

Exercise 12, Discrete Mathematics for Bioinformatics

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12.1 Inverse Queens Problem

a) Variables

$$x_i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Constraints

$$x_i = x_j \vee |x_i - x_j| = |i - j| \quad \forall i \neq j$$

b) Solve for $n = 4$ and $D_1 = \{2\}$.

Forward checking: $D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

- $x_1 = 2 \Rightarrow D_2 = \{1, 2, 3\}, D_3 = \{2, 4\}, D_4 = \{2\}$
 - $x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow D_3 = \{2\}, D_4 = \{\}$... dead end.
 - $x_2 = 2 \Rightarrow D_3 = \{2\}, D_4 = \{2\}$
 - Solution found

Patial lookahead: $D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

- $x_1 = 2 \Rightarrow D_2 = \{2\}$ because values 1 or 3 are not arc consistent with x_4 . $D_3 = \{2\}$ because value 4 is not arc consistent with x_4 . $D_4 = \{2\}$.
 - Solution found

12.2 Task Scheduling

a) We have variables $A, B, C, D \in \{1, \dots, 11\}$ and interpret them as the starting times of the tasks, each of them on a separate machine (tasks can run in parallel). The upper level of 11 derives from the sum of all durations. An example schedule could look like this:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	X	X	X								
B							X	X			
C					X	X	X	X			
D										X	X

Constraints would be

$$A + 3 \leq B, \quad A + 3 \leq C, \quad B + 2 \leq D, \quad C + 4 \leq D$$

- b) We add two additional variables S and E with duration 0, $D_S = \{1\}$ and $D_E = \{1, \dots, 11\}$ and derive the new constraints:

$$S \leq X \text{ for } X \in \{A, B, C, D\}, \quad A + 3 \leq E, \quad B + 2 \leq E, \quad C + 4 \leq E, \quad D + 2 \leq E$$

- c) Arc consistency: We won't perform the AC-3 algorithm due to its complexity. Instead, we use a rather intuitive iteration:

$$D_A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \text{ due to } A + 3 \leq B, \quad A + 3 \leq C$$

$$D_B = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \text{ due to } A + 3 \leq B, \quad B + 2 \leq D$$

$$D_C = \{4, 5, 6, 7\} \text{ due to } A + 3 \leq C, \quad C + 4 \leq D$$

$$D_D = \{8, 9, 10, 11\} \text{ due to } C + 4 \leq D$$

$$D_E = \{10, 11\} \text{ due to } D + 2 \leq E$$

$$D_A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ due to } A + 3 \leq C$$

- d) By fixing E to the minimal value 10, arc consistency can restrain the domains further:

$$D_D = \{8\} \text{ due to } D + 2 \leq E$$

$$D_C = \{4\} \text{ due to } C + 4 \leq D$$

$$D_B = \{4, 5, 6\} \text{ due to } B + 2 \leq D$$

$$D_A = \{1\} \text{ due to } A + 3 \leq B$$

12.3 Bin Packing

Integer Programming We model n^2 variables $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ which state whether item i is in bin j or not.

	bin 1	...	bin n
item 1	x_{11}		x_{1n}
\vdots		\ddots	
item n	x_{n1}		x_{nn}

Each variable (row) fits into exactly one bin:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Each bin has an upper limit of c :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \cdot g_i \leq c \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Additionally, the first m variables need to go into different bins:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \leq 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

The different task is modeling an objective function. We here present an approach that orders the bin in descending importance, such that bins on the right have a non-linearly larger impact

on the value of the objective function than the ones on the left. To that end we introduce variables for the sums of the columns:

$$C_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Now we can state the objective function

$$Z = n^1 \cdot C_1 + n^2 \cdot C_2 + \dots + n^n \cdot C_n$$

which must be **minimized**! Note that this is still linear in the variables x_{ij} , because n is a constant parameter.

Constraint Programming

12.4 IP

Each constraint of the form $|x_i - x_j| \geq 2$ can be rewritten as

$$x_i - x_j \geq 2 \vee x_j - x_i \geq 2$$

We can express the logical *or* by adding a new variable d_{ij} (decision variable):

$$\begin{aligned} & x_i - x_j \geq 2 \quad \vee \quad x_j - x_i \geq 2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & x_i - x_j \geq d_{ij}(-2 - m) + 2 \quad \wedge \quad x_j - x_i \geq (1 - d_{ij})(-2 - m) + 2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & x_i - x_j + (2 + m)d_{ij} \geq 2 \quad \wedge \quad x_j - x_i - (2 + m)d_{ij} \geq -m \end{aligned}$$

The decision variable decides which constraint must be satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } d_{ij} = 0 & \quad x_i - x_j \geq 2 \quad \wedge \quad x_j - x_i \geq -m \\ \text{if } d_{ij} = 1 & \quad x_i - x_j \geq -m \quad \wedge \quad x_j - x_i \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that these equivalencies only hold since $x_i - x_j \geq 2$ and $x_j - x_i \geq 2$ cannot be true at the same time.

In order to model these inequalities $\forall i \neq j$, we have to apply this technique to $n^2 - n$ constraints, thus introducing $(n^2 - n)$ new binary variables.