

Assignment 1

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1 Task 1: cops-robbers problem

1.1 Introduction

The cops-robbers problem is a game that consists of cops and robbers on the same side of a mountain and they have to move to the other side of the river using a cable car. From reading the description given in the assignment we have to follow the following rules:

- the number of robbers on any side cannot outnumber the number of cops
- only one or two persons can be in the cable car at the same time

After reading the problem description there are some unclear points such as

1. can robbers stay alone on one side?
2. can the robber function the cable car
3. if two persons are in the cable do they have to step out then doing next move or one person can stay for example :
2 robbers in cable car going to side where there is only 1 cop so in this situation is it possible for one robber to go back without leaving the cable car or it will consider not acceptable situation ($2 \text{ robbers} > 1 \text{ cop}$)

To decide on which rules we will work, we review some related problems such as sheep's and wolves and missionaries and cannibals where we find in these problems rules that it's acceptable for robbers to stay alone, and staying in the cable car is also acceptable, therefore we analyse the solution and we find that it's impossible to take all the three points in consideration but there is a solution where robbers cannot be alone which makes more sense logically.

1.2 State representation

upSide and downSide represent the number of cops and robbers on each side, C represents one cop, R represents one robber, CC represents the cable car, for example :
this one state where 1 cop and 1 robber move to another side
upSide(C,C,R,R), downSide(C,R,CC)

1.3 initial and goal states

initial state : 3 cops 3 robbers on the up side
actions :

- 1 cop move
- 1 robber move
- 2 cops move
- 2 robbers move
- 1 cop 1 robber move

goal state : 3 cops 3 robbers on the down side

1.4 successor function

considering cops and/or robbers that move together as set (it will be called Movers) can be moved from up side to down side if :

- The cable car is on there side.
- The set people move must consists of 1 or 2 people that are on up side.
- The number of cops in up side is set by subtracting Movers from up side it must be 0 or greater than or equal to the number of robbers.
- The number of cops in down side is set by adding Movers to down side it must be 0 or greater than or equal to the number of robbers.

1.5 cost function

each move will be consider as cost , therefore for each acceptable solution number of moves will be stored then the solution with lowest cost will be considered as optimal solution

2 Task 2: N-Queens Problem - Simulated Annealing

2.1 Introduction

The N queens problem is placing N chess queens on an N x N chessboard where each queen can move vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, with restriction of that no two queens pose a threat to each other. Simulated annealing algorithm provides a stochastic optimization technique to efficiently explore large search spaces and find satisfactory solutions to this problem. The algorithm generates a random solution and incrementally improves it by examining nearby solutions using random disruption and acceptance criteria. The cooling schedule is used to control the trade-off between exploration and exploitation, allowing the algorithm to leave the local optimum and reach the global optimum. Therefore solving the N-Queens problem using simulated annealing is a general and effective approach to solve the problem and it has proven effective in solving the N-Queens problem for large N values where traditional brute force methods become impractical.

2.2 code

```
1 import random
2 import math
3
4 def generateStartStat(n):
5     # this function will generate starting position randomly depending on n
6     # value
7     return [random.randint(0, n-1) for i in range(n)]
8
9 def computeConflicts(state):
10    # this function will find conflict
11    n = len(state) # size of problem
12    conflicts = 0
13    for i in range(n):
14        for j in range(i+1, n):
15            if (state[i] == state[j]) or (abs(state[i] - state[j]) == j - i):
16                # first if condition to find vertically, horizontally
17                conflict
18                # second if condition to find diagonally conflict
19                conflicts += 1
20    return conflicts
21
22 # function to make next move
23 def move(state):
24    n = len(state)
25    i = random.randint(0, n-1)
26    j = random.randint(0, n-1)
27    new_state = state[:]
28    new_state[i] = j
29    # next state is generated randomly
30    return new_state
31
32 # function to compute probability of acceptance for each state
33 # probability of acceptance is computed based on -MetropolisHastings
34 # algorithm
35 def acceptanceProbability(delta, temperature):
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33     if delta < 0:
34         return 1.0
35     else:
36         return math.exp(-delta / temperature)
37
38 # function to solve the problem using simulated annealing
39 def simulatedAnnealing(n, max_iter, initial_temperature, cooling_rate):
40     # first state generated randomly
41     current_state = generateStartStat(n)
42     # energy is number of conflicts in stat
43     current_energy = computeConflicts(current_state)
44     # start tempature defined statcily
45     temperature = initial_temperature
46     for i in range(max_iter):
47         # if there is no conflict
48         if current_energy == 0:
49             # sloution is found
50             return current_state
51         # generate new state
52         new_state = move(current_state)
53         # compute conflict for new stat
54         new_energy = computeConflicts(new_state)
55         # delte is diffrent of conflict between old state and current
56         delta = new_energy - current_energy
57         # calclaute ap of current stat
58         ap = acceptanceProbability(delta, temperature)
59         # decide if new state is acceptable depending on -
        MetropolisHastings algorithm
60         if random.random() < ap:
61             current_state, current_energy = new_state, new_energy
62             temperature *= cooling_rate
63         # if sloution doesnt find under 1000 loops
64         return None
65
66 def displayBoard(array=[]):
67     # function display queen in board
68     board = []
69     for row in range(len(array)):
70         # create lines in number N
71         line = ""
72         for col in range(len(array)):
73             if array[row] == col:
74                 # for each line
75                 # if its place of queen
76                 line += "||"
77             else:
78                 line += "| |"
79         board.append(line)
80     return board
81
82 N = int(input("enter number of queens \n"))
83 solution = simulatedAnnealing(n=N, max_iter=1000, initial_temperature=1000,
84                               cooling_rate=0.95)
85 if solution:
86     # if there is solution
87     print("\nsolution as Row & postion")
88     print("Row","Pos")
89     for i in solution:

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89         print("{} , {}".format(solution.index(i),i))
90     print("\nsolution as board\n")
91     b = displayBoard(solution)
92     for line in b:
93         print(line)
94 else:
95     # if there is no solution
96     print("No solution found")

