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AIM: Experiment based on backtracking strategy: N-Queens problem

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Algorithm:
If two queens are placed at position (i, j) and (k, l).
Then they are on same diagonal only if (i - j) = k - l or i + j = k + l.
The first equation implies that j - l = i - k.
The second equation implies that j - l = k - i.
Therefore, two queens lie on the duplicate diagonal if and only if |j-l|=|i-k|
Place (k, i) returns a Boolean value that is true if the kth queen can be placed in column i.
x[] is a global array whose final k - 1 values have been set. Abs (r) returns the absolute
value
of r.
Place (k, i)
For j \leftarrow 1 to k - 1
do if (x [j] = i) or (Abs (x [j]) - i)) == (Abs (j - k))
then return false;
return true;
N - Queens (k, n):
For i \leftarrow 1 to n
do if Place (k, i) then
x [k] \leftarrow i;
if (k == n) then
write (x [1...n));
else
N - Queens (k + 1, n);
}
}
  Code:-
  #include <stdio.h>
  #include <stdlib.h>
  #include <stdbool.h>
  #include <math.h>
  int *
  deepCopy (int *arr, int len)
  int *newarr = malloc (sizeof (int) * len);
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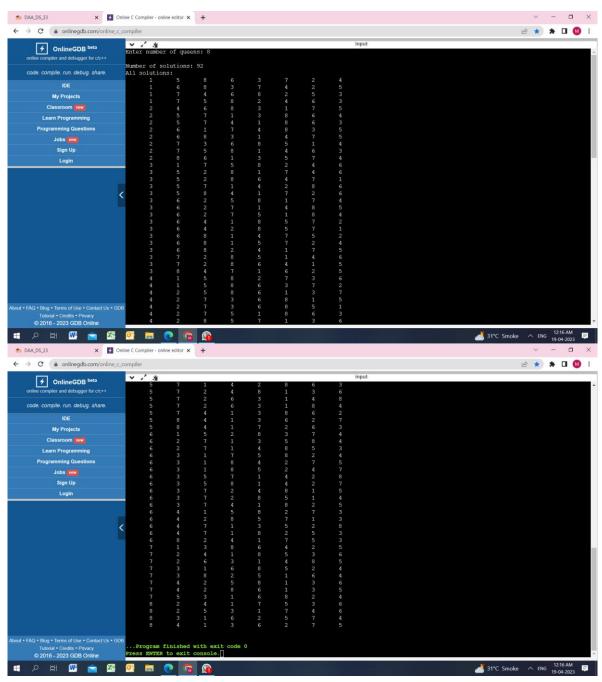
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for (int i = 0; i < len; i++)
newarr[i] = arr[i];
return newarr;
}
int *
printArray (int *arr, int len)
for (int i = 0; i < len; i++)
printf ("%8d", arr[i]);
printf ("\n");
typedef struct node
int *data;
struct node *next;
} *pnode;
typedef struct list
pnode head;
pnode tail;
int n;
} *plist;
void
addNodetoList (plist l, int *data)
if (l->head != NULL)
  {
l->tail->next = malloc (sizeof (struct node));
1->tail = 1->tail->next;
1->tail->next = NULL;
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1->tail->data = data;
}
 else
  {
l->head = malloc (sizeof (struct node));
1->tail = 1->head;
l->tail->next = NULL;
l->tail->data = data;
plist createList (int n)
plist l = malloc (sizeof (struct list));
1->head = NULL;
1->tail = NULL;
1->n = n;
return 1;
}
typedef struct NQueensSolutions
int count;
                              // linked list of solutions
plist solutions;
} *pNQueensSolutions;
void
printSolutions (pNQueensSolutions sol)
int n = sol->solutions->n;
printf ("\n");
for (pnode temp = sol->solutions->head; temp != NULL; temp =
temp->next)
printArray (temp->data, n);
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bool queenCanBePlaced (int n, int k, int pos, int *curr_board)
{
int a, b;
for (int i = 1; i < k; i++)
  {
a = abs (i - k);
                             // x1 - x2
   b = abs (curr\_board[i - 1] - pos); // y1 - y2
   if (a == b || a == 0 || b == 0)
return false;
}
return true;
}
void
placeKthQueen (int k, int n, int *curr_board, pNQueensSolutions
solutions)
for (int i = 1; i \le n; i++)
  {
if (queenCanBePlaced (n, k, i, curr_board))
     {
curr_board[k - 1] = i;
if (k == n)
                     // this is a complete solution
        {
addNodetoList (solutions->solutions,
deepCopy (curr_board, n)); // add a deep copy of current board to the list of solutions
         solutions->count++;
}
                              // place the next queen
        placeKthQueen (k + 1, n, curr_board, solutions);
}
}
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}
pNQueensSolutions NQueens (int n)
pNQueensSolutions nqs = malloc (sizeof (struct NQueensSolutions));
nqs->count = 0;
nqs->solutions = createList (n);
int curr_board[n];
curr_board[0] = 1;
placeKthQueen (1, n, curr_board, nqs);
return nqs;
}
int
main ()
int n;
printf ("Enter number of queens: ");
scanf ("%d", &n);
pNQueensSolutions sol = NQueens (n);
printf ("\nNumber of solutions: %d\n", sol->count);
if (sol->count > 0)
printf ("All solutions:");
printSolutions (sol);
}
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OUTPUT:



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