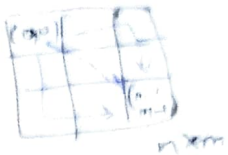
BACKTRACKING

Before discussing
- Nested recursion
- Divide & conquer

Types of Backtracking :-

1) Decision
2) optimization
3) Enumeration.

Ex:- grid



Backtracking - Arrays

```
public static void changeArr (int arr[], int i, int
                                                val){
    // base case
    if (i == arr.length){
        printArr(arr);
        return;
    }

    // recursion.
    arr[i] = val;
    changeArr (arr, i+1, val+1);
    arr[i] = arr[i] - 2 // back tracking.

public static printArr (int arr[])
    {
    for (int (i=0 (i<n; i++;){
        sysO (print- (arr[i]);
    }

psvm main sArgs ( )
    {
    int arr[] = new int [5];
    int val = 1;
    printArr (arr);
    changeArr (arr, 0, 1);
```

TC = O(n)
SC = O(n)

Output → 1 2 3 4 5 starting
-1 0 1 2 3 back tracking.

Find Subsets :-

Find & print all subsets of a given string.

"abc" :

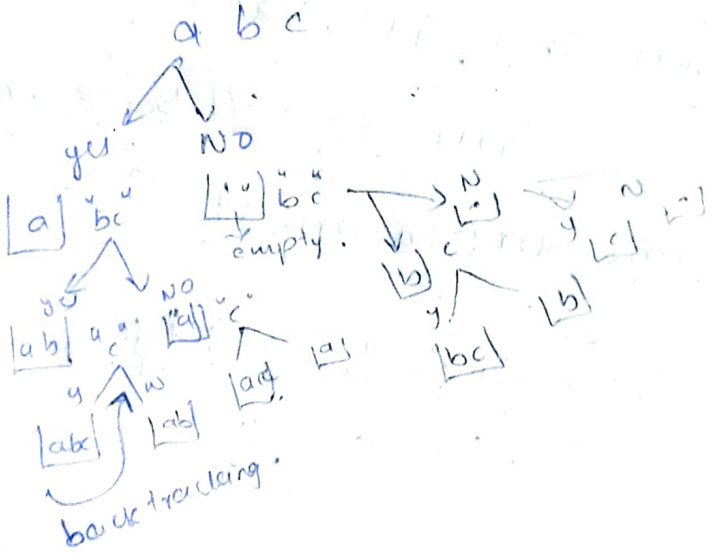
a, b, c, ab, bc, ac, abc, "", empty set, null set, ϕ

Total = 8

no of subsets = 2^n

$n = 3 \rightarrow 2^3 = 8$

Aproach :-




```
find subset (str, ans) {

    -> BC
    print ans

    { ans + str }
```

```
public static void findsubset (string str, string ans,
                               int i) {

    // base case.
if (i == str.length()) {
    syso(ans);
    return;
}
    // yes choice recursion
findsubsets (arr, ans+str.charAt(i), i+1)
    // no choice recursion
findsubsets (arr, ans, i+1);
}
public static void main {
String str = "abc";
.. find subsets (str, ans, i);
                 str, "", 0
```

Time Complexity = $O(n \times 2^n)$

SC = $O(n)$

Find permutations :-

find all the permutations of string.

"abc" → for n elements permutation = n!
array length = n → n! ways

"abc"
abc, acb, bac, bca, cab, cba.

Approach:-

Code :-

```
public static void [p]permutation(String str, String ans)
    {
    // Base case
      if (str.length() == 0) {
            sysO(ans);
      return; }
    // recursion
    for (int i=0; i< str.length(); i++) {
        int char curr = str.charAt(i);
String NStr = str.substring(0, i) + str.substring(i+1, str.length());
        find permut (newstr, ans+curr);
    }
}
psvm(s[]) {
    String str = "abc";
    find permutation (str, "", 4);
}
```

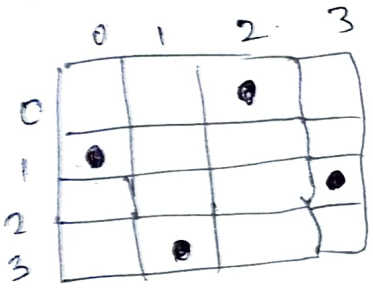
Time Complexity = O(n × n!)
avg.

N-Queens problem

place N- queens on a NXN chessboard such that queen can attack each other.

