Selecting a Set

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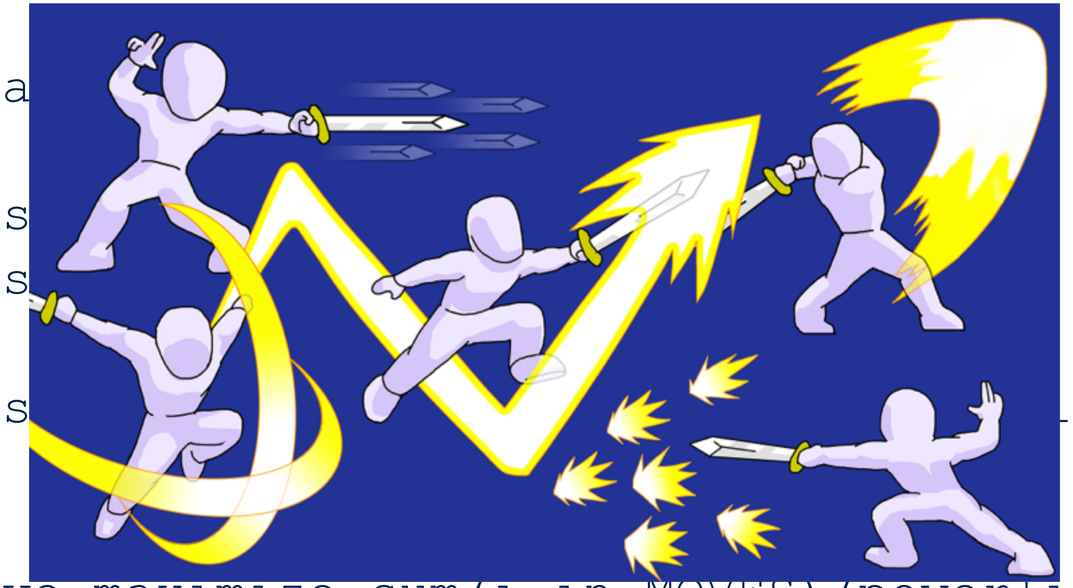

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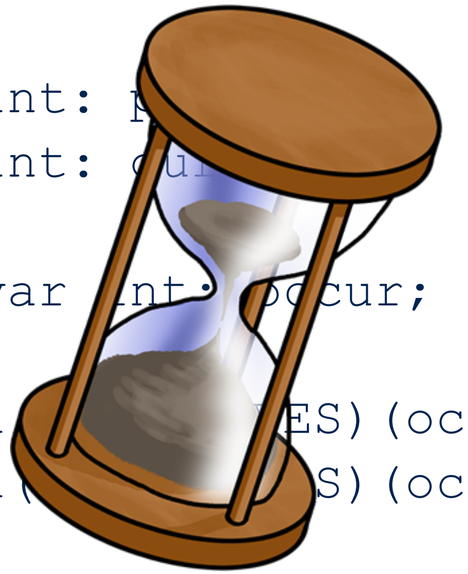

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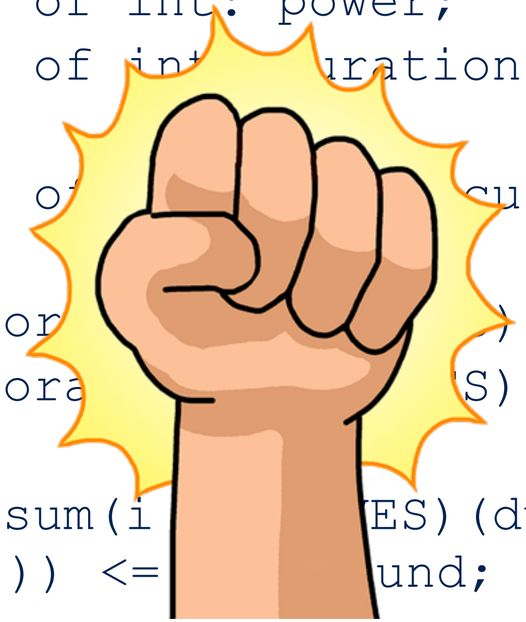

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constraint (sum(i in MOVES)(duration[i] *
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bool2int

