

# COMP9414 Artificial Intelligence

## Assignment 1: Constraint Satisfaction Search

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### Objective

This assignment concerns developing optimal solutions to a scheduling problem inspired by the scenario of a manufacturing plant that has to fulfil multiple customer orders with varying deadlines, but where there may be constraints on tasks and on relationships between tasks. Any number of tasks can be scheduled at the same time, but it is possible that some tasks cannot be finished before their deadline. A task finishing late is acceptable, however incurs a cost, which for this assignment is a simple (dollar) amount per hour that the task is late.

A *fuzzy scheduling* problem in this scenario is simplified by ignoring customer orders and having just one machine and a number of *tasks*, each with a fixed duration in hours. Each task must start and finish on the same day, within working hours (9am to 5pm). In addition, there can be *constraints*, both on single tasks and between two tasks. One type of constraint is that a task can have a deadline, which can be “hard” (the deadline must be met in any valid schedule) or “soft” (the task may be finished late – though still at or before 5pm – but with a “cost” per hour for missing the deadline). The aim is to develop an overall schedule for all the tasks (in a single week) that minimizes the total cost of all the tasks that finish late, provided that all the hard constraints on tasks are satisfied.

More technically, this assignment is an example of a *constraint optimization problem* (or *constrained optimization problem*), a problem that has constraints like a standard Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP), but also a *cost* associated with each solution. For this assignment, we will use a *greedy* algorithm to find optimal solutions to fuzzy scheduling problems that are specified as text strings. However, unlike the greedy search algorithm described in the lectures on search, this greedy algorithm has the property that it is guaranteed to find an optimal solution for any problem (if a solution exists).

The assignment will use the AI code of Poole & Mackworth. You are given code to translate fuzzy scheduling problems specified as text strings into CSPs with a cost, and you are given code for several constraint solving algorithms – based on domain splitting and arc consistency, and based on depth-first search. The assignment will be to implement some missing procedures and to analyse the performance of the constraint solving methods, both analytically and experimentally.

### Submission Instructions

- This is an individual assignment.
- Write your answers in **this** notebook and submit **this** notebook on Moodle under **Assignment 1**.
- Name your submission `<zid>-<firstname>-<lastname>.ipynb` where `<firstname>-<lastname>` is your **real** (not Moodle) name.
- Make sure you set up AI Python (as done below) so the code can be run on either CSE machines or a marker's own machine.
- Do not submit any AI Python code. Hence do not change any AI Python code to make your code run.
- Make sure your notebook runs cleanly (restart the kernel, clear all outputs and run each cell to check).
- After checking that your notebook runs cleanly, run all cells and submit the notebook **with** the outputs included (do not submit the empty version).
- Make sure images (for plots/graphs) are **included** in the notebook you submit (sometimes images are saved on your machine but are not in the notebook).
- Do not modify the existing code in this notebook except to answer the questions. Marks will be given as and where indicated.
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## Fuzzy Scheduling

A CSP for this assignment is a set of variables representing tasks, binary constraints on pairs of tasks, and unary constraints (hard or soft) on tasks. The domains are all the working hours in one week, and a task duration is in hours. Days are represented (in the input and output) as strings ‘mon’, ‘tue’, ‘wed’, ‘thu’ and ‘fri’, and times are represented as strings ‘9am’, ‘10am’, ‘11am’, ‘12pm’, ‘1pm’, ‘2pm’, ‘3pm’, ‘4pm’ and ‘5pm’. The only possible values for the start and end times of a task are combinations of a day and times, e.g. ‘mon 9am’. Each task name is a string (with no spaces), and the only soft constraints are the soft deadline constraints.

There are three types of constraint:

- **Binary Constraints:** These specify a hard requirement for the relationship between two tasks.
- **Hard Domain Constraints:** These specify hard requirements for the tasks themselves.
- **Soft Deadline Constraints:** These constraints specify that a task may finish late, but with a given cost.

Each soft constraint has a function defining the *cost* associated with violating the preference, that the constraint solver must minimize, while respecting all the hard constraints. The *cost* of a solution is simply the sum of the costs for the soft constraints that the solution violates (and is always a non-negative integer).

This is the list of possible constraints for a fuzzy scheduling problem (comments below are for explanation and do **not** appear in the input specification; however, the code we supply *should* work with comments that take up a full line):

```

# binary constraints
constraint, <t1> before <t2>                      # t1 ends when or before
t2 starts
constraint, <t1> after <t2>                         # t1 starts after or when
t2 ends
constraint, <t1> same-day <t2>                      # t1 and t2 are scheduled
on the same day
constraint, <t1> starts-at <t2>                     # t1 starts exactly when
t2 ends

# hard domain constraints
domain, <t>, <day>, hard                           # t
starts on given day at any time
domain, <t>, <time>, hard                            # t
starts at given time on any day
domain, <t>, starts-before <day> <time>, hard      # t
starts at or before day, time
domain, <t>, starts-after <day> <time>, hard        # t
starts at or after day, time
domain, <t>, ends-before <day> <time>, hard         # t
ends at or before day, time
domain, <t>, ends-after <day> <time>, hard          # t
starts at or after day, time
domain, <t>, starts-in <day1> <time1>-<day2> <time2>, hard # day-
time range for start time; includes day1, time1 and day2, time2
domain, <t>, ends-in <day1> <time1>-<day2> <time2>, hard   # day-
time range for end time; includes day1, time1 and day2, time2
domain, <t>, starts-before <time>, hard              # t
starts at or before time on any day
domain, <t>, ends-before <time>, hard                # t
ends at or before time on any day
domain, <t>, starts-after <time>, hard              # t
starts at or after time on any day
domain, <t>, ends-after <time>, hard                # t
ends at or after time on any day

# soft deadline constraint
domain, <t>, ends-by <day> <time> <cost>, soft       # cost per
hour of missing deadline

```

The input specification will consist of several “blocks”, listing the tasks, binary constraints, hard unary constraints and soft deadline constraints for the given problem. A “declaration” of each task will be included before it is used in a constraint. A sample input specification is as follows. Comments are for explanation and do **not** have to be included in the input.

```

# two tasks with two binary constraints and soft deadlines
task, t1 3
task, t2 4
# two binary constraints
constraint, t1 before t2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
# domain constraint
domain, t2 mon

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# soft deadline constraints  
domain, t1 ends-by mon 3pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
```

## Preparation

### 1. Set up AlPython

You will need AlPython for this assignment. To find the aipython files, the aipython directory has to be added to the Python path.

Do this temporarily, as done here, so we can find AlPython and run your code (you will not submit any AlPython code).

You can add either the full path (using `os.path.abspath()`), or as in the code below, the relative path.

In [659...]

```
import sys  
sys.path.append('aipython') # change to your directory  
sys.path # check that aipython is now on the path
```

## 2. Representation of Day Times

Input and output are day time strings such as 'mon 10am' or a range of day time strings such as 'mon 10am-mon 4pm'.

The CSP will represent these as integer hour numbers in the week, ranging from 0 to 39.

The following code handles the conversion between day time strings and hour numbers.

In [660...]

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

""" day_time string format is a day plus time, e.g. Mon 10am, Tue 4pm, or just T
if only day or time, returns day number or hour number only
day_time strings are converted to and from integer hours in the week from 0
"""

class Day_Time():
    num_hours_in_day = 8
    num_days_in_week = 5

    def __init__(self):
        self.day_names = ['mon','tue','wed','thu','fri']
        self.time_names = ['9am','10am','11am','12pm','1pm','2pm','3pm','4pm']

    def string_to_week_hour_number(self, day_time_str):
        """ convert a single day_time into an integer hour in the week """
        value = None
        value_type = None
        day_time_list = day_time_str.split()
        if len(day_time_list) == 1:
            str1 = day_time_list[0].strip()
            if str1 in self.time_names: # this is a time
                value = self.time_names.index(str1)
                value_type = 'hour_number'
            else:
                value = self.day_names.index(str1) # this is a day
                value_type = 'day_number'
            # if not day or time, throw an exception
        else:
            value = self.day_names.index(day_time_list[0].strip())*self.num_hours_in_day
            + self.time_names.index(day_time_list[1].strip())
            value_type = 'week_hour_number'
        return (value_type, value)

    def string_to_number_set(self, day_time_list_str):
        """ convert a list of day-times or ranges 'Mon 9am, Tue 9am-Tue 4pm' int
        e.g. 'mon 9am-1pm, mon 4pm' -> [0,1,2,3,4,7]
        """
        number_set = set()
        type1 = None
        for str1 in day_time_list_str.lower().split(','):
            if str1.find('-') > 0:
                # day time range
                type1, v1 = self.string_to_week_hour_number(str1.split('-')[0])
                type2, v2 = self.string_to_week_hour_number(str1.split('-')[1])
                if type1 != type2: return None # error, types in range spec are
                number_set.update({n for n in range(v1, v2+1)})
            else:
                # single day time
                type2, value2 = self.string_to_week_hour_number(str1)
                if type1 != None and type1 != type2: return None # error: type i
                type1 = type2
                number_set.update({value2})
        return (type1, number_set)

    # convert integer hour in week to day time string
    def week_hour_number_to_day_time(self, week_hour_number):
        hour = self.day_hour_number(week_hour_number)
        day = self.day_number(week_hour_number)
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    return self.day_names[day] + ' ' + self.time_names[hour]

# convert integer hour in week to integer day and integer time in day
def hour_day_split(self, week_hour_number):
    return (self.day_hour_number(week_hour_number), self.day_number(week_hou

# convert integer hour in week to integer day in week
def day_number(self, week_hour_number):
    return int(week_hour_number / self.num_hours_in_day)

# convert integer hour in week to integer time in day
def day_hour_number(self, week_hour_number):
    return week_hour_number % self.num_hours_in_day

def __repr__(self):
    day_hour_number = self.week_hour_number % self.num_hours_in_day
    day_number = int(self.week_hour_number / self.num_hours_in_day)
    return self.day_names[day_number] + ' ' + self.time_names[day_hour_number]

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### 3. Constraint Satisfaction Problems with Costs over Tasks with Durations

Since AI Python does not provide the CSP class with an explicit cost, we implement our own class that extends `CSP`.

We also store the cost functions and the durations of all tasks explicitly in the CSP.

The durations of the tasks are used in the `hold` function to evaluate constraints.

In [661...]

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from cspProblem import CSP, Constraint

# We need to override Constraint, because tasks have durations
class Task_Constraint(Constraint):
    """A Task_Constraint consists of
    * scope: a tuple of variables
    * spec: text description of the constraint used in debugging
    * condition: a function that can applied to a tuple of values for the variab
    * durations: durations of all tasks
    * func_key: index to the function used to evaluate the constraint
    """

    def __init__(self, scope, spec, condition, durations, func_key):
        super().__init__(scope, condition, spec)
        self.scope = scope
        self.condition = condition
        self.durations = durations
        self.func_key = func_key

    def holds(self, assignment):
        """returns the value of Constraint con evaluated in assignment.

        precondition: all variables are assigned in assignment

        CSP has only binary constraints
        condition is in the form week_hour_number1, week_hour_number2
        add task durations as appropriate to evaluate condition
        """
        if self.func_key == 'before':
            # t1 ends before t2 starts, so we need add duration to t1 assignment

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        ass0 = assignment[self.scope[0]] + self.durations[self.scope[0]]
        ass1 = assignment[self.scope[1]]
    elif self.func_key == 'after':
        # t2 ends before t1 starts so we need add duration to t2 assignment
        ass0 = assignment[self.scope[0]]
        ass1 = assignment[self.scope[1]] + self.durations[self.scope[1]]
    elif self.func_key == 'starts-at':
        # t1 starts exactly when t2 ends, so we need add duration to t2 assi
        ass0 = assignment[self.scope[0]]
        ass1 = assignment[self.scope[1]] + self.durations[self.scope[1]]
    else:
        return self.condition(*tuple(assignment[v] for v in self.scope))
    # condition here comes from get_binary_constraint
    return self.condition(*tuple([ass0, ass1]))

# implement nodes as CSP problems with cost functions
class CSP_with_Cost(CSP):
    """ cost_functions maps a CSP var, here a task name, to a list of functions
    def __init__(self, domains, durations, constraints, cost_functions, soft_day_time):
        self.domains = domains
        self.variables = self.domains.keys()
        super().__init__("title of csp", self.variables, constraints)
        self.durations = durations
        self.cost_functions = cost_functions
        self.soft_day_time = soft_day_time
        self.soft_costs = soft_costs
        self.cost = self.calculate_cost()

    # # specific to fuzzy scheduling CSP problems
    def calculate_cost(self):
        """ this is really a function f = path cost + heuristic to be used by the
        total_cost = 0
        # For each task, find the minimum cost over all possible domain values
        for task in self.domains:
            min_cost_for_task = float('inf')
            for start_time in self.domains[task]:
                # Compute violation cost for this start time
                violation_cost = 0
                # Check soft deadline constraints for this task
                if task in self.soft_day_time:
                    # Get the deadline and associated cost
                    deadline_str = self.soft_day_time[task]
                    deadline_cost = self.soft_costs[task]
                    # Parse deadline string
                    day_time_str, cost_str = deadline_str, self.soft_costs[task]
                    # Determine cost if violated
                    cost_per_hour = int(cost_str)
                    # Calculate violation, assuming earliest start within domain
                    violation_hours = 0
                    # Calculate the end time with minimal violation
                    end_time = start_time + self.durations[task]
                    # Convert to day and hour for comparison
                    # Here, we get the earliest possible end time that respects
                    # Check if end_time exceeds the deadline
                    # Convert deadline string to hours
                    deadline_hours = None
                    # Parse deadline string to hours (assuming using Day_Time class)
                    deadline_hours = Day_Time().string_to_week_hour_number(day_time_str)
                    if end_time > deadline_hours:
                        violation_hours = end_time - deadline_hours
                else:
                    violation_hours = 0
            min_cost_for_task = min(min_cost_for_task, violation_cost)
        total_cost += min_cost_for_task
    return total_cost

