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# PROJECT DOCUMENTATION REPORT ON Solving N-Queens Problem by Hill-Climbing and its variants

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#### PROBLEM FORMULATION

#### INTRODUCTION

What is N-Queen Problem?

The N-Queen problem was introduced by Carl Gauss in 1850. The goal of this problem is to place N queens that can take each other. Queens can move in three directions vertical, horizontal and diagonal, which means, there can be only one queen per row and one per column, and two queens cannot find themselves on the same diagonal.

It is a computationally expensive problem - NP complete, which makes it very popular problem in computer science.

# **Hill Climbing Search**

In Hill-Climbing search method, we start at the base of the hill and walk uphill until we reach the top of the hill. In other words, we start with initial state and we keep improving the solution until it is optimum.

It's a variation of a generate-and-test algorithm which discards all states which do not look capable or seem questionable to lead us to the goal state. To take such decisions, it uses heuristics (an evaluation function) which indicates how nearby the current state is to the goal state.

# Hill Climbing with Sideways move

The hill climbing search algorithms stops if it reaches plateau where the best successor has same value as the current state.

Then we allow algorithm to move sideways in the hope that the plateau is actually is a shoulder.

The algorithm will go in an infinite loop if the algorithm reaches to a flat local maximum and that is not a shoulder.

The only solution of it is to put limit on the number of consecutive sideways move allowed.

# Random Restart Hill Climbing Without Sideways Move

Random restart hill climbing conducts series of hill climbing searches from randomly generated initial states, until a goal state is found.

The probability of this technique approaches 1, because sometimes it will eventually generate goal state as the initial state.

If each hill-climbing search has a probability p of success, then the expected number of restarts required is 1/p.

For 8-queens instances with no sideways moves allowed,  $p \approx 0.14$ , so we need roughly 7 iterations to find a goal (6 failures and 1 success). Roughly 22 steps in all.

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For 8-queens instances, when we allow sideways moves,  $1/0.94 \sim 1.06$  iterations are needed on average and  $(1 * 21) + (0.06/0.94) * 64 \sim 25$  steps.

#### **EXPECTED OUTPUT**

#### Hill climbing

Success rate is: 40.4 % and Failure rate is: 59.6 %

The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: 2.02

The average number of steps when the algorithm fails: 2.27

#### Hill climbing with sideways

Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %

The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: 2.77

#### Random restart without sideways

The average number of random restarts required without sideways move 1.22

The average number of steps required without sideways move 4.75

#### Random with sideways

The average number of random restarts required with side ways move 0.0

The average number of steps required with side ways move 2.79

#### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

#### GLOBAL / LOCAL VARIABLES

We use these various global/local variables in our program:

- rr and ri: Random range and Random Integer.
- uu, vv and ww: variables for the range
- n: Number of Queens.
- ran\_row: variable that stores index-row.
- ran col: variable that stores index-column.
- state\_s: Current state.
- the\_board: Actual N queens board.
- expense and lowest\_expense: total cost and minimum cost.
- iteration number: Total number o iterations/count.
- step\_number: Total number of steps.
- no of restarts
- successful\_steps\_count
- failure\_step\_count
- successful\_iterations\_count
- fail\_iterations\_count
- final\_restarting\_count and many more.

#### **FUNCTIONS/PROCEDURES**

Our code implements in queens problem using Hill Climbing local search method and its variants – Hill Climbing, Hill Climbing with Sideways move and Random restart Hill Climbing using Python.

We use the following functions within the code:

- \_\_init\_\_(): Initialization.
- display\_state(): This function prints state of N cross N board.
- eval\_h\_values(): Used to evaluate heuristic values.
- eval\_state\_min(): Used to calculate minimum cost.

- simple\_hill\_climbing\_algo(): This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm.
- hill\_climbing\_algo\_with\_sideways(): This function is for hill climbing using sideways movement.
- hill\_climbing\_algo\_random\_restart(): This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm with random restart without sideways movement.
- random\_restart\_hill\_climbing\_algo\_with\_sideways(): This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm with sideways movement.
- main(): The main function running the Hill climbing algorithm for N-queens solution.

