Assignment 2

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1 Binary Constraints

The binary version of the constraints for the csp is that every cell in the puzzle, has the constraint where its value can not be equal to any of its neighbours values. This results in 8 constraints for the row neighbours, 8 constraints for the column neighbours, and 8 constraints for the box neighbours. This results in 24 constraints for each node in the puzzle, so across the 81 node there are a total of 1944 constraints.

A more mathematical way to represent the constraints is as follows For the Rows:

$$cell[x, y].value \neq cell[i, y].value, \quad i = 0 \rightarrow 8 \, and \, i \neq x$$

For the Columns:

$$cell[x, y].value \neq cell[x, j].value, \quad j = 0 \rightarrow 8 \text{ and } j \neq y$$

For the Box's:

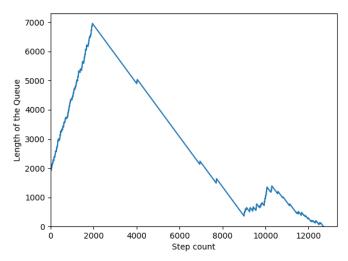
$$cell[x, y].value \neq cell[i, j].value, \quad i = [x - (x\%3)] \rightarrow [x + (2 - (x\%3))] \ and \ i \neq x$$

 $j = [y - (y\%3)] \rightarrow [y + (2 - (y\%3))] \ and \ j \neq y$

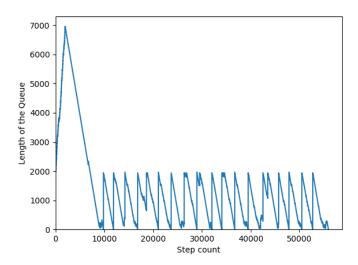
2 AC3 Queue Size

The length of the queue was recorded after every iteration of the AC3 algorithm, and then plotted on a graph.

In the case where the Sudoku was solved with AC3 alone we get a graph that looks as follows



In the case where the Sudoku was not solved with AC3, backtracking is used. In the backtracking algorithm AC3 is called after every assignment to make sure the csp is still arc consistent with that assignment. We still kept track of the length for every call, every time the graph reaches 0 is when an AC3 call finishes.



3 Input format

For the input we decided to go with a string read from a file that is 81 characters long with a . as the placeholder for empty cells.

Here is an example of one of the inputs:

 $\dots \dots 27 \dots 14 \dots 8.573 \dots 745186 \dots 2 \dots \dots 8 \dots 7.485 \dots \dots 647 \dots 2 \dots 16\dots$

Is equal to the puzzle:

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-	2	7						-		1	4	
						8			5	7	3	1
					7	4	5		1	8	6	
-				1			2	-				
1					8			1			7	1
1		4	8		5			1				1
-			6		4	7		-		2		
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4 Implementation of AC3 (with backtracking) for Sudoku

