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Neighbors of (1, 3, 0, 2) with costs:
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     Cost: 1
     Swap columns (0, 2):
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     . . Q .
     . Q . .
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     Swap columns (1, 3):
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    . Q . .
CODE:
def print_board(state):
  n = len(state)
  for row in range(n):
    line = ""
    for col in range(n):
       if state[col] == row:
          line += "Q "
       else:
          line += ". "
     print(line)
  print()
def calculate_cost(state):
  cost = 0
  n = len(state)
  for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i + 1, n):
       if state[i] == state[j] or abs(state[i] - state[j]) == j - i:
          cost += 1
  return cost
def get_neighbors(state):
  neighbors = []
  n = len(state)
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  for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i + 1, n):
       neighbor = list(state)
       neighbor[i], neighbor[j] = neighbor[j], neighbor[i]
       neighbors.append((neighbor, (i, j)))
  return neighbors
def hill_climbing(initial_state):
  current state = initial state
  current_cost = calculate_cost(current_state)
  print("Start State:")
  print_board(current_state)
  print(f"Cost: {current_cost}\n")
  path = [(current state, current cost, None)]
  while True:
     neighbors = get_neighbors(current_state)
    neighbor costs = [(tuple(neighbor), calculate cost(neighbor), swap) for neighbor, swap in
neighbors]
     neighbor costs.sort(key=lambda x: (x[1], x[2]))
     best_neighbor, best_cost, best_swap = neighbor_costs[0]
     print(f"Neighbors of {current_state} with costs:")
    for neighbor, cost, swap in neighbor costs:
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       print(f"Swap columns {swap}:")
       print board(neighbor)
       print(f"Cost: {cost}\n")
    if best cost < current cost:
       print(f"Moving to better neighbor by swapping columns {best_swap}:")
       print board(best neighbor)
       print(f"Cost: {best_cost}\n")
       current state, current cost = best neighbor, best cost
       path.append((current_state, current_cost, best_swap))
    else:
       print("/nReached goal state.")
       break
  return path
def get initial state():
  print("Enter the initial positions of the 4 queens (row for each column, 0-indexed):")
  positions = []
  for col in range(4):
    while True:
       try:
         pos = int(input(f"Column {col}: "))
         if 0 \le pos \le 4:
            positions.append(pos)
            break
         else:
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            print("Invalid input. Enter a number between 0 and 3.")
       except ValueError:
         print("Invalid input. Please enter an integer.")
  return tuple(positions)
initial_state = get_initial_state()
path = hill_climbing(initial_state)
print("Final path:")
for i, (state, cost, swap) in enumerate(path):
  print(f"Step {i}:")
  print_board(state)
  print(f"Cost: {cost}")
  if swap is not None:
    print(f"Swap columns: {swap}")
  print("----")
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**OUTPUT:** 

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Enter the initial positions of the 4 queens (row for each column, 0-indexed):
Column 0: 3
Column 1: 1
Column 2: 2
Column 3: 0
Start State:
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
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    . . Q .
    . . . Q
    . Q . .
    Cost: 1
    Swap columns (1, 3):
    . . Q .
    Q . . .
   . Q . .
Neighbors of (3, 1, 2, 0) with costs:
Swap columns (0, 1):
. . . Q
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns (0, 2):
. . . Q
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . Q .
Cost: 1
Swap columns (1, 3):
. Q . .
. . . Q
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns (2, 3):
. . Q .
. Q . .
Q . . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns (0, 3):
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . Q .
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. Q . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns (1, 3):
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Neighbors of (1, 3, 2, 0) with costs:
Swap columns (2, 3):
. . Q .
Q . . .
. . . Q
. Q . .
Cost: 0
Swap columns (0, 1):
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
Swap columns (0, 2):
. . . Q
. . Q .
Q . . .
. Q . .
Cost: 2
Swap columns (1, 3):
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . Q .
. . . Q
Cost: 2
Swap columns (0, 3):
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/nReached goal state.
Final path:
Step 0:
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
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Step 1:
. . . Q
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns: (0, 1)
Step 2:
. . Q .
Q . . .
. . . Q
. Q . .
Cost: 0
Swap columns: (2, 3)
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