## Report LINFO1361: Assignment 4

## Group N°13

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## 1 Constraint Programming (7 pts)

 Identify the goal of each set of constraints in sudoku.py. You can help yourself by looking at https: //www.pycsp.org/documentation/constraints/ to find the definition of the different constraints. (1 pt)

The first three constraints are 'AllDifferent' constraints on expressions. This means that the expressions taken by the variables must all be different. The last one are constraints between two expressions taken by two variables.

**Constraint** #1: Ensure that all numbers in a **row** are **different** and **unique**. This constraint is applied to the ninth rows of the grid.

**Constraint** #2: Ensure that all numbers in a **column** are **different** and **unique**. This constraint is applied to the ninth columns of the grid.

Constraint #3: Ensure that all numbers in a 3x3 subgrid are different and unique. This constraint is applied to the ninth subgrid of the grid.

Constraint #4: Ensure that all initially placed numbers on the grid remain the same.

2. Find at least **two different sets of variables** to model the N-amazon problem. For each, describe the variables that you will use to model the N-amazon problem. For each variable, describe what they represent **in one sentence**. Give their domains. If you use arrays of variables, you can give one explanation for the array as a whole (and not for each of its elements), and you need to give its dimensions. Choose the most appropriate set of variables. Justify your choice. **(2 pt)** 

The first choice is *Individual Variables* (One for Each Cell). In this case, the variables are  $x_{i,j}$ , where i and j represent the row and column indices respectively.  $x_{i,j}$  represents whether an amazon is placed in cell (i, j) of the chessboard. The domain is therefore  $\{0, 1\}$ , where 0 represents no amazon and 1 represents an amazon. There are thus  $n^2$  variables (n = size of chessboard) with 2 possible values for each variable. There are therefore  $2^{n^2}$  states as a result.

The second choice is *Array Variables* (One for Each Column). The variables are  $x_i$ , where i represents the column index.  $x_i$  represents the row index where an amazon is placed in column i of the chessboard. The domain is therefore  $\{0, 1, 2, ..., n-1\}$ , where each value represents the row index of the amazon in that column. There are thus n variables with n possible values for each variable (n = size of chessboard). There are therefore  $n^n$  states as a result.

The second model is superior for CSP because it involves fewer variables, and the domain of each variable can be easily reduced compared to the first model.  $2^{n^2}$  is much worse than  $n^n$ ! This results in a smaller search space. Additionally, it allows for the definition of simpler and more effective constraints to ensure that each amazon is placed correctly and that there are no conflicts between the amazons. For instance, the constraint "only one amazon per row" can be easily expressed using the AllDifferent constraint on the array of variables (see next questions).

3. Give the constraints that you will use to model the N-amazon problem. For each constraint, also describe what it enforces. Your model must take account of the already placed amazons. (2 pt)

The *first constraint* ( $\forall (i,j) \in \mathsf{placed\_amazons} : x[j] == i$ ) ensures that the positions of the already placed amazons are respected in the final solution.

The **second constraint** ( $\forall i \in \{0, 1, ..., \text{size} - 1\} : x[i] \neq -1$ ) ensures that the total number of amazons placed on the chessboard is equal to the size of the chessboard. There must be exactly 'size' amazons placed. Here, -1 represents no amazon in the column.

The *third constraint* (AllDifferent(x)) ensures that there is only one amazon per row on the chessboard. This constraint quarantees that no row contains more than one amazon.

The *fourth constraint* is implicit in the problem modeling and therefore does not need to be explicitly stated in the CSP. It ensures that there is only one amazon per column.

The *fifth constraint*  $(\forall i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, \text{size} - 1\} : i \neq j \Rightarrow |x[i] - x[j]| \neq |i - j|)$  checks that there is only one amazon on each diagonal of the chessboard. This constraint verifies that the absolute difference between the positions of the amazons on the horizontal axis is different from the absolute difference between their positions on the vertical axis.

The *sixth* and *seventh constraints* ensure the validity of the 3x2 and 4x1 moves. This means that no amazon can be placed in a way that threatens another amazon on a movement of 3 squares horizontally (resp. vertically) and 2 squares vertically (resp. horizontally), or on a movement of 4 squares horizontally (resp. vertically) and 1 square vertically (resp. horizontally).

These constraints are defined as follows:

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(\forall i, j \in \{0, 1, ..., \text{size} - 1\} : |i - j| = 2 \Rightarrow |x[i] - x[j]| \neq 3

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(\forall i, j \in \{0, 1, ..., \text{size} - 1\} : |i - j| = 4 \Rightarrow |x[i] - x[j]| \neq 1
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You can review the submitted code on Inqinious to see the Python implementation.