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from queue import Queue
from copy import deepcopy
import sys
import os
#for the graph at the end
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
class Node:
   def __init__(self,row,col,value=None, domain=range(1, 10)):
       self.row = row
       self.col = col
        if value is not None:
           self.value = int(value)
           self.domain = [int(value)]
       else:
            self.value = value
            self.domain = list(domain)
   def __str__(self):
       return '({}, {}, {})'.format(self.row, self.col, self.value, self.domain)
   def __repr__(self):
       return '({}, {}, {})'.format(self.row, self.col, self.value, self.domain)
class Arc:
   def __init__(self,Xi,Xj):
       self.Xi = Xi
       self.Xj = Xj
   def evaluate(self):
       Evaluates arc
        _____
            noSolution: whether or not the state of the puzzle is not solvable
            Checks : Xi != Xj and Xi domain not {}
       notSolvable = False
        #enforcing arc consistency Xi != Xj
        if(self.Xi.value is not None and self.Xi.value == self.Xj.value):
            notSolvable = True
       elif (self.Xj.value != None and self.Xj.value in self.Xi.domain):
            self.Xi.domain.remove((self.Xj.value))
            if (len(self.Xi.domain) < 0 ):</pre>
               notSolvable = True
       return notSolvable
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def addNeighbours(queue, node, puzzle):
    Adds all Arcs where Xk != Xi qiven Xi.
    Params (optional):
        queue: a Queue of of arcs to evaluate using AC3
        node: the node Xi you would like to add all neighbor arcs to
        puzzle: a 2d array of Nodes representing the puzzle
    returns:
        puzzle: a 2d array of Nodes representing the puzzle
        noSolution: a boolean of whether or not the given puzzle is solvable
        noneValueFound: a boolean of whether the given puzzle was fully solved by AC3,
        returns true if AC3 solved the puzzle
    currentRow = node.row
    currentColumn = node.col
    #qrab neighbhors in nodes row
    i = currentRow
    for j in range(9):
        if not (currentRow == i and currentColumn == j):
            queue.put(Arc(puzzle[i][j], node ))
    #grab neighbhors in nodes column
    j = currentColumn
   for i in range(9):
        if not (currentRow == i and currentColumn == j):
            queue.put(Arc(puzzle[i][j], node ))
    #grab neighbhors in box
   row = (currentRow // 3) * 3
    col = (currentColumn // 3) * 3
   for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if not (currentRow == row +i and currentColumn == col+ j):
                queue.put(Arc(puzzle[row + i][col + j], node ))
def AC3(puzzle):
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   Does AC3 algorithm on Sudoku Puzzle
   Params (optional):
        puzzle: a 2d array of Nodes representing the puzzle
   returns:
       puzzle: a 2d array of Nodes representing the puzzle
        noSolution: a boolean of whether or not the given puzzle is solvable
        noneValueFound: a boolean of whether the given puzzle was fully solved by AC3,
        returns true if AC3 solved the puzzle
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    global qlengths
    queue = Queue()
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#fill queue with initial constraints
for row in puzzle:
    for node in row:
        currentRow = node.row
        currentColumn = node.col
        #grab neighbhors in nodes row
        i = currentRow
        for j in range(9):
            if not (currentRow == i and currentColumn == j):
                queue.put(Arc(node,puzzle[i][j] ))
        #grab neighbhors in nodes column
        j = currentColumn
        for i in range(9):
            if not (currentRow == i and currentColumn == j):
                queue.put(Arc( node,puzzle[i][j] ))
        #grab neighbhors in box
        num\_row = (currentRow // 3) * 3
        col = (currentColumn // 3) * 3
        for i in range(3):
            for j in range(3) :
                if not (currentRow == num_row +i and currentColumn == col+ j):
                    queue.put(Arc(node,puzzle[num_row+ i][col+j] ))
noSolution = False
qlengths.append(queue.qsize())
while (queue.qsize() > 0 and not noSolution):
    #Get first Node
    arc = queue.get_nowait()
    node = arc.Xi
    #qet needed attributes
    domainCount = len(node.domain)
    noSolution= arc.evaluate()
    newDomainCount = len(node.domain)
    # this line doesnt cause a problem due to the check within "evaluate"
    # because of this line : if(self.Xi.value is not None and
    # self.Xi.value == self.Xj.value):
    if newDomainCount == 1 :
        node.value = node.domain[0]
    #if domain has been changed , add all neighbors
    if newDomainCount < domainCount:</pre>
        addNeighbours(queue,node,puzzle)
    qlengths.append(queue.qsize())
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i=0
    j = 0
    #checking if puzzle is solved
    noneValueFound= False
    while (i < 9 and not noneValueFound):</pre>
        while(j < 9 and not noneValueFound):</pre>
            if puzzle[i][j].value is None:
                noneValueFound = True
            j+=1
        i +=1
    return puzzle, not noneValueFound, noSolution
def loadPuzzle(file='./puzzles/easy.csv', num=1, header=True, start=0,
                givenSolutions=False):
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    Loads a puzzle from a file
    Params (optional):
        file: the file to load, defaults to puzzle/easy.csv
        num: the number of puzzles to load, defaults to 1
        header: if the file has a header or not, defaults to True
        start: what line to start reading the puzzle from
    returns:
        puzzle: a 2d array of Nodes representing the puzzle
        solution: a 2d array of Nodes representing the solution of the puzzle