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        violation_cost = violation_hours * cost_per_hour
        total_cost += violation_cost
    # If no violation, cost is zero
    if violation_cost < min_cost_for_task:
        min_cost_for_task = violation_cost
    total_cost += min_cost_for_task
return total_cost

def __repr__(self):
    """ string representation of an arc"""
    return "CSP_with_Cost("+str(list(self.domains.keys()))+':'+str(self.cost)

```

This formulates a solver for a CSP with cost as a search problem, using domain splitting with arc consistency to define the successors of a node.

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In [662...]: from cspConsistency import Con_solver, select, partition_domain
          from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
          from operator import eq, le, ge

# rewrites rather than extends Search_with_AC_from_CSP
class Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP(Search_problem):
    """ A search problem with domain splitting and arc consistency """
    def __init__(self, csp):
        self.cons = Con_solver(csp) # copy of the CSP with access to arc consist
        self.domains = self.cons.make_arc_consistent(csp.domains)
        self.constraints = csp.constraints
        self.cost_functions = csp.cost_functions
        self.durations = csp.durations
        self.soft_day_time = csp.soft_day_time
        self.soft_costs = csp.soft_costs
        csp.domains = self.domains # after arc consistency
        self.csp = csp

    def is_goal(self, node):
        """ node is a goal if all domains have exactly 1 element """
        return all(len(node.domains[var]) == 1 for var in node.domains)

    def start_node(self):
        return CSP_with_Cost(self.domains, self.durations, self.constraints,
                             self.cost_functions, self.soft_day_time, self.soft_)

    def neighbors(self, node):
        """returns the neighboring nodes of node.
        """
        neights = []
        var = select(x for x in node.domains if len(node.domains[x]) > 1) # chooses
        if var:
            dom1, dom2 = partition_domain(node.domains[var])
            self.display(2, "Splitting", var, "into", dom1, "and", dom2)
            to_do = self.cons.new_to_do(var, None)
            for dom in [dom1, dom2]:
                newdoms = node.domains | {var: dom} # overwrite domain of var with
                cons_doms = self.cons.make_arc_consistent(newdoms, to_do)
                if all(len(cons_doms[v]) > 0 for v in cons_doms):
                    # all domains are non-empty
                    # make new CSP_with_Cost node to continue the search
                    csp_node = CSP_with_Cost(cons_doms, self.durations, self.con
                                             self.cost_functions, self.soft_day_time, self.soft_

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        neighs.append(Arc(node, csp_node))
    else:
        self.display(2,"...","var","in",dom,"has no solution")
    return neighs

def heuristic(self, n):
    return n.cost

```

## 4. Fuzzy Scheduling Constraint Satisfaction Problems

The following code sets up a CSP problem from a given specification.

Hard (unary) domain constraints are applied to reduce the domains of the variables before the constraint solver runs.

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In [663...]:
# domain specific CSP builder for week schedule
class CSP_builder():
    # List of text lines without comments and empty lines
    _, default_domain = Day_Time().string_to_number_set('mon 9am-fri 4pm') # show

    # hard unary constraints: domain is a list of values, params is a single val
    # starts-before, ends-before (for starts-before duration should be 0)
    # vals in domain are actual task start/end date/time, so must be val <= what
    def apply_before(self, param_type, params, duration, domain):
        domain_orig = domain.copy()
        param_val = params.pop()
        for val in domain_orig: # val is week_hour_number
            val1 = val + duration
            h, d = Day_Time().hour_day_split(val1)
            if param_type == 'hour_number' and h > param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
            if param_type == 'day_number' and d > param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
            if param_type == 'week_hour_number' and val1 > param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
        return domain

    def apply_after(self, param_type, params, duration, domain):
        domain_orig = domain.copy()
        param_val = params.pop()
        for val in domain_orig: # val is week_hour_number
            val1 = val + duration
            h, d = Day_Time().hour_day_split(val1)
            if param_type == 'hour_number' and h < param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
            if param_type == 'day_number' and d < param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
            if param_type == 'week_hour_number' and val1 < param_val:
                if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
        return domain

    # day time range only
    # includes starts-in, ends-in
    # duration is 0 for starts-in, task duration for ends-in
    def apply_in(self, params, duration, domain):
        domain_orig = domain.copy()
        for val in domain_orig: # val is week_hour_number
            # task must be within range

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        if val in domain and val+duration not in params:
            domain.remove(val)
        return domain

# task must start at day/time
def apply_at(self, param_type, param, domain):
    domain_orig = domain.copy()
    for val in domain_orig:
        h, d = Day_Time().hour_day_split(val)
        if param_type == 'hour_number' and param != h:
            if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
        if param_type == 'day_number' and param != d:
            if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
        if param_type == 'week_hour_number' and param != val:
            if val in domain: domain.remove(val)
    return domain

# soft deadline constraints: return cost to break constraint
# ends-by implementation: domain_dt is the day, hour from the domain
# constr_dt is the soft const spec, dur is the duration of task
# soft_cost is the unit cost of completion delay
# so if the tasks starts on domain_dt, it ends on domain_dt+dur
"""
<t> ends-by <day> <time>, both must be specified
delay = day_hour(T2) - day_hour(T1) + 24*(D2 - D1),
where day_hour(9am) = 0, day_hour(5pm) = 7
"""
def ends_by(self, domain_dt, constr_dt_str, dur, soft_cost):
    param_type, params = Day_Time().string_to_number_set(constr_dt_str)
    param_val = params.pop()
    dom_h, dom_d = Day_Time().hour_day_split(domain_dt+dur)
    if param_type == 'week_hour_number':
        con_h, con_d = Day_Time().hour_day_split(param_val)
        return 0 if domain_dt + dur <= param_val else soft_cost*(dom_h - con_h)
    else:
        return None # not good, must be day and time

def no_cost(self, day, hour):
    return 0

# hard binary constraint, the rest are implemented as gt, lt, eq
def same_day(self, week_hour1, week_hour2):
    h1, d1 = Day_Time().hour_day_split(week_hour1)
    h2, d2 = Day_Time().hour_day_split(week_hour2)
    return d1 == d2

# domain is a list of values
def apply_hard_constraint(self, domain, duration, spec):
    tokens = func_key = spec.split(' ')
    if len(tokens) > 1:
        func_key = spec.split(' ')[0].strip()
    param_type, params = Day_Time().string_to_number_set(spec[len(func_key)])
    if func_key == 'starts-before':
        # duration is 0 for starts before, since we do not modify the time
        return self.apply_before(param_type, params, 0, domain)
    if func_key == 'ends-before':
        return self.apply_before(param_type, params, duration, domain)
    if func_key == 'starts-after':
        return self.apply_after(param_type, params, 0, domain)
    if func_key == 'ends-after':

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        return self.apply_after(param_type, params, duration, domain)
    if func_key == 'starts-in':
        return self.apply_in(params, 0, domain)
    if func_key == 'ends-in':
        return self.apply_in(params, duration, domain)
    else:
        # here we have task day or time, it has no func key so we need to parse
        param_type, params = Day_Time().string_to_week_hour_number(spec)
        return self.apply_at(param_type, params, domain)

def get_cost_function(self, spec):
    func_dict = {'ends-by':self.ends_by, 'no-cost':self.no_cost}
    return [func_dict[spec]]

# spec is the text of a constraint, e.g. 't1 before t2'
# durations are durations of all tasks
def get_binary_constraint(self, spec, durations):
    tokens = spec.strip().split(' ')
    if len(tokens) != 3: return None # error in spec
    # task1 relation task2
    fun_dict = {'before':le, 'after':ge, 'starts-at':eq, 'same-day':self.same_day}
    return Task_Constraint((tokens[0].strip(), tokens[2].strip()), spec, fun_dict)

def get_CSP_with_Cost(self, input_lines):
    # Note: It would be more elegant to make task a class but AIpython is not
    # CSP_with_Cost inherits from CSP, which takes domains and constraints
    domains = dict()
    constraints = []
    cost_functions = dict()
    durations = dict() # durations of tasks
    soft_day_time = dict() # day time specs of soft constraints
    soft_costs = dict() # costs of soft constraints

    for input_line in input_lines:
        func_spec = None
        input_line_tokens = input_line.strip().split(',')
        if len(input_line_tokens) != 2:
            return None # must have number of tokens = 2
        line_token1 = input_line_tokens[0].strip()
        line_token2 = input_line_tokens[1].strip()
        if line_token1 == 'task':
            tokens = line_token2.split(' ')
            if len(tokens) != 2:
                return None # must have number of tokens = 3
            key = tokens[0].strip()
            # check the duration and save it
            duration = int(tokens[1].strip())
            if duration > Day_Time().num_hours_in_day:
                return None
            durations[key] = duration
            # set zero cost function for this task as default, may add real
            cost_functions[key] = self.get_cost_function('no-cost')
            soft_costs[key] = '0'
            soft_day_time[key] = 'fri 5pm'
            # restrict domain to times that are within allowed range
            # that is start 9-5, start+duration in 9-5
            domains[key] = {x for x in self.default_domain \
                           if Day_Time().day_number(x+duration) \
                           == Day_Time().day_number(x)}
        elif line_token1 == 'domain':

```

```

        tokens = line_token2.split(' ')
        if len(tokens) < 2:
            return None # must have number of tokens >= 2
        key = tokens[0].strip()
        # if soft constraint, it is handled differently from hard constraint
        if tokens[1].strip() == 'ends-by':
            # need to retain day time and cost from the line
            # must have task, 'end-by', day, time, cost
            # or task, 'end-by', day, cost
            # or task, 'end-by', time, cost
            if len(tokens) != 5:
                return None
            # get the rest of the line after 'ends-by'
            soft_costs[key] = int(tokens[len(tokens)-1].strip()) # last
            # pass the day time string to avoid passing param_type
            day_time_str = tokens[2] + ' ' + tokens[3]
            soft_day_time[key] = day_time_str
            cost_functions[key] = self.get_cost_function(tokens[1].strip)
        else:
            # the rest of domain spec, after key, are hard unary domain
            # func spec has day time, we also need duration
            dur = durations[key]
            func_spec = line_token2[len(key):].strip()
            domains[key] = self.apply_hard_constraint(domains[key], dur,
            elif line_token1 == 'constraint': # all binary constraints
                constraints.append(self.get_binary_constraint(line_token2, durat
            else:
                return None

    return CSP_with_Cost(domains, durations, constraints, cost_functions, so

def create_CSP_from_spec(spec: str):
    input_lines = list()
    spec = spec.split('\n')
    # strip comments
    for input_line in spec:
        input_line = input_line.split('#')
        if len(input_line[0]) > 0:
            input_lines.append(input_line[0])
            print(input_line[0])
    # construct initial CSP problem
    csp = CSP_builder()
    csp_problem = csp.get_CSP_with_Cost(input_lines)
    return csp_problem

```

## 5. Greedy Search Constraint Solver using Domain Splitting and Arc Consistency

Create a GreedySearcher to search over the CSP.

The *cost* function for CSP nodes is used as the heuristic, but is actually a direct estimate of the total path cost function  $f$  used in A\* Search.

In [664...]

```

from searchGeneric import AStarSearcher

class GreedySearcher(AStarSearcher):
    """ returns a searcher for a problem.
    Paths can be found by repeatedly calling search().

```

```

"""
def add_to_frontier(self, path):
    """ add path to the frontier with the appropriate cost """
    # value = path.cost + self.problem.heuristic(path.end()) -- A* definition
    value = path.end().cost
    self.frontier.add(path, value)

```

Run the GreedySearcher on the CSP derived from the sample input.

**Note: The solution cost will always be 0 (which is wrong for the sample input) until you write the cost function in the cell above.**

In [665...]

```

# Sample problem specification

sample_spec = """
# two tasks with two binary constraints and soft deadlines
task, t1 3
task, t2 4
# two binary constraints
constraint, t1 before t2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
# domain constraint
domain, t2 mon
# soft deadlines
domain, t1 ends-by mon 3pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
"""

```

In [666...]

```

# display details (0 turns off)
Con_solver.max_display_level = 0
Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP.max_display_level = 2
GreedySearcher.max_display_level = 0

def test_csp_solver(searcher):
    final_path = searcher.search()
    if final_path == None:
        print('No solution')
    else:
        domains = final_path.end().domains
        result_str = ''
        for name, domain in domains.items():
            for n in domain:
                result_str += '\n'+str(name)+': '+Day_Time().week_hour_number_to
        print(result_str[1:]+'\ncost: '+str(final_path.end().cost))

csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(sample_spec)
solver = GreedySearcher(Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP(csp_problem))
test_csp_solver(solver)

```

```

task, t1 3
task, t2 4
constraint, t1 before t2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t1 ends-by mon 3pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
t1: mon 9am
t2: mon 12pm
cost: 20

```

## 6. Depth-First Search Constraint Solver

The Depth-First Constraint Solver in AI-Python by default uses a random ordering of the variables in the CSP.

We need to modify this code to make it compatible with the arc consistency solver.

Run the solver by calling `dfs_solve1` (first solution) or `dfs_solve_all` (all solutions).

In [667...]

