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CODE:
print("SANTHOSH N(1BM23CS302)")
import random
import math
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 neighbor(state):
  n = len(state)
  neighbor = list(state)
  i, j = random.sample(range(n), 2)
  neighbor[i], neighbor[j] = neighbor[j], neighbor[i]
  return tuple(neighbor), (i, j)
def simulated_annealing(initial_state, initial_temp=1000, cooling_rate=0.95, min_temp=1e-3,
max_iter=1000):
  current state = initial state
  current_cost = calculate_cost(current_state)
  temperature = initial temp
  path = [(current state, current cost, None)]
  print("Initial State:")
  print_board(current_state)
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print(f"Cost: {current cost}\n")
  iteration = 0
  while temperature > min_temp and current_cost > 0 and iteration < max_iter:
     neighbor, swap = get neighbor(current state)
     neighbor cost = calculate cost(neighbor)
     cost_diff = neighbor_cost - current_cost
     if cost diff < 0 or math.exp(-cost diff / temperature) > random.random():
       current state, current cost = neighbor, neighbor cost
       path.append((current state, current cost, swap))
       print(f"Iteration {iteration}: Swap columns {swap}")
       print board(current state)
       print(f"Cost: {current_cost}, Temperature: {temperature:.4f}\n")
     temperature *= cooling rate
     iteration += 1
  print("Terminated.")
  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:
             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()
solution_path = simulated_annealing(initial_state)
print("Final path:")
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for i, (state, cost, swap) in enumerate(solution_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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SANTHOSH N(1BM23CS302)
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
Initial State:
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
Iteration 0: Swap columns (0, 2)
. . . Q
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . Q .
Cost: 1, Temperature: 1000.0000
Iteration 1: Swap columns (1, 0)
. . . Q
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . Q .
Cost: 4, Temperature: 950.0000
Iteration 2: Swap columns (2, 0)
. . . Q
. . Q .
. Q . .
Q . . .
Cost: 6, Temperature: 902.5000
Iteration 3: Swap columns (0, 3)
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
Cost: 2, Temperature: 857.3750
Iteration 4: Swap columns (3, 1)
Q . . .
. . Q .
. . . Q
. Q . .
Cost: 1, Temperature: 814.5062
Iteration 5: Swap columns (1, 3)
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
. . . Q
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Iteration 6: Swap columns (1, 2)
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . Q .
. . . Q
Cost: 6, Temperature: 735.0919
Iteration 7: Swap columns (3, 2)
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . . Q
. . Q .
Cost: 2, Temperature: 698.3373
Iteration 8: Swap columns (2, 1)
Q . . .
. . Q .
. . . Q
. Q . .
Cost: 1, Temperature: 663.4204
Iteration 9: Swap columns (2, 1)
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . . Q
. . Q .
Cost: 2, Temperature: 630.2494
Iteration 10: Swap columns (1, 3)
Q . . .
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Cost: 1, Temperature: 598.7369
Iteration 11: Swap columns (2, 1)
Q . . .
. . . Q
. . Q .
. Q . .
Cost: 4, Temperature: 568.8001
Iteration 12: Swap columns (3, 0)
. . . Q
Q . . .
. . Q .
. Q . .
Cost: 1, Temperature: 540.3601
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Iteration 13: Swap columns (0, 2)
. . . Q
. . Q .
Q . . .
. Q . .
Cost: 2, Temperature: 513.3421
Iteration 14: Swap columns (3, 2)
. . Q .
. . . Q
Q . . .
. Q . .
Cost: 4, Temperature: 487.6750
Iteration 15: Swap columns (1, 2)
. Q . .
. . . Q
Q . . .
. . Q .
Cost: 0, Temperature: 463.2912
Terminated.
Final path:
Step 0:
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
Step 1:
. . . Q
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . Q .
Swap columns: (0, 2)
Step 2:
. . . Q
Q . . .
. Q . .
. . Q .
Cost: 4
Swap columns: (1, 0)
Step 3:
. . . Q
. . Q .
. Q . .
Q . . .
Cost: 6
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Swap columns: (0, 2)
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Step 60:
. . . Q
. Q . .
. . Q .
Q . . .
Cost: 2
Swap columns: (2, 0)
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Step 61:
. . Q .
. Q . .
. . . Q
Q . . .
Cost: 1
Swap columns: (3, 2)
Step 62:
. . Q .
. Q . .
Q . . .
. . . Q
Cost: 4
Swap columns: (0, 3)
Step 63:
. . Q .
. . . Q
Q . . .
. Q . .
Cost: 4
Swap columns: (3, 1)
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Step 64:
. . Q .
Q . . .
. . . Q
. Q . .
Cost: 0
Swap columns: (3, 0)
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Total cost accumulated during the run: 162
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