- Casting a Boolean to an integer
  - bool2int(false) = 0
  - bool2int(true) = 1

- Many solvers will use the same internal representation for 0-1 integers and Booleans

- When you use a Boolean where MiniZinc expects an integer, MiniZinc will automatically “add” the bool2int function

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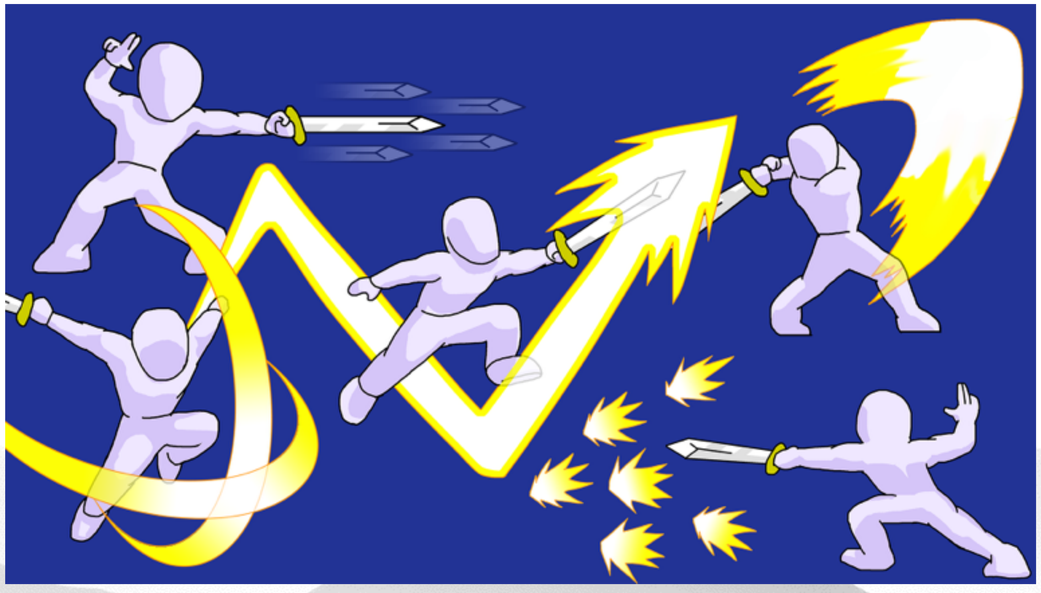

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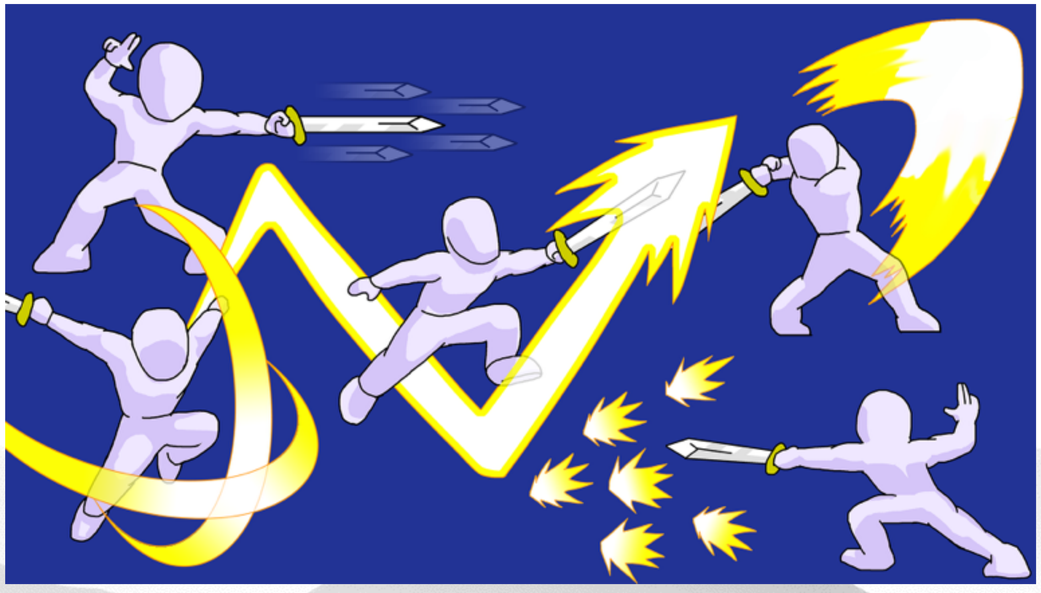

