

Local Search- min_conflicts

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min_conflicts(Local Search for CSP)

- ▶ First generate a complete assignment for all variables (this set of assignments may conflict)
- ▶ Repeat the following steps until there are no conflicts:
 - ▶ Randomly Select a variable that causes conflicts
 - ▶ Reassign the value of this variable to another value that with the least constraint conflicts with other variables

min_conflicts: Eight-Queen Problem

				Q				q1 = 4
Q								q2 = 0
					Q			q3 = 5
			Q					q4 = 3
							Q	q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
								q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2



				Q				q1 = 4
Q								q2 = 0
					Q			q3 = 5
			Q					q4 = 3
							Q	q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
								q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2

Do an initial complete assignment
(Of course, in most cases this
complete assignment will not
satisfy all constraints)

Some conflicted variables: q4 and q6

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				Q				q1 = 4
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					Q			q3 = 5
			Q					q4 = 3
							Q	q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
							Q	q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2



				Q				q1 = 4
Q								q2 = 0
					Q			q3 = 5
1	2	2	Q	3	3	2	3	q4 = 1
						Q		q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
							Q	q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2

Randomly choose a conflicted variable, for example, q4.

Change to the position with the minimum conflict value.
Set q4 = 1.

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				Q				q1 = 4
Q								q2 = 0
					Q			q3 = 5
Q								q4 = 1
						Q		q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
							Q	q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2

Some conflicted variables: q2 and q4



				Q				q1 = 4
Q								q2 = 0
					Q			q3 = 5
Q								q4 = 3
						Q		q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
							Q	q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2

Randomly choose a conflicted variable

				Q				q1 = 4
Q	0	2	3	2	2	2	2	q2 = 1
					Q			q3 = 5
Q								q4 = 3
						Q		q5 = 6
			Q					q6 = 3
							Q	q7 = 7
		Q						q8 = 2

Change to the position with the minimum conflict value.
Set q2 = 1.

				Q			
	Q						
					Q		
Q							
						Q	
			Q				
							Q
		Q					

No conflict. Stop.