KNIGHT'S TOUR

PROG32356 – Assignment 1

Contents

Strategies for tour approaches	2
Non-intelligent approach	2
Intelligent (heuristic) approach	3
Program implementation	4
Data structures	4
Implementation	4
Source code	5
Form 1 (main)	5
Form 2 (help display)	12
GameBoard (abstract)	12
ChessBoard (implementing GameBoard)	13
ChessPiece (parent class)	15
Knight (child class)	15
Results	16

Strategies for tour approaches

Before the tour can be taken, three different boards are initialized, and a Knight piece is initialized with his possible moves. The initialized boards include:

- A board which holds coordinates of each board landing spot in the format of [x, y]
- A board which holds the values of step number taken by the Knight
- A board which holds the accessibility values for the intelligent approach

All three of these boards are 8x8 to represent a real chess board.

Non-intelligent approach

Firstly, the algorithm will handle marking Knight's first spot by:

- 1. Place value of '1' on the board which holds the step number values on the coordinates chosen by the user
- 2. Replacing coordinates of current spot on the board which holds traversable coordinate values with unreachable coordinates for the Knight ensuring the spot can't be landed on again.

The algorithm then determines next possible move before taking it by taking the following steps:

- 3. Based on the Knight's current position, create arrays of coordinates of all board spaces reachable by the Knight.
- 4. Choose all the coordinate arrays which contain coordinates of still available board spaces (not already visited) and add them to a List which holds still available coordinate values.
- 5. Generate a random number ranging from 0 to the length of the List storing available move coordinates.
- 6. Provide the algorithm with the move chosen at random based on the previously generated random number.
- 7. If there are no moves left available, return a value to the algorithm which will be recognized as 'no spaces available'. If so, this is the end of the run, next move won't be made, and the results will be displayed.

Once the move is determined, it's time to take it:

- 8. Place the Knight on the new space acquired from point 4.
- 9. Find the coordinates of Knight's new spot and update the board holding the step number values with appropriate step number value.
- 10. Update the board which holds the coordinate values with an "unreachable value" so that the Knight can never land there again.
- 11. Return to point 1 to repeat the cycle.

Intelligent (heuristic) approach

Firstly, the algorithm will handle marking Knight's first spot by:

- 1. Place value of '1' on the board which holds the step number values on the coordinates chosen by the user
- 2. Replacing coordinates of current spot on the board which holds traversable coordinate values with unreachable coordinates for the Knight ensuring the spot can't be landed on again.

Secondly, the board holding accessibility values must be adjusted based on the first spot:

- 3. Get coordinates of all possible spots reachable by the Knight.
- 4. Based on those coordinates, adjust the values on the accessibility board, corresponding to the coordinate board, by subtracting one from the accessibility number if it's more than or equal to zero (it's still reachable). The number represents number of spots from which the spot can be reached.

The algorithm then determines next possible move before taking it by taking the following steps:

- 5. Based on the Knight's current position, create arrays of coordinates of all board spaces reachable by the Knight.
- 6. Choose all the coordinate arrays which contain coordinates of still available board spaces (not already visited) and add them to a List which holds still available coordinate values.
- 7. Get accessibility values of all reachable spots and place them inside a List.
- 8. Based on all accessibility values inside the List, find the smallest value and add its List index (position) to a new List. If multiple occurrences of the smallest value exist, add indexes of all of them to the new List.
- 9. Generate a random number ranging from 0 to the length of the List storing indexes of smallest accessible values and use the number to choose one of the indexes at random.
- 10. With the chosen random index, return the possible move from the List of all possible moves using that index (listOfPossibleMoves[randomlyChosenIndex]).
- 11. If there are no moves left available, return a value to the algorithm which will be recognized as 'no spaces available'. If so, this is the end of the run, next move won't be made, and the results will be displayed.

Once the move is determined, it's time to take it:

- 12. Place the Knight on the new space acquired from point 8.
- 13. Find the coordinates of Knight's new spot and update the board holding the step number values with appropriate step number value.
- 14. Update the board which holds the coordinate values with an "unreachable value" so that the Knight can never land there again.

