



Artificial & Computational Intelligence

DSE CLZG557

M3 : Game Playing & Constraint Satisfaction

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Course Plan



- M1 Introduction to AI
- M2 Problem Solving Agent using Search
- M3 Game Playing, Constraint Satisfaction Problem
- M4 Knowledge Representation using Logics
- M5 Probabilistic Representation and Reasoning
- M6 Reasoning over time, Reinforcement Learning

Module 3 : Part -1

Searching to play games



A. Minimax Algorithm

B. Alpha-Beta Pruning

C. Making imperfect real time decisions

Problem Formulation

Games as Search Problem

PSA : Representation of Game:

INITIAL STATE: S_0

PLAYER(s)

ACTIONS(s)

RESULT(s, a)

TERMINAL-TEST(s)

UTILITY(s, p)

Eg., Tic Tac Toe

Assumption Task Environment:

Static

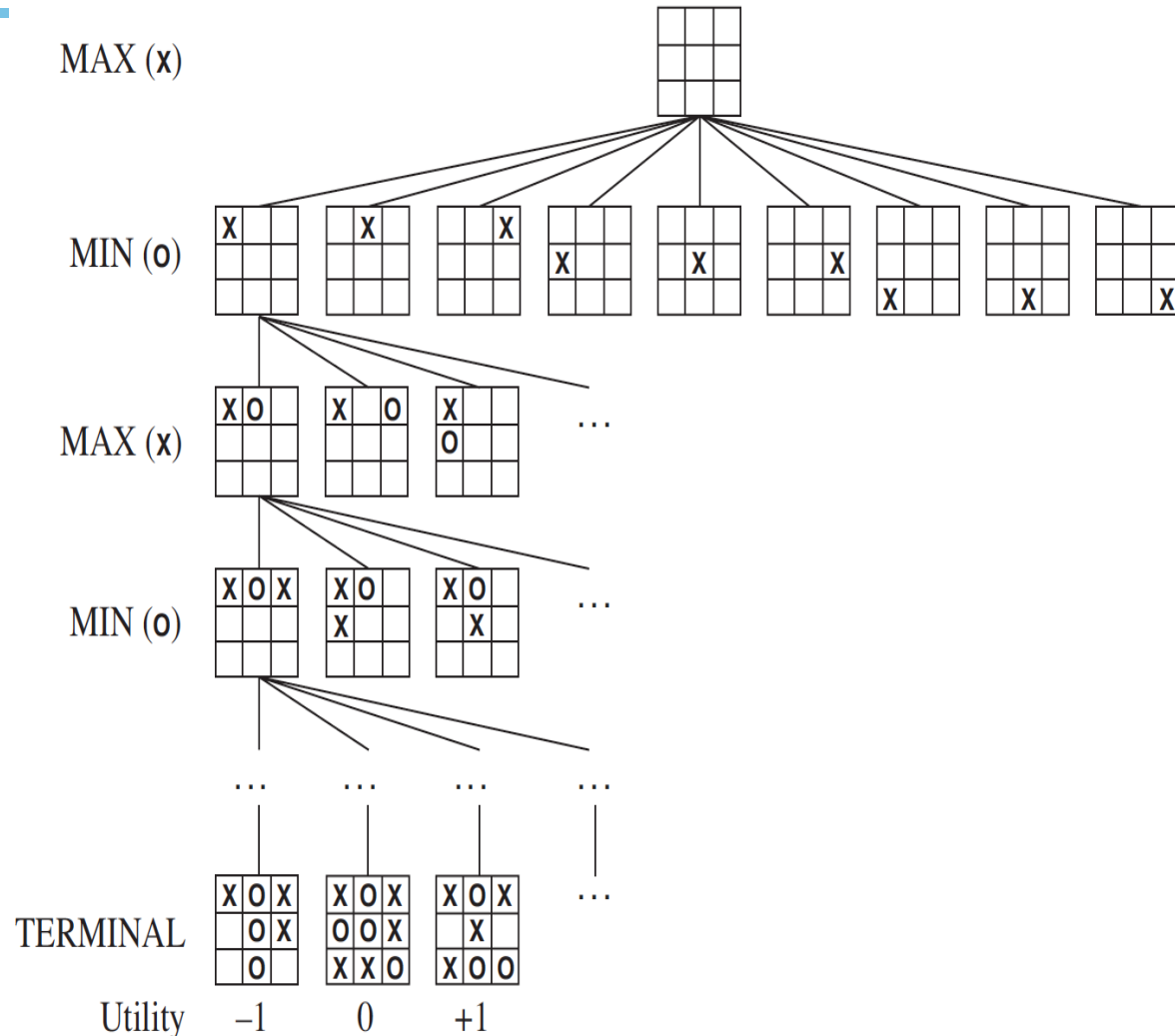
Strategic

Multi agent

Fully observable

Sequential

Discrete

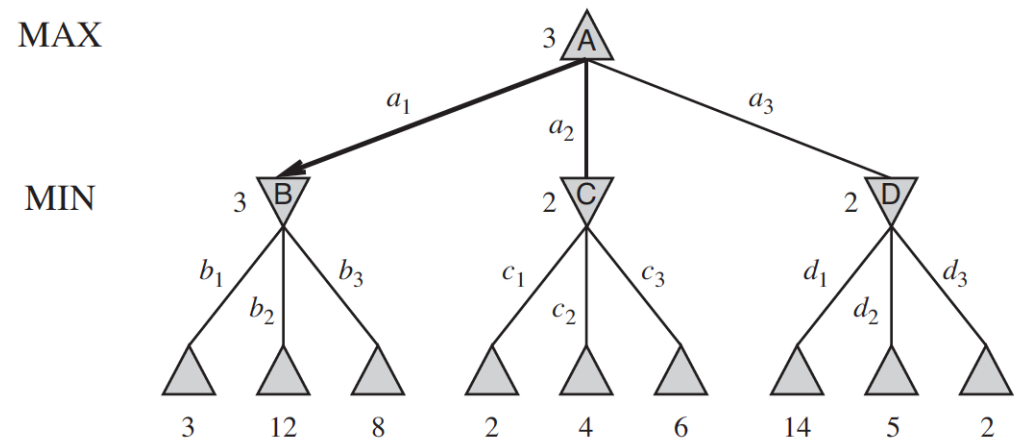


Making imperfect real time decisions

Computational Efficiency

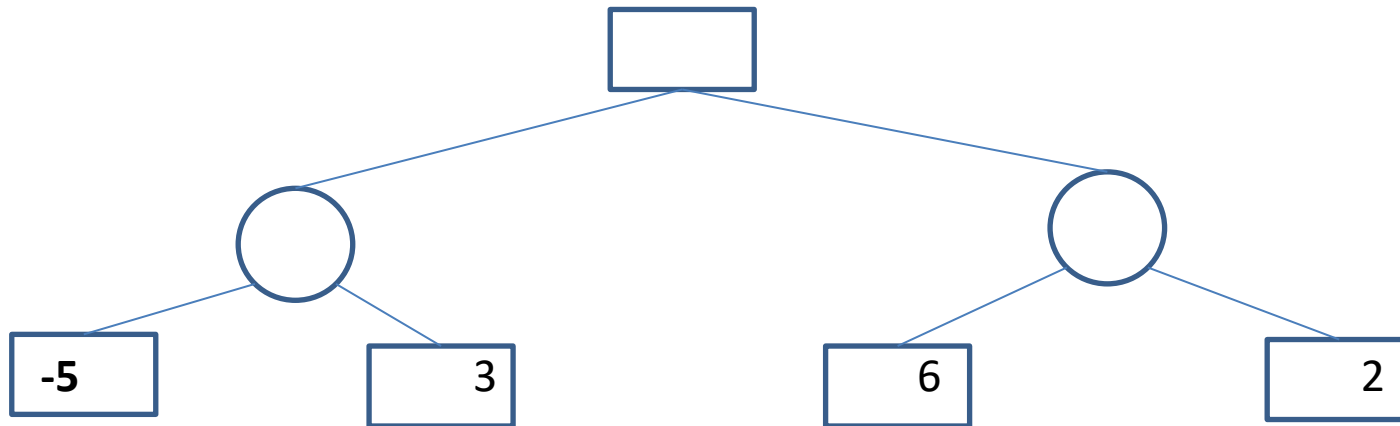
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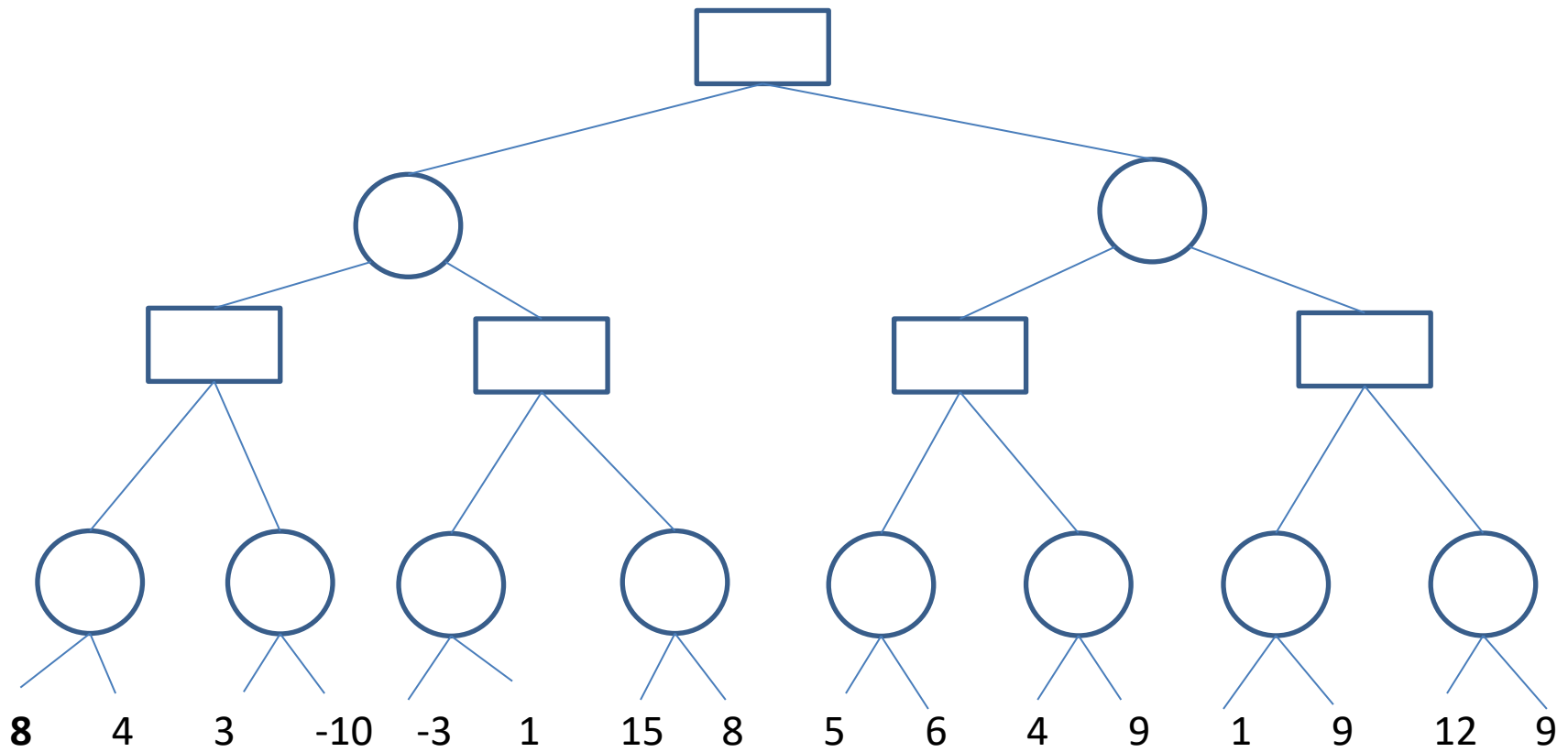
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Squares represent MAX nodes

