

# Examples of search and optimization problems



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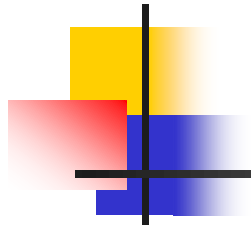


# Light bulbs control

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## Specifications:

- ❑  $n$  switches and  $m$  light bulbs
- ❑ all light bulbs are initially off
- ❑ each switch controls a subset of the light bulbs:
  - an element  $[i,j]$  of an  $n \times m$  integer matrix at 1 indicates that switch  $i$  controls light bulb  $j$ , if it doesn't control it.
- ❑ if a switch is pressed, all light bulbs it controls toggle (if on they become off, if off they become on).

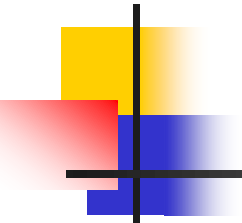


## Goal:

- ❑ find the minimum size set of switches to press to turn on all the light bulbs.

## Condition for turning on a light bulb:

- ❑ a light bulb is on if and only if the number of pressed switches among the ones that control it is odd.



Example:  $n=4$   $m=5$

switch 0 doesn't control light bulb 2


mat\_int




	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0


switch 2 controls light bulb 3

## Effect of **pressing** switches 0 and 2:

mat\_int 

 0

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0




sw0 controls bulb0


sw2 doesn't control bulb0

# of pressed switches  
that control bulb0



1

## Effect of **pressing** switches 0 and 2:

mat\_int 

 0

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0


sw0 controls bulb1


sw2 controls bulb1

# of pressed switches  
that control bulb1




**2**

## Effect of **pressing** switches 0 and 2:

mat\_int 

 0

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0


sw0 doesn't control bulb2


sw2 controls bulb2

# of pressed switches  
that control bulb2





1

## Effect of **pressing** switches 0 and 2:

mat\_int 

 0

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0

sw0 doesn't control bulb3


sw2 controls bulb3


# of pressed switches  
that control bulb3

1



## Effect of **pressing** switches 0 and 2:

mat\_int 

 0

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0



sw0 controls bulb4


sw2 doesn't control bulb4


# of pressed switches  
that control bulb4

1

**INVALID SOLUTION**

Effect of **pressing** switches 0, 1 and 3:

mat\_int 

 0 1 2 3 4

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	1	1	0
3	1	0	0	1	0

Control:

bulb0: 3 switches

bulb1: 1 switch

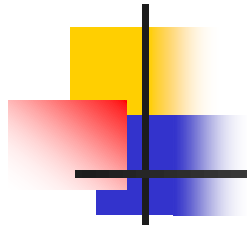
bulb2: 1 switch

bulb3: 1 switch

bulb4: 1 switch



**VALID SOLUTION**



## Algorithm:

- ❑ generate all subsets of switches (empty set not needed)
- ❑ for each subset apply a validity check function
- ❑ among valid solutions, select the first one that exhibits minimum set cardinality.



## Model:

- ❑ powerset generated with simple  $n$ -choose- $k$  combinations
- ❑  $k$  grows from 1 to  $n$  (empty set not required)
- ❑ the first solution found is the minimum size one.

## Data structures:

- ❑  $n \times m$  integer matrix `inter`
- ❑  $n$ -value integer arrays `sol` and `mark`
- ❑ array `val` not required (switches are numbered from 0 to  $n-1$ )



```
int main(void) {  
    int n, m, k, i, found=0;  
    FILE *in = fopen("switches.txt", "r");
```

increasing set size  
from 1 to n

```
    int **inter = readFile(in, &n, &m);  
    int *sol = calloc(n, sizeof(int));  
    int *mark = calloc(n, sizeof(int));
```

```
    printf("Powerset with simple combinations\n\n");  
    for (k=1; k <= n && found==0; i++) {  
        if(powerset(0, sol, n, k, 0, inter, m))  
            found = 1;
```

stop as soon as minimum  
size solution found

```
    }  
    free(sol);  
    free(mark);  
    for (i=0; i < n; i++)  
        free(inter[i]);  
    free(inter);  
    return 0;
```

