

* Nomograms :-

Nomograms also known as Paint by Numbers or Griddlers are logic puzzles in which cells in a grid have to be colored or left blank according to numbers to numbers measures given at the side of the grid to reveal a hidden picture.

Algorithm:-

The simplest algorithm for solving puzzles is backtracking, which traverses the search graph in depth-first manner. It is often assumed that the variables are examined in fixed ordering.

Backtracking

Input: A constraint network R and an ordering of the variables, $d = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Output: Either a solution if one exists or a decision that the network is inconsistent.

1. (Initialize) $cur = 0$

2. (Step forward) if x_{cur} is the last variable the all variables have value assignments - exist with the solutions

otherwise $cur = cur + 1$, set $De_{cur} = De_{cur}$.

3. (choose a value) ~~select~~ select a value $a \in De_{cur}$ that is consistent with all previously instantiated variables.

4. (Backtrack step) if x_{cur} is the first variable, exit with inconsistent.

otherwise set:

$$\text{cur} = \text{cur} - 1$$

Go to step 2 .

Backtracking usually suffers from thrashing, namely, rediscovering the same inconsistencies and same partial successes during search.