Circles represent MIN nodes





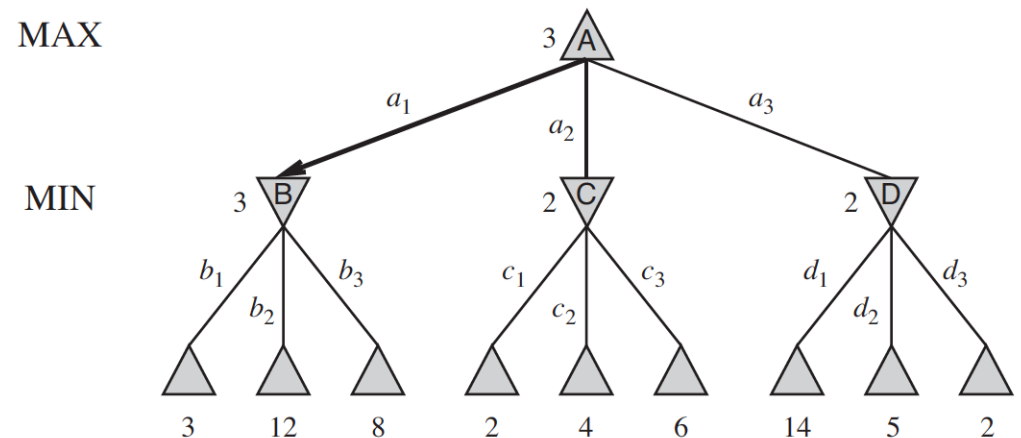
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Idea:

Use heuristics to identify the state/node in which a move might bring drastic change in the value of the static evaluation function. Then keep the depth limit fix after the level thus delaying the generation of static value till that level.

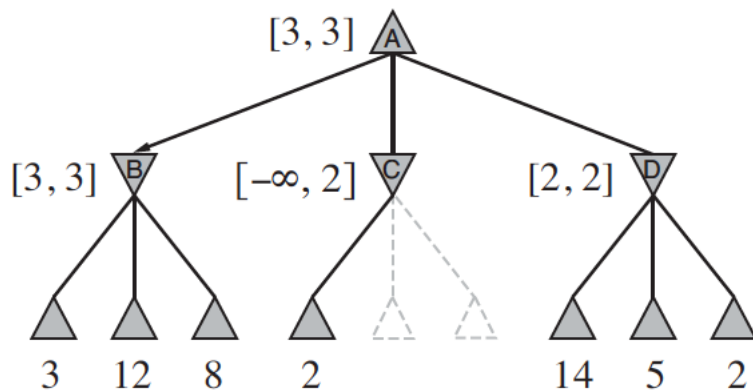


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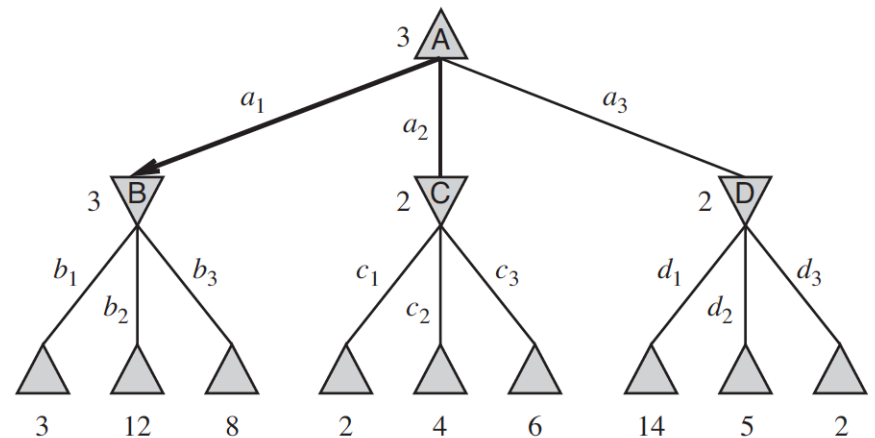
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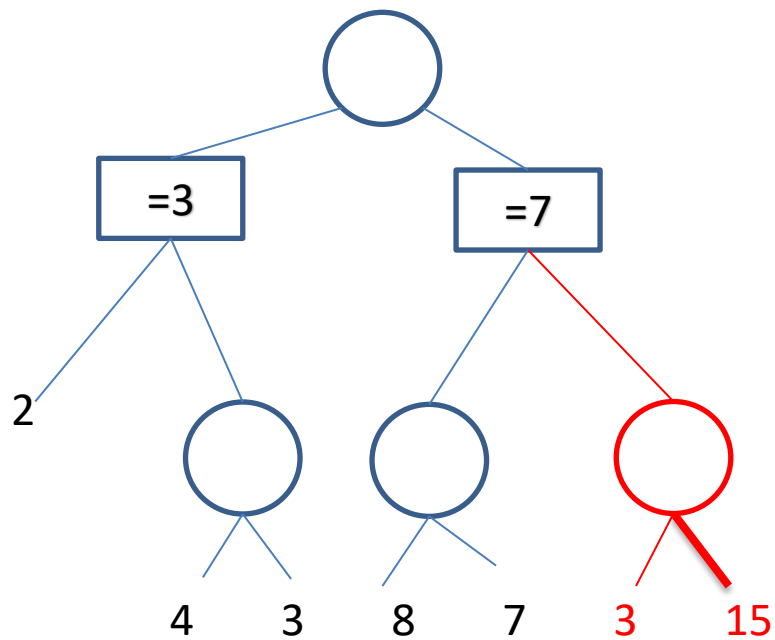


MAX

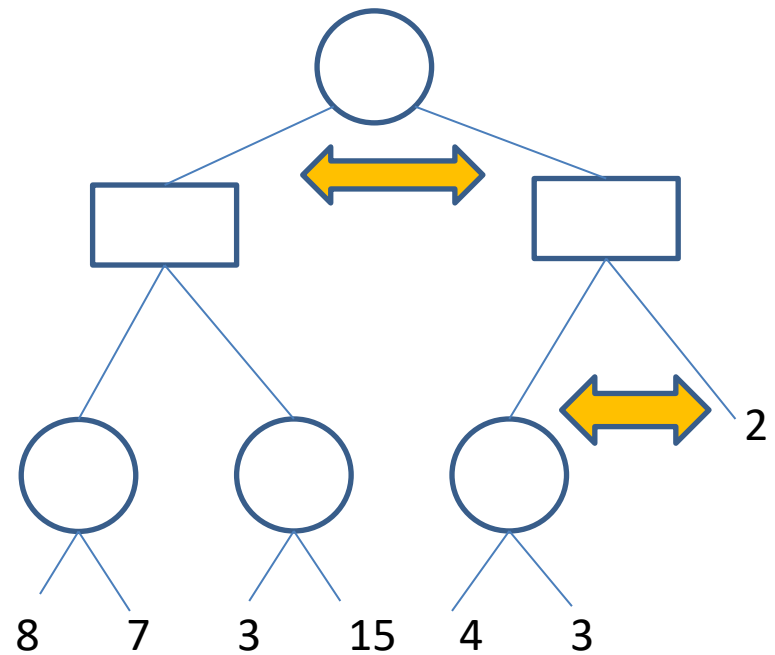
MIN



After Move Ordering



Before Move Ordering



Computational Efficiency

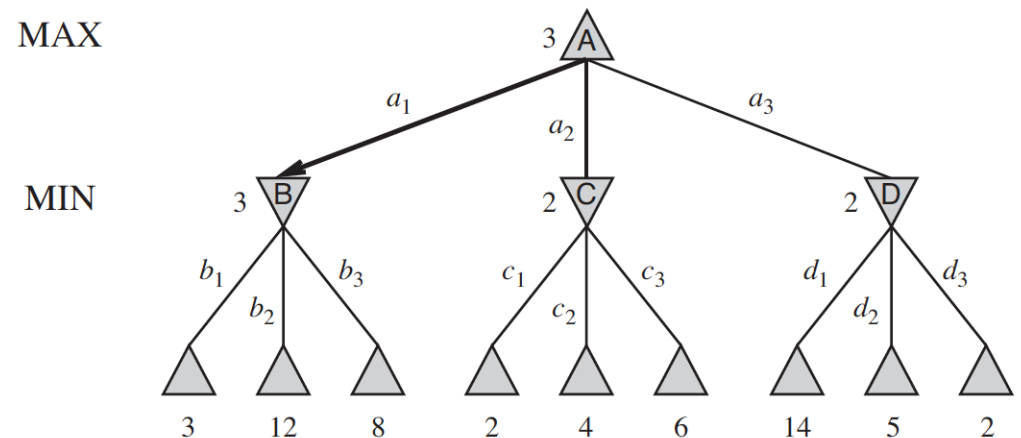
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Idea:

Use heuristic of the game and
prioritize game changing moves
to be ordered as leftmost branch
in the game tree.



