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### **CHAPTER**

# ONE

# **INTRODUCTION**

toulbar2 is an open-source C++ solver for cost function networks.

See: Class Diagram.

### MAIN TYPES AND CONSTANTS

### The main types are:

• ::Value : domain value

• ::Cost : cost value (exact type depends on compilation flag)

• ::Long : large integer (long long int)

• ::TProb : probability value (exact type depends on compilation flag)

• ::TLogProb : log probability value (exact type depends on compilation flag)

• ::Double : large float (long double)

• ::tValue : a short Value type for tuples

• ::Tuple : vector of tValues to encode tuples

**Note:** Compilation flag for Cost is: INT\_COST (int), LONGLONG\_COST (long long), or PARETOPAIR\_COST (see ::ParetoPair)

Note: Compilation flag for TProb is: DOUBLE\_PROB or LONGDOUBLE\_PROB

Note: Compilation flag for T(Log)Prob is: DOUBLE\_PROB or LONGDOUBLE\_PROB

**Warning:** PARETOPAIR\_COST is fragile.

### **Variables**

### const string IMPLICIT\_VAR\_TAG = "#"

Special character value at the beginning of a variable's name to identify implicit variables (i.e., variables which are not decision variables)

### const string **DIVERSE\_VAR\_TAG** = "^"

Special character value at the beginning of a variable's name to identify diverse extra variables corresponding to the current sequence of diverse solutions found so far.

```
const Value MAX_VAL = (std::numeric_limits<Value>::max() / 2)
     Maximum domain value.
const Value WRONG_VAL = std::numeric_limits<Value>::max()
     Forbidden domain value.
const Value MIN_VAL = -(std::numeric_limits<Value>::max() / 2)
     Minimum domain value.
const Value MAX_DOMAIN_SIZE = 2000
     Maximum domain size
const int NARYPROJECTIONSIZE = 3
const Long NARYDECONNECTSIZE = 4
const int MAX_BRANCH_SIZE = 1000000
const ptrdiff_t CHOICE_POINT_LIMIT = SIZE_MAX - MAX_BRANCH_SIZE
const\ ptrdiff\_t\ \textbf{OPEN\_NODE\_LIMIT} = SIZE\_MAX
const int STORE\_SIZE = 16
const int MAX\_ELIM\_BIN = 10000000000
const int MAX\_ARITY = 1000
const int MAX_NB_TUPLES = 1000000
     Maximum number of tuples in n-ary cost functions.
const int LARGE_NB_VARS = 10000
const int DECIMAL_POINT = 3
const int MAX\_EAC\_ITER = 10000
```

**CHAPTER** 

**THREE** 

### WEIGHTEDCSP CLASS

### class WeightedCSP

Abstract class WeightedCSP representing a weighted constraint satisfaction problem

- problem lower and upper bounds
- list of variables with their finite domains (either represented by an enumerated list of values, or by a single interval)
- list of cost functions (created before and during search by variable elimination of variables with small degree)
- local consistency propagation (variable-based propagation) including cluster tree decomposition caching (separator-based cache)

**Note:** Variables are referenced by their lexicographic index number (as returned by *eg Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable*)

**Note:** Cost functions are referenced by their lexicographic index number (as returned by *eg* Weighted-CSP::postBinaryConstraint)

### **Public Functions**

```
virtual int getIndex() const = 0
    instantiation occurrence number of current WCSP object
virtual string getName() const = 0
    get WCSP problem name (defaults to filename with no extension)
virtual void setName(const string &problem) = 0
    set WCSP problem name
virtual void *getSolver() const = 0
    special hook to access solver information
virtual Cost getLb() const = 0
    gets internal dual lower bound
virtual Cost getUb() const = 0
    gets internal primal upper bound
```

virtual Double **getDPrimalBound()** const = 0

gets problem primal bound as a Double representing a decimal cost (upper resp. lower bound for minimization resp. maximization)

virtual Double **getDDualBound()** const = 0

gets problem dual bound as a Double representing a decimal cost (lower resp. upper bound for minimization resp. maximization)

virtual Double getDLb() const = 0

gets problem lower bound as a Double representing a decimal cost

virtual Double **getDUb()** const = 0

gets problem upper bound as a Double representing a decimal cost

virtual void **updateUb**(Cost newUb) = 0

sets initial problem upper bound and each time a new solution is found

virtual void **enforceUb()** = 0

enforces problem upper bound when exploring an alternative search node

virtual void **increaseLb**(Cost addLb) = 0

increases problem lower bound thanks to eg soft local consistencies

Parameters addLb – increment value to be added to the problem lower bound

virtual void **decreaseLb**(Cost shift) = 0

shift problem optimum toward negative costs

**Parameters** shift – positive shifting value to be subtracted to the problem optimum when printing the solutions

virtual Cost **getNegativeLb()** const = 0

gets constant term used to subtract to the problem optimum when printing the solutions

virtual Cost **finiteUb**() const = 0

computes the worst-case assignment finite cost (sum of maximum finite cost over all cost functions plus one)

Warning: current problem should be completely loaded and propagated before calling this function

Returns the worst-case assignment finite cost

virtual void **setInfiniteCost()** = 0

updates infinite costs in all cost functions accordingly to the problem global lower and upper bounds

