

Backtracking Problems

Agenda

1. N-Queens
2. Sudoku - Solver
3. Word Break Problem



Hello Everyone
 very Special Good Evening
 to All of you 😊
 We will start
 from 9:06 PM

N-Queen:

Given $N \times N$ chess board, Place N -queens in these chess board and print the possibility:

$N=4$,
 $4 \times 4 \rightarrow$

	0	1	2	3
0		q		
1				q
2	q			
3			q	

	0	1	2	3
0			q	
1	q			
2				q
3		q		

No two queens are killing to each other

$N=1$

q

$N=2$

q	

	q

$N=3$

q		
		q

Imp: For N -queen problem
 value of $N \geq 4$

Observation:

	0	1	2	3
0		q		
1				q
2	q			
3			q	

	0	1	2	3
0			q	
1	q			
2				q
3		q		

#1. Each Row contains one queen.

#2. One queen have N-cell option

N=4

	0	1	2	3
0	→	←	→	→
1				
2				
3				

-	Q	-	-
-	-	-	Q
Q	-	-	-
-	-	Q	-

-	-	Q	-
Q	-	-	-
-	-	-	Q
-	Q	-	-

Recursive Syntax :

board \rightarrow char[7][7]

Row No \rightarrow int i

```
void N-queens(char[][] board, int i){
```

```
    if( i == board.size()){
```

```
        print(board); → 2D array printing
```

```
        return;
```

```
    }
```

```
    for( int j=0; j < board.size(); j++){
```

```
        if( isSafeToPlace (board, i, j) ){
```

```
            board[i][j] = 'Q';
```

```
            N-Queens(board, i+1);
```

```
            board[i][j] = '-';
```

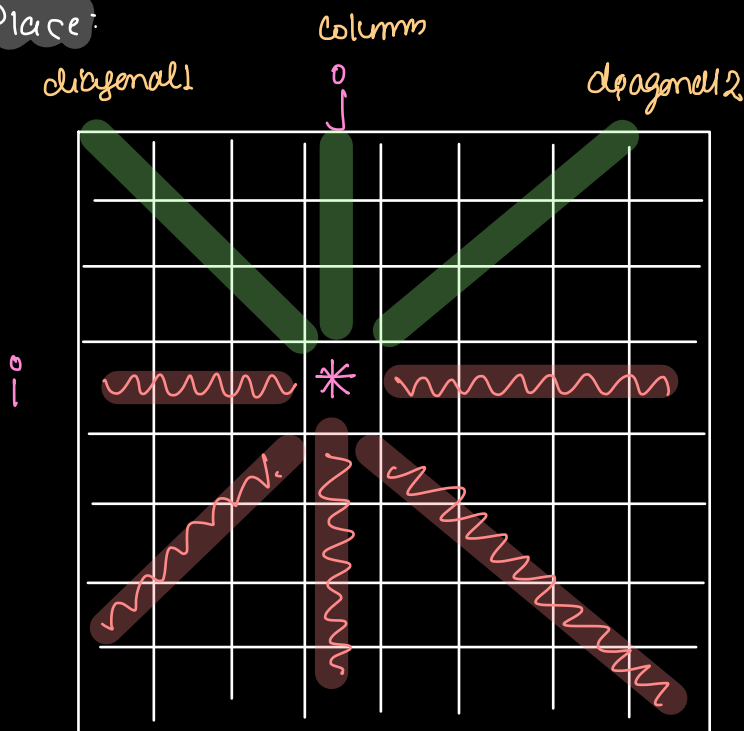
```
        }
```

```
    }
```

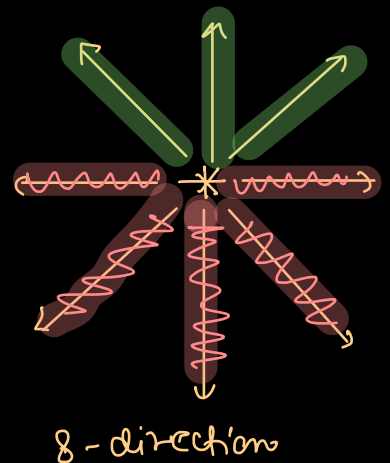
```
}
```

isSafeToPlace:

board →



Ideally:



```
bool isSafeToPlace ( char** board, int i, int j) {
```

```
    int n = board.length;
```

```
    // current column checking
```

```
    for (int r = 0; r < i; r++) {
```

```
        if ( board[r][j] == 'Q' ) {
```

```
            return false;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // diagonal 1
```

```
    for (int r = i-1, c = j-1; r >= 0 && c >= 0; r--, c--) {
```

```
        if ( board[r][c] == 'Q' ) {
```

```
            return false;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // diagonal 2
```

```
    for (int r = i-1, c = j+1; r >= 0 && c < n; r--, c++) {
```

```
        if ( board[r][c] == 'Q' ) {
```

```
            return false;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return true;
```

```
}
```

T.C: $O(N!)$

S.C: $O(N)$

Sudoku Solver:

You are given an 9x9 board, in which the cells contains numbers from 1 - 9.