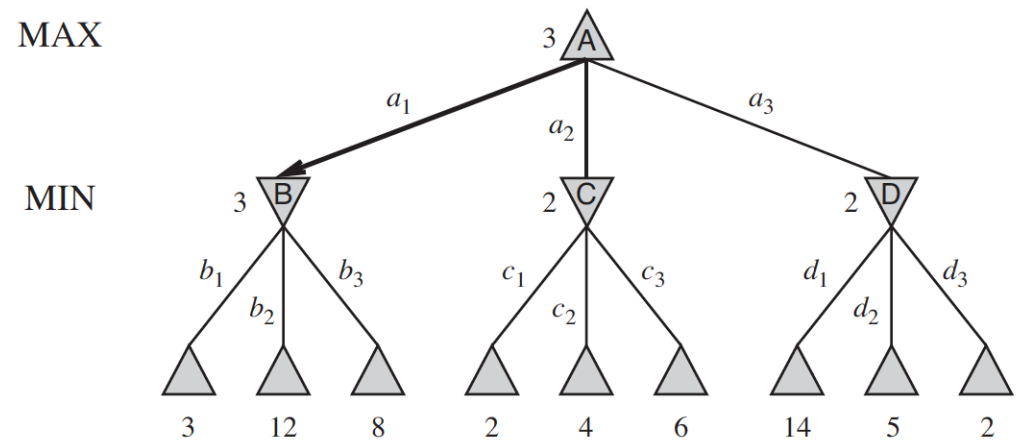
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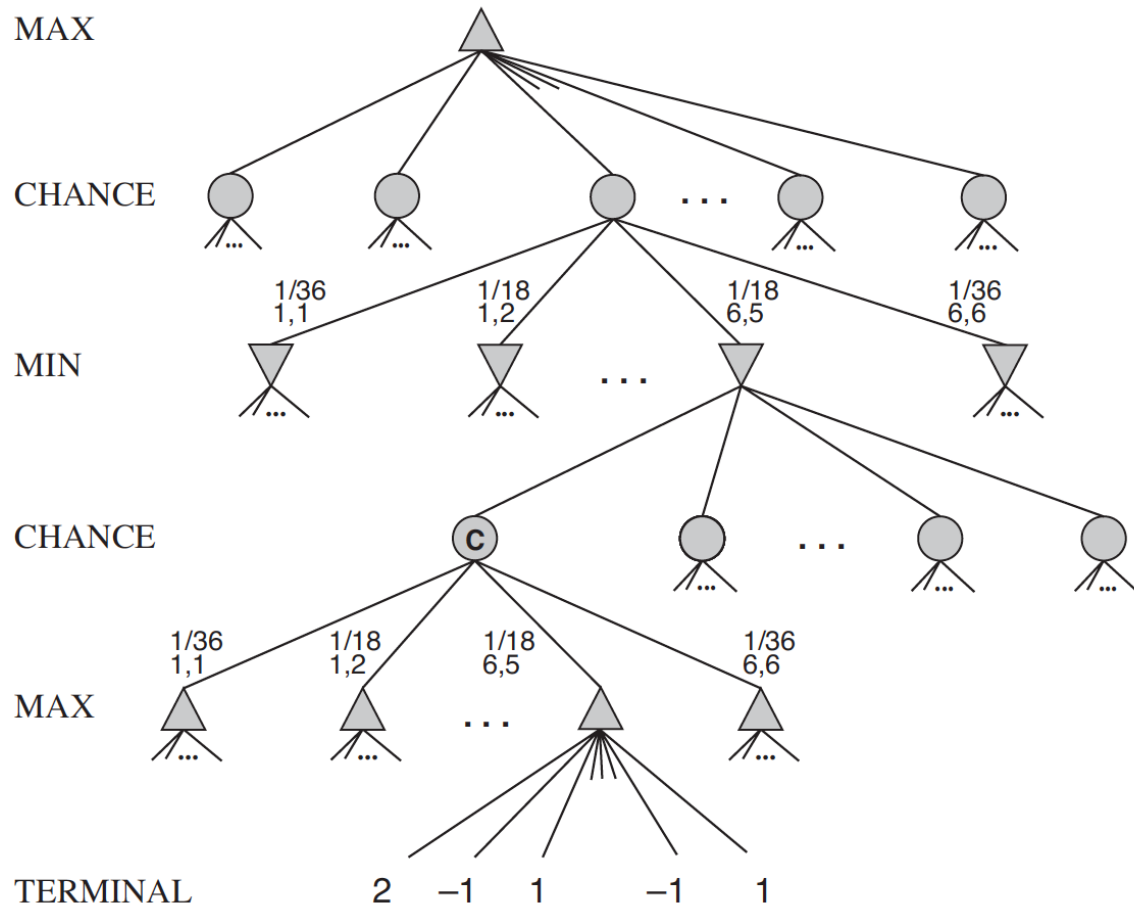
How games can be designed to handle imperfect decisions in real-time?

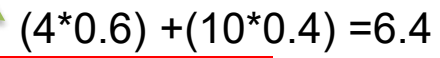


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Idea : Chance Node:

Holds the expected values that are computed as a sum of all outcomes weighted by their probability (of dice roll)

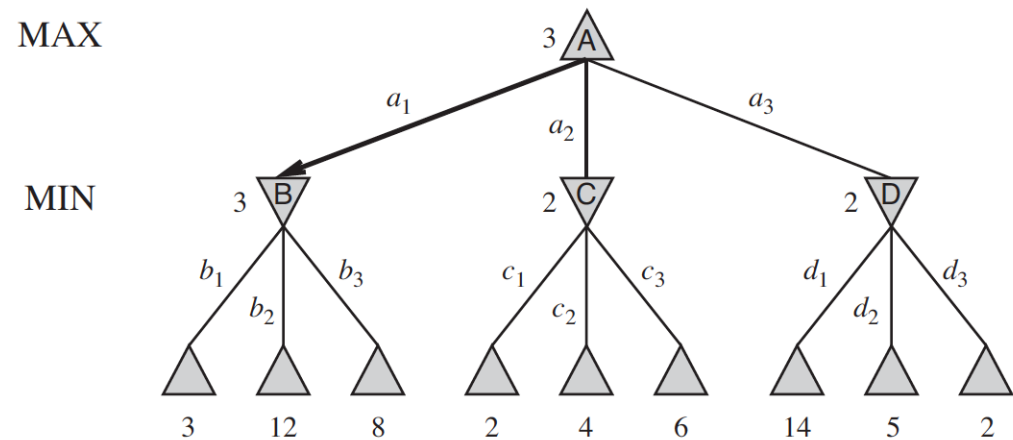




Computational Efficiency

Credit Assignment Problem:

The credit assignment problem concerns determining how the success of a system's overall performance is due to the various contributions of the system's components



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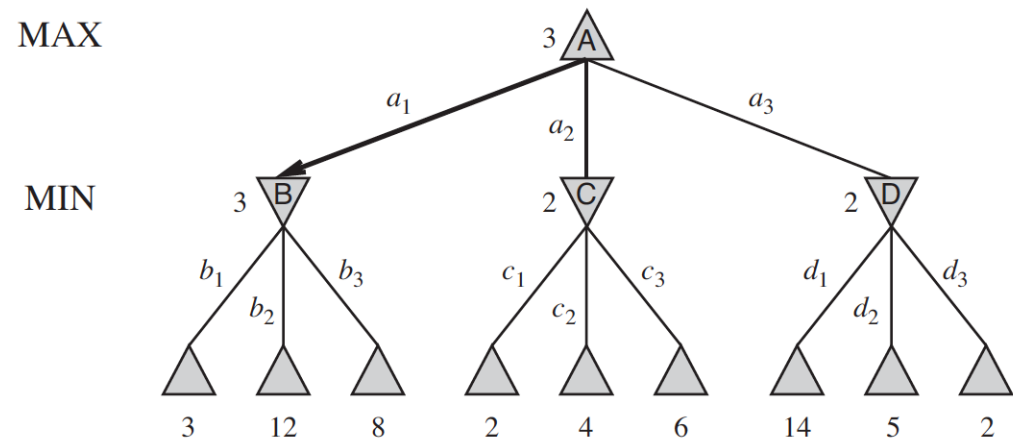
Is it possible to reduce the game tree size further in cases where the number of possible moves are large but still finite & game is finish able?