Warning: to be used in preprocessing only

virtual bool **enumerated**(int varIndex) const = 0

true if the variable has an enumerated domain

virtual string getName(int varIndex) const = 0

Note: by default, variables names are integers, starting at zero

```
virtual unsigned int getVarIndex(const string &s) const = 0
     return variable index from its name, or numberOfVariables() if not found
virtual Value getInf(int varIndex) const = 0
     minimum current domain value
virtual Value getSup(int varIndex) const = 0
     maximum current domain value
virtual Value getValue(int varIndex) const = 0
     current assigned value
       Warning: undefined if not assigned yet
virtual unsigned int getDomainSize(int varIndex) const = 0
     current domain size
virtual vector<Value> getEnumDomain(int varIndex) = 0
     gets current domain values in an array
virtual vector<pair<Value, Cost>> getEnumDomainAndCost(int varIndex) = 0
     gets current domain values and unary costs in an array
virtual unsigned int getDomainInitSize(int varIndex) const = 0
     gets initial domain size (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)
virtual Value toValue(int varIndex, unsigned int idx) = 0
     gets value from index (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)
virtual unsigned int toIndex(int varIndex, Value value) = 0
     gets index from value (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)
virtual unsigned int toIndex(int varIndex, const string &valueName) = 0
     gets index from value name (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable with value names)
virtual int getDACOrder(int varIndex) const = 0
     index of the variable in the DAC variable ordering
virtual Value nextValue(int varIndex, Value v) const = 0
     first value after v in the current domain or v if there is no value
virtual void increase(int varIndex, Value newInf) = 0
     changes domain lower bound
virtual void decrease(int varIndex, Value newSup) = 0
     changes domain upper bound
virtual void assign(int varIndex, Value newValue) = 0
     assigns a variable and immediately propagates this assignment
virtual void remove(int varIndex, Value remValue) = 0
     removes a domain value (valid if done for an enumerated variable or on its domain bounds)
virtual void assignLS(vector<int> &varIndexes, vector<Value> &newValues, bool force = false) = 0
     assigns a set of variables at once and propagates (used by Local Search methods such as Large Neighbor-
```

hood Search)

#### **Parameters**

- varIndexes vector of variable indexes as returned by makeXXXVariable
- newValues vector of values to be assigned to the corresponding variables
- **force** boolean if true then apply assignLS even if the variable is already assigned Note this function is equivalent but faster than a sequence of assign.

```
virtual void deconnect(vector<int> &varIndexes) = 0
```

deconnects a set of variables from the rest of the problem and assigns them to their support value (used by Incremental Search)

**Parameters varIndexes** – vector of variable indexes as returned by makeXXXVariable

```
virtual Cost getUnaryCost(int varIndex, Value v) const = 0
     unary cost associated to a domain value
virtual Cost getMaxUnaryCost(int varIndex) const = 0
     maximum unary cost in the domain
virtual Value getMaxUnaryCostValue(int varIndex) const = 0
     a value having the maximum unary cost in the domain
virtual Value getSupport(int varIndex) const = 0
     NC/EAC unary support value.
virtual Value getBestValue(int varIndex) const = 0
     hint for some value ordering heuristics (only used by RDS)
virtual void setBestValue(int varIndex, Value v) = 0
     hint for some value ordering heuristics (only used by RDS)
virtual bool getIsPartOfOptimalSolution() = 0
     special flag used for debugging purposes only
virtual void setIsPartOfOptimalSolution(bool v) = 0
     special flag used for debugging purposes only
virtual int getDegree(int varIndex) const = 0
     approximate degree of a variable (ie number of active cost functions, see Variable elimination)
virtual int getTrueDegree(int varIndex) const = 0
     degree of a variable
virtual Long getWeightedDegree(int varIndex) const = 0
     weighted degree heuristic
virtual void resetWeightedDegree() = 0
     initialize weighted degree heuristic
virtual void resetTightness() = 0
     initialize constraint tightness used by some heuristics (including weighted degree)
virtual void resetTightnessAndWeightedDegree() = 0
     initialize tightness and weighted degree heuristics
virtual void preprocessing() = 0
```

applies various preprocessing techniques to simplify the current problem

```
virtual void sortConstraints() = 0
sorts the list of cost functions associated to each variable based on smallest problem variable indexes

Note: must be called after creating all the cost functions and before solving the problem

Warning: side-effect: updates DAC order according to an existing variable elimination order
```

```
virtual void whenContradiction() = 0
     after a contradiction, resets propagation queues
virtual void propagate() = 0
     propagates until a fix point is reached (or throws a contradiction)
virtual bool verify() = 0
     checks the propagation fix point is reached
virtual unsigned int numberOfVariables() const = 0
     number of created variables
virtual unsigned int numberOfUnassignedVariables() const = 0
     current number of unassigned variables
virtual unsigned int numberOfConstraints() const = 0
     initial number of cost functions (before variable elimination)
virtual unsigned int numberOfConnectedConstraints() const = 0
     current number of cost functions
virtual unsigned int numberOfConnectedBinaryConstraints() const = 0
     current number of binary cost functions
virtual unsigned int medianDomainSize() const = 0
     median current domain size of variables
virtual unsigned int medianDegree() const = 0
     median current degree of variables
virtual unsigned int medianArity() const = 0
     median arity of current cost functions
virtual unsigned int getMaxDomainSize() const = 0
     maximum initial domain size found in all variables
virtual unsigned int getMaxCurrentDomainSize() const = 0
     maximum current domain size found in all variables
virtual unsigned int getDomainSizeSum() const = 0
     total sum of current domain sizes
virtual void cartProd(BigInteger &cartesianProduct) = 0
     Cartesian product of current domain sizes.
```

**Parameters cartesianProduct** – result obtained by the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library GMP

```
virtual Long getNbDEE() const = 0
```

number of value removals due to dead-end elimination

virtual int makeEnumeratedVariable(string n, Value iinf, Value isup) = 0

create an enumerated variable with its domain bounds

virtual int **makeEnumeratedVariable**(string n, vector<Value> &dom) = 0

create an enumerated variable with its domain values

virtual void addValueName(int xIndex, const string &valuename) = 0

add next value name

**Warning:** should be called on EnumeratedVariable object as many times as its number of initial domain values

virtual int **makeIntervalVariable**(string n, Value iinf, Value isup) = 0

create an interval variable with its domain bounds

virtual int **postNaryConstraintBegin**(int \*scope, int arity, Cost defval, Long nbtuples = 0, bool forcenary = false) = 0

