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1 Main Page

Cost Function Network Solver	toulbar2
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Source	https://github.com/toulbar2/toulbar2

See the README for more details.

toulbar2 can be used as a stand-alone solver reading various problem file formats (wcsp, uai, wcnf, qpbo) or as a C++ library.

This document describes the wcsp native file format and the toulbar2 C++ library API.

Note

Use cmake flags LIBTB2=ON and TOULBAR2_ONLY=OFF to get the toulbar2 C++ library libtb2.so and toulbar2test executable example.

See also

./src/toulbar2test.cpp

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Exact optimization for cost function networks and additive graphical models master: cpd: What is toulbar2? toulbar2 is an open-source black-box C++ optimizer for cost function networks and discrete additive graphical models. It can read a variety of formats. The optimized criteria and feasibility should be provided factorized in local cost functions on discrete variables. Constraints are represented as functions that produce costs that exceed a user-provided primal bound. toulbar2 looks for a non-forbidden assignment of all variables that optimizes the sum of all functions (a decision NP-complete problem). toulbar2 won several competitions on deterministic and probabilistic graphical models: Max-CSP 2008 Competition CPAIO8 (winner on 2-ARY-EXT and N-ARY-EXT) Probabilistic Inference Evaluation UAI 2008 (winner on several MPE tasks, inra entries) • 2010 UAI APPROXIMATE INFERENCE CHALLENGE UAI 2010 (winner on 1200-second MPE task) • The Probabilistic Inference Challenge PIC 2011 (second place by ficolofo on 1-hour MAP task) • UAI 2014 Inference Competition UAI 2014 (winner on all MAP task categories, see Proteus, Robin, and IncTb entries) Installation from binaries You can install toulbar2 directly using the package manager in Debian and Debian derived Linux distributions (Ubuntu, Mint,...). For the most recent version, compile from source. **Download** Download the latest release from GitHub (https://github.com/toulbar2/toulbar2) or similarly use tag versions, e.g.:

git clone --branch 1.0.0 https://github.com/toulbar2/toulbar2.git

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Installation from sources

Compilation requires git, cmake and a C++-11 capable compiler.

Required library:

· libgmp-dev

Recommended libraries (default use):

- · libboost-graph-dev
- · libboot-iostream-dev
- · zlib

Optional libraries:

- · libxml2-dev
- · libopenmpi-dev

GNU C++ Symbols to be defined if using Linux Eclipse/CDT IDE (no value needed):

- BOOST
- LINUX
- · LONGDOUBLE PROB
- LONGLONG_COST
- NARYCHAR
- OPENMPI
- WCSPFORMATONLY
- WIDE_STRING Also C++11 should be set as the language standard.

Commands for compiling toulbar2 on Linux in directory toulbar2/src without cmake:

```
bash
cd src
echo '#define Toulbar_VERSION "1.0"' > ToulbarVersion.hpp
g++ -o toulbar2 -I. tb2*.cpp applis/*.cpp core/*.cpp globals/*.cpp incop/*.cpp search/*.cpp utils/*.cpp vns/*.
-DBOOST -DLINUX -DLONGDOUBLE_PROB -DLONGLONG_COST -DNARYCHAR -DWCSPFORMATONLY -DWIDE_STRING -lgmp -static
```

Replace LONGLONG_COST by INT_COST to reduce memory usage by two and reduced cost range (costs must be smaller than 10^8).

Use OPENMPI flag and MPI compiler for a parallel version of toulbar2:

```
bash
cd src
echo '#define Toulbar_VERSION "1.0"' > ToulbarVersion.hpp
mpicxx -o toulbar2 -I. tb2*.cpp applis/*.cpp core/*.cpp globals/*.cpp incop/*.cpp search/*.cpp utils/*.cpp vns
-DBOOST -DLINUX -DLONGDOUBLE_PROB -DLONGLONG_COST -DNARYCHAR -DOPENMPI -DWCSPFORMATONLY -DWIDE_STRING -lgmp
```

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- · Marseille University, France (LSIS) for tree decomposition heuristics
- Ecole des Ponts ParisTech, France (CERMICS/LIGM) for INCOP local search solver
- University College Cork, Ireland (Insight) for a Python interface in NumberJack and a portfolio dedicated to UAI graphical models Proteus
- Artois University, France (CRIL) for an XCSP 2.1 format reader of CSP and WCSP instances

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3.1 Virtual Arc Consistency enforcing

The three phases of VAC are enforced in three different "Pass". Bool(P) is never built. Instead specific functions (getVACCost) booleanize the WCSP on the fly. The domain variables of Bool(P) are the original variable domains (saved and restored using trailing at each iteration) All the counter data-structures (k) are timestamped to avoid clearing them at each iteration.

Note

Simultaneously AC (and potentially DAC, EAC) are maintained by proper queuing.

See also

Soft Arc Consistency Revisited. Cooper et al. Artificial Intelligence. 2010.

3.2 Preprocessing techniques

Depending on toulbar2 options, the sequence of preprocessing techniques applied before the search is:

- 1. i-bounded variable elimination with user-defined i bound
- 2. pairwise decomposition of cost functions (binary cost functions are implicitly decomposed by soft AC and empty cost function removals)
- 3. MinSumDiffusion propagation (see VAC)
- 4. projects&substracts n-ary cost functions in extension on all the binary cost functions inside their scope (3 < n < max, see toulbar2 options)
- 5. functional variable elimination (see Variable elimination)
- 6. projects&substracts ternary cost functions in extension on their three binary cost functions inside their scope (before that, extends the existing binary cost functions to the ternary cost function and applies pairwise decomposition)
- 7. creates new ternary cost functions for all triangles (ie occurences of three binary cost functions xy, yz, zx)
- 8. removes empty cost functions while repeating #1 and #2 until no new cost functions can be removed

Note

the propagation loop is called after each preprocessing technique (see WCSP::propagate)

3.3 Output messages, verbosity options and debugging

Depending on verbosity level given as option "-v=level", toulbar2 will output:

- (level=0, no verbosity) default output mode: shows version number, number of variables and cost functions read in the problem file, number of unassigned variables and cost functions after preprocessing, problem upper and lower bounds after preprocessing. Outputs current best solution cost found, ends by giving the optimum or "No solution". Last output line should always be: "end."
- · (level=-1, no verbosity) restricted output mode: do not print current best solution cost found
- (level=1) shows also search choices ("["search_depth problem_lower_bound problem_upper_bound sum_
 of_current_domain_sizes"] Try" variable_index operator value) with operator being assignment ("=="), value removal ("!="), domain splitting ("<=" or ">=", also showing EAC value in parenthesis)
- 2. (level=2) shows also current domains (variable_index list_of_current_domain_values "/" number_of_cost _functions (see approximate degree in Variable elimination) "/" weighted_degree list_of_unary_costs "s↔ :" support_value) before each search choice and reports problem lower bound increases, NC bucket sort data (see NC bucket sort), and basic operations on domains of variables
- 3. (level=3) reports also basic arc EPT operations on cost functions (see Soft arc consistency and problem reformulation)
- 4. (level=4) shows also current list of cost functions for each variable and reports more details on arc EPT operations (showing all changes in cost functions)
- 5. (level=5) reports more details on cost functions defined in extension giving their content (cost table by first increasing values in the current domain of the last variable in the scope)

For debugging purposes, another option "-Z=level" allows one to monitor the search:

- 1. (level 1) shows current search depth (number of search choices from the root of the search tree) and reports statistics on nogoods for BTD-like methods
- 2. (level 2) idem
- 3. (level 3) also saves current problem into a file before each search choice

Note

toulbar2, compiled in debug mode, can be more verbose and it checks a lot of assertions (pre/post conditions in the code)

toulbar2 will output an help message giving available options if run without any parameters

3.4 NC bucket sort

maintains a sorted list of variables having non-zero unary costs in order to make NC propagation incremental.

- · variables are sorted into buckets
- each bucket is associated to a single interval of non-zero costs (using a power-of-two scaling, first bucket interval is [1,2[, second interval is [2,4[, etc.)
- each variable is inserted into the bucket corresponding to its largest unary cost in its domain
- · variables having all unary costs equal to zero do not belong to any bucket

NC propagation will revise only variables in the buckets associated to costs sufficiently large wrt current objective bounds.

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• *i-bounded* variable elimination eliminates all variables with a degree less than or equal to *i*. It can be done with arbitrary i-bound in preprocessing only and iff all their cost functions are in extension.

- i-bounded variable elimination with i-bound less than or equal to two can be done during the search.
- functional variable elimination eliminates all variables which have a bijective or functional binary hard constraint (*ie* ensuring a one-to-one or several-to-one value mapping) and iff all their cost functions are in extension. It can be done without limit on their degree, in preprocessing only.

Note

Variable elimination order used in preprocessing is either lexicographic or given by an external file *.order (see toulbar2 options)

2-bounded variable elimination during search is optimal in the sense that any elimination order should result in the same final graph

Warning

It is not possible to display/save solutions when bounded variable elimination is applied in preprocessing toulbar2 maintains a list of current cost functions for each variable. It uses the size of these lists as an approximation of variable degrees. During the search, if variable x has three cost functions xy, xz, xyz, its true degree is two but its approximate degree is three. In toulbar2 options, it is the approximate degree which is given by the user for variable elimination during the search (thus, a value at most three). But it is the true degree which is given by the user for variable elimination in preprocessing.

3.6 Soft arc consistency and problem reformulation

Soft arc consistency is an incremental lower bound technique for optimization problems. Its goal is to move costs from high-order (typically arity two or three) cost functions towards the problem lower bound and unary cost functions. This is achieved by applying iteratively local equivalence-preserving problem transformations (EPTs) until some terminating conditions are met.

Note

eg an EPT can move costs between a binary cost function and a unary cost function such that the sum of the two functions remains the same for any complete assignment.

See also

Arc consistency for Soft Constraints. T. Schiex. Proc. of CP'2000. Singapour, 2000.

Note

Soft Arc Consistency in toulbar2 is limited to binary and ternary and some global cost functions (*eg* alldifferent, gcc, regular, same). Other n-ary cost functions are delayed for propagation until their number of unassigned variables is three or less.

See also

Towards Efficient Consistency Enforcement for Global Constraints in Weighted Constraint Satisfaction. Jimmy Ho-Man Lee, Ka Lun Leung. Proc. of IJCAI 2009, pages 559-565. Pasadena, USA, 2009.

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Propagates soft local consistencies and bounded variable elimination until all the propagation queues are empty or a contradiction occurs.