Monte Carlo Tree Search:

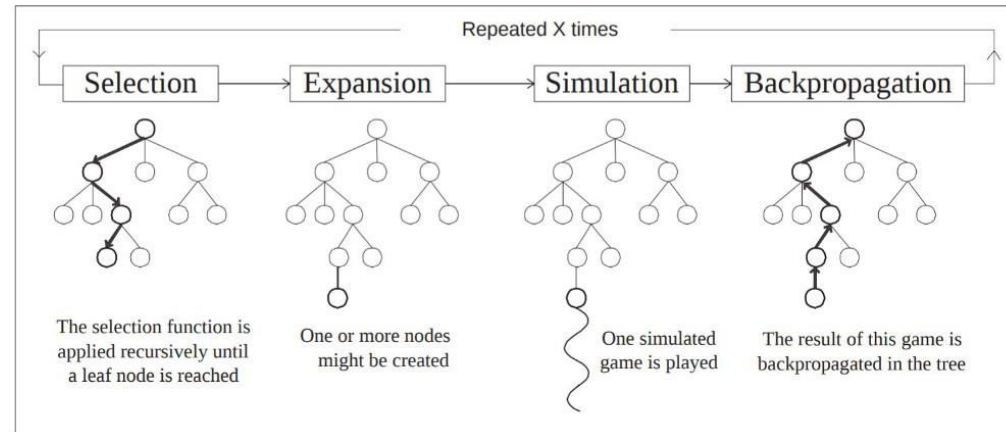
For each possible legal moves , simulate k random games .

Select the move that has most number of wins

Idea:



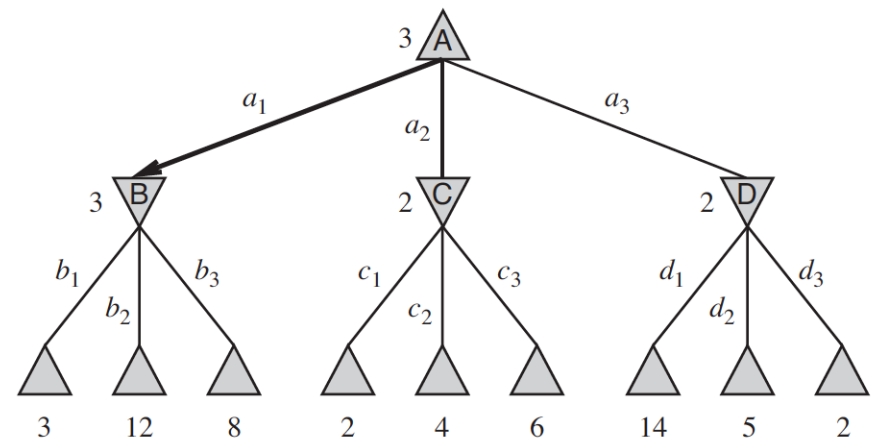
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Source Credit : MCTS algorithm, diagram from Chaslot (2006)

MAX

MIN



Module 3 : Part -2



Constraint Satisfaction Problem

A. Formulating a CSP problem

B. Constraint propagation

C. Local search for CSP

Constraint Satisfaction Problem

A problem is solved when each variable has a value that satisfies all the constraints on that variable

Problem Definition:

A Constraint Satisfaction Problem consists of three components X , D and C

- X – set of all variables $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n\}$
- D – set of domains, one for each variable $\{D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots, D_n\}$
- Non empty domain of possible values for each variable
- C – set of constraints that specify allowable combinations of values

Problem Formulation

- Each domain would have a set of values that are allowed
 - D_1 would have $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 7\}$ meaning X_1 can take only those values
- Each Constraint is a pair of $\langle \text{scope}, \text{relation} \rangle$
 - Where scope = tuple of variables
 - Relation = relation defining the possible values of that variables
 - E.g., if variable X_1 and X_2 cannot take same values
 - $\langle (X_1, X_2), X_1 \neq X_2 \rangle$
 - E.g., If (SA = blue), then its five neighbors cannot have "blue"
 - Reducing the possible search space to $2^5 = 32$ instead of the original $3^5 = 243$

Problem Formulation

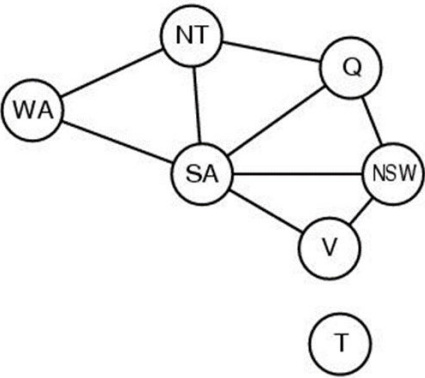
- A **state** is defined as an assignment of values to some or all variables.
- **Assignment**
 - Consistent assignment: assignment does not violate the constraints
 - An assignment is complete when every variable is assigned a value.
 - A solution to a CSP is a complete assignment that satisfies all constraints.
- Some CSPs require a solution that maximizes an objective function.

Applications:

- Scheduling problems
- Job shop scheduling
- Map colouring

Problem Formulation

Map Coloring Problem



Variables

WA, NT, Q, NSW, V, SA, T

Domain

$D_i = \{\text{red, green, blue}\}$
 $D_i = \{R, G, B\}$

Constraints

$WA \neq NT$

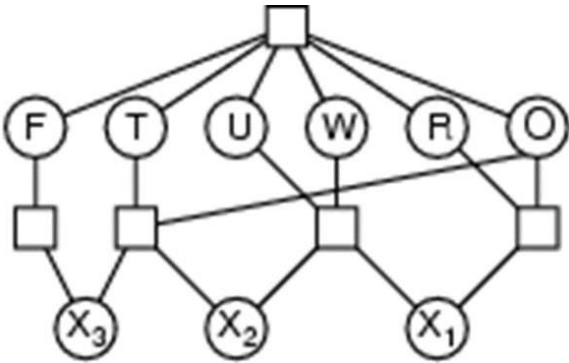
$(WA, NT) = \{(R, G), (R, B), (G, R), \dots\}$

Solution

$\{WA = R, NT = G, Q = R, NSW = G, V = R, SA = B, T = G\}$

Crypt arithmetic Problem

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ + \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$



Crypt Arithmetic Problem – Example

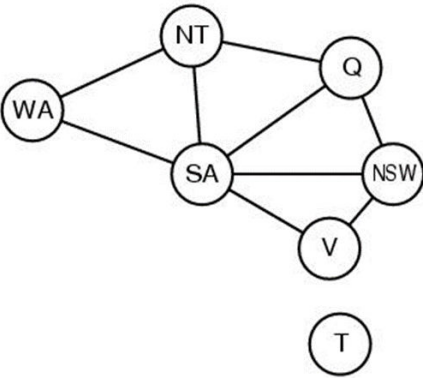
1	1	0	1	
		E	A	T
		8	1	9
	+ T	H	A	T
	9	2	1	9
= A	P	P	L	E
1	0	0	3	8

EAT THAT APPLE & Get the PLATE

PLATE : 03198

Problem Formulation

Map Coloring Problem



Variables

FTUWRO,
X1 X2 X3

Domain

{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}
{0,1}

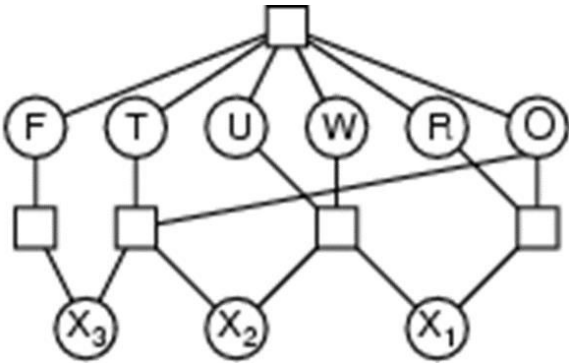
Constraints

$F \neq O \neq R \neq T \neq U \neq W$
 $O + O = R + 10 \cdot X_1$
 $X_1 + W + W = U + 10 \cdot X_2$
 $X_2 + T + T = O + 10 \cdot X_3$
 $X_3 = F, T \neq 0, F \neq 0$

Solution

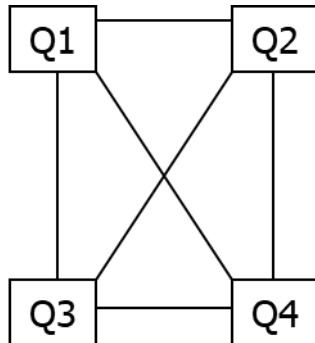
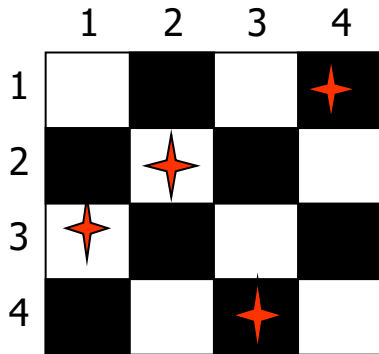
Crypt arithmetic Problem

$$\begin{array}{r} T W O \\ + T W O \\ \hline F O U R \end{array}$$



Problem Formulation

N-Queen



Variables

$[X_{ij}]$

Domain

$\{0,1\}$

Constraints

$$(X_{ij}, X_{ik}) = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0)\}$$

$$(X_{ij}, X_{kj}) = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0)\}$$

$$(X_{ij}, X_{i+k, j+k}) = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0)\}$$

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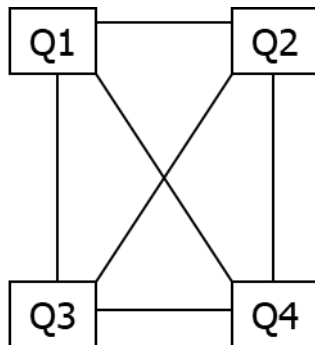
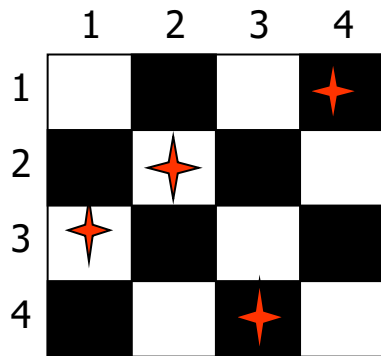
$$\sum_{ij} X_{ij} = N$$