```

Listing 1: python code for N-Queens Problem - Simulated Annealing

2.3 performance comparing

Depth-First as blind search algorithm it will explores all possible paths from the initial state to the goal state, and Simulated Annealing is a probabilistic algorithm that can escape local optima and explore a wider range of the search space. therefore in term of performance DFS can be good if N size is small but for big N size DFS maybe will take a lot of time and resources to find the solution or even it will fail , in other hand Simulated Annealing performance maybe will not be best in small N size problems comparing to DFS but in big N size problems it will be better than DFS.

In summury DFS is more easy to implement than Simulated Annealing and it perform well in small N size problems , Simulated Annealing is harder to implement but it perform well in big N size problems

3 Task 3: N-Queens Problem – Genetic Algorithm

3.1 Introduction

The N queens problem is placing N chess queens on an N x N chessboard where each queen can move vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, with restriction of that no two queens pose a threat to each other. A genetic algorithm is a type of evolutionary algorithm that uses the principle of natural selection to find solutions to optimization problems. It works by encoding a population of candidate solutions as strings of genetic information and using crossover and mutation operators to generate new solutions. This approach is very effective in finding good solutions to the N queens problem, especially for large values of N where classic methods may not be feasible.

3.2 code

```
1 import random
2
3 N = int(input("enter number of queens \n"))
4
5 # Population size
6 popSize = 100
7
8 # Mutation probability
9 mutProb = 0.1
10
11 # Fitness function
12 def fit(board):
13     attacks = 0
14     for i in range(N):
15         for j in range(i+1, N):
16             if board[i] == board[j] or board[i] - i == board[j] - j or \
17                 board[i] + i == board[j] + j:
18                 attacks += 1
19     return N - attacks
20
21 # Generate initial population
22 def genPop():
23     pop = []
24     for i in range(popSize):
25         indi = list(range(N))
26         random.shuffle(indi)
27         pop.append(indi)
28     return pop
29
30 # Select parents for crossover
31 def selcPop(pop):
32     fitns = [fit(board) for board in pop]
33     # total fitness
34     totFit = sum(fitns)
35     # probabilities
36     porb = [f/totFit for f in fitns]
37     parent1 = random.choices(pop, weights=porb)[0]
38     parent2 = random.choices(pop, weights=porb)[0]
39     return parent1, parent2
40
```



```

41 # Perform crossover on parents
42 def crossover(parent1, parent2):
43     crossover_point = random.randint(1, N-1)
44     child1 = parent1[:crossover_point] + parent2[crossover_point:]
45     child2 = parent2[:crossover_point] + parent1[crossover_point:]
46     return child1, child2
47
48 # Mutate an individual
49 def mutate(indi):
50     if random.random() < mutProb:
51         i, j = random.sample(range(N), 2)
52         indi[i], indi[j] = indi[j], indi[i]
53
54 # Run the genetic algorithm
55 def geneticAlgorithm():
56     pop = genPop()
57     for i in range(1000):
58         # Select parents and perform crossover
59         parent1, parent2 = selcPop(pop)
60         child1, child2 = crossover(parent1, parent2)
61
62         # Mutate the children
63         mutate(child1)
64         mutate(child2)
65
66         # Add the children to the population
67         pop.extend([child1, child2])
68
69         # Remove the worst individuals from the population
70         pop = sorted(pop, key=fit, reverse=True)[:popSize]
71
72         # Check if a solution has been found
73         best_fit = fit(pop[0])
74         if best_fit == N:
75             return pop[0]
76
77     return None
78
79 def displayBoard(array=[]):
80     # function display queen in board
81     board = []
82     for row in range(len(array)):
83         # create lines in number N
84         line = ""
85         for col in range(len(array)):
86             if array[row] == col:
87                 # for each line
88                 # if its place of queen
89                 line += "||"
90             else:
91                 line += "| |"
92         board.append(line)
93     return board
94
95
96 solution = geneticAlgorithm()
97 if solution:
98     print("\nsolution as Row & postion\n")

