

P02 CSP

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1 Futoshiki (GAC, C++/Python)

1.1 Description

Futoshiki is a board-based puzzle game, also known under the name Unequal. It is playable on a square board having a given fixed size (4×4 for example), please see Figure 1.

The purpose of the game is to discover the digits hidden inside the board's cells; each cell is filled with a digit between 1 and the board's size. On each row and column each digit appears exactly once; therefore, when revealed, the digits of the board form a so-called Latin square.

At the beginning of the game some digits might be revealed. The board might also contain some inequalities between the board cells; these inequalities must be respected and can be used as clues in order to discover the remaining hidden digits.

Each puzzle is guaranteed to have a solution and only one.

You can play this game online: <http://www.futoshiki.org/>.



图 1: Futoshiki Puzzles

1.2 Tasks

1. Describe with sentences the main ideas of the GAC algorithm and the main differences between the GAC and the forward checking (FC) algorithm. (10 points)

Answer: GAC 算法的主要内容是检测每个变量的可扩展性以满足约束。即，如果变量的每个值都可以以满约束的方式扩展到约束的其他变量，则变量与约束一致。至于他的优化问题，GAC 算法主要步骤如下：

- 一开始, 将CSP约束图中所有的弧存入队列Q中。
- 反复地从Q中移除弧, 并且强制要求在每个移除的弧 $X_i \rightarrow X_j$ 中, 对于尾部变量每一个 X_j 的每一个剩余值 w , 至少存在头部变量 X_i 的一个剩余值 v 满足 $X_i = v, X_j = w$ 不违反任何约束。如果 X_i 的某一个赋值 v 与 X_j 的任何一个剩余值都无法满足要求, 我们将 v 从 X_i 的可能取值的集合中移除。
- 当强制要求弧 $X_i \rightarrow X_j$ 中的弧一致性时 X_i 的至少一个值被移除了, 对于所有未赋值的变量 X_k , 将形如 $X_k \rightarrow X_i$ 的弧加入Q中。如果一条弧 $X_k \rightarrow X_i$ 在这一步中已经在Q里了, 那么它不需要再被添加一次。
- 继续执行以上操作直至Q成为空集, 或是某些变量的域成为空集并引发回溯。

图 2: GAC 算法主要步骤

至于 GAC 与 FC 的区别, 广义弧一致性 (GAC, or 弧相容, arc consistency) 是前向检测的扩展, FC 算法在运行过程中, 每当一个新的变量被赋值, 我们就能进行前向检测, 并删去约束图中与刚赋值的变量相邻的未赋值变量的域; 而 GAC 算法在运行过程中, 不仅仅是删去相邻的未赋值变量的域, 而是通过比较全部约束条件不断进行比较直到满足所有条件或者存储约束条件的队列变成空集, 效率较 FC 算法有较大提升。

2. The GAC_Enforce procedure from class acts as follows: when removing d from $\text{CurDom}[V]$, push all constraints C' such that $V \in \text{scope}(C')$ and $C' \notin \text{GACQueue}$ onto GACQueue. What's the reason behind this operation? Can it be improved and how? (20 points)

Answer: 在进行操作 removing d from $\text{CurDom}[V]$ 之后, $\text{CurDom}[V]$ 发生变化, 而与域 V 有关的约束 C' 受到操作影响也可能导致与约束 C' 有关的其他变量域取值范围发生变化, 因此需要将与域 V 相关联且不在 GACQueue 的约束 C' 放入 GACQueue 中, 这样能简化约束满足问题并且减少域的取值范围进而缩短搜索时间. 这显然是可以优化的. 一个简单的想法是, 在 GACQueue 中取出一个约束条件后, 对其进行分类讨论, 如果是不等式约束, 将显然不符合不等关系的域中的值删除并标记是否删除, 如果删除后域中没有值了, 这显然是无解的; 如果是行列关系, 在判断在域范围大小是否否为 1 后删除不符合约束条件的值并进行空域判断。

3. Use the GAC algorithm to implement a Futoshiki solver by **C++** or **Python**. (20 points)

Answer: Please see the subsection GAC Source Code in 2.1.