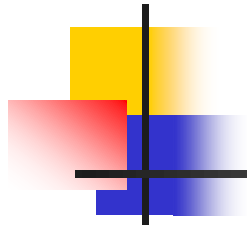
empty set not required

```
}
```

validity check

```
int powerset(int pos, int *sol, int n, int k, int start,
             int **mat_int, int m) {
    int i;
    if (pos >= k) {
        if (check(mat_int, n, m, k, sol)) {
            print(k, sol);
            return 1;
        }
        else
            return 0;
    }
    for (i = start; i < n; i++) {
        sol[pos] = i;
        if (powerset(pos+1, sol, n, k, i+1, mat_int, m))
            return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

stop as soon as valid  
solution found



## Verification:

- given a subset of  $k$  pressed switches
  - for each light bulb count how many switches control it
  - record if even or odd (compute remainder of integer division by 2)
- valid solution if for each light bulb the number of pressed switches that control it is odd.

$\forall$  switch in the subset

```
int check(int **mat_int, int n, int m, int k, int *sol) {  
    int i, j, ok = 1, *bulbs;  
    bulbs = calloc(m, sizeof(int));  
    for (i=0; i<k; i++) {  
        for(j=0; j<m; j++)  
            bulbs[j] += mat_int[sol[i]][j];  
        bulbs[j] = lampadine[j]%2;  
    }  
    for(i=0; i<m; i++)  
        ok &= bulbs[i];  
  
    free(bulbs);  
    return ok;  
}
```

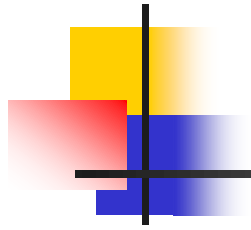
$\forall$  light bulb

count how many switches  
In the subset control it

even or odd?

OK if all odd





## Alternative verification:

- ❑ array of light bulbs (initially all turned off)
- ❑ for each light bulb
  - for each switch in the subset

		switch	
		no control	control
light bulb	off	off	on
	on	on	off
		state of light bulb	

		switch	
		0	1
lampadina	0	0	1
	1	1	0
		light bulb EXOR switch	



$\forall$  switch in the subset

```
int check(int **mat_int, int n, int m, int k, int *sol) {  
    int i, j, ok = 1, *bulbs;  
    bulbs = calloc(m, sizeof(int));  
    for (i=0; i<k; i++) {  
        for (j=0; j<m; j++)  
            bulbs[j] ^= mat_int[sol[i]][j];  
    }  
    for (i=0; i<m; i++)  
        ok &= bulbs[i];  
  
    free(bulbs);  
    return ok;  
}
```

$\forall$  light bulb

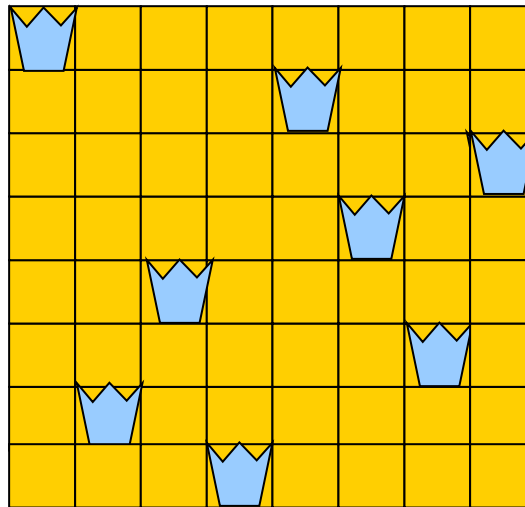
light bulb EXOR switch

OK if all ON

# The 8 queens (Max Bezzel 1848)

Given an 8 x 8 checkerboard, place 8 queens so that none is in check:

- 92 solutions
- 12 fundamental solutions (taking into account rotations and symmetries)
- Example:





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May be generalized to N queens, with  $N \geq 4$ :

- N=4: 2 solutions
- N=5: 10 solutions
- N=6: 4 solutions
- etc.

Search problem: find

- 1 solution
- all solutions

NB: queens are not distinguishable. Models that consider them distinct generate identical solutions taking into account permutations, symmetries and rotations.



## Model #0:

- Each cell may contain an indistinct queen or not (the number of queens ranges from 0 to 64)
- **Powerset with arrangements with repetition**
- pruning necessary
- filter out solutions constraining the number of queens to 8
- $D'_{n,k} = 2^{64} \approx 1.84 \cdot 10^{19}$  cases (without pruning)!
- global variable `board[N][N]`
- variable `q` that plays the role of variable `pos`.