Once the move is taken, the accessibility board must be adjusted. Repeat steps 3 and 4. If point 11 (end of run) wasn't reached, go back to step 1.

Program implementation

Data structures

My implementation consists of a variety of different data structures including:

- Single dimension integer array used for the board which holds the accessibility value matrix. I decided to use a simple array because I knew the starting values for each array position, and I knew that the size of the array will never change.
- Multi-dimension integer array holds the values for moves of a Knight chess piece for example [2,1] represents a Knight moving up 2 spaces and 1 across.
- Lists holding integer values used throughout the whole implementation for functionality such as storing indexes of all possible moves. I used Lists instead of regular arrays because of the varying size nature of the structures. More indexes were being added to the list on the fly therefore an array of a fixed size would not suffice.
- List holing string values used once in the Results class to hold the values of how many board spots were reached by the Knight on each run. The list is of type string and not integer as sometimes the knight will reach all the spots on the board and instead of displaying 64, I decided to go with the word "all". Once again, I went with a List instead of an array due to varying size of the List
- Lists holding arrays of integers used on a few occasions, example being in the Results class to hold arrays containing traversed boards, more precisely, the values of the order the Knight landed on each spot
- Properties used for most of all class properties for easy access of the variables without getter methods.

Implementation

My program is implemented using the Windows Forms module providing a GUI for the user to interact with. The GUI consists of radio buttons and number controls to enter the parameters of the Knight's tour. The results are displayed using labels and text boxes populated automatically by the program once execution is complete.

The implementation is divided into several classes responsible for different functions:

- Form1 serves the purpose of holding the main method and is the brain of the whole program. Its used to communicate with all other classes and handle the logic of the implementation. It also includes implementations of form's control's interaction methods.
- Form2 second form accessible by the user by the click of the "help" button on form 1. This class holds the logic for displaying help information to the user upon its birth.
- ChessPiece parent class utilizing OOP's principle of inheritance. It consists of implementation of range check method to validate coordinates of the move taken by any chess piece.
- Knight child class of the ChessPiece class used to model a Knight chess piece. Its properties include current x and y coordinates, as well as the possible moves allowed for the Knight.

- GameBoard class utilizing another OOP principle called abstraction. Serves the purpose of a
 model for any type of game board requiring all classes using it to implement methods relative to
 all possible game boards.
- ChessBoard class implementing the abstract class GameBoard. It overrides GameBoard's
 methods of showBoard to show coordinates of each spot and showTraversedBoard showing the
 board containing step numbers taken by the Knight. This class also implements its own method
 showing the accessibility matrix. This method is only relative to chess hence it's not included in
 the GameBoard class.
- Results used to hold game results including number of spots reached on each run and the traversed board records of each run.