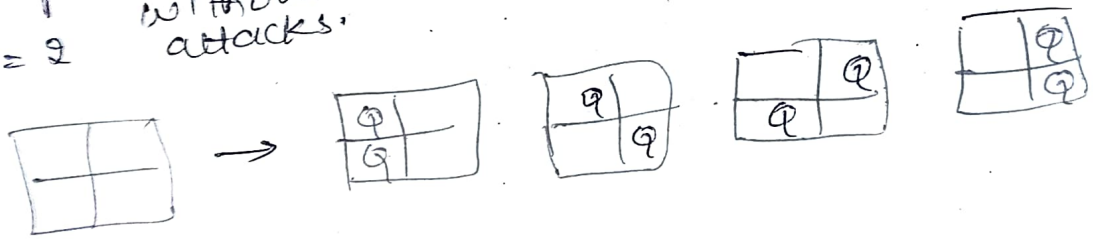
- all solutions → count solutions.
- yes/no → solution.

N=4



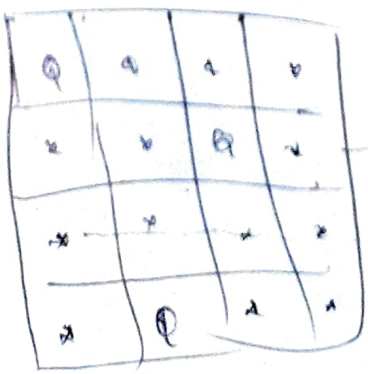
Logical work :-

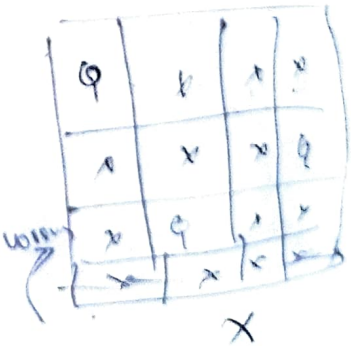
N = 2 without attacks.

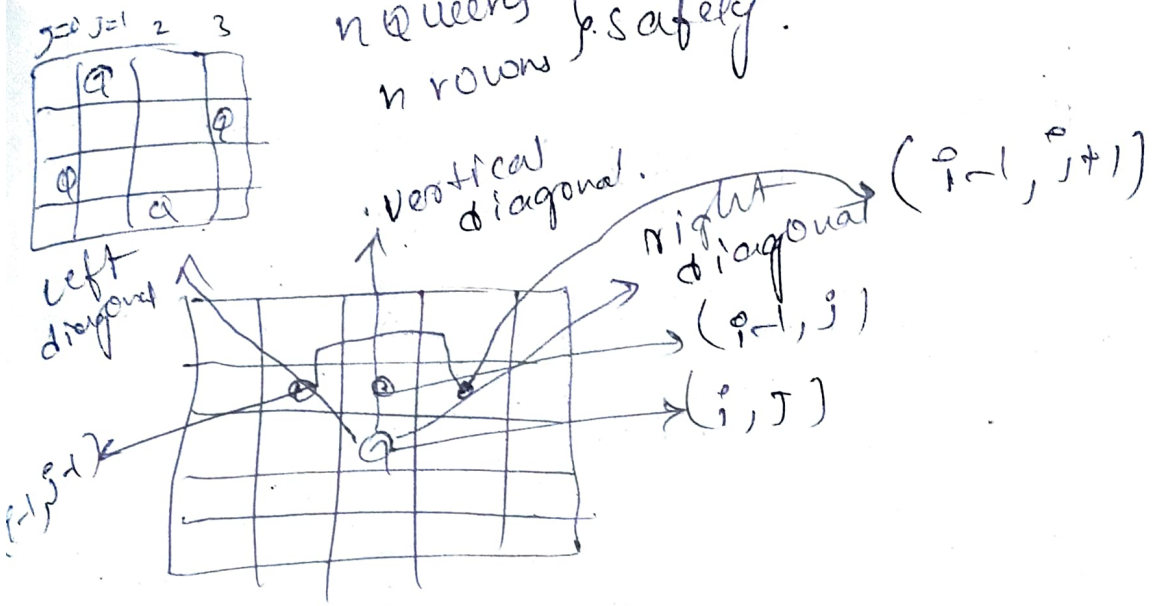


```
Public static void nQueens(char board[][], int row)

    // base case
    if (row == board.length) {
        printBoard(board);
        return;
    }

    // column loop
    for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {
        board[row][j] = 'Q';
        nQueens(board, row+1) // recursion call
        board[row][j] = '.'; // backtracking step
    }
```

```
public static void printBoard(char board[][]){
    for(int i=0; i<board.length; i++){
        for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++){
            System.out.print(board[i][j] + " ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args){
    int n=4;
    char board[][] = new char[n][n];
    // initialize
    for(int i=0; i<n; i++){
        for(int j=0; j<n; j++){
            board[i][j] = '.';
        }
    }
    nQueens(board, 0);
}
```