#### LOGIC

We are running the code in python 3 in Anaconda package Spyder. We first generate a random board with n queens in it. The functions row collisions and column collisions count the number of attacks and keep a track of it. The movements are made as per the hill climbing technique used (Hill Climbing or Sideways moves) and collisions are compared and accordingly the next step is taken. With random restart technique, on failure, again a random board gets generated and it starts looking for a solution, hence a solution is guaranteed. We print the steps, success failure rates at the end. For Sideways moves technique, we put a limitation over sideways moves to stop it from entering an infinite loop.

Commenting the print of the sequences as there are minimum 20 moves on success and 64 moves on failure in Sideway moves, might let the system to crash.

Calculation of average steps for success – Total number of success moves/ Total number of success

Calculation of average steps for failure – Total number of failure moves/ Total number of failure

Success/Failure rate = (Success/Failure)/Total \* 100

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

#### **Source Code:**

```
Importing Packages and Libraries:
import copy
from random import randint as ri
from random import randrange as rr
class state_board():
  def __init__(self, n):
    self.n = n
    self.state_board= [[0 for uu in range (0,self.n)] for vv in range (0,self.n)]
    for uu in range(0, n):
       while 1:
          ran_row = ri(0,n-1)
          ran col = uu
          #insert queens in different columns
          if self.state_board[ran_row][ran_col] == 0:
            self.state_board[ran_row][ran_col] = 'Q'
            break
#This function prints state of N cross N board
def display_state(state_s):
    for uu in range(n):
       table = ""
       for vv in range(n):
         table += str(state_s[uu][vv])+" "
       print(table)
    print("")
def eval_h_values(the_board,n):
  expense = 0
  for uu in range(0,n):
    for vv in range(0,n):
       if the_board.state_board[uu][vv]=='Q':
          #checking in rows
          for ww in range(vv+1,n):
            if the_board.state_board[uu][ww] == 'Q':
               expense+=1
          uuu,vvv=uu+1,vv+1
          #checking the diagonals
          while (uuu<n and vvv<n):
            if the_board.state_board[uuu][vvv] == 'Q':
               expense+=1
            uuu=uuu+1
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vvv=vvv+1
         uuu,vvv=uu-1,vv+1
         while (uuu>=0 and vvv<n):
            if the_board.state_board[uuu][vvv] == 'Q':
              expense+=1
            uuu=uuu-1
            vvv=vvv+1
  return expense
def eval_state_min(the_board,n):
  temp list = []
  lowest expense=eval h values(the board,n)
  for uu in range(0,n):
    for vv in range(0,n):
       if the_board.state_board[vv][uu]=='Q':
         #Trying various arrangements by shifting the queen from the column
         for uuu in range(0,n):
              if the board.state board[uuu][uu]!='Q':
                 next_board_state = copy.deepcopy(the_board)
                 next_board_state.state_board[vv][uu]=0
                 next_board_state.state_board[uuu][uu]='Q'
                 expense=eval h values(next board state, n)
                 if expense < lowest_expense:
                   temp_list.clear()
                   lowest_expense = expense
                   temp_list.append([uuu,uu])
                 elif expense == lowest_expense:
                   temp list.append([uuu,uu])
  return temp list, lowest expense
# This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm
def simple_hill_climbing_algo(state_board,iteration_number):
  step number=0
  valuation = eval h values(state board,n)
  if (iteration number < 4):
    print('\nThe searching sequence for random configuration: ', iteration_number + 1)
    iteration count = 0
  while 1:
    if (iteration number < 4):
       display state(state board.state board)
       iteration count += 1
    if valuation == 0:
       break
    else:
       step_number += 1
       temp list, expense = eval state min(state board,n)
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if valuation \leq expense or len(temp list) == 0:
