

# Week 3 Exercises

## Heuristics and Constraint Satisfaction Problems

---

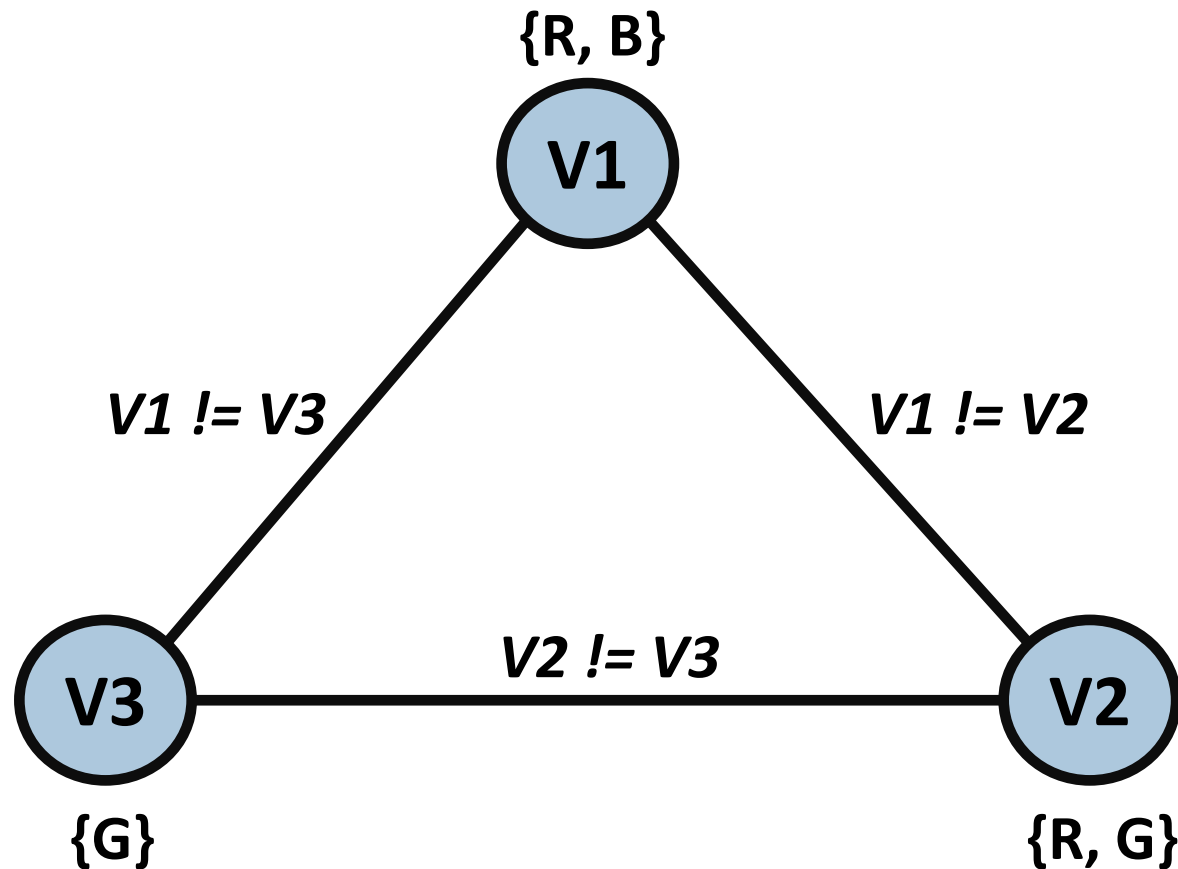
*PROF. LIM KWAN HUI*

50.021 Artificial Intelligence

*The following notes are compiled from various sources such as textbooks, lecture materials, Web resources and are shared for academic purposes only, intended for use by students registered for a specific course. In the interest of brevity, every source is not cited. The compiler of these notes gratefully acknowledges all such sources.*

# Exercise: CSPs

---



# Exercise: CSPs

- Using the graph shown, run **Pure Backtracking**. Assume that we search based on a fixed variable ordering (V1, V2, then V3) and fixed value ordering (R, G, then B). Show all assignments even if it is immediately found to be inconsistent upon testing.