While (queues are not empty or current objective bounds have changed):

- 1. queue for bounded variable elimination of degree at most two (except at preprocessing)
- 2. BAC queue
- 3. EAC queue
- 4. DAC queue
- 5. AC queue
- 6. monolithic (flow-based and DAG-based) global cost function propagation (partly incremental)
- NC queue
- 8. returns to #1 until all the previous queues are empty
- 9. DEE queue
- 10. returns to #1 until all the previous queues are empty
- 11. VAC propagation (not incremental)
- 12. returns to #1 until all the previous queues are empty (and problem is VAC if enable)
- 13. exploits goods in pending separators for BTD-like methods

Queues are first-in / first-out lists of variables (avoiding multiple insertions). In case of a contradiction, queues are explicitly emptied by WCSP::whenContradiction

3.8 Variable and value search ordering heuristics

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See also

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3.9 Weighted Constraint Satisfaction Problem file format (wcsp)

It is a text format composed of a list of numerical and string terms separated by spaces. Instead of using names for making reference to variables, variable indexes are employed. The same for domain values. All indexes start at zero.

Cost functions can be defined in intention (see below) or in extension, by their list of tuples. A default cost value is defined per function in order to reduce the size of the list. Only tuples with a different cost value should be given (not mandatory). All the cost values must be positive. The arity of a cost function in extension may be equal to zero. In this case, there is no tuples and the default cost value is added to the cost of any solution. This can be used to represent a global lower bound constant of the problem.

The wcsp file format is composed of three parts: a problem header, the list of variable domain sizes, and the list of cost functions.

· Header definition for a given problem:

```
<Problem name>
<Number of variables (N)>
<Maximum domain size>
<Number of cost functions>
<Initial global upper bound of the problem (UB)>
```

The goal is to find an assignment of all the variables with minimum total cost, strictly lower than UB. Tuples with a cost greater than or equal to UB are forbidden (hard constraint).

· Definition of domain sizes

```
<Domain size of variable with index 0> \dots<Domain size of variable with index N - 1>
```

Note

domain values range from zero to *size-1* a negative domain size is interpreted as a variable with an interval domain in [0, -size-1]

Warning

variables with interval domains are restricted to arithmetic and disjunctive cost functions in intention (see below)

- · General definition of cost functions
 - Definition of a cost function in extension

```
<Arity of the cost function>
<Index of the first variable in the scope of the cost function>
...
<Index of the last variable in the scope of the cost function>
<Default cost value>
<Number of tuples with a cost different than the default cost>
```

followed by for every tuple with a cost different than the default cost:

```
<Index of the value assigned to the first variable in the scope>
...
<Index of the value assigned to the last variable in the scope>
<Cost of the tuple>
```

Note

Shared cost function: A cost function in extension can be shared by several cost functions with the same arity (and same domain sizes) but different scopes. In order to do that, the cost function to be shared must start by a negative scope size. Each shared cost function implicitly receives an occurrence number starting from 1 and incremented at each new shared definition. New cost functions in extension can reuse some previously defined shared cost functions in extension by using a negative number of tuples representing the occurrence number of the desired shared cost function. Note that default costs should be the same in the shared and new cost functions. Here is an example of 4 variables with domain size 4 and one AllDifferent hard constraint decomposed into 6 binary constraints.

- Shared CF used inside a small example in wcsp format:

 Definition of a cost function in intension by replacing the default cost value by -1 and by giving its keyword name and its K parameters

```
<Arity of the cost function>
<Index of the first variable in the scope of the cost function>
...
<Index of the last variable in the scope of the cost function>
-1
<keyword>
<parameter1>
...
<parameterK>
```

Possible keywords of cost functions defined in intension followed by their specific parameters:

- >= cst delta to express soft binary constraint $x \ge y + cst$ with associated cost function $max((y + cst x \le delta)?(y + cst x) : UB, 0)$
- > cst delta to express soft binary constraint x > y + cst with associated cost function $max((y + cst + 1 x) \le delta)?(y + cst + 1 x) : UB, 0)$
- <= cst delta to express soft binary constraint $x \le y + cst$ with associated cost function $max((x cst y \le delta)?(x cst y) : UB, 0)$
- < cst delta to express soft binary constraint x < y + cst with associated cost function $max((x cst + 1 y \le delta)?(x cst + 1 y) : UB, 0)$
- = cst delta to express soft binary constraint x = y + cst with associated cost function $(|y + cst x| \le delta)?|y + cst x| : UB$
- disj cstx csty penalty to express soft binary disjunctive constraint $x \geq y + csty \lor y \geq x + cstx$ with associated cost function $(x \geq y + csty \lor y \geq x + cstx)$?0: penalty
- sdisj cstx csty xinfty yinfty costx costy to express a special disjunctive constraint with three implicit hard constraints $x \leq xinfty$ and $y \leq yinfty$ and $x < xinfty \land y < yinfty \Rightarrow (x \geq y + csty \lor y \geq x + cstx)$ and an additional cost function ((x = xinfty)?costx : 0) + ((y = yinfty)?costy : 0)
- · Global cost functions using a dedicated propagator:
 - clique 1 (nb_values (value)*)* to express a hard clique cut to restrict the number of variables taking
 their value into a given set of values (per variable) to at most 1 occurrence for all the variables (warning!
 it assumes also a clique of binary constraints already exists to forbid any two variables using both the
 restricted values)

- · Global cost functions using a flow-based propagator:
 - salldiff var|dec|decbi cost to express a soft alldifferent constraint with either variable-based (var keyword) or decomposition-based (dec and decbi keywords) cost semantic with a given cost per violation (decbi decomposes into a binary cost function complete network)
 - sgcc var|dec|wdec cost nb_values (value lower_bound upper_bound (shortage_weight excess_← weight)?)* to express a soft global cardinality constraint with either variable-based (var keyword) or decomposition-based (dec keyword) cost semantic with a given cost per violation and for each value its lower and upper bound (if wdec then violation cost depends on each value shortage or excess weights)
 - ssame cost list_size1 list_size2 (variable_index)* (variable_index)* to express a permutation constraint
 on two lists of variables of equal size (implicit variable-based cost semantic)
 - sregular var edit cost nb_states nb_initial_states (state)* nb_final_states (state)* nb_transitions (start
 _state symbol_value end_state)* to express a soft regular constraint with either variable-based (var keyword) or edit distance-based (edit keyword) cost semantic with a given cost per violation followed by the definition of a deterministic finite automaton with number of states, list of initial and final states, and list of state transitions where symbols are domain values
- Global cost functions using a dynamic programming DAG-based propagator:
 - sregulardp var cost nb_states nb_initial_states (state)* nb_final_states (state)* nb_transitions (start_← state symbol_value end_state)* to express a soft regular constraint with a variable-based (var keyword) cost semantic with a given cost per violation followed by the definition of a deterministic finite automaton with number of states, list of initial and final states, and list of state transitions where symbols are domain values
 - sgrammar|sgrammardp var|weight cost nb_symbols nb_values start_symbol nb_rules ((0 terminal symbol value)|(1 nonterminal_in nonterminal_out_left nonterminal_out_right)|(2 terminal_symbol value weight)|(3 nonterminal_in nonterminal_out_left nonterminal_out_right weight))* to express a soft/weighted grammar in Chomsky normal form
 - samong|samongdp var cost lower_bound upper_bound nb_values (value)* to express a soft among constraint to restrict the number of variables taking their value into a given set of values
 - salldiffdp var cost to express a soft alldifferent constraint with variable-based (var keyword) cost semantic
 with a given cost per violation (decomposes into samongdp cost functions)
 - sgccdp var cost nb_values (value lower_bound upper_bound)* to express a soft global cardinality constraint with variable-based (var keyword) cost semantic with a given cost per violation and for each value its lower and upper bound (decomposes into samongdp cost functions)
 - max|smaxdp defCost nbtuples (variable value cost)* to express a weighted max cost function to find the
 maximum cost over a set of unary cost functions associated to a set of variables (by default, defCost if
 unspecified)
 - MST|smstdp to express a spanning tree hard constraint where each variable is assigned to its parent variable index in order to build a spanning tree (the root being assigned to itself)
- Global cost functions using a cost function network-based propagator:
 - wregular nb_states nb_initial_states (state and cost)* nb_final_states (state and cost)* nb_transitions (start_state symbol_value end_state cost)* to express a weighted regular constraint with weights on initial states, final states, and transitions, followed by the definition of a deterministic finite automaton with number of states, list of initial and final states with their costs, and list of weighted state transitions where symbols are domain values
 - walldiff hard lin quad cost to express a soft all different constraint as a set of wamong hard constraint (hard keyword) or decomposition-based (lin and quad keywords) cost semantic with a given cost per violation
 - wgcc hard|lin|quad cost nb_values (value lower_bound upper_bound)* to express a soft global cardinality constraint as either a hard constraint (hard keyword) or with decomposition-based (lin and quad keyword) cost semantic with a given cost per violation and for each value its lower and upper bound
 - wsame hard|lin|quad cost to express a permutation constraint on two lists of variables of equal size (implicitly concatenated in the scope) using implicit decomposition-based cost semantic

wsamegcc hard lin quad cost nb_values (value lower_bound upper_bound)* to express the combination
of a soft global cardinality constraint and a permutation constraint

- wamong hard|lin|quad cost nb_values (value)* lower_bound upper_bound to express a soft among constraint to restrict the number of variables taking their value into a given set of values
- wvaramong hard cost nb_values (value)* to express a hard among constraint to restrict the number of variables taking their value into a given set of values to be equal to the last variable in the scope
- woverlap hard lin quad cost comparator righthandside overlaps between two sequences of variables X,
 Y (i.e. set the fact that Xi and Yi take the same value (not equal to zero))
- wsum hard lin quad cost comparator righthandside to express a soft sum constraint with unit coefficients
 to test if the sum of a set of variables matches with a given comparator and right-hand-side value
- wvarsum hard cost comparator to express a hard sum constraint to restrict the sum to be comparator to the value of the last variable in the scope

Let us note <> the comparator, K the right-hand-side value associated to the comparator, and Sum the result of the sum over the variables. For each comparator, the gap is defined according to the distance as follows:

```
* if <> is == : gap = abs(K - Sum)
* if <> is <= : gap = max(0,Sum - K)
* if <> is < : gap = max(0,Sum - K - 1)
* if <> is != : gap = 1 if Sum != K and gap = 0 otherwise
* if <> is > : gap = max(0,K - Sum + 1);
* if <> is >= : gap = max(0,K - Sum);
```

Warning

The decomposition of wsum and wvarsum may use an exponential size (sum of domain sizes). list_size1 and list_size2 must be equal in ssame.

Cost functions defined in intention cannot be shared.