Warning: must call WeightedCSP::postNaryConstraintEnd after giving cost tuples

virtual int **postUnary**(int xIndex, Value \*d, int dsize, Cost penalty) = 0

**Warning:** must call *WeightedCSP::sortConstraints* after all cost functions have been posted (see *WeightedCSP::sortConstraints*)

virtual int **postWAmong** (vector<int> &scope, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector<Value> &values, int lb, int ub) = 0

post a soft among cost function

- **scopeIndex** an array of variable indexes as returned by *Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable*
- **arity** the size of the array
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)—
- **propagator** the propagation method (only "DAG" or "network")
- **baseCost** the scaling factor of the violation
- values a vector of values to be restricted
- 1b a fixed lower bound for the number variables to be assigned to the values in *values*
- **ub** a fixed upper bound for the number variables to be assigned to the values in *values* post a soft weighted among cost function

virtual void **postWVarAmong** (vector<int> &scope, const string &semantics, Cost baseCost, vector<Value> &values, int varIndex) = 0

post a weighted among cost function with the number of values encoded as a variable with index *varIndex* (*network-based* propagator only)

virtual int **postWRegular** (vector<int> &scope, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, int nbStates, const vector<WeightedObjInt> &initial\_States, const vector<WeightedObjInt> &accepting\_States, const vector<DFATransition> &Wtransitions) = 0

post a soft or weighted regular cost function

**Warning:** Weights are ignored in the current implementation of DAG and flow-based propagators post a soft weighted regular cost function

#### **Parameters**

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- **arity** the size of the array
- **semantics** the semantics of the soft global cost function: "var" or "edit" (flow-based propagator) or "var" (DAG-based propagator)— (unused parameter for network-based propagator)
- **propagator** the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
- baseCost the scaling factor of the violation ("flow", "DAG")
- **nbStates** the number of the states in the corresponding DFA. The states are indexed as 0, 1, ..., nbStates-1
- initial\_States a vector of WeightedObjInt specifying the starting states with weight
- accepting\_States a vector of WeightedObjInt specifying the final states
- Wtransitions a vector of (weighted) transitions

virtual int **postWAllDiff** (int \*scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost) = 0

post a soft all different cost function

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- **arity** the size of the array
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: for flow-based propagator: "var" or "dec" or "decbi" (decomposed into a binary cost function complete network), for DAG-based propagator: "var", for network-based propagator: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (decomposed based on wamong)
- **propagator** the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
- baseCost the scaling factor of the violation

virtual int **postWGcc** (int \*scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector<BoundedObjValue> &values) = 0

post a soft global cardinality cost function

#### **Parameters**

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- **arity** the size of the array
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "var" (DAG-based propagator only) or "var" or "dec" or "wdec" (flow-based propagator only) or "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)—
- **propagator** the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
- **baseCost** the scaling factor of the violation
- **values** a vector of BoundedObjValue, specifying the lower and upper bounds of each value, restricting the number of variables can be assigned to them

virtual int **postWSame** (int \*scopeIndexG1, int arityG1, int \*scopeIndexG2, int arityG2, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost) = 0

post a soft same cost function (a group of variables being a permutation of another group with the same size)

#### **Parameters**

- **scopeIndexG1** an array of the first group of variable indexes as returned by *Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable*
- **arityG1** the size of *scopeIndexG1*
- **scopeIndexG2** an array of the second group of variable indexes as returned by *WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable*
- arityG2 the size of *scopeIndexG2*
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)—
- **propagator** the propagation method ("flow" or "network")
- **baseCost** the scaling factor of the violation.

virtual void **postWSameGcc** (int \*scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, Value \*values, int nbValues, int \*lb, int \*ub) = 0

post a combination of a same and gcc cost function decomposed as a cost function network

virtual int **postWGrammarCNF** (int \*scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, int nbSymbols, int startSymbol, const vector<CFGProductionRule> WRuleToTerminal) = 0

post a soft/weighted grammar cost function with the dynamic programming propagator and grammar in Chomsky normal form

- scopeIndex an array of the first group of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- arity the size of *scopeIndex*
- semantics the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or "weight"

- **propagator** the propagation method ("DAG" only)
- **baseCost** the scaling factor of the violation
- **nbSymbols** the number of symbols in the corresponding grammar. Symbols are indexed as 0, 1, ..., nbSymbols-1
- **startSymbol** the index of the starting symbol
- WRuleToTerminal a vector of :: CFGProductionRule. Note that:
  - if *order* in *CFGProductionRule* is set to 0, it is classified as A -> v, where A is the index of the terminal symbol and v is the value.
  - if order in CFGProductionRule is set to 1, it is classified as A -> BC, where A,B,C the index of the nonterminal symbols.
  - if order in CFGProductionRule is set to 2, it is classified as weighted A -> v, where A is the index of the terminal symbol and v is the value.
  - if *order* in *CFGProductionRule* is set to 3, it is classified as weighted A -> BC, where A,B,C the index of the nonterminal symbols.
  - if order in CFGProductionRule is set to values greater than 3, it is ignored.

virtual int **postMST** (int \*scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost) = 0

post a Spanning Tree hard constraint

#### **Parameters**

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- arity the size of *scopeIndex*
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "hard"
- **propagator** the propagation method ("DAG" only)
- baseCost unused in the current implementation (MAX\_COST)

virtual int **postMaxWeight**(int \*scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector<WeightedVarValPair> weightFunction) = 0

post a weighted max cost function (maximum cost of a set of unary cost functions associated to a set of variables)

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- arity the size of *scopeIndex*
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "val"
- **propagator** the propagation method ("DAG" only)
- baseCost if a variable-value pair does not exist in *weightFunction*, its weight will be mapped to baseCost.
- weightFunction a vector of WeightedVarValPair containing a mapping from variable-value pairs to their weights.