```

```
99     print("Row","Pos")
100     for i in solution:
101         print("{} , {}".format(solution.index(i),i))
102     print("\nsolution as board\n")
103     b = displayBoard(solution)
104     for line in b:
105         print(line)
106 else:
107     print("No solution found")
```

Listing 2: python code for N-Queens Problem - Genetic Algorithm

3.3 performance comparing

we use time library to measure performance of each algorithm what we found out is that Simulated Annealing is slower than Genetic Algorithm in small N size problems but in big N size problems the Genetic Algorithm fails even to find the solution in less than 1000 loop while Simulated Annealing find the solution as show blow:



```
> python3 nqa.py
enter number of queens
4

solution as Row & postion
Row Pos
0 , 1
1 , 3
2 , 0
3 , 2

solution as board
| |*| | |
| | | |*|
|*| | | |
| | |*| |

The execution time is: 2.2038279669995973
```

```
> python3 nqg.py
enter number of queens
4

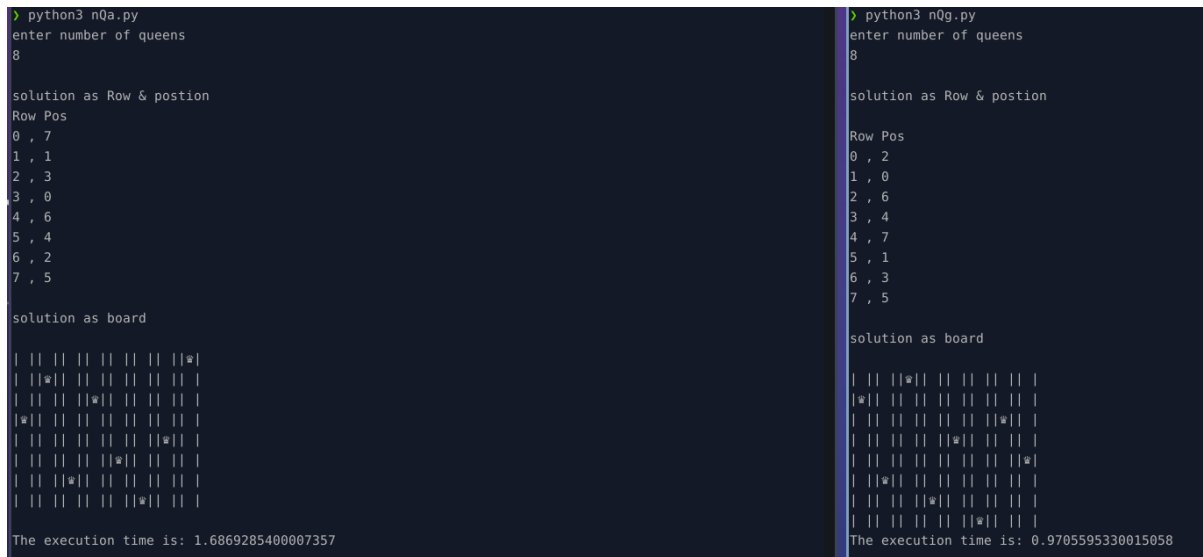
solution as Row & postion
Row Pos
0 , 2
1 , 0
2 , 3
3 , 1

solution as board
| | |*| |
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The execution time is: 1.4466120630004298
```

Figure 1: different between Simulated Annealing and Genetic Algorithm for N = 4

as we can see execution time for Simulated Annealing is 2.20 and for Genetic Algorithm is 1.45 so Simulated Annealing is slower by 0.75 second for N = 4



```
> python3 nqa.py
enter number of queens
8

solution as Row & postion
Row Pos
0 , 7
1 , 1
2 , 3
3 , 0
4 , 6
5 , 4
6 , 2
7 , 5

solution as board
| | | | | | |*|
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The execution time is: 1.6869285400007357
```

```
> python3 nqg.py
enter number of queens
8

solution as Row & postion
Row Pos
0 , 2
1 , 0
2 , 6
3 , 4
4 , 7
5 , 1
6 , 3
7 , 5

solution as board
| | |*| | | | |
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| | | | | |*| |

The execution time is: 0.9705595330015058
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Figure 2: different between Simulated Annealing and Genetic Algorithm for N = 8

in this example N = 8 which is max number that Genetic Algorithm can find solution for it in less than 1000 loop from our experiment

as we can see execution time for Simulated Annealing is 1.69 and for Genetic Algorithm is 0.97 so Simulated Annealing is slower by 0.72 second for N = 8

```
> python3 nQa.py
enter number of queens
10

solution as Row & postion
Row Pos
0 , 7
1 , 3
2 , 0
3 , 6
4 , 1
5 , 9
6 , 5
7 , 8
8 , 2
9 , 4

solution as board

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The execution time is: 4.363587527999698

> python3 nQg.py
enter number of queens
10
No solution found
The execution time is: 48.43933833799929

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```

Figure 3: different between Simulated Annealing and Genetic Algorithm for $N = 10$

as we can see execution time for Simulated Annealing is 4.36 and for Genetic Algorithm it failed to find the solution in less than 1000 loop for $N = 10$