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def count_conflicts(state):
  conflicts = 0
  n = len(state)
  for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i + 1, n):
      if state[i] == state[j]: # Same column
         conflicts += 1
      elif abs(state[i] - state[j]) == abs(i - j): # Same diagonal
         conflicts += 1
  return conflicts
def generate_neighbors(state):
  neighbors = []
  n = len(state)
  for i in range(n):
    # Try moving the queen in column i to a different row
    for j in range(n):
      if j != state[i]: # Don't move to the same row
         neighbor = state[:]
         neighbor[i] = j # Move queen to a new row in the same column
         neighbors.append(neighbor)
  return neighbors
def hill_climbing(n, initial_state):
  state = initial_state
  while True:
    current_conflicts = count_conflicts(state)
    if current_conflicts == 0:
      return state # Found a solution
    neighbors = generate_neighbors(state)
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best_neighbor = None
    best conflicts = float('inf')
    for neighbor in neighbors:
      conflicts = count_conflicts(neighbor)
      if conflicts < best_conflicts:</pre>
         best_conflicts = conflicts
         best_neighbor = neighbor
    if best_conflicts < current_conflicts:</pre>
      state = best_neighbor
    else:
      return None # No improvement, stuck in local minimum
def get_user_input(n):
  while True:
    try:
      user_input = input(f"Enter the row positions for the queens (space-separated integers
between 0 and {n-1}): ")
      initial_state = list(map(int, user_input.split()))
      if len(initial_state) != n or any(x < 0 or x >= n for x in initial_state):
         print(f"Invalid input. Please enter exactly {n} integers between 0 and {n-1}.")
         continue
      return initial_state
    except ValueError:
      print(f"Invalid input. Please enter a list of {n} integers.")
def print_board(solution):
  n = len(solution)
  for row in range(n):
    board = ['Q' if col == solution[row] else '.' for col in range(n)]
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print(' '.join(board))
# Main Execution
n = 4 # You can change this to any n for different sizes of the board
initial_state = get_user_input(n)
solution = hill_climbing(n, initial_state)
if solution:
  print("Solution found!")
  print_board(solution)
else:
  print("No solution found (stuck in local minimum).")
Enter the row positions for the queens (space-separated integers between 0 and 3): 1 3 0
Solution found!
 . . Q
   . Q .
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Enter the row positions for the queens (space-separated integers between 0 and 3): 1 0 2

No solution found (stuck in local minimum).