CSA0656 – Design and Analysis of Algorithm

Calculating Valid Move Combinations for Chess Pieces on an 8x8 Board

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Introduction

- **Overview**: Brief introduction to chess and the importance of move validation.
- **Objective**: To calculate valid move combinations for various chess pieces on an 8x8 board.
- **Scope**: Includes move calculations for pawns, rooks, knights, bishops, queens, and kings.

Chess Board Representation

- **8x8 Board**: Visual representation of the chess board.
- **Coordinates System**: Explain the row and column system (e.g., a1, b2).
- **Example**: Show a sample board with some pieces placed.

Movement Rules for Chess Pieces

- **Pawns**: Moves one square forward, two squares from the starting position, captures diagonally.
- **Rooks**: Moves horizontally or vertically any number of squares.
- **Knights**: Moves in an L-shape: two squares in one direction and then one square perpendicular.
- **Bishops**: Moves diagonally any number of squares.
- **Queens**: Combines the moves of both rooks and bishops.
- **Kings**: Moves one square in any direction.

Algorithm for Move Calculation

- **Input**: Piece type and position on the board.
- **Output**: List of valid move positions.
- **Approach**:
  - **Pawns**: Check forward and diagonal positions.
  - **Rooks**: Check all squares along the row and column.
  - **Knights**: Compute all L-shaped moves.
  - **Bishops**: Compute diagonal moves.
  - **Queens**: Combine rook and bishop moves.
  - **Kings**: Check adjacent squares.

Example Calculations

- **Pawn**: Show an example calculation for a pawn’s valid moves from a given position.
- **Rook**: Show the valid moves for a rook from a specific location.
- **Knight**: Demonstrate the L-shaped moves for a knight.
- **Bishop**: Illustrate diagonal moves for a bishop.
- **Queen**: Combine moves of a rook and bishop for the queen.
- **King**: Display adjacent moves for a king.

Edge Cases and Constraints

- **Board Boundaries**: Handling moves that go outside the board limits.
- **Blocked Paths**: Dealing with pieces blocking the moves (for rooks, bishops, and queens).
- **Piece Captures**: Validating moves that involve capturing other pieces.

Implementation Details

- **Programming Language**: Mention the language used (e.g., Java, Python).
- **Data Structures**: Use of arrays or matrices to represent the board.
- **Function Design**: Describe key functions or methods implemented for move calculation.

Results and Testing

- **Sample Output**: Show sample outputs for different pieces and positions.
- **Testing**: Describe how the solution was tested, including edge cases.
- **Accuracy**: Discuss the accuracy and reliability of the results.

Conclusion

- **Summary**: Recap the approach to calculating valid moves.
- **Achievements**: Highlight key achievements and results.
- **Future Work**: Suggest potential improvements or additional features (e.g., move validation in a full game scenario).

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