4. Explain any ideas you use to speed up the implementation. (10 points)

Answer: 见第二问2

5. Run the following 5 test cases to verify your solver's **correctness**. We also provide test file "data1.txt" for every test case i. Refer to the "readme.txt" for more details. (20 points)

Answer: 运行结果如下:(图8与 testcase5.txt 不一致)

```

0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 4
=====
3 2 4 5 1
4 1 2 3 5
2 4 5 1 3
1 5 3 4 2
5 3 1 2 4
=====
Number of Nodes Searched is 24
Total Time is 1120 us
Average Inference Time Per Node is 4.791667 us/node

```

```

0 0 0 0 2 6
0 0 0 0 0 3
3 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 4 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0
=====
4 1 3 5 2 6
1 5 2 6 4 3
3 4 1 2 6 5
5 6 4 3 1 2
2 3 6 4 5 1
6 2 5 1 3 4
=====
Number of Nodes Searched is 31
Total Time is 1354 us
Average Inference Time Per Node is 3.709677 us/node

```

(a) res1

(b) res2

```

0 0 0 0 0 0 6
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 2
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 5 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
=====
2 4 3 5 1 7 6
4 1 6 2 7 5 3
1 2 5 7 3 6 4
5 6 7 1 4 3 2
7 3 2 4 6 1 5
8 5 1 6 2 4 7
6 7 4 3 5 2 1
=====
Number of Nodes Searched is 80
Total Time is 10813 us
Average Inference Time Per Node is 121.600000 us/node

```

(c) res3

```

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 6 0 7 0
0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6
0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
=====
8 7 6 5 1 2 3 4
4 8 2 3 6 5 7 1
7 2 3 4 8 1 6 5
6 3 1 2 4 7 5 8
5 4 8 1 7 3 2 6
2 6 5 8 3 4 1 7
1 5 7 6 2 8 4 3
3 1 4 7 5 6 8 2
=====
Number of Nodes Searched is 200
Total Time is 55620 us
Average Inference Time Per Node is 339.235000 us/node

```

```

6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 8
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 4
=====
6 5 8 4 2 7 1 3 9
7 2 6 3 4 5 8 9 1
3 9 1 2 5 8 6 4 7
1 8 2 6 9 4 5 7 3
9 7 4 8 1 2 3 6 5
2 3 7 5 8 9 4 1 6
4 1 3 9 7 6 2 5 8
5 4 9 1 6 3 7 8 2
8 6 5 7 3 1 9 2 4
=====
Number of Nodes Searched is 378766
Total Time is 139164101 us
Average Inference Time Per Node is 407.133301 us/node

```

(d) res4

(e) res5

图 3: 运行结果

6. Run the FC algorithm you implemented in E04 and the GAC algorithm you implemented in Task 3 on the 5 test cases, and fill in the following table. In the table, “Total Time” means the total time the algorithm uses to solve the test case, “Number of Nodes Searched” means the total number of nodes traversed by the algorithm, and “Average Inference Time Per Node” means the average time for constraint propagation (inference) used in each node (note that this time is not equal to the total time divided by the number of nodes searched). Analyse the reasons behind the experimental results, and write them in your report. (20 points)

Test Case	Algorithm	Total Time	Number of Nodes Searched	Average Inference Time Per Node
1	FC	0.002363 s	65	33.708 us/node
	GAC	0.001120 s	24	4.792 us/node
2	FC	0.002703 s	92	47.054 us/node
	GAC	0.001354 s	31	3.710 us/node
3	FC	0.052703 s	1328	69.760 us/node
	GAC	0.010813 s	80	121.600 us/node
4	FC	0.091053 s	1386	165.013 us/node
	GAC	0.055620 s	200	339.235 us/node
5	FC	1702.582241 s	26742542	81.598 us/node
	GAC	139.164101 s	378766	407.133 us/node

可以看到, 不论在什么情况下, GAC 算法搜索的节点数总是要小于 FC 算法搜索的节点数, 在 puzzle 大小比较小且约束条件比较多时, GAC 算法与 FC 算法程序运行时间相差无几, 但是当问题规模比较大时, 性能差距就显现出来了 (样例 5 的运行时间与搜索节点数差距十分明显); 至于每个节点的平均推断时间, 可以看到, 在问题规模小的时候, GAC 的消耗时间是比 FC 小的, 甚至可以忽略不计, 但是当问题规模变大的时候, GAC 的消耗时间逐渐增大, 超过了 FC 的平均推断时间. 究其原因, 是因为 GAC 算法在实现弧一致性期间, 需要不断判断, 删除, 插入约束条件直到 GacQueue 为空, 在问题规模较大的时候, 这种不断地判断、插入与删除是比较消耗时间的, 而且 FC 算法判断的条件相对来说比较少, 这就导致了在节点平均推断时间方面 FC 算法比较稳定, 而 GAC 在问题规模变大的情况下推断时间也随之变大.