```
void powerset (int r, int c, int q) {  
    if (c>=N) {  
        c=0; r++;  
    }  
    if (r>=N) {  
        if (q!=N)  
            return;  
        else if (check())  
            print();  
        return;  
    }  
    board[r][c] = q+1;  
    powerset (r,c+1,q+1);  
    board[r][c] = 0;  
    powerset (r,c+1,q);  
    return;  
}
```

board completed!

try to put the queen on r,c

recur

backtrack

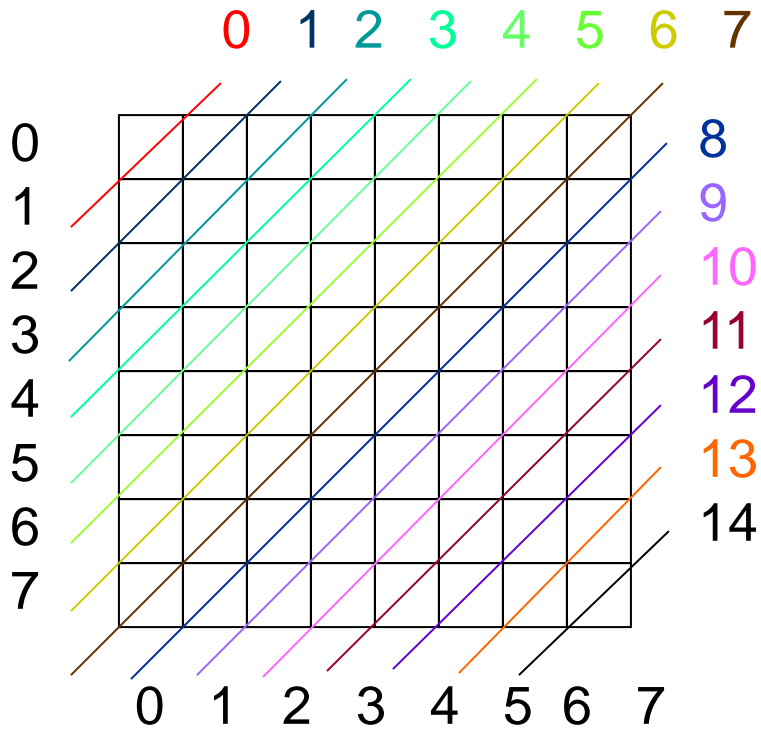
recur without the queen on r,c



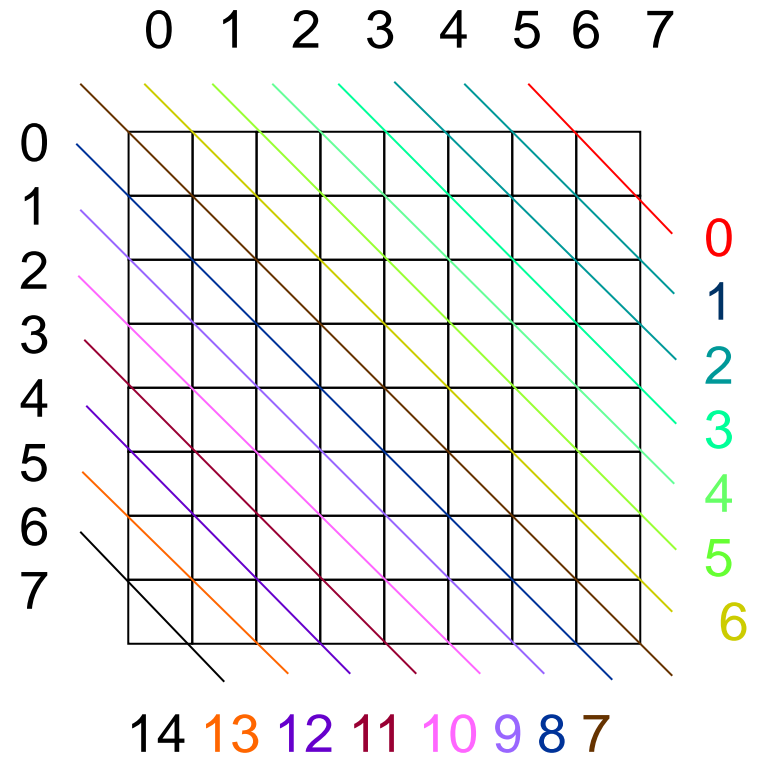
## Function check:

- rows , columns, diagonals and reverse diagonals: count for each the number of cells  $\neq 0$ . If such value is  $>1$ , the solution is unacceptable
- diagonals:
  - 15 diagonals identified by the sum of row and column indices
  - 15 reverse diagonals identified by the difference of row and column indices (+ 7 to avoid negative values)

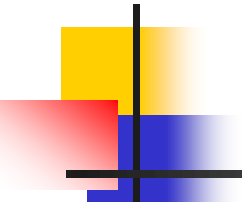
# diagonals



# reverse diagonals