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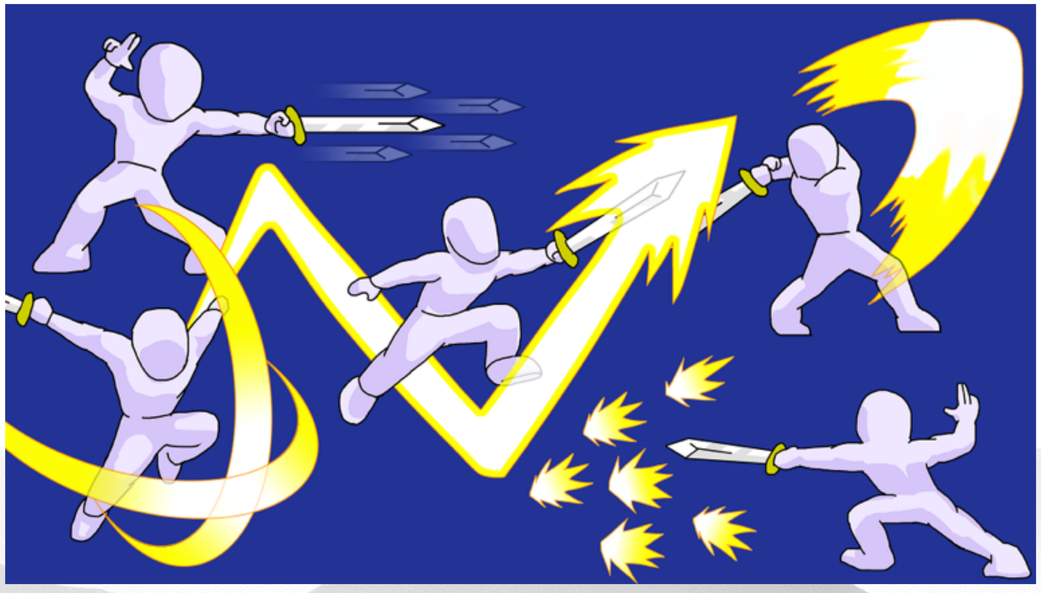

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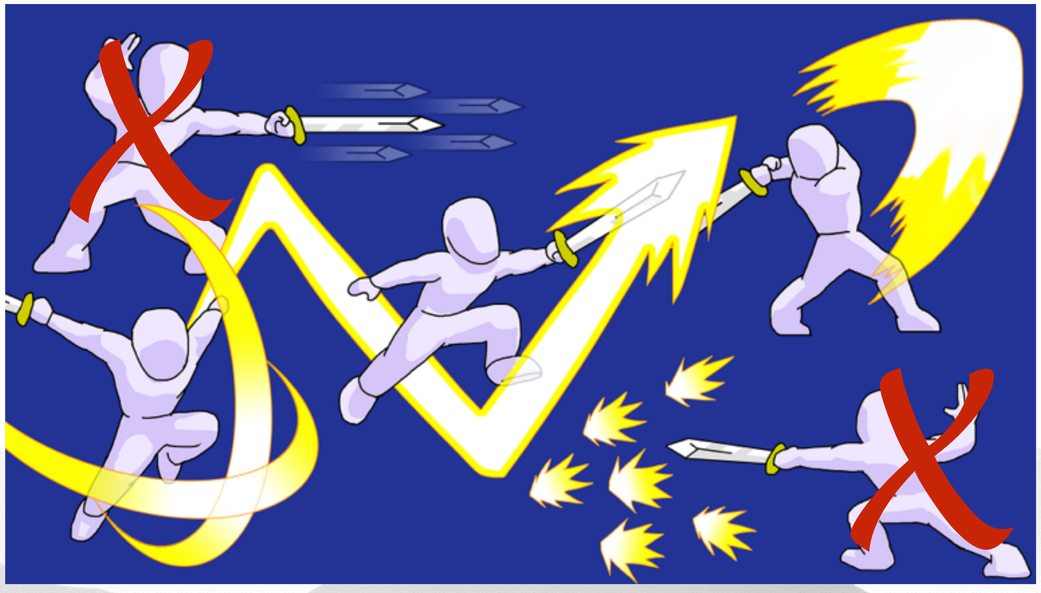