图 4: Futoshiki Test Case 1



图 5: Futoshiki Test Case 2



图 6: Futoshiki Test Case 3

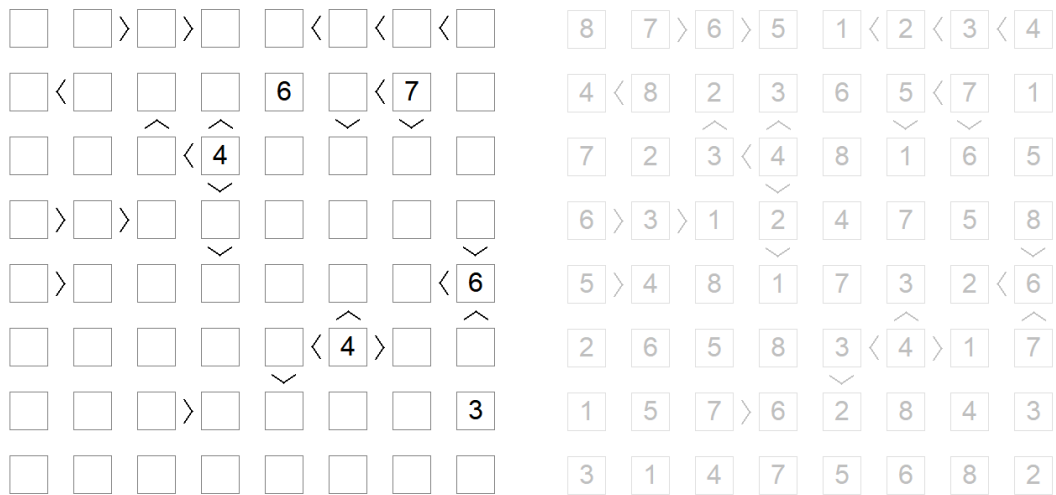


图 7: Futoshiki Test Case 4



图 8: Futoshiki Test Case 5

2 To be announced

2.1 GAC Source Code

```

1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <fstream>
3 #include <sstream>
4 #include <vector>
5 #include <string>
6 #include <set>
7 #include <algorithm>
8 #include <list>
9 #include <ctime>
10 #include <windows.h>
11 using namespace std;
12
13 #define POINT pair<int, int>
14 #define PUZZLE vector<vector<int> >
15 #define DOMAINS vector<vector<set<int> > >
16
17 long long node_find = 0;
18

