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8- Queens Problem

1 → no 2 queens in a row
2 → no 2 queens in a column
3 → no 2 queens in left diagonal
4 → no 2 queens is right diagonal

→ Matrix is filled column by column. Hence we need to satisfy remaining 3 conditions.

Apply Branch & Bound approach.

→ create 3 arrays to check conditions ①, ②, ③ & ④.

→ Derelope a numbering system to specify which queen is placed.

Preprocess

Create 2 NXN matrices, one for ① top-left to bottom right
② Top right to bottom-left

Fill them in such manner that 2 queens sharing same TL-BR diagonal will have same value in matrix 1 and 2 queens sharing same top-right - bottom-left diagonal will have same value in matrix 2.

matrix 1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
3	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
4	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
5	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
6	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
7	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

matrix 2

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

mat[row][col] = row - col + (N-1)

mat2[row][col] = row + col.

To place queen check,

1. whether row 'j' is used or not
2. whether i+j is used or not
3. whether i-j+7 is used or not.

→ if answer is True, try another location for queen i on row j.

→ mark row and diagonals

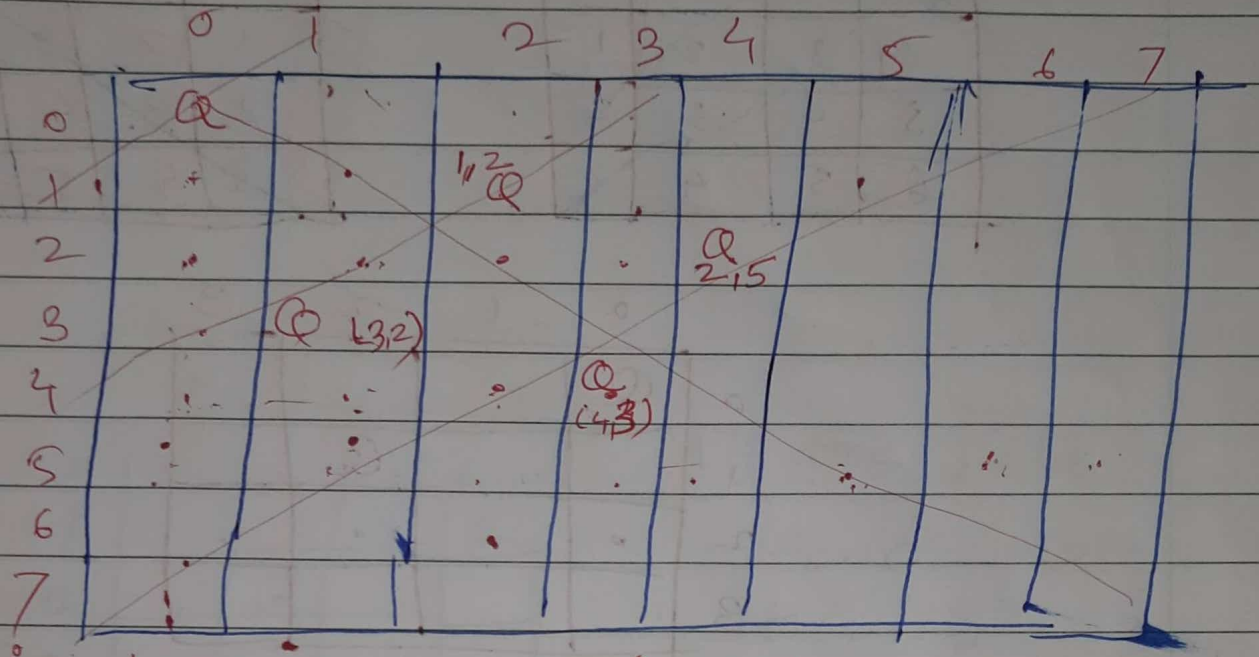
→ recur for queen i+1

row 0

(size n) row_bool_value [F F F F F F F F]

size 2(n-1) mat1_dia_bool [ ]

size 2*(n-1) mat2_dia_bool [ ]



i = ~~column~~ = 0 ; ~~row = 0~~ j col = 0

i = 0

↳ ~~row~~ col_bool_val [T F F F F F F F]

mat1_dia_bool [i] [col] = T

0 0

mat2_dia_bool [0] [col] = T

[0,0]

chk row = 1 (i) < col [0] ie (1,0) position.

row1 col_bool_val [T F T F F F F F]

