

# [CS 11] Prac 8I – Chess Threats

## Problem Statement

Consider an  $r \times c$  chessboard with some chess pieces in it. For simplicity, we ignore the actual rules of chess. For example, chess pieces don't have "color".

We say a square on the chessboard is **unsafe** if a piece can reach it in one move.

Here are the chess pieces we will consider, along with the way the move:

- In one move, a bishop can travel to any other square in either of its 45-degree diagonals, as long as there are no other pieces on the way there.
- In one move, a rook can travel to any other square in its row or column, as long as there are no other pieces on the way there.
- In one move, a knight can travel to any square that's an "L"-step away—that is, move two steps in one direction and then one step in the perpendicular direction. It can travel to that square even if there are pieces in between.
- In one move, a queen can travel to any other square in its row or column, or in any of its 45-degree diagonals, as long as there are no other pieces on the way there.
- In one move, a king can travel *one* square horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Given the locations of chess pieces, label which squares are unsafe.

## Task Details

Your task is to implement a function called `chess_threats`. This function has a single parameter: a `tuple` of  $r$  `str`s, each of which is  $c$  characters long and represents a row. Each character represents a square and is:

- a `.` if it is free;
- a `B` if it contains a bishop.
- a `R` if it contains a rook.
- a `N` if it contains a knight.
- a `Q` if it contains a queen.
- a `K` if it contains a king.

The function must return a `list` of `str`s representing the same chessboard, but with the unsafe squares labelled with `*`.

## Restrictions

(See 8a for more restrictions)

For this problem:

- Loops and lists are allowed.
- Up to 18 function definitions are allowed.
- Recursion is **disallowed**. (The recursion limit has been greatly reduced.)
- Sets and dictionaries are allowed.
- Generators and comprehensions are allowed.
- The source code limit is 6000.

## Example Calls

### Example 1 Function Call

```
chess_threats((
    'K.....B.',
    '.....',
    '.....',
    '...R...K...',
    '.....',
    '...N.....',
    '.....',
    '.....Q.....K',
))
```

### Example 1 Return Value

```
[
    'K*.*.....B*',
    '**.*.....**',
    '...*.*.....',
    '***R***K*...',
    '.*.*.*.....',
    '...N.*.*.....',
    '.*.*.....**',
    '*****Q*****K',
]
```

### Example 1 Explanation

**Hint:** You can print a grid of `str`s by doing:

```
for row in grid:
    print(row)
```

or by doing

```
print(*grid, sep='\n')
```

## Constraints

- The function `chess_threats` will be called at most 1,000 times.
- The sum of the  $rc$  across all calls will be at most 500,000.
- $1 \leq r \leq 100$
- $1 \leq c \leq 5,000$

## Scoring

- You get 100 🍷 points if you solve all test cases where:
  - $r, c \leq 50$
  - the sum of the  $rc$  across all calls will be at most 10,000.
- You get 30 🍷 points if you solve all test cases where:
  - there are at most 5000 pieces.
- You get 30 🍷 points if you solve all test cases.

## Clarifications

No clarifications have been made at this time.

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🍷 Points: 160 (partial)

🕒 Time limit: 6.0s

📦 Memory limit: 1G

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➤ Problem type

📄 Allowed languages

NONE, py3