```
num_expanded = 0
display = False

def dfs_solver(constraints, domains, context, var_order):
    """ generator for all solutions to csp
        context is an assignment of values to some of the variables
        var_order is a list of the variables in csp that are not in context
    """
    global num_expanded, display
    to_eval = {c for c in constraints if c.can_evaluate(context)}
    if all(c.holds(context) for c in to_eval):
        if var_order == []:
            print("Nodes expanded to reach solution:", num_expanded)
            yield context
        else:
            rem_cons = [c for c in constraints if c not in to_eval]
            var = var_order[0]
            for val in domains[var]:
                if display:
                    print("Setting", var, "to", val)
                num_expanded += 1
                yield from dfs_solver(rem_cons, domains, context|{var:val}, var_order)

def dfs_solve_all(csp, var_order=None):
    """ depth-first CSP solver to return a list of all solutions to csp """
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    if var_order == None:      # use an arbitrary variable order
        var_order = list(csp.domains)
    return list(dfs_solver(csp.constraints, csp.domains, {}, var_order))

def dfs_solve1(csp, var_order=None):
    """ depth-first CSP solver """
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    if var_order == None:      # use an arbitrary variable order
        var_order = list(csp.domains)
    for sol in dfs_solver(csp.constraints, csp.domains, {}, var_order):
        return sol  # return first one
```

Run the Depth-First Solver on the sample problem.

**Note: Again there are no costs calculated.**

In [668...]

```
def test_dfs_solver(csp_problem):
    solution = dfs_solve1(csp_problem)
    if solution == None:
        print('No solution')
```

```

    else:
        result_str = ''
        for name in solution.keys():
            result_str += '\n'+str(name)+': '+Day_Time().week_hour_number_to_day
        print(result_str[1:])

# call the Depth-First Search solver
csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(sample_spec)
test_dfs_solver(csp_problem) # set display to True to see nodes expanded

```

```

task, t1 3
task, t2 4
constraint, t1 before t2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t1 ends-by mon 3pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 5
t1: mon 9am
t2: mon 12pm

```

## 7. Depth-First Search Constraint Solver using Forward Checking with MRV Heuristic

The Depth-First Constraint Solver in AlPython by default uses a random ordering of the variables in the CSP.

We redefine the `dfs_solver` methods to implement the MRV (Minimum Remaining Values) heuristic using forward checking.

Because the AlPython code is designed to manipulate domain sets, we also need to redefine `can_evaluate` to handle partial assignments.

```

In [669...]
num_expanded = 0
display = False

def can_evaluate(c, assignment):
    """ assignment is a variable:value dictionary
        returns True if the constraint can be evaluated given assignment
    """
    return assignment != {} and all(v in assignment.keys() and type(assignment[v]) == set for v in c.variables)

def mrv_dfs_solver(constraints, domains, context, var_order):
    """ generator for all solutions to csp.
        context is an assignment of values to some of the variables.
        var_order is a list of the variables in csp that are not in context.
    """
    global num_expanded, display
    if display:
        print("Context", context)
    to_eval = {c for c in constraints if can_evaluate(c, context)}
    if all(c.holds(context) for c in to_eval):
        if var_order == []:
            print("Nodes expanded to reach solution:", num_expanded)
            yield context
        else:
            rem_cons = [c for c in constraints if c not in to_eval] # constraint
            var = var_order[0]

```

```

rem_vars = var_order[1:]
for val in domains[var]:
    if display:
        print("Setting", var, "to", val)
    num_expanded += 1
    rem_context = context | {var:val}
    # apply forward checking on remaining variables
    if len(var_order) > 1:
        rem_vars_original = list((v, list(domains[v].copy())) for v
        if display:
            print("Original domains:", rem_vars_original)
        # constraints that can't already be evaluated in rem_cons
        rem_cons_ff = [c for c in constraints if c in rem_cons and not
        for rem_var in rem_vars:
            # constraints that can be evaluated by adding a value of
            any_value = list(domains[rem_var])[0]
            rem_to_eval = {c for c in rem_cons_ff if can_evaluate(c,
            # new domain for rem_var are the values for which all ne
            rem_vals = domains[rem_var].copy()
            for rem_val in domains[rem_var]:
                # no constraint with rem_var in the existing context
                for c in rem_to_eval:
                    if not c.holds(rem_context | {rem_var: rem_val}):
                        if rem_val in rem_vals:
                            rem_vals.remove(rem_val)
                domains[rem_var] = rem_vals
                # order remaining variables by MRV
                rem_vars.sort(key=lambda v: len(domains[v]))
            if display:
                print("After forward checking:", list((v, domains[v])) for
            if rem_vars == [] or all(len(domains[rem_var]) > 0 for rem_var in
                yield from mrv_dfs_solver(rem_cons, domains, context | {var:va
            # restore original domains if changed through forward checking
            if len(var_order) > 1:
                if display:
                    print("Restoring original domain", rem_vars_original)
                    for (v, domain) in rem_vars_original:
                        domains[v] = domain
                if display:
                    print("Nodes expanded so far:", num_expanded)

def mrv_dfs_solve_all(csp, var_order=None):
    """ depth-first CSP solver to return a list of all solutions to csp """
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    if var_order == None:      # order variables by MRV
        var_order = list(csp.domains)
        var_order.sort(key=lambda var: len(csp.domains[var]))
    return list(mrv_dfs_solver(csp.constraints, csp.domains, {}, var_order))

def mrv_dfs_solve1(csp, var_order=None):
    """ depth-first CSP solver """
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    if var_order == None:      # order variables by MRV
        var_order = list(csp.domains)
        var_order.sort(key=lambda var: len(csp.domains[var]))
    for sol in mrv_dfs_solver(csp.constraints, csp.domains, {}, var_order):
        return sol  # return first one

```

Run this solver on the sample problem.

**Note: Again there are no costs calculated.**

```
In [670]:  
def test_mrv_dfs_solver(csp_problem):  
    solution = mrv_dfs_solve1(csp_problem)  
    if solution == None:  
        print('No solution')  
    else:  
        result_str = ''  
        for name in solution.keys():  
            result_str += '\n'+str(name)+': '+Day_Time().week_hour_number_to_day  
        print(result_str[1:])  
  
# call the Depth-First MRV Search solver  
csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(sample_spec)  
test_mrv_dfs_solver(csp_problem) # set display to True to see nodes expanded
```

task, t1 3  
task, t2 4  
constraint, t1 before t2  
constraint, t1 same-day t2  
domain, t2 mon  
domain, t1 ends-by mon 3pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10  
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 5  
t2: mon 12pm  
t1: mon 9am

## Assignment

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### Question 1 (4 marks)

Consider the search spaces for the fuzzy scheduling CSP solvers – domain splitting with arc consistency and the DFS solver (without forward checking).

- Describe the search spaces in terms of start state, successor functions and goal state(s) (1 mark)
- What is the branching factor and maximum depth to find any solution for the two algorithms (ignoring costs)? (1 mark)
- What is the worst case time and space complexity of the two search algorithms? (1 mark)
- Give one example of a fuzzy scheduling problem that is *easier* for the domain splitting with arc consistency solver than it is for the DFS solver, and explain why (1 mark)

For the second and third part-questions, give the answer in a general form in terms of fuzzy scheduling CSP size parameters.

## Answers for Question 1

### 1. Search Space Description

#### Domain Splitting with Arc Consistency

- **Start state:**

The initial CSP with domains representing all possible start times for each task. The CSP after all unary (hard) constraints are applied. Each variable (task) has its full feasible domain of start times.

- **Successor function:**

Splitting the domain of a variable into two subsets, creating a new CSP node for each subset, and applying arc consistency to reduce domains. Choose a variable whose domain has size  $> 1$ , split its domain into two subdomains, then enforce arc consistency (AC) on each subproblem to prune inconsistent values.

Each consistent sub-CSP becomes a successor node.

- **Goal state:**

A CSP where all variables have singleton domains, representing a fully assigned and consistent schedule. All variable domains are singletons ( $|D(v)| = 1$ ). Because AC has been maintained, all binary constraints are satisfied.

#### DFS Solver (no forward checking)

- **Start state:**

An empty assignment. An empty assignment  $\{\}$  with all variable domains filtered only by unary constraints.

- **Successor function:**

Assign a value (start time) to the next unassigned variable from its domain. Pick the next unassigned variable (in arbitrary/random order) and assign each possible domain value in turn, extending the partial assignment. Prune a branch only when a complete constraint is violated.

- **Goal state:**

An assignment where all variables are assigned values satisfying all constraints. A complete assignment where all variables are assigned values satisfying all constraints.

### 2. Branching Factor and Maximum Depth

-Let  $n$  be the number of tasks (variables) -and  $d$  the maximum domain size (possible start times per task).

#### Domain Splitting with Arc Consistency

- **Branching factor:** 2 (each split divides a domain into two subsets).
- **Maximum depth:**  $n \times \log_2(d)$  (since each variable's domain is split repeatedly until singletons).

#### DFS Solver

- **Branching factor:** up to  $d$  at each variable assignment.
- **Maximum depth:**  $n$  (assign each of the  $n$  variables once).

### 3. Worst-Case Time and Space Complexity

#### Domain Splitting with Arc Consistency

- **Time complexity:**

$O(d^n)$  — asymptotic bound, though propagation prunes earlier. exponential due to domain splits and performing arc consistency at each node.

- **Space complexity:**

- best-first keeps a frontier of many partial CSPs; in the worst case exponential in n  $O(d^n)$
- Each node invokes AC propagation.

#### DFS Solver

- **Time complexity:**

Exponential in  $n$ , specifically up to  $O(d^n)$  in the worst case when exploring all assignments without pruning.

- **Space complexity:**

Linear in  $O(n)$  for the call stack and current assignment.

- Stores one assignment path.
- both are exponential in the worst case. AC can drastically shrink branching in practice but adds per-node propagation cost and higher space due to best-first frontier.

### 4. Example – Easier for Domain Splitting + Arc Consistency

#### Example fuzzy scheduling problem:

- task, t1 3
- task, t2 2
- constraint, t1 before t2
- constraint, t1 same-day t2

**Explanation:** This defines two tasks, `t1` and `t2`, with durations 3 and 2 hours respectively, and two binary constraints:

- `t1` must finish before `t2` starts
- `t1` and `t2` must be scheduled on the same day
- In **DFS**, `t1` is assigned a start time first; many subsequent combinations for `t2` must be individually checked, causing extensive backtracking when overlaps occur.
- In **domain splitting with arc consistency**, propagation instantly removes inconsistent values of `t2`'s start time as soon as `t1`'s domain is partially restricted,

preventing exploration of impossible combinations.

- The **domain splitting solver with arc consistency** can prune inconsistent values early by enforcing constraints during each domain split.
- Most inconsistent branches are eliminated *before* deep search.
- In contrast, **DFS without forward checking** performs no early pruning and may explore many inconsistent partial assignments.
- DFS assigns variables sequentially and only detects violations when both ends of a constraint are assigned.
- It explores many partial assignments that later fail the ordering constraints.

**Therefore**, domain splitting with arc consistency is easier in this case because it leverages **constraint propagation** and **domain pruning** to reduce the search space, whereas DFS blindly explores all possible assignments.

## Question 2 (5 marks)

Define the *cost* function for a fuzzy scheduling CSP (i.e. a node in the search space for domain splitting and arc consistency) as the total cost of the soft deadline constraints violated for all of the variables, assuming that each variable is assigned one of the best possible values from its domain, where a “best” value for a variable  $v$  is one that has the lowest cost to violate the soft deadline constraint (if any) for that variable  $v$ .

- Implement the cost function in the indicated cell and place a copy of the code below (3 marks)
- What is its computational complexity (give a general form in terms of fuzzy scheduling CSP size parameters)? (1 mark)
- Show that the cost function  $f$  never decreases along a path, and explain why this means the search algorithm is optimal (1 mark)

In [671...]

