# **Pyramids**

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# **CHAPTER**

# **ONE**

# **PYRAMIDS**

# 1.1 board module

class board.Board(dim=0, board=[])

Bases: object

Board class is used to store the data of a square board with a specified dimension.

checkDimNBoardRelation(dim: int, board: list)

Check if in initial tuple the value of dimension is equal to the actual dimension in the table.

# **Parameters**

- **dim** (*int*) dimension is passed to the function
- **board** (*list*) board is passed to the function

# Raises

WrongDimension - exception

# property dim: int

Dimension of the board.

# Returns

dimension of this object

# **Return type**

int

# property board: list

The data contained in the board.

# Returns

data of this object

# Return type

list

# fillBoardWithValue(value)

Used to fill every cells in the "board" property with the value "value". This method will update the data of the "board" property and return None

# **Parameters**

**value** (int) – Values to be placed in board cells

# 1.2 hints module

```
class hints.HintsData(dim=0, topHint=[], botHint=[], rightHint=[], leftHint=[])
      Bases: object
      HintsData class contains input data, which are indicators of how many pyramids can be seen from a given position.
      There are four types of hints: topHint, botHint, rightHint, leftHint.
      Along with that is the dim parameter that will determine the size of the problem.
      static checkDim(lists: list) \rightarrow int
           Check if the list of hint types has the same data length.
                Parameters
                    lists (list) – list of hint types
                Raises
                    LengthFileIncorrect – exception - inconsitent data length
                Returns
                    valid dimension value
                Return type
                    int
      checkHint(lst: list) \rightarrow list
           Check if the value in the list of hints is valid.
                Parameters
                    1st (list) – list of hints
                Raises
                    • NonStandardChars – exception - data contains non-standard characters - not digits
                    • OutsideRange - exception - data are numbers outside the range 1 to N, resulting in an
                      unsolved problem
                Returns
                    list of hints data has been normalized
                Return type
                    list
      property dim: int
           Dimension of the problem
                Returns
                    dimension
                Return type
                    int
      property topHint: list
           Hint at the top of the board applies to the columns viewed from the top.
                Returns
                    Hints of type 1
                Return type
                    list
```

# property botHint: list

Hint at the bottom of the board applies to the columns viewed from the bottom.

# Returns

Hints of type 2

# **Return type**

list

# property rightHint: list

Hint on the right side of the board applies to rows viewed from the right.

### Returns

Hints of type 3

# **Return type**

list

# property leftHint: list

Hint on the left side of the board applies to rows viewed from the left.

### Returns

Hints of type 4

# Return type

list

# getData(dir)

Get data from file File is only allowed to contain 4 lines, representing the hint for the top, bottom, right and left

# **Parameters**

**dir** (str) – path to input file

# Raises

- FileNotFoundError exception File not found in "dir" path
- LengthFileIncorrect exception File contains more or less than 4 lines of data

# 1.3 condition\_analysis module

class condition\_analysis.CondBoard(dim: int, board=[])

Bases: Board

This is a class that inherits from the Board class, where each cell of the board is a list instead of an integer. This class will analyze the suggested dataset and generate a list of values that can be put in each board cell, improving time and memory when creating configurations.

# static noSolutionCheck(hint: list) $\rightarrow bool$

Check if the list of hints has the ability to give a solution The problem has no solution if there is more than one value 1 or N in the list.

# **Parameters**

**hint** (list) – List of hints

# Return

This problem have solution or not?

# Return type

bool

# $checkMissingData(lst: list) \rightarrow bool$

Check if the data length of the list of hints is enough to generate the condition board or not?

# **Parameters**

**1st** (list) – List of hints

# Returns

Insufficient data or not?

# Return type

bool

 $setNdelValueCol(row: int, col: int, value: list) \rightarrow None$ 

Set this value for cell at (row, column) and remove it from cell's list in the same column.

# **Parameters**

- row (int) index of the row of the cell that needs to be changed
- col (int) index of the col of the cell that needs to be changed
- value (1ist) the list of values to be assigned to the cell, possibly a list with one element

 $setNdelValueRow(row: int, col: int, value: list) \rightarrow None$ 

Set this value for cell at (row, column) and remove it from cell's list in the same row.

### **Parameters**

- row (int) index of the row of the cell that needs to be changed
- **col** (*int*) index of the col of the cell that needs to be changed
- value (list) the list of values to be assigned to the cell, possibly a list with one element

**topCond**(topHint: list)  $\rightarrow$  None

Analyze and eliminate impossibility based on type one hints.

# **Parameters**

topHint (list) – List of type one hints

# Raises

- InsufficientData exception raise when missing data occurs
- NoSolutionError exception raise when there is no satisfactory solution to this hint

**botCond**(botHint: list)  $\rightarrow$  None

Analyze and eliminate impossibility based on type two hints.