          break
       else:
          ran\_indexing = rr(0,len(temp\_list))
          index = temp_list[ran_indexing]
          valuation = expense
          for uu in range (0,n):
               state_board.state_board[uu][index[1]]=0
          state_board.state_board[index[0]][index[1]]='Q'
  if (iteration_number < 4):
    #Printing if calculation is a failure or success
     if valuation == 0:
       print("Success")
    else:
       print("Failure")
    print('Number of steps: ',iteration_count-1)
    print('~~~~~')
  if valuation == 0:
     return 1, step_number
  return 0, step_number
# This function is for hill climbing using sideways movement
def hill_climbing_algo_with_sideways(the_board, iteration_number):
  step_number = 0
  side_ways_count=0
  bs = the\_board
  cost current = eval h values(bs, n)
  if (iteration_number < 4):
     print('\nThe searching sequence for random configuration: ', iteration_number + 1)
    iteration count = 0
  while step_number<cent:
    if (iteration_number < 4):
       display_state(bs.state_board)
       iteration count += 1
    if cost current == 0:
       break
    else:
       step_number += 1
       temp_list, expense = eval_state_min(bs, n)
       if cost_current < expense:
          break
       if len(temp_list) == 0:
          break
       else:
          if cost_current == expense:
            side_ways_count+=1
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else:
            side_ways_count=0
         ran\_indexing = rr(0, len(temp\_list))
         index = temp_list[ran_indexing]
         cost current = expense
         for uu in range(0, n):
            bs.state\_board[uu][index[1]] = 0
         bs.state_board[index[0]][index[1]] = 'Q'
  #printing if calculation is a failure or success
  if (iteration_number < 4):
    if cost current == 0:
       print("Success")
    else:
       print("Failure")
     print('Number of steps: ',iteration_count-1)
    print('~~~~~')
  if cost current == 0:
    return 0, step number
  return 1, step_number
# This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm with random restart without sideways
movement
def hill_climbing_algo_random_restart(the_board):
  no_of_restarts=0
  step_number=0
  bs= the_board
  previous_h_val = eval_h_values(bs, n)
  while 1:
    if previous_h_val == 0:
       break
    else:
       step_number += 1
       temp_list,h_val = eval_state_min(bs,n)
       if previous h val <= h val or len(temp list) == 0:
         no_of_restarts += 1
         bs = state\_board(n)
         previous_h_val = eval_h_values(bs, n)
         continue
       ran indexing = rr(0,len(temp list))
       index = temp_list[ran_indexing]
       previous_h_val = h_val
       for uu in range (0,n):
            bs.state_board[uu][index[1]]=0
       bs.state_board[index[0]][index[1]]='Q'
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if previous_h_val == 0:
     return 0, step_number, no_of_restarts
  return 1, step_number, no_of_restarts
# This Function runs the hill climbing algorithm with sideways movement
def random_restart_hill_climbing_algo_with_sideways(the_board):
  step\_number = 0
  side_ways_count=0
  no_of_restarts = 0
  bs = the\_board
  previous_h_val = eval_h_values(bs, n)
  while 1:
    if previous_h_val == 0:
       break
    else:
       step_number += 1
       temp_list, h_val = eval_state_min(bs, n)
       if previous h val < h val or len(temp list) == 0:
         bs=state_board(n)
         previous_h_val = eval_h_values(bs, n)
         no_of_restarts += 1
         side ways count=0
         continue
       if previous_h_val == h_val:
         side_ways_count+=1
         if step_number >= cent:
            bs=state board(n)
            previous h val = eval h values(bs, n)
            no of restarts += 1
            side ways count=0
       else:
         side_ways_count=0
       ran indexing = rr(0, len(temp list))
       index = temp_list[ran_indexing]
       previous_h_val = h_val
       for uu in range(0, n):
         bs.state\_board[uu][index[1]] = 0
       bs.state_board[index[0]][index[1]] = 'Q'
  if previous_h_val == 0:
     return 0, step_number, no_of_restarts
  return 1, step_number, no_of_restarts