```
int check (void) {  
    int r, c, n;  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
        for (c=0; c<N; c++) {  
            if (board[r][c]!=0) n++;  
        }  
        if (n>1) return 0;  
    }  
    for (c=0; c<N; c++) {  
        for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
            if (board[r][c]!=0) n++;  
        }  
        if (n>1) return 0;  
    }  
}
```

check rows

check columns

.....

check diagonals

```
for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
    n=0;  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
        c = d-r;  
        if ((c>=0)&& (c<N))  
            if (board[r][c]!=0) n++;  
    }  
    if (n>1) return 0;  
}  
for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
    n=0;  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
        c = r-d+N-1;  
        if ((c>=0)&& (c<N))  
            if (board[r][c]!=0) n++;  
    }  
    if (n>1) return 0;  
}  
return 1;  
}
```

check reverse diagonals



## Model #1:

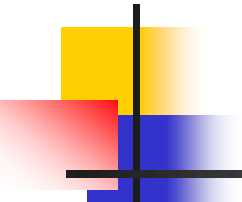
- Place 8 distinct queens ( $k = 8$ ) in 64 cells ( $n = 64$ )

- **simple arrangements**

order matters

$$D_{n,k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \approx 1,78 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cases!}$$

- global variable `board[N][N]` that plays the role of array `mark`
- variable `q` that plays the role of variable `pos`.



```
void simpl_arr(int q) {
    int r,c;
    if (q >= N) {
        if(check()) {
            num_sol++;
            print();
        }
        return;
    }
    for (r=0; r<N; r++)
        for (c=0; c<N; c++)
            if (board[r][c] == 0) {
                board[r][c] = q+1;
                simpl_arr(q+1);
                board[r][c] = 0;
            }
    return;
}
```

all queens placed

check if cell empty

put queen on r,c

recur

backtrack

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## Model 2:

- Place 8 undistinct queens ( $k = 8$ ) in 64 cells ( $n = 64$ )

- **simple combinations**

order doesn't matter

$$C_{n,k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \approx 4,42 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cases!}$$

- global variable  $s[N][N]$  for the board
- variable  $q$  that plays the role of variable  $pos$ .
- variables  $r0$  and  $c0$  to force an ordering.

all queens placed

```
void simpl_comb(int r0, int c0, int q) {  
    int r, c;  
    if (q >= N) {  
        if (check()) {  
            num_sol++; print();  
        }  
        return;  
    }  
    for (r=r0; r<N; r++)  
        for (c=0; c<N; c++)  
            if (((r>r0) || ((r==r0) && (c>=c0))) && s[r][c]==0) {  
                s[r][c] = q+1;  
                simpl_comb(r, c, q+1);  
                s[r][c] = 0;  
            }  
    return;  
}
```

iteration on choices

check feasibility of choice

choice

recur

backtrack



order matters

Model 3:

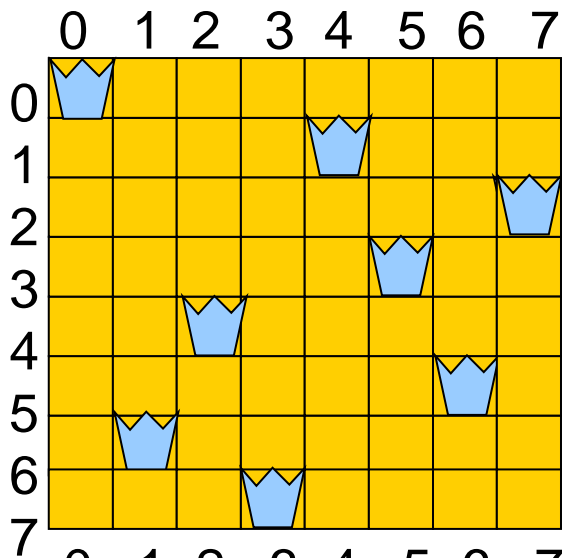
- one-dimensional data structure:
  - Each row contains 1 and only 1 distinct queen in one of the 8 columns ( $n = 8$ )

- there are 8 rows ( $k = 8$ )

- **arrangements with repetitions**

$$D'_{n,k} = n^k = 8^8 = 16.777.216 \text{ cases!}$$

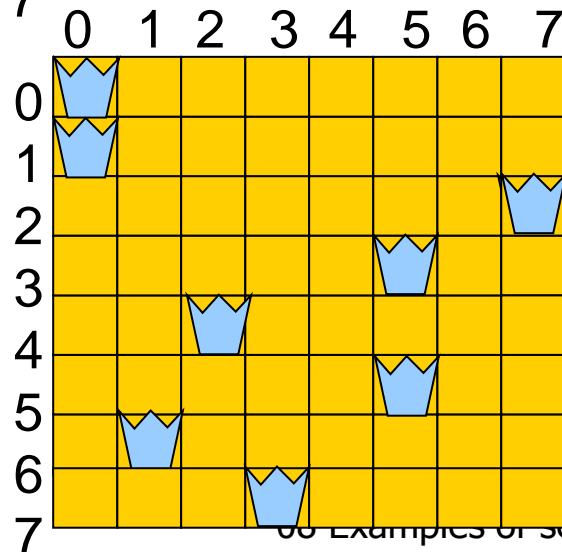
- no row check needed, enough check on columns, diagonals and reverse diagonals
- variable `row[N]`
- variable `q` that plays the role of variable `pos.`



sol

0	0
1	4
2	7
3	5
4	2
5	6
6	1
7	3

check()=1

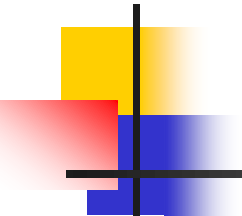


sol

0	0
1	0
2	7
3	5
4	2
5	5
6	1
7	3

check()=0





