

# Logic for Computer Science

## Project Report

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### 1. Introduction

This report is about solving the knight's tour problem using a SAT solver. We'll need a variable to keep track of the step the program is in. The variable  $s$  (for step) ranges from 0 to  $M \times N - 1$ .

We now have a way to add clauses to our solver. Each  $(s, i, j)$  tuple describes a proposition. The following proposition means "The knight is in cell  $(i, j)$  at step  $s$ " :  $x_{(s,i,j)}$ . We also map each  $(s, i, j)$  to one unique ID with a dictionary.

In this document,  $i \in [0, M]$  and  $j \in [0, N]$  and  $(i_0, j_0)$  is the starting cell.

### 2. First Question

We define the boolean variable  $x_{s,i,j}$  which is true if the knight is in cell  $(i, j)$  at step  $s$ . The indices range as follows: steps  $s \in [0, M \times N - 1]$ , rows  $i \in [0, M - 1]$ , and columns  $j \in [0, N - 1]$ .

We encode the problem using the following constraints derived directly from the CNF clauses in our code:

- a) Initial Position: At step  $s = 0$ , the knight must be at the given position  $(i_0, j_0)$ .

$$x_{0,i_0,j_0}$$

- b) Valid Position at Each Step: For every step  $s$ , the knight must be in exactly one cell. We split this into two parts:

- At least one cell:

$$\bigwedge_s \left( \bigvee_{i,j} x_{s,i,j} \right)$$

- At most one cell (Pairwise Exclusion): For every pair of distinct cells, the knight cannot be in both.

$$\bigwedge_s \left( \bigwedge_{(i,j) \neq (i',j')} (\neg x_{s,i,j} \vee \neg x_{s,i',j'}) \right)$$

- c) Legal Moves (Transitions): For every step  $s < M \times N - 1$ , if the knight is at  $(i, j)$ , it must move to a valid neighbor in the next step.

$$\bigwedge_{s=0}^{MN-2} \bigwedge_{i,j} \left( \neg x_{s,i,j} \vee \bigvee_{(i',j') \in \text{Moves}(i,j)} x_{s+1,i',j'} \right)$$

This is equivalent to the implication  $x_{s,i,j} \Rightarrow \bigvee x_{s+1,i',j'}$ .

d) Visit Each Cell Exactly Once: Every cell  $(i, j)$  must be visited at exactly one time step.

- At least once:

$$\bigwedge_{i,j} \left( \bigvee_s x_{s,i,j} \right)$$

- At most once (Pairwise Exclusion): For any cell, it cannot be visited at two different steps  $s$  and  $s'$ .

$$\bigwedge_{i,j} \left( \bigwedge_{s \neq s'} (\neg x_{s,i,j} \vee \neg x_{s',i,j}) \right)$$

### **3. Second Question**

### **4. Third Question**

### **5. Fourth Question**

### **6. Fifth Question**