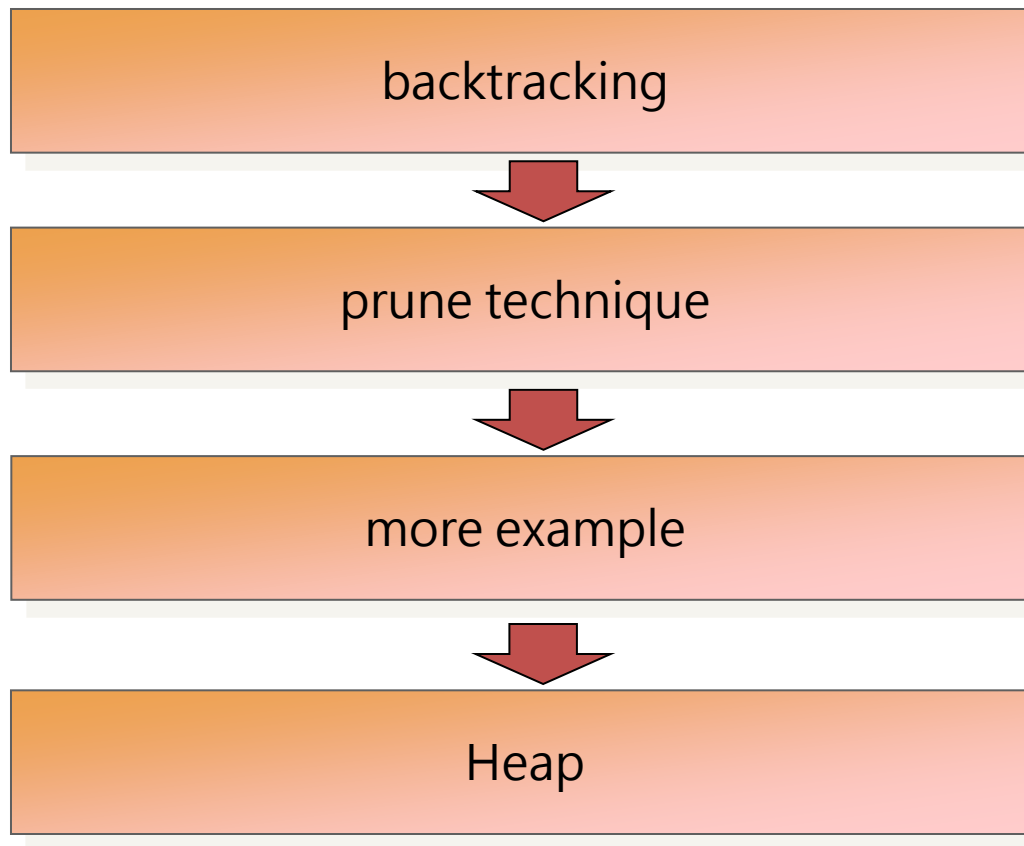


Exercise

- Problem 1: Permutation
 - input: N (1~10)
 - output: All permutation of 1~ N lexically
 - **example:**
 - $N=3$
 - {1, 2, 3} {1, 3, 2} {2, 1, 3} {2, 3, 1} {3, 1, 2} {3, 2, 1}
- Problem 2: Partition of string
 - input: string (length ≤ 10)
 - output: all possible partition
 - **example:**
 - string = "123"
 - (123) (1,23) (12,3) (1,2,3)