Solution

$$X_{3,1}=1, X_{2,2}=1, X_{4,3}=1, X_{1,4}=1$$

Problem Formulation

N-Queen



Variables

$Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4 \dots Q_N$

Domain

$\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

Constraints

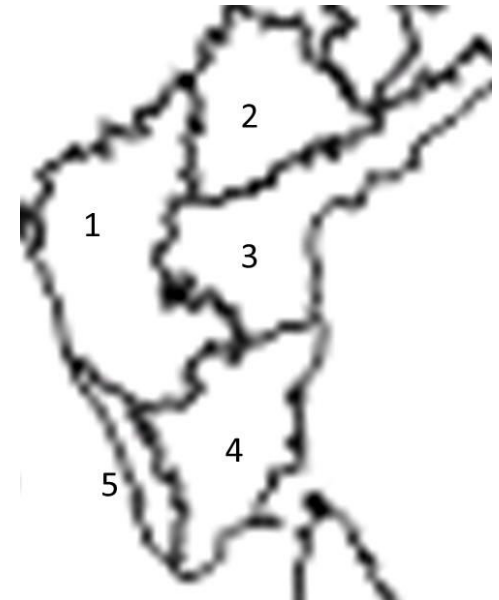
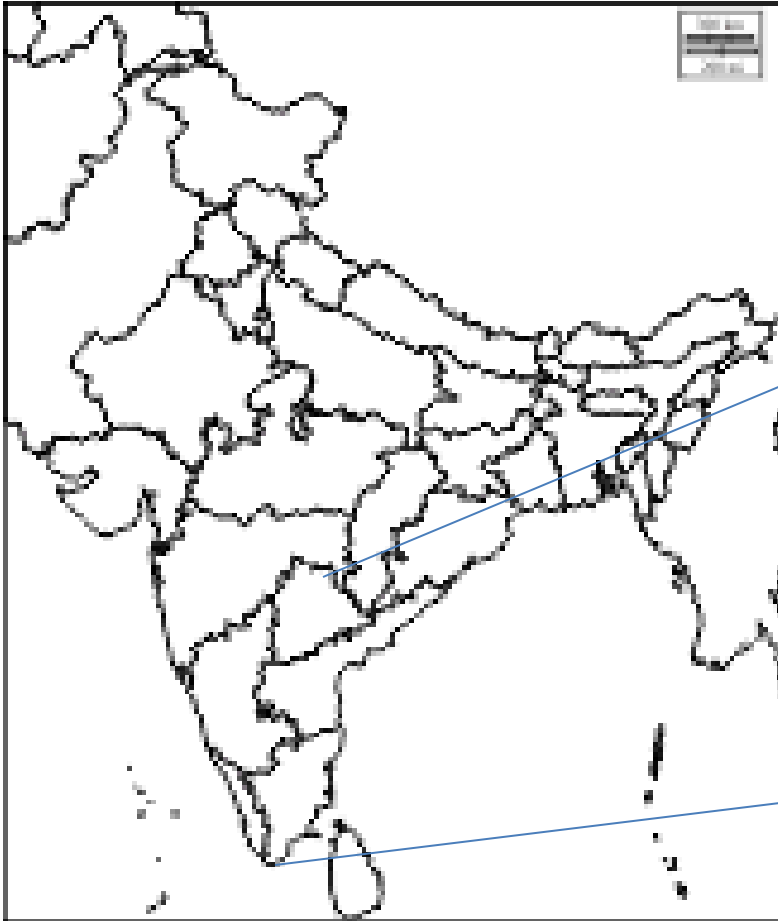
$(Q_1, Q_2) = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4) \dots\}$

Solution

$Q_1=3, Q_2=2, Q_3=4, Q_4=1$

Introduction to Constraint Propagation

Constraint Satisfaction Problem



Constraint Satisfaction Problem

Variables = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

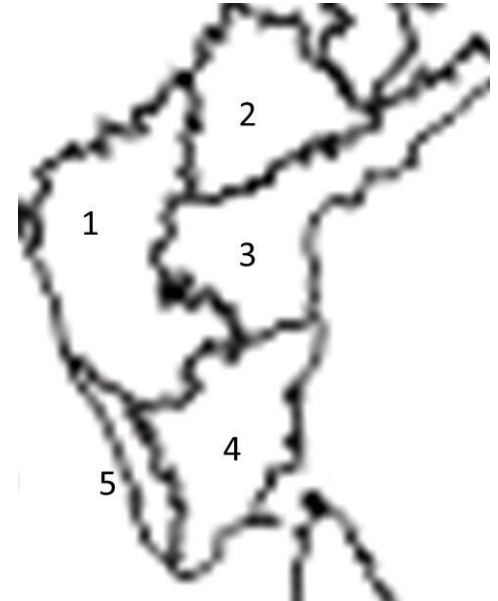
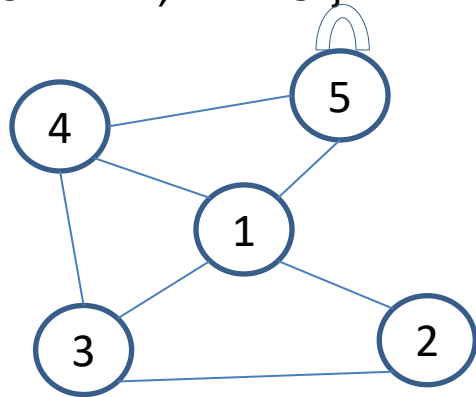
Domain = { R , G, B, Y }

Constraints =

{ $5 \neq R$,

$1 \neq 2$, $1 \neq 3$, $1 \neq 4$, $1 \neq 5$,

$2 \neq 3$, $3 \neq 4$, $4 \neq 5$ }



Objective: Color the marked states with available colors (from the domain set) such that no neighboring states share the same color.

Another restriction(constraint) is that state coded as 5 should not have Red(R) color

Constraint Satisfaction Problem

Variables = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

Domain = { R , G, B, Y }

Constraints =

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2' \neq 3' , 3' \neq 4' , 4' \neq 5' }

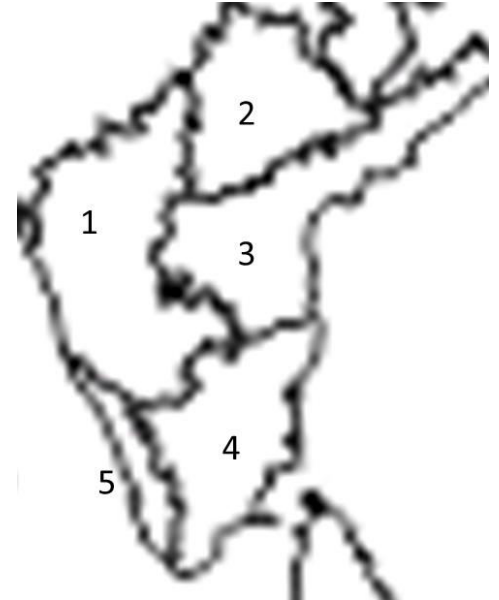
Problem Formulation

Initial State : Empty Assignment .

Successor Function : Consistent current assignment

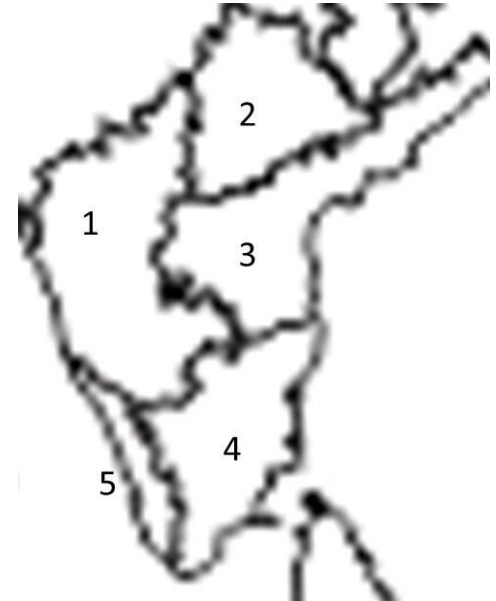
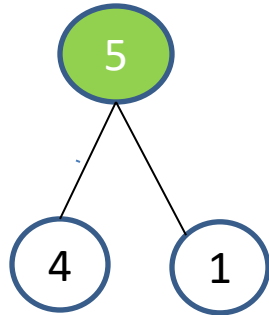
Goal Test : Complete Consistent Assignment as of this state

Path Cost : Every backtracking = 10 penalty or Every Dead End
= 5



Constraint Satisfaction Problem

1	2	3	4	5
				G



Constraints =

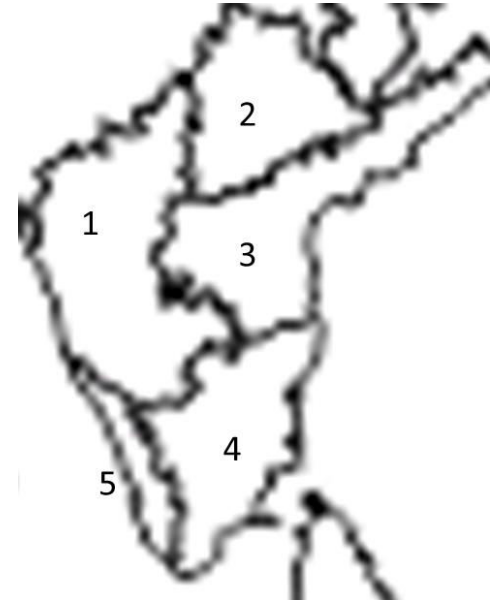
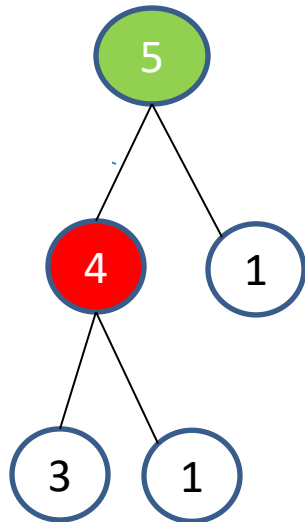
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Constraint Satisfaction Problem