Note

More about network-based global cost functions can be found here https://metivier.users.compressed.composable/

Examples:

• quadratic cost function x0*x1 in extension with variable domains $\{0,1\}$ (equivalent to a soft clause $\neg x0 \lor \neg x1$):

```
2 0 1 0 1 1 1 1
```

• simple arithmetic hard constraint x1 < x2:

```
2 1 2 -1 < 0 0
```

• hard temporal disjunction $x1 \ge x2 + 2 \lor x2 \ge x1 + 1$:

```
2 1 2 -1 disj 1 2 UB
```

• clique cut ({x0,x1,x2,x3}) on Boolean variables such that value 1 is used at most once:

```
4 0 1 2 3 -1 clique 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

soft_alldifferent({x0,x1,x2,x3}):

```
4 0 1 2 3 -1 salldiff var 1
```

• soft_gcc({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with each value v from 1 to 4 only appearing at least v-1 and at most v+1 times:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 sgcc var 1 4 1 0 2 2 1 3 3 2 4 4 3 5
```

• soft_same({x0,x1,x2,x3},{x4,x5,x6,x7}):

```
8 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 -1 ssame 1 4 4 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

• soft regular({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with DFA (3*)+(4*):

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 sregular var 1 2 1 0 2 0 1 3 0 3 0 0 4 1 1 4 1
```

• soft_grammar({x0,x1,x2,x3}) with hard cost (1000) producing well-formed parenthesis expressions:

```
4\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ -1\ \text{sgrammardp var }1000\ 4\ 2\ 0\ 6\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 3\ 1\ 2\ 0\ 3\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 3\ 1
```

• soft_among({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^4 (x_i \in \{1,2\}) < 1$ or $\sum_{i=1}^4 (x_i \in \{1,2\}) > 3$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 samongdp var 1000 1 3 2 1 2
```

• soft max($\{x0,x1,x2,x3\}$) with cost equal to $\max_{i=0}^{3}((x_i!=i)?1000:(4-i))$:

```
4 0 1 2 3 -1 smaxdp 1000 4 0 0 4 1 1 3 2 2 2 3 3 1
```

wregular({x0,x1,x2,x3}) with DFA (0(10)*2*):

```
4 0 1 2 3 -1 wregular 3 1 0 0 1 2 0 9 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 2 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 1 2 2 0 1 0 2 1 1 1 2
```

• wamong ({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^{4} (x_i \in \{1,2\}) < 1$ or $\sum_{i=1}^{4} (x_i \in \{1,2\}) > 3$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 wamong hard 1000 2 1 2 1 3
```

• wvaramong ({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^{3} (x_i \in \{1,2\}) \neq x_4$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 ^-1 wvaramong hard 1000 2 1 2
```

• woverlap({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^{2} (x_i = x_{i+2}) \ge 1$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 woverlap hard 1000 < 1
```

• wsum ({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^{4} (x_i) \neq 4$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 wsum hard 1000 == 4
```

• wvarsum ({x1,x2,x3,x4}) with hard cost (1000) if $\sum_{i=1}^{3} (x_i) \neq x_4$:

```
4 1 2 3 4 -1 wvarsum hard 1000 ==
```

Latin Square 4 x 4 crisp CSP example in wcsp format:

4-queens binary weighted CSP example with random unary costs in wcsp format:

```
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```

3.10 Variable and cost function modeling

Modeling a Weighted CSP consists in creating variables and cost functions. Domains of variables can be of two different types:

- enumerated domain allowing direct access to each value (array) and iteration on current domain in times proportional to the current number of values (double-linked list)
- · interval domain represented by a lower value and an upper value only (useful for large domains)

Warning

Current implementation of toulbar2 has limited modeling and solving facilities for interval domains. There is no cost functions accepting both interval and enumerated variables for the moment, which means all the variables should have the same type.

Cost functions can be defined in extension (table or maps) or having a specific semantic. Cost functions in extension depend on their arity:

- unary cost function (directly associated to an enumerated variable)
- binary and ternary cost functions (table of costs)
- n-ary cost functions (n >= 4) defined by a list of tuples with associated costs and a default cost for missing tuples (allows for a compact representation)

Cost functions having a specific semantic (see Weighted Constraint Satisfaction Problem file format (wcsp)) are:

- · simple arithmetic and scheduling (temporal disjunction) cost functions on interval variables
- global cost functions (*eg* soft alldifferent, soft global cardinality constraint, soft same, soft regular, etc) with three different propagator keywords:
 - flow propagator based on flow algorithms with "s" prefix in the keyword (salldiff, sgcc, ssame, sregular)
 - DAG propagator based on dynamic programming algorithms with "s" prefix and "dp" postfix (samongdp, salldiffdp, sgccdp, sregulardp, sgrammardp, smstdp, smaxdp)
 - network propagator based on cost function network decomposition with "w" prefix (wsum, wvarsum, walldiff, wgcc, wsame, wsamegcc, wregular, wamong, wvaramong, woverlap)

Note

The default semantics (using *var* keyword) of monolithic (flow and DAG-based propagators) global cost functions is to count the number of variables to change in order to restore consistency and to multiply it by the basecost. Other particular semantics may be used in conjunction with the flow-based propagator

The semantics of the network-based propagator approach is either a hard constraint ("hard" keyword) or a soft constraint by multiplying the number of changes by the basecost ("lin" or "var" keyword) or by multiplying the square value of the number of changes by the basecost ("quad" keyword)

A decomposable version exists for each monolithic global cost function, except grammar and MST. The decomposable ones may propagate less than their monolithic counterpart and they introduce extra variables but they can be much faster in practice

Warning

Each global cost function may have less than three propagators implemented

Current implementation of toulbar2 has limited solving facilities for monolithic global cost functions (no BTD-like methods nor variable elimination)

Current implementation of toulbar2 disallows global cost functions with less than or equal to three variables in their scope (use cost functions in extension instead)

Before modeling the problem using make and post, call ::tb2init method to initialize toulbar2 global variables After modeling the problem using make and post, call WeightedCSP::sortConstraints method to initialize correctly the model before solving it

3.11 Solving cost function networks

After creating a Weighted CSP, it can be solved using a local search method INCOP (see WeightedCSPSolver :::narycsp) and/or an exact search method (see WeightedCSPSolver::solve).

Various options of the solving methods are controlled by ::Toulbar2 static class members (see files ./src/core/tb2types.hpp and ./src/tb2main.cpp).

A brief code example reading a wcsp problem given as a single command-line parameter and solving it:

```
#include "toulbar2lib.hpp"
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    tb2init(); // must be call before setting specific ToulBar2 options and creating a model
    // Create a solver object
    WeightedCSPSolver *solver =
      WeightedCSPSolver::makeWeightedCSPSolver(MAX_COST);
    // Read a problem file in wcsp format
    solver->read_wcsp(argv[1]);
    ToulBar2::verbose = -1; // change to 0 or higher values to see more trace information
    // Uncomment if solved using INCOP local search followed by a partial Limited Discrepancy Search with a
       maximum discrepancy of one
    // ToulBar2::incop_cmd = "0 1 3 idwa 100000 cv v 0 200 1 0 0";
// ToulBar2::lds = -1; // remove it or change to a positive value then the search continues by a
       complete B&B search method
    // Uncomment the following lines if solved using Decomposition Guided Variable Neighborhood Search with
       min-fill cluster decomposition and absorption
    // ToulBar2::lds = 4;
    // ToulBar2::restart = 10000;
    // ToulBar2::searchMethod = DGVNS;
    // ToulBar2::vnsNeighborVarHeur = CLUSTERRAND;
    // ToulBar2::boostingBTD = 0.7;
    // ToulBar2::varOrder = reinterpret_cast<char*>(-3);
    if (solver->solve()) {
        // show (sub-)optimal solution
        vector<Value> sol;
        Cost ub = solver->getSolution(sol);
cout << "Best solution found cost: " << ub << endl;</pre>
        cout << "Best solution found:";</pre>
        for (unsigned int i=0; i<sol.size(); i++) cout << ((i>0)?",":"") << " x" << i << " = " << sol[i];
        cout << endl;
    } else {
        cout << "No solution found!" << endl;</pre>
    delete solver;
```

See also

another code example in ./src/toulbar2test.cpp

Warning

variable domains must start at zero, otherwise recompile libtb2.so without flag WCSPFORMATONLY

3.12 Backtrack management

Used by backtrack search methods. Allows to copy / restore the current state using Store::store and Store::restore methods. All storable data modifications are trailed into specific stacks.

Trailing stacks are associated to each storable type:

- Store::storeValue for storable domain values ::StoreValue (value supports, etc)
- Store::storeCost for storable costs ::StoreCost (inside cost functions, etc)
- Store::storeDomain for enumerated domains (to manage holes inside domains)
- Store::storeConstraint for backtrackable lists of constraints
- Store::storeVariable for backtrackable lists of variables
- Store::storeSeparator for backtrackable lists of separators (see tree decomposition methods)
- · Store::storeBigInteger for very large integers ::StoreBigInteger used in solution counting methods

Memory for each stack is dynamically allocated by part of 2^x with x initialized to ::STORE_SIZE and increased when needed.

Note

storable data are not trailed at depth 0.

Warning

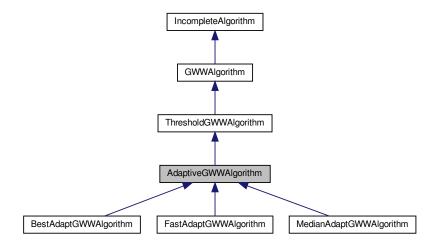
::StoreInt uses Store::storeValue stack (it assumes Value is encoded as int!).

Current storable data management is not multi-threading safe! (Store is a static virtual class relying on Store
Basic < T > static members)

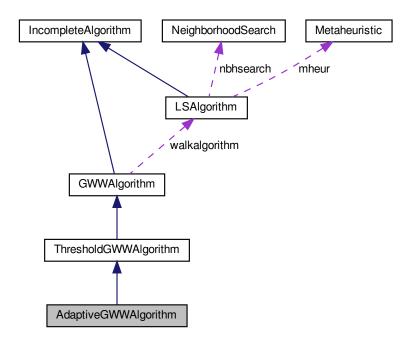
4 Class Documentation

4.1 AdaptiveGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for AdaptiveGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for AdaptiveGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

· int nbkilled

Additional Inherited Members

4.1.1 Detailed Description

GWW with a threshold descent such as a given number of particles is regrouped

4.1.2 Member Data Documentation

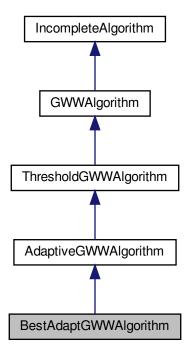
4.1.2.1 nbkilled

int AdaptiveGWWAlgorithm::nbkilled

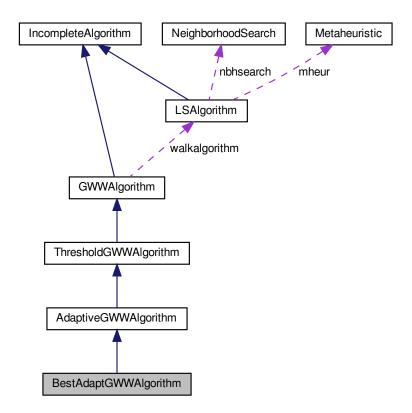
number of bad particles to be regrouped on good ones

4.2 BestAdaptGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for BestAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for BestAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

· double bestdescent

Additional Inherited Members

4.2.1 Detailed Description

GWW with a descent depending on a distance between the worst and the best particle

