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1 Design of the solution

I have generated a random graph $(graph = nx.erdos_renyi_graph(N, P))$ using networkx library, where N = number of nodes, P = probability, which means each edge is included in the graph with probability P independent from every other edge. From the graph, I have generated the variable, domain and constraint list. Domains are randomly selected with a fixed length domain size and I have used 10 constraints which are assigned randomly to every node as I described my earlier problem description assignment. I have used this graph for all the arc-consistency algorithms and the comparisons and findings are described in the following sections.

$2 \quad Comparisons$

I have compared all these four algorithms (AC-1, AC-2, AC-3, and AC-4) based on total number of nodes vs run time and probability of edges vs run time. For both cases, I have changed the domain size from 5 to 85, increased by 20. I have calculated the average run time for each domain size. I have taken an average of 200 iterations for both cases to calculate the average run time. For comparing the total number of nodes vs run time, I have changed the value of the total number of nodes from 5 to 95, increased by 10. I have fixed the probability of edge to 0.5 for this case. For the second case, probability of edges vs run time, I have changed the value of the probability of edge from 0.1 to 0.9, increased by 0.1. I have fixed the number of total nodes to 20 for this case. The graphs are shown below:

• Total number of nodes vs Run time:

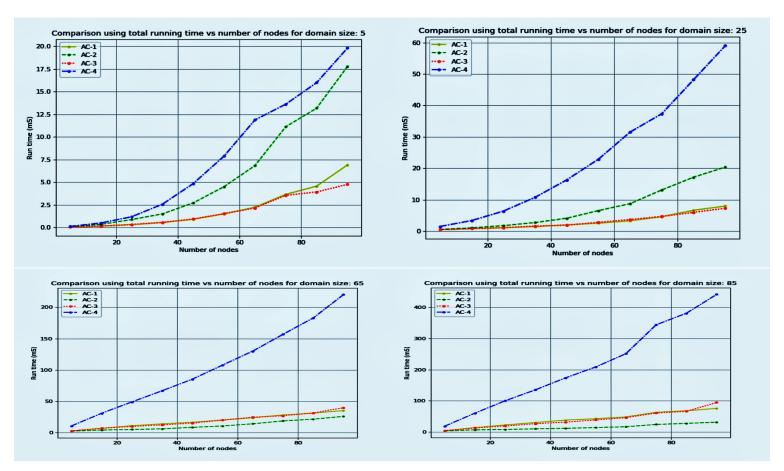


Figure 1: Total number of nodes vs Run-time for domain size 5, 25, 65, 85

• Probability of edges vs Run time:

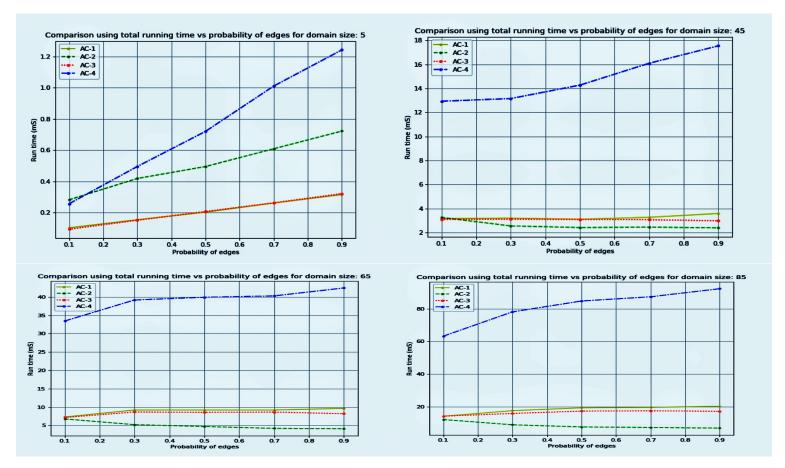


Figure 2: Probability of edges vs Run-time for domain size 5, 45, 65, 85

3 Findings

From the relative comparisons, it is clear that the performance of these four algorithms depends highly on domain size as well as constraints selected, number of nodes, edges, and other factors. From Figure 1, we can conclude that, for small domain size, performances are close to one another. Both AC-1 and AC-3 performs well in that case. But for larger domain size, AC-2 performs best and AC-4 worst. Running time increases dramatically for AC-4 when we use larger domain size.

In Figure 2, conditions are very similar to that of Figure 1. Running time of AC-4 increases dramatically and AC-2 performs best for larger domains. The performance of AC-1 and AC-3 are very similar in this case. From these findings, we can conclude that AC-2 is the best performer in my case. Although AC-4 has the best run time (ek^2) in the worst case scenario, in the best case, AC-1 and AC-3 outperform AC-4.