

Experiment No: 6

Title: Prolog Programming (Knowledge Engineering - Advance) - N Queen Problem

Implementation:

Code:

% The predicate n_queens/2 takes the size of the board (N) and returns a list of positions of the queens on the board

n_queens(N, Positions) :-

 range(1, N, Rows), % Create a list of row numbers from 1 to N

 permutation(Rows, Positions), % Generate a permutation of the row numbers to get a list of possible queen positions

 safe_queens(Positions). % Check if the queen positions are safe (i.e., no two queens threaten each other)

% The predicate range/3 creates a list of integers from Min to Max

range(Min, Max, []) :- Min > Max.

range(Min, Max, [Min|Rest]) :-

 Min =< Max,

 Next is Min + 1,

 range(Next, Max, Rest).

% The predicate safe_queens/1 checks if a list of queen positions is safe

safe_queens([]).

safe_queens([Queen|Rest]) :-

 safe_queens(Rest),

 no_attack(Queen, Rest, 1).

% The predicate no_attack/3 checks if a queen at position (Row, Col) can attack any of the queens in Rest

no_attack(_, [], _).

no_attack(Queen, [Y|Rest], Dist) :-

 Queen =\= Y,

 Queen + Dist =\= Y,

 Queen - Dist =\= Y,


 NextDist is Dist + 1,

 no_attack(Queen, Rest, NextDist).

% Use the clpfd library for arithmetic constraints

:- use_module(library(clpfd)).

Output:

 `n_queens(8, Positions).`

Positions = [1, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 2, 4]

Positions = [1, 6, 8, 3, 7, 4, 2, 5]

Positions = [1, 7, 4, 6, 8, 2, 5, 3]

Positions = [1, 7, 5, 8, 2, 4, 6, 3]

Positions = [2, 4, 6, 8, 3, 1, 7, 5]


Positions = [2, 5, 7, 1, 3, 8, 6, 4]

Positions = [2, 5, 7, 4, 1, 8, 6, 3]

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Positions = [2, 6, 8, 3, 1, 4, 7, 5]

Next 10 100 1,000 Stop

 `n_queens(4, Positions).`

Positions = [2, 4, 1, 3]

Positions = [3, 1, 4, 2]

false