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**botHint** (*1ist*) – List of type two hints

# **Raises**

- InsufficientData exception raise when missing data occurs
- NoSolutionError exception raise when there is no satisfactory solution to this hint

**rightCond**(rightHint: list)  $\rightarrow$  None

Analyze and eliminate impossibility based on type three hints

# **Parameters**

**rightHint** (*list*) – List of type three hints

# Raises

- InsufficientData exception raise when missing data occurs
- NoSolutionError exception raise when there is no satisfactory solution to this hint

# **leftCond**(leftHint: list) $\rightarrow$ None

Analyze and eliminate impossibility based on type four hints

# **Parameters**

**leftHint** (*list*) – List of type four hints

# Raises

- InsufficientData exception raise when missing data occurs
- NoSolutionError exception raise when there is no satisfactory solution to this hint

# $remRedundantCond() \rightarrow None$

Since the above four methods are not executed concurrently, it is possible to result in some impossibility of configuration that has not been eliminated. This method will "double check" and delete it.

```
analyzeBasicCond(hints: HintsData) \rightarrow None
```

Method used to separate hint types and call the respective methods declared above, for convenience:)

# **Parameters**

hints (HintsData) - Data of hints

# 1.4 board resolver module

class board\_resolver.BoardResolver(hints=<hints.HintsData object>)

Bases: object

BoardResolver class stores the data of a problem, including the input data: hints, the condition board and the problem results (if it's exist). It also includes methods that are used as tools to solve the problem from input data.

# property flag

This flag marks if the current object is storing the configuration as the solution of the problem or not. If flag is 0, then no solution has been found yet, and vice versa if flag is 1

# Returns

value of flag

# Return type

int

# property curBrd

Current configuration of the board for the problem. By default, all cells in the board have a value of 0. If flag = 1, then this property is the answer to the problem.

# Returns

Current configuration of the board

# Return type

**Board** 

# property condBrd

Condition board is created for the problem

# Returns

condition board

# Return type

CondBoard

# property hints

Input data of the problem - hints

# **Returns**

list of lists of hints:)

# **Return type**

**HintsData** 

# **static** $getRow(matrix, row) \rightarrow list$

Returns a list of the current value of the specified row in a matrix

# **Parameters**

- matrix (list) Matrix for which we need to take the value
- row (int) Row in the matrix that we need to get the value

### Returns

List of values in current row of the matrix

# **Return type**

list

# static getCol(matrix, col) $\rightarrow$ list

Returns a list of the current value of the specified column in a matrix

# **Parameters**

- matrix (list) Matrix for which we need to take the value
- col (int) Column in the matrix that we need to get the value

# Returns

List of values in current column of the matrix

# Return type

list

# static numVisiblePyramids(arr) $\rightarrow$ int

Calculates the length of the longest incremented sequence that starts with the first element of the array.

Used to calculate how many pyramids can be seen at the specified location.

# Returns

the length of the longest incremented sequence

# Return type

int

# saveData(dir)

Store the result of the problem in a file if flag = 1 (found the answer)

# **Parameters**

dir(str) – the path to the file where answer will be saved

# Raises

FileNotFoundError – exception - directory is empty

# $checkResultWithCond() \rightarrow bool$

Check if the current configuration of the object is satisfied with the input condition.

At each row/column, we will get the list of values of that row/column, calculate how many pyramids we can see with this configuration and compare it with the corresponding hint (if the hint is not 0).

### Returns

Is the answer right or wrong?

# **Return type**

bool

# backtracking(row: int, col: int)

Backtracking algorithm, where the problem is solved. This algorithm will generate all possible configurations of the board (based on the condition board and the values that have already been placed in the board) until it finds a match.

# **Parameters**

- row (int) current row that the algorithm considers
- col (int) current column that the algorithm considers

# resolver()

Method prepares the condition table and calls the method to solve the problem.

### Raises

**NoSolutionError** – exception - can't find the solution

# 1.5 main module

```
class main.ErrorDialog(parent=None)
     Bases: QDialog
     Error message interface
     closeDialog()
class main.PyramidsWindow(parent=None)
     Bases: QMainWindow
     The main interface of the GUI
     static setTableValue(table, data)
     showHome()
          Display home screen interface
     showSolve()
          Display solve screen interface
     showHelp()
          Display help screen interface
     showAbout()
          Display about screen interface
```

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showError(error)

```
Display error screen interface
                Parameters
                    error (Exception) - type of error
      exitProg()
      clearAnsTable()
      renewBoard()
            Change the size of the board display interface according to the size selected by the user
      resetBoard()
            Reset all solve screen interface to default
      getInputData() \rightarrow bool
            Read input data entered from the user through the GUI and run the method to solve it.
      getDataFrFile() \rightarrow bool
           Read input data from file and display it on GUI
      pasteInputData(hints: HintsData)
           Display input datasets to GUI
      saveDataToFile() \rightarrow bool
            Save the result (if exists) to file
      solve(hints: HintsData) \rightarrow None
            Method solves the problem and prints it to the GUI. This method receives input data read from the GUI
                Parameters
                    hints (HintsData) - Input data read from GUI
main.rapidSolver(dir: str) \rightarrow BoardResolver
      Method used to solve the problem without the need for a GUI. Required to get the path to the input data file
            Parameters
                dir(str) – path to input data file
            Returns
                object carries the solution of the problem (if exists)
            Return type
                BoardResolver
main.guiMain(args)
```

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