virtual void **postWSum**(int \*scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int rightRes) = 0

post a soft linear constraint with unit coefficients

#### **Parameters**

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- arity the size of *scopeIndex*
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)
- **propagator** the propagation method ("network" only)
- baseCost the scaling factor of the violation
- **comparator** the comparison operator of the linear constraint ("==", "!=", "<", "<=", ">,", ">=")
- rightRes right-hand side value of the linear constraint

virtual void **postWVarSum**(int \*scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int varIndex) = 0

post a soft linear constraint with unit coefficients and variable right-hand side

virtual void **postWOverlap**(int \*scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int rightRes) = 0

post a soft overlap cost function (a group of variables being point-wise equivalent — and not equal to zero — to another group with the same size)

### **Parameters**

- scopeIndex an array of variable indexes as returned by Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
- **arity** the size of *scopeIndex* (should be an even value)
- **semantics** the semantics of the global cost function: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)
- **propagator** the propagation method ("network" only)
- **baseCost** the scaling factor of the violation.
- **comparator** the point-wise comparison operator applied to the number of equivalent variables ("==", "!=", "<", "<=", ">,", ">=")
- rightRes right-hand side value of the comparison

virtual void postWDivConstraint(vector<int> & scope, unsigned int distance, vector<Value> & values, int method = <math>0) = 0

post a diversity Hamming distance constraint between a list of variables and a given fixed assignment

**Note:** depending on the decomposition method, it adds dual and/or hidden variables

### **Parameters**

• **scope** — a vector of variable indexes as returned by *Weighted-CSP::makeEnumeratedVariable* 

- distance the Hamming distance minimum bound
- **values** a vector of values (same size as scope)
- **method** the network decomposition method (0:Dual, 1:Hidden, 2:Ternary)

#### virtual vector<vector<int>> \*getListSuccessors() = 0

generating additional variables vector created when berge decomposition are included in the WCSP

### virtual vector<int> getBergeDecElimOrder() = 0

return an elimination order compatible with Berge acyclic decomposition of global decomposable cost functions (if possible keep reverse of previous DAC order)

### virtual void **setDACOrder**(vector<int> &elimVarOrder) = 0

change DAC order and propagate from scratch

### virtual bool isGlobal() = 0

true if there are soft global constraints defined in the problem

```
virtual Cost read_wcsp(const char *fileName) = 0
```

load problem in all format supported by toulbar2. Returns the UB known to the solver before solving (file and command line).

### virtual void **read\_legacy**(const char \*fileName) = 0

load problem in wcsp legacy format

### virtual void **read\_uai2008**(const char \*fileName) = 0

load problem in UAI 2008 format (see http://graphmod.ics.uci.edu/uai08/FileFormat and http://www.cs.huji.ac.il/project/UAI10/fileFormat.php)

**Warning:** UAI10 evidence file format not recognized by toulbar2 as it does not allow multiple evidence (you should remove the first value in the file)

```
virtual void read_random(int n, int m, vector<int> &p, int seed, bool forceSubModular = false, string globalname = "") = 0
```

create a random WCSP with n variables, domain size m, array p where the first element is a percentage of tuples with a nonzero cost and next elements are the number of random cost functions for each different arity (starting with arity two), random seed, a flag to have a percentage (last element in the array p) of the binary cost functions being permutated submodular, and a string to use a specific global cost function instead of random cost functions in extension

```
virtual void read_wcnf(const char *fileName) = 0
```

load problem in (w)cnf format (see http://www.maxsat.udl.cat/08/index.php?disp=requirements)

```
virtual void read_qpbo(const char *fileName) = 0
```

load quadratic pseudo-Boolean optimization problem in unconstrained quadratic programming text format (first text line with n, number of variables and m, number of triplets, followed by the m triplets (x,y,cost) describing the sparse symmetric nXn cost matrix with variable indexes such that  $x \le y$  and any positive or negative real numbers for costs)

```
virtual void read_opb(const char *fileName) = 0
```

load pseudo-Boolean optimization problem

```
virtual const vector<Value> getSolution() = 0
```

after solving the problem, return the optimal solution (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see *WeightedCSPSolver::solve* output for that)

```
virtual Double getSolutionValue() const = 0
     returns current best solution cost or MAX_COST if no solution found
virtual Cost getSolutionCost() const = 0
     returns current best solution cost or MAX_COST if no solution found
virtual const vector<Value> getSolution(Cost *cost ptr) = 0
     returns current best solution and its cost
virtual void initSolutionCost() = 0
     returns all solutions found
     invalidate best solution by changing its cost to MAX_COST
virtual void setSolution(Cost cost, TAssign *sol = NULL) = 0
     set best solution from current assigned values or from a given assignment (for BTD-like methods)
virtual void printSolution() = 0
     prints current best solution on standard output (using variable and value names if cfn format and Toul-
     Bar2::showSolution>1)
virtual void printSolution(ostream &os) = 0
     prints current best solution (using variable and value names if cfn format and ToulBar2::writeSolution>1)
virtual void printSolution(FILE *f) = 0
     prints current best solution (using variable and value names if cfn format and ToulBar2::writeSolution>1)
virtual void print (ostream &os) = 0
     print current domains and active cost functions (see Output messages, verbosity options and debugging)
virtual void dump (ostream &os, bool original = true) = 0
     output the current WCSP into a file in wcsp format
         Parameters
              • os - output file
              • original – if true then keeps all variables with their original domain size else uses unas-
                signed variables and current domains recoding variable indexes
virtual void dump_CFN(ostream &os, bool original = true) = 0
     output the current WCSP into a file in wcsp format
          Parameters
              • os – output file
              • original – if true then keeps all variables with their original domain size else uses unas-
                signed variables and current domains recoding variable indexes
virtual vector<Variable*> &getDivVariables() = 0
     returns all variables on which a diversity request exists
virtual void initDivVariables() = 0
     initializes diversity variables with all decision variables in the problem
```

### **Public Static Functions**

static WeightedCSP \* makeWeightedCSP (Cost upperBound, void \*solver = NULL) Weighted CSP factory.