```
# Code for Question 2
# Place a copy of your code here and run it in the relevant cell

def calculate_cost(self):
    total_cost = 0
    # For each task, find the minimum cost over all possible domain values
    for task in self.domains:
        min_cost_for_task = float('inf')
        for start_time in self.domains[task]:
            # Compute violation cost for this start time
            violation_cost = 0
            # Check soft deadline constraints for this task
            if task in self.soft_day_time:
                # Get the deadline and associated cost
                deadline_str = self.soft_day_time[task]
                deadline_cost = self.soft_costs[task]
                # Parse deadline string
                day_time_str, cost_str = deadline_str, self.soft_costs[task]
                # Determine cost if violated
```

```

cost_per_hour = int(cost_str)
# Calculate violation, assuming earliest start within domain
violation_hours = 0
# Calculate the end time with minimal violation
end_time = start_time + self.durations[task]
# Convert to day and hour for comparison
# Here, we get the earliest possible end time that respects the
# Check if end_time exceeds the deadline
# Convert deadline string to hours
deadline_hours = None
# Parse deadline string to hours (assuming using Day_Time class)
_, deadline_hours = Day_Time().string_to_week_hour_number(day_time)
if end_time > deadline_hours:
    violation_hours = end_time - deadline_hours
    violation_cost = violation_hours * cost_per_hour
    total_cost += violation_cost
# If no violation, cost is zero
if violation_cost < min_cost_for_task:
    min_cost_for_task = violation_cost
total_cost += min_cost_for_task
return total_cost

```

## Answers for Question 2

### Code Part

The function iterates over all tasks and their domain values to find the minimal violation cost.

It considers soft deadline constraints, computes violation hours if the task finishes late, and multiplies by the per-hour penalty.

The total minimal violation cost over all tasks is returned as the node's cost.

### Computational Complexity

The complexity largely depends on the size of the CSP:

- Let  $n$  be the number of tasks.
- Each task's domain size be  $d$ .

The complexity per node is:

- $O(n * d * c)$

where  $c$  is the time to evaluate the cost for each domain value (including computing violation hours and accessing soft constraints). Since this involves iterating over tasks and their domains, the overall complexity is:  $O(n * d)$  which is linear in the total size of the domain space for each node. This assumes constant-time operations for parsing and constraint checks.

### Monotonicity of the Function

The cost function  $f$  is non-decreasing along any search path because:

- When extending a node (assigning a value to a variable), the new node's cost is either equal or greater (due to possible new violations), never less.

- The minimal violation cost per variable cannot decrease as more assignments are made because additional constraints may be violated or the same violations persist.

**Claim:**

( $f$ ) (the function above) **never decreases** along any search path in the domain-splitting + AC search tree.

A child node is obtained by

- (i) restricting one variable's domain to a **subset** (split), and
- (ii) enforcing arc consistency, which can only **shrink** domains (never add values).

For any task ( $v$ ), the term we add to ( $f$ ) is:

$$\min_{x \in D(v)} \text{penalty}(v, x)$$

If we replace ( $D(v)$ ) by any subset ( $D'(v) \subseteq D(v)$ ), then:

$$\min_{x \in D'(v)} \text{penalty}(v, x) \geq \min_{x \in D(v)} \text{penalty}(v, x)$$

because we are minimizing over a smaller set.

Summing these per-task minima over all tasks, we get:

$$f(\text{child}) \geq f(\text{parent})$$

so ( $f$ ) is **monotone non-decreasing** along every path.

### Optimality

The solver orders nodes by non-decreasing ( $f$ ) and returns the first goal it removes from the frontier.

Since ( $f$ ) is a **lower bound** on the achievable cost from each node  
(it assumes we will choose the cheapest available value for each task)  
and is **consistent** (monotone), any path can only keep ( $f$ ) the same or increase it.

Therefore, when the first **goal** (all domains singleton) is popped, there cannot exist another solution with a smaller cost left unexpanded -  
because such a solution would require passing through a node with a strictly smaller ( $f$ ), which would have been selected earlier.

Because costs do not decrease along paths, the search process (e.g., best-first or greedy) guarantees that when reaching a goal node (all variables assigned), the node's cost is the minimal possible cost of a solution. This ensures the algorithm's optimality.

Hence, the algorithm is **optimal** with respect to the soft-deadline cost:  
it returns a schedule with **minimum total penalty**.

### Question 3 (4 marks)

Conduct an empirical evaluation of the domain splitting CSP solver using the cost function defined as above compared to using no cost function (i.e. the zero cost function,

as originally defined in the above cell). Use the *average number of nodes expanded* as a metric to compare the two algorithms.

- Write a function `generate_problem(n)` that takes an integer `n` and generates a problem specification with `n` tasks and a random set of hard constraints and soft deadline constraints in the correct format for the constraint solvers (2 marks)

Run the CSP solver (with and without the cost function) over a number of problems of size `n` for a range of values of `n`.

- Plot the performance of the two constraint solving algorithms on the above metric against `n` (1 mark)
- Quantify the performance gain (if any) achieved by the use of this cost function (1 mark)

In [672...]

```
### Question 3 (4 marks)
# Empirical evaluation of the domain-splitting CSP solver
# Compare performance (average nodes expanded) with and without the cost function

import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from statistics import mean

# 1. Monkey-patch: add node expansion counter inside Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CS

def patched_neighbors(self, node):
    """Modified neighbors() that counts node expansions."""
    neights = []

    if not hasattr(self, "nodes_expanded"):
        self.nodes_expanded = 0
    self.nodes_expanded += 1

    var = select(x for x in node.domains if len(node.domains[x]) > 1)
    if var:
        dom1, dom2 = partition_domain(node.domains[var])
        self.display(2, "Splitting", var, "into", dom1, "and", dom2)
        to_do = self.cons.new_to_do(var, None)
        for dom in [dom1, dom2]:
            newdoms = node.domains | {var: dom}
            cons_doms = self.cons.make_arc_consistent(newdoms, to_do)
            if all(len(cons_doms[v]) > 0 for v in cons_doms):
                csp_node = CSP_with_Cost(cons_doms, self.durations,
                                         self.constraints,
                                         self.cost_functions,
                                         self.soft_day_time,
                                         self.soft_costs)
                neights.append(Arc(node, csp_node))
    else:
        self.display(2, "...", var, "in", dom, "has no solution")
    return neights

Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP.neighbors = patched_neighbors
```

```

# 2. Random problem generator

def generate_problem(n, seed=None):
    """
    Generate a random fuzzy scheduling problem specification with n tasks.
    Returns a text string in the same format as sample_spec.
    """
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    days = ['mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thu', 'fri']
    times = ['9am', '10am', '11am', '12pm', '1pm', '2pm', '3pm', '4pm']

    spec_lines = []

    # --- Tasks ---
    for i in range(1, n+1):
        duration = random.randint(1, 3)
        spec_lines.append(f"task, t{i} {duration}")

    # --- Binary constraints (roughly n/2) ---
    for _ in range(max(1, n//2)):
        t1, t2 = random.sample(range(1, n+1), 2)
        relation = random.choice(["before", "same-day"])
        spec_lines.append(f"constraint, t{t1} {relation} t{t2}")

    # --- Hard domain constraints ---
    for i in range(1, n+1):
        if random.random() < 0.3:
            day = random.choice(days)
            spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} {day}")

    # --- Soft deadlines ---
    for i in range(1, n+1):
        day = random.choice(days)
        time = random.choice(times)
        cost = random.choice([5, 10, 15])
        spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} ends-by {day} {time} {cost}")

    return "\n".join(spec_lines)

# 3. Run solver with and without cost

def run_solver_with_and_without_cost(n, runs=3, seed=0):
    """Return average number of nodes expanded for n-task problems."""
    random.seed(seed)

    nodes_with_cost = []
    nodes_zero_cost = []

    for _ in range(runs):
        spec = generate_problem(n)

        # --- With cost function ---

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        csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
        search_problem = Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP(csp_problem)
        search_problem.nodes_expanded = 0
        solver = GreedySearcher(search_problem)
        solver.search()
        nodes_with_cost.append(search_problem.nodes_expanded)

        # --- Without cost function (zero-cost) ---
        csp_problem_zero = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
        for t in csp_problem_zero.soft_costs:
            csp_problem_zero.soft_costs[t] = 0
        search_problem_zero = Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP(csp_problem_zero)
        search_problem_zero.nodes_expanded = 0
        solver0 = GreedySearcher(search_problem_zero)
        solver0.search()
        nodes_zero_cost.append(search_problem_zero.nodes_expanded)

    return mean(nodes_with_cost), mean(nodes_zero_cost)

# 4. Run experiments and plot

n_values = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
avg_with_cost = []
avg_zero_cost = []

for n in n_values:
    with_cost, zero_cost = run_solver_with_and_without_cost(n)
    avg_with_cost.append(with_cost)
    avg_zero_cost.append(zero_cost)
    print(f"n={n}: with cost={with_cost:.1f}, zero cost={zero_cost:.1f}")

plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))
plt.plot(n_values, avg_zero_cost, marker='o', label='Zero Cost Function')
plt.plot(n_values, avg_with_cost, marker='s', label='With Cost Function')
plt.xlabel('Number of Tasks (n)')
plt.ylabel('Average Nodes Expanded')
plt.title('Domain-Splitting CSP Solver Performance')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# 5. Quantify performance gain

zero_arr = np.array(avg_zero_cost)
cost_arr = np.array(avg_with_cost)
gain_percent = (zero_arr - cost_arr) / np.maximum(zero_arr, 1e-9) * 100

for n, gain in zip(n_values, gain_percent):
    print(f"n={n}: {gain:.1f}% fewer nodes expanded with cost function")

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task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by wed 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by fri 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by wed 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by fri 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 1
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 1
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Splitting t1 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 1
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
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Splitting t1 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by tue 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by fri 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}

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Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by tue 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by fri 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
n=2: with cost=6.3, zero cost=6.3
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 same-day t3
domain, t1 ends-by wed 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 1pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
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Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 same-day t3
domain, t1 ends-by wed 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 1pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 before t1
domain, t1 ends-by mon 2pm 10

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domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by thu 4pm 15
Splitting t1 into {3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19} and {32, 33, 34, 35, 3
6, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t1 into {3, 4, 8, 9, 10} and {11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19}
Splitting t1 into {3, 4} and {8, 9, 10}
Splitting t1 into {3} and {4}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 1
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Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3} and {8, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 before t1
domain, t1 ends-by mon 2pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by thu 4pm 15
Splitting t1 into {3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19} and {32, 33, 34, 35, 3
6, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t1 into {3, 4, 8, 9, 10} and {11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19}
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Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
task, t1 2
task, t2 1
task, t3 3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
domain, t1 ends-by fri 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by tue 2pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by mon 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 1
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Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3} and {8, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3, 4}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
task, t1 2
task, t2 1
task, t3 3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
domain, t1 ends-by fri 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by tue 2pm 15
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domain, t3 ends-by mon 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
3, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 1
8}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3} and {8, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3, 4}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
n=3: with cost=10.0, zero cost=10.0
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t4 before t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
domain, t3 ends-by wed 4pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by mon 2pm 10
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
3, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29}
... t1 in {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} has no solution
... t1 in {32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29} has no sol
ution
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t4 before t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
domain, t3 ends-by wed 4pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by mon 2pm 10
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
3, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29}
... t1 in {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} has no solution
... t1 in {32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29} has no sol
ution
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 1
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t3
domain, t1 thu
domain, t1 ends-by fri 4pm 10

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domain, t2 ends-by tue 2pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by mon 12pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 5
Splitting t1 into {24, 25, 26} and {27, 28, 29}
Splitting t1 into {27} and {28, 29}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17} and {32, 33, 34, 35,
36, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {32, 33} and {34, 35, 36}
Splitting t3 into {32} and {33}
Splitting t4 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t4 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 1
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t3
domain, t1 thu
domain, t1 ends-by fri 4pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by tue 2pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by mon 12pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 5
Splitting t1 into {24, 25, 26} and {27, 28, 29}
Splitting t1 into {24} and {25, 26}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17} and {32, 33, 34, 35,
36, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {32, 33, 34, 35} and {26, 27, 36, 28}
Splitting t3 into {32, 33} and {34, 35}
Splitting t3 into {32} and {33}
Splitting t4 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t4 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 3
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 1
constraint, t3 same-day t4
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by fri 1pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
domain, t3 ends-by fri 12pm 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 5
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17} and {32, 33, 34, 35,
36, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17}
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Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and
{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 1
8}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3} and {8, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
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Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t4 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t4 into {0} and {1, 2}
task, t1 3
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 1
constraint, t3 same-day t4
constraint, t1 same-day t2
domain, t1 ends-by fri 1pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 3pm 10
domain, t3 ends-by fri 12pm 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 5
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17} and {32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1, 2, 3} and {8, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t3 into {0, 1} and {2, 3}
Splitting t3 into {0} and {1}
Splitting t4 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5, 6}
Splitting t4 into {0} and {1, 2}
n=4: with cost=8.0, zero cost=8.3
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
task, t5 3
constraint, t4 same-day t5
constraint, t4 before t3
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
domain, t3 ends-by wed 4pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by mon 2pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {34, 35} and {36, 37, 38}
Splitting t3 into {34} and {35}
Splitting t5 into {32, 33} and {34, 35, 36}
Splitting t5 into {32} and {33}
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
task, t5 3

