

Algorithm to calculate minimum number of steps required by Knight to reach the target point of the empty chess board.

Input

N : Number of rows in a square chessboard.

startingPosition : Valid starting position of knight empty on empty chessboard. $(\{x,y,d\})$. Where x,y are position and d is distance covered with initial value 0)

destinationPosition : Valid destination position for knight empty on empty chessboard. $(\{x,y\})$

Algorithm

- In square chessboard of N rows there are $N*N$ valid spot. Lets create a utility function which will take input as $\text{spot}(\{x,y\})$ and return boolean value, if spot is valid or not. Let's name that function as $\text{isValidSpot}()$.
 - For all given $\{x,y\}$ if the coordinates are inside $\{0, N-1\}$ then its valid spot.
- For a knight there are max 8 positions in which knights can move on an empty chessboard. Create a function which will return all valid moves a knight can take from current spot. Lets name this function as $\text{getAllValidMoves}()$. We will have to use "isValidSpot" to check if the spot is valid.
 - Here are the 8 move knight can take from any position $\{x,y\}$
 - $\{-2,-1\} \{-1,-2\} \{+1,-2\} \{+2,-1\} \{-2,+1\} \{-1,+2\} \{+1,+2\} \{+2,+1\}$
- Lets create a visited array of size N and initialize it with false values.
 - $\text{Boolean visited}[N][N] = \{\text{false}\}$
- Create a queue and push the startingPosition in the queue.
- Repeat the below steps till the queue is not empty.
 - Post the top element from the queue and store it in a temporary spot variable. ($\text{currentKnightPosition}$)
 - Check if currentKnightSpot is equal to $\text{destinationPosition}$.
 - Check if $\{x,y\}$ values for $\text{destinationPosition}$ and currentKnightSpot are the same.
 - If true then return $\text{currentKnightSpot.d}$ as final result.

- Now get all valid moves a knight can take from current position using `getAllValidMoves()`. And do the following for that.
 - Do the following if `visited[x][y]` is false.
 - Update `visited[x][y]` as true.
 - Add spot `{x,y}` into the queue.
- Return error message that knight can't be reached to destination position.