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#The main function running the Hill climbing algorithm for N-queens solution
def main():
  global n
  global iterations
  global cent
  z=0
  cent=100
  successful\_steps\_count = 0
  failure\_step\_count = 0
  successful\_iterations\_count = 0
  fail iterations count = 0
  try:
    iterations=100
    print("\n\n~~~~~~ N-Oueens Problem
n = int(input("\nPLease enter the Number of Oueens: "))
print("_____
    print("\n\t\t\-~~~:Hill Climbing:~~~~ ")
    print("\nCalculating...")
    for uu in range(0,iterations):
       bs = state board(n)
       valuation, step number = simple hill climbing algo(bs,uu)
       if valuation == 0:
         fail_iterations_count +=1
         failure_step_count += step_number
       else:
         successful_iterations_count +=1
         successful_steps_count += step_number
rate_of_successful_iterations_count/(successful_iterations_count+fail_iterations_count))*cen
    rate of failure=(fail iterations count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))*cent
    print("\nSuccess rate is: ",round(rate of success,2),"% and Failure rate is:
",round(rate_of_failure,2),"%")
    if successful_iterations_count != 0:
       print("\nThe average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: ",
round(successful_steps_count / successful_iterations_count, 2))
    if fail iterations count != 0:
       print("\nThe average number of steps when the algorithm fails: ", round(failure step count /
fail_iterations_count, 2))
print("_
    print("\n\t\t\-~~~:Hill-climbing search with sideways move:~~~~")
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print("\n Calculating...")
     successful\_steps\_count = z
     failure\_step\_count = z
     successful_iterations_count = z
    fail iterations count = z
     for uu in range(0, iterations):
       bs = state\_board(n)
       valuation, step_number = hill_climbing_algo_with_sideways(bs,uu)
       if valuation == 1:
          fail_iterations_count += 1
          failure_step_count += step_number
       else:
          successful iterations count += 1
          successful_steps_count += step_number
     rate_of_success = (successful_iterations_count / (successful_iterations_count +
fail iterations count)) * cent
     rate of failure = (fail iterations count / (successful iterations count + fail iterations count)) *
cent
     print("\nSuccess rate is: ", round(rate_of_success,2), "% and Failure rate is: ",
round(rate of failure,2), "%")
    if successful_iterations_count!=0:
       print("\nThe average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: ",
round(successful_steps_count / successful_iterations_count,2))
     if fail iterations count!=0:
       print("\nThe average number of steps when the algorithm fails: ", round(failure_step_count /
fail_iterations_count,2))
print("_
     print("\n\t\t\t~~~:Random-restart hill-climbing search without sideways move:~~~ ")
    print("\n Calculating...")
     successful\_steps\_count = z
     failure\_step\_count = z
     successful_iterations_count = z
     fail iterations count = z
     final restarting count = z
     for uu in range(0,iterations):
       bs = state\_board(n)
       valuation, step_number, final_restart_count = hill_climbing_algo_random_restart(bs)
       if valuation == 1:
          fail iterations count +=1
          failure_step_count += step_number
       else:
          successful_iterations_count +=1
          successful_steps_count += step_number
       final_restarting_count += final_restart_count
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rate of success=(successful iterations count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))*cen
    rate of failure=(fail iterations count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))*cent
     print("\nSuccess rate is: ",round(rate_of_success,2),"% and Failure rate is:
",round(rate of failure,2),"%")
     print("\nThe average number of random restarts required without sideways move",
final restarting count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))
     print("\nThe average number of steps required without sideways move",
successful steps count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))
print("
