Discrete Optimization Specialization: Assignment 2

Raid Planning

1 Problem Statement

Liu Bei must plan a raid on the Yellow Turban army. To do this he must select a set of warriors to take part in the raid. The raid party must be made up of between l and u warriors. Each warrior is a member of a clan, and there are some hatreds between the clans. There can be no more than m pairs of warriors in the raiding party whose clans hate each other. The aim is to maximize the strength of the raiding party which is given by the sum of the strengths the warriors in the party.

2 Data Format Specification

The input form for Raid Planning is a file named $\mathtt{data/raid_p.dzn}$, where p is the problem number, l is the minimum size of the raiding party, u is the maximum size of the raiding party, m is the maximum number of pairs from clans who hate each other, WARRIOR is an enumerated type defining the warriors, including a dummy warrior, which has a strength value lower than any other warrior, strength is the strength of each warrior (strength[dummy] = 0), CLAN is an enumerated type defining the clans, clan is the clan of each warrior (the clan of the dummy warrior has no hatreds with any other clan), and hates is a two dimensional array of 0..1 values defining which clans hate which other clans (it is guaranteed to be symmetric). For example

```
l = 4;
u = 6;
m = 2;
WARRIOR = { D, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W7, W8, W9, W10 };
dummy = D;
CLAN = { DC, C1, C2, C3, C4 };
strength = [ 0, 9, 6, 4, 10, 8, 3, 4, 2, 7, 1 ];
clan = [ DC, C1, C1, C1, C2, C2, C2, C3, C3, C4, C4 ];
hates = [| 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
| 0, 0, 1, 0, 0
| 0, 1, 0, 0, 1
| 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 |];
```

Your model's output should give the raiding party and the objective value. For example it might output

```
raid = { W1, W4, W5, W7, W8 };
obj = 33;
```

Note the solution includes two hatreds: W1 with W4, and W1 with W5. The template file raid.mzn is provided to demonstrate reading the input data.

Note that you are free to use any set representation for the raid variable, by changing the output item. In order to output a fixed cardinality set s represented as an array, you can use

3 Instructions

Edit raid.mzn to solve the optimization problem described above. Your raid.mzn implementation can be tested on the data files provided. In the MINIZINC IDE, use the *Run* icon to test your model locally. At the command line, use

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mzn-gecode ./raid.mzn ./data/<inputFileName>
```

to test locally. In both cases, your model is compiled with MINIZINC and then solved with the GECODE solver.

Resources You will find several problem instances in the data directory provided with the handout.

Handin From the Minizinc IDE, the *coursera* icon can be used to submit assignment for grading. From the command line, submit.py is used for submission. In both cases, follow the instructions to apply your Minizinc model(s) on the various assignment parts. You can submit multiple times and your grade will be the best of all submissions. It may take several minutes before your assignment is graded; please be patient. You can track the status of your submission on the *programming assignments* section of the course website.

4 Technical Requirements

For completing the assignment you will need MiniZinc 2.0.x and the GECODE 4.4.x solver. Both of these are included in the bundled version of the MiniZinc IDE 0.9.9 (http://www.minizinc.org). To submit the assignment from the command line, you will need to have Python 2.7.x installed.

¹Solution submissions can be graded an unlimited number of times. However, there is a limit on grading of **model** submissions.