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import java.awt.*;
import java.applet.*;
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*      Knight's Tour Problem
*      Starting from any square on the che
*      the Knight has to cover all the 64
*      exactly 64 moves.
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History
I read about this problem sometime around late
in a Sunday magazine as a puzzle, and solved it
10 minutes and noted down the path.
Late I thought I would write a general program t
path from any starting position if it exists.
I tried it sometime in late seventies On CDC CY
(Erlangen University) and could not examine mov
beyond 20-25 due to combinatorial explosion. (S
it was obvious that there would be combinatoria
should not have tried it in the first place. Th
hit the right path in the first few alternativ
have to store/examine all the alternatives. It
Such problems require heuristics to tackle.
Though I devised a heuristics I did not code it
was quite messy. I made another attempt in 1983

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I decided to try to sove the problem using Java
languages make it really easy to tackle real wo
I could solve the entire problem in about 3 hou
Full credits to Java

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      8 possible moves from X
      for the knight

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      | 8 |   | 1 |   | |
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      | 7 |   |   |   | 2 |
      |---|---|---|---|
      |   |   | X |   |
      | 6 |   |   |   | 3 |
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      |   | 5 |   | 4 |   |
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The class Square represents a square in a chess board. Wh
who are are neighbours we should know about the container
The class Board represents the chess board and each squa
the board via the variable b which is set when 'squares'
There is sister class of Square, CSquare which handles v
the Square. The CSquare objects are embedded in an insta
class. MyFrame is derived from Frame and hosts the chess
can resize the window. The frame is a popup window.

The class KnightsTour is the 'main' class. It glues toge
objects. It is designed so that it works both as an Appl

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// The code is written in Java 1.0.2. It is straightforward
// later versions. The conversion which requires a little ca
// When the user clicks on a square, the CSquare objects del
// MyFrame conveying id of the CSquare.
//
// About the source code: The source code, alas, does not in
// programming practices. For example accessibility of variab
// are not always defined. The methods of one class peek and
// other classes directly. One should have used get/set meth
// scarce. If you have not tackled similar problems, underst
// is not very easy.
// The point is, the project was to try the heuristics to so
// the Knight's Tour problem, and to write best and efficient
// to do so was secondary.
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class Square {
    int id;
    Board b = null;
    boolean visited = false;
    Square(int n) { id = n; }
    Square(int n, Board b) { id = n; this.b = b; }
    int row() { return id/8 + 1; }
    int col() { return (id%8) + 1; }
    int getId(int r, int c) { return (r-1)*8+c-1; }
    // returns legal moves from this square
    int[] next() {
        int p[] = new int[8];
        int m = 0, r, c;
        for (int i=0; i < 8; i++) {
            r = this.row(); c = this.col();
            switch (i) {
                case 0: r -= 2; c += 1; break;
                case 1: r -= 1; c += 2; break;
                case 2: r += 1; c += 2; break;
                case 3: r += 2; c += 1; break;
                case 4: r += 2; c -= 1; break;
                case 5: r += 1; c -= 2; break;
                case 6: r -= 1; c -= 2; break;
                case 7: r -= 2; c -= 1; break;
            }
            if ((r < 1) || (r > 8) || (c < 1) || (c > 8))
                continue;
            p[m] = getId(r, c);
            m++;
        }
        int t[] = new int[m];
        System.arraycopy(p, 0, t, 0, m);
        return t;
    }
    // returns the number of moves from the next jump.
    // takes into account of visited squares
    int escapes(int omit) {
        int nxt[];
        nxt = next();
        int e=0;
        for (int i = 0; i < nxt.length; i++) {
            if (b.sq[nxt[i]].visited || (nxt[i] == omit))
                continue;
            e++;
        }
        return e;
    }
    // this is the HEURISTICS
    // what is the best jump from the square ?
    // -1 if none. Note that you may get trapped into a
    // come out since all possible escape squares are al
    int goodExit() {
        int nxt[];
        nxt = next();
        int e=0;
        for (int i = 0; i < nxt.length; i++) {
            if (b.sq[nxt[i]].visited || (nxt[i] == omit))
                continue;
            e++;
        }
        return e;
    }
}
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        int k = 8;
        int idx = -1;
        int e = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < nxt.length; i++) {
            if (b.sq[nxt[i]].visited) continue;
            e = b.sq[nxt[i]].escapes(nxt[i]);
            if ((e > 0) && (e < k)) { k = e; idx = i; }
        }
        if (idx == -1) return idx;
        else
            return nxt[idx];
    }
}