**CHAPTER** 

### **FOUR**

### WEIGHTEDCSPSOLVER CLASS

### class WeightedCSPSolver

Abstract class WeightedCSPSolver representing a WCSP solver

- link to a WeightedCSP
- generic complete solving method configurable through global variables (see *ToulBar2* class and command line options)
- · optimal solution available after problem solving
- elementary decision operations on domains of variables
- statistics information (number of nodes and backtracks)
- problem file format reader (multiple formats, see Weighted Constraint Satisfaction Problem file format (wcsp))
- solution checker (output the cost of a given solution)

### **Public Functions**

virtual Cost **read\_wcsp**(const char \*fileName) = 0

reads a Cost function network from a file (format as indicated by ToulBar2:: global variables)

virtual void **read\_random**(int n, int m, vector<int> &p, int seed, bool forceSubModular = false, string globalname = "") = 0

create a random WCSP, see WeightedCSP::read\_random

virtual bool **solve**(bool first = true) = 0

simplifies and solves to optimality the problem

Warning: after solving, the current problem has been modified by various preprocessing techniques

**Warning:** DO NOT READ VALUES OF ASSIGNED VARIABLES USING *WeightedCSP::getValue* (temporally wrong assignments due to variable elimination in preprocessing) BUT USE *WeightedCSP-Solver::getSolution* INSTEAD

**Returns** false if there is no solution found

virtual Cost **narycsp**(string cmd, vector<Value> &solution) = 0 solves the current problem using INCOP local search solver by Bertrand Neveu

**Note:** side-effects: updates current problem upper bound and propagates, best solution saved (using WCSP::setBestValue)

Warning: cannot solve problems with global cost functions

#### **Parameters**

- cmd command line argument for narycsp INCOP local search solver (cmd format: lowerbound randomseed nbiterations method nbmoves neighborhoodchoice neighborhoodchoice2 minnbneighbors maxnbneighbors neighborhoodchoice3 autotuning trace-mode)
- **solution** best solution assignment found (MUST BE INITIALIZED WITH A DEFAULT COMPLETE ASSIGNMENT)

Returns best solution cost found

virtual bool **solve\_symmax2sat**(int n, int m, int \*posx, int \*posy, double \*cost, int \*sol) = 0

quadratic unconstrained pseudo-Boolean optimization Maximize  $h' \times W \times h$  where W is expressed by all its non-zero half squared matrix costs (can be positive or negative, with  $\forall i, posx[i] \leq posy[i]$ )

#### See also:

::solvesymmax2sat\_ for Fortran call

**Note:** costs for  $posx \neq posy$  are multiplied by 2 by this method

**Note:** by convention:  $h = 1 \equiv x = 0$  and  $h = -1 \equiv x = 1$ 

Warning: does not allow infinite costs (no forbidden assignments, unconstrained optimization)

**Returns** true if at least one solution has been found (array sol being filled with the best solution)

virtual void **dump\_wcsp**(const char \*fileName, bool original = true, ProblemFormat format = WCSP FORMAT) = 0

output current problem in a file

#### See also:

WeightedCSP::dump

virtual void **read\_solution**(const char \*fileName, bool updateValueHeuristic = true) = 0 read a solution from a file

virtual void **parse\_solution**(const char \*certificate, bool updateValueHeuristic = true) = 0 read a solution from a string (see ToulBar2 option -x)

virtual const vector<Value> getSolution() = 0

after solving the problem, return the optimal solution (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see *WeightedCSPSolver::solve* output for that)

virtual Double getSolutionValue() const = 0

after solving the problem, return the optimal solution value (can be an arbitrary real cost in minimization or preference in maximization, see CFN format) (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see *WeightedCSPSolver::solve* output for that)

```
virtual Cost getSolutionCost() const = 0
```

after solving the problem, return the optimal solution nonnegative integer cost (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see *WeightedCSPSolver::solve* output for that)

virtual Cost **getSolution**(vector<Value> &solution) const = 0

after solving the problem, add the optimal solution in the input/output vector and returns its optimum cost (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see *WeightedCSPSolver::solve* output for that)

virtual vector<pair<Double, vector<Value>>> **getSolutions**() const = 0 after solving the problem, return all solutions found with their corresponding value

#### **Public Static Functions**

static WeightedCSPSolver \*makeWeightedCSPSolver (Cost initUpperBound) WeightedCSP Solver factory.

### **TOULBAR2 CLASS**

### class ToulBar2

It contains all toulbar2 global variables encapsulated as static class members of this class.

Each variable may correspond to some command-line option of toulbar2 executable.

#### **Public Static Attributes**

```
static string version = Toulbar_VERSION
```

#### static int verbose

<

toulbar2 version number

#### static bool FullEAC

<

verbosity level (-1:no output, 0: new solutions found, 1: choice points, 2: current domains, 3: basic EPTs, 4: active cost functions, 5: detailed cost functions, 6: more EPTs, 7: detailed EPTs) (command line option -v)

#### static bool VACthreshold

<

VAC-integrality/Full-EAC variable ordering heuristic (command line option -vacint and optionally -A)

### static int nbTimesIsVAC

<

automatic threshold cost value selection for VAC during search (command line option -vacthr)

