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What do we need to ask for branch and bound?

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What different values could we have for a partial configuration?

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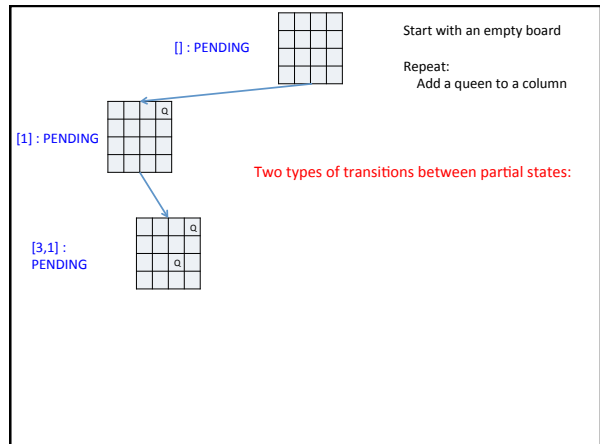
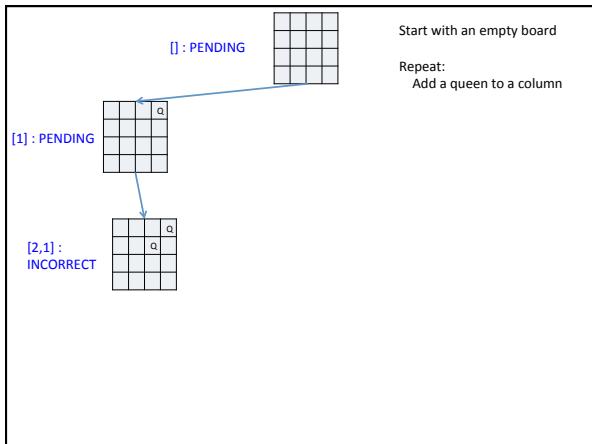
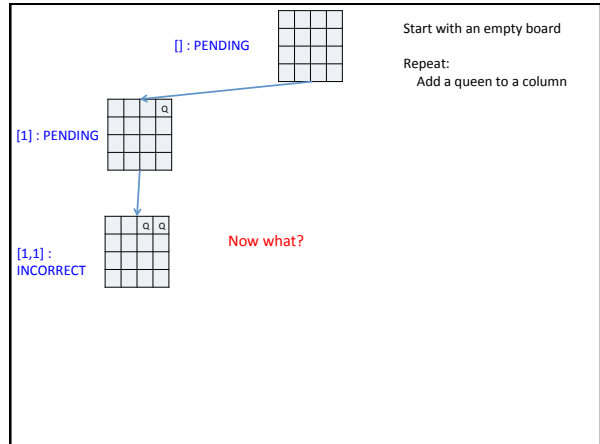
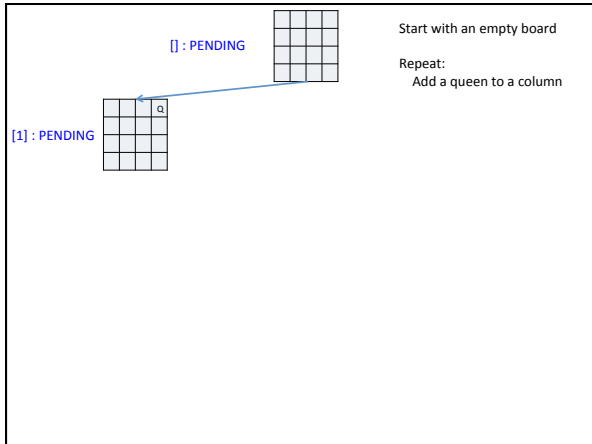
Exhaustive search: next state function transitions from one *complete* state to another *complete* state

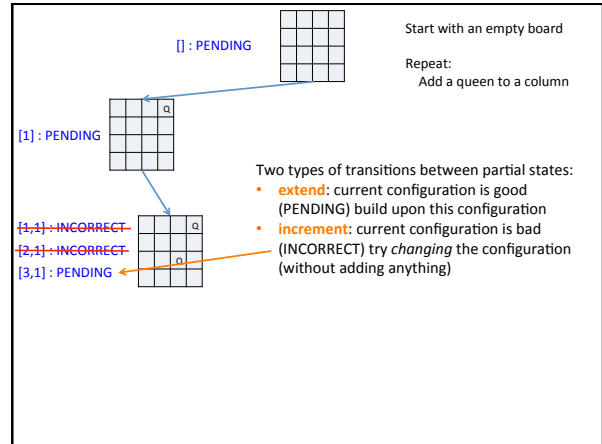
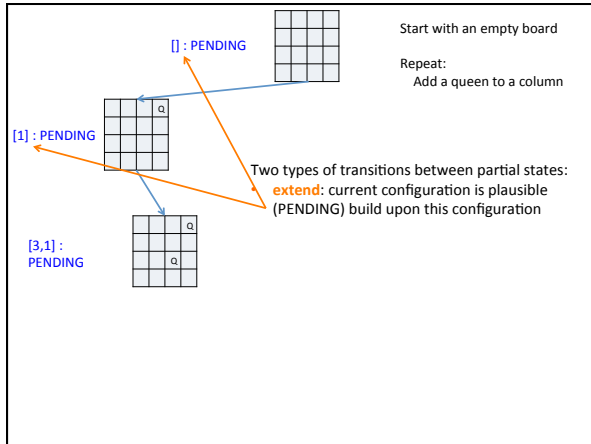
What do we do for backtracking (w/ branch and bound)?

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Start with an empty board

Repeat:
Add a queen to a column





To the code!



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