     print("\n\t\t\-~~:Random-Restart hill-climbing search with sideways move:~~~ ")
     print("Calculating...")
     successful\_steps\_count = z
     failure step count = z
     successful iterations count = z
     fail iterations count = z
     final restarting count = z
     for uu in range(0, iterations):
       bs = state\_board(n)
       valuation, step number, final restart count =
random_restart_hill_climbing_algo_with_sideways(bs)
       if valuation == 1:
          fail iterations count += 1
          failure_step_count += step_number
       else:
          successful_iterations_count += 1
          successful steps count += step number
       final restarting count += final restart count
rate_of_successful_iterations_count/(successful_iterations_count+fail_iterations_count))*cen
     rate of failure=(fail iterations count/(successful iterations count+fail iterations count))*cent
     print("\nSuccess rate is: ",round(rate_of_success,2),"% and Failure rate is:
",round(rate of failure,2),"%")
     print("\nThe average number of random restarts required with sideways move",
final_restarting_count / (successful_iterations_count + fail_iterations_count))
     print("\nThe average number of steps required with sideways move", successful steps count /
(successful iterations count + fail iterations count))
  except ValueError:
     print("Please enter size of the Board N (integer).")
main()
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# **Sample Output (1):** Please enter the Number of Queens: 4 ~~~~: Hill Climbing: ~~~~ Calculating... The searching sequence for random configuration: 1 0 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 Q 0 0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 0 Failure Number of steps: 2 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ The searching sequence for random configuration: 2 Q Q 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 Q 0 Q 0 0 Failure Number of steps: 1 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ The searching sequence for random configuration: 3 Q 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0 0 Q 0 Q 0 0 0 0

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Q 0 0 0
0 Q Q 0
0 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0
Failure
Number of steps: 1
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
The searching sequence for random configuration: 4
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0
Q 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0
Q 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
Q 0 0 0
0 Q 0
Success
Number of steps: 2
Success rate is: 36.0 % and Failure rate is: 64.0 %
The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds:
The average number of steps when the algorithm fails: 2.25
              ~~~~: Hill-climbing search with sideways move: ~~~~
Calculating...
The searching sequence for random configuration: 1
0 Q 0 0
0 0 Q Q
Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
Q 0 0 0
0 Q Q 0
Success
Number of steps: 1
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The searching sequence for random configuration: 2
0 Q Q 0
0 Q 0 0
Q 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0
0 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
Q 0 0 0
0 Q 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q
Q Q 0 0
0 Q Q 0
Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0
Success
Number of steps: 3
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
The searching sequence for random configuration: 3
0 Q 0 0
Q 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0
0 Q Q 0
0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
Q 0 0 0
0 Q 0
Success
Number of steps: 1
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
The searching sequence for random configuration: 4
Q 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0
0 Q Q 0
Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0
0 Q Q 0
Q Q 0 0
0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0
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0 Q 0

0 Q 0 0

0 0 0 Q

Q 0 0 0

0 Q 0

Success

Number of steps: 3

Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %

The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: 2.81

