BACKTRACKING

1. Backtracking on Arrays

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class BacktrackingOnArrays {
    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); // function call
        arr[i] = arr[i] - 2; // backtracking
    public static void printArr (int arr[]) {
        for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {</pre>
            System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
        System.out.println();
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int arr[] = new int [8];
        changeArr(arr, 0, 1);
        printArr(arr);
```

2. Grid Ways

```
public class GridWays {
   public static int gridWays (int i, int j, int n, int m) {
       // i = row, j = column, n = no. of rows, m = no. of columns
       // Base Case
       if (i == n-1 \&\& j == m-1) { // Condition for last cell
           return 1;
       \} else if (i == n \mid | j == n) \{ // Boundary cross condition \}
           return 0;
       int w1 = gridWays(i+1, j, n, m);
       int w2 = gridWays(i, j+1, n, m);
       return w1 + w2;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Scanner sc = new Scanner (System.in);
       System.out.print("Enter no. of Rows: ");
       int n = sc.nextInt();
       System.out.print("Enter no. of Columns: ");
       int m = sc.nextInt();
       System.out.print("Total no. of Grid ways to acquire Target: ");
       System.out.println(gridWays(0, 0, n, m));
                                                                             // (0, 0) to (n, m)
```

3. Keypad Combinations

```
oublic class KeypadCombinations {
   public static void bfs (int pos, int len, StringBuilder sb, String D) {
       if (pos == len) {
           System.out.print(sb.toString()+ ", ");
           char[] letters = L [Character.getNumericValue(D.charAt(pos))];
           for (int i = 0; i < letters.length; i++) {</pre>
               bfs(pos+1, len, new StringBuilder(sb).append(letters[i]), D);
   final static char[][] L = { {}}, {}, {'a', 'b', 'c'}, {'d', 'e', 'f'},
                               {'g', 'h', 'i'}, {'j', 'k', 'l'}, {'m', 'n', 'o'},
                               {'p', 'q', 'r', 's'}, {'t', 'u', 'v'}, {'w', 'x', 'y', 'z'} };
   public static void letterCombinations (String D) {
       int len = D.length();
       if (len == 0) {
           System.out.print(" ");
           return;
       bfs(0, len, new StringBuilder(), D);
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       // Scanner sc = new Scanner (System.in);
       // System.out.print("Enter Digits: ");
       // String digit = sc.next();
       // System.out.print("Letters Combinations are: ");
       letterCombinations("23");
```

4. Permutations

```
oublic class Permutations {
   public static void findPermutation (String str, String ans) {
       // BASE CASE
       if (str.length() == 0) {
           System.out.println(ans);
           return;
                                                        // Time Complexity - O(n*n!)
                    // RECURSION
       for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {</pre>
           char curr = str.charAt(i);
           String NewStr = str.substring(0, i) + str.substring(i+1);
           findPermutation(NewStr, ans + curr);
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
       System.out.print("Enter String: ");
       String str = sc.next();
       System.out.println("Permutations of String are: ");
       findPermutation(str, " ");
```

5. Knights Tour

```
public class KnightsTour {
   static int N = 8;
   public static boolean isSafe (int x, int y, int sol[][]) {
       return (x >= 0 \&\& x < N \&\& y >= 0 \&\& y < N \&\& sol[x][y] == -1);
   public static void printSolution (int sol[][]) {
       for (int x = 0; x < N; x++) {
           for (int y = 0; y < N; y++) {
               System.out.print(sol[x][y] + " ");
           System.out.println();
       }
   public static boolean solveKTUtil (int x,int y,int moveI,int sol[][],int xMove[],int yMove[]){
       int k, next_x, next_y;
       if (moveI == N*N) {
           return true;
       for (k = 0; k < 8; k++) {
           next_x = x + xMove[k];
           next_y = y + yMove[k];
           if (isSafe(next_x, next_y, sol)) {
               sol[next_x][next_y] = moveI;
               if (solveKTUtil(next_x, next_y, moveI + 1, sol, xMove, yMove)) {
                    return true;
               } else {
                    sol[next_x][next_y] = -1; // Backtracking
                }
           }
       return false;
   public static boolean solveKT() {
       int sol[][] = new int [8][8];
       for (int x = 0; x < N; x++) {
           for (int y = 0; y < N; y++) {
               sol[x][y] = -1;
           }
       int xMove[] = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2};
       int yMove[] = \{1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1\};
       // As the knight starts from cell(0, 0)
       sol[0][0] = 0;
       if (!solveKTUtil(0, 0, 1, sol, xMove, yMove)) {
           System.out.println("Solution doesn't Exist.");
           return false;
       } else {
           printSolution(sol);
       return true;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       solveKT();
```

6. N Queens

