

# Crate branch\_and\_bound







This library implements generic branch-and-bound and backtracking solver.

Branch-and-bound (and backtracking, which is its special case) is the method of solving an optimization problem by recursively breaking a problem down to subproblems and then solving them. Unlike brute-force, branch-and-bound will discard a subproblem if it discovers that the best potentially obtainable solution to this subproblem is not better than the current best solution (aka incumbent).

To use the library, one shell implement a type that represents a problem (subproblem) and implement the Subproblem trait for it.

One can then solve an instance of problem using one of the predefined methods (DFS, BFS, BeFS, etc) or use solve\_with\_container, through which custom strategies can be implemented.

## **Re-exports**

pub use bnb\_aware\_containers::BnbAwareContainer;

## **Modules**

bnb\_aware\_containers

### **Enums**

## SubproblemResolution

Represents the set of subproblems of an intermediate problem or the value of the objective function of a feasible solution (leaf node).

TraverseMethod

Order of traversing the subproblem tree with solve. See variants' docs for details.

# **Traits**

### Subproblem

A problem (subproblem) to be solved with branch-and-bound

# **Functions**

#### solve

Solve a problem with branch-and-bound / backtracking, using one of the default strategies.

#### solve\_with\_container

Solve a problem with branch-and-bound / backtracking using a custom subproblem container with a custom strategy.