```

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19 LARGE_INTEGER node_start_time, node_end_time, frequency;
20 long long count_time = 0;
21
22 struct Constraint {
23     //0为不等式约束，>0为行约束，<0为列约束；
24     //行列数从1开始计数，且列值取负，否则与不等式约束重复冲突。
25     int type;
26     // 不等式约束，relation.first < relation.second
27     pair<POINT, POINT> relation;
28     Constraint(int t = 0, pair<POINT, POINT> r = {{-1, -1},{-1, -1}})
29     : type(t), relation(r) {}
30     //重载约束比较，不加这个会报错
31     bool operator==(const Constraint& rhs) {
32         return (type == rhs.type && relation == rhs.relation);
33     }
34 };
35
36 class Solution{
37     private:
38         int size;        // puzzle尺寸，通过读取文件确定
39         PUZZLE puzzle;
40         vector<Constraint> conArray;
41     public:
42         Solution(const string filename){
43             size = 0;
44             ifstream fin(filename.c_str());
45             string firstLine, tmp;
46             int con_num = 0;
47             //确定puzzle尺寸
48             getline(fin, firstLine);
49             stringstream ss;ss<<firstLine;
50             while(ss>>tmp) size++;
51             //重置文件指针
52             fin.clear();fin.seekg(0);
53             puzzle.assign(size, vector<int>(size, 0));

```



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54
55     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) for (int j = 0; j < size; j++)
56         fin >> puzzle[i][j];
57
58     // 确定约束条件个数
59     while(getline(fin, firstLine)) con_num++;
60     fin.clear();fin.seekg(0);
61     for(int _=1; _<=size; _++) getline(fin, firstLine);
62
63     for (int i = 0; i < con_num; i++) {
64         int x1, y1, x2, y2;
65         fin >> x1 >> y1 >> x2 >> y2;
66         conArray.push_back(Constraint(0, {{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}}));
67     }
68     fin.close();
69 }
70 bool isSolved(){
71     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) for (int j = 0; j < size; j++)
72         if (puzzle[i][j] == 0) return false;
73
74     return true;
75 }
76 void printPuzzle(){
77     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
78         for (int j = 0; j < size; j++) printf("%d ", puzzle[i][j]);
79         puts("");
80     }
81     puts("=====");
82 }
83 void FilePrintPuzzle(const string filename){
84     ofstream fout (filename.c_str());
85     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
86         for (int j = 0; j < size; j++) fout<<puzzle[i][j]<<" ";
87         fout<<'\\n';
88     }

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89         fout<<"=====\n";
90         fout.close();
91     }
92
93     // 初始化每个棋盘格子域
94     DOMAINS makeDomains(list<Constraint>& gacQ){
95         // 初始化
96         DOMAINS domains(size, vector<set<int>>(size, set<int>()));
97         for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) for (int j = 0; j < size; j++){
98             if (puzzle[i][j] == 0) for (int k = 1; k <= size; k++)
99                 domains[i][j].insert(k);
100             else domains[i][j].insert(puzzle[i][j]);
101         }
102
103         // 将所有行列约束加入 gacQ
104         for (int rc = 1; rc <= size; rc++) {
105             gacQ.push_back(Constraint(rc));
106             gacQ.push_back(Constraint(-rc));
107         }
108         for (int i = 0; i < conArray.size(); i++)
109             gacQ.push_back(conArray[i]);
110
111         return GacEnforce(domains, gacQ); // 执行 Gac_enforce
112     }
113
114     // MinimumPos, 与FC的MinimumPos不一样
115     POINT MinimumPos(){
116         for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) for (int j = 0; j < size; j++)
117             if (puzzle[i][j] == 0) return {i, j};
118
119         return POINT();
120     }
121
122     // 在具体实现中, 队列使用C++ STL list
123     // 把与变量pos相关的约束不重复地加入队列

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124 void AddConstraint2Q(POINT pos, list<Constraint>& gacQ){
125     for (int i = 0; i < conArray.size(); i++) {
126         if (conArray[i].type != 0) continue;// 不等式约束
127
128         pair<POINT, POINT> relation = conArray[i].relation;
129         if (pos == relation.first || pos == relation.second) {
130             auto constr_position = find(gacQ.begin(),
131             gacQ.end(), conArray[i]);
132             if (constr_position == gacQ.end()) // 不重复加入，以下同理
133                 gacQ.push_back(conArray[i]);
134         }
135     }
136     // 行约束
137     Constraint row_constraint(Constraint(pos.first + 1));
138     auto row_position = find(gacQ.begin(), gacQ.end(), row_constraint);
139     if (row_position == gacQ.end()) gacQ.push_back(row_constraint);
140
141     // 列约束
142     Constraint col_constraint(Constraint(-pos.second - 1));
143     auto col_position = find(gacQ.begin(), gacQ.end(), col_constraint);
144     if (col_position == gacQ.end()) gacQ.push_back(col_constraint);
145 }
146
147
148 DOMAINS GacEnforce(DOMAINS domains, list<Constraint>& gacQ){
149     while (!gacQ.empty()) { // 类似于 bfs
150         Constraint constraint = gacQ.front(); gacQ.pop_front();