4. Modify the amazons\_cp.py file to implement your model. Be careful to have the right format for your solution. Your program will be evaluated on 10 instances of which 5 are hidden. We expect you to solve all the instances. An unsatisfiable instance is considered as solved if the solver returns "UNSAT". (2 pt)

## 2 Propositional Logic (8 pts)

1. For each sentence, give its number of valid interpretations i.e., the number of times the sentence is true (considering for each sentence all the proposition variables A, B, C and D). (1 pt)

I reached these conclusions through logical deduction and then confirmed them using a Python script. The script iterated through all possible interpretations (16 in this case, due to the 4 variables) and tallied the number of valid interpretations, yielding the same result.

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\neg (A \land B) \lor (\neg B \land C): 12

(\neg A \lor B) \Rightarrow C: 10

(A \lor \neg B) \land (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg C) \land \neg (D \Rightarrow \neg A): 3
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2. Identify the goal of each set of clauses defined in graph\_coloring.py. (1 pt)

Clauses 1: This clause ensures that a node is colored with at least one color. It is true if at least one color is assigned to the node, which is represented by positive literals for each possible color. This clause is applied to each node, ensuring that at least one (1, 2, 3, ...) color is chosen for each node.

Clauses 2: This clause prevents a node from being colored with two different colors. It is true if at most one color is assigned to the node, which is represented by negative literals for each pair of possible colors. This clause is applied to each node, ensuring that a node is assigned with at most one color (0 or 1).

Clauses 3: This clause ensures that two adjacent nodes are not colored with the same color. It is true if the color assigned to the adjacent nodes is not the same, which is represented by negative literals for each possible color between each adjacent nodes. This clause is applied to each edge and for each color, thus avoiding color conflicts between adjacent nodes.

3. Explain how you can express the N-amazons problem with propositional logic. For each sentence, give its meaning. Your model must take account of the already placed amazons. (2 pt)

To model the problem using propositional logic, we define a set of clauses that represent the requirements for positioning the Amazons on a chessboard. Let introduce the following variables:

- $X_{i,j}$ : A propositional variable that is *True* if an Amazon is placed on the square (i, j) of the chessboard.
- $\bullet$   $D_{ijkl}$ : A propositional variable that is True if positions (i, j) and (k, l) are on the same (anti-)diagonal, where  $(i \neq k)$  and (|i - k| = |j - l|).
- $K_{iikl}$ : A propositional variable that is *True* if position (k, l) is reachable from (i, j) via one of the knightlike moves of the Amazon, specifically  $((k = i \pm 3 \land l = j \pm 2) \lor (k = i \pm 2 \land l = j \pm 3) \lor (k = i \pm 4 \land l = j \pm 3)$  $j \pm 1$ )  $\vee$  ( $k = i \pm 1 \land l = j \pm 4$ )).
- $X_{ij}^0$ : A propositional variable that is *True* if an Amazon is placed at the position (i, j) on the initial chessboard.

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  1. At least one Amazon per row:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}(X_{i,0}\vee X_{i,1}\vee X_{i,2}\vee...\vee X_{i,N-1})$ 2. At least one Amazon per column:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}(X_{0,i}\vee X_{1,i}\vee X_{2,i}\vee...\vee X_{N-1,i})$ 3. At most one Amazon per row:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{j=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{k=j+1}^{N-1}\neg(X_{i,j}\wedge X_{i,k})$ 4. At most one Amazon per column:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{j=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{k=j+1}^{N-1}\neg(X_{j,i}\wedge X_{k,i})$ 5. At most one Amazon per (anti-)diagonal:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{j=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{k=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{l=0}^{N-1}(D_{ijkl}\Longrightarrow \neg(X_{i,j}\wedge X_{k,l}))$ 6. An Amazon initially positioned on the board has not been moved:  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1}\bigwedge_{j=0}^{N-1}(X_{ij}^0\Longrightarrow X_{i,j})$
- 7. An Amazon doesn't threaten another with knight-like moves:

$$\bigwedge_{i=0}^{N-1} \bigwedge_{j=0}^{N-1} \bigwedge_{k=0}^{N-1} \bigwedge_{l=0}^{N-1} (K_{ijkl} \implies \neg (X_{i,j} \land X_{k,l}))$$

4. Translate your model into Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF). (2 pt)

This is all the clauses to define the N-amazons problem with propositional logic. In represents the size of the chessboard minus 1.

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5. Modify the function get\_expression(size) in amazon\_sat.py such that it outputs a list of clauses modeling the n-amazons problem for the given input. The file amazons\_sat.py is the *only* file that you need to modify to solve this problem. Your program will be evaluated on 10 instances of which 5 are hidden. We expect you to solve all the instances. An unsatisfiable instance is considered as solved if the solver returns "UNSAT". (2 pt)