1	2	3	4	5
				G
			R	G



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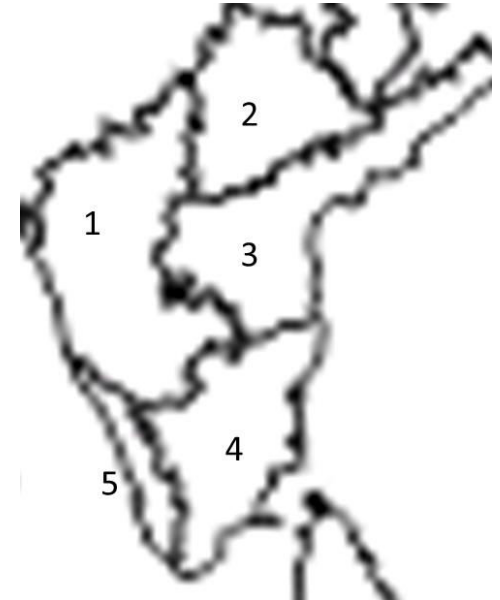
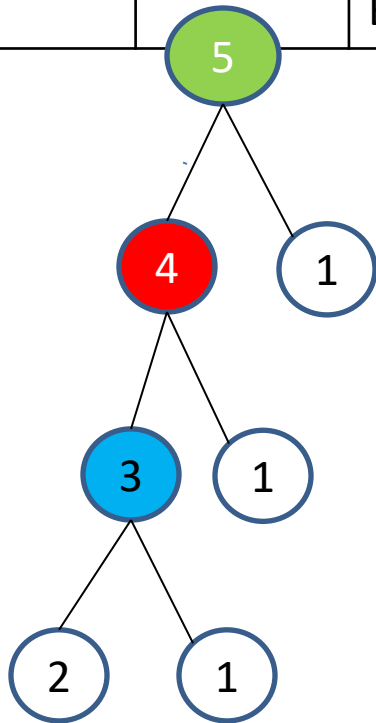
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			R	G
		B	R	G



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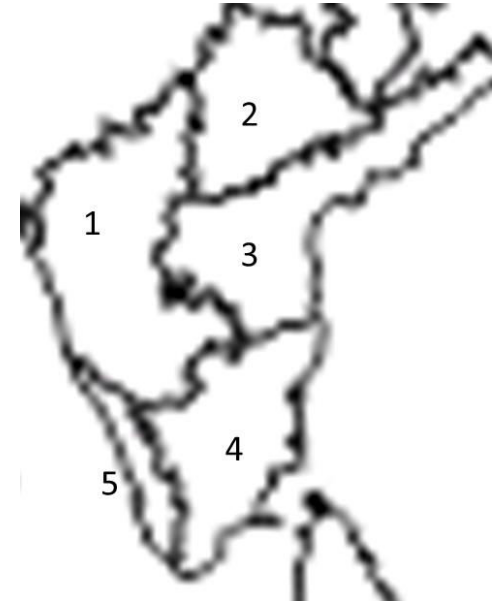
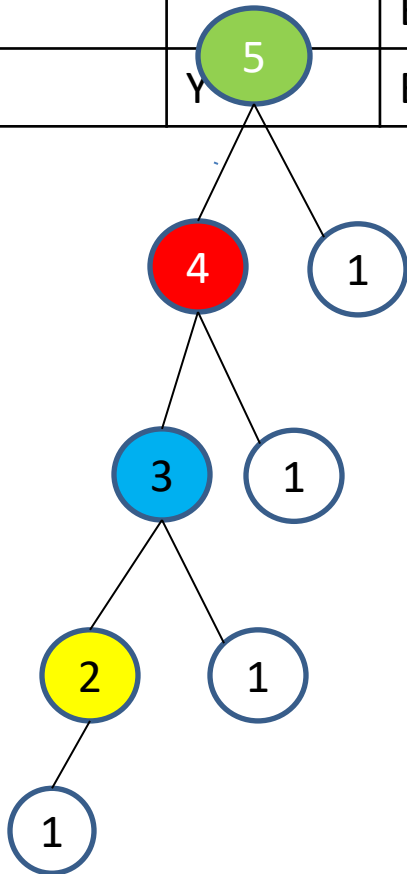
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		B	R	G
	Y	B	R	G



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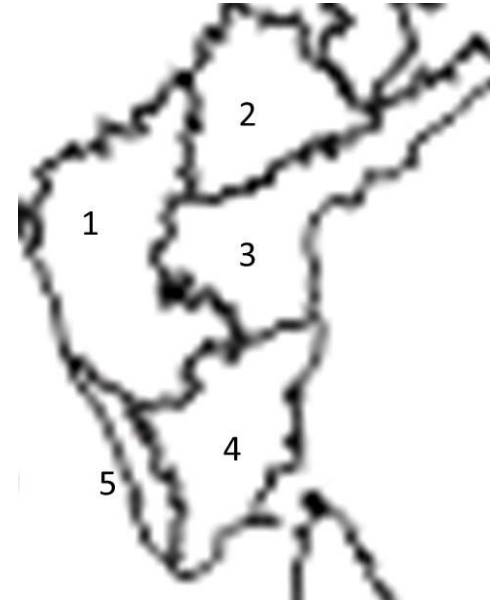
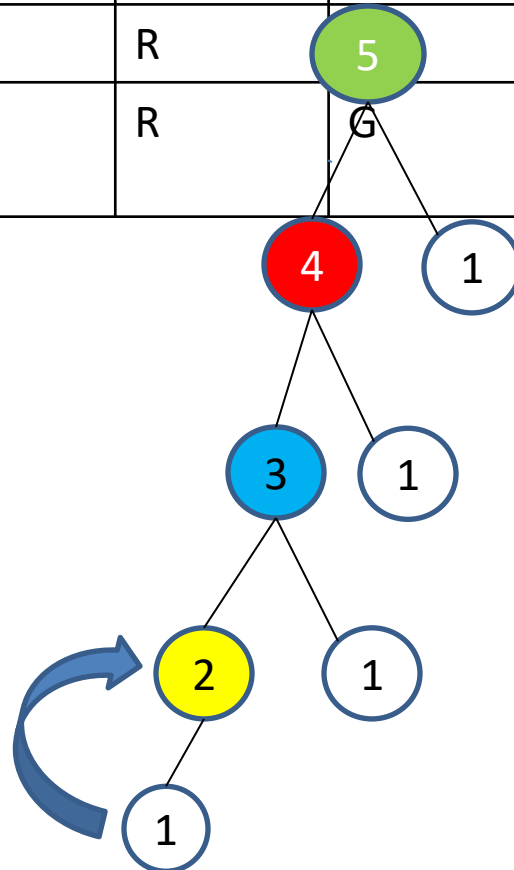
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Constraint Satisfaction Problem

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			R	G
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	Y	B	R	5
DEAD END	Y	B	R	G



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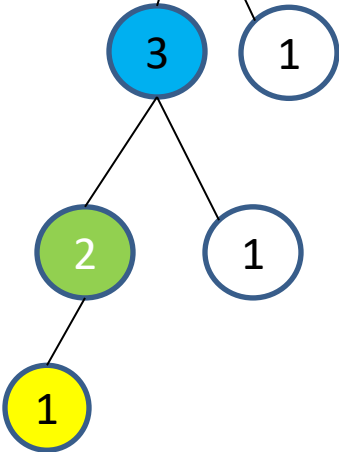
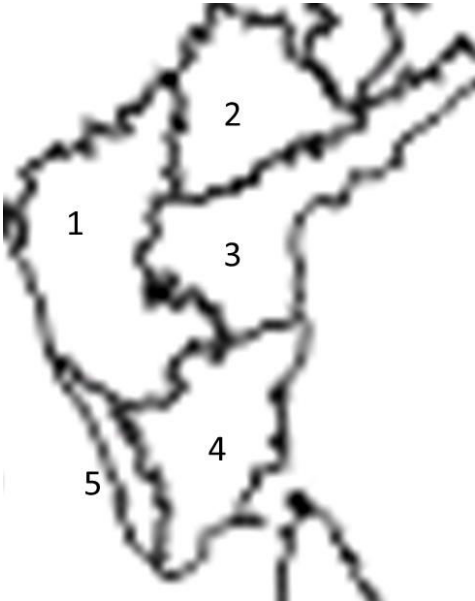
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			R	G
		B	R	G
	Y	B	R	5
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	G ✖	B	R	4
Y	G	B	R	G



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Search Solution to CSP



Depth-first search for CSPs with single-variable assignments is called **backtracking search**

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    return RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING({}, csp)

function RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(assignment, csp) return a solution or failure
    if assignment is complete then return assignment
    var ← SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(VARIABLES[csp], assignment, csp)
    for each value in ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(var, assignment, csp) do
        if value is consistent with assignment according to CONSTRAINTS[csp] then
            add {var=value} to assignment
            result ← RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(assignment, csp)
            if result ≠ failure then return result
            remove {var=value} from assignment
    return failure
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Avenues to Improve - Heuristics

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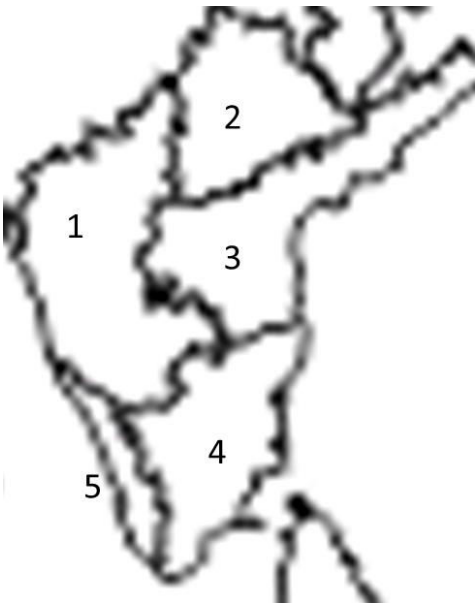
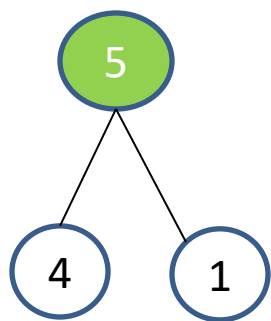
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Constraint Satisfaction Problem