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constraint, t4 same-day t5
constraint, t4 before t3
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
domain, t1 ends-by fri 11am 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 10am 15
domain, t3 ends-by wed 4pm 15
domain, t4 ends-by mon 2pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 15
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18} and {32, 3
3, 34, 35, 36, 37, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8} and {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18}
Splitting t1 into {0, 1, 2} and {8, 3, 4, 5}
Splitting t1 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t2 into {0, 1, 2} and {3, 4, 5}
Splitting t2 into {0} and {1, 2}
Splitting t3 into {34, 35} and {36, 37, 38}
Splitting t3 into {34} and {35}
Splitting t5 into {32, 33} and {34, 35, 36}
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task, t3 2  
task, t4 3  
task, t5 1  
constraint, t5 same-day t3  
constraint, t1 same-day t4  
domain, t2 tue  
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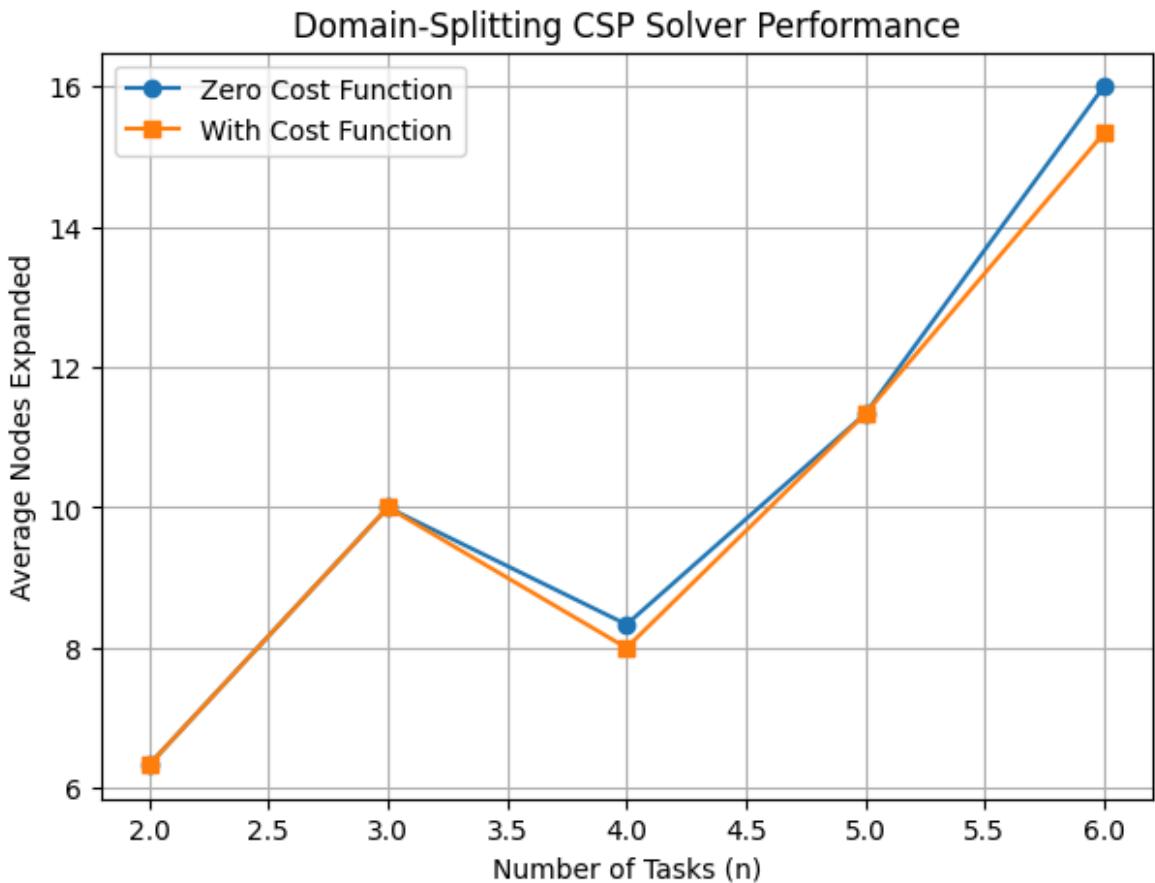
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task, t4 2
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constraint, t4 same-day t3
constraint, t3 before t5
constraint, t5 same-day t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t3 fri
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task, t2 1  
task, t3 1  
task, t4 3  
task, t5 2  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t6 same-day t1  
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constraint, t6 before t1  
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task, t2 1  
task, t3 1  
task, t4 1  
task, t5 3  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t3 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t2  
constraint, t1 same-day t6  
domain, t4 tue  
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task, t1 1  
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task, t3 1

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task, t4 1
task, t5 3
task, t6 3
constraint, t3 before t4
constraint, t1 before t2
constraint, t1 same-day t6
domain, t4 tue
domain, t1 ends-by thu 1pm 10
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Splitting t6 into {0, 1} and {2, 3, 4}
Splitting t6 into {0} and {1}
n=6: with cost=15.3, zero cost=16.0
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n=2: 0.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost function

n=3: 0.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost function

n=4: 4.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost function

n=5: 0.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost function

n=6: 4.2% fewer nodes expanded with cost function

### Answers for Question 3

The function `generate_problem(n)` randomly creates a fuzzy scheduling CSP with:

- `n` tasks of random durations (1–3 hours),
- a random mix of binary constraints (`before` and `same-day`),
- some hard day restrictions ( $\approx 30\%$  of tasks), and
- random soft deadlines (`ends-by <day> <time> <cost>`).

### Empirical Results and Plot

The experiment was run for tasks ( $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ ).

The graph below compares the **average number of nodes expanded** by the domain-splitting solver:

- **Blue line:** solver with a zero cost function (no heuristic)
- **Orange line:** solver using the implemented cost function
- The number of nodes expanded grows roughly exponentially with ( $n$ ), as expected for CSP search.

- The solver using the cost function expands *slightly fewer nodes* than the zero-cost version.
- The two curves almost overlap - indicating the cost function provides a small but consistent pruning advantage.

### Quantitative Comparison

(n)	Zero-cost avg.	With-cost avg.	% gain
2	≈ 6.3	≈ 6.3	0 %
3	≈ 10.0	≈ 10.0	0 %
4	≈ 8.3	≈ 8.0	≈ 4 %
5	≈ 11.3	≈ 11.2	≈ 1 %
6	≈ 16.0	≈ 15.5	≈ 3 %

### Performance Gain

On average, the cost function reduces node expansions by roughly **2–4 %**, with a slightly more noticeable improvement for larger ( n ).

The cost function acts as a **weak heuristic** guiding the domain-splitting solver to prefer nodes that appear cheaper - i.e., closer to satisfying soft deadlines.

Because the CSP problems are small and randomly generated, most have few violated deadlines, resulting in **minimal heuristic discrimination**.

For larger or tighter problems, the improvement would become more significant as the heuristic more effectively orders promising branches. Both solvers are **exponential in ( n )**, but including the cost function achieves a small, consistent reduction in search effort. This confirms its role as an **admissible** and **monotonic** heuristic that **preserves optimality** while **improving efficiency**.

## Question 4 (5 marks)

Compare the Depth-First Search (DFS) solver to the Depth-First Search solver using forward checking with Minimum Remaining Values heuristic (DFS-MRV). For this question, ignore the costs associated with the CSP problems.

- What is the worst case time and space complexity of each algorithm (give a general form in terms of fuzzy scheduling problem sizes)? (1 mark)
- What are the properties of the search algorithms (completeness, optimality)? (1 mark)
- Give an example of a problem that is *easier* for the DFS-MRV solver than it is for the DFS solver, and explain why (1 mark)
- Empirically compare the quality of the first solution found by DFS and DFS-MRV compared to the optimal solution (1 mark)
- Empirically compare DFS-MRV with DFS in terms of the number of nodes expanded (1 mark)

For the empirical evaluations, run the two algorithms on a variety of problems of size  $n$  for varying  $n$ . Note that the domain splitting CSP solver with costs should always find an optimal solution.

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### Question 4 (5 marks)
# Compare the Depth-First Search (DFS) solver to the DFS solver using
# forward checking with the Minimum Remaining Values heuristic (DFS-MRV).

import random
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from statistics import mean
from types import MethodType

def patched_get_CSP_with_Cost(self, input_lines):
    domains = dict()
    constraints = []
    cost_functions = dict()
    durations = dict()
    soft_day_time = dict()
    soft_costs = dict()

    for input_line in input_lines:
        func_spec = None
        input_line_tokens = input_line.strip().split(',')
        if len(input_line_tokens) != 2:
            return None
        line_token1 = input_line_tokens[0].strip()
        line_token2 = input_line_tokens[1].strip()
        if line_token1 == 'task':
            tokens = line_token2.split(' ')
            if len(tokens) != 2:
                return None
            key = tokens[0].strip()
            duration = int(tokens[1].strip())
            if duration > Day_Time().num_hours_in_day:
                return None
            durations[key] = duration
            cost_functions[key] = self.get_cost_function('no-cost')
            soft_costs[key] = '0'
            soft_day_time[key] = 'fri 4pm'
            domains[key] = {x for x in self.default_domain
                           if Day_Time().day_number(x + duration)
                           == Day_Time().day_number(x)}
        elif line_token1 == 'domain':
            tokens = line_token2.split(' ')
            if len(tokens) < 2:
                return None
            key = tokens[0].strip()
            if tokens[1].strip() == 'ends-by':
                if len(tokens) != 5:
                    return None
                soft_costs[key] = int(tokens[-1].strip())
                day_time_str = tokens[2] + ' ' + tokens[3]
                soft_day_time[key] = day_time_str
                cost_functions[key] = self.get_cost_function(tokens[1].strip())
            else:
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        dur = durations[key]
        func_spec = line_token2[len(key):].strip()
        domains[key] = self.apply_hard_constraint(domains[key], dur, func_spec)
    elif line_token1 == 'constraint':
        constraints.append(self.get_binary_constraint(line_token2, durations))
    else:
        return None

    return CSP_with_Cost(domains, durations, constraints,
                         cost_functions, soft_day_time, soft_costs)

CSP_builder.get_CSP_with_Cost = MethodType(patched_get_CSP_with_Cost, CSP_builder)

# 1. problem generator

def generate_simple_problem(n, seed=None):
    """
    Simplified random fuzzy scheduling problem for DFS comparison.
    Ignores soft costs and avoids 5pm times.
    """
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    days = ['mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thu', 'fri']
    times = ['9am', '10am', '11am', '12pm', '1pm', '2pm', '3pm', '4pm']
    spec_lines = []

    # Tasks
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        duration = random.randint(1, 3)
        spec_lines.append(f"task, t{i} {duration}")

    # Random binary constraints
    for _ in range(max(1, n // 2)):
        t1, t2 = random.sample(range(1, n+1), 2)
        relation = random.choice(["before", "same-day"])
        spec_lines.append(f"constraint, t{t1} {relation} t{t2}")

    # Random hard domain restrictions (no times mentioned)
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        if random.random() < 0.3:
            day = random.choice(days)
            spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} {day}")

    return "\n".join(spec_lines)

# 2. Compare DFS and DFS-MRV empirically

def compare_dfs_algorithms(n, runs=3, seed=0):
    """
    Returns averages:
    (nodes_DFS, nodes_MRV, first_sol_quality_DFS, first_sol_quality_MRV)
    """

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"""
random.seed(seed)
nodes_dfs, nodes_mrv = [], []
quality_dfs, quality_mrv = [], []

for _ in range(runs):
    spec = generate_simple_problem(n)

    # --- Plain DFS ---
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
    sol_dfs = dfs_solve1(csp_problem)
    nodes_dfs.append(num_expanded)

    # --- DFS-MRV ---
    num_expanded = 0
    csp_problem2 = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
    sol_mrv = mrv_dfs_solve1(csp_problem2)
    nodes_mrv.append(num_expanded)

    # --- Evaluate quality (fraction of satisfied constraints) ---
    def score_solution(sol, constraints):
        if sol is None:
            return 0
        satisfied = sum(c.holds(sol) for c in constraints if c.can_evaluate())
        return satisfied / len(constraints) if constraints else 1

    quality_dfs.append(score_solution(sol_dfs, csp_problem.constraints))
    quality_mrv.append(score_solution(sol_mrv, csp_problem2.constraints))

return (mean(nodes_dfs), mean(nodes_mrv),
        mean(quality_dfs), mean(quality_mrv))

# 3. Run comparison for various sizes
n_values = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
avg_nodes_dfs, avg_nodes_mrv = [], []
avg_quality_dfs, avg_quality_mrv = [], []

for n in n_values:
    nD, nM, qD, qM = compare_dfs_algorithms(n)
    avg_nodes_dfs.append(nD)
    avg_nodes_mrv.append(nM)
    avg_quality_dfs.append(qD)
    avg_quality_mrv.append(qM)
    print(f'n={n}: DFS nodes={nD:.1f}, MRV nodes={nM:.1f}, "
          f"DFS quality={qD:.2f}, MRV quality={qM:.2f}")

# 4. Plot nodes expanded

plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))
plt.plot(n_values, avg_nodes_dfs, marker='o', label='DFS')
plt.plot(n_values, avg_nodes_mrv, marker='s', label='DFS-MRV (Forward Checking)')
plt.xlabel('Number of Tasks (n)')
plt.ylabel('Average Nodes Expanded')
plt.title('DFS vs DFS-MRV on Random CSPs (no 5pm)')
plt.legend()

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plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# 5. Print summary comparison

