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N-Queens Problem

Aim:

To write a python program to solve n-Queen problem

Algorithm

Step 1: Initialize a board

i) create an NXN chessboard initialized with all zero ('0'). It indicates no queen placed on that cell

Step 2: Place queens column by column

i) Start with the first column

ii) Try placing queen in each row of the current column

Step 3: check is placing queen is safe

i) No queens is in the same row

ii) No others is in the same upper diagnol

iii) No other queen is in the same lower diagnol.

Step 4: Recursion

i) If a safe position is found, place the queen ('1') and move to next column using recursion

Step 5: Base case

i) If all queens are successfully placed the algorithm returns 'True' indicating that the solution is found

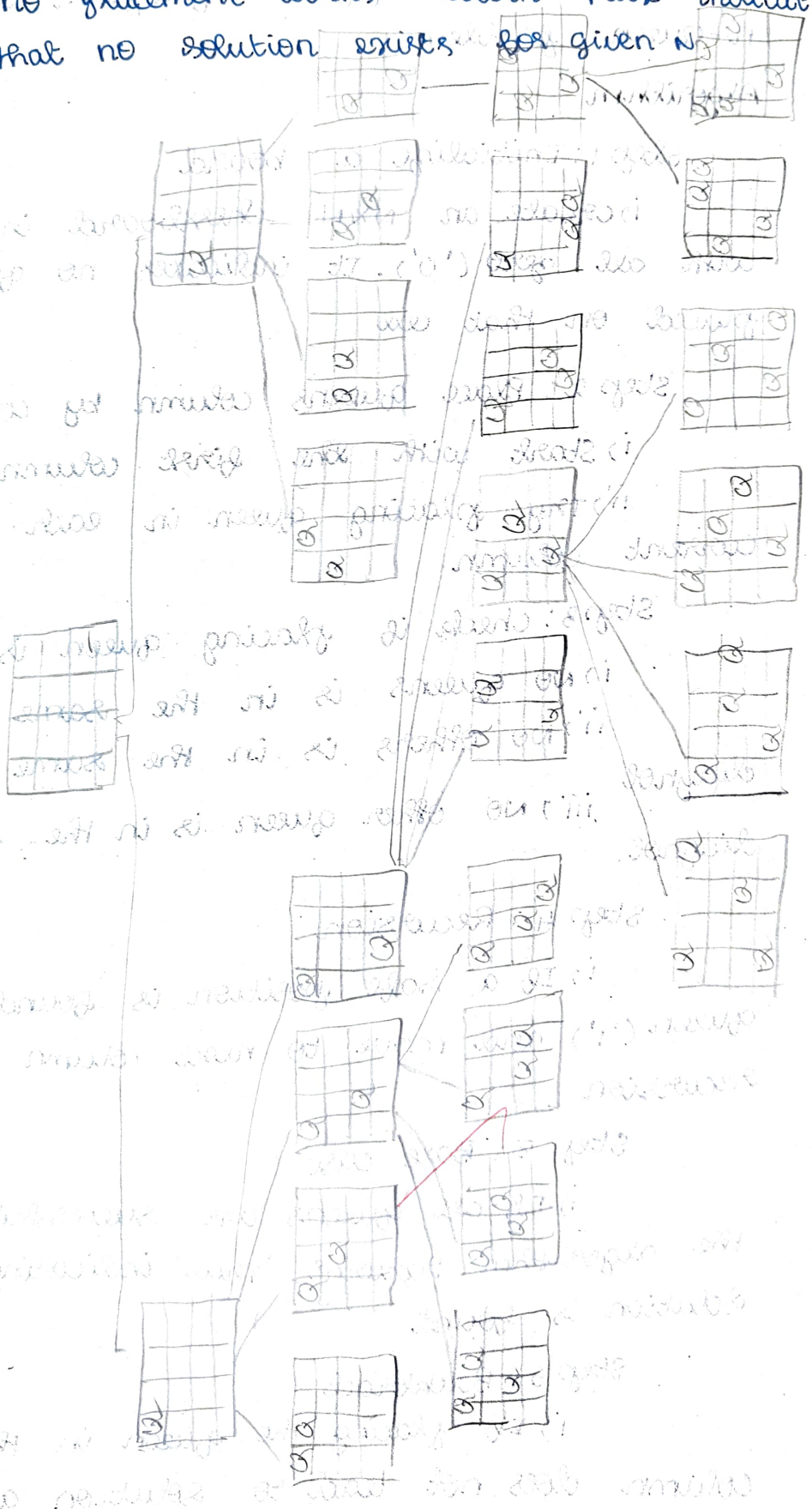
Step 6: Backtrack

i) If placing the queen in the current column does not lead to solution algorithm

backtracks to the previous column and tries next row

Step 7: NO solution

If algorithm exhausts all possibilities and no placement works return 'False' indicating that no solution exists for given N.



Program

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def is_safe(board, row, col, N):
    for i in range(col):
        if board[row][i] == 1:
            return False
    for i, j in zip(range(row, -1, -1), range(col, -1, -1)):
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
    for i, j in zip(range(row, N, 1), range(col, -1, -1)):
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
    return True
def solve_n_queens(board, col, N):
    if col >= N:
        return True
    for i in range(N):
        if is_safe(board, i, col, N):
            board[i][col] = 1
            if solve_n_queens(board, col+1, N):
                return True
            board[i][col] = 0
    return False
def print_board(board, N):
    for row in board:
        print(" ".join(str(cell) for cell in row))
N = int(input("Enter the size of board(N):"))
board = [[0] * N for _ in range(N)]
if solve_N_queens(board, 0, N):
    print("solution found:")
    print_board(board, N)
else:
    print("NO solution exists")
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Output.

Enter the size of the board (N): 8

Solution found:

1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

Result

Thus the N-Queen problem is executed and output is successfully verified.