

N-Queen(s) Problem

N - Queens problem is to place n - queens on an n x n chessboard in such a manner that no queens attack each other by being in the same row, column or diagonal. Following are one of the possible solutions for 4-queens and 8 queens respectively.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | q ₁ | |
| 2 | q ₂ | | | |
| 3 | | | | q ₃ |
| 4 | | q ₄ | | |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | q ₁ | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | q ₂ | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | q ₃ |
| 4 | | q ₄ | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | q ₅ | |
| 6 | q ₆ | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | q ₇ | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | q ₈ | | | |

Prior Knowledge

1- We can observe that, in any solution, no two queens can occupy the same Column, and consequently no column can be empty, and vice versa for rows

2- It can be seen that **for n =1, the problem has a trivial solution, and no solution exists for n =2 and n =3**. So first we will consider the 4 queens problem and then generate it to n - queens problem.

Tasks to Perform

1- Write a function generate (N) which takes N (Number of queens)and generate N*N board having N queens randomly placed on the board.

2- Write a function to search for the solution using **Hill climbing** (You can chose any variation of Hill climbing i.e. Stochastic, Steepest ascent, First Choice etc.)

3- Write a function to search for the possible solution using **Simulated Annealing**

4- Output both the solutions.

Note: You can build your code on the Lab Task of Week#7