        Note: if num > 1 will return an array of puzzles and and array of solutions
    with open(file, 'r') as f:
        if num == -1 or num > 1:
            puzzles = []
            solutions = []
        for i, line in enumerate(f):
            if header and i == 0:
                start += 1
                continue
            if i < start:
                continue
            if num != -1 and i > start + num:
                break
            if givenSolutions:
                puzzleAndSol = line.split(',')
            else:
                line = line.replace(',', '')
                puzzleAndSol = [line]
            puzzle = []
            for j in range(9):
                row = []
                for k in range(9):
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row.append(Node(j, k,
                    None if puzzleAndSol[0][j*(9) + k] == '.' else
                            puzzleAndSol[0][j*(9) + k]))
                puzzle.append(row)
            if givenSolutions:
                solution = []
                for j in range(9):
                   row = []
                    for k in range(9):
                       row.append(Node(j, k,
                        None if puzzleAndSol[1][j*(9) + k] == '.' else
                                puzzleAndSol[1][j*(9) + k]))
                    solution.append(row)
            if num == -1 or num > 1:
                puzzles.append(puzzle)
                if givenSolutions:
                    solutions.append(solution)
   if num == -1 or num > 1:
       return puzzles, solutions
   else:
       return puzzle, solution if givenSolutions else None
def backtrackSearch(puzzle):
   Performs a backtracking search on a csp sudoku
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       puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
    returns:
       A solved sudoku puzzle
        A boolean of if the puzzle is solved or not
    # Find the starting node based on the degree heuristic
    # ie selecting the node with largest amount of constraints
    # since that node will have the largest degree as there will
    # be the most unassigned variables around it.
   firstNode = None
   for row in puzzle:
       for node in row:
            if node.value is None and (firstNode is None
            or len(firstNode.domain) < len(node.domain)):</pre>
                firstNode = node
    # Starts the backtracking
   return backtrack(puzzle, firstNode.row, firstNode.col)
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def backtrack(puzzle, row, col):
   Auxiliary Performs a backtracking search on a csp sudoku
   Params:
        puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
        row: The row of the current node
        col: The col of the current node
    returns:
       A solved sudoku puzzle
        A boolean for if the puzzle is solved or not
    # Check if the puzzle is finished, if it is we are done
    # and collapse the call stack
    if complete(puzzle):
        return puzzle, True
    # Get the order of the domain using the
    # least consraining value heuristic
    domainOrder = order(row, col, puzzle)
   for value in domainOrder:
        # Check if the current value in the domain is consistant
        # with the constraints of the sudoku
        # Should always be consistant
        if valid(puzzle, row, col, value):
            # Store a copy of the current state for
            # the backtracking
            state = deepcopy(puzzle)
            # Update the value of the current node
            puzzle[row][col].value = value
            # Make the updated puzzle arc consistant
            puzzle, completed, noSolution = AC3(puzzle)
            # If the puzzle still has a solution
            # We can continue, Otherwise we move on
            if not noSolution:
                if not completed:
                    # Figure out which node we should check next using
                    nextNode = getNextNode(puzzle)
                    # Call the next node
                    puzzle, completed = backtrack(puzzle, nextNode.row, nextNode.col)
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# We returned from the backtracking
                    # if completed then we are done
                    # collapse the call stack
                    if completed:
                        return puzzle, completed
                else:
                   return puzzle, completed
        # we returned from the backtracking
        # or the value is invalid
        # so restore the starting state
        # remove the value from the domain
        # and continue to the next value in the domain
       puzzle = state
       puzzle[row] [col] .domain.remove(value)
   puzzle[row] [col].value = None
    # This value had no values in its domain that worked
    # Backtrack to previous node
   return puzzle, False
def valid(puzzle, row, col, value):
    Checks if a value is valid with the contraint
    ______
   Params:
       puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
       row: The row of the current node
        col: The col of the current node
        value: The value you are checking that works
    returns:
        True if the value is valid, false otherwise
   node = puzzle[row][col]
    # Row
    col = node.col
    for row in range(9):
        if puzzle[row][col].value == value:
            return False
    # Column
   row = node.row
   for col in range(9):
        if puzzle[row][col].value == value:
           return False
    # Box
   row = (node.row // 3) * 3
   col = (node.col // 3) * 3
   for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if puzzle[row + i][col + j].value == value:
                return False
   return True
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def order(row, col, puzzle):
    returns the order of the domain to check using the least
