

EXTENDS *Integers*

The set of all valid squares on the board that the knights can move to. The squares are represented as 2-tuples  $\langle File, Rank \rangle$ : ( $x$  = valid square)

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Rank
8 o o o x o o o o
7 o o o o o o o o
6 o x x x x x x x
5 x x x x x x x x
4 x x x x x x x x
3 x x x x x x x x
2 o o o o o o o o
1 o x o o o o x o
  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 File

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This set includes their starting squares,  $b1$  and  $g1$ , the black Queen's square,  $d8$ , and any square not occupied by another piece excluding  $a6$ , which the black knight can move to. There are other squares that the knights could visit, namely  $a1$ ,  $h1$ ,  $a8$ ,  $b8$ ,  $g8$ , and  $h8$ , but they aren't necessary to include to find a solution.

CONSTANTS *Squares*

These variables are the board location of each knight starting on files B/G and the number of moves each knight has made.

VARIABLES *knightBpos*, *knightGpos*, *knightBmove*, *knightGmove*

The knights must always be on valid squares. The number of moves must always be a natural number.

$$\begin{aligned}
 TypeOK &\triangleq \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightBpos} \in \text{Squares} \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightGpos} \in \text{Squares} \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightBmove} \in \text{Nat} \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightGmove} \in \text{Nat}
 \end{aligned}$$

The initial state of the board. The knights are on their starting squares and they haven't moved.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Init &\triangleq \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightBpos} = \langle 2, 1 \rangle \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightGpos} = \langle 7, 1 \rangle \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightBmove} = 0 \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightGmove} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

An action describing all possible knight moves.

$$\begin{aligned}
 KnightMove(knightpos) &\triangleq \\
 &\wedge \text{ knightpos}' \in \text{Squares} \\
 &\wedge \vee \wedge \text{ knightpos}[1]' = \text{ knightpos}[1] - 2 \\
 &\quad \wedge \vee \text{ knightpos}[2]' = \text{ knightpos}[2] + 1 \\
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& \vee \text{ knightpos}[2]' = \text{knightpos}[2] - 2
\end{aligned}$$

This is what it means to move the knight starting on *b1*:

It is moved, its move count increases, and the other knight doesn't move.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KnightBMove} & \triangleq \\
& \wedge \text{ KnightMove}(\text{knightBpos}) \\
& \wedge \text{ knightBmove}' = \text{knightBmove} + 1 \\
& \wedge \text{ UNCHANGED } \langle \text{knightGpos}, \text{knightGmove} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

This is what it means to move the knight starting on *g1*:

It is moved, its move count increases, and the other knight doesn't move.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KnightGMove} & \triangleq \\
& \wedge \text{ KnightMove}(\text{knightGpos}) \\
& \wedge \text{ knightGmove}' = \text{knightGmove} + 1 \\
& \wedge \text{ UNCHANGED } \langle \text{knightBpos}, \text{knightBmove} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

This describes each possible move for white. Either knight is moved, but they can't end up on the same square.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Next} & \triangleq \\
& \wedge (\text{KnightBMove} \vee \text{KnightGMove}) \\
& \wedge \text{ knightBpos}' \neq \text{knightGpos}'
\end{aligned}$$

By telling the model checker that a solution to the puzzle does not exist as described by this invariant, it will produce a counterexample when it finds one, which is a solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Solution} & \triangleq \\
& \neg (\vee (\text{knightBpos} = \langle 4, 8 \rangle \wedge \text{knightGpos} = \langle 7, 1 \rangle \wedge \text{knightBmove} = 8) \\
& \vee (\text{knightBpos} = \langle 7, 1 \rangle \wedge \text{knightGpos} = \langle 4, 8 \rangle \wedge \text{knightGmove} = 8))
\end{aligned}$$