```
void rep_arr(int q) {  
    int i;  
    if (q >= N) {  
        if(check()) {  
            num_sol++;  
            print();  
        }  
        return;  
    }  
    for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
        riga[q] = i;  
        rep_arr(q+1);  
    }  
    return;  
}
```

board completed!

put queen on row

recur



occurrence array

```
int check(void) {  
    int r, n, d, occ[N];  
  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++) occ[r]=0;  
  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++)  
        occ[row[r]]++;  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++)  
        if (occ[r]>1)  
            return 0;  
  
    for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
        n=0;  
        for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
            if (d==r+row[r]) n++;  
        }  
        if (n>1) return 0;  
    }  
}
```

check columns

check diagonals



check reverse diagonals

```
for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
    n=0;  
    for (r=0; r<N; r++) {  
        if (d==(r-row[r]+N-1))  
            n++;  
    }  
    if (n>1) return 0;  
}  
return 1;  
}
```




order matters

Model 4:

- Each row and each column contain 1 and only 1 distinct queen in 1 of the 8 columns ( $n = 8$ )
- there are 8 rows ( $k = 8$ )
- **simple permutations**

$$P_n = D_{n,n} = n! = 40320 \text{ cases!}$$

- global variables `sol[N]` and `mark[N]`
- variable `q` that plays the role of variable `pos.`
- check diagonals and reverse diagonals only.



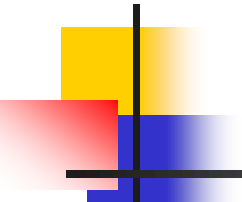
```
void simpl_perm(int q)
    int c;
    if (q >= N) {
        if (check()) {
            num_sol++; print();
            return;
        }
        return;
    }
    for (c=0; c<N; c++)
        if (mark[c] == 0) {
            mark[c] = 1; riga[q] = c;
            simpl_perm(q+1); mark[c] = 0;
        }
    return;
}
```

board completed!

put queen on row

recur

backtrack



```
int check (void) {  
    int r, n, d;  
    for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
        n=0;  
        for (r=0; r<N; r++)  
            if (d==r+sol[r])  
                n++;  
        if (n>1) return 0;  
    }  
    for (d=0; d<2*N-1; d++) {  
        n=0;  
        for (r=0; r<N; r++)  
            if (d==(r-sol[r]+N-1))  
                n++;  
        if (n>1) return 0;  
    }  
    return 1;  
}
```

check diagonals

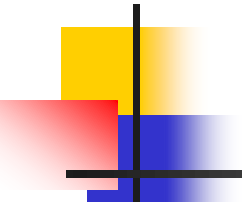
check reverse diagonals



## Model 4 (optimized version):

time for space trade-off

- use 2 arrays  $d[2*N-1]$  and  $ad[2*N-1]$  to mark diagonals and reverse diagonals in check by a queen
- pruning: check if choice feasible before recursive descent.