```
public class Nqueens {
   public static boolean isSafe (char board[][], int row, int col) {
       for (int i=row-1; i>=0; i--) {      // Vertical Up
           if (board[i][col] == 'Q') {
                return false;
                  // Diagonal Left Up
       for (int i=row-1, j=col-1; i>=0 && j>=0; i--, j--) {
           if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
               return false;
           }
                  // Diagonal Right Up
       for(int i=row-1, j=col+1; i>=0 && j<board.length; i--, j++) {</pre>
           if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
                return false;
           }
       return true;
   public static void printBoard (char board[][]) {
       System.out.println("-----Chess Board-----");
       for(int i=0; i<board.length; i++) {</pre>
            for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
                System.out.print(board[i][j] + " ");
           System.out.println();
       }
   public static void nQueens (char board[][], int row) {
       if (row == board.length) { // Base Case
           printBoard(board);
           return;
       for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
                                                         // Column Loop
           if (isSafe(board, row, j)) {
               board[row][j] = 'Q';
                nQueens(board, row+1);
                                                         // Function Calling
                board[row][j] = 'x';
                                                         // Backtracking
   public static void main (String args[]) {
       Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
       System.out.print("Enter value of N (N*N Board): ");
       int n = sc.nextInt();
       System.out.println("N Queens All Possible Solutions are: ");
       char board[][] = new char[n][n];
       for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {</pre>
           for (int j=0; j<n; j++) {</pre>
                board[i][j] = 'x';
       nQueens(board, 0);
```

7. N Queens Count

```
public class NQueensCount {
   public static boolean isSafe (char board[][], int row, int col) {
       for (int i=row-1; i>=0; i--) {      // Vertical Up
           if (board[i][col] == 'Q') {
               return false;
       for (int i=row-1, j=col-1; i>=0 && j>=0; i--, j--) { // Diagonal Left Up
           if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
               return false;
           }
       for(int i=row-1, j=col+1; i>=0 && j<board.length; i--, j++) { // Diagonal Right Up</pre>
           if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
               return false;
           }
       return true;
   public static void printBoard (char board[][]) {
       System.out.println("-----");
       for(int i=0; i<board.length; i++) {</pre>
           for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
               System.out.print(board[i][j] + " ");
           System.out.println();
       }
   public static void nQueens (char board[][], int row) {
       if (row == board.length) // Base Case
           count++;
           return;
       for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
                                                        // Column Loop
           if (isSafe(board, row, j)) {
               board[row][j] = 'Q';
               nQueens(board, row+1);
                                                        // Function Calling
               board[row][j] = 'x';
                                                        // Backtracking
       }
   static int count = 0;
   public static void main (String args[]) {
       Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
       System.out.print("Enter value of N (N*N Board): ");
       int n = sc.nextInt();
       char board[][] = new char[n][n];
       for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {</pre>
           for (int j=0; j<n; j++) {</pre>
               board[i][j] = 'x';
           }
       nQueens(board, 0);
       System.out.println("Total ways to solve N Queens: " + count);
```

8. N Queens One Solution

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class NQueensOneSolution {
    public static boolean isSafe (char board[][], int row, int col) {
        // Vertical Up
        for (int i=row-1; i>=0; i--) {
            if (board[i][col] == 'Q') {
                return false;
        // Diagonal Left Up
        for (int i=row-1, j=col-1; i>=0 && j>=0; i--, j--) {
            if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
                return false;
            }
        // Diagonal Right Up
        for(int i=row-1, j=col+1; i>=0 && j<board.length; i--, j++) {</pre>
            if (board[i][j] == 'Q') {
                return false;
        return true;
    public static boolean nQueens (char board[][], int row) {
        if (row == board.length) {
            count++;
            return true;
        for (int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
            if (isSafe(board, row, j)) {
                board[row][j] = 'Q';
                if (nQueens(board, row+1)) {
                    return true;
                board[row][j] = 'x';
            }
        return false;
    public static void printBoard (char board[][]) {
        System.out.println("-----Chess Board-----");
        for(int i=0; i<board.length; i++) {</pre>
            for(int j=0; j<board.length; j++) {</pre>
                System.out.print(board[i][j] + " ");
            System.out.println();
        }
    static int count = 0;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner (System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter value of N (N*N Board): ");
        int n = sc.nextInt();
        char board[][] = new char[n][n];
```

```
for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
    for (int j=0; j<n; j++) {
        board[i][j] = 'x';
     }
}
if (nQueens(board, 0)) {
    System.out.println("Solution is Possible");
    printBoard(board);
} else {
    System.out.println("Solution is not Possible");
}
}</pre>
```

