

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