```

void simpl_perm(int q)
    int c;
    if (q >= N) {num_sol++; check(); return;}
    for (c=0; c<N; c++)
        if ((mark[c]==0)&&(d[q+c]==0)&&(ad[q-c+(N-1)]==0)){
            mark[c] = 1;
            d[q+c] = 1;
            ad[q-c+(N-1)] = 1;
            riga[q] = c;
            simpl_perm(q+1);
            mark[c] = 0;
            d[q+c] = 0;
            ad[q-c+(N-1)] = 0;
        }
    return;
}

```

board completed!

check

put queen on row

recur

backtrack





# Cryptoarithmetic

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Specifications:

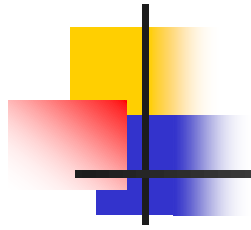
input: 3 strings, 1 operation (addition)

Example:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} & S & E & N & D & + & \\ & M & O & R & E & = & \\ \hline M & O & N & E & Y & & \end{array}$$

interpretation:

strings are “encrypted” integers, i.e., each letter represents 1 and only 1 decimal digit.



Output: decrypt strings, i.e., identify the matching letters – decimal digits that satisfies the addition.  
Disreagard solutions where the most significant letter (leftmost letter) corresponds to 0.



Solution:

O=0, M=1, Y=2, E=5, N=6, D=7, R=8 e S=9

S E N D +

M O R E =

---

M O N E Y

9 5 6 7 +

1 0 8 5 =

---

1 0 6 5 2

Strings have `dist_lett` ( $\leq 10$ ) letters, each being associated to 1 and only 1 decimal digit 0..9

Model: simple arrangements of  $n$ -choose- $k$  elements, where  $n = 10$  and  $k = \text{dist\_lett}$ .



# Data structures

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symbol table

- Integer global variable `dist_lett`
- Array `letters[10]` of struct of type `alpha` with a `car` (distinct character) and `val` (corresponding decimal digit)
- Array `mark[10]` to mark already considered digits.



# Algorithm

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- Read the 3 strings
- Fill in array `letters`
- Compute simple arrangements:
  - when in terminal case, replace letters with digits, convert to integer, check the validity of the solution and, if valid, print it.



# Functions

```
int find_index(alpha *letters, char c)
```

give character c, find and return its index in the array letters, if not present return -1

```
alpha * init_alpha()
```

allocate letters[10] and initialize it (value = -1, character = \0)

```
void setup(alpha *lettere, char *str1, char *str2, char *str3)
```

given the 3 strings, put the distinct characters in letters and count them (dist\_lett)



---

```
void print(alpha *letters)
```

Print the matching letters-digits stored in fields `car` and `val` of `lettere`

```
int w2n(alpha *lettere, char *str)
```

in string `str` replace letters with digits, based on the correspondence stored in `letters`, convert to integer, returning -1 when the string's leftmost digit is 0.



---

```
int c_sol(alpha *lettere, char *str1, char  
*str2, char *str3)
```

check that the 3 strings converted to integers  
satisfy the sum

```
int arr(alpha *lettere, int *mark, int pos,  
char *str1, char *str2, char *str3)
```

compute simple arrangements of  $n=10$  decimal  
digits  $k$  by  $k$ , where  $k=\text{dist\_lett}$





# SEND MORE MONEY

letters

car	\0	\0	\0	\0	\0	\0	\0	\0	\0
val	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

after init\_alpha

lettere

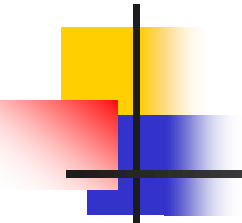
car	S	E	N	D	M	O	R	Y	\0
val	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

after setup  
dist\_lett = 8

lettere

car	S	E	N	D	M	O	R	Y	\0
val	9	5	6	7	1	0	8	2	-1

after arr: example  
of possibile arrangement



```
#define LEN_MAX 8+1
#define n 10
#define base 10
int lett_dist = 0;
```



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global variable

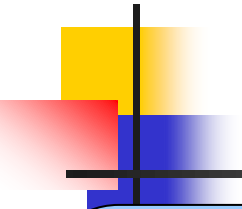
```
int main(void) {
    char str1[LEN_MAX], str2[LEN_MAX], str3[LEN_MAX+1];
    int mark[base] = {0};
    int i;