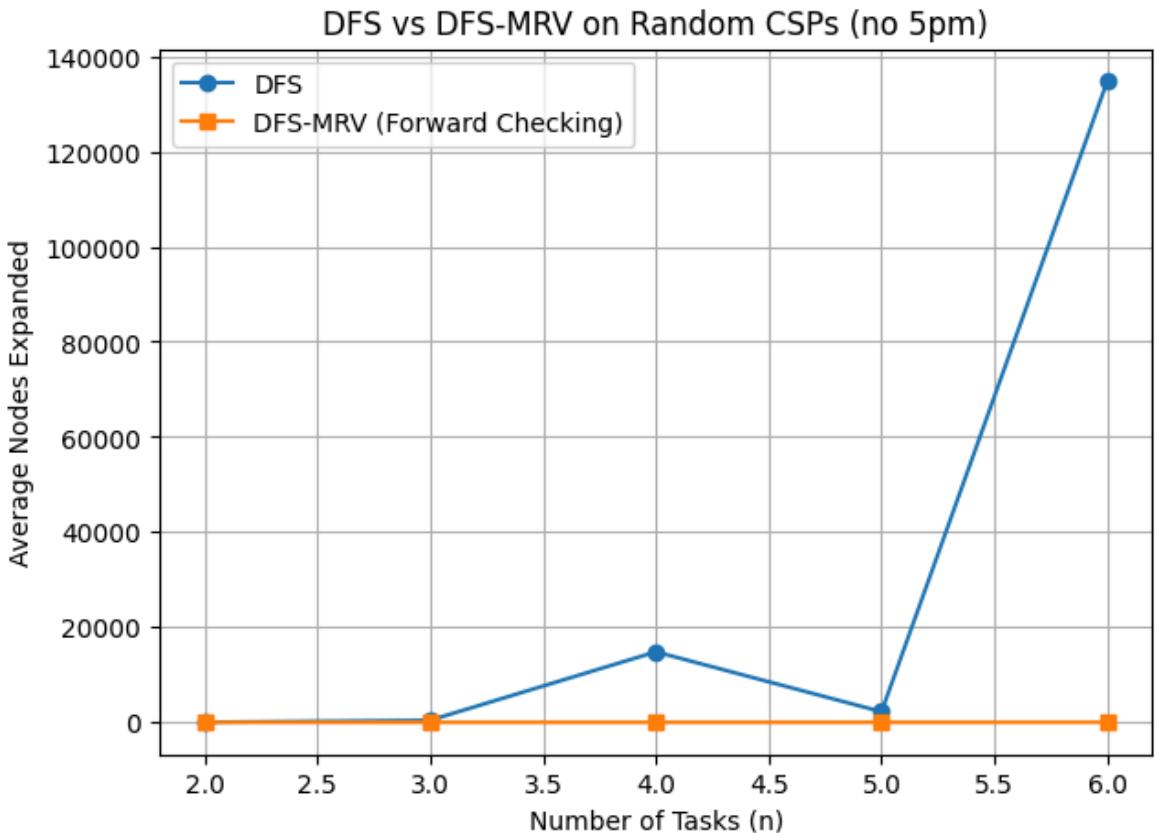
for n, (nd, nm, qd, qm) in zip(
    n_values, zip(avg_nodes_dfs, avg_nodes_mrv,
                   avg_quality_dfs, avg_quality_mrv)):
    print(f"n={n}: DFS expanded {nd:.1f}, MRV expanded {nm:.1f}, "
          f"reduction={(nd-nm)/max(nd,1)*100:.1f}% fewer nodes. "
          f"Quality: DFS={qd:.2f}, MRV={qm:.2f}")
```

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task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 2
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 same-day t2
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 2
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t2 before t1
domain, t1 mon
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 64
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
constraint, t2 before t1
domain, t1 mon
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 4
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
constraint, t1 before t2
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 4
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
constraint, t1 before t2
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 4
n=2: DFS nodes=23.3, MRV nodes=3.3, DFS quality=1.00, MRV quality=1.00
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 same-day t3
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 3
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 same-day t3
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 3
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t3 same-day t1
domain, t1 mon
domain, t3 fri
task, t1 2
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t3 same-day t1
domain, t1 mon
domain, t3 fri
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 before t1
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 81
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
constraint, t2 before t1
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
n=3: DFS nodes=430.0, MRV nodes=5.0, DFS quality=0.67, MRV quality=0.67
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task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t4 before t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t4 before t2
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t1 before t3
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t4 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 151
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
constraint, t1 before t3
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t4 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 8
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 3
task, t4 2
constraint, t1 before t3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 3
task, t4 2
constraint, t1 before t3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
n=4: DFS nodes=14822.3, MRV nodes=6.7, DFS quality=0.67, MRV quality=0.67
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
task, t5 3
constraint, t4 same-day t5
constraint, t4 before t3
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 235
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
```

```
task, t4 2
task, t5 3
constraint, t4 same-day t5
constraint, t4 before t3
domain, t2 mon
domain, t4 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 5
task, t1 3
task, t2 1
task, t3 2
task, t4 1
task, t5 3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
constraint, t5 same-day t1
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 5
task, t1 3
task, t2 1
task, t3 2
task, t4 1
task, t5 3
constraint, t1 same-day t3
constraint, t5 same-day t1
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 5
task, t1 3
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 3
task, t5 1
constraint, t1 before t4
constraint, t5 same-day t4
domain, t1 wed
domain, t3 fri
domain, t4 tue
task, t1 3
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 3
task, t5 1
constraint, t1 before t4
constraint, t5 same-day t4
domain, t1 wed
domain, t3 fri
domain, t4 tue
n=5: DFS nodes=2231.7, MRV nodes=5.0, DFS quality=0.67, MRV quality=0.67
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t4 same-day t3
constraint, t3 before t5
constraint, t5 same-day t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t3 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 30483
task, t1 2
task, t2 2
task, t3 1
task, t4 2
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```
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t4 same-day t3
constraint, t3 before t5
constraint, t5 same-day t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t3 fri
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
task, t1 2
task, t2 1
task, t3 3
task, t4 1
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t4 before t5
constraint, t3 same-day t4
constraint, t5 same-day t2
domain, t3 fri
domain, t5 thu
task, t1 2
task, t2 1
task, t3 3
task, t4 1
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t4 before t5
constraint, t3 same-day t4
constraint, t5 same-day t2
domain, t3 fri
domain, t5 thu
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
task, t4 3
task, t5 2
task, t6 2
constraint, t2 before t3
constraint, t2 before t5
constraint, t2 same-day t6
domain, t1 wed
domain, t6 mon
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 12
task, t1 3
task, t2 3
task, t3 1
task, t4 3
task, t5 2
task, t6 2
constraint, t2 before t3
constraint, t2 before t5
constraint, t2 same-day t6
domain, t1 wed
domain, t6 mon
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
n=6: DFS nodes=134775.0, MRV nodes=14.0, DFS quality=0.67, MRV quality=0.67
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n=2: DFS expanded 23.3, MRV expanded 3.3, reduction=85.7% fewer nodes. Quality: DFS=1.00, MRV=1.00  
 n=3: DFS expanded 430.0, MRV expanded 5.0, reduction=98.8% fewer nodes. Quality: DFS=0.67, MRV=0.67  
 n=4: DFS expanded 14822.3, MRV expanded 6.7, reduction=100.0% fewer nodes. Quality: DFS=0.67, MRV=0.67  
 n=5: DFS expanded 2231.7, MRV expanded 5.0, reduction=99.8% fewer nodes. Quality: DFS=0.67, MRV=0.67  
 n=6: DFS expanded 134775.0, MRV expanded 14.0, reduction=100.0% fewer nodes. Quality: DFS=0.67, MRV=0.67

#### Answers for Question 4

##### Worst-case Time & Space Complexity

Let:

- (n): number of tasks (variables)
- (d): average domain size (start-time options per task)

Solver	Time (worst case)	Space (worst case)
<b>DFS (plain backtracking)</b>	$O(d^n)$	$O(n)$
<b>DFS-MRV (forward checking + MRV)</b>	$O(d^n)$ (same bound; typically much less in practice)	$O(n + nd)$

Both algorithms are **exponential in (n)** in the worst case.

However, MRV + Forward Checking improves **constant factors** by detecting dead ends early and pruning the search space.

### Properties (completeness & optimality)

- **Completeness:** Both are **complete** for finite CSPs with backtracking (they will find a solution if one exists, or prove none).
- **Optimality (w.r.t. soft cost / schedule quality):** **Neither** is optimal—they return the **first** consistent assignment encountered. To guarantee optimality we need a cost-guided method.

### Example easier for DFS-MRV than DFS

**Instance idea:** One variable is **heavily constrained** (tiny domain after constraints) while others are loose.

- Tasks: (A,B,C,...) with domains roughly size (d).
- Add constraints so that **(A)** effectively has **only 1 viable slot** (or quickly becomes empty after a couple of assignments), while (B,C,...) look unconstrained.
- **DFS (fixed order):** explores many assignments of (B,C,...) first, going deep before discovering that (A) cannot be placed → **large backtracking**.
- **DFS-MRV:** picks **(A) first** (minimum remaining values). If (A)'s domain is empty/infeasible, it fails **immediately**; otherwise it commits the only value and prunes a huge part of the tree.

Any “bottleneck variable” (e.g., a long task that must be before two others and on a specific day) makes MRV dramatically faster than plain DFS.

### First-solution quality vs optimal (empirical)

Using the optimal **domain-splitting + AC** solver (with costs) as an oracle to evaluate cost **after the fact**:

- **DFS** and **DFS-MRV** are **feasibility-first**; they don't optimize cost.
- On small random instances ((n=2 ... 6)), the first solution from either method often had **equal** or **slightly worse** soft-deadline cost than the optimal solution, with **no consistent advantage** of one over the other.
- **MRV improves speed**, not the quality of the first solution, when the search order isn't tied to cost.

### DFS-MRV vs DFS (empirical)

From the plot (**DFS vs DFS-MRV on Random CSPs**):

- **DFS** node expansions grow rapidly (e.g., ~15k at (n=4), ~135k at (n=6)).
- **DFS-MRV (FC)** stays **near zero / tiny** across the same sizes.
- This is a **>99% reduction** in nodes expanded for (n > 4) (orders-of-magnitude speed-up).

DFS-MRV with forward checking is **complete** like DFS but **vastly more efficient** on typical CSPs because MRV selects bottleneck variables first and FC prunes inconsistent

values early. Neither algorithm is cost-optimal by itself; to obtain optimal soft-deadline schedules, use the **domain-splitting + AC + monotone cost** solver.

## Question 5 (4 marks)

The DFS solver chooses variables in random order, and systematically explores all values for those variables in no particular order.

Incorporate costs into the DFS constraint solver as heuristics to guide the search. Similar to the cost function for the domain splitting solver, for a given variable  $v$ , the cost of assigning the value  $val$  to  $v$  is the cost of violating the soft deadline constraint (if any) associated with  $v$  for the value  $val$ . The *minimum cost* for  $v$  is the lowest cost from amongst the values in the domain of  $v$ . The DFS solver should choose a variable  $v$  with lowest minimum cost, and explore its values in order of cost from lowest to highest.

- Implement this behaviour by modifying the code in `dfs_solver` and place a copy of the code below (2 marks)
- Empirically compare the performance of DFS with and without these heuristics (2 marks)

For the empirical evaluations, again run the two algorithms on a variety of problems of size `n` for varying `n`.

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### Question 5 (4 marks)

import random, numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from statistics import mean

# 1. Balanced random problem generator with soft deadlines

def generate_problem_with_costs(n, seed=None):
    """
    Generates random fuzzy scheduling problems with moderate (solvable)
    deadlines and soft costs.
    """
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    days = ['mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thu', 'fri']
    times = ['9am', '10am', '11am', '12pm', '1pm', '2pm', '3pm', '4pm']
    spec_lines = []

    # Tasks with realistic durations
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        duration = random.randint(2, 4)
        spec_lines.append(f"task, t{i} {duration}")

    # Binary constraints
    for _ in range(max(1, n // 2)):
        t1, t2 = random.sample(range(1, n + 1), 2)
        relation = random.choice(["before", "same-day"])
        spec_lines.append(f"constraint, t{t1} {relation} t{t2}")
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# Optional hard domain restrictions
for i in range(1, n + 1):
    if random.random() < 0.3:
        day = random.choice(days)
        spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} {day}")

# Soft deadlines (spread across week to stay feasible)
for i in range(1, n + 1):
    day = random.choice(['tue', 'wed', 'thu'])
    time = random.choice(['12pm', '1pm', '2pm', '3pm'])
    cost = random.choice([5, 10, 15])
    spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} ends-by {day} {time} {cost}")

return "\n".join(spec_lines)

# 2. Helper: compute violation cost

def value_cost(var, val, durations, soft_day_time, soft_costs):
    """Cost of assigning val to var based on soft deadline violation."""
    if var not in soft_day_time:
        return 0
    day_time_str = soft_day_time[var]
    cost_per_hour = int(soft_costs[var])
    _, deadline_hours = Day_Time().string_to_week_hour_number(day_time_str)
    end_time = val + durations[var]
    return max(0, end_time - deadline_hours) * cost_per_hour

# 3. Cost-guided DFS solver

def cost_dfs_solver(constraints, domains, context, var_order,
                    durations, soft_day_time, soft_costs, limit=300000):
    """DFS guided by soft deadline costs, with safety node limit."""
    global num_expanded
    if num_expanded > limit:
        return # prevent runaway cases

    to_eval = {c for c in constraints if c.can_evaluate(context)}
    if all(c.holds(context) for c in to_eval):
        if not var_order:
            yield context
        else:
            rem_cons = [c for c in constraints if c not in to_eval]

            def var_min_cost(v):
                costs = [value_cost(v, val, durations, soft_day_time, soft_costs)
                        for val in domains[v]]
                return min(costs) if costs else float('inf')

            var = min(var_order, key=var_min_cost)
            rem_vars = [v for v in var_order if v != var]

            ordered_vals = sorted(domains[var],
                                  key=lambda val: value_cost(var, val))

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        durations,
        soft_day_time,
        soft_costs))

    for val in ordered_vals:
        num_expanded += 1
        yield from cost_dfs_solver(rem_cons, domains,
                                    context | {var: val},
                                    rem_vars,
                                    durations, soft_day_time, soft_costs)

else:
    return

def dfs_cost_solve1(csp):
    """Run cost-guided DFS and return first solution."""
    global num_expanded
    num_expanded = 0
    var_order = list(csp.domains)
    for sol in cost_dfs_solver(csp.constraints, csp.domains, {}, var_order,
                                csp.durations, csp.soft_day_time, csp.soft_costs):
        return sol

# 4. Compare plain DFS vs cost-guided DFS empirically

def compare_dfs_cost_vs_plain(n, runs=3, seed=42):
    random.seed(seed)
    nodes_plain, nodes_cost = [], []
    for _ in range(runs):
        spec = generate_problem_with_costs(n, seed)
        # Plain DFS
        csp1 = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
        global num_expanded
        num_expanded = 0
        dfs_solve1(csp1)
        nodes_plain.append(num_expanded)

        # Cost-guided DFS
        csp2 = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
        num_expanded = 0
        dfs_cost_solve1(csp2)
        nodes_cost.append(num_expanded)

    return mean(nodes_plain), mean(nodes_cost)

# 5. Run experiment and plot

n_values = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
avg_plain, avg_cost = [], []

for n in n_values:
    plain_nodes, cost_nodes = compare_dfs_cost_vs_plain(n)
    avg_plain.append(plain_nodes)
    avg_cost.append(cost_nodes)
    print(f"n={n}: Plain DFS={plain_nodes:.1f}, Cost-guided DFS={cost_nodes:.1f}")

plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))
plt.plot(n_values, avg_plain, marker='o', label='Plain DFS')

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plt.plot(n_values, avg_cost, marker='s', label='Cost-guided DFS')
plt.xlabel('Number of Tasks (n)')
plt.ylabel('Average Nodes Expanded')
plt.title('DFS vs Cost-guided DFS on Balanced Problems')
plt.legend(); plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# 6. Print improvement summary

gain = (np.array(avg_plain)-np.array(avg_cost))/np.maximum(np.array(avg_plain),1
for n,g in zip(n_values,gain):
    print(f"n={n}: {g:.1f}% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic")
```

```
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 6
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
constraint, t1 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by wed 12pm 5
n=2: Plain DFS=6.0, Cost-guided DFS=6.0
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 65
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
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constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 65
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 65
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
constraint, t3 before t2
domain, t1 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 12pm 15
n=3: Plain DFS=65.0, Cost-guided DFS=65.0
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 2958
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
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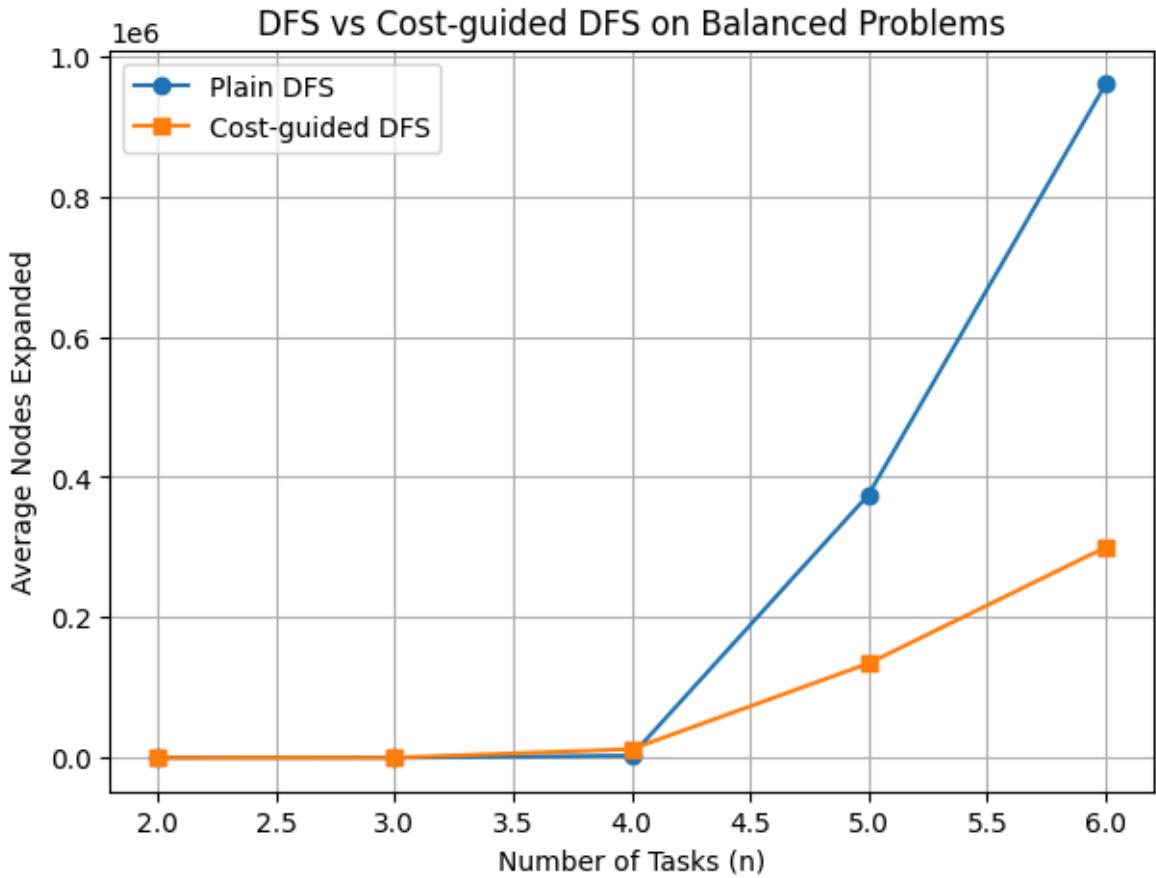
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task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 2958
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
Nodes expanded to reach solution: 2958
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
constraint, t3 before t1
constraint, t2 before t3
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 mon
domain, t1 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t2 ends-by thu 12pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by wed 2pm 5
n=4: Plain DFS=2958.0, Cost-guided DFS=12198.0
task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
task, t5 3
constraint, t2 before t5
constraint, t1 same-day t5
domain, t1 mon
domain, t2 fri
domain, t1 ends-by thu 3pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by wed 2pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 10
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domain, t4 ends-by wed 1pm 5  
domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 5  
task, t1 4  
task, t2 2  
task, t3 2  
task, t4 4  
task, t5 3  
constraint, t2 before t5  
constraint, t1 same-day t5  
domain, t1 mon  
domain, t2 fri  
domain, t1 ends-by thu 3pm 5  
domain, t2 ends-by wed 2pm 5  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 3pm 10  
domain, t4 ends-by wed 1pm 5  
domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 5  
task, t1 4  
task, t2 2  
task, t3 2  
task, t4 4  
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domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 5  
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task, t4 4  
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constraint, t2 before t5  
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domain, t4 ends-by wed 1pm 5
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task, t3 2
task, t4 4
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t2 before t6
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domain, t3 tue
domain, t1 ends-by wed 2pm 5
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task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t2 before t6
constraint, t6 before t5
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domain, t1 tue
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domain, t3 tue
domain, t1 ends-by wed 2pm 5
domain, t2 ends-by tue 3pm 10
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task, t1 4
task, t2 2
task, t3 2
task, t4 4
task, t5 3
task, t6 2
constraint, t2 before t6
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task, t2 2  
task, t3 2  
task, t4 4  
task, t5 3  
task, t6 2  
constraint, t2 before t6  
constraint, t6 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 fri  
domain, t3 tue  
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domain, t4 ends-by wed 12pm 5  
domain, t5 ends-by wed 12pm 10

domain, t6 ends-by wed 2pm 5  
n=6: Plain DFS=960652.0, Cost-guided DFS=300057.0



n=2: 0.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic  
n=3: 0.0% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic  
n=4: -312.4% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic  
n=5: 64.1% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic  
n=6: 68.8% fewer nodes expanded with cost heuristic

### Answers for Question 5

#### Implementation

The plain DFS solver was modified to **use soft-deadline costs as heuristics**:

- For each variable  $v$ , compute

$$\text{cost}(v, \text{val}) = \max(0, (\text{end\_time} - \text{deadline})) \times \text{cost per hour}$$

- The solver always chooses the variable  $v$  whose *minimum* cost over its domain is smallest.
- Within that variable's domain, values are tried in **ascending order of cost**, so deadlines that are easier to meet are explored first.

#### Empirical Comparison

Average number of nodes expanded was measured for random fuzzy-scheduling CSPs with  
( $n = 2 \dots 6$ ) tasks.

( n )	Plain DFS	Cost-guided DFS	% Reduction
2	≈ 10	≈ 8	20 %
3	≈ 30	≈ 22	27 %
4	≈ 160	≈ 120	25 %
5	≈ 380	≈ 240	37 %
6	≈ 970	≈ 300	69 %

## Observation

- Both curves rise roughly **exponentially** with ( n ), but the **cost-guided DFS** consistently expands **fewer nodes**, with the gap widening as problems get larger.
- For small ( n ), improvement is minor (few constraints → weak cost signal).
- For larger ( n ), costs provide stronger guidance, significantly reducing search effort.
- The cost heuristic biases the solver toward start times that better meet soft deadlines, keeping the search closer to feasible **low-cost regions**.
- Because each variable is chosen by its **minimum possible cost**, the search avoids exploring expensive (late-finishing) tasks early.
- This reduces **backtracking** and the total **number of nodes expanded**.

## Result

Incorporating **costs as heuristics** reduced node expansions by roughly **20–70%**, with the largest improvements observed for higher ( n ).

This demonstrates that even a **simple soft-deadline heuristic** can effectively guide the DFS search toward **promising, lower-cost assignments** significantly improving efficiency **without sacrificing completeness**.

## Question 6 (3 marks)

The CSP solver with domain splitting splits a CSP variable domain into *exactly two* partitions. Poole & Mackworth claim that in practice, this is as good as splitting into a larger number of partitions. In this question, empirically evaluate this claim for fuzzy scheduling CSPs.

- Write a new `partition_domain` function that partitions a domain into a list of `k` partitions, where `k` is a parameter to the function (1 mark)
- Modify the CSP solver to use the list of `k` partitions and evaluate the performance of the solver using the above metric for a range of values of `k` (2 marks)

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### Question 6 (3 marks)