151         // 已优化不等式约束
152         if (constraint.type == 0) {
153             POINT sp = constraint.relation.first;
154             POINT lp = constraint.relation.second;
155             int low = *domains[sp.first][sp.second].begin();
156             for (int k = 1; k <= low; k++) {
157                 bool flag = domains[lp.first][lp.second].erase(k);
158                 if (flag) { // 确定是否删除了， 好进行下一步操作，以下同理

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159         if (domains[lp.first][lp.second].size() == 0)
160             return DOMAINS(); // DW0
161         AddConstraint2Q(lp, gacQ);
162     }
163 }
164 int high = *domains[lp.first][lp.second].rbegin();
165 for (int k = high; k <= size; k++) {
166     bool flag = domains[sp.first][sp.second].erase(k);
167     if (flag) {
168         if (domains[sp.first][sp.second].size() == 0)
169             return DOMAINS(); // DW0
170         AddConstraint2Q(sp, gacQ);
171     }
172 }
173 }
174 // 已优化行约束
175 else if (constraint.type > 0) {
176     int row = constraint.type - 1;
177     // 判断唯一取值是否符合要求, 以下同理
178     for(int j = 0; j < size; j++) if(domains[row][j].size()==1){
179         int value = *domains[row][j].begin();
180         for (int jj = 0; jj < size; jj++) if (jj != j) {
181             bool flag = domains[row][jj].erase(value);
182             if (flag) {
183                 if (domains[row][jj].size() == 0)
184                     return DOMAINS(); // DW0
185                 AddConstraint2Q({row, jj}, gacQ);
186             }
187         }
188     }
189 }
190 // 已优化列约束
191 else {
192     int col = -constraint.type - 1;
193     for(int i = 0; i < size; i++) if(domains[i][col].size()==1){

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194         int value = *domains[i][col].begin();
195         for (int ii = 0; ii < size; ii++) if (ii != i) {
196             bool flag = domains[ii][col].erase(value);
197             if (flag) {
198                 if (domains[ii][col].size() == 0)
199                     return DOMAINS(); // DWO
200                 AddConstraint2Q({ii, col}, gacQ);
201             }
202         }
203     }
204 }
205
206 return domains;
207 }
208
209 PUZZLE Gac(const DOMAINS& domains, list<Constraint>& gacQ){
210     if (domains.size() == 0) return PUZZLE(); //DWO
211     if (isSolved()) return puzzle;
212     POINT pos = MinimumPos();
213     set<int> field = domains[pos.first][pos.second];
214     for (auto pd = field.begin(); pd != field.end(); pd++) {
215         QueryPerformanceCounter(&node_start_time);
216
217         puzzle[pos.first][pos.second] = *pd;
218         // 在domains副本上修改, 否则原iteration失效
219         auto temp_domains = domains;
220         temp_domains[pos.first][pos.second].clear();
221         temp_domains[pos.first][pos.second].insert(*pd);
222         AddConstraint2Q(pos, gacQ);
223
224         temp_domains = GacEnforce(temp_domains, gacQ);
225
226         if (temp_domains.size() != 0) { // not DWO
227             node_find++;
228             PUZZLE res = Gac(temp_domains, gacQ); //gac递归
229             if (res.size() != 0) return res;
230         }
231     }
232 }

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229         }
230         QueryPerformanceCounter(&node_end_time);
231         count_time+=(node_end_time.QuadPart-node_start_time.QuadPart)
232                     *1000000 / frequency.QuadPart;
233     }
234     puzzle[pos.first][pos.second] = 0; // 重新置0
235     return PUZZLE(); // DWO
236 }
237 };
238
239 int main() {
240     QueryPerformanceFrequency(&frequency);
241     for(int t = 1; t <= 5; t++){
242         node_find = 0;
243         LARGE_INTEGER start_time, end_time;
244
245         string testcase = "TestCase/data"+to_string(t)+".txt";
246         Solution game(testcase);
247         list<Constraint> gacQ;
248         game.printPuzzle();
249         // 初始化各变量域并执行 GacEnforce
250         auto domains = game.makeDomains(gacQ);
251
252         QueryPerformanceCounter(&start_time);
253         PUZZLE result = game.Gac(domains, gacQ);
254         QueryPerformanceCounter(&end_time);
255
256         long long dur_time = (end_time.QuadPart-start_time.QuadPart)*1000000
257                             / frequency.QuadPart;
258
259         game.printPuzzle();
260         string filename = "TestCase/res_gac"+to_string(t)+".txt";
261         game.FilePrintPuzzle(filename);
262         ofstream fout (filename.c_str());
263         fout<<"Number of Nodes Searched is "<<node_find<<"\n";

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```
264     fout<<"Total Time is "<<dur_time<<" us\n\n";
265     fout<<"Average Inference Time Per Node is ";
266     fout<<1.0*count_time/node_find<<" us/node\n\n";
267     fout.close();
268     printf("Number of Nodes Searched is %lld\n", node_find);
269     printf("Total Time is %lld us\n", dur_time);
270     printf("Average Inference Time Per Node is %lf us/node\n\n"
271           , 1.0*count_time/node_find);
272 }
273 puts("end");
274 return 0;
275 }
```