4.2.2 Member Data Documentation

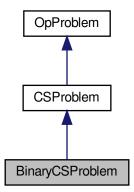
4.2.2.1 bestdescent

double BestAdaptGWWAlgorithm::bestdescent

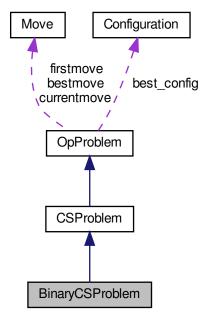
descent rate: porcentage of the distance between the worst and the best particles (between 0 and 1)

4.3 BinaryCSProblem Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for BinaryCSProblem:



Collaboration diagram for BinaryCSProblem:



Public Attributes

int ** constraints

Additional Inherited Members

4.3.1 Detailed Description

Binary CSPs: addition of the constraints array

4.3.2 Member Data Documentation

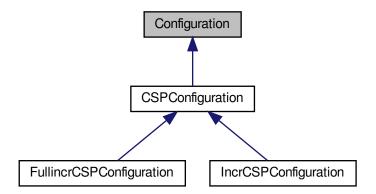
4.3.2.1 constraints

int** BinaryCSProblem::constraints

for a couple (i,j) of variables, (i < j), constraints[i][j] returns the constraint number + 1 if the variables are connected, 0 si the variables are not connected. It is assumed that at most one constraint exists between two variables (if not use WeightExtensionBinaryCSP class)

4.4 Configuration Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for Configuration:



Public Member Functions

- virtual void copy_element (Configuration *config2)
- virtual void init_conflicts ()
- · virtual void incr_conflicts (int var, int val, int index, Long incr)
- virtual void set_conflicts (int var, int val, int index, Long nbconf)
- virtual Long get_conflicts (int var, int val, int index)
- virtual Long get_conflicts_problem (OpProblem *problem, int var, int val)
- virtual void update_conflicts (OpProblem *problem, Move *move)

Public Attributes

- int * config
- Long valuation
- vector< int > var_conflict
- · int regrouped

4.4.1 Detailed Description

the main class Configuration

4.4.2 Member Function Documentation

4.4.2.1 copy_element()

copy a configuration config2 into this

References config, and valuation.

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove(), GWWAlgorithm::populationkeepbest(), and GWWAlgorithm ::regrouping().

4.4.2.2 get_conflicts()

get the number of conflicts (var,val) stored in the conflict datastructure

Reimplemented in FullincrCSPConfiguration.

4.4.2.3 get_conflicts_problem()

get the number of conflicts of (var,val), computed if not stored

References OpProblem::compute_conflict().

Referenced by CSProblem::compute_var_conflict(), CSProblem::min_conflict_value(), and OpProblem::move_ execution().

4.4.2.4 incr_conflicts()

```
void Configuration::incr_conflicts (
    int var,
    int val,
    int index,
    Long incr ) [virtual]
```

store the conflict of (var,val) incremented by incr

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::config_evaluation().

4.4.2.5 init_conflicts()

```
void Configuration::init_conflicts ( ) [virtual]
```

initialization to 0 of the conflict datastructure

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::config_evaluation().

4.4.2.6 set_conflicts()

store the number of conflicts nbconf of (var,val) in the conflict datastructure

4.4.2.7 update_conflicts()

update the conflict datastructure after a move is done

References OpProblem::compute_conflict(), OpProblem::incr_update_conflicts(), and OpProblem::value2index().

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.4.3 Member Data Documentation

4.4.3.1 config

int* Configuration::config

the current values of the variables: implemented with an array of integers

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::compute_conflict(), CSProblem::compute_var_conflict(), CSPMove \leftarrow ::computetabumove(), INCOP::NaryConstraint::constraint_value(), copy_element(), INCOP::NaryCSProblem \leftarrow ::create_configuration(), CSProblem::CSProblem(), CSProblem::init_domain_tabdomain(), CSProblem::min_ \leftarrow conflict_value(), and OpProblem::move_execution().

4.4.3.2 regrouped

int Configuration::regrouped

indicates if the configuration has been regrouped before (for GWW)

Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk(), GWWAlgorithm::regrouping(), and GWWAlgorithm::run().

4.4.3.3 valuation

Long Configuration::valuation

the configuration value

Referenced by Metaheuristic::acceptance(), TabuSearch::acceptance(), Metropolis::acceptance(), Threshold Accepting::acceptance(), SimulatedAnnealing::acceptance(), TabuAcceptingrate::acceptance(), copy_element(), INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration(), DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::dynamicmaxneighbors(), LS Algorithm::isfeasible(), OpProblem::move_execution(), GWWAlgorithm::populationkeepbest(), GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk(), GWWAlgorithm::regrouping(), GWWAlgorithm::run(), and GWWAlgorithm::thresholdcomputedelta().

4.4.3.4 var_conflict

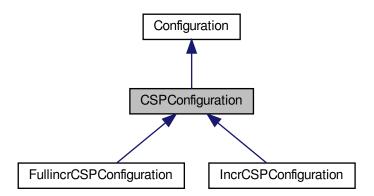
vector<int> Configuration::var_conflict

the variables taking part to a conflict: implemented with a vector

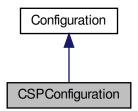
Referenced by CSProblem::compute_var_conflict(), DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::dynamicmaxneighbors(), CS Problem::random_conflict_variable(), and CSProblem::random_variable().

4.5 CSPConfiguration Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for CSPConfiguration:



Collaboration diagram for CSPConfiguration:



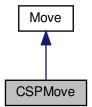
Additional Inherited Members

4.5.1 Detailed Description

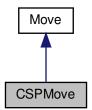
CSPConfiguration: for the CSPs

4.6 CSPMove Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for CSPMove:



Collaboration diagram for CSPMove:



Public Member Functions

• Move * computetabumove (Configuration *config)

4.6.1 Detailed Description

class CSPMove: a classical move for a CSP: variable, value

4.6.2 Member Function Documentation

4.6.2.1 computetabumove()

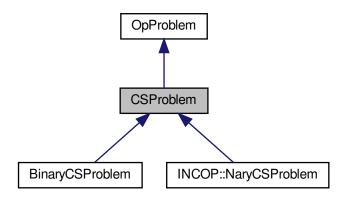
the move stored is the inverse of the move done

Reimplemented from Move.

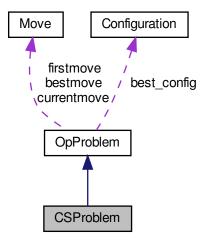
References Configuration::config.

4.7 CSProblem Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for CSProblem:



Collaboration diagram for CSProblem:



Public Member Functions

- · CSProblem (int nbvar, int nbconst)
- CSProblem (int nbvar, int nbconst, int lower)
- virtual int variable_domainsize (int var)
- virtual int random_variable (Configuration *configuration)
- virtual int random_conflict_variable (Configuration *configuration)
- virtual int random_value (int var, int val)
- virtual int min_conflict_value (int var, int val, Configuration *configuration)
- virtual void init_domains (int nbvar, int s)
- virtual void init_tabdomains (int s)
- void compute_var_conflict (Configuration *configuration)
- virtual void set_domains_connections (int *dom, vector< int > *tabledom, vector< int > *connect)
- · virtual void init domain tabdomain ()

Public Attributes

- · int nbconst
- vector< int > * tabdomains
- int * domains
- vector< int > * connections

4.7.1 Detailed Description

Finite domain CSP class

4.7.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

```
4.7.2.1 CSProblem() [1/2]
```

constructor

4.7.2.2 CSProblem() [2/2]

constructor with lower bound (stopping condition when it is reached)

References Configuration::config.

4.7.3 Member Function Documentation

4.7.3.1 compute_var_conflict()

compute the variables in conflict: rebuilding the vector of conflict variables of the configuration

Reimplemented from OpProblem.

References Configuration::config, Configuration::get_conflicts_problem(), and Configuration::var_conflict.

4.7.3.2 init_domain_tabdomain()

```
void CSProblem::init_domain_tabdomain ( ) [virtual]
```

initialization of the domains: call init domains and init tabdomains

References Configuration::config.

4.7.3.3 init_domains()

standard domain initialization: a unique domain number 0 for all variables

4.7.3.4 init_tabdomains()

standard unique domain: integers from 0 to s-1

4.7.3.5 min_conflict_value()

a value in the domain minimizing the conflict with the configuration (implementation of Minton min-conflict heuristics) returns the index of the value in the domain

References Configuration::config, Configuration::get_conflicts_problem(), NeighborhoodSearch::val_conflict, and NeighborhoodSearch::var_conflict.

4.7.3.6 random_conflict_variable()

a variable taking part to a conflict in the configuration

References Configuration::var_conflict.

4.7.3.7 random_value()

a value for variable var, randomly chosen in its domain, if possible distinct with val: returns the index of the value in the domain

4.7.3.8 random_variable()

a variable randomly chosen

References Configuration::var_conflict.

4.7.3.9 set_domains_connections()

```
void CSProblem::set_domains_connections (
    int * dom,
    vector< int > * tabledom,
    vector< int > * connect ) [virtual]
```

set the domains and connections of a problem

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration().

4.7.3.10 variable_domainsize()

the domain size of variable var

4.7.4 Member Data Documentation

4.7.4.1 connections

vector<int>* CSProblem::connections

connections table: for each variable, vector of connected variables

4.7.4.2 domains

int* CSProblem::domains

for each variable, domain number: index in tabdomains array

4.7.4.3 nbconst

int CSProblem::nbconst

constraint number

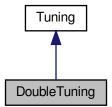
4.7.4.4 tabdomains

vector<int>* CSProblem::tabdomains

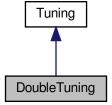
domain array: each domain is implemented by a vector of integers

4.8 DoubleTuning Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for DoubleTuning:



Collaboration diagram for DoubleTuning:

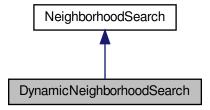


4.8.1 Detailed Description

Automatic tuning of a local search algorithm with two parameters

4.9 DynamicNeighborhoodSearch Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for DynamicNeighborhoodSearch:



Collaboration diagram for DynamicNeighborhoodSearch:



Public Member Functions

• void dynamicmaxneighbors (int &maxneigh, int &minneigh, int nbmoves)

Public Attributes

- · int initmaxneighbors
- · int initminneighbors
- · int adjustperiod

4.9.1 Detailed Description

Neighborhood with dynamic parameter tuning

4.9.2 Member Function Documentation

4.9.2.1 dynamicmaxneighbors()

adjust the parameters maxneighbors and minneighbors

Reimplemented from NeighborhoodSearch.

References OpProblem::adjust_parameters(), OpProblem::domainsize, Configuration::valuation, and Configuration \leftarrow ::var_conflict.