	1	2	3	4	5
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R, G , B, Y					G

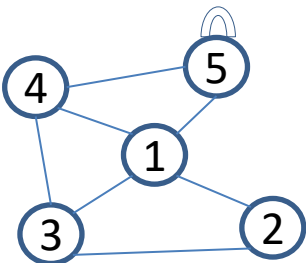


Forward Checking

- L1: Add a <VAR=VAL>
- IF Constraint is VIOLATED
 - DELETE the VAL from domain
- IF Assignment is not complete
 - IF domain is **empty** for any unassigned VAR
 - BACKTRACK
 - Else
 - Go to L1

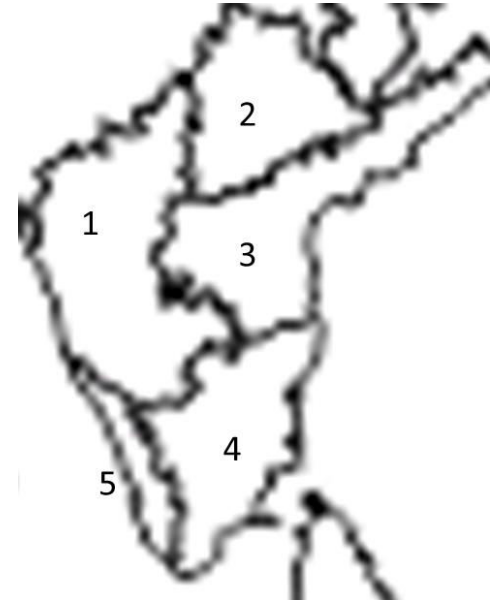
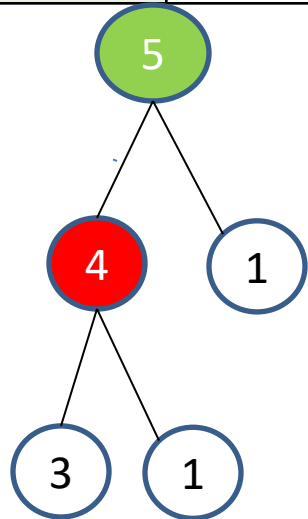
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 \end{aligned}$$



Constraint Satisfaction Problem

	1	2	3	4	5
	R , G, B, Y	R, G, B, Y	R , G, B, Y	R, G , B, Y	R , G, B, Y
R, G , B, Y					G
R , G , B, Y				R	G



Constraints =

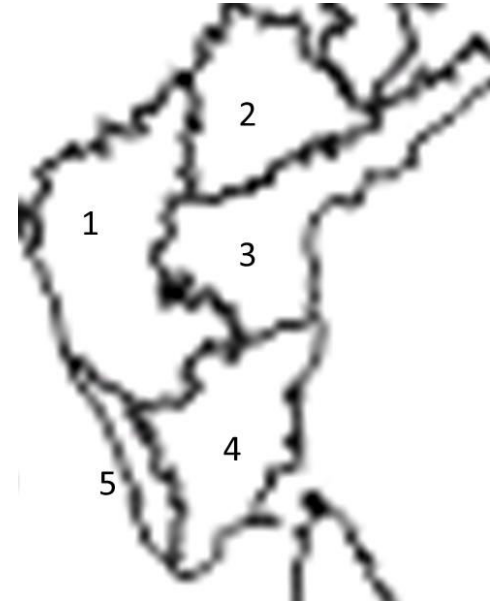
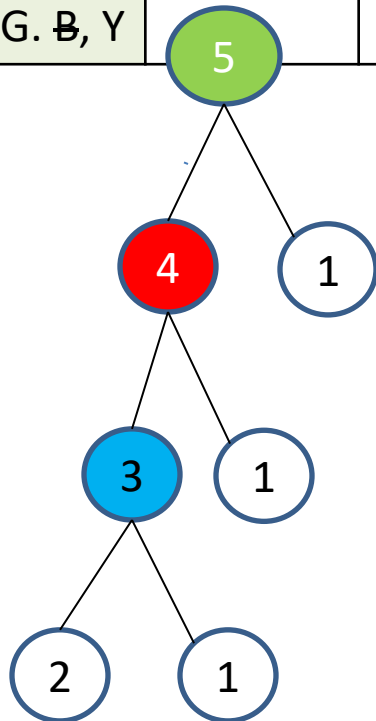
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R , G, B , Y			B	R	G



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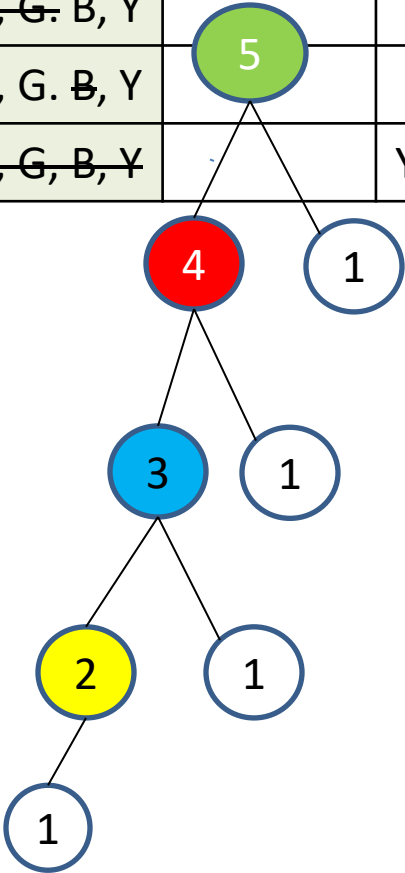
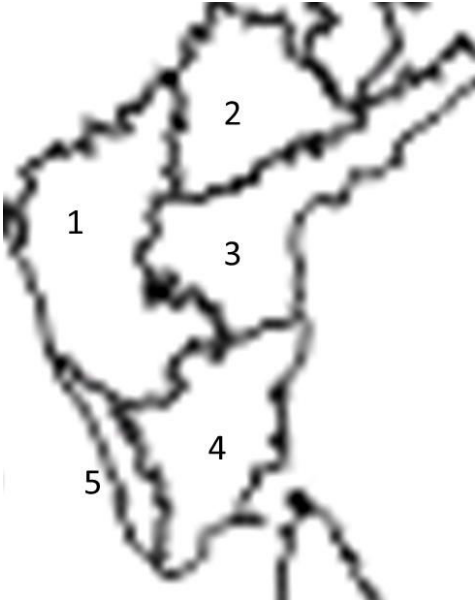
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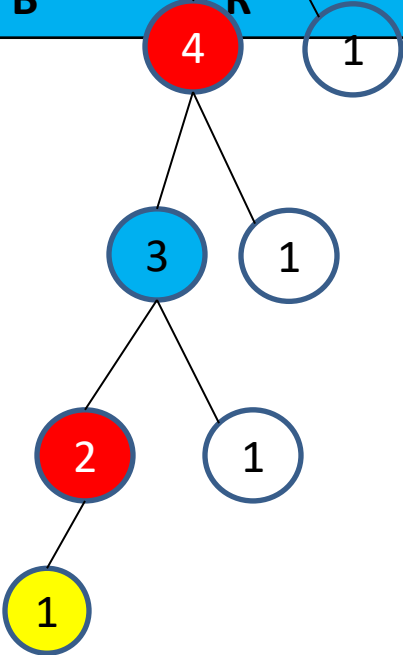
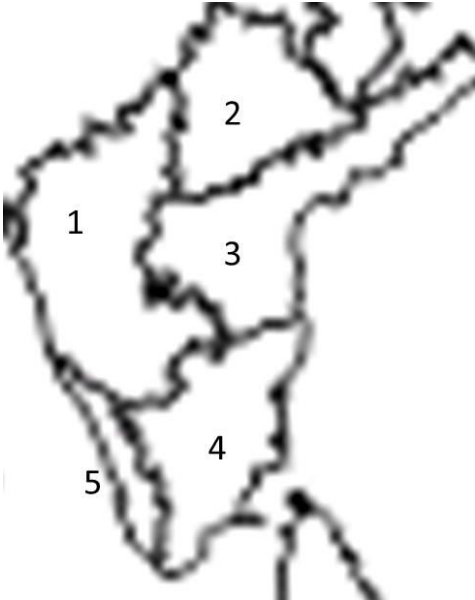