0-1/Set Selection Problem

- An array of 0-1 variables
- An array of Boolean variables
- A **set** variable

Set Variables

- Set variables in MiniZinc choose a set from a given fixed superset, e.g.

```
var set of {1,2,3}: x;
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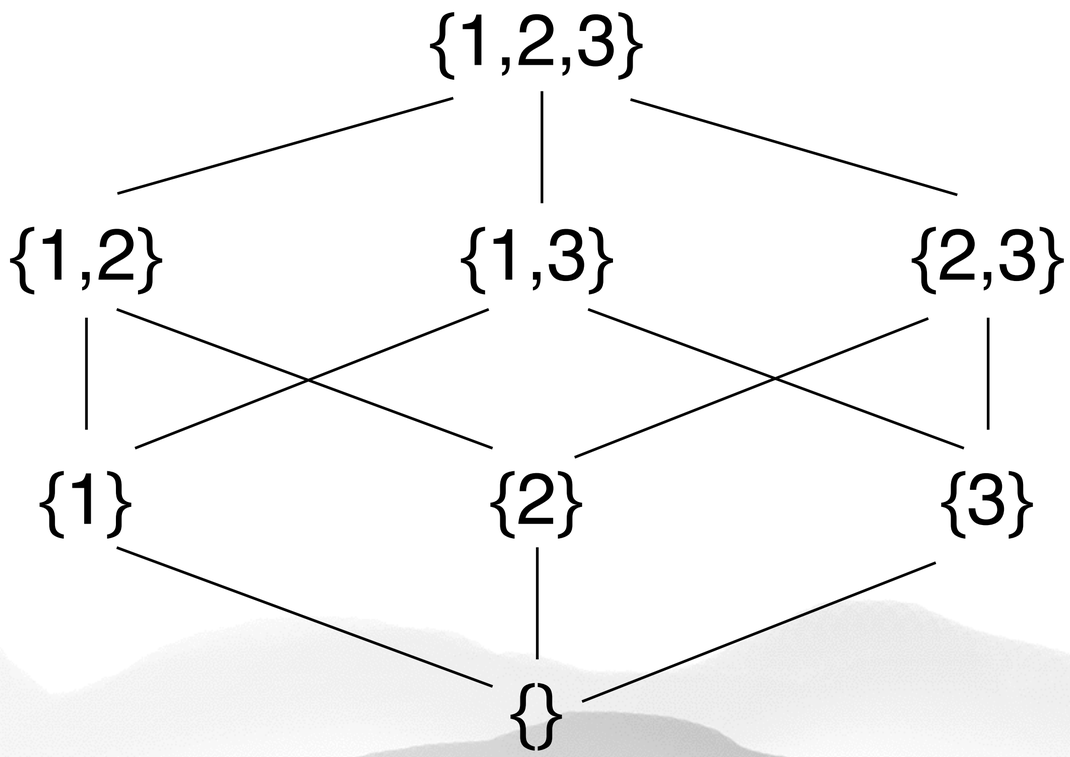

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0-1 Set Yellow Turban Model (yellow01Set.mzn)

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Concise Yellow Turban Model (yellow01SetConcise.mzn)

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solve maximize sum(i in occur)(power[i]);
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Other Set Representations

- Other set representations that model the possible values of a set variable, e.g.

