

## **Code:**

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/* ----- 8-Queens in PROLOG (backtracking + safety) ----- */

% entry: one solution
solve_8_queens(Qs) :-
    Qs = [_,_,_,_,_,_,_],
    permutation([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8], Qs),
    safe_diagonals(Qs).

% entry: list all solutions with backtracking
all_8_queens(Qs) :-
    permutation([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8], Qs),
    safe_diagonals(Qs).

% diagonal safety: no two queens attack diagonally
safe_diagonals(Qs) :-
    safe_diagonals(Qs, 1).
safe_diagonals([], _).
safe_diagonals([Q|Rest], Row) :-
    no_conflict(Q, Rest, Row, 1),
    NextRow is Row + 1,
    safe_diagonals(Rest, NextRow).

% check conflicts of current queen against the remaining
no_conflict(_, [], _, _).
no_conflict(Q, [Q1|Rest], Row, Offset) :-
    % different columns ensured by permutation
    abs(Q - Q1) \= Offset,
    NextOffset is Offset + 1,
    no_conflict(Q, Rest, Row, NextOffset).

% utility: absolute value (for portability)
abs(X, A) :- X >= 0 -> A is X ; A is -X.

/* ----- Pretty Printer (optional) ----- */

print_board(Qs) :-
    nl, write(' +-----+'), nl,
    print_rows(Qs, 1),
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write(' +-----+'), nl.
print_rows([], _).
print_rows([Q|Rest], R) :-
writef('%2r |', [R]),
print_cols(1, Q), nl,
R1 is R + 1,
print_rows(Rest, R1).
print_cols(C, Q) :- C =< 8, !,
( C == Q -> write(' Q') ; write(' ') ),
C1 is C + 1,
print_cols(C1, Q).
print_cols(_, _) :- write(' |').

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## **Output:**

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?- ['G:/8queue'].

true.

?- solve\_8\_queens(Qs).

Qs = [1, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 2, 4] ;

Qs = [1, 6, 8, 3, 7, 4, 2, 5] ;

Qs = [1, 7, 4, 6, 8, 2, 5, 3] ;

Qs = [1, 7, 5, 8, 2, 4, 6, 3] ;

Qs = [2, 4, 6, 8, 3, 1, 7, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 5, 7, 1, 3, 8, 6, 4] ;

Qs = [2, 5, 7, 4, 1, 8, 6, 3] ;

Qs = [2, 6, 1, 7, 4, 8, 3, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 6, 8, 3, 1, 4, 7, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 7, 3, 6, 8, 5, 1, 4] ;

$Qs = [2, 7, 5, 8, 1, 4, 6, 3];$

$Qs = [2, 8, 6, 1, 3, 5, 7, 4];$

$Qs = [3, 1, 7, 5, 8, 2, 4, 6];$

$Qs = [3, 5, 2, 8, 1, 7, 4, 6];$

$Qs = [3, 5, 2, 8, 6, 4, 7, 1];$

$Qs = [3, 5, 7, 1, 4, 2, 8, 6];$

$Qs = [3, 5, 8, 4, 1, 7, 2, 6].$

?- solve\_8\_queens(Qs), print\_board(Qs).

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1 | Q . . . . . |

2 | . . . . Q . . |

3 | . . . . . Q |

4 | . . . . . Q . . |

5 | . . Q . . . . |

6 | . . . . . Q . |

7 | . Q . . . . . |

8 | . . . Q . . . |

+-----+

$Qs = [1, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 2, 4];$

+-----+

1 | Q . . . . . |

2 | . . . . . Q . . |

3 | . . . . . Q |

4 | . . Q . . . . |

5 | . . . . . Q . |

6 | . . . Q . . . |

7 | . Q . . . . . |

8 | . . . . Q . . |

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$Qs = [1, 6, 8, 3, 7, 4, 2, 5].$

?- all\_8\_queens(Qs).

$Qs = [1, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 2, 4];$

Qs = [1, 6, 8, 3, 7, 4, 2, 5] ;

Qs = [1, 7, 4, 6, 8, 2, 5, 3] ;

Qs = [1, 7, 5, 8, 2, 4, 6, 3] ;

Qs = [2, 4, 6, 8, 3, 1, 7, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 5, 7, 1, 3, 8, 6, 4] ;

Qs = [2, 5, 7, 4, 1, 8, 6, 3] ;

Qs = [2, 6, 1, 7, 4, 8, 3, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 6, 8, 3, 1, 4, 7, 5] ;

Qs = [2, 7, 3, 6, 8, 5, 1, 4] .

?- findall(Q, all\_8\_queens(Q), L), length(L, N).

L = [[1, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 2, 4], [1, 6, 8, 3, 7, 4, 2|...], [1, 7, 4, 6, 8, 2|...], [1, 7, 5, 8, 2|...], [2, 4, 6, 8|...], [2, 5, 7|...], [2, 5|...], [2|...], [...|...]|...],

N = 92.