class Board extends Thread {
    Square sq[];
    CSquare csq[];
    boolean running = false; // set true while the knight is running
    int delayInterval = 500;
    int stsq = 0;
    Board() {
        sq = new Square[64];
        for (int i = 0; i < 64; i++) sq[i] = new Square(i);
    }
    // Returns the path. The problem was first solved with
    // encumbrances. At that time this method allowed me 'pr
    // path on stdout and check the logic
    int[] findPath(int startSquare) {
        int i = 0;
        int path[];
        path = new int[64];
        for (i = 0; i < 64; i++) sq[i].visited = false;
        sq[startSquare-1].visited = true;
        int nxt[];
        int n = -1;
        int moves = 0;
        int currentSquare = startSquare-1;
        path[currentSquare] = moves+1;
        for (i = 0; i < 64; i++) {
            n = sq[currentSquare].goodExit();
            if (n < 0) break;
            sq[n].visited = true;
            moves++;
            currentSquare = n;
            // remember path path
            path[currentSquare] = moves+1;
        }
        // find out unvisited squares
        int nUnvisited = 0;
        int unvisited = -1;
        for (i = 0; i < 64; i++) {
            if (!sq[i].visited) {
                unvisited = i;
                nUnvisited++;
            }
        }
        if (nUnvisited == 1) {
            nxt = sq[currentSquare].next();
            for (i = 0; i < nxt.length; i++) {
                if (nxt[i] == unvisited) {
                    path[unvisited] = moves+2;
                    break;
                }
            }
        }
        else {
            // System.out.println("Failed to find solution");
            // System.exit(1);
            return null;
        }
    }
}

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        return path;
    }
    // Engine
    public void run(){
        running = true;
        showPath(stsq);
        running = false;
        stop();
    }
    // Visually show the knights moves on the chess board
    // Sleep a little after each so that user is not sus
    void showPath(int startSquare){
        int i = 0;
        int path[];
        path = new int[64];
        for(i = 0; i < 64; i++){
            sq[i].visited = false;
            csq[i].num = -1;
            csq[i].hval = -1;
            csq[i].update(csq[i].getGraphics());
        }
        sq[startSquare-1].visited = true;
        int nxt[];
        int n = -1;
        int moves = 0;
        int currentSquare = startSquare-1;
        path[currentSquare] = moves+1;
        csq[currentSquare].num = moves+1;
        csq[currentSquare].hval = 1;
        csq[currentSquare].update(csq[currentSquare].getGra
        for(i = 0; i < 64; i++) {
            try {
                sleep(delayInterval);
            } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            }
            n = sq[currentSquare].goodExit();
            if( n < 0 ) break;
            sq[n].visited = true;
            csq[currentSquare].hval = -1;
            csq[currentSquare].update(csq[currentSquare].get

            moves++;
            currentSquare = n;
            // remember path
            path[currentSquare] = moves+1;
            csq[currentSquare].num = moves+1;
            csq[currentSquare].hval = 1;
            csq[currentSquare].update(csq[currentSquare].get
        }
        // Find out unvisited squares
        // Since the goodExit always looks one ahead, if
        // is OK when we arrive here theres should be ex
        // unvisited square and it should be reachale fr
        // square
        int nUnvisited = 0;
        int unvisited = -1;
        for(i = 0; i < 64; i++){
            if(!sq[i].visited){
                unvisited = i;
                nUnvisited++;
            }
        }
        if(nUnvisited == 1) {
            nxt = sq[currentSquare].next();
            for(i = 0; i < nxt.length; i++) {
                if(nxt[i] == unvisited) {
                    csq[currentSquare].hval = -1;

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        csq[currentSquare].update(csq[currentSquare].path[unvisited]=moves+2;
        csq[unvisited].num = moves+2;
        csq[unvisited].repaint();
        break;
    }
}
} else {
    // System.out.println("Failed to find solution");
    // System.exit(1);
    return;
}
return ;
}

}
public class KnightsTour extends Applet {
    boolean inApplet = false;
    int width = 280;
    int height = 180;
    public static void main(String argv[]) {
        int i = 0;
        int N = 250;
        if(argv.length > 0) {
            try {
                N = Integer.parseInt(argv[0]);
            } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
                System.out.println(e.getMessage());
                System.exit(1);
            }
        }
        int path[];
        Board board = null;
        MyFrame fr= new MyFrame();
        fr.setLayout(new GridLayout(8,8));
        fr.board = board;
        CSquare sqr[] = new CSquare[64];
        for(i = 0; i < 64; i++) {
            sqr[i] = new CSquare();
            sqr[i].id = i;
            fr.add(sqr[i]);
        }
        fr.csq = sqr;
        fr.validate();
        fr.resize(200,200);
        fr.show();
    }
    MyFrame frame; Board board;
    Button fast,slow,show,hide;
    public void init(){
        inApplet = true;
        int i = 0;
        int N = 0;
        setLayout(new BorderLayout());
        fast = new Button("Faster");
        slow = new Button("Slower");
        show = new Button("Show");
        hide = new Button("Hide");
        hide.disable();
        Panel p = new Panel();
        p.add(fast); p.add(slow); p.add(show); p.add(hide);
        add("South",p);
        frame = new MyFrame();
        frame.setLayout(new GridLayout(8,8));
        frame.board = board;
        frame.inApplet = true;
        frame.show = show;
    }
}

