

6. Constraint Satisfaction Problems

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1. CSP Formulation

- **Variables:** K_1, K_2, \dots, K_k (each represents one knight).
- **Domains:** All board squares $\{(r,c) \mid 1 \leq r, c \leq n\}$.
- **Constraints:** No two knights occupy squares that attack each other (knight's move away).

2. Possible Values of Each Variable

- Any of the n^2 squares, provided it does not conflict with another knight's square.

3. Constrained Sets of Variables

- Every pair (K_i, K_j) must satisfy “not attacking” if both are placed.

4. Maximizing Number of Knights (Local Search)

- • **Actions:** Move a knight to a different square, add a knight (if free of conflicts), or remove a conflicting knight.
- • **Result:** New board configuration.
- • **Objective Function:** Maximize the number of knights placed without attacks.