Source code

Form 1 (main)

```
using System;
 using System.IO;
 using System.Collections.Generic;
 using System.Data;
using System.Drawing;
 using System.Linq;
 using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
 using System.Windows.Forms;
□namespace KnightsTourForm
          private static Random random = new Random();
          private static int moveCounter = 1, runCounter = 1, displayCounter;
          private static int startX, startY;
          private static Results results;
2references
              InitializeComponent();
          private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
              results = new Results();
          private void startBtn_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
              startY = Convert.ToInt32(colCoordinate.Value) - 1;
              // Get approach and attempts amount from the user
              if (nonIntelRadioBtn.Checked == true)
              int attempts = Convert.ToInt32(attemptsEntry.Value);
              for (int i = 0; i < attempts; i++)</pre>
```

```
// Run approach
switch (choice)
               case 1:
                   runNonIntelligent();
break;
               case 2:
                   runIntelligent();
break;
              default:
Console.WriteLine("Invalid choice!");
        // Write run results to file
writeResultsToFile(choice);
        // Adjust conuters for next run
moveCounter = 1;
         runCounter++:
  // Remove begin button
Controls.Remove(startBtn);
      displayCounter = 1;
runNotbl.Text = "1";
touchedLbl.Text = results.CompletedMovesResults[θ];
foreach (Control c in Controls)
             if (c is TextBox)
                    int location = Convert.ToInt32(c.Name.Substring(c.Name.Length - 2));
                    c.Text = results.GameResults[0][location].ToString();
      // Enable buttons to cycle through tours
nextTourBtn.Visible = true;
      prevTourBtn.Visible = true;
      int avg = getAverageRuns();
      int awg = getAveragekUns();
int completedMoves = results.CompletedMovesResults[0] == "all" ?
    64 : Convert.ToInt32(results.CompletedMovesResults[0]);
avgLbl.Text = "Average achieved steps: " + avg.ToString();
deviationLbl.Text = "Deviation from average: " + (completedMoves - avg).ToString();
static void runNonIntelligent()
     Console.WriteLine("Run started: " + runCounter);
ChessBoard board = new ChessBoard();
      Knight knight = new Knight(startX, startY);
      // Handle starting position
handleStartingPosition(board, knight);
```

```
while (true)
{
    // Determine next move
    int[] nextMove = determineNextMove(board, knight, 1);

    // If returned move is out of bounds, finish the run
    if (nextMove[0] == 9)
    {
        break;
    }

    // Make the move
    makeMove(board, knight, nextMove);
    }
    board.showTraversedBoard();

// Save game results
    saveGameResult(board);
}
```

```
static void runIntelligent()
    Console.WriteLine("Run started: " + runCounter);
     Knight knight = new Knight(startX, startY);
    // Handle starting position
handleStartingPosition(board, knight);
     // Adjust accessibilty matrix based on starting position
     adjustAccessibilityMatrix(board, knight);
     while (true)
         int[] nextMove = determineNextMove(board, knight, 2);
          // If returned move is out of bounds, finish the run
         if (nextMove[0] == 9)
              break;
         // Make the move
         makeMove(board, knight, nextMove);
         // Adjust accessibility matrix based on new position
adjustAccessibilityMatrix(board, knight);
     board.showTraversedBoard();
    // Save game results
saveGameResult(board);
static void handleStartingPosition(ChessBoard board, Knight knight)
     // Mark starting position on the board
    int[] startPosition = { knight.X, knight.Y };
int indexOfStartPosition = board.Positions.FindIndex(startPosition.SequenceEqual);
    board.TraversedPositions[indexOfStartPosition] = moveCounter++;
    // Mark starting position on the board as used
board.Positions[indexOfStartPosition] = new int[] { 99, 99 };
```

```
static int[] determineNextMove(ChessBoard board, Knight knight, int runMethod)

{

// Create a list to store all possible next moves
List<int[]> possibleMoves = new List<int[]>();

// Loop through Knight's all possible moves

for (int i = 0; i < knight.Moves.Length / 2; i++)

{

// Determine next possible move based on current position
    int nextPossibleX = knight.X + knight.Moves[i, 0];
    int nextPossibleY = knight.Y + knight.Moves[i, 1];
    int[] nextPossibleMove = { nextPossibleX, nextPossibleY };

// Add next possible move to List of possible moves if it's available on the board
    if (board.Positions.Any(a => a.SequenceEqual(nextPossibleMove)))

{
        possibleMoves.Add(nextPossibleMove);
    }
}
```

```
based on game approach (non-intelligent/intelligent)
switch (runMethod)
        int randomIndex = random.Next(0, possibleMoves.Count);
        // If any moves are possible, return a random one from the list of possible moces if (possibleMoves.Count > 0) \,
            return possibleMoves[randomIndex];
    case 2:
        if (possibleMoves.Count > 0)