~~~~:Random-restart hill-climbing search without sideways move:~~~~
Calculating...

Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %

The average number of random restarts required without sideways move 1.24

The average number of steps required without sideways move 4.71

~~~~:Random-Restart hill-climbing search with sideways move:~~~~ Calculating...

Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %

The average number of random restarts required with sideways move 0.0

The average number of steps required with sideways move 2.75

# **PERFORMANCE MEASURE**

|                  | Success rate | Failure Rate | Average       | Average       |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hill<br>Climbing |              |              | number of     | number of     |
| Search           |              |              | steps when it | steps when it |
|                  |              |              | succeeds      | fails         |
|                  | 36           | 64           | 2.06          | 2.25          |

| Hill      | Success rate | Failure Rate | Average       | Average       |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Climbing  |              |              |               |               |
| Search    |              |              | number of     | number of     |
| with      |              |              |               |               |
| side ways |              |              | steps when it | steps when it |
| move      |              |              | succeeds      | fails         |
|           | 100          | 0            | 2.81          | 0             |

| Random            | Average   | Average        | Average       | Average        |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Restart<br>hill   | number of | number of      | number of     | number of      |
| climbing          | random    | steps required | random        | steps required |
| search            | restarts  | without        | restarts      | with sideways  |
| with              | required  | sideways       | required with | move           |
| 100% Success rate | without   | move           | sideways      |                |
|                   | sideways  |                | move          |                |
|                   | move      |                |               |                |
|                   | 1.24      | 4.71           | 0.0           | 2.75           |

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Sample Output (2):
PLease enter the Number of Queens: 8
                     ~~~~:Hill Climbing:~~~~
Calculating...
The searching sequence for random configuration: 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 Q Q 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ Q \ 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Success
Number of steps: 5
The searching sequence for random configuration: 2
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 0 Q 0 Q 0 0 0
Q 0 0 Q 0 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 Q 0 Q 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
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0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
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0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
Failure
Number of steps: 4
The searching sequence for random configuration: 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 Q 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
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0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
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0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 0 Q 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
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0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
Success
Number of steps: 4
The searching sequence for random configuration: 4
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
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0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 Q 0 0 Q
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
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0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
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0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0 \ 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Failure
Number of steps: 3
Success rate is: 17.0 % and Failure rate is: 83.0 %
The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: 4.06
The average number of steps when the algorithm fails: 4.06
              ~~~~: Hill-climbing search with sideways move: ~~~~
Calculating...
The searching sequence for random configuration: 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q Q 0 Q 0 Q Q Q
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Success

Number of steps: 25

Success

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Number of steps: 18
The searching sequence for random configuration: 3
0 Q Q 0 0 Q 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 Q
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
0 Q Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0000000
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
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0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ Q\ 0\ 0\ 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
Success
Number of steps: 4
The searching sequence for random configuration: 4
0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 Q
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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0 0 0 0 0 0 Q
00000000
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 Q 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 Q 0 0
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Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 Q 0 0 0
00000000
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0 0 Q 0 0 0 0
Q 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 \ 0 \ 0 \ Q \ 0 \ 0 \ 0
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0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Success
Number of steps: 29
Success rate is: 89.0 % and Failure rate is: 11.0 %
The average number of steps when the algorithm succeeds: 18.47
The average number of steps when the algorithm fails: 65.55
       ~~~~:Random-restart hill-climbing search without sideways move:~~~~
Calculating...
Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %
The average number of random restarts required without sideways move 6.06
The average number of steps required without sideways move 28.63
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~~~~:Random-Restart hill-climbing search with sideways move:~~~~ Calculating...

Success rate is: 100.0 % and Failure rate is: 0.0 %

The average number of random restarts required with sideways move 0.81

The average number of steps required with sideways move 26.41

# **PERFORMANCE MEASURE**

|                  | Success rate | Failure Rate | Average       | Average       |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hill<br>Climbing |              |              | number of     | number of     |
| Search           |              |              | steps when it | steps when it |
|                  |              |              | succeeds      | fails         |
|                  | 17           | 83           | 4.06          | 4.06          |

| Hill      | Success rate | Failure Rate | Average       | Average       |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Climbing  |              |              |               |               |
| Search    |              |              | number of     | number of     |
| with      |              |              |               |               |
| side ways |              |              | steps when it | steps when it |
| move      |              |              | succeeds      | fails         |
|           | 89           | 11           | 18.47         | 65.55         |

| Random            | Average   | Average        | Average       | Average        |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Restart<br>hill   | number of | number of      | number of     | number of      |
| climbing          | random    | steps required | random        | steps required |
| search            | restarts  | without        | restarts      | with sideways  |
| with              | required  | sideways       | required with | move           |
| 100% Success rate | without   | move           | sideways      |                |
|                   | sideways  |                | move          |                |
|                   | move      |                |               |                |
|                   | 6.06      | 28.63          | 0.81          | 26.41          |

# **CONCLUSION**

- In this project we can observe that when N queens problem is implemented using hill climbing method, it succeeds only 17% of the time whereas 83% of the time it gets stuck at a local minimum. However, it takes only 4 steps on average when it succeeds and 4 on average when it gets stuck
- It can be a flat local maximum, from which no uphill exit exists, or a shoulder, from which progress is possible. A hill-climbing search might get lost on the plateau.
- In order to escape these problems, we implement n queens using sideways move. For 8-queens, we allow sideways moves with a limit of 100 which raises the percentage of problem instances solved from 17 to 89%. However, it takes around 18 steps for every successful solution and 65 steps for each failure.
- Both the methods —Hill Climbing and Sideways move Hill climbing are incomplete, ie they often fail to find a goal when one exists because they get stuck on local maxima. Therefore, we implement the N queen problem using Random restart Hill climbing method. The algorithm conducts various hill climbing searches from randomly generated initial states, until a goal is found. It is complete with probability approaching 1, because it will eventually generate a goal state as the initial state.