    // Read 3 strings

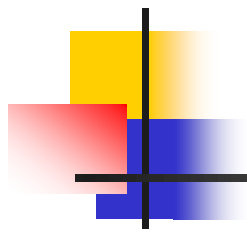
    alpha *letters = init_alpha();
    setup(letters, str1, str2, str3);

    arr(letters, mark, 0, str1, str2, str3);

    free(letters);
    return 0;
}
```

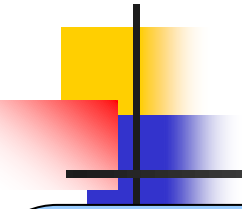


```
typedef struct {
    char car; int val;
} alpha;
int find_index(alpha *letters, char c) {
    int i;
    for(i=0; i < lett_dist; i++)
        if (letters[i].car == c) return i;
    return -1;
}
alpha * init_alpha() {
    int i; alpha *letters;
    letters = malloc(n * sizeof(alpha));
    if (letters == NULL) exit(-1);
    for(i=0; i < n; i++) {
        letters[i].val = -1; letters[i].car = '\\0';
    }
    return letters;
}
```

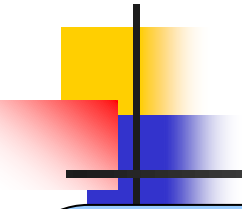


```
void setup(alpha *letters, char *st1, char *st2, char *st3) {
    int i, l1=strlen(st1), l2= strlen(st2), l3=strlen(st3);

    for(i=0; i<l1; i++) {
        if (find_index(letters, st1[i]) == -1)
            letters[lett_dist++].car = st1[i];
    }
    for(i=0; i<l2; i++) {
        if (find_index(lettere, st2[i]) == -1)
            letters[lett_dist++].car = st2[i];
    }
    for(i=0; i<l3; i++) {
        if (find_index(letters, st3[i]) == -1)
            lettere[lett_dist++].car = st3[i];
    }
}
```



```
int w2n(alpha *letters, char *st) {  
    int i, v = 0;  
    if (letters[find_index(letters, st[0])].val == 0)  
        return -1;  
    for(i=0; i < strlen(st); i++)  
        v = v*10 + letters[find_index(letters, st[i])].val;  
    return v;  
}  
int c_sol(alpha *letters, char *st1, char *st2, char *st3) {  
    int n1, n2, n3;  
    n1 = w2n(letters, st1);  
    n2 = w2n(letters, st2);  
    n3 = w2n(letters, st3);  
    if (n1 == -1 || n2 == -1 || n3 == -1)  
        return 0;  
    return ((n1 + n2) == n3);  
}
```



```

int arr(alpha *letters, int *mark, int pos, char *st1,
        char *st2, char *st3) {
    int i = 0;
    if (pos == dist_lett) {
        int solved = check_sol(letters, st1, st2, st3);
        if (solved) print(letters);
        return solved;
    }
    for(i=0; i < base; i++) {
        if (mark[i]==0) {
            letters[pos].val = i; mark[i] = 1;
            if (arr(letters, mark, pos+1, st1, st2, st3))
                return 1;
            letters[pos].val = -1; mark[i] = 0;
        }
    }
    return 0;
}

```

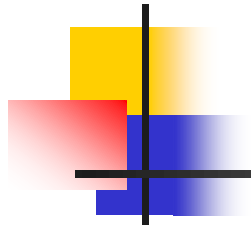
# Sudoku

Input:

- 9×9 cell grid
- cell either empty or contains a digit from 1 to 9
- 9 horizontal rows, 9 vertical columns
- thicker lines identify 9 regions, each with 3×3 contiguous cells
- initially between 20 to 35 non empty cells

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

08 Examples of search and optimization  
problems



Goal: fill all empty cells with digits in the range from 1 to 9, so that in each row, column and region appear the digits from 1 to 9 without repetitions.

Possible solution:

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9





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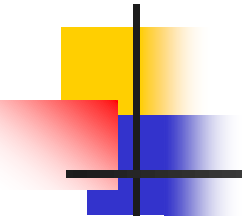
Model:

- arrangements with repetitions
- $n$  = number of empty cells,  $k = 9$
- space size:  $n^9$

Search for all the solutions.

Two kinds of recursion:

- cell already filled: no choice
- empty cell: there is a choice. Upon return, cancel previous choice (otherwise one would revert to the previous case)
- pruning: check before recurring.



```
#define MAXBUFFER 128
int num_sol=0;
```

global variable



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```
int main() {
    int **grid, dim, i, j, result;
    char filename[20];

    printf("Input file name: ");
    scanf("%s", filename);
    grid = readFile(filename, &dim);

    rep_arr(grid, dim, 0);

    printf("\n Number of solutions = %d\n", num_sol);

    for (i=0; i<dim; i++)
        free(grid[i]);
    free(grid);
    return result;
}
```