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        frame.hide = hide;
        CSquare sqr[] = new CSquare[64];
        frame.csq = sqr;
        for(i = 0; i < 64; i++) {
            sqr[i] = new CSquare();
            sqr[i].id = i;
            frame.add(sqr[i]);
        }
        width = size().width; height = size().height;
        resize(width,height);
        frame.resize(200,200);
        board = null;
    }
    public Dimension minimumSize(){
        return new Dimension(width,height);
    }
    public Dimension preferredSize(){
        return minimumSize();
    }
    public void paint(Graphics g){
        g.drawRect(0,0,size().width-1,140);
        String s = "Knight's Tour";
        g.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.ITALIC,24));
        FontMetrics fm = g.getFontMetrics();
        int len = fm.stringWidth(s);
        g.drawString(s,(size().width-len)/2,50);
        g.setFont(new Font("Arial",Font.BOLD,12));
        fm = g.getFontMetrics();
        s = "Click on Show button to see Chess Board";
        len = fm.stringWidth(s);
        g.drawString(s,(size().width-len)/2,75);
        s = "Click on any square to start tour from that square";
        len = fm.stringWidth(s);
        g.drawString(s,(size().width-len)/2,100);
        s = "After the start, click on any square to stop";
        len = fm.stringWidth(s);
        g.drawString(s,(size().width-len)/2,125);
    }
    int interval = 250;
    public boolean handleEvent(Event e) {
        Object target = e.target;
        if(e.id == Event.ACTION_EVENT){
            if(e.target == show){
                frame.show();
                show.disable();
                hide.enable();
                return true;
            }
            if(e.target == hide){
                frame.hide();
                hide.disable();
                show.enable();
                return true;
            }
        }
        if(e.target == fast){
            if(board != null) {
                board.delayInterval -= 50;
                if(board.delayInterval < 50)
                    board.delayInterval = 50;
            } else {
                frame.interval -= 50;
                if(frame.interval < 50) frame.interval = 50;
            }
            return true;
        }
        if(e.target == slow){

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        if (board != null) {
            board.delayInterval += 50;
            if (board.delayInterval > 2000)
board.delayInterval = 2000;
        } else {
            frame.interval += 50;
            if (frame.interval > 2000) frame.inte
2000;
        }

        return true;
    }

    }
    return super.handleEvent(e);
}
public void stop() {
    frame.hide();
    show.enable();
    hide.disable();
}
}
class MyFrame extends Frame {
    Board board;
    CSquare csq[];
    boolean inApplet = false;
    int interval = 250;
    Button show, hide;
    public MyFrame() {
        super("Knight's Tour");
    }
// Deprecated in Java 1.1 onwards. Use event listners instea
    public boolean handleEvent(Event event) {
        if ((event.id >= 5000) && (event.id < 5064)) {
            if ((board != null) && board.running) {
                csq = board.csq;
                board.stop();
                board = null;
                return true;
            }
            if ((board != null) && !board.running) board = nu
            if (board == null) {
                board = new Board();
                board.csq = csq;
                board.stsq = event.id - 5000 + 1;
                board.delayInterval = interval;
                board.start();
            }
        }

        if (!inApplet && (event.id == Event.WINDOW_DESTROY)) {
            dispose();
            System.exit(0); // necessary we should go to DOS
            return super.handleEvent(event);
        }
        if (inApplet && (event.id == Event.WINDOW_DESTROY)) {
            hide();
            show.enable();
            hide.disable();
            return true;
        }

        return super.handleEvent(event);
    }
}
class CSquare extends Canvas {
    int h, w;
    int id;

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int num = -1;
int hval = -1;
CSquare(int w, int h){
    this.w = w; this.h = h;
}
CSquare(){
    h = 18;
    w = 18;
}
synchronized public void paint(Graphics g){
    w = size().width; h = size().height;
    int r = id/8;
    int c = (id%8);
    if(hval == -1){
        if( ((r+c)%2) == 0) g.setColor(Color.lightGray);
        else
            g.setColor(Color.gray /* new Color(192,192,192) */
        )
    }
    else g.setColor(Color.red);
    g.fillRect(0,0,w,h);
    g.setColor(Color.black);
    g.drawRect(1,1,w-1,h-1);

    String s ;
    if(num != -1){
        s = num+" ";
        int len = g.getFontMetrics().stringWidth(s);
        int ht = g.getFontMetrics().getHeight();
        if( ((r+c)%2) == 0) g.setColor(Color.black);
        else
            g.setColor(Color.white);
        g.drawString(s, (w-len)/2, (h+ht)/2);
    }
}
public void update(Graphics g){
    paint(g);
}
// Deprecated in Java 1.1 onwards. Use new Event model
synchronized public boolean handleEvent(Event e) {
    Object target = e.target;
    if(e.id == Event.MOUSE_UP){
//        System.out.println("up");
        getParent().deliverEvent(new Event(getParent(),500)
        return true;
    }
    return super.handleEvent(e);
}
// Deprecated in Java 1.1 onwards. Use get functions
public Dimension minimumSize() {
    return new Dimension(w,h);
}
public Dimension preferredSize() {
    return minimumSize();
}
}
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