4.9.3 Member Data Documentation

4.9.3.1 adjustperiod

 $\verb"int DynamicNeighborhoodSearch:: adjust period"$

parameter readjustment period

4.9.3.2 initmaxneighbors

int DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::initmaxneighbors

initial value of maxneighbors parameter

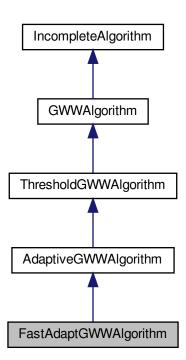
4.9.3.3 initminneighbors

int DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::initminneighbors

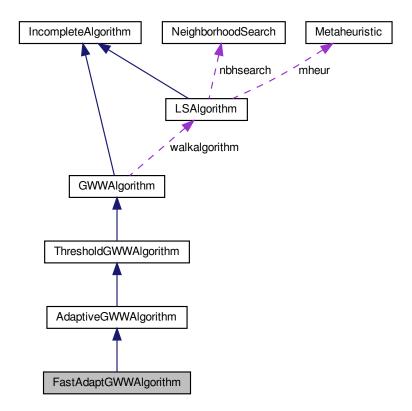
initial value of minneighbors parameter

4.10 FastAdaptGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for FastAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for FastAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

• double thresholddescent

Additional Inherited Members

4.10.1 Detailed Description

GWW with a threshold descent at the lowest value obtained by AdaptiveGWWAlgorithm et FastStandardGWW Algorithm using a number of particles to be redistributed and a rate

4.10.2 Member Data Documentation

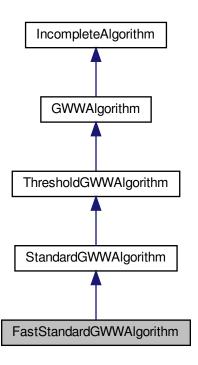
4.10.2.1 thresholddescent

double FastAdaptGWWAlgorithm::thresholddescent

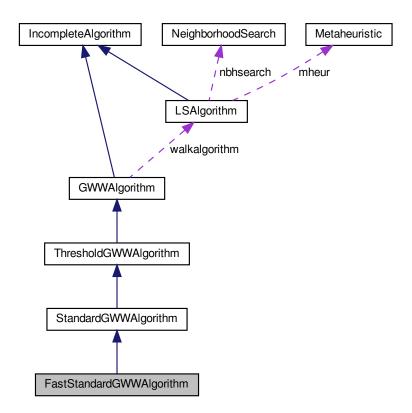
threshold descent rate

4.11 FastStandardGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for FastStandardGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for FastStandardGWWAlgorithm:



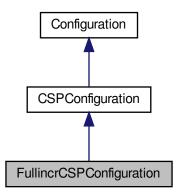
Additional Inherited Members

4.11.1 Detailed Description

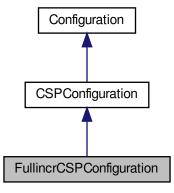
StandardGWW with a threshold descent at least until the worst particle

4.12 FullincrCSPConfiguration Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for FullincrCSPConfiguration:



Collaboration diagram for FullincrCSPConfiguration:



Public Member Functions

• Long get_conflicts (int var, int val, int index)

Additional Inherited Members

4.12.1 Detailed Description

Full incremental evaluation: the participation of every value of every variable is stored in the 2 dimension array tabconflicts (variable, valueindex)

4.12.2 Member Function Documentation

4.12.2.1 get_conflicts()

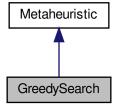
get the number of conflicts (var,val) stored in the conflict datastructure using the value index in the domain

Reimplemented from Configuration.

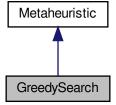
References OpProblem::fullincr_update_conflicts().

4.13 GreedySearch Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for GreedySearch:



Collaboration diagram for GreedySearch:



Additional Inherited Members

4.13.1 Detailed Description

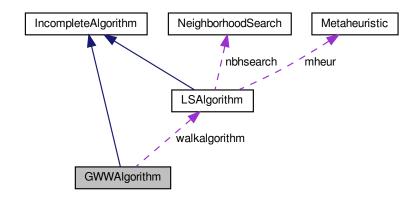
Greedy walk: a neighbor with better or same cost as the current configuration is accepted

4.14 GWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for GWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for GWWAlgorithm:



Public Member Functions

- virtual void populationrandomwalk (OpProblem *problem, Configuration **population)
- virtual int nb threshold population (Configuration **population)
- void randomwalk (OpProblem *problem, Configuration *configuration)
- void initthreshold (Configuration **population, int popsize)
- virtual void thresholdupdate ()
- virtual void thresholdcomputedelta (Configuration **population)
- void run (OpProblem *problem, Configuration **population)
- virtual void regrouping (Configuration **population)
- void populationkeepbest (OpProblem *problem, Configuration **population)
- virtual void thresholdchangesupdate ()

Public Attributes

- int populationsize
- · int regrouptest
- · int lastmovedescent
- int elitism
- · int nomovestop
- · Long thresholddelta
- · int nbiteration
- · int thresholdchanges
- int total_nhtries
- int total_nbmoves
- LSAlgorithm * walkalgorithm

4.14.1 Detailed Description

the GWW (Go with the winners) algorithms: the different subclasses differ by the way a threshold is managed and the particles are regrouped

4.14.2 Member Function Documentation

4.14.2.1 initthreshold()

intialization of the threshold

Reimplemented from IncompleteAlgorithm.

References IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, thresholdchanges, and walkalgorithm.

4.14.2.2 nb_threshold_population()

the number of particles at the threshold (for statistics), the population being yet sorted at the function call

 $References\ population size,\ Incomplete Algorithm:: threshold,\ and\ walk algorithm.$

Referenced by run().

4.14.2.3 populationkeepbest()

in case of elitism, the best particle is put into the population

References OpProblem::best_config, Configuration::copy_element(), populationsize, and Configuration::valuation.

Referenced by run().

4.14.2.4 populationrandomwalk()

local search on the whole population

References OpProblem::lower_bound, LSAlgorithm::nbmoves, LSAlgorithm::nhtries, populationsize, randomwalk(), total_nbmoves, total_nhtries, and walkalgorithm.

Referenced by run().

4.14.2.5 randomwalk()

a local search for a particle

Reimplemented from IncompleteAlgorithm.

References LSAlgorithm::configurationmove(), lastmovedescent, OpProblem::lower_bound, nomovestop, Configuration::regrouped, IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, thresholdupdate(), Configuration::valuation, walkalgorithm, and LSAlgorithm::walklength.

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::isfeasible(), and populationrandomwalk().

4.14.2.6 regrouping()

regrouping of the best particles on the good ones

References Configuration::copy_element(), NothresholdGWWAlgorithm::nbkilled, populationsize, Configuration::regrouped, IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, and Configuration::valuation.

4.14.2.7 run()

main function for running the algorithm

Reimplemented from IncompleteAlgorithm.

References elitism, OpProblem::lower_bound, nb_threshold_population(), nbiteration, populationkeepbest(), populationrandomwalk(), populationsize, Configuration::regrouped, regrouptest, IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, thresholdchanges, thresholdchangesupdate(), thresholdcomputedelta(), thresholddelta, thresholdupdate(), total_\circ nbmoves, total_nhtries, Configuration::valuation, and walkalgorithm.

4.14.2.8 thresholdchangesupdate()

```
void GWWAlgorithm::thresholdchangesupdate ( ) [virtual]
```

incrementing the threshold updates counter (for the statistics)

References thresholdchanges.

Referenced by run().

4.14.2.9 thresholdcomputedelta()

method for computing the threshold decrement

References NothresholdGWWAlgorithm::nbkilled, populationsize, IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, thresholddelta, Configuration::valuation, and walkalgorithm.

Referenced by run().

4.14.2.10 thresholdupdate()

```
void GWWAlgorithm::thresholdupdate ( ) [virtual]
```

method for lowering the threshold(the delta has already been computed)

References IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, thresholddelta, and walkalgorithm.

Referenced by randomwalk(), and run().

4.14.3 Member Data Documentation

4.14.3.1 elitism

int GWWAlgorithm::elitism

elitism parameter: is the best particle put again in the population at each regroupment (1 yes, 0 no)

Referenced by run(), and SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing().

4.14.3.2 lastmovedescent

int GWWAlgorithm::lastmovedescent

parameter if the threshold is lowered at the last move of the walk (for trying to avoid the particle to be redistributed (1 yes, 0 no)

Referenced by randomwalk(), and SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing().

4.14.3.3 nbiteration

int GWWAlgorithm::nbiteration

the maximum number of iterations: useful when no threshold is managed (NothresholdGWWAlgorithm)

Referenced by run(), and SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing().

4.14.3.4 nomovestop

int GWWAlgorithm::nomovestop

parameter for stopping the walk in case of stagnation (1 yes, 0 no)

Referenced by randomwalk(), and SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing().

4.14.3.5 populationsize

 $\verb|int GWWAlgorithm::populationsize| \\$

number of particles

 $Referenced\ \ by\ \ nb_threshold_population(),\ \ populationkeepbest(),\ \ populationrandomwalk(),\ \ regrouping(),\ \ run(),\ \ Simulated Annealing::Simulated Annealing(),\ \ and\ \ threshold compute delta().$

4.14.3.6 regrouptest

```
int GWWAlgorithm::regrouptest
```

walk indicator: a walk is performed only is the particle has been regrouped: (1 yes, 0 no) (useful for a standard GWW with random walk (and no local search))

Referenced by run(), and SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing().

4.14.3.7 thresholdchanges

```
int GWWAlgorithm::thresholdchanges
```

number of threshold changes (for the statistics)

Referenced by initthreshold(), run(), and thresholdchangesupdate().

4.14.3.8 thresholddelta

```
Long GWWAlgorithm::thresholddelta
```

the threshold decrement (compted by thresholdcomputedelta)

Referenced by run(), thresholdcomputedelta(), and thresholdupdate().

4.14.3.9 total_nbmoves

```
int GWWAlgorithm::total_nbmoves
```

total number of moves between 2 regroupments (for the statistics)

Referenced by populationrandomwalk(), and run().

4.14.3.10 total_nhtries

```
int GWWAlgorithm::total_nhtries
```

total number of move tries between 2 regroupments (for the statistics)

Referenced by populationrandomwalk(), and run().

4.14.3.11 walkalgorithm

```
LSAlgorithm* GWWAlgorithm::walkalgorithm
```

the local search algorithm used

Referenced by initthreshold(), nb_threshold_population(), populationrandomwalk(), randomwalk(), run(), SimulatedAnnealing(), thresholdcomputedelta(), and thresholdupdate().

4.15 IncompleteAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for IncompleteAlgorithm:



Public Member Functions

- virtual void randomwalk (OpProblem *problem, Configuration *configuration)
- virtual void run (OpProblem *problem, Configuration **population)

Public Attributes

· Long threshold

4.15.1 Detailed Description

Root class of algorithms

4.15.2 Member Function Documentation

4.15.2.1 randomwalk()

walk for a particule

Reimplemented in GWWAlgorithm.

4.15.2.2 run()

Run the algorithm on a population (array of configurations)

Reimplemented in GWWAlgorithm.