### static int nbTimesIsVACitThresholdMoreThanOne

<

### static bool RASPS

<

```
static int useRASPS
     <
static bool RASPSreset
     VAC-based upper bound probing heuristic (0: no rasps, 1: rasps using DFS, >1: using LDS with bounded
     discrepancy + 1) (command line option -raspslds or -rasps)
static int RASPSangle
     <
     reset weighted degree variable ordering heuristic after doing upper bound probing (command line option
     -raspsini)
static Long RASPSnbBacktracks
     automatic threshold cost value selection for probing heuristic (command line option -raspsdeg)
static int RASPSnbStrictACVariables
     <
     number of backtracks of VAC-based upper bound probing heuristic (command line option -rasps)
static Cost RASPSlastitThreshold
     <
static bool RASPSsaveitThresholds
     <
static vector<pair<Cost, double>> RASPSitThresholds
     <
static int debug
     <
static string externalUB
     debug mode(0: no debug, 1: current search depth and statics on nogoods for BTD, 2: idem plus some
     information on heuristics, 3: idem plus save problem at each node if verbose >= 1) (command line option
     -Z)
static int showSolutions
     initial upper bound in CFN format
```

#### static bool showHidden

<

shows each solution found (0: nothing, 1: value indexes, 2: value names, 3: variable&value names) (command line option -s)

#### static int writeSolution

<

shows hidden variables for each solution found (command line option -s with a negative value)

#### static FILE \*solutionFile

<

writes each solution found (0: nothing, 1: value indexes, 2: value names, 3: variable&value names) (command line option -w)

#### static long solutionFileRewindPos

<

#### static Long allSolutions

<

### static int dumpWCSP

<

finds at most a given number of solutions with a cost strictly lower than the initial upper bound and stops (or counts the number of zero-cost satisfiable solutions in conjunction with BTD) (command line option -a)

### static bool approximateCountingBTD

<

saves the problem in wcsp (0: do not save, 1: original or 2: after preprocessing) or cfn (3: original or 4: after preprocessing) format (command line option -z)

### static bool binaryBranching

<

approximate zero-cost satisfiable solution counting using BTD (command line options -D and -a and -B=1)

### static int dichotomicBranching

<

tree search using binary branching instead of n-ary branching for enumerated domains (command line option -b)

### static unsigned int dichotomicBranchingSize

<

tree search using dichotomic branching if current domain size is strictly greater than *Toul-Bar2::dichotomicBranchingSize* (0: no dichotomic branching, 1: splitting in the middle of domain range, 2: splitting in the middle of sorted unary costs) (command line option -d)

# static bool **sortDomains**

<

dichotomic branching threshold (related to command line option -d)

static map<int, ValueCost\*> sortedDomains

<

sorts domains in preprocessing based on increasing unary costs (command line option -sortd)

Warning: Works only for binary WCSPs.

### static bool solutionBasedPhaseSaving

<

### static int elimDegree

<

solution-based phase saving value heuristic (command line option -solr)

#### static int elimDegree\_preprocessing

<

boosting search with variable elimination of small degree (0: no variable elimination, 1: linked to at most one binary cost function, 2: linked to at most two binary cost functions, 3: linked to at most one ternary cost function and two scope-included cost functions) (command line option -e)

### static int elimDegree\_

<

in preprocessing, generic variable elimination of degree less than or equal to a given value (0: no variable elimination) (command line option -p)

### static int elimDegree\_preprocessing\_

<

### static int elimSpaceMaxMB

<

### static int minsumDiffusion

<

maximum space size for generic variable elimination (in MegaByte) (related to command line option -p)

#### static int preprocessTernaryRPC

<

in preprocessing, applies Min Sum Diffusion algorithm a given number of iterations (command line option -M)

### static int preprocessFunctional

<

in preprocessing, simulates restricted path consistency by adding ternary cost functions on most-promising triangles of binary cost functions (maximum space size in MegaByte) (command line option -t)

### static bool costfuncSeparate

<

in preprocessing, applies variable elimination of 0: no variable, 1: functional, or 2: bijective variables (command line option -f)

### static int preprocessNary

<

in preprocessing, applies pairwise decomposition of non-binary cost functions (command line option -dec)

### static bool QueueComplexity

<

in preprocessing, projects n-ary cost functions on all their scope-included binary cost functions if n is lower than a given value (0: no projection) (command line option -n)

### static bool Static\_variable\_ordering

<

ensures optimal worst-case time complexity of DAC and EAC (command line option -o)

### static bool lastConflict

<

tree search using a static variable ordering heuristic (same order as DAC) (command line option -svo)

### static int weightedDegree

<

tree search using binary branching with last conflict backjumping variable ordering heuristic (command line options -c and -b)

### static int weightedTightness

<

weighted degree variable ordering heuristic if the number of cost functions is less than a given value (command line option -q)

#### static int constrOrdering

<

in preprocessing, initializes weighted degrees associated to cost functions by their 1: average or 2: median costs (command line options -m and -q)

#### static bool MSTDAC

<

in preprocessing, sorts constraints based on 0: do not sort, 1: lexicographic ordering, 2: decreasing DAC ordering, 3: decreasing constraint tightness, 4: DAC then tightness, 5: tightness then DAC, 6: random order, or the opposite order if using a negative value (command line option -sortc)

#### static int **DEE**

<

maximum spanning tree DAC ordering (command line option -mst)

#### static int **DEE\_**

~

soft neighborhood substitutability, a.k.a., dead-end elimination (0: no elimination, 1: restricted form during search, 2: full in preprocessing and restricted during search, 3: full always, 4: full in preprocessing) (command line option -dee)

#### static int nbDecisionVars

<

#### static int 1ds

<

tree search by branching only on the first variables having a lexicographic order position below a given value, assuming the remaining variables are completely assigned by this first group of variables (0: branch on all variables) (command line option -var)

### static bool limited

<

iterative limited discrepancy search (0: no LDS), use a negative value to stop the search after the given absolute number of discrepancies has been explored (command line option -l)

#### static Long restart

<

### static Long backtrackLimit

<

randomly breaks ties in variable ordering heuristics and Luby restarts until a given number of search nodes (command line option -L)

#### static externalevent setvalue

<

limit on the number of backtracks (command line option -bt)

