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# What is Symmetry Breaking?

## Motivations

- ▶ prune the search space
- ▶ eliminate redundant solutions
- ▶ retain one solution per symmetry class

## Concerns

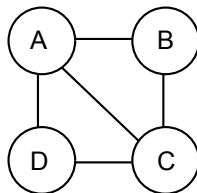
- ▶ checking satisfaction can be NP-hard
- ▶ enforcing domain-consistency (DC) can be NP-hard
- ▶ more than one solution may be retained

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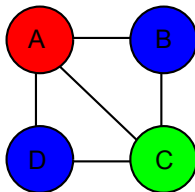
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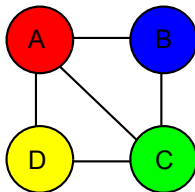
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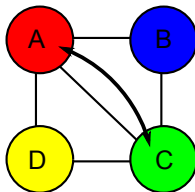
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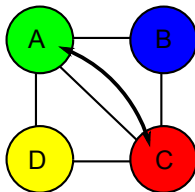
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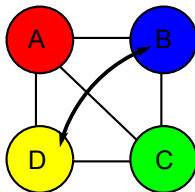
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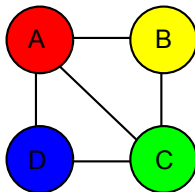
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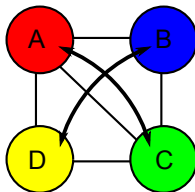
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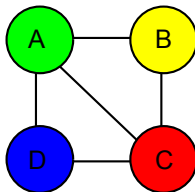
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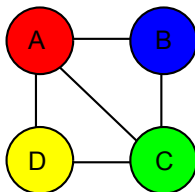


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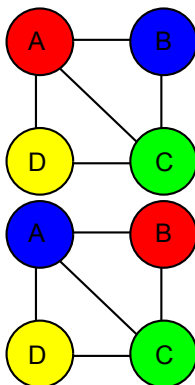


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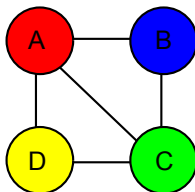


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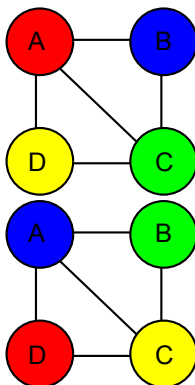


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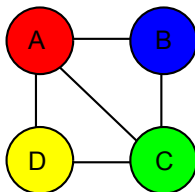


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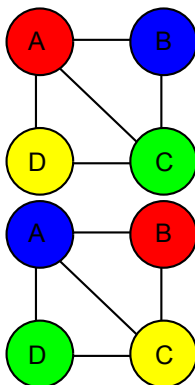


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# Variable and Value Symmetry: Definitions

Let  $(X, D, C)$  be a CSP such that each variable  $x \in X$  has the same domain  $D$ .

## Variable Symmetry

a bijection  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  of the variables that preserves solutions

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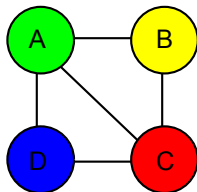
# The LEXLEADER constraint

A solution satisfies LEXLEADER if

- ▶ of all solutions obtained by symmetry
- ▶ it is the smallest lexicographically.

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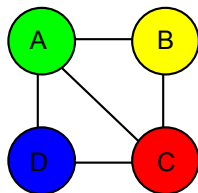


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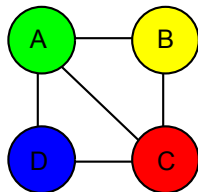


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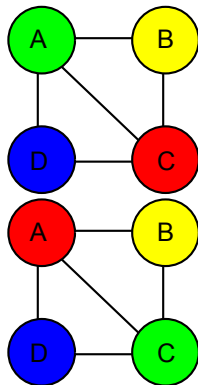


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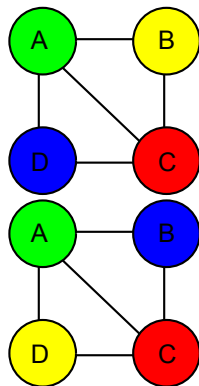


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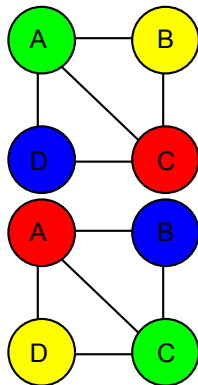


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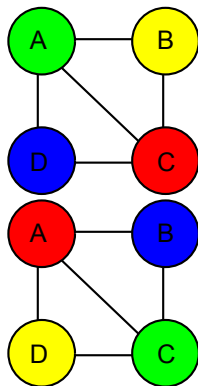


