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Aim:

To implement N-Queens problem in python using backtracking

ALGORITHM.

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Create an empty $N \times N$ chessboard initialised with spaces

Step 3: Start from the first row (0) and try placing a queen in one of the columns of the current row

Step 4: for each column in the current row, check if placing the queen in that column is safe.

* NO other queens should be placed in the same columns

* No queens should be on the left upper diagonal

* No queen should be on the right upper diagonal

Step 5: if placing the queen is safe, place it. move to the next row and repeat the process.

Step 6: if no valid position is found placing a queen in the current row, backtracking by removing the queen from the previous row and try placing it in another column.

Step 7: If queens are successfully placed, a solution is found

Step 8: print the chessboard configuration with queens placed on the board

Step 9: If no solution is found, output NO

Step 10: Stop

Code:

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def is_safe(board, row, col, N):
    for i in range(row):
        if board[i][col] == 1:
            return False
    for i, j in zip(range(row, -1, -1), range(col, -1, -1)):
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
    for i, j in zip(range(row, -1, -1), range(col, N)):
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
    return True

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def solve_nqueens(board, row, N):
    if row >= N:
        return True
    for col in range(N):
        if is_safe(board, row, col, N):
            board[row][col] = 1
            if solve_nqueens(board, row+1, N):
                return True
            board[row][col] = 0
    return False

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def print_solution(board, N):
    for row in board:
        print(" ".join("Q" if col == 1 else "." for col in row))

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def n_queens(N):
    board = [0]*N for _ in range(N)

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    if solve_nqueens(board, 0, N):
        print("Solution for {} - Queens.".format(N))
        print_solution(board, N)
    else:
        print("NO solution".format(N))

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`N = int(input("Enter the value of n:"))`
`n-Queens (N)`

Enter no of Queens you want: 8

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RESULT:

Thus, N-Queens Problem using backtracking is implemented