            List<int> accessValsBasedOnIndexes = new List<int>();
            int smallestIndex;
            for (int i = 0; i < possibleMoves.Count; i++)</pre>
                int indexOfPossibleMove = board.Positions.FindIndex(possibleMoves[i].SequenceEqual);
                accessValsBasedOnIndexes.Add(board.PositionsAccessibilty[indexOfPossibleMove]);
            smallestIndex = accessValsBasedOnIndexes[0];
            for (int i = 0; i < accessValsBasedOnIndexes.Count; i++)</pre>
                if (accessValsBasedOnIndexes[i] < smallestIndex)</pre>
                     smallestIndex = accessValsBasedOnIndexes[i];
            // smallest accessibilty value and add their List indexes to the list
            List<int> indexesOfSmallestValues = new List<int>();
            for (int i = 0; i < accessValsBasedOnIndexes.Count; i++)
                 if (accessValsBasedOnIndexes[i] == smallestIndex)
                     indexesOfSmallestValues.Add(i);
```

```
// Get randomly selected index of one of the smallest accessibility values
int randomVal = random.Next(0, indexesOfSmallestValues.Count);
int selectedIndex = indexesOfSmallestValues[randomVal];

// Return the move with the randomly selected smallest accessibilty value
return possibleMoves[selectedIndex];
}
break;
default:
break;
}

// If no moves were possible, return and out of bounds move
return new int[] { 9, 9 };
}
```

```
static void makeMove(ChessBoard board, Knight knight, int[] move)
     // Place knight on new position
knight.X = move[0];
knight.Y = move[1];
     int indexOfMovePosition = board.Positions.FindIndex(move.SequenceEqual);
board.TraversedPositions[indexOfMovePosition] = moveCounter++;
     // Remove position from board positions
board.Positions[indexOfMovePosition] = new int[] { 99, 99 };
static void writeResultsToFile(int option)
     // Determine file name based on run approach
string fileName = "";
           fileName += "michalzarnowskiNonIntelligentMethod.txt";
      else if (option == 2)
           fileName += "michalzarnowskiHeuristicMethod.txt";
     // Compose path to file
var path = System.AppContext.BaseDirectory;
var filePath = path + fileName;
     // Determine amount of completed moves by the Knight
String completedMoves = (moveCounter - 1).ToString();
if (moveCounter - 1 == 64)
           completedMoves = "all";
     // Compose the line to save in the text file string printLine = "Trial " + runCounter + ": The Knight was able to successfully touch " + completedMoves + " squares.";
     TextWriter writer = new StreamWriter(filePath, true); writer.WriteLine(printLine);
     writer.Close();
     // Save game results
results.addCompletedMovesResult(completedMoves);
```

```
2references
static void adjustAccessibilityMatrix(ChessBoard board, Knight knight)
{
   int[] currentPosition = { knight.X, knight.Y };

   // Loop through Knight's all possible moves
   for (int i = 0; i < knight.Moves.Length / 2; i++)
   {
        // Get next possible move in array format
        int nextPossibleY = knight.X + knight.Moves[i, 0];
        int nextPossibleY = knight.Y + knight.Moves[i, 1];
        int[] nextPossibleMove = { nextPossibleY, nextPossibleY };

        // Find the index of the next move in board's position matrix
        int indexOfPossibleMovePosition = board.Positions.FindIndex(nextPossibleMove.SequenceEqual);

        // If next move possible (not -1), adjust its accessibilty value by subtracting 1
        if (indexOfPossibleMovePosition >= 0)
        {
            board.PositionsAccessibilty[indexOfPossibleMovePosition] = board.PositionsAccessibilty[indexOfPossibleMovePosition] - 1;
        }
    }
}
```

```
static void saveGameResult(ChessBoard board)

{
    int[] resultsArr = board.TraversedPositions.ToArray();
    results.addGameResult(resultsArr);
}

Ireference
private void runNoLbl_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    ireference
private void textBox2_TextChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    ireference
private void button1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    Form2 f2 = new Form2();
    f2.ShowDialog();
}
```

```
private void prevTourBtn Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
    if (displayCounter > 1)
       displayCounter--;
       displayResults();
private void nextTourBtn_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
    if (results.AmountOfStoredResults > displayCounter)
       displayCounter++;
       displayResults();
void displayResults()
   runNoLbl.Text = displayCounter.ToString();
    touchedLbl.Text = results.CompletedMovesResults[displayCounter - 1];
    foreach (Control c in Controls)
        if (c is TextBox)
            int location = Convert.ToInt32(c.Name.Substring(c.Name.Length - 2));
            c.Text = results.GameResults[displayCounter - 1][location].ToString();
    // Display deviation from average
    int completedMoves = results.CompletedMovesResults[displayCounter - 1] == "all" ?
   64 : Convert.ToInt32(results.CompletedMovesResults[displayCounter - 1]);
   deviationLbl.Text = "Deviation from average: " + (completedMoves - getAverageRuns()).ToString();
```

