

Project Number: 4

Project Name: N Queen Problem

Project Description:

The N Queens problem challenges us to strategically place N chess queens on an N × N chessboard in such a way that no two queens can attack each other, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. To tackle this classic problem, the implementation will leverage the power of multi-threading, allowing for simultaneous exploration of solutions.

User Input:

- The user provides the board size (N), determining the dimensions of the N × N chessboard.

Output:

- The program generates and displays a chessboard with a legal placement of N queens that satisfies the problem constraints.
- Additionally, the program identifies and highlights the thread responsible for discovering the solution.

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Code documentation:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;

public class NQueens implements Runnable{
    private int[][] board;
    private final int boardSize;
    private final BoardGUI newBoard;
    ArrayList<Thread> ThreadList = new ArrayList();
    Object sync = new Object();
    private boolean solved=false;
    private int updateTime;
    private String report;
    private int selectedColumn =0;

    public NQueens(int size,int updateTime,BoardGUI newBoard) {...9 lines }
    private void prepareBoard(int [][] b){...7 lines }
    public void printBoard(int [][] b) throws InterruptedException {...10 lines }
    private boolean isLegal(int [][] b,int row,int col){...4 lines }
    private boolean checkUpper(int [][] b,int row,int col){...7 lines }
    private boolean checkDiagonal(int [][] b,int row,int col){...16 lines }
    private boolean placeQueens(int row,int [][] local_board) throws InterruptedException {...30 lines }
    private void terminateOthers(int id){...8 lines }
    public void terminateAll(){...6 lines }
    public void solve(int column) throws InterruptedException {...19 lines }
    public void setUpdateTime(int updateTime){...3 lines }
    public void startQueen(){...6 lines }
    public void initQueen(){...7 lines }
    public void joinAll(){...9 lines }
    @Override
    public void run() {...15 lines }
}
```

Attributes:

1. board

- Type: int[][]
- Description: Represents the chessboard with queens placed or removed.

2. boardSize

- Type: int
- Description: Size of the chessboard (N).

3. newBoard

- Type: BoardGUI
- Description: GUI for displaying the chessboard.

4. ThreadList

- Type: ArrayList<Thread>
- Description: List to store threads for solving N-Queens problem.

5. sync

- Type: Object
- Description: Object for synchronization.

6. solved

- Type: boolean
- Description: Flag indicating if the N-Queens problem is solved.

7. updateTime

- Type: int
- Description: Time delay for updating the GUI.

8. report

- Type: String
- Description: Information about the solving process.

9. selectedColumn

- Type: int
- Description: Column selected for solving.

Methods:

1. NQueens

- Header: public NQueens(int size, int updateTime, BoardGUI newBoard)
- Usage: Initializes the NQueens object with the specified parameters, sets up the chessboard, and prepares the GUI.

2. prepareBoard

- Header: private void prepareBoard(int[][] b)
- Usage: Initializes the chessboard with zeros.

3. printBoard

- Header: public void printBoard(int[][] b) throws InterruptedException

- Usage: Prints the chessboard to the GUI with a time delay.

4. isLegal

- Header: `private boolean isLegal(int[][] b, int row, int col)`
- Usage: Checks if placing a queen at a given position is a legal move.

5. checkUpper

- Header: `private boolean checkUpper(int[][] b, int row, int col)`
- Usage: Checks if there is no queen in the upper part of the column.

6. checkDiagonal

- Header: `private boolean checkDiagonal(int[][] b, int row, int col)`
- Usage: Checks if there is no queen in the diagonal positions.

7. placeQueens

- Header: `private boolean placeQueens(int row, int[][] local_board)` throws `InterruptedException`
- Usage: Recursive method to place queens on the chessboard.

8. terminateOthers

- Header: `private void terminateOthers(int id)`
- Usage: Interrupts threads other than the current one.

9. terminateAll

- Header: `public void terminateAll()`
- Usage: Interrupts all threads.

10. solve

- Header: `public void solve(int column)` throws `InterruptedException`
- Usage: Solves the N-Queens problem for a specific column.

11. setUpTime

- Header: public void setUpTime(int updateTime)
- Usage: Sets the time delay for updating the GUI.

12. startQueen

- Header: public void startQueen()
- Usage: Starts all threads.

13. initQueen

- Header: public void initQueen()
- Usage: Initializes and creates threads for solving the N-Queens problem.

14. joinAll

- Header: public void joinAll()
- Usage: Waits for all threads to finish.

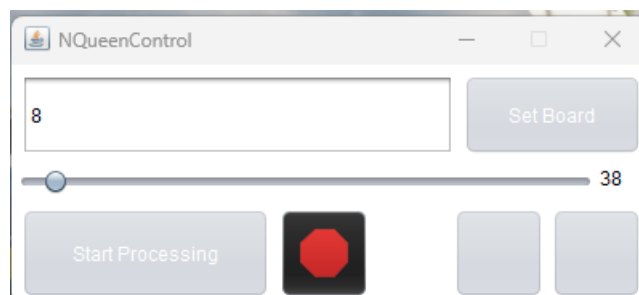
15. run

- Header: @Override public void run()
- Usage: Implements the run method from the Runnable interface, solves the N-Queens problem for a specific column when a thread is started.

GUI:

the control window

- here you can set the board size
- modify thread.sleep time
- start processing and interupting it immediately
- change board colors from 2 default themes



the chessboard window

- a real time update for the board
- which thread is currently printing on the screen

