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Practical Sheet 1.

Solutions due Tuesday, May 22, 23:59, in the Moodle system.

Exercise 1. (20 Points)

In this sheet, your task is to model a Sudoku puzzle (as shown below) as a CSP problem, and to solve it using a CSP solver. To do so, you must use the Z3 theorem prover. To run Z3, you have to create a text file in Z3's input language, which you can then pass as command line argument to the Z3 executable. The Z3 executable is available in the VM through typing z3 in a terminal. Printing additional information about the solving process can be done through the -st option, e.g., z3 -st path/to/csp.z3. The result of Z3 (sat or unsat) will be printed to the console.

An overview of the, for this sheet, relevant Z3 language fragments is shown in Table 1. As the input language of this solver allows to represent strictly more general problems than CSPs, you must not use any statement that is not shown in this table. An example file (the Coloring Australia example from the lecture) is available in Moodle.

Encode the following generalized Sudoku puzzle as CSP using the Z3 language fragment depicted in Table 1. The goal of this puzzle is to fill the empty cells in the board with numbers from 1 to 9 complying with the constraints listed below. We use $\langle i,j \rangle$ to denote the value of the cell with x=i and y=j.

- 1. Typical Sudoku constraints:
 - (a) Numbers cannot be repeated in any row, column, or 3x3 square
 - (b) Cells whose values are already specified must be assigned to the respective values.
- 2. Top middle 3x3 square: The numbers must comply with the arithmetic expressions drawn in the figure:

(a)
$$(3,0) + (3,1) + (3,2) = 15$$

https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3

²An introduction can be found in http://rise4fun.com/z3/tutorial/guide.

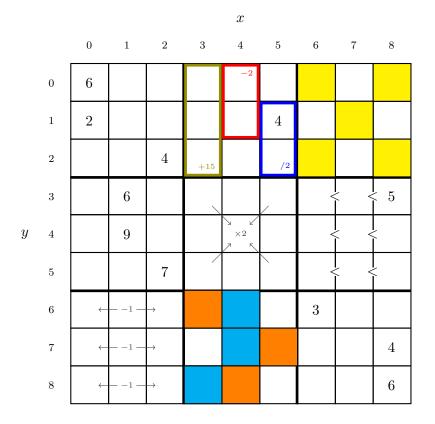


Figure 1: Illustration of the generalized Sudoku puzzle.

- (b) $\langle 4, 1 \rangle \langle 4, 0 \rangle = 2$
- (c) $\frac{\langle 5,1 \rangle}{\langle 5,2 \rangle} = 2$
- 3. Top right 3x3 square: at most one of the yellow cells may contain a value larger than 4.
- 4. Center square: The sum of the corners of the center square must be equal to twice the center cell of the center square. In other words: $\langle 3, 3 \rangle + \langle 5, 3 \rangle + \langle 3, 5 \rangle + \langle 5, 5 \rangle = 2 \times \langle 4, 4 \rangle$
- 5. Middle right square: Numbers must comply with the inequalities. In particular:
 - (a) $\langle 6, 3 \rangle < \langle 7, 3 \rangle < \langle 8, 3 \rangle$
 - (b) $\langle 6, 4 \rangle < \langle 7, 4 \rangle < \langle 8, 4 \rangle$
 - (c) $\langle 6, 5 \rangle < \langle 7, 5 \rangle < \langle 8, 5 \rangle$
- 6. Bottom left square: For every cell in this square with x=1, one of the horizontally adjacent cells must equal the value minus 1. For example, for the cell $\langle 1,6\rangle$, if $\langle 1,6\rangle=4$, then either $\langle 0,6\rangle=3$ or $\langle 2,6\rangle=3$.

7. Bottom middle square: The values of the orange cells must be either all odd or all even. Similarly for the blue cells. Moreover, if the orange cells contain odd numbers, then the blue cells must contain even numbers. If the orange cells contain even numbers, then the blue cells must contain odd numbers.

Your task is to:

- (a) Implement the constraints into the template file sudoku.z3 that we provide. There, we already included the basic definition of the Sudoku board, and print the values of all cells before Z3 terminates. You can refer to the value of the cell $\langle i, j \rangle$ through (Board xi yj) (as examplified in the get-value statements).
- (b) Run Z3 on your file. Save the output in a file called "sudoku.log". Note: If the output of the solutions takes extremely long, or there is no solution, it is very likely that you have a bug in your model.

IMPORTANT Please add comments to your model, i.e., for each of the constraint types (1-7), you should have a different section in your model. Briefly explain in the comments how you encoded each of the constraints. We will subtract points if you do not put any comments into your model, or your model is difficult to understand with the given comments.

Submission instructions Put your sudoku.z3 and sudoku.log files into an archive called "name1-name2-name3.zip", where "name1", "name2", "name3" are the family names of all authors. Additionally, add a file called "authors.txt" to the archive that contains one line per author, detailing the full name and matriculation number. To upload the archive to the Moodle system, go to the corresponding assignment, click "Add submission", and upload it. Note that only one author per group needs to do the submission.

Statement	Description
General	
(check-sat)	Checks whether the CSP defined up to this point is
	satisfiable.
(declare-const var Int)	Declares a new variable with name var.
(assert E)	Adds boolean expression E as constraint.
(get-value (E))	Prints the value of E, where E can be an arbitrary ex-
	pression such as constant, variable, function, or math-
	ematical or boolean combination thereof (must occur
	after (check-sat)).
(get-model)	Prints all variable assignments (must occur after
	(check-sat)).
(echo "message")	Prints message to the console.
; This is a comment	Commenting.
Mathematical Expressions	
c	Constants $c \in \mathbb{Z}$.
var	Evaluates to the value of variable var.
(fn 1 2)	Evaluates to the value $fn(1,2)$ of the function with
	name fn.
$(\circ E_1 \ldots E_n)$	Evaluates to $E_1 \circ E_2 \circ \cdots \circ E_n$, where \circ can be any of
	+, -, and *.
Boolean Expressions	
true	Constant for true.
false	Constant for false.
(not E)	Negation of the boolean expression E .
(and E_1 E_n)	Conjunction over the boolean expressions E_1 to E_n .
(or E_1 E_n)	Disjunction over the boolean expressions E_1 to E_n .
$(\circ E_1 \ldots E_n)$	Is true iff for the evaluation of the expressions E_1 to
	E_n , it holds that $E_1 \circ E_2$ and $E_2 \circ E_3$,, and $E_{n-1} \circ E_n$,
	where \circ can be any of $<$, $<=$, $>=$, and $=$.
(distinct $E_1 \ldots E_n$)	Is true iff every expression E_1 to E_n evaluates to a
	different value.

Table 1: ${\sf Z3}$ input language fragment you may use for the CSP modeling exercises.