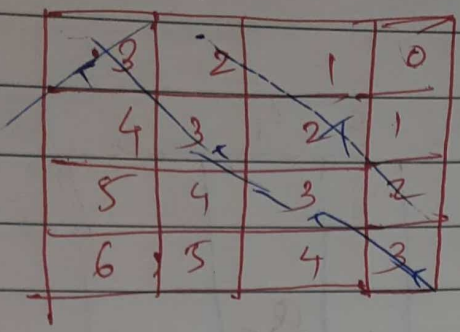
row2 [T F T F T F F F]

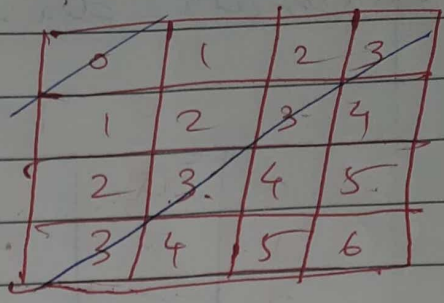
row3 → [T T F F T F F F]

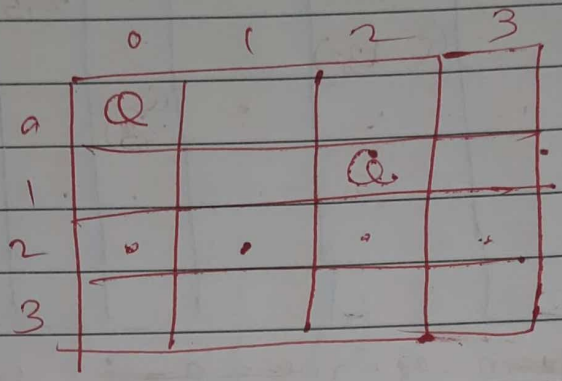
row4 → T T T T T F F F

0 1 2 3 4

book array [F F F F F]







row [0] - (0,0)

col - bool array [T F F F]

row [1] [1,0] X same colum.

[1,1] X - mat 1

[1,2]

col - bool array [T F T F]

0 1 2 3

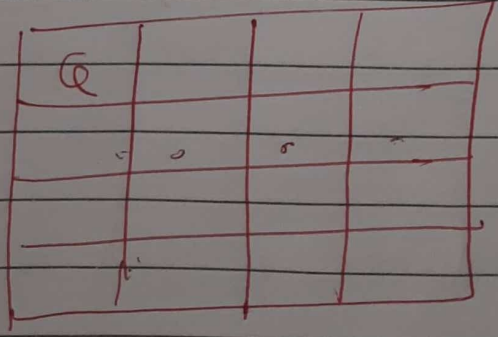
row [2] , [2,0] - same colu.

[2,1] X mat 2

[2,2] X same colu

[2,3] X for mat 1

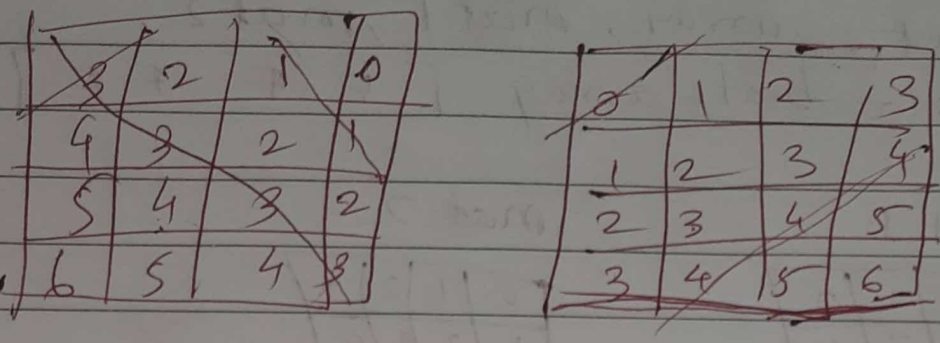
Backtrack → col - bool - array [T F F F]



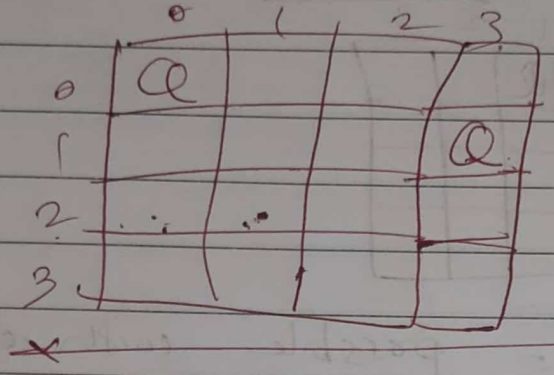
Changes in mat 1 & mat 2 as well.

