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## Combinatorial Problem Solving (CPS)

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1. (0.9 pts.) Let us define a binary CSP  $C$  with:

- variable  $x_0$  with domain  $\{0, 1, 3\}$
- variable  $x_2$  with domain  $\{0, 1, 2\}$
- variable  $x_4$  with domain  $\{0, 2, 3\}$
- constraint  $x_0 \leq x_2$
- constraint  $x_4 \neq x_0$
- constraint  $x_4 = x_2$

Write the domains of the variables after enforcing **arc-consistency** on  $C$ :

- (a) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_0$  has domain
- (b) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_2$  has domain
- (c) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_4$  has domain

Use the algorithm for enforcing arc-consistency that you prefer.

2. (0.9 pts.) Let us consider the same binary CSP  $C$  as in exercise 1.

Write the domains of the variables after enforcing **directional arc-consistency** on  $C$  with the ordering  $x_0 \prec x_2 \prec x_4$ :

- (a) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_0$  has domain
- (b) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_2$  has domain
- (c) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_4$  has domain

Use the algorithm for enforcing directional arc-consistency that you prefer.

3. (0.9 pts.) Let us consider the same binary CSP  $C$  as in exercise 1.

Write the domains of the variables after enforcing **bounded arc-consistency** on  $C$ :

- (a) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_0$  has domain
- (b) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_2$  has domain

(c) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_4$  has domain

Use the algorithm for enforcing bounded arc-consistency that you prefer.

4. (0.9 pts.) Let us consider the same binary CSP  $C$  as in exercise 1.

Write the domains of the variables after enforcing **singleton arc-consistency** on  $C$ :

(a) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_0$  has domain

(b) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_2$  has domain

(c) (0.3 pts.) variable  $x_4$  has domain

Use the algorithm for enforcing singleton arc-consistency that you prefer.

5. (2.1 pts.) Let us consider the following linear program:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \min & x_0 & & + & 2x_2 & - & x_3 \\ \text{such that} & & & & & & \\ & - & 2x_0 & - & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & & & x_1 & - & 2x_2 & & & = & -2 \\ & x_0 & \geq & 0, & x_0 & \in & \mathbb{R} \\ & x_1 & \geq & 0, & x_1 & \in & \mathbb{R} \\ & x_2 & \geq & 0, & x_2 & \in & \mathbb{R} \\ & x_3 & \geq & 0, & x_3 & \in & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

Variables  $(x_2, x_1)$  form a feasible basis for the simplex algorithm (you do not need to prove that).

(a) The basic solution assigns

• (0.3 pts.) basic variable  $x_2$  to value

• (0.3 pts.) basic variable  $x_1$  to value

(b) (0.3 pts.) The value of the objective function at the basic solution is

(c) The reduced cost of

• (0.3 pts.) non-basic variable  $x_0$  is

• (0.3 pts.) non-basic variable  $x_3$  is

(d) (0.3 pts.) Is non-basic variable  $x_0$  satisfying the optimality conditions? (answer **yes/no**)  
If it does not, give the best value it can be assigned to according to the ratio test  
(answer  $+\infty$  if no such value exists).

(e) (0.3 pts.) Is non-basic variable  $x_3$  satisfying the optimality conditions? (answer **yes/no**)  
If it does not, give the best value it can be assigned to according to the ratio test  
(answer  $+\infty$  if no such value exists).

6. (1.8 pts.) Let us consider the following linear program:

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 \min & & x_1 & - 2x_3 \\
 \text{such that} & & & \\
 & - & x_1 & + 2x_2 + x_3 = -2 \\
 & x_0 & - 2x_1 & - 2x_2 - x_3 = 1 \\
 & - & x_0 & - 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\
 & 0 & \leq x_0 \leq 2, & x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \\
 & 1 & \leq x_1 \leq 2, & x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \\
 & -6 & \leq x_2 \leq -5, & x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\
 & 11 & \leq x_3 \leq 12, & x_3 \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{array}$$

Variables  $(x_3, x_2, x_0)$  form a basis for the **bounded** simplex algorithm. If

- non-basic variable  $x_1$  is assigned to value 1

the basic solution is feasible (you do not need to prove that).

(a) The basic solution assigns

- (0.3 pts.) basic variable  $x_3$  to value
- (0.3 pts.) basic variable  $x_2$  to value
- (0.3 pts.) basic variable  $x_0$  to value

(b) (0.3 pts.) The value of the objective function at the basic solution is

(c) The reduced cost of

- (0.3 pts.) non-basic variable  $x_1$  is

(d) (0.3 pts.) Is non-basic variable  $x_1$  satisfying the optimality conditions? (answer **yes/no**)  
If it does not, give the best value it can be assigned to according to the ratio test.

7. (2.5 pts.) Let  $C$  be a constraint defined over Boolean variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , and let  $S$  be a CNF defined over  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and possibly also over additional Boolean variables  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$ . We say that  $S$  is a *correct encoding* for  $C$  if:

- any assignment over  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that satisfies  $C$  can be extended to an assignment over  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$  that satisfies  $S$ ; and
- any assignment over  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$  that satisfies  $S$  also satisfies  $C$ .

In this exercise we will focus on a particular kind of constraint: given  $n$  Boolean variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (where  $n \geq 3$ ), we define  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  (At Most Two) as the constraint

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \leq 2$$

(a) (0.5 pts.) Let us consider the CNF consisting of all clauses

$$\overline{x_i} \vee \overline{x_j} \vee \overline{x_k}$$

where  $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$ . It can be shown (but you do not have to prove it) that this is a correct encoding for  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , which we will refer to as the *naive encoding*.

What is the total number of clauses in terms of  $n$ ?  $\Theta(\text{ } \boxed{\phantom{000}} \text{ } )$ .

(b) (1 pt.) Let us introduce the *small-step* encoding for  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . The CNF  $S$  is defined recursively as follows:

- If  $n = 3$  then  $S$  consists of the clauses of the naive encoding for  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .
- If  $n > 3$  then  $S$  consists of:
  - the clauses of  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$  using recursively the small-step encoding, and
  - a clause  $\overline{x_n} \vee C$  for each clause  $C$  in Heule's encoding for  $AMO(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$ .

What is the total number of additional variables in terms of  $n$ ?  $\Theta(\text{ } \boxed{\phantom{000}} \text{ } )$

What is the total number of clauses in terms of  $n$ ?  $\Theta(\text{ } \boxed{\phantom{000}} \text{ } )$ .

(c) (1 pt.) Prove that the small-step encoding for  $AMT(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is correct. You can use that Heule's encoding is correct without having to prove it.