4.15.3 Member Data Documentation

4.15.3.1 threshold

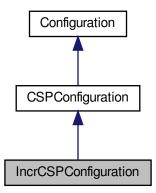
 $\verb|Long IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold|\\$

a threshold can be used to forbid moves above this threshold (used in LSAlgorithms implementing walks inside GWW)

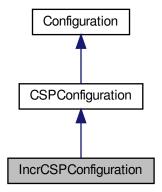
Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::initthreshold(), LSAlgorithm::isfeasible(), GWWAlgorithm::nb_threshold_ \hookleftarrow population(), GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk(), GWWAlgorithm::regrouping(), GWWAlgorithm::run(), LSAlgorithm \hookleftarrow ::test_bestfound(), GWWAlgorithm::thresholdcomputedelta(), and GWWAlgorithm::thresholdupdate().

4.16 IncrCSPConfiguration Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for IncrCSPConfiguration:



Collaboration diagram for IncrCSPConfiguration:



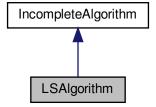
Additional Inherited Members

4.16.1 Detailed Description

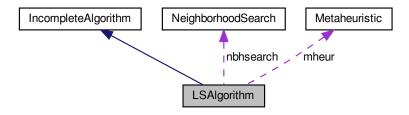
Incremental evaluation with storage in the conflict datastructure tabconflicts the participation of the current values of the configuration

4.17 LSAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for LSAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for LSAlgorithm:



Public Member Functions

- virtual int isfeasible (Move *move)
- virtual int configurationmove (OpProblem *problem, Configuration *configuration)
- int test_bestfound (Move *move)

Public Attributes

- · int walklength
- NeighborhoodSearch * nbhsearch
- Metaheuristic * mheur
- · int nhtries
- · int nbmoves

4.17.1 Detailed Description

The class of local search algorithm on one particle : the random walk is parameterized with the walk lengh, a neighborhood and a metaheuristics

4.17.2 Member Function Documentation

4.17.2.1 configurationmove()

Neighborhood exploration algorithm for selecting and do a move from the current configuration: returns 1 if a move has been done and 0 if no move has been done

References OpProblem::best_config, OpProblem::bestmove, OpProblem::compute_var_conflict(), Configuration ::copy_element(), Move::copymove(), OpProblem::currentmove, OpProblem::firstmove, OpProblem::move_ execution(), OpProblem::next_move(), and Configuration::update_conflicts().

Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk().

4.17.2.2 isfeasible()

feasability of a move (under or at threshold level pour GWW walks)

References OpProblem::lower_bound, GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk(), IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold, and Configuration::valuation.

4.17.2.3 test_bestfound()

test if a global best configuration has been found (returns 1 in that case)

References IncompleteAlgorithm::threshold.

4.17.3 Member Data Documentation

4.17.3.1 mheur

Metaheuristic* LSAlgorithm::mheur

the metaheuristics used

4.17.3.2 nbhsearch

 ${\tt NeighborhoodSearch*} \ {\tt LSAlgorithm::nbhsearch}$

the way the neighborhood is explored

4.17.3.3 nbmoves

int LSAlgorithm::nbmoves

number of moves done

Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::populationrandomwalk().

4.17.3.4 nhtries

```
int LSAlgorithm::nhtries
```

number of move tries (for statistics)

Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::populationrandomwalk().

4.17.3.5 walklength

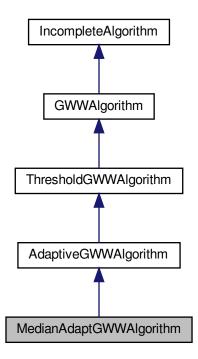
int LSAlgorithm::walklength

walk length

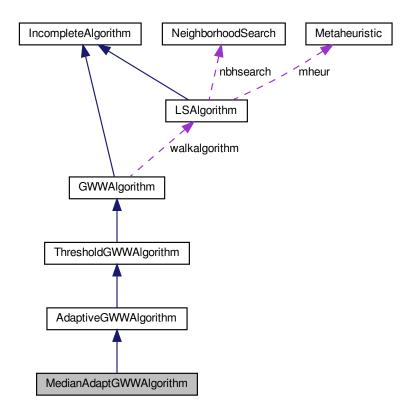
 $Referenced \ by \ GWWAlgorithm:: random walk ().$

4.18 MedianAdaptGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for MedianAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for MedianAdaptGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

• double mediandescent

Additional Inherited Members

4.18.1 Detailed Description

GWW with a descent depending on a distance between the worst and the median particle

4.18.2 Member Data Documentation

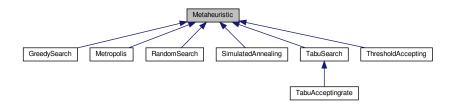
4.18.2.1 mediandescent

double MedianAdaptGWWAlgorithm::mediandescent

descent rate: porcentage of the distance between the worst and the median particles (between 0 and 1)

4.19 Metaheuristic Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for Metaheuristic:



Public Member Functions

- virtual void executebeforemove (Move *move, Configuration *configuration, OpProblem *problem)
- virtual void reinit (OpProblem *problem)
- virtual int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)

4.19.1 Detailed Description

Root class for Metaheuritics

4.19.2 Member Function Documentation

4.19.2.1 acceptance()

acceptance condition of a move : returns 1 if the move is accepted

Reimplemented in TabuAcceptingrate, SimulatedAnnealing, ThresholdAccepting, Metropolis, and TabuSearch.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.19.2.2 executebeforemove()

update of the metaheuristic data just before a move is performed

Reimplemented in SimulatedAnnealing, ThresholdAccepting, and TabuSearch.

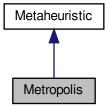
4.19.2.3 reinit()

initialization of the meteheuristic data at the beginning of a local search

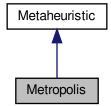
Reimplemented in ThresholdAccepting, and TabuSearch.

4.20 Metropolis Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for Metropolis:



Collaboration diagram for Metropolis:



Public Member Functions

• int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)

4.20.1 Detailed Description

Metropolis algorithm: a unique parameter - a constant temperature

4.20.2 Member Function Documentation

4.20.2.1 acceptance()

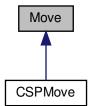
the classical Metropolis formula for accepting a bad move : probability = exp (-evaluationdelta/temperature)

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.21 Move Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for Move:



Public Member Functions

- virtual int eqmove (Move *move1)
- virtual void copymove (Move *move)
- virtual Move * computetabumove (Configuration *config)

4.21.1 Detailed Description

root class Move

4.21.2 Member Function Documentation

4.21.2.1 computetabumove()

the move to be put in the tabu list (to be implemented in the subclasses)

Reimplemented in CSPMove.

Referenced by TabuSearch::executebeforemove().

4.21.2.2 copymove()

copy of move move1 into this

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.21.2.3 eqmove()

the test of equality of a move (used for searching a move in the tabu list)

4.22 INCOP::NaryConstraint Class Reference

Public Member Functions

- Long constraint_value (Configuration *configuration)
- int nbtuples (vector< int > *tabdomaines)

Public Attributes

- vector< int > constrainedvariables
- vector< Long > tuplevalues

4.22.1 Detailed Description

Nary constraint in extension with weigths defined on the tuples

4.22.2 Member Function Documentation

```
4.22.2.1 constraint_value()
```

Constraint Evalution: searching in the tuple table

References Configuration::config.

4.22.2.2 nbtuples()

```
int INCOP::NaryConstraint::nbtuples ( \label{eq:vector} \mbox{vector} < \mbox{int} \ > * \ tabdomaines \ )
```

nombre de n-uplets d'une contrainte

4.22.3 Member Data Documentation

4.22.3.1 constrained variables

```
vector<int> INCOP::NaryConstraint::constrainedvariables
```

variables linked by the constraint

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration().

4.22.3.2 tuplevalues

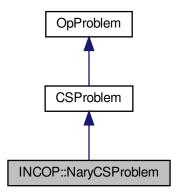
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vector<Long> INCOP::NaryConstraint::tuplevalues
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table of valued tuples

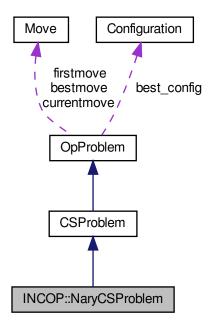
Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration().

4.23 INCOP::NaryCSProblem Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for INCOP::NaryCSProblem:



Collaboration diagram for INCOP::NaryCSProblem:



Public Member Functions

- Long config_evaluation (Configuration *configuration)
- Long compute_conflict (Configuration *configuration, int var, int val)
- Configuration * create_configuration ()

Additional Inherited Members

4.23.1 Detailed Description

NaryCSPs solved as weighted Max-CSPs with weights on the tuples

4.23.2 Member Function Documentation

4.23.2.1 compute_conflict()

number of conflicts of a simple assignment in a complete configuration

calcul du nombre de conflits d'une affectation - appele par l'évaluation d'un mouvement (cas incr)

Reimplemented from OpProblem.

References Configuration::config.

4.23.2.2 config_evaluation()

evaluation and filling the conflict datastructure

code optimisé pour configuration semi-incrementale IncrCSPConfiguration

Reimplemented from OpProblem.

References Configuration::incr_conflicts(), and Configuration::init_conflicts().

4.23.2.3 create_configuration()

```
Configuration * INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration ( ) [virtual]
```

choice of incrementality mode: IncrCSPConfiguration ou FullincrCSPConfiguration

utilisation des configurations "semi-incrementales" IncrCSPConfiguration - les conflits des valeurs courantes des variables sont stockés dans le tableau tabconflicts ou tout-incrémentales FullincrCSPConfiguration : les conflits de toutes les valeurs avec la configuration courante sont maintenus dans tabconflicts

Reimplemented from CSProblem.

References OpProblem::allocate_moves(), OpProblem::best_config, Configuration::config, INCOP::Nary Constraint::constrainedvariables, OpProblem::domainsize, OpProblem::lower_bound, CSProblem::set_domains connections(), INCOP::NaryConstraint::tuplevalues, and Configuration::valuation.

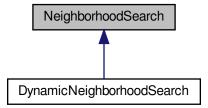
4.24 INCOP::NaryVariable Class Reference

4.24.1 Detailed Description

Variable constrained by a n-ary constraint

4.25 NeighborhoodSearch Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for NeighborhoodSearch:



Public Attributes

- · int minneighbors
- · int maxneighbors
- · int finished
- · int var_conflict
- · int val_conflict

4.25.1 Detailed Description

Class NeighborhoodSearch: how the neighborhood is explored

4.25.2 Member Data Documentation

4.25.2.1 finished

int NeighborhoodSearch::finished

behavior indicator when the neighborhood is exhausted and no neighbor has been accepted: 0 stagnation, 1 the 1st feasible move is selected, k the best feasible among k tried but not accepted moves is selected

4.25.2.2 maxneighbors

int NeighborhoodSearch::maxneighbors

maximum number of explored neighbors

4.25.2.3 minneighbors

int NeighborhoodSearch::minneighbors

minimum number of visited neighbors

4.25.2.4 val_conflict

int NeighborhoodSearch::val_conflict

restriction indicator to best values of a variable (0 no restriction, 1 restriction)

Referenced by CSProblem::min_conflict_value().

