

Decision Making - ex 3

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1 nQueens

1.1 Table

| | 30 | 35 | 45 | 50 |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----|-----|
| input order | | | | |
| min value | 1.588.827 | - | - | - |
| random value | 9 | 10 | 6 | 42 |
| min domain size | | | | |
| min value | 15 | 21 | 6 | 123 |
| random value | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| domWdeg | | | | |
| min value | 15 | 21 | 6 | 123 |
| random value | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 |

1.2 Comment

https://www.minizinc.org/doc-2.7.6/en/mzn_search.html

We can observe that the number of failures with the "input_order - min_value" is extremely high compared to other ones. It is in the order of the 10^6 , other datas are in the order of 10^2 ; this is the only case where the system cannot perform the research for $n = 35, 45, 50$.

Generally we can observe that the random model is always better in terms of failures for this problem.

2 Poster Placement

2.1 Table

| | 19x19 | | 20x20 | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Fails | Time | Fails | Time |
| input_order | | | | |
| min value | 1.315.598 | 11s 35ms | 26.063.823 | 3m 12s |
| random value | - | - | - | - |
| min domain size | | | | |
| min value | 239.954 | 1s 796ms | 1.873 | 244ms |
| random value | 2.929.153 | 19s 172ms | 5.797.312 | 35s 987ms |
| domWdeg | | | | |
| min value | 236.024 | 1s 820ms | 1.873 | 244ms |
| random value | 2.929.030 | 19s 30ms | 5.797.456 | 35s 957ms |

2.2 Table with sorted rectangles

| | 19x19 | | 20x20 | |
|--------------|-------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | Fails | Time | Fails | Time |
| min value | - | - | 7.151.303 | 56s 120ms |
| random value | - | - | - | - |

2.3 Comment

3 Quasigroup

3.1 Table

| | | default | domWdeg - random | domWdeg + Luby |
|---------|-------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| qc30-03 | Fails | 234.522 | 234.522 | 234.522 |
| | Time | 27s 502ms | 15s 569ms | 19s 109ms |
| qc30-05 | Fails | 36.866 | 36.866 | 36.866 |
| | Time | 3s 121ms | 2s 909ms | 2s 820ms |
| qc30-08 | Fails | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| | Time | 373ms | 394ms | 583ms |
| qc30-12 | Fails | 470 | 470 | 470 |
| | Time | 409ms | 399ms | 396ms |
| qc30-19 | Fails | 2.192 | 2.192 | 2.192 |
| | Time | 513ms | 500ms | 574ms |

3.2 Comment

4 Questions

1. When are random decisions (not) useful? Why?
2. Are dynamic heuristics always better than static heuristics? Why?
3. Is programming search and/or restarting always a good idea? Why?

4.1 Answers

1. The outputted results are very different, concerning nQueens problem, the random solution are always the best, in the Poster Placement problem the random solutions are always the worse and in the Quasigroup problem there's alternation of different results.

We can be sure that the worst situation is the Poster Placement. This problem has different roots, we think that the main reason is mathematical, in fact if we sort the rectangles by perimeter in crescent mode the program can't compile.

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