### static externalevent **setmin**

<

```
static externalevent setmax
static externalevent removevalue
static externalcostevent setminobj
static external
solution newsolution
static Pedigree *pedigree
     <
static Haplotype *haplotype
     <
static string map_file
     <
static bool cfn
     <
static bool gz
     <
static bool xz
     <
static bool bayesian
     <
static int uai
     <
static int resolution
     <
static TProb errorg
     defines the number of digits that should be representable in UAI/OPB/QPBO formats (command line option
     -precision)
```

```
static TLogProb NormFactor
static int foundersprob_class
     Allele frequencies of founders
       • 0: equal frequencies
       • 1: probs depending on the frequencies found in the problem
       • otherwise: read probability distribution from command line
static vector<TProb> allelefreqdistrib
     <
static bool consecutiveAllele
     <
static bool generation
     <
static int pedigreeCorrectionMode
     <
static int pedigreePenalty
     <
static int vac
     <
static string costThresholdS
     <
     enforces VAC at each search node having a search depth less than the absolute value of a given value (0:
     no VAC, 1: VAC in preprocessing, >1: VAC during search up to a given search depth), if given a negative
     value then VAC is not performed inside depth-first search of hybrid best-first search method (command line
     option -A and possibly -hbfs)
static string costThresholdPreS
     <
     threshold cost value for VAC in CFN format (command line option -T)
static Cost costThreshold
     <
     in preprocessing, threshold cost value for VAC in CFN format (command line option -P)
```

```
static Cost costThresholdPre
     threshold cost value for VAC (command line option -T)
static double trwsAccuracy
     in preprocessing, threshold cost value for VAC (command line option -P)
static bool trwsOrder
     <
     in preprocessing, enforces TRW-S until a given accuracy is reached (command line option -trws)
static unsigned int trwsNIter
     <
     replaces DAC order by Kolmogorov's TRW-S order (command line option —trws-order)
static unsigned int trwsNIterNoChange
     <
     enforces at most n iterations of TRW-S (command line option —trws-n-iters)
static unsigned int trwsNIterComputeUb
     <
     stops TRW-S when n iterations did not change the lower bound (command line option —trws-n-iters-
     no-change)
static double costMultiplier
     <
     computes an upper bound every n steps in TRW-S (command line option —trws-n-iters-compute-ub)
static unsigned int decimalPoint
     multiplies all costs internally by this number when loading a problem in WCSP format (command line
     option -C)
static string deltaUbS
     <
static Cost deltaUb
     stops search if the absolute optimality gap reduces below a given value in CFN format (command line
     option -agap)
```

```
static Cost deltaUbAbsolute
static Double deltaUbRelativeGap
     stops search if the absolute optimality gap reduces below a given value (command line option -agap)
static bool singletonConsistency
     stops search if the relative optimality gap reduces below a given value (command line option -rgap)
static bool vacValueHeuristic
     in preprocessing, performs singleton soft local consistency (command line option -S)
static BEP *bep
     <
     VAC-based value ordering heuristic (command line options -V and -A)
static LcLevelType LcLevel
     <
static int maxEACIter
     <
     soft local consistency level (0: NC, 1: AC, 2: DAC, 3: FDAC, 4: EDAC) (command line option -k)
static bool wcnf
     <
     maximum number of iterations in EDAC before switching to FDAC
static bool qpbo
     <
static double qpboQuadraticCoefMultiplier
     <
static bool opb
     defines coefficient multiplier for quadratic terms in QPBO format (command line option -qpmult)
static bool addAMOConstraints
     <
```

### static int knapsackDP

<

automatically detects and adds at-most-one constraints to existing knapsack constraints

### static unsigned int divNbSol

<

solves exactly knapsack constraints using dynamic programming (at every search node or less often)

### static unsigned int divBound

<

upper bound on the number of diverse solutions (0: no diverse solution) (keep it small as it controls model size)

### static unsigned int divWidth

<

minimum Hamming distance between diverse solutions (command line options -div and -a)

### static unsigned int divMethod

<

adds a global MDD constraint with a given maximum relaxed width for finding diverse solutions (command line option -mdd)

### static unsigned int divRelax

<

diversity encoding method (0: Dual, 1: Hidden, 2: Ternary, 3: Knapsack) (command line option -divm)

#### static char \*varOrder

<

MDD relaxation heuristic (0: random, 1: high diversity, 2: small diversity, 3: high unary costs) (command line option -mddh)

### static int **btdMode**

<

variable elimination order for DAC, BTD, and VNS methods (0: lexicographic ordering, -1: maximum cardinality search ordering, -2: minimum degree ordering, -3: minimum fill-in ordering, -4: maximum spanning tree ordering, -5: reverse Cuthill-Mckee ordering, -6: approximate minimum degree ordering, -7: same as 0, 8: lexicographic ordering using variable names, string: variable ordering filename) (command line option -O)

### static int btdSubTree

<

tree search exploiting tree/path decomposition (0: no tree decomposition, 1: BTD with tree decomposition, 2: RDS-BTD with tree decomposition, 3: RDS-BTD with path decomposition) (command line option -B)

```
static int btdRootCluster
     in RDS-BTD, cluster index for solving only this particular rooted cluster subtree (command line option -I)
static int rootHeuristic
     chooses the root cluster index (command line option -R)
static bool reduceHeight
     <
     root cluster heuristic (0: maximum size, 1: maximum ratio of size by height-size, 2: minimum ratio of size
     by height-size, 3: minimum height) (command line option -root)
static bool maxsateval
     <
     minimize cluster tree height when searching for the root cluster (command line option -minheight)
static bool xmlflag
     <
static TLogProb markov_log
     <
static string evidence_file
     <
static FILE *solution_uai_file
     <
static string solution_uai_filename
     <
static string problemsaved_filename
     <
static bool isZ
     <
static TLogProb logZ
     computes logarithm of probability of evidence (a.k.a. log-partition function) in UAI format (command line
     option -logz)
```

```
static TLogProb logU
     <
static TLogProb logepsilon
static bool uaieval
     approximation factor for computing the log-partition function (command line option -epsilon)
static string stdin_format
static double startCpuTime
     file format used when reading a problem from a Unix pipe ("cfn", "wcsp", "uai", "LG", "cnf", "wcnf',
     "qpbo", "opb") (command line option —stdin)
static double startRealTime
     <
static double startRealTimeAfterPreProcessing
     <
static int splitClusterMaxSize
     <
static double boostingBTD
     splits large clusters into a chain of smaller embedded clusters with a number of proper variables less than
     a given value (command line option -j)
static int maxSeparatorSize
     in BTD, merges recursively leaf clusters with their fathers if separator size smaller than Toul-
     Bar2::elimDegree, else in VNS, merges clusters if the ratio of number of separator variables by number of
     cluster variables is above a given threshold (command line option -E and possibly -e)
static int minProperVarSize
     merges recursively clusters with their fathers if separator size greater than a given threshold (command line
     option -r)
```