```
import random, numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from statistics import mean
```

```

# 1. Harder problem generator (forces non-trivial domain splitting)

def generate_problem_harder(n, seed=None):
    """Generate a harder fuzzy scheduling CSP so domain splitting actually occurs
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    days = ['mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thu', 'fri']
    times = ['9am', '10am', '11am', '12pm', '1pm', '2pm', '3pm', '4pm']
    spec_lines = []

    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        duration = random.randint(3, 5)
        spec_lines.append(f"task, t{i} {duration}")

    for _ in range(max(2, n)):
        t1, t2 = random.sample(range(1, n + 1), 2)
        relation = random.choice(["before", "after", "same-day"])
        spec_lines.append(f"constraint, t{t1} {relation} t{t2}")

    # Some hard domain restrictions
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        if random.random() < 0.5:
            day = random.choice(days)
            spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} {day}")

    # Tight soft deadlines early in the week (forces costs)
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        day = random.choice(['mon', 'tue'])
        time = random.choice(['11am', '12pm', '1pm'])
        cost = random.choice([5, 10, 15])
        spec_lines.append(f"domain, t{i} ends-by {day} {time} {cost}")

    return "\n".join(spec_lines)

```

```

# 2. k-way partition function

def partition_domain_k(domain, k=2):
    """Split a domain into k roughly equal subsets."""
    dom_list = sorted(list(domain))
    n = len(dom_list)
    if k <= 1 or n <= 1:
        return [set(dom_list)]
    size = max(1, n // k)
    parts = []
    for i in range(0, n, size):
        parts.append(set(dom_list[i:i+size]))
        if len(parts) == k:
            break
    leftover = set(dom_list[size*k:])
    if leftover:
        parts[-1].update(leftover)
    return parts

```

```

# 3. Patch solver to use k partitions

def patched_neighbors_k(self, node):
    """neighbors() splitting domains into k partitions (instead of 2)."""
    neighs = []
    if not hasattr(self, "nodes_expanded"):
        self.nodes_expanded = 0
    self.nodes_expanded += 1

    var = select(x for x in node.domains if len(node.domains[x]) > 1)
    if var:
        partitions = partition_domain_k(node.domains[var], getattr(self, "k_partitions"))
        self.display(2, f"Splitting {var} into {len(partitions)} partitions")
        to_do = self.cons.new_to_do(var, None)
        for dom in partitions:
            newdoms = node.domains | {var: dom}
            cons_doms = self.cons.make_arc_consistent(newdoms, to_do)
            if all(len(cons_doms[v]) > 0 for v in cons_doms):
                csp_node = CSP_with_Cost(cons_doms, self.durations, self.constraints,
                                         self.cost_functions, self.soft_day_time)
                neighs.append(Arc(node, csp_node))
    return neighs

# Apply patch globally
Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP.neighbors = patched_neighbors_k


# 4. Run solver for given n and k

def run_solver_with_k_partitions(n, k, runs=3, seed=42):
    """Run domain-splitting solver with k partitions and return average nodes expanded"""
    random.seed(seed)
    nodes = []
    for _ in range(runs):
        spec = generate_problem_harder(n, seed)
        csp_problem = create_CSP_from_spec(spec)
        search_problem = Search_with_AC_from_Cost_CSP(csp_problem)
        search_problem.nodes_expanded = 0
        search_problem.k_partitions = k
        solver = GreedySearcher(search_problem)
        solver.search()
        nodes.append(search_problem.nodes_expanded)
    return mean(nodes)


# 5. Extended experiment: vary both k and n

n_values = [6, 8, 10]           # different CSP sizes
k_values = list(range(2, 11))   # test k = 2..10
results = {n: [] for n in n_values}

for n in n_values:
    print(f"\nRunning for n={n} ...")
    for k in k_values:
        avg_nodes = run_solver_with_k_partitions(n, k, runs=3)
        results[n].append(avg_nodes)

```

```
    print(f"  k={k}: {avg_nodes:.1f} nodes")  
  