```
array[1..3] of var 0..1: x;
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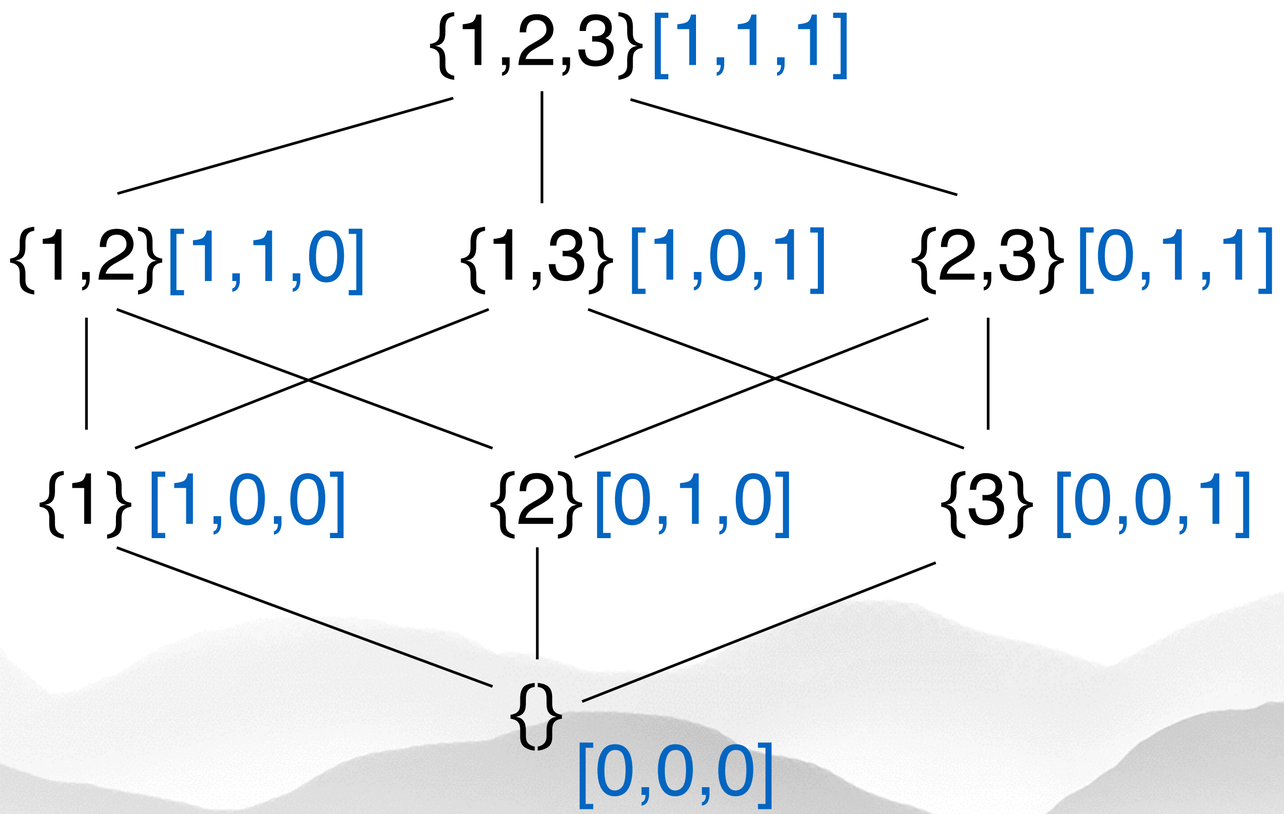

Set Operators

- MiniZinc provides (infix) set operations
  - `in` (membership e.g. x in s)
  - `subset`, `superset`
  - `intersect` (intersection)
  - `union`
  - `card` (cardinality)
  - `diff` (set difference, e.g x `diff` y = x \ y)
  - `symdiff` (symmetric difference)
    - e.g. {1, 2, 5, 6} `symdiff` {2, 3, 4, 5} = {1, 3, 4, 6}

Which Model is the Best?

- Most solvers treats each model the same
  - CP solvers may treat the last model better since they can combine cardinality reasoning with other set reasoning
- Model whichever makes it easier to express the constraints
  - the 0-1 integer first version
- Model using the highest level model
  - the set last version

Summary

- Modeling with sets is common for combinatorial problems
- The Yellow Turban Rebellion story is actually an adaptation of the well-known 0-1 Knapsack Problem
  - it appears frequently in the real world for e.g : selection of investments, least wasteful cutting of raw materials, and knapsack cryptosystems
- There are at least **3** modeling approaches
  - Indicator variables: 0-1 or bool variables
  - Native set variables

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