You need to check the below conditions,

1. Each row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9 w/o repetitions.
2. Each col must contain the numbers from 1 to 9 w/o repetitions.
3. Each block of size 3 * 3 should contain all numbers from 1 to 9 w/o repetition.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0									
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	5	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
1	6	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
2	0	9	8	0	0	0	0	6	0
3	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	3
4	4	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	1
5	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
6	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	8	0
7	0	0	0	4	1	9	0	0	5
8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	7	9

board[i][j] == 0
→ blank cell

i=0, j=2

→ option of number
for cell

ideally → 1 to 9

move Recursively on every cell and try to solve
all possibility for blank cell

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	5	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
1	6	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
2	0	9	8	0	0	0	0	6	0
3	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	3
4	4	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	1
5	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
6	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	8	0
7	0	0	0	4	1	9	0	0	5
8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	7	9

Make an array of pairs for empty cell

$(0,2) \mid 0,3 \mid 0,5 \mid 0,6 \mid 0,7 \mid 0,8 \mid 1,1$

is Safe To Place:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0									⊗
1									
2									
3				⊗					
4						*			
5									⊗
6									
7									
8									

entire i^{th} row

entire 3×3 box

$i=4, j=5$

StartRow = 3

StartCol =

entire j^{th} column

⇒ Row No — Remainder after division 3

⇒ $4 - 4 \% 3$

⇒ $4 - 1 = (3)$

Col. no — Remainder after division 3

⇒ $5 - 5 \% 3$

⇒ $5 - 2 = (3)$

$$\text{Start Row} = i - i/3$$

$$\text{Start Col} = j - j/3$$

$$i=0, j=8$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 0 - 0/3 = 0 \\ c &= 8 - 8/3 = 6 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

$$i=5, j=7$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 5 - 5/3 = 3 \\ c &= 7 - 7/3 = 6 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

$$i=6, j=2$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 6 - 6/3 = 6 \\ c &= 2 - 2/3 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

$$i=8, j=3$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 8 - 8/3 = 6 \\ c &= 3 - 3/3 = 3 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

$$i=5, j=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 5 - 5/3 = 3 \\ c &= 1 - 1/3 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

$$i=8, j=8$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 8 - 8/3 = 6 \\ c &= 8 - 8/3 = 6 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark$$

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9

gt is correct

10:51 - 11:00 pm
Break

```

import java.util.*;

public class Main {

    static class Pair {
        int i;
        int j;
        Pair(int i, int j) {
            this.i = i;
            this.j = j;
        }
    }

    public static void print(int[][] board) {
        for(int[] arr : board) {
            for(int ele : arr) {
                System.out.print(ele + " ");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
        System.out.println(x: "~~~~~");
    }
}

```

```

public static boolean isSafeToPlace(int[][] board, int i, int j, int num) {
    // check same row
    for(int c = 0; c < 9; c++) {
        if(board[i][c] == num) {
            return false;
        }
    }

    // check same column
    for(int r = 0; r < 9; r++) {
        if(board[r][j] == num) {
            return false;
        }
    }

    // find start and end of current 3*3 box and then check it
    int r = i - i%3;
    int c = j - j%3;
    for(int ii = r; ii < r + 3; ii++) {
        for(int jj = c; jj < c + 3; jj++) {
            if(board[ii][jj] == num) {
                return false;
            }
        }
    }

    // after all checking we can say it is safe
    return true;
}

```



```

public static void sudoku(int[][] board, ArrayList<Pair> list, int i) {
    // base case
    if(i == list.size()) {
        print(board);
        return;
    }
    Pair p = list.get(i);
    // for this particular cell, try all options from 1 to 9
    for(int num = 1; num <= 9; num++) {
        if(isSafeToPlace(board, p.i, p.j, num)) {
            // place that number
            board[p.i][p.j] = num;
            // make a call for next empty cell
            sudoku(board, list, i + 1);
            // while returning, unplace the number
            board[p.i][p.j] = 0;
        }
    }
}

// board is partially filled
public static void solveSudoku(int[][] board) {
    // dynamic array for pair is created
    ArrayList<Pair> list = new ArrayList<>();
    // iterate on board, check for empty cells and add it in pair array
    for(int i = 0; i < board.length; i++) {
        for(int j = 0; j < board[0].length; j++) {
            if(board[i][j] == 0) {
                list.add(new Pair(i, j));
            }
        }
    }
    sudoku(board, list, 0);
}

```

```

int[][] board = {
    {5, 3, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0},
    {6, 0, 0, 1, 9, 5, 0, 0, 0},
    {0, 9, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0},
    {8, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 3},
    {4, 0, 0, 8, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1},
    {7, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 6},
    {0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 8, 0},
    {0, 0, 0, 4, 1, 9, 0, 0, 5},
    {0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 7, 9}
};

```

```

solveSudoku(board);

```

Word Break:

Dictionary of some word is given and one string is also given. Make the sentences from given string by using word of Dictionary.

Dictionary: ["i", "like", "man", "go", "mango"]

String str = "ilikemango"

i like man go

i like mango

i_like-man-go

go

i_like-man

i_like-mango

mango

i_like

likemango

i

i like mango

(Hashset)
Dictionary
["i"
"like"
"mango"
"man"
"go"
]

```

// word break
public static void wordBreak(HashSet<String> set, String str, String ans) {
    if(str.length() == 0) {
        // print the answer string and then return from here
        System.out.println(ans);
        return;
    }

    for(int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
        String substr = str.substring(beginIndex:0, i + 1);
        /* check if this substring is part of dictionary or not
        * if it is part of dictionary,
        * we can add it in answer and make call for another level
        * if it is not part of substring we can try another substring
        */
        if(set.contains(substr)) {
            wordBreak(set, str.substring(i + 1) , ans + substr + " ");
        }
    }
}
}

```

ques: T.C: $O(n!)$
 S.C: $O(n)$