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import random
def calculate_cost(board):
    n = len(board)
    attacks = 0
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(i + 1, n):
            if board[i] == board[j]:
                attacks += 1
            if abs(board[i] - board[j]) == abs(i - j):
                attacks += 1
    return attacks
def get_neighbors(board):
    neighbors = []
    n = len(board)
    for col in range(n):
        for row in range(n):
            if row != board[col]:
                new_board = board[:]
                new_board[col] = row
                neighbors.append(new board)
    return neighbors
def hill_climb(board):
    current_cost = calculate_cost(board)
    print("Initial board configuration:")
    print_board(board, current_cost)
    iteration = 0
    while True:
        neighbors = get_neighbors(board)
        best neighbor = None
        best_cost = current_cost
        for neighbor in neighbors:
            cost = calculate_cost(neighbor)
            if cost < best_cost:</pre>
                best_cost = cost
                best_neighbor = neighbor
        if best_neighbor is None:
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break
        board = best_neighbor
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        print(f"Iteration {iteration}:")
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    return board, current_cost
def print_board(board, cost):
    n = len(board)
    display_board = [['.'] * n for _ in range(n)]
    for col in range(n):
        display_board[board[col]][col] = 'Q'
    for row in range(n):
    print(' '.join(display_board[row]))
print(f"Cost: {cost}\n")
if __name__ == "__main__":
    n = int(input("Enter the number of queens (N): "))
    initial_state = list(map(int, input(f"Enter the initial state (row numbers for each column, space-separated): ").split()))
    if len(initial_state) != n or any(r < 0 or r >= n for r in initial_state):
        print("Invalid initial state. Please ensure it has N elements with values from 0 to N-1.")
        solution, cost = hill_climb(initial_state)
        print(f"Final board configuration with cost {cost}:")
        print_board(solution, cost)
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Enter the number of queens (N): 4
Enter the initial state (row numbers for each column, space-separated): 0 1 2 3
Initial board configuration:
Q . . .
 . Q . .
. . Q .
 . . . Q
Cost: 6
Iteration 1:
QQ..
 . . Q .
Cost: 4
Iteration 2:
 . Q . .
 . . Q .
 . . . Q
Cost: 2
Final board configuration with cost 2:
 . Q . .
 . . Q .
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    else:
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        print(f"Final board configuration with cost {cost}:")
        print_board(solution, cost)

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. Q . . . . . Q . . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q Cost: 6

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Iteration 2: . . Q . . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q Cost: 2

Final board configuration with cost 2: . Q . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q . . . . Q Cost: 2
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