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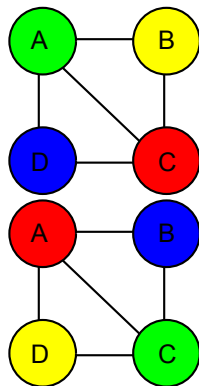


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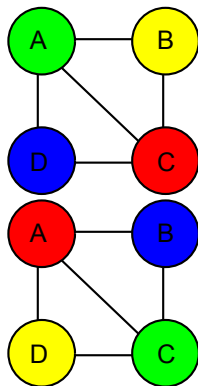


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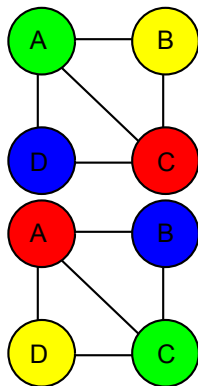


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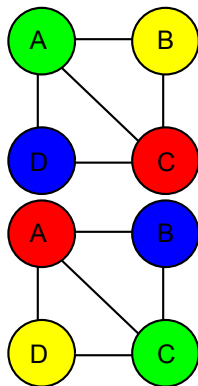


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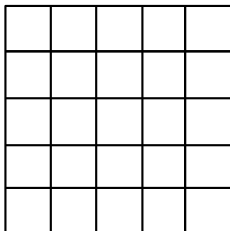


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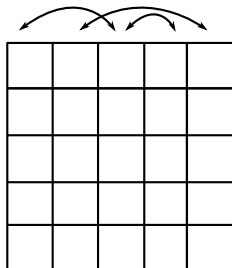


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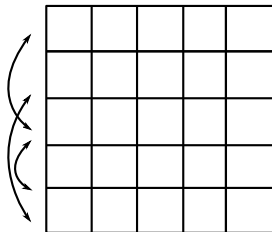


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(Equidistant Frequency Permutation Array)

- ▶ find  $v$  codewords
- ▶ each of length  $q\lambda$
- ▶ each containing  $\lambda$  copies of symbols  $0$  to  $q - 1$
- ▶ each pair is Hamming distance  $d$

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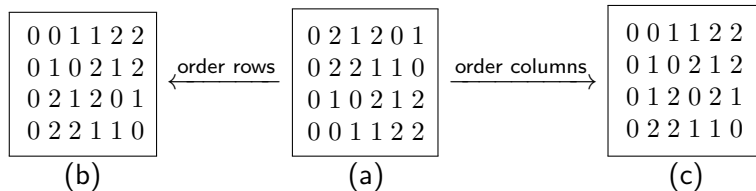


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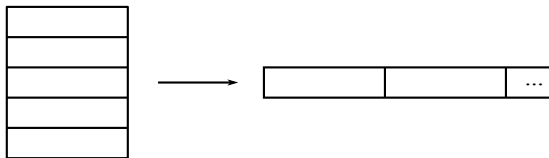
- ▶ the rows are lexicographically ordered, and
- ▶ the columns are lexicographically ordered.

# Breaking Symmetry with DOUBLELEX



- ▶ (b) and (c) satisfy DOUBLELEX
- ▶ DOUBLELEX does not break all symmetries.

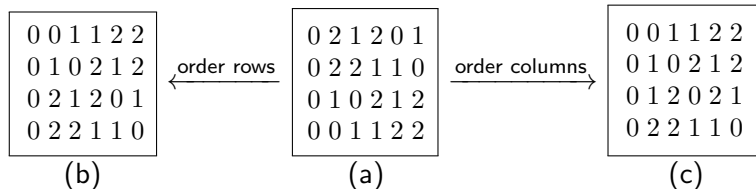
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A matrix satisfies ROWWISELEXLEADER if

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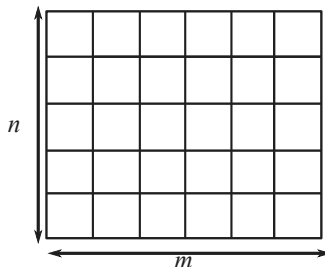


- ▶ Only (c) satisfies ROWWISELEXLEADER.
- ▶ ROWWISELEXLEADER breaks all row and column symmetries.
- ▶ Checking satisfaction of ROWWISELEXLEADER is NP-hard, but ...

# Complexity of ROWWISELEXLEADER

## Theorem

Checking satisfaction of ROWWISELEXLEADER is  $O(n!nm \log m)$  for an  $n \times m$  matrix.