    contraining value heuristic
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   Params:
       row: The row of the current node
        col: The col of the current node
       puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
    returns:
       The domain as a new array in the order to use
   node = puzzle[row][col]
   order = []
   for value in node.domain:
       affectedValues = 0
       boxRow = (node.row // 3) * 3
       boxCol = (node.col // 3) * 3
        # Row
       col = node.col
       for row in range(9):
           if boxRow <= row < boxRow + 3:</pre>
            if value in puzzle[row][col].domain:
                affectedValues += 1
        # Column
       row = node.row
       for col in range(9):
            if boxCol <= col < boxCol + 3:</pre>
                continue
            if value in puzzle[row][col].domain:
                affectedValues += 1
        # Box
       for i in range(3):
            for j in range(3):
                if value in puzzle[boxRow + i][boxCol + j].domain:
                    affectedValues += 1
       order.append((value, affectedValues))
   order = sorted(order, key=lambda x: x[1])
   return [x[0] for x in order]
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def complete(puzzle):
    Checks if the puzzle is solved
    Params:
        puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
    returns:
        True if every node has a value, false otherwise
   for i in range(9):
       for j in range(9):
            if puzzle[i][j].value == None:
                return False
   return True
def getNextNode(puzzle):
    returns the next node to check using MRV
    Params:
       puzzle: A 2d array of Node objects
        The next node to search
   nextNode = None
   for row in puzzle:
       for node in row:
            if node.value is None and (nextNode is None
            or len(nextNode.domain) > len(node.domain)):
                nextNode = node
   return nextNode
def print_board(puzzle, detailed=False):
   print('- ' * 13)
   for row in puzzle:
       print('|', end=' ')
       for col in row:
            if detailed:
                domain = ''.join(str(x) for x in col.domain)
                print("[{} ({:9s})]".format(col.value if col.value else '.', domain), end=' ')
            else:
                print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
                print('|', end=' ')
        print()
        if col.row % 3 == 2:
            print('- ' * 13)
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def print_board_and_sol(puzzle, solution):
   print("{:^25s}{:20s}{:^25s}".format("Original Puzzle", "", "Solved After AC3"))
   print('-' * 25, end='')
   print(' ' * 20, end='')
   print('-' * 25)
   for rowp, rows in zip(puzzle, solution):
       print('|', end=' ')
       for col in rowp:
            print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
               print('|', end=' ')
       print(' ' * 19, end='| ')
       for col in rows:
            print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
               print('|', end=' ')
       print()
        if col.row % 3 == 2:
           print('-' * 25, end='')
           print(' ' * 20, end='')
           print('-' * 25)
def print_board_and_sol_and_ac3(puzzle, ac3, solution):
   print("{:^25s}{:20s}{:.^25s}".format("Original Puzzle", "", "After AC3", "", "Solution"
   print('-' * 25, end='')
   print(' ' * 20, end='')
   print('-' * 25, end='')
   print(' ' * 20, end='')
   print('-' * 25)
   for rowp, rowac, rows in zip(puzzle, ac3, solution):
       print('|', end=' ')
       for col in rowp:
            print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
               print('|', end=' ')
       print(' ' * 19, end='| ')
       for col in rowac:
           print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
               print('|', end=' ')
       print(' ' * 19, end='| ')
       for col in rows:
            print(col.value if col.value else '.', end=' ')
            if col.col % 3 == 2:
                print('|', end=' ')
       print()
        if col.row % 3 == 2:
           print('-' * 25, end='')
           print(' ' * 20, end='')
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print('-' * 25, end='')
            print(' ' * 20, end='')
            print('-' * 25)
qlengths = []
if __name__ == "__main__":
   q = Queue()
   num = int(sys.argv[1]) if len(sys.argv) > 1 else 1
   puzzles, _ = loadPuzzle(file='./puzzles/random.txt',num=num, header=True)
    if num == 1:
        puzzles = [puzzles]
   for i, p in enumerate(puzzles, start=1):
        qlengths = []
        original_puzzle = deepcopy(p)
        finishedPuzzle, completed, noSolution = AC3(p)
        if len(puzzles) > 1:
            print("{}:".format(i))
        if completed:
            print("Sudoku solved using AC3")
            print_board_and_sol(original_puzzle, finishedPuzzle)
        elif noSolution:
            print('No Solution!')
            print_board(original_puzzle)
        else:
            print('Board used Backtracking')
            ac3_puzzle = deepcopy(finishedPuzzle)
            finishedPuzzle2, finished = backtrackSearch(finishedPuzzle)
            print_board_and_sol_and_ac3(original_puzzle, ac3_puzzle, finishedPuzzle2)
            if not finished:
                print("Backtracking Failed to find a solution")
                print_board(finishedPuzzle2)
        #ploting the queue lengths
        if not os.path.exists('queue_lengths'):
            os.makedirs('queue_lengths')
        plt.plot(qlengths)
       plt.xlim(left=0)
        plt.ylim(bottom=0)
        plt.ylabel('Length of the Queue')
        plt.xlabel('Step count')
       plt.savefig('queue_lengths/Sudoku-Queue-length-plot-{}.png'.format(i))
        plt.close()
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5 Results