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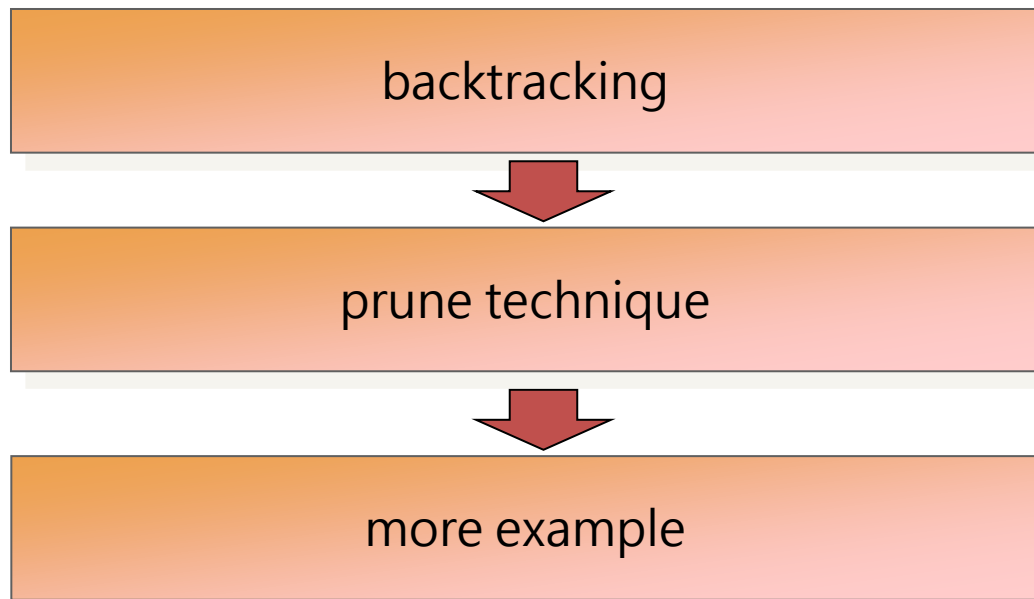


Prune Technique

- Prune
 - if can't be, return
 - cut the solution search tree
 - also referred to as branch and bound

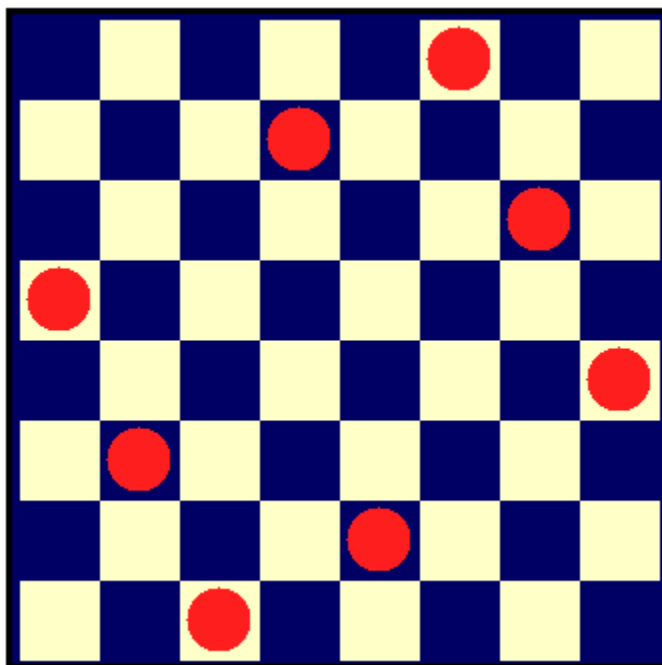


Outline



Queen Problem

- 8 Queen Problem (Uva 750)



Queen Problem

- Pseudo code

```
void backtrack(int x) // each row
{
    if (x == 8)        //find a solution
    {
        print_solution();
        return;
    }
    for (int y=0; y<8; ++y) // try and recursion
    {
        int d1 = (x+y) % 15, d2 = (x-y+15) % 15;
        if (!my[y] && !md1[d1] && !md2[d2]) {
            // set up the constraint
            my[y] = md1[d1] = md2[d2] = true;
            solution[x] = y;
            backtrack(x+1);
            // back up the constraint
            my[y] = md1[d1] = md2[d2] = false;
        }
    }
}
```



Sudoku Problem

- Sudoku Problem (ZJ2d060)

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9



Sudoku Problem

- Pseudo code

```
void backtrack(int x, int y)
{
    if (y == 9) x++, y = 0; // next row
    if (x == 9)           // a solution
    {
        print_solution();
        return;
    }
    // try and recursion
    for (int n=1; n<=9; ++n)
        if (!mx[x][n] && !my[y][n] && !mg[x/3][y/3][n])
        {
            mx[x][n] = my[y][n] = mg[x/3][y/3][n] = true;
            solution[x][y] = n;
            backtrack(x, y+1);
            mx[x][n] = my[y][n] = mg[x/3][y/3][n] = false;
        }
}
```



Homework 7

- Queen Problem
Uva 167 750 10513 639 750
- UVA (total 40 problems)
 - 861 10181 10128 10160 10032 10001 704 10270
 - 140 165 193 222 259 291 301 399 435 524 539 565 574 598
628 656 732 10624
- zero judge 2
 - d060(NCPC)



Thank You For Attention!