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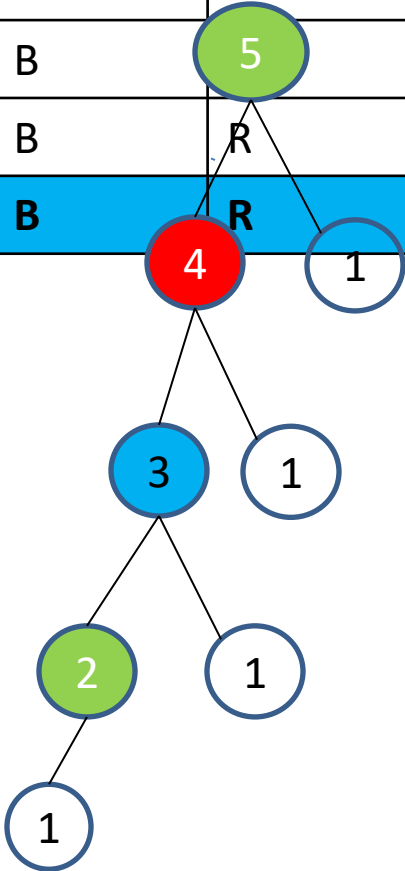
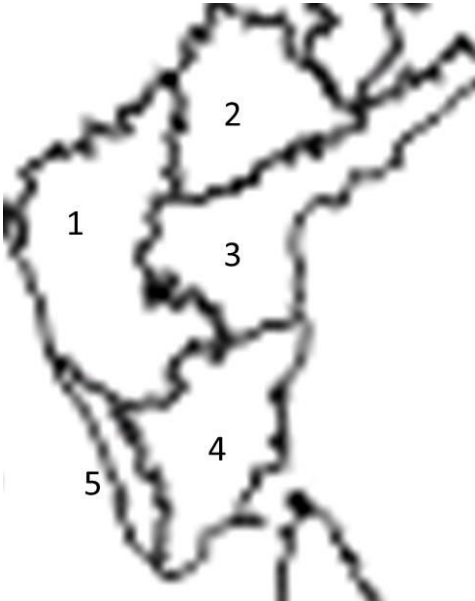
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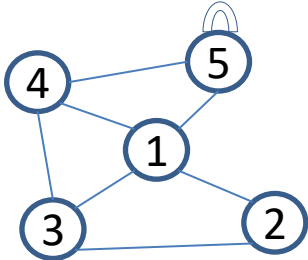
Constraint Satisfaction Problem - Graph

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R, G , B, Y					G
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R , G , B , Y		G????	B	R	G
	Y	R	B	R	G



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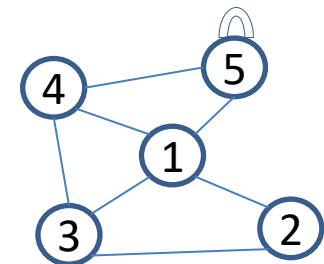
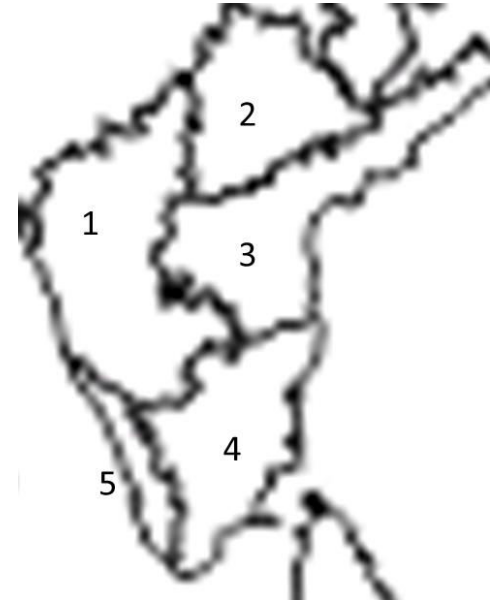
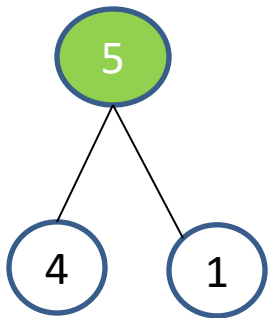
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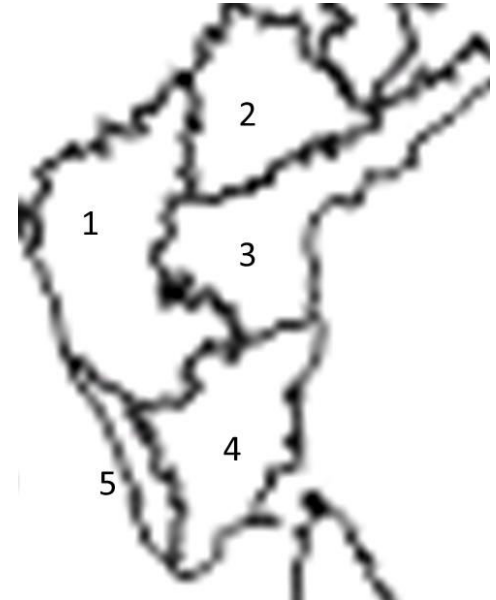
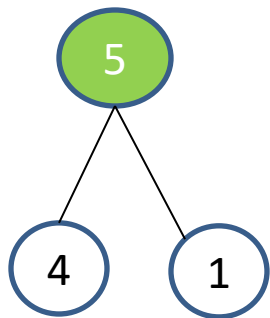
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H2: MCV / Most constraining variable

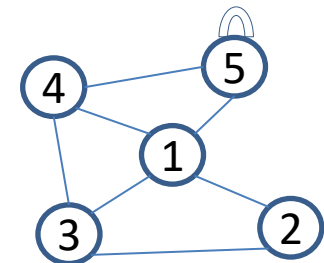
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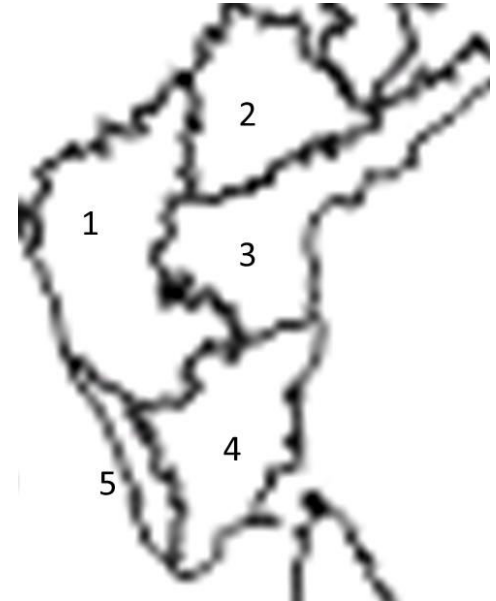
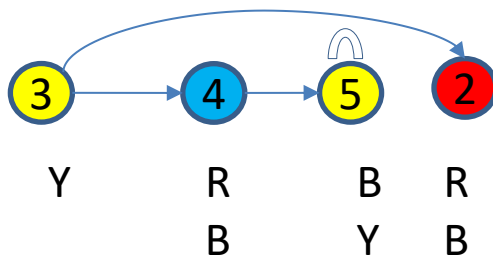
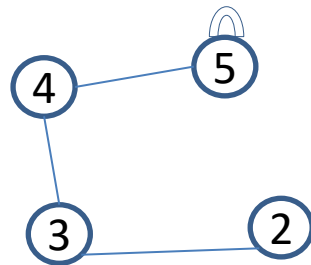
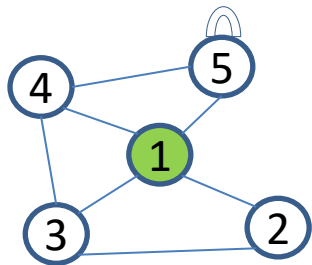
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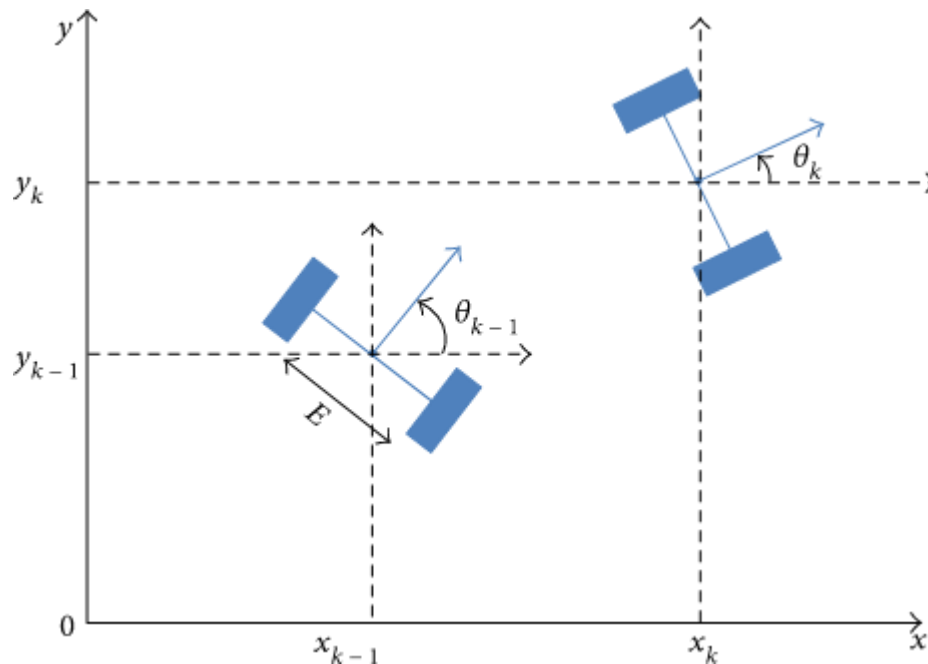
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CSP in Vehicle Localization

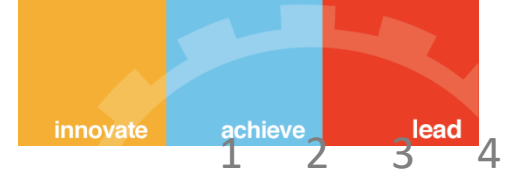


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Local Search for CSP

Sudoku Problem



Constraint Satisfaction Graph - Subgraph

	1	2	3	4
A	3	2	1	3
B	4	2	3	4
C	2	4	4	2
D	1	3	2	3

Sudoku

A		2	1	
B	4			
C				2
D		3		

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Next Class

CSP as Local Search Problem (Sudoku)

CSP AC-3 algorithm (Map Coloring Problem)

Inference & Reasoning using Logic (Shared few materials to refresh the concept of propositional & predicate logic & resolution methods over canvas page. Please refresh these before the next class)

Required Reading: AIMA - Chapter #5.1, #5.2, #5.3, #5.4

Thank You for all your Attention

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