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AI Practical 02-A

Problem Statement:

Write a program to solve the N-Queens Problem

using the Hill Climbing algorithm as a heuristic-based local search technique

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import random

Function to check if a board configuration is valid (no queens attack each other)

def **is_valid**(board):

n = len(board)

for i in range(n):

for j in range(i + 1, n):

if board[i] == board[j] or abs(board[i] - board[j]) == abs(i - j):

return False

return True

Heuristic function: number of conflicting pairs of queens

def **calculate_heuristic**(board):

n = len(board)

conflicts = 0

for i in range(n):

for j in range(i + 1, n):

if board[i] == board[j] or abs(board[i] - board[j]) == abs(i - j):

conflicts += 1

return conflicts

Hill Climbing Algorithm for N-Queens Problem

def **hill_climbing**(n):

current_board = [random.randint(0, n - 1) for _ in range(n)] # Initial random board

current_heuristic = calculate_heuristic(current_board)

while current_heuristic > 0:

found_better = False

next_board = list(current_board)

Try moving each queen to every other row in its column

for i in range(n):

for j in range(n):

if current_board[i] != j:

test_board = list(current_board)

test_board[i] = j

test_heuristic = calculate_heuristic(test_board)

if test_heuristic < current_heuristic:

next_board = test_board

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current_heuristic = test_heuristic
found_better = True
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if not found_better:
    break # No better neighbor found — local minimum
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current_board = next_board
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return current_board
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# Example Usage
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n = 6
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solution = hill_climbing(n)
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# Output the result
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print("N-Queens Solution:", solution)
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print("Is solution valid?", is_valid(solution))
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# Sample Output:
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# N-Queens Solution: [1, 3, 5, 0, 2, 4]
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# Is solution valid? True
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