

## README FILE

### **To run the program :**

run the : *main.py* file with the path to file you want to try.

full command (it works this way on my machine) :

python main.py PATH\_TO\_FILE

### **Elaboration about the algorithm which I used to solve the problem:**

I started with the case of even-edge square board.

I divided the game board to four parts :

A	B
D	C

When I read the boxes and hunters coordinates I counted the number of boxes and hunters in each part, then I concluded the number of free seats in each part.

Then, I use the follow equations :

Fix for each part A,B,C,D

$H_A$  – number of hunters in A

$B_A$  – number of boxes in A

$F_A$  – number of free seats in A  $\left( \left( \frac{N}{2} \right)^2 - H_A - B_A \right)$

$X_A$  – the number of hunters can be added to part A (limited by  $F_A$ )

Now, according to the rules I get :

$$X_A + H_A + X_B + H_B = X_C + H_C + X_D + H_D$$

$$X_A + H_A + X_D + H_D = X_B + H_B + X_C + H_C$$

$$0 < X_{part} < F_{part} \text{ (part} \in \{A, B, C, D\})$$

Then, I tried to find maximal X values such that :  $X_A + X_B + X_C + X_D \rightarrow \max$

For the case of odd-edge game boards :

I created different partition to the game board -

A	E	B
H	I	F
D	G	C

The idea is that the only difference between the even and odd game board is the row or column in the middle.

So I set the row/column as a different part of the board (*size of  $\frac{N-1}{2} * 1$* )

And then I have to balance the parts A,B,C,D like before and I have to balance E against G and H against F.

The part I in the center is just the center point of the board (size 1\*1).