#### static bool heuristicFreedom

<

merges recursively clusters with their fathers if the number of proper variables is less than a given threshold (command line option -X)

### static int heuristicFreedomLimit

<

merges clusters automatically to give more freedom to variable ordering heuristics in BTD methods (command line option -F)

### static bool Berge\_Dec

<

stops merging a cluster subtree during BTD search if we tried repeatedly to solve this cluster for the same separator assignment more than a given number of times (-1: no merging) (command line option -F)

#### static bool learning

<

#### static externalfunc timeOut

<

#### static std::atomic<bool> interrupted

<

#### static int seed

<

### static string incop\_cmd

<

initial random seed value, or use current time if a negative value is given (command line option -seed)

### static SearchMethod searchMethod

<

in preprocessing, executes INCOP local search method to produce a better initial upper bound (default parameter string value "0 1 3 idwa 100000 cv v 0 200 1 0 0", see INCOP user manual http://imagine.enpc. fr/~neveub/incop/incop1.1/usermanual.ps) (command line option -i)

### static string **clusterFile**

<

chooses between tree search and variable neighborhood search methods (0: tree search, 1: sequential unified VNS, 2: sequential unified decomposition guided VNS, 3: synchronous parallel UDGVNS, 4: asynchronous parallel UDGVNS, 5: tree decomposition heuristic) (command line option -vns)

# static ofstream vns0utput cluster tree decomposition filename in COV or DEC format (with or without running intersection property) static VNSSolutionInitMethod vnsInitSol static int vnsLDSmin initial solution for VNS-like methods (-1: random, -2: minimum domain values, -3: maximum domain values, -4: first solution found by DFS, >=0: or by LDS with at most n discrepancies (command line option -vnsini) static int vnsLDSmax minimum discrepancy value for VNS-like methods (command line option -ldsmin) static VNSInc vnsLDSinc < maximum discrepancy value for VNS-like methods (command line option -ldsmax) static int vnsKmin < discrepancy increment strategy for VNS-like methods (1: Increment by 1, 2: Multiply by 2, 3: Luby operator) (command line option -ldsinc) static int vnsKmax < minimum neighborhood size for VNS-like methods (command line option -kmin) static VNSInc vnsKinc maximum neighborhood size for VNS-like methods (command line option -kmax) static int vnsLDScur neighborhood size increment strategy for VNS-like methods (1: Increment by 1, 2: Multiply by 2, 3: Luby operator, 4: Increment by 1 until maximum cluster size then considers all variables) (command line option -kinc) static int vnsKcur

<

```
static VNSVariableHeuristic vnsNeighborVarHeur
     <
static bool vnsNeighborChange
     neighborhood heuristic method (0: random variables, 1: variables in conflict, 2: connected variables in
     conflict, 3: random cluster, 4: variables in conflict with maximum degree, 5: sorted cluster, 6: sorted
     cluster separator, 7: similar to 6, 8: randomized root cluster, 9: variables in partial conflict)
static bool vnsNeighborSizeSync
static bool vnsParallelLimit
static bool vnsParallelSync
     <
static string vnsOptimumS
     <
static Cost vns0ptimum
     stops VNS if a solution is found with a given cost (or better) in CFN format (command line option -best)
static bool parallel
     stops VNS if a solution is found with a given cost (or better) (command line option -best)
static Long hbfs
     <
     parallel mode for tree search and VNS (see mpirun toulbar2)
static Long hbfsGlobalLimit
     <
     performs hybrid best-first search with a given limit in the number of backtracks for depth-first search before
     visiting another open node (0: always DFS, 1: HBFS) (related to command line option -hbfs)
static Long hbfsAlpha
     <
     restarts BTD-HBFS from the root cluster after a given number of backtracks (command line option -hbfs)
```

### static Long hbfsBeta

<

minimum recomputation node redundancy percentage threshold value (command line option -hbfsmin)

### static ptrdiff\_t hbfsCPLimit

<

maximum recomputation node redundancy percentage threshold value (command line option -hbfsmax)

### static ptrdiff\_t hbfsOpenNodeLimit

<

maximum number of stored choice points before switching to normal DFS

### static Long eps

<

maximum number of stored open nodes before switching to normal DFS (command line option -open)

### static string epsFilename

<

performs HBFS until a given number of open nodes are collected and exits (command line option -eps)

### static bool verifyOpt

<

a given filename to print remaining valid (lower bound less than current upper bound) open nodes as partial assignments before exits (command line option -eps)

### static Cost verifiedOptimum

<

compiled in debug, checks if a given (optimal) solution is never pruned by propagation when the current upper bound is greater than the cost of this solution (see Solver::read\_solution, related to command line option -opt)

CHAPTER

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# **MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS**

### void tb2init()

initialization of *ToulBar2* global variables (needed by numberjack/toulbar2) initialization of *ToulBar2* global variables (needed by numberjack/toulbar2)

## void tb2checkOptions()

checks compatibility between selected options of *ToulBar2* (needed by numberjack/toulbar2)

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