In column loop :-

```
for(int j=0 ; j< board.len; j++) {
    if (issafe (board, row, j)) {
        board[row][j] = 'q';
        nqueens (board, row+1);
        board [row] [j] = 'x';
    }
```

if true

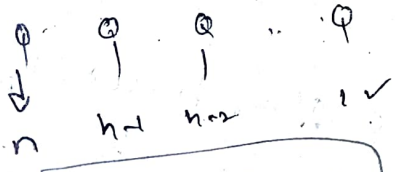
```
boolean
public static void isSafe(char board[], int row,
                                        int col) {

    // vertical up
    for(int i = row-1 ; i>=0 ; i--) {
        if (board[i][col]=='q'){
            return false;
        }
    }

    // diag up
    for(int i= row-1 ; j= col-1 ; i>=0 && j>=0 ;
                                    i-- ; j--) {
        if (board[i][j] == 'q' {
            return false ;
```

// diagonal right = (i-1, j+1)

```
// diag right
for (int i = row-1; j = col+1; i >= 0 && j < board.length
                                    i--, j++) {
    if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
        return false;
    }
}
return true; // if not diagonal and vertical.
}
```

int n = 4; for 4/4

Time complexity :-



$T_c = O(n!)$ important.

$T(n) = 1 \text{ queen place} * T(n-1) + \text{issafe}()$

Count the number of ways :-

// Base case

recursion → done by call by value

```
if (row == board.length) {
    count++;
}
static int count = 0;
```

N-Queens → print 1 solution.

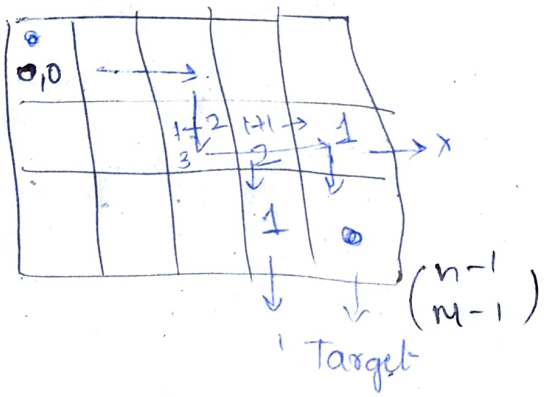
check if the problem can be solved & print only one 1 solution to N-Queens problem.

→ place
→ (n-1) Q
→ unplace (return)

```
public static boolean nQueens (char board[][], int row)
{
    // base case
    if (row == board.length) {
        count ++;
        return true;
    }
    // column → loop
    for (int j = 0 ; j < board.length; j++) {
        if (isSafe (board, row, j)) {
            board [row][j] = 'Q';
            if (nQueens (board, row+1)) {
                return true;
            }
            board[row] [j] = 'x'; // backtracking unplace step
        }
    }
    return false;
}
Main ( ) {
    if (nQueens (board, 0)) {
        syso ( soln is possible);
        printBoard (board); }
    else { syso ("soln is not possible");
```

GRID ways (Imp)

Find number of ways to reach from (0,0) to [(N-1),(M-1)] in a N x M grid. Allowed moves right or down:



Cell (x,y)

Right (x,y+1) w1

Down (x+1)y) w2

Total ways = w1 + w2.

Base case :-
if we are at target

$f(x,y) = f(x+1,y) + f(x,y+1)$
i j — down — right

Code :-

```
public class X {
    public static gridways(int i, int j, int n, int m)
    { base case
      if (i == n-1 || j == m-1) { return 1; };
      else if (i > n || j > n) { return 0; }
```

```
recursion call.
// Left  gridways (i, j+1, n, m); = int w1
// down  gridways (i+1, j, n, m); = int w2

    return w1 + w2;

public static void main(S A[]) {
    int n = 3;
    int m = 3;
    sysO (gridways(0,0, n, m));
}
```

Dry run

6	3	1
3	2	1
1	1	1

→ 2, 2

Time complexity =

right turns = m
down turn = n
Total (n+m)

$TC = O(2^{n+m})$

Math trick for Linear Time :-

ways = (n-1) D
(m-1) R

{ D D D D } n-1
{ R R R R } m-1

total characters = (n-1+m-1)

Permutations

Repeating (n-1) D
(m-1) R

$\frac{((n-1)+(m-1))!}{(n-1)!(m-1)!}$ = total ways.

n, m ways

$= \frac{(n+m)!}{(n!\ m!)}$

n = 3
m = 3

Permutations - formula = $\frac{(n-1+m-1)!}{(n-1)! + (m-1)!}$ (factorial way) (repeated)

```
public static int fact(int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    }
    return n * fact(n-1);
}

public static gridways (int n, int m) {
    int f1 = fact(n-1);
    int f2 = fact(m-1);
    int f3 = fact(n-1+m-1);
    return f3 / (f1 + f2);
}

public static void main (String[] args) {
    int n = 3, m = 3;
    System.out.println(gridways(n, m));
}
```

Time complexity using permutations
= O(n)