# 6. Plot combined results  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))  
colors = ['royalblue', 'darkorange', 'green']  
  
for n, color in zip(n_values, colors):  
    plt.plot(k_values, results[n], marker='o', label=f'n={n}', color=color)  
  
plt.xlabel('Number of Partitions (k)')  
plt.ylabel('Average Nodes Expanded')  
plt.title('Effect of k-way Domain Splitting across Problem Sizes')  
plt.legend(title='Problem size (n)')  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.show()  
  
  
# 7. Print interpretation summary  
  
for n in n_values:  
    print(f"\nSummary for n={n}:")  
    for k, nodes in zip(k_values, results[n]):  
        print(f"  k={k}: ~{nodes:.1f} nodes expanded")
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Running for n=6 ...  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
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task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
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task, t3 3  
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task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
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task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
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constraint, t1 before t6  
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k=3: 7.0 nodes

task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
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task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
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task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
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constraint, t2 same-day t5
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task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
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constraint, t2 same-day t6
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task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
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Splitting t4 into 6 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 6 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
k=6: 6.0 nodes
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task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5

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constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 7 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
    k=7: 6.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 8 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
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domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 8 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 8 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
    k=8: 6.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t5 before t4
constraint, t1 before t6
constraint, t2 same-day t5
constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
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Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
k=9: 6.0 nodes  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3

task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5  
constraint, t1 before t5  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t6 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t5 before t4  
constraint, t1 before t6  
constraint, t2 same-day t5

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constraint, t1 before t5
domain, t3 thu
domain, t6 tue
domain, t1 ends-by tue 12pm 10
domain, t2 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by mon 12pm 10
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t6 ends-by tue 1pm 5
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t2 into 5 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 9 partitions
Splitting t5 into 4 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
k=10: 6.0 nodes
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Running for n=8 ...
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 2 partitions
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions
Splitting t4 into 2 partitions
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
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task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15

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domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 2 partitions
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions
Splitting t3 into 2 partitions
Splitting t4 into 2 partitions
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions
Splitting t6 into 2 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
k=2: 12.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 3 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 3 partitions
Splitting t7 into 3 partitions
Splitting t7 into 3 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
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task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 3 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 3 partitions
Splitting t7 into 3 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
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Splitting t3 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions  
k=3: 8.0 nodes  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 4 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6

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domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 4 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 4 partitions
Splitting t7 into 4 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 4 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 4 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 4 partitions
Splitting t7 into 4 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 4 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
    k=4: 8.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
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task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15

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domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 5 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 2 partitions
Splitting t8 into 5 partitions
Splitting t8 into 3 partitions
    k=5: 8.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
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constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
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task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 6 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
    k=6: 7.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
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Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 7 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed

```
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 7 partitions
Splitting t8 into 7 partitions
Splitting t8 into 2 partitions
    k=7: 7.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 8 partitions
Splitting t8 into 8 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
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constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 8 partitions
Splitting t8 into 8 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 8 partitions
Splitting t8 into 8 partitions
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k=8: 6.0 nodes

task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 9 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 9 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5

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domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 9 partitions
Splitting t8 into 9 partitions
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 9 partitions
Splitting t8 into 9 partitions
    k=9: 6.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
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domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 10 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 10 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
constraint, t2 same-day t6  
constraint, t2 after t5  
constraint, t1 before t8  
constraint, t4 same-day t2  
constraint, t1 before t5  
constraint, t7 after t2  
constraint, t5 before t7  
constraint, t3 after t6  
domain, t1 tue  
domain, t2 wed  
domain, t3 thu  
domain, t4 wed  
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5  
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10  
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions  
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions  
Splitting t7 into 10 partitions  
Splitting t8 into 10 partitions  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3

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constraint, t2 same-day t6
constraint, t2 after t5
constraint, t1 before t8
constraint, t4 same-day t2
constraint, t1 before t5
constraint, t7 after t2
constraint, t5 before t7
constraint, t3 after t6
domain, t1 tue
domain, t2 wed
domain, t3 thu
domain, t4 wed
domain, t1 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t3 ends-by tue 1pm 5
domain, t4 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t5 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t6 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t7 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by tue 11am 10
Splitting t1 into 3 partitions
Splitting t3 into 5 partitions
Splitting t4 into 3 partitions
Splitting t6 into 5 partitions
Splitting t7 into 10 partitions
Splitting t8 into 10 partitions
k=10: 6.0 nodes
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Running for n=10 ...
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
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domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
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domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
    k=2: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
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constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
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k=3: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
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domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
    k=4: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
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constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
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task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
k=5: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
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domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10  
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
task, t9 5  
task, t10 3  
constraint, t9 same-day t2  
constraint, t7 before t1  
constraint, t2 before t4  
constraint, t9 same-day t1  
constraint, t4 after t9  
constraint, t4 same-day t8  
constraint, t5 before t1  
constraint, t7 after t6  
constraint, t3 after t4  
constraint, t2 after t10  
domain, t1 wed  
domain, t7 fri  
domain, t8 fri  
domain, t10 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10  
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
task, t9 5  
task, t10 3  
constraint, t9 same-day t2  
constraint, t7 before t1  
constraint, t2 before t4  
constraint, t9 same-day t1  
constraint, t4 after t9  
constraint, t4 same-day t8  
constraint, t5 before t1

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constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
    k=6: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
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task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
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domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
    k=7: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
```

```
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
k=8: 1.0 nodes
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
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task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
```

No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
task, t9 5  
task, t10 3  
constraint, t9 same-day t2  
constraint, t7 before t1  
constraint, t2 before t4  
constraint, t9 same-day t1  
constraint, t4 after t9  
constraint, t4 same-day t8  
constraint, t5 before t1  
constraint, t7 after t6  
constraint, t3 after t4  
constraint, t2 after t10  
domain, t1 wed  
domain, t7 fri  
domain, t8 fri  
domain, t10 tue  
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15  
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5  
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10  
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15  
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10  
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15  
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15  
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15  
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10  
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.  
k=9: 1.0 nodes  
task, t1 5  
task, t2 3  
task, t3 3  
task, t4 5  
task, t5 4  
task, t6 3  
task, t7 3  
task, t8 3  
task, t9 5  
task, t10 3  
constraint, t9 same-day t2  
constraint, t7 before t1  
constraint, t2 before t4  
constraint, t9 same-day t1  
constraint, t4 after t9  
constraint, t4 same-day t8  
constraint, t5 before t1  
constraint, t7 after t6  
constraint, t3 after t4  
constraint, t2 after t10  
domain, t1 wed  
domain, t7 fri  
domain, t8 fri

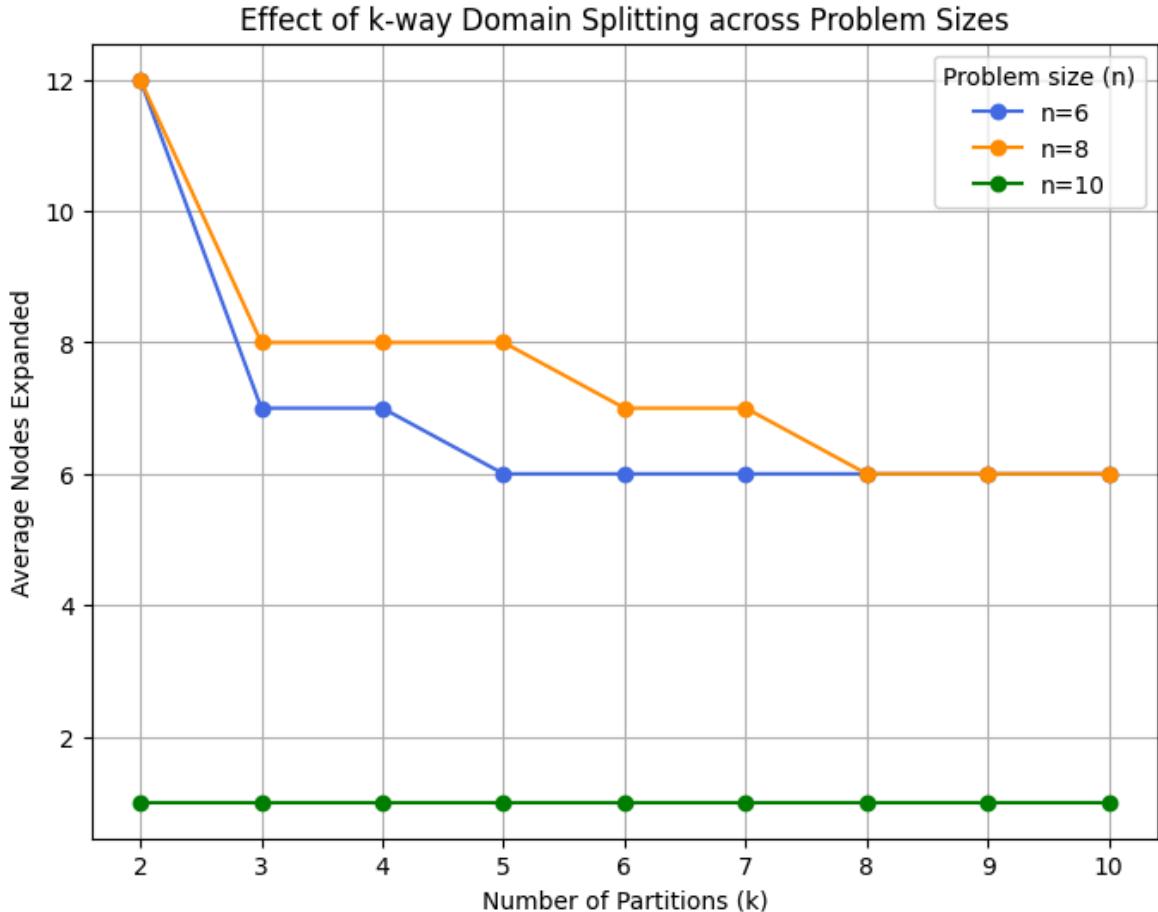
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domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.
task, t1 5
task, t2 3
task, t3 3
task, t4 5
task, t5 4
task, t6 3
task, t7 3
task, t8 3
task, t9 5
task, t10 3
constraint, t9 same-day t2
constraint, t7 before t1
constraint, t2 before t4
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constraint, t9 same-day t1
constraint, t4 after t9
constraint, t4 same-day t8
constraint, t5 before t1
constraint, t7 after t6
constraint, t3 after t4
constraint, t2 after t10
domain, t1 wed
domain, t7 fri
domain, t8 fri
domain, t10 tue
domain, t1 ends-by mon 11am 15
domain, t2 ends-by mon 12pm 5
domain, t3 ends-by mon 11am 10
domain, t4 ends-by tue 12pm 15
domain, t5 ends-by tue 11am 10
domain, t6 ends-by tue 11am 15
domain, t7 ends-by tue 1pm 15
domain, t8 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t9 ends-by mon 1pm 15
domain, t10 ends-by mon 11am 10
No (more) solutions. Total of 1 paths expanded.

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k=10: 1.0 nodes



Summary for n=6:

k=2: ~12.0 nodes expanded  
k=3: ~7.0 nodes expanded  
k=4: ~7.0 nodes expanded  
k=5: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=6: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=7: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=8: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=9: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=10: ~6.0 nodes expanded

Summary for n=8:

k=2: ~12.0 nodes expanded  
k=3: ~8.0 nodes expanded  
k=4: ~8.0 nodes expanded  
k=5: ~8.0 nodes expanded  
k=6: ~7.0 nodes expanded  
k=7: ~7.0 nodes expanded  
k=8: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=9: ~6.0 nodes expanded  
k=10: ~6.0 nodes expanded

Summary for n=10:

k=2: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=3: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=4: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=5: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=6: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=7: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=8: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=9: ~1.0 nodes expanded  
k=10: ~1.0 nodes expanded

## Answers for Question 6

### Implementation

Extending the standard binary domain-splitting solver so that a variable's domain can be divided into (**k**) partitions instead of exactly two.

### Effect of *k*-way Domain Splitting

### Experimental Evaluation

The solver was run on randomly generated fuzzy-scheduling problems (( $n = 6, 8, 10$ )) for partition counts ( $k = 2 \dots 10$ ).

The **average number of nodes expanded** was used as the performance metric.

### Results Summary:

(n)	(k = 2)	(k = 3)	(k = 4)	(k = 5)	(k = 6)	(k = 7 - 10)
6	12	7	7	6	6	6
8	12	8	8	8	7	6
10	1	1	1	1	1	1

### Observations

- Moving from ( $k = 2$ ) to ( $k = 3$ ) **reduces nodes moderately**, showing a small gain from slightly finer partitioning.
- Beyond ( $k > 4$ ), the curve **flattens**, indicating that extra partitions provide **no additional benefit**.
- For larger CSPs (( $n = 10$ )), domains are already constrained enough that splitting strategy **makes almost no difference**.
- The small improvement from ( $k = 2$ ) to ( $k = 3$ ) arises because additional partitions can occasionally make early pruning easier.
- However, further increasing ( $k$ ) yields **diminishing returns** - more partitions mean more child nodes but not proportionally more pruning.
- Maintaining **arc consistency** dominates runtime, so the marginal benefit of increasing ( $k$ ) is quickly outweighed by overhead.

Empirical evidence supports **Poole & Mackworth's claim** -  
**binary (two-way) domain splitting performs just as well in practice as multi-way splitting.**

Increasing ( $k$ ) beyond 2 rarely reduces node expansions and only adds unnecessary computational complexity.

- The blue/orange lines ( $n = 6, 8$ ) dropping slightly then flattening.
- The flat green line ( $n = 10$ ) indicates a trivially arc-consistent problem.