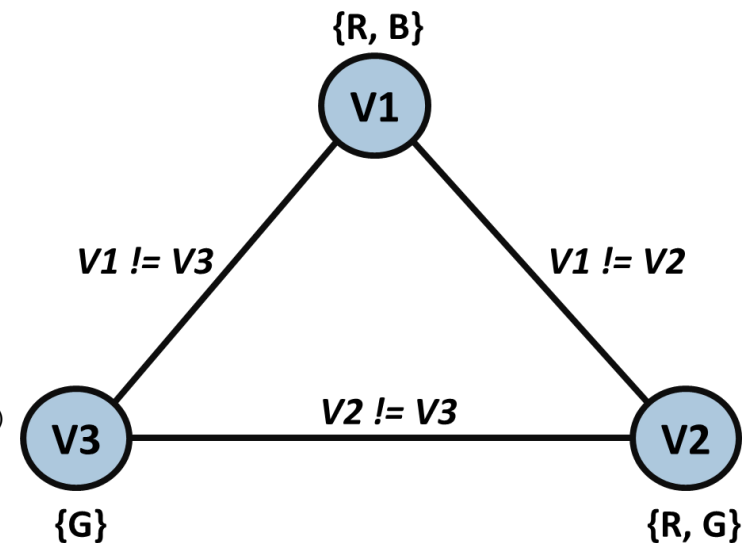
Must assign before you check constraint, cannot then backtrack

V1 {R}  
V2 {R}, V2 {G}  
V3 {G}

V1 {B}  
V2 {R}, V2 {G}  
V3 {G}

ANS:

- V1 R
- V2 R (inconsistent assignment, backtrack)
- V2 G
- V3 G
- V1 B (backtrack to V1, because V2 only has G left, no other possible values)
- V2 R
- V3 G



# Exercise: CSPs

- Using the graph shown, run **Backtracking with Forward Checking**. Assume that we search based on a fixed variable ordering (V1, V2, then V3) and fixed value ordering (R, G, then B). Show all assignments even if it is immediately found to be inconsistent upon testing.

Check constraint, if cannot then don't assign

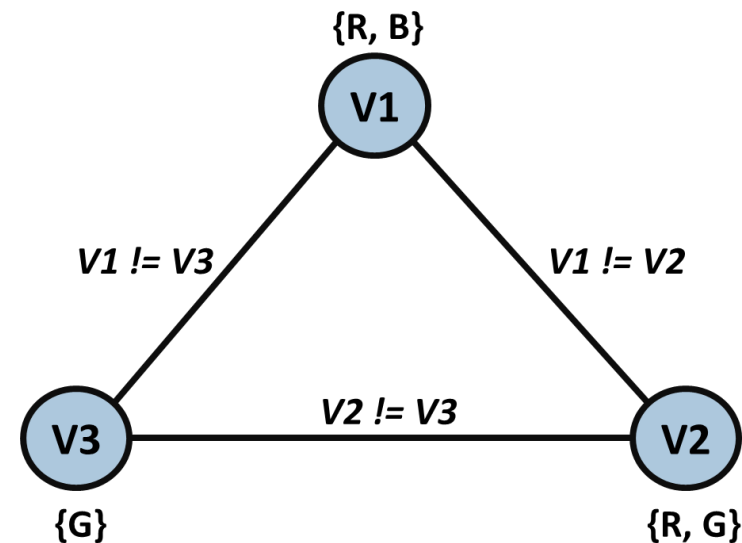
V1 {R}  
V2 {R} – cannot, V2 {G}  
V3 {G} – cannot

V1 {B}  
V2 {R}  
V3 {G}

ANS:

- V1 R (check V2 R, cannot assign, delete inconsistent values R from neighbours)
- V2 G (check V3 G, cannot assign, delete inconsistent values G from neighbours)
- V1 B (backtrack to V1, because V2 only has G left, no other possible values)
- V2 R
- V3 G

solution: V1 B, V2 R, V3 G



# Exercise: CSPs

- Using the graph shown, run the **AC-3 algorithm**. Show your steps, including the arcs/edges considered and the domains/values for each variable (first example given). List down the remaining domains/values for each variable after running AC-3.

- $V1 \rightarrow V2$ ,  $D1=RB, D2=RG$

$X \rightarrow Y$  is consistent iff for every value  $x$  of  $X$  there is some allowed  $y$  need to check all edges in all directions

Queue: all edges

$V1 \rightarrow V2$ ,  $D1 = RB$ ,  $D2 = RG$  (don't delete R from V1 yet, as there is allowance)

$V2 \rightarrow V1$ ,  $D1 = RG$ ,  $D1 = RB$

$V2 \rightarrow V3$ ,  $D2 = RG$ ,  $D3 = G$  (delete G from V2, add incoming edges to V2)

$V3 \rightarrow V2$ ,  $D3 = G$ ,  $D2 = R$  (OK)

$V1 \rightarrow V2$ ,  $D1 = RB$ ,  $D2 = R$  (delete R from V1, add incoming edges to V1)

$V2 \rightarrow V1$ ,  $D2 = R$ ,  $D1 = B$  (OK)

remaining domains/values

$V1 \rightarrow V2$ ,  $D1 = B$ ,  $D2 = R$  (OK)

$V1 \rightarrow V3$ ,  $D1 = B$ ,  $D3 = G$  (OK)

$V2 \rightarrow V3$ ,  $D2 = R$ ,  $D3 = G$  (OK)

solution:  $D1 = B$ ,  $D2 = R$ ,  $D3 = G$

