

# FAI lecture 5 constraint satisfaction problems

## constraint satisfaction problems

a special subset of search problems;

Search state is defined by variables  $X_i$  and a domain  $D$

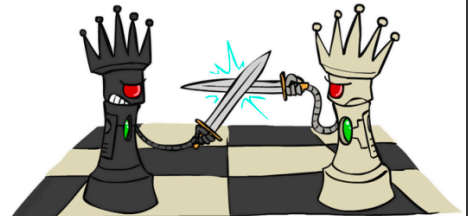
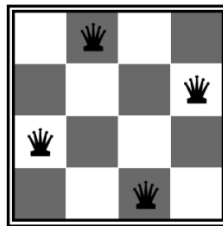
goal test is a set of constraints

- N-Queens problem

### Example: N-Queens

- Formulation 1:

- Variables:  $X_{ij}$
- Domains:  $\{0, 1\}$
- Constraints:



$$\begin{aligned}\forall i, j, k \quad (X_{ij}, X_{ik}) &\in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\} \\ \forall i, j, k \quad (X_{ij}, X_{kj}) &\in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\} \\ \forall i, j, k \quad (X_{ij}, X_{i+k, j+k}) &\in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\} \\ \forall i, j, k \quad (X_{ij}, X_{i+k, j-k}) &\in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i,j} X_{ij} = N$$

## constraint graphs

- Binary CSP: each constraint relates at most two variables
- Binary constraint graph

## backtracking search

- consider only one variable in every search node
- Check constraints as you go

## forward cheking (filtering)