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### ****Introduction****

The **N-Queen Problem** is a classic combinatorial problem in which we must place **N queens on an N×N chessboard** such that no two queens attack each other. This means:

* No two queens can be in the same row.
* No two queens can be in the same column.
* No two queens can be on the same diagonal.

This report explains an **efficient bitmask-based DP approach** to solve the problem and count the total valid configurations for a given N.

### ****Implementation Code****

The following Python code implements the **N-Queen Problem** using a **dynamic programming (DP) approach with bit masking**:

# Function to calculate total solutions for the N-Queen problem using Bitmask DP

def N\_Queen(N):

n\_queen = [[0] \* (1 << N) for \_ in range(N + 1)] # DP table

n\_queen[0][0] = 1 # Base case: 1 way to place 0 queens

for row in range(N): # Iterate through rows

for mask in range(1 << N): # Iterate through bitmasks of column placements

if n\_queen[row][mask] == 0:

continue

for col in range(N): # Check each column

if mask & (1 << col) == 0: # If column is available

new\_mask = mask | (1 << col)

n\_queen[row + 1][new\_mask] += n\_queen[row][mask] # Update DP table

return sum(n\_queen[N]) # Sum all valid placements at row N

# Taking user input

N = int(input("Enter N for N-Queen: "))

print("Total Solutions:", N\_Queen(N))

### ****Working of the Code****

1. **DP Table Initialization**: We create a **DP table n\_queen** where n\_queen[row][mask] stores the number of ways to place row queens using mask (bit representation of occupied columns).
2. **Base Case**: There is **1 way to place 0 queens**.
3. **Iteration over Rows**: For each row, we iterate over all possible placements of queens using bitmasks.
4. **Column Placement Check**: If a column is available, we update the DP table by setting the corresponding bit.
5. **Result Calculation**: We sum up all valid placements at row N to get the final answer.

### ****Example Output****

**Input:**

Enter N for N-Queen: 4

**Output:**

Total Solutions: 2

For N=4, there are **two valid configurations**:

1. **Q . . .**  
   **. . Q .**  
   **. . . Q**  
   **. Q . .**
2. **. Q . .**  
   **. . . Q**  
   **Q . . .**  
   **. . Q .**

### ****Conclusion****

* This implementation effectively uses **bitmasking and dynamic programming** to compute the number of valid configurations for the N-Queen problem.
* Compared to brute force **backtracking**, this method is significantly **faster** for large values of N.
* The algorithm successfully avoids placing two queens in the same column and efficiently computes the results.

This approach provides an optimal way to solve the N-Queen problem in a **time-efficient manner**.