row (1,3)

mat1 mat2



check row(1,3)

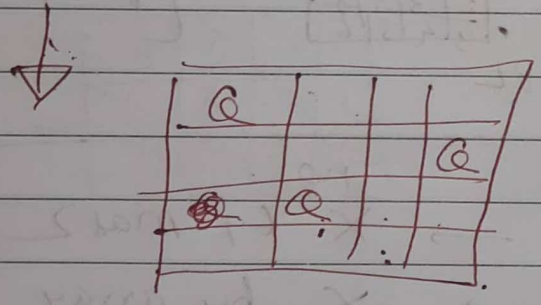


all are false
Hence place at (1,3)

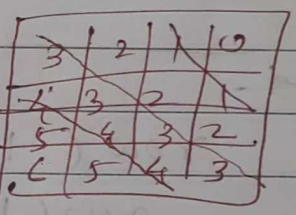
col-bool-array = [T F F T]

row(2,0) — same col.

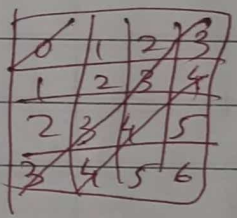
row(2,1) — possible to place as false in all 3 bool-array mat1, mat2



mat1



mat2



row (3,0) — X same col
(3,1) X same col
(3,2) X not possible from mat1
(3,3) X same col.

Hence backtrack
from row 3 — all posi X not possible

from row 2, (2,2) — not allowed from mat1
(2,3) X same col.

no further place for row 2 → backtrack to row 1 → backtrack to row 0

row 0 → earlier Queen at (0,0)
need to explore further.
reset array, mat1, mat2.
col-bool-array [F F F F]

mat 1

3	2	1	0
4	3	2	1
5	4	3	2
6	5	4	3

mat 2

0	1	2	3
1	2	3	4
2	3	4	5
3	4	5	6

Soln

	0	1	2	3
0		Q		
1				
2				
3				

row (0,1) - possible with all false at array, mat1, mat2

Top left

3	2	1	0
4	3	2	1
5	4	3	2
6	5	4	3

BR

TR

0	1	2	3
1	2	3	4
2	3	4	5
3	4	5	6

BL

Boll arra
[F T F F]

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no
row (1,0) → X by mat2
row (1,1) → X by array
row (1,2) → X by mat1
row (1,3) — possible
∴ place Queen at (1,3)

mat1

3	2	1	0
4	3	2	1
5	4	3	2
6	5	4	3

mat2

0	1	2	3
1	2	3	4
2	3	4	5
3	4	5	6

array
[F T F F]
0 1 2 3

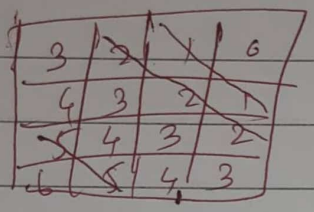
soln

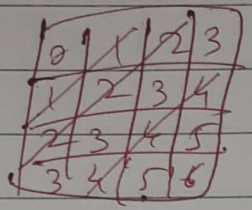
	Q		
			Q

row (2,0)

→ OK by col_array, mat1, mat2

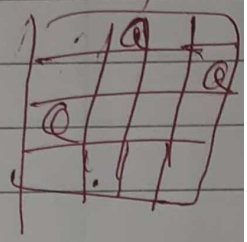
place Queen at (2,0).





[T T F T]

Soln



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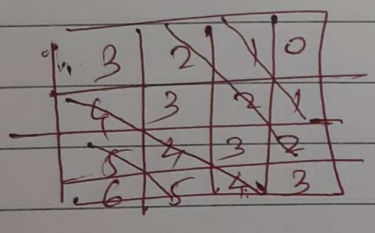
row(3,0) — X by same col array.

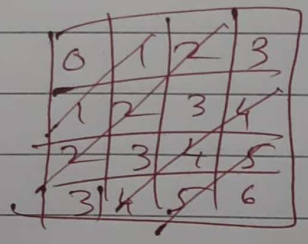
row(3,1) — X by mat1

row(3,2) — OK by col array

— OK by mat1

— OK by Mat2





[T T T T]

Solution