4.25.2.5 var_conflict

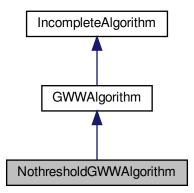
int NeighborhoodSearch::var_conflict

restriction indicator to variables participating in a conflict (0 no restriction, 1 restriction)

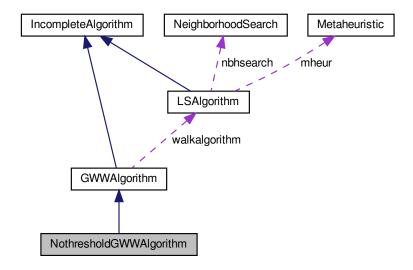
Referenced by CSProblem::min_conflict_value().

4.26 NothresholdGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for NothresholdGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for NothresholdGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

int nbkilled

Additional Inherited Members

4.26.1 Detailed Description

GWW without threshold management : 2 parameters : number of particles redistributed at each iteration , number of iterations

4.26.2 Member Data Documentation

4.26.2.1 nbkilled

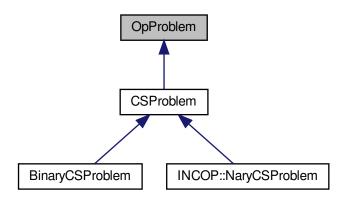
int NothresholdGWWAlgorithm::nbkilled

number of particles to be regrouped at each iteration

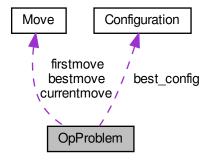
Referenced by GWWAlgorithm::regrouping(), SimulatedAnnealing::SimulatedAnnealing(), and GWWAlgorithm::thresholdcomputedelta().

4.27 OpProblem Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for OpProblem:



Collaboration diagram for OpProblem:



Public Member Functions

- virtual void move_execution (Configuration *configuration, Move *move)
- virtual void incr_update_conflicts (IncrCSPConfiguration *configuration, Move *move)
- virtual void fullincr_update_conflicts (FullincrCSPConfiguration *configuration, Move *move)
- virtual void allocate_moves ()
- virtual Move * create_move ()
- virtual void adjust_parameters (Configuration *configuration, int &maxneighbors, int &minneighbors)
- virtual void next_move (Configuration *configuration, Move *move, NeighborhoodSearch *nbhs)
- virtual void random_configuration (Configuration *configuration)
- virtual void best_config_analysis ()

- virtual void best_config_write ()
- virtual void best_config_verification ()
- virtual void init_population (Configuration **population, int populationsize)
- virtual Configuration * create_configuration ()
- virtual Long compute_conflict (Configuration *configuration, int var, int val)
- virtual Long config_evaluation (Configuration *configuration)
- virtual Long move_evaluation (Configuration *configuration, Move *move)
- virtual int index2value (int index, int var)
- virtual int value2index (int value, int var)
- virtual void compute_var_conflict (Configuration *configuration)

Public Attributes

- Configuration * best_config
- int nbvar
- · int domainsize
- · Long lower bound
- Move * currentmove
- Move * firstmove
- Move * bestmove

4.27.1 Detailed Description

Root class of Optimization Problems (minimization)

4.27.2 Member Function Documentation

4.27.2.1 adjust_parameters()

adjustment of the neighborhood parameters (when the size of the actual neighborhood is greater than maxneighbors)

Referenced by DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::dynamicmaxneighbors().

4.27.2.2 allocate_moves()

```
void OpProblem::allocate_moves ( ) [virtual]
```

creation of 3 Move objects (currentmove,bestmove,firstmove)

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration().

```
4.27.2.3 best_config_analysis()
virtual void OpProblem::best_config_analysis ( ) [virtual]
analysis of the best configuration
4.27.2.4 best_config_verification()
void OpProblem::best_config_verification ( ) [virtual]
verification of the best solution (its cost is recomputed)
4.27.2.5 best_config_write()
virtual void OpProblem::best_config_write ( ) [virtual]
writing the best solution
4.27.2.6 compute_conflict()
virtual Long OpProblem::compute_conflict (
              Configuration * configuration,
              int var,
              int val ) [virtual]
computation of the participation of (var,val) to the configuration evaluation
Reimplemented in INCOP::NaryCSProblem.
Referenced by Configuration::get_conflicts_problem(), and Configuration::update_conflicts().
4.27.2.7 compute_var_conflict()
virtual void OpProblem::compute_var_conflict (
              Configuration * configuration ) [virtual]
compute the variables participating to a conflict in the configuration
Reimplemented in CSProblem.
Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().
4.27.2.8 config_evaluation()
virtual Long OpProblem::config_evaluation (
              Configuration * configuration ) [virtual]
```

evaluation of a configuration

Reimplemented in INCOP::NaryCSProblem.

4.27.2.9 create_configuration()

```
virtual Configuration* OpProblem::create_configuration ( ) [virtual]
```

create a configuration (the exact class depends on the problem and must defined in subclasses)

Reimplemented in INCOP::NaryCSProblem.

4.27.2.10 create_move()

```
virtual Move* OpProblem::create_move ( ) [virtual]
```

creation of 1 Move object (the class of the Move depends on the problem) : this method is implemented in subclasses

4.27.2.11 fullincr_update_conflicts()

update of the conflict data structure (case FullincrCSPConfiguration)

Referenced by FullincrCSPConfiguration::get_conflicts().

4.27.2.12 incr_update_conflicts()

update of the conflict data structure (case IncrCSPConfiguration)

Referenced by Configuration::update_conflicts().

4.27.2.13 index2value()

valueindex in the domain to value

4.27.2.14 init_population()

initialization of the population of size populationsize

4.27.2.15 move_evaluation()

evaluation of a configuration if the move is done

4.27.2.16 move_execution()

move execution (modification of the current configuration)

References Configuration::config, Configuration::get_conflicts_problem(), and Configuration::valuation.

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.27.2.17 next_move()

next move to be tested (implemented in subclasses)

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.27.2.18 random_configuration()

random assignment of the variables of a configuration

4.27.2.19 value2index()

valueindex of value in its domain

Referenced by Configuration::update_conflicts().

4.27.3 Member Data Documentation

4.27.3.1 best_config

Configuration* OpProblem::best_config

the best configuration found

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove(), INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration(), and GWW Algorithm::populationkeepbest().

4.27.3.2 bestmove

Move* OpProblem::bestmove

the best move found in the neighborhood

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.27.3.3 currentmove

Move* OpProblem::currentmove

the current move being tested

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.27.3.4 domainsize

int OpProblem::domainsize

maximum domain size

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration(), and DynamicNeighborhoodSearch::dynamicmaxneighbors().

4.27.3.5 firstmove

 ${\tt Move*} \ {\tt OpProblem::} first {\tt move}$

the first feasible move tried in the neighborhood

Referenced by LSAlgorithm::configurationmove().

4.27.3.6 lower_bound

Long OpProblem::lower_bound

given lower bound, is used as a stop condition when it is reached

Referenced by INCOP::NaryCSProblem::create_configuration(), LSAlgorithm::isfeasible(), GWWAlgorithm::populationrandomwalk(), GWWAlgorithm::randomwalk(), and GWWAlgorithm::run().

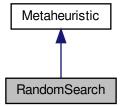
4.27.3.7 nbvar

int OpProblem::nbvar

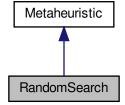
the number of variables

4.28 RandomSearch Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for RandomSearch:



Collaboration diagram for RandomSearch:



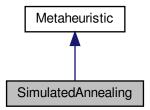
Additional Inherited Members

4.28.1 Detailed Description

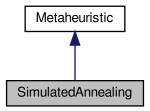
Random walk: every feasible neighbor is accepted

4.29 SimulatedAnnealing Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for SimulatedAnnealing:



Collaboration diagram for SimulatedAnnealing:



Public Member Functions

- SimulatedAnnealing (double initialtemperature, int walklength)
- int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)
- void executebeforemove (Move *move, Configuration *configuration, OpProblem *problem)

Public Attributes

- double inittemperature
- double delta
- · double temperature

4.29.1 Detailed Description

Simulated Annealing: linear temperature descent from inittemperature to 0

4.29.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.29.2.1 SimulatedAnnealing()

Constructor: 2 parameters: initial temperature and walk length: the fixed temperature decrement is computed.

References GWWAlgorithm::elitism, GWWAlgorithm::lastmovedescent, GWWAlgorithm::nbiteration, Nothreshold GWWAlgorithm::nbkilled, GWWAlgorithm::nomovestop, GWWAlgorithm::populationsize, GWWAlgorithm::regrouptest, and GWWAlgorithm::walkalgorithm.

4.29.3 Member Function Documentation

4.29.3.1 acceptance()

Acceptance function of the temperature : classical simulated annealing formula for accepting a bad move : probability = exp (-temperature/evaluationdelta)

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.29.3.2 executebeforemove()

the temperature is lowered by delta

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

4.29.4 Member Data Documentation

4.29.4.1 delta

double SimulatedAnnealing::delta

constant step for lowering the temperature

4.29.4.2 inittemperature

double SimulatedAnnealing::inittemperature

initial temperature

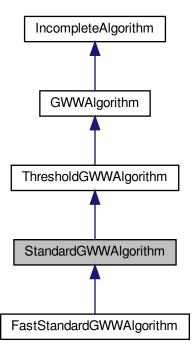
4.29.4.3 temperature

double SimulatedAnnealing::temperature

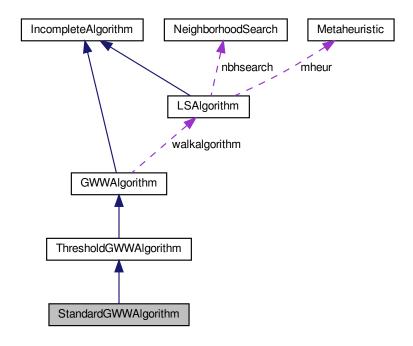
current temperature

4.30 StandardGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for StandardGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for StandardGWWAlgorithm:



Public Attributes

- double thresholddescent
- · Long thresholdmin

Additional Inherited Members

4.30.1 Detailed Description

Standard GWW: threshold descent with a fixed rate

4.30.2 Member Data Documentation

4.30.2.1 thresholddescent

double StandardGWWAlgorithm::thresholddescent

threshold descent constant rate

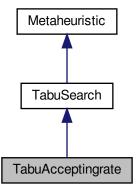
4.30.2.2 thresholdmin

Long StandardGWWAlgorithm::thresholdmin

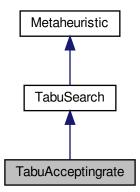
minimum of the threshold (corresponds generally to a known lowerbound)

4.31 TabuAcceptingrate Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for TabuAcceptingrate:



Collaboration diagram for TabuAcceptingrate:



Public Member Functions

• int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)

Public Attributes

```
• float Pd
```

• float P0

4.31.1 Detailed Description

Special Tabu search with complementary acceptance condition depending on the move direction

4.31.2 Member Function Documentation

4.31.2.1 acceptance()

Acceptance condition: non tabu and probabilities depending on the move direction

Reimplemented from TabuSearch.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.31.3 Member Data Documentation

4.31.3.1 P0

```
float TabuAcceptingrate::P0
```

probability of acceptance of a move with same cost

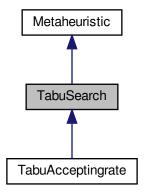
4.31.3.2 Pd

```
float TabuAcceptingrate::Pd
```

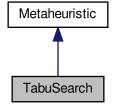
probability of acceptance of a worsening move

4.32 TabuSearch Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for TabuSearch:



Collaboration diagram for TabuSearch:



Public Member Functions

- int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)
- int nontabumove (Move *move)
- void executebeforemove (Move *move, Configuration *configuration, OpProblem *problem)
- void reinit (OpProblem *problem)

Public Attributes

- int tabulength
- list< Move * > move_list

4.32.1 Detailed Description

Walk with using a tabu list : this list of moves is implemented by a list < Move*> structure , the actual class of the moves depend on the problems

4.32.2 Member Function Documentation

4.32.2.1 acceptance()

acceptance of a move: not in the tabulist (the aspiration criterion of a best is in the configurationmove algorithm)

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

Reimplemented in TabuAcceptingrate.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.32.2.2 executebeforemove()

updating of the tabulist which is managed as a FIFO of maximum length tabulength

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

References Move::computetabumove().