After running out code on different puzzles we get the correct result. Here are some of the puzzles we tested A puzzle that can be solved with just AC3

Sudoku solved using AC3 Original Puzzle	Solved After AC3
8 7 . 3 .	8 4 6 5 2 7 9 3 1
. 3 . 4 7 .	5 3 2 6 9 1 4 7 8
1 . 8 . 5 . 6	9 7 1 3 8 4 5 2 6
9 . 7 .	1 8 9 4 7 6 3 5 2
. 1 .	4 2 3 9 1 5 6 8 7
. 5 . 1	6 5 7 8 3 2 1 4 9
. 1 8 . 5 9 4	3 1 8 2 5 9 7 6 4
7 8 . 9 3	7 6 5 1 4 8 2 9 3
. 6 .	2 9 4 7 6 3 8 1 5

A puzzle That needed backtracking

Board used Backtracking Original Puzzle	After AC3	Solution							
3 6	3 6 8 .	1 5 3 4 9 2 6 8 7							
9 2 . 8 4	9 2 . 8 1 3 4	9 2 7 5 6 8 1 3 4							
. 8 . . 1 .	. 8 . . 1 . 9 2 .	6 8 4 3 1 7 9 2 5							
9 3	9 5 6 3	4 7 9 8 2 1 5 6 3							
4 1 .	4 1 8	5 6 2 7 3 9 4 1 8							
3 . 8 6 7	3 . 8 6 7 9 2	3 1 8 6 4 5 7 9 2							
2 . 6	2 5 6	7 3 1 9 8 4 2 5 6							
8 . 4 1	8 3 4 1	8 9 5 2 7 6 3 4 1							
. 4 6 3 8 7 9	. 4 6 3 8 7 9	2 4 6 1 5 3 8 7 9							

A puzzle that had no solution

No Solution!

A puzzle that had multiple solutions

Board used Backtracking Original Puzzle	After AC3	Solution								
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. 1 .	. 1 .	4 1 9 7 3 2 5 6 8								
8 5	8 5	8 2 1 9 6 5 4 3 7								
8 . 4	8 . 4	6 9 3 8 7 4 1 2 5								
3 6	3 6	7 4 5 3 2 1 8 9 6								
. 7 .	. 7 .	5 6 8 2 1 3 9 7 4								
. 3 . 5 . 8 .	. 3 . 5 . 8 .	1 3 4 5 9 7 6 8 2								
9 7 2 4 . 5 .	9 7 2 4 . 5 1	9 7 2 4 8 6 3 5 1								

Also an output but showing the resulting domains after each step. The format is each cell of the Sudoku is [The value (the values in the domain)]

Board used Backtracking Original Puzzle

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