termination

```
void rep_arr(int **grid, int size, int pos) {  
    int i, j, k;  
    if (pos >= size*size) {  
        num_sol++; print(grid, size); return;  
    }  
    i = pos / size; j = pos % size;  
    if (grid[i][j] != 0) {  
        rep_arr(grid, size, pos+1);  
        return;  
    }  
    for (k=1; k<=size; k++) {  
        grid[i][j] = k;  
        if (check(grid, size, pos))  
            rep_arr(grid, size, pos+1);  
        grid[i][j] = 0;  
    }  
    return;  
}
```

indices for current cell

already filled cell

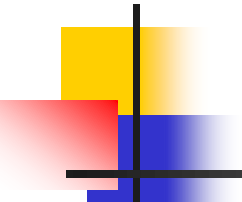
recur on next cell

choice

check

recur on next cell

unmark cell



```

int check(int **grid, int size, int step) {
    int r, c, rb, cb, i, j, indices for current cell), occ[dim];
    r = step/ size;
    c = step% size;
    for(r=0; r<size; r++) {
        for(c=0; c<size; c++) {
            occ[c] = 0;
            for(c=0; c<size; c++) {
                occ[grid[r][c]-1]++;
                for(c=0; c<size; c++) {
                    if(occ[c] > 1)
                        return 0;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```


row loop

clear occurrences

compute occurrences

check if more than 1 occurrence

// check column (similar to row control)



```

for(r=0; r<size; r=r+n) {
    rb = (r/n) * n;
    for(c=0; c<size; c=c+n) {
        cb = (c/n) * n;
        for(r=0; r<size; r++)
            occ[r] = 0;
        for(i=rb; i<rb+n; i++)
            for(j=cb; j<cb+n; j++)
                occ[grid[i][j]-1]++;
        for(r=0; r<size; r++)
            if(occ[r] > 1)
                return 0;
    }
}
return 1;
}

```

index of initial row in block

index of initial control in block

clear occurrences

compute occurrences in block

check if more than 1 occurrence

termination

```
int disp_ripet(int *schema, int dim, int passo) {  
    int i, j, k;  
    if (passo >= dim*dim) {stampa(schema,dim); return 1;}  
    i = passo / dim;  
    j = passo % dim;  
    if (schema[i][j] != 0)   
        return (disp_ripet(schema, dim, passo+1));  
  
    for (k=1; k<=dim; k++)   
        schema[i][j] = k;  
    if (controlla(schema, dim, passo))  
        if (disp_ripet(schema, dim, passo+1))  
            return 1;  
    schema[i][j] = 0;  
}  
return 0;  
}
```

already filled cell

recur on next cell

choice

controll

recur on next cell

unmark cell

success

failure

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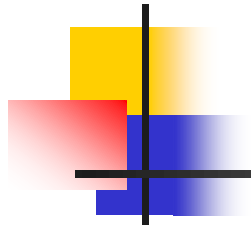
# Knight's Tour

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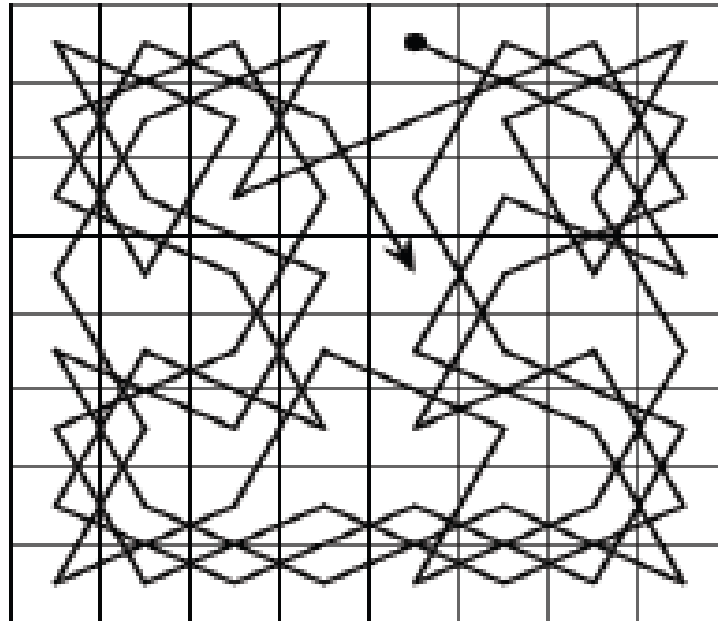
Given an  $n \times n$  board, find a "*knight's tour*", that is a sequence of valid moves such that each cell is visited at most once (visited = cell on which the knight stops, not just traversed cell).

Model: principle of multiplucation with dynamic set of choices.

Hamiltonian path: simple path on an undirected graph that contains all the vertices.



Solution:







At each step there are at most 4 choices:

- # Model: principle of multiplication

