



[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',  
)
```

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Example 1 Return Value

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

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Example 1 Explanation

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

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

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or by doing

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

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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.

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Clarifications

Report an issue

No clarifications have been made at this time.