Form 2 (help display)

```
⊡using System;
  using System.Collections.Generic;
  using System.Drawing;
 using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
 using System.Windows.Forms;
□namespace KnightsTourForm
     public partial class Form2 : Form
              InitializeComponent();
         private void Form2_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
             backgroundInfoTxt.Text = "A knight's tour is a sequence of moves of a knight on a chessboard" +
                   such that the knight visits every square exactly once. If the knight ends on a square that" +
                  " is one knight's move from the beginning square (so that it could tour the board again" +
                  " immediately, following the same path), the tour is closed; otherwise, it is open.";
             playInfoTxt2.Text = "2) Select how many times you'd like the Knight to attempt the tour.";
playInfoTxt3.Text = "3) Select the starting board position for the Knight by selecting row and column.";
              playInfoTxt4.Text = "4) Hit Begin tour!";
             playInfoTxt5.Text = "5) Results of the run will be displayed below showing the order of each move." +
                  "Zeros indicate unreached positions.";
```

GameBoard (abstract)

ChessBoard (implementing GameBoard)

```
⊡using System;
 using System.Collections.Generic;
 using System.Threading.Tasks;
□namespace KnightsTourForm
      class ChessBoard : GameBoard
₽
          private int width = 8;
          private int height = 8;
          private List<int> traversedPositions;
private int[] positionsAccessibilty = { 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 2,
          public List<int[]> Positions { get { return positions; } }
          3 references
           public List<int> TraversedPositions { get { return traversedPositions; } }
          public int[] PositionsAccessibilty { get { return positionsAccessibilty; } }
₫
          public ChessBoard()
              positions = new List<int[]>();
               traversedPositions = new List<int>();
               for (int i = 0; i < height; i++)</pre>
                   for (int j = 0; j < width; j++)
Þ
                       int[] tempArray = { i, j };
                       positions.Add(tempArray);
                       traversedPositions.Add(0);
```

```
public override void showBoard()
    int counter = 0, listLen = positions.Count;
    while (counter < listLen)
        Console.Write("[\{0\} \{1\}] ", positions[counter][0].ToString(), positions[counter][1].ToString()); if (counter != 0 && (counter + 1) % 8 == 0)
            Console.WriteLine();
        counter++;
public override void showTraversedBoard()
    int counter = 0, listLen = traversedPositions.Count;
    while (counter < listLen)
        Console.Write("[{0}] ", traversedPositions[counter].ToString());
        if (traversedPositions[counter] / 10 < 1)
             Console.Write(" ");
        if (counter != 0 && (counter + 1) % 8 == 0)
            Console.WriteLine();
        counter++;
public void showAccessibiltyMatrix()
    int counter = 0, listLen = positionsAccessibilty.Length;
    while (counter < listLen)
        Console.Write("[{0}] ", positionsAccessibilty[counter].ToString());
        // New line formatting
if (counter != 0 && (counter + 1) % 8 == 0)
            Console.WriteLine();
```

ChessPiece (parent class)

Knight (child class)

Results

```
using System.Collections.Generic;
  using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
 using System.Threading.Tasks;
□namespace KnightsTourForm
      class Results
          private List<int[]> gameResults;
          private List<string> completedMovesResults;
          public int AmountOfStoredResults { get { return amountOfStoredResutls; } }
          public List<int[]> GameResults { get { return gameResults; } }
          public List<string> CompletedMovesResults { get { return completedMovesResults; } }
         1 reference public Results()
₽
              amountOfStoredResutls = 0;
              gameResults = new List<int[]>();
              completedMovesResults = new List<string>();
ᇦ
          public void addGameResult(int[] gameResult)
              amountOfStoredResutls++;
              gameResults.Add(gameResult);
          public void addCompletedMovesResult(string result)
              completedMovesResults.Add(result);
```