9. Subsets

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Subsets {
    public static void findSubsets (String str, String ans,int i) {
        if (i == str.length()) {
            if (ans.length() == 0) {
                System.out.print("null");
            } else {
                System.out.print(ans);
                                                      // Time Complexity - O(n*2^n)
                                                     // Space Complexity - O(n)
            return;
        findSubsets(str, ans + str.charAt(i), i+1); // YES
        findSubsets(str, ans, i+1); // NO
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter String: ");
        String str = sc.next();
        System.out.println("Subsets of String are: ");
        findSubsets(str, " ", 0);
```

```
public class RatInMaze {
   public static void printSolution(int sol[][]) {
       for (int i = 0; i < sol.length; i++) {</pre>
           for (int j = 0; j < sol.length; <math>j++) {
              System.out.print(" " + sol[i][j] + " ");
           System.out.println();
       }
   }
   public static boolean solveMazeUtil(int maze[][], int x, int y, int sol[][]) {
       sol[x][y] = 1;
           return true;
       // check if maze[x][y] is valid
       if (isSafe(maze, x, y) == true) {
           if (sol[x][y] == 1) {
              return false;
           sol[x][y] = 1;
           if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x + 1, y, sol)) {
              return true;
           if (solveMazeUtil(maze, x, y + 1, sol)) {
              return true;
           sol[x][y] = 0;
           return false;
       return false;
   }
   public static boolean isSafe(int maze[][], int x, int y) {
       // if (x, y) outside maze then return false
       return (x >= 0 && x < maze.length && y >= 0 && y < maze.length && maze[x][y] == 1);
   public static boolean solveMaze(int maze[][]) {
       int N = maze.length;
       int sol[][] = new int[N][N];
       if (solveMazeUtil(maze, 0, 0, sol) == false) {
           System.out.println("Solution doesn't Exist");
          return false;
       printSolution(sol);
       return true;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       int maze[][] = { {1, 0, 0, 0},
                      {1, 1, 0, 1},
                      {0, 1, 0, 0},
                      {1, 1, 1, 1} };
       solveMaze(maze);
```

```
public class Sudoku {
   public static boolean isSafe (int sudoku[][], int row, int col, int digit) {
       // Column
       for (int i = 0; i <= 8; i++) {
           if (sudoku[i][col] == digit) {
                return false;
       }
       // Row
       for (int j = 0; j <= 8; j++) {
           if (sudoku[row][j] == digit) {
                return false;
           }
       }
       // Grid
       int sr = (row/3) * 3;
       int sc = (col/3) * 3;
       // 3*3 Grid
       for (int i = sr; i < sr+3; i++) {</pre>
           for (int j = sc; j < sc+3; j++) {</pre>
                if (sudoku[i][j] == digit) {
                    return false;
                }
           }
       return true;
   public static boolean SudokuSolver (int sudoku[][], int row, int col) {
       // Base Case
       if (row == 9) {
           return true;
       // Recursion
       int nextRow = row, nextCol = col + 1;
       if (col + 1 == 9) {
           nextRow = row + 1;
           nextCol = 0;
       if (sudoku[row][col] != 0) {
           return SudokuSolver(sudoku, nextRow, nextCol);
       for (int digit = 1; digit <= 9; digit++) {</pre>
           if (isSafe(sudoku, row, col, digit)) {
                sudoku[row][col] = digit;
                if (SudokuSolver(sudoku, nextRow, nextCol)) {
                    return true;
                sudoku[row][col] = 0;
           }
       return false;
   }
```

```
public static void printSudoku (int Sudoku[][]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {
            System.out.print(Sudoku[i][j]+ " ");
        System.out.println();
}
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int sudoku[][] = \{\{ 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\},\
    {4, 9, 0, 1, 5, 7, 0, 0, 2},
    \{0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 4, 1, 9, 0\},\
    \{1, 8, 5, 0, 6, 0, 0, 2, 0\},\
    {0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 6, 0},
    \{9, 6, 0, 4, 0, 5, 3, 0, 0\},\
    \{0, 3, 0, 0, 7, 2, 0, 0, 4\},\
    \{0, 4, 9, 0, 3, 0, 0, 5, 7\},\
    {8, 2, 7, 0, 0, 9, 0, 1, 3} };
    if (SudokuSolver(sudoku, 0, 0)) {
        System.out.println("----Solution Exists----");
        printSudoku(sudoku);
    } else {
        System.out.println("----Solution Doesn't Exists----");
```