

NQueensProblem

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package day16_17;

public final class NQueensProblem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int size = 8;
        boolean[][] board = new boolean[size][size];

        NQueensProblem nQueensProblem = new NQueensProblem();
        if (!nQueensProblem.nQueen(board, size, 0)) {
            System.out.println("No solution found :( ");
        }
    }

    private boolean nQueen(boolean[][] board, int size, int row) {
        if (row == size) {
            printBoard(board, size);
            return true;
        } else {
            boolean foundSolution = false;
            for (int col = 0; col < size; col++) {
                if (isValidCell(board, size, row, col)) {
                    board[row][col] = true; // Place the queen
                    foundSolution = nQueen(board, size, row + 1) || foundSolution; //
Recursive call
                    board[row][col] = false; // Backtrack
                }
            }
            return foundSolution;
        }
    }

    private boolean isValidCell(boolean[][] board, int size, int row, int col) {
        // check column
        for (int i = 0; i < row; i++) {
            if (board[i][col]) {
                return false;
            }
        }

        // check upper left diagonal
        for (int i = row, j = col; i >= 0 && j >= 0; i--, j--) {
            if (board[i][j]) {
                return false;
            }
        }

        // check upper right diagonal
        for (int i = row, j = col; i >= 0 && j < size; i--, j++) {
            if (board[i][j]) {
                return false;
            }
        }
        return true;
    }
}
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private void printBoard(boolean[][] board, int size) {
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < size; j++) {
            System.out.print(board[i][j] ? "Q " : "- ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
    System.out.println();
}
}
}

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The screenshot shows an Eclipse IDE with several Java files open: RatInMaze.java, Task1.java, Task3.java, Task4.java, Person.java, NQueensProbl..., and Task5.java. The main editor displays the following code:

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36         if (board[i][col]) {
37             return false;
38         }
39     }
40
41     // check upper left diagonal
42     for (int i = row, j = col; i >= 0 && j >= 0; i--, j--) {
43         if (board[i][j]) {
44             return false;
45         }
46     }
47
48     // check upper right diagonal
49     for (int i = row, j = col; i >= 0 && j < size; i--, j++) {
50         if (board[i][j]) {
51             return false;
52         }
53     }
54     return true;
55 }
56
57 private void printBoard(boolean[][] board, int size) {
58     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
59         for (int j = 0; j < size; j++) {
60             System.out.print(board[i][j] ? "Q " : "- ");
61         }
62         System.out.println();
63     }
64     System.out.println();

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The console at the bottom shows the output of the printBoard method for a 5x5 board:

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- - - Q - - -
Q - - - - -
- - Q - - -
- - - Q - -
- Q - - - -
- - - - Q -

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