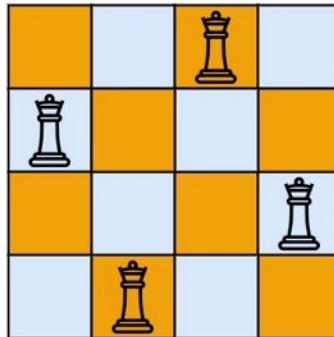
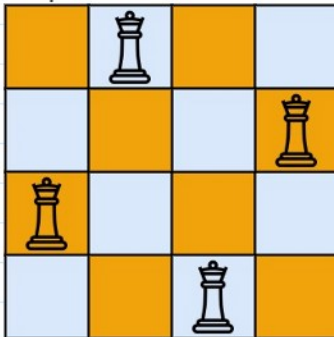


L17 N-Queens II

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The **n-queens** puzzle is the problem of placing n queens on an $n \times n$ chessboard such that no two queens attack each other. Given an integer n , return the number of distinct solutions to the **n-queens puzzle**.

Example 1:



→ Basically this is the extended problem of N-Queen I

Input: $n = 4$

Output: 2

Explanation: There are two distinct solutions to the 4-queens puzzle as shown.

→ In N-Queen I problem our task is finding the all the possible path and chessboard and follow the rules of N-Queen placing

→ In this problem our task is only count the possible of the chessboard that follow all rules



```
class Solution:
    def isSafe(self, row, col, chessBoard, n):
        duprow = row
        dupcol = col

        # return false if two queens share the same 'upper' diagonal
        while row >= 0 and col >= 0:
            if chessBoard[row][col] == "Q":
                return False
            row -= 1
            col -= 1

        col = dupcol
        row = duprow

        # return false if two queens share the same column
        while col >= 0:
            if chessBoard[row][col] == "Q":
                return False
            col -= 1

        col = dupcol
        row = duprow

        # return false if two queens share the same 'lower' diagonal
        while row < n and col >= 0:
            if chessBoard[row][col] == "Q":
                return False
            row += 1
            col -= 1

        return True

    def solveNQueensBord(self, col, chessBoard, ans, n):
```

```
import java.util.*;

public class L17_NQueens_II {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("N-Queens II");
    }
}

// 2 usages
class Solution11 {
    static void nQueen(int col, char[][] chessBoard, int[] res) {
        if (col == chessBoard.length) {
            res[0]++;
            return;
        }

        for (int row = 0; row < chessBoard.length; row++) {
            if (validate(chessBoard, row, col)) {
                chessBoard[row][col] = 'Q';
                nQueen(col + 1, chessBoard, res);
                chessBoard[row][col] = '.';
            }
        }
    }

    // 1 usage
    static boolean validate(char[][] chessBoard, int row, int col) {
        int duprow = row;
        int dupcol = col;
        while (row >= 0 && col >= 0) {
            if (chessBoard[row][col] == 'Q') {
                return false;
            }
            row--;
            col--;
        }

        row = duprow;
        col = dupcol;
        while (col >= 0) {
            if (chessBoard[row][col] == 'Q') {
                return false;
            }
            col--;
        }
    }
}
```

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return True

def solveNQueensBord(self, coll, cheesBord, ans, n):

    if coll == n:
        ans[0] += 1
        return

    for row in range(n):
        if self.isSafe(row, coll, cheesBord, n) == True:
            cheesBord[row][coll] = "Q"
            self.solveNQueensBord(coll + 1, cheesBord, ans, n)
            cheesBord[row][coll] = "."

def totalNQueens(self, n: int) -> List[List[str]]:

    ans = [0]
    cheesBord = []
    for i in range(n):
        temp = ['.'] * n
        cheesBord.append(temp)
    self.solveNQueensBord(0, cheesBord, ans, n)
    return ans[0]

```

Handwritten notes:
 - `ans[0] += 1` → this is the only change
 - `ans = [0]` → only change

```

if (cheesBord[row][col] == 'Q'){
    return false;
}
col--;

row = duprow;
col = dupcol;
while (col >= 0 && row < cheesBord.length) {
    if (cheesBord[row][col] == 'Q'){
        return false;
    }
    col--;
    row++;
}
return true;
}

no usages
public int totalNQueens(int n) {

    char[][] cheesBord = new char[n][n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
            cheesBord[i][j] = '.';

    int[] ans = {0};
    nQueen(0, cheesBord, ans);
    return ans[0];
}

```

Handwritten note:
 - `int[] ans = {0};` → change

Time Complexity = $O(N!) \times N$

→ For all the Other Searching
 → For all the possible Combination Recursion

Space Complexity = $O(N^2)$

→ because we used a Nested Array of the Size N for Storing the answer