## Proof.

- ▶ Given one of the  $n!$  row permutations
- ▶ Sort the columns lexicographically in  $O(nm \log m)$ .

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## Special case: ALL-DIFFERENT

In a ALL-DIFFERENT CSP,

ROWWISELEXLEADER is equivalent to ORDER1STROWCOL:

- ▶ the top-left entry is the smallest
- ▶ the first row and column are ordered

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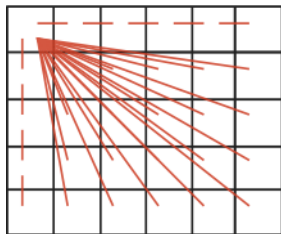
### Theorem

*DC can be enforced on ORDER1STROWCOL in polynomial time.*

### Proof.

Constraints:

- ▶  $X_{1,1} < X_{i,j} \quad 1 < i \leq m, \quad 1 < j \leq n$
- ▶  $X_{i,1} < X_{i+1,1} \quad 1 \leq i < m$
- ▶  $X_{1,j} < X_{1,j+1} \quad 1 \leq j < n$



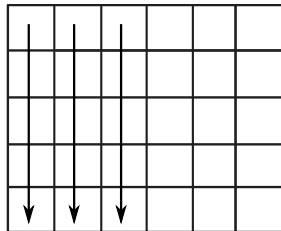
Each constraint only needs to be checked twice and bounds are enforced in constant time.



# The SNAKELEX constraint

## Column symmetry breaking

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- ▶ ...



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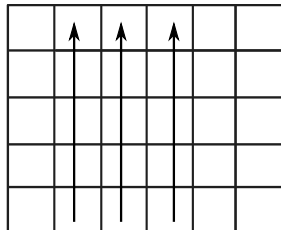
Adjacent rows satisfy the entwined lex ordering

- ▶  $(x_{i,1}, x_{i+1,2}, x_{i,3}, \dots) \leq_{\text{lex}} (x_{i+1,1}, x_{i,2}, x_{i+1,3}, \dots)$

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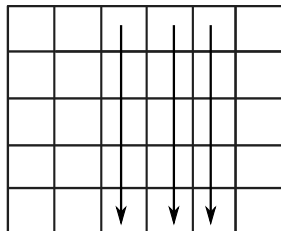
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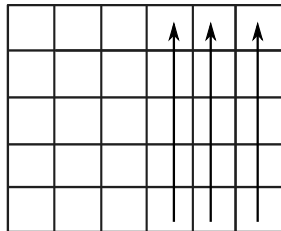
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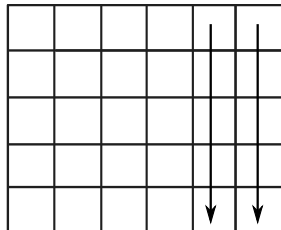
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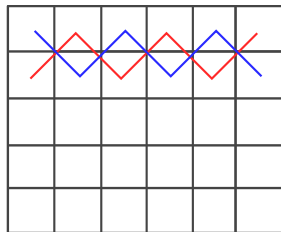
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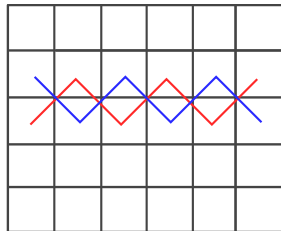
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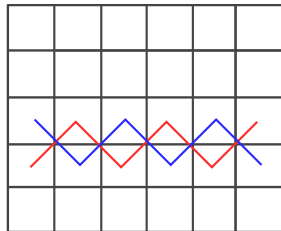
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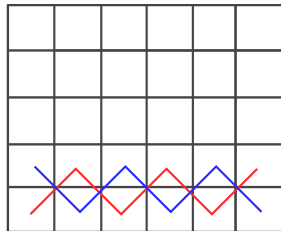
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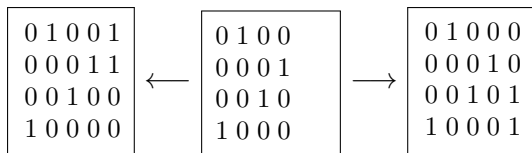


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In general, any column vector with exactly  $n$  1-entries can be appended to this matrix. The matrix will still satisfy SNAKELEX.





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# Summary

	ROWWISELEX	DOUBLELEX	SNAKELEX
Completeness	Yes	No	No
Check Satisfaction	$O(n!nm \log m)$	Polynomial	Polynomial
DC	?	NP-hard	?

Empirical evidence suggest SNAKELEX is superior to DOUBLELEX.

# What we missed

- ▶ Relationship to breaking value symmetry
- ▶ Dynamic symmetry breaking methods