Pentalpha

Pentalpha is a puzzle in which you must place nine stones on the ten intersections numbered 0-9 of a pentagram (i.e., a 5-pointed star).



The puzzle is subject to the following rules:

1. Place the first stone on any of the ten intersections.



2. Starting at the location of your first stone X, move in a straight line two intersection points away to Y. You may place a stone on Y only if it is empty.



3. From your second stone, again move in a straight line two intersection points away. You may place a stone at the destination only if it is empty.



4. Repeat until you have placed nine stones.

Write the following function to solve the Pentalpha puzzle.

bool pentalpha(int place_order[])
where

int place_order[] is an array of 9 elements where you will record the order in which the stones are to be placed (i.e., place_order[0] is the first stone, place_order[1] is the second stone, etc.). When your function is called, the first stone will have already been placed for you and recorded in place_order[0]. You are not permitted to change that location. Your task is place the remaining eight stones and record the order of their placements in place order[1] through place order[8].

Your function should return true if you can solve the puzzle based on the first stone's placement, otherwise it should return false. Note, however, there is *always* at least one solution (i.e., your function should *always* return true) no matter where you start.

File you must submit: soln_func.cc