4.32.2.3 nontabumove()

test of non presence in the tabulist (use of eqmove method)

4.32.2.4 reinit()

the tabu list is cleared

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

4.32.3 Member Data Documentation

4.32.3.1 move_list

list<Move*> TabuSearch::move_list

tabu list : implemented FIFO

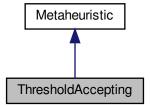
4.32.3.2 tabulength

int TabuSearch::tabulength

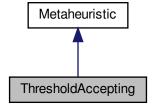
maximum length of the tabulist

4.33 ThresholdAccepting Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for ThresholdAccepting:



Collaboration diagram for ThresholdAccepting:



Public Member Functions

- ThresholdAccepting (double maxthreshold, int walklength)
- int acceptance (Move *move, Configuration *config)
- void executebeforemove (Move *move, Configuration *configuration, OpProblem *problem)
- void reinit (OpProblem *problem)

Public Attributes

- · double thresholdinit
- · double delta
- · double thresholdaccept

4.33.1 Detailed Description

Threshold accepting Metaheuristics: a move must no deteriorate the evaluation more than the current threshold: the threshold goes down linearly from thresholdinit to 0

4.33.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.33.2.1 ThresholdAccepting()

constructor: two arguments: maxthreshold the initial threshold and walklength, it computes a constant step for lowering the threshold

4.33.3 Member Function Documentation

4.33.3.1 acceptance()

acceptance condition: being under or at the threshold

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

References Configuration::valuation.

4.33.3.2 executebeforemove()

the threshold is lowered by delta

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

4.33.3.3 reinit()

the threshold is initialized at thresholdinit

Reimplemented from Metaheuristic.

4.33.4 Member Data Documentation

4.33.4.1 delta

```
double ThresholdAccepting::delta
```

constant step to lower the threshold

4.33.4.2 thresholdaccept

 $\verb|double| ThresholdAccepting:: thresholdaccept|\\$

current value of the threshold

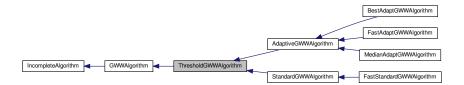
4.33.4.3 thresholdinit

```
double ThresholdAccepting::thresholdinit
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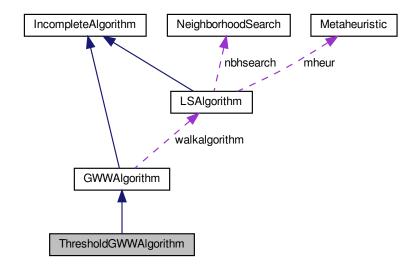
initial threshold

4.34 ThresholdGWWAlgorithm Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for ThresholdGWWAlgorithm:



Collaboration diagram for ThresholdGWWAlgorithm:



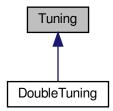
Additional Inherited Members

4.34.1 Detailed Description

Abstract class: GWW managing a threshold

4.35 Tuning Class Reference

Inheritance diagram for Tuning:



4.35.1 Detailed Description

Automatic tuning of a local search algorithm with one parameter

4.36 WeightedCSP Class Reference

Public Member Functions

- virtual int getIndex () const =0
 - instantiation occurrence number of current WCSP object
- virtual string getName () const =0
 - get WCSP problem name (defaults to filename with no extension)
- virtual void * getSolver () const =0
 - special hook to access solver information
- virtual Cost getLb () const =0
 - gets internal dual lower bound
- virtual Cost getUb () const =0
 - gets internal primal upper bound
- virtual Double getDPrimalBound () const =0
 - gets problem primal bound as a Double representing a decimal cost (upper resp. lower bound for minimization resp. maximization)
- virtual Double getDDualBound () const =0
 - gets problem dual bound as a Double representing a decimal cost (lower resp. upper bound for minimization resp. maximization)
- virtual Double getDLb () const =0
 - gets problem lower bound as a Double representing a decimal cost
- virtual Double getDUb () const =0
 - gets problem upper bound as a Double representing a decimal cost
- virtual void updateUb (Cost newUb)=0
 - sets initial problem upper bound and each time a new solution is found
- virtual void enforceUb ()=0
 - enforces problem upper bound when exploring an alternative search node

virtual void increaseLb (Cost addLb)=0

increases problem lower bound thanks to eg soft local consistencies

• virtual Cost finiteUb () const =0

computes the worst-case assignment finite cost (sum of maximum finite cost over all cost functions plus one)

virtual void setInfiniteCost ()=0

updates infinite costs in all cost functions accordingly to the problem global lower and upper bounds

virtual bool enumerated (int varIndex) const =0

true if the variable has an enumerated domain

- virtual string getName (int varIndex) const =0
- virtual Value getInf (int varIndex) const =0

minimum current domain value

virtual Value getSup (int varIndex) const =0

maximum current domain value

virtual Value getValue (int varIndex) const =0

current assigned value

virtual unsigned int getDomainSize (int varIndex) const =0

current domain size

virtual bool getEnumDomain (int varIndex, Value *array)=0

gets current domain values in an array

virtual bool getEnumDomainAndCost (int varIndex, ValueCost *array)=0

gets current domain values and unary costs in an array

virtual unsigned int getDomainInitSize (int varIndex) const =0

gets initial domain size (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)

virtual Value toValue (int varIndex, unsigned int idx)=0

gets value from index (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)

virtual unsigned int tolndex (int varIndex, Value value)=0

gets index from value (warning! assumes EnumeratedVariable)

virtual int getDACOrder (int varIndex) const =0

index of the variable in the DAC variable ordering

virtual Value nextValue (int varIndex, Value v) const =0

first value after v in the current domain or v if there is no value

· virtual void increase (int varIndex, Value newInf)=0

changes domain lower bound

virtual void decrease (int varIndex, Value newSup)=0

changes domain upper bound

virtual void assign (int varIndex, Value newValue)=0

assigns a variable and immediately propagates this assignment

• virtual void remove (int varIndex, Value remValue)=0

removes a domain value (valid if done for an enumerated variable or on its domain bounds)

virtual void assignLS (vector< int > &varIndexes, vector< Value > &newValues)=0

assigns a set of variables at once and propagates (used by Local Search methods such as Large Neighborhood Search)

virtual Cost getUnaryCost (int varIndex, Value v) const =0

unary cost associated to a domain value

virtual Cost getMaxUnaryCost (int varIndex) const =0

maximum unary cost in the domain

virtual Value getMaxUnaryCostValue (int varIndex) const =0

a value having the maximum unary cost in the domain

virtual Value getSupport (int varIndex) const =0

NC/EAC unary support value.

virtual Value getBestValue (int varIndex) const =0

hint for some value ordering heuristics (only used by RDS)

virtual void setBestValue (int varIndex, Value v)=0

hint for some value ordering heuristics (only used by RDS)

virtual bool getIsPartOfOptimalSolution ()=0

special flag used for debugging purposes only

virtual void setIsPartOfOptimalSolution (bool v)=0

special flag used for debugging purposes only

virtual int getDegree (int varIndex) const =0

approximate degree of a variable (ie number of active cost functions, see Variable elimination)

virtual int getTrueDegree (int varIndex) const =0

degree of a variable

virtual Long getWeightedDegree (int varIndex) const =0

weighted degree heuristic

• virtual void resetWeightedDegree (int varIndex)=0

initialize weighted degree heuristic

virtual void preprocessing ()=0

applies various preprocessing techniques to simplify the current problem

virtual void sortConstraints ()=0

sorts the list of cost functions associated to each variable based on smallest problem variable indexes

virtual void whenContradiction ()=0

after a contradiction, resets propagation queues

virtual void propagate ()=0

propagates until a fix point is reached (or throws a contradiction)

virtual bool verify ()=0

checks the propagation fix point is reached

• virtual unsigned int numberOfVariables () const =0

number of created variables

virtual unsigned int numberOfUnassignedVariables () const =0

current number of unassigned variables

virtual unsigned int numberOfConstraints () const =0

initial number of cost functions (before variable elimination)

virtual unsigned int numberOfConnectedConstraints () const =0

current number of cost functions

virtual unsigned int numberOfConnectedBinaryConstraints () const =0

current number of binary cost functions

virtual unsigned int medianDomainSize () const =0

median current domain size of variables

virtual unsigned int medianDegree () const =0

median current degree of variables

virtual int getMaxDomainSize () const =0

maximum initial domain size found in all variables

virtual unsigned int getDomainSizeSum () const =0

total sum of current domain sizes

virtual void cartProd (BigInteger &cartesianProduct)=0

Cartesian product of current domain sizes.

• virtual Long getNbDEE () const =0

number of value removals due to dead-end elimination

virtual int makeEnumeratedVariable (string n, Value iinf, Value isup)=0

create an enumerated variable with its domain bounds

virtual int makeEnumeratedVariable (string n, Value *d, int dsize)=0

create an enumerated variable with its domain values

- virtual int makeIntervalVariable (string n, Value iinf, Value isup)=0
 - create an interval variable with its domain bounds
- virtual void postUnary (int xIndex, vector < Cost > &costs)=0
- virtual void postNaryConstraintTuple (int ctrindex, Value *tuple, int arity, Cost cost)=0
- virtual int postUnary (int xIndex, Value *d, int dsize, Cost penalty)=0
- virtual int postGlobalConstraint (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &gcname, istream &file, int *constrcounter=NULL, bool mult=true)=0
- virtual int postWAmong (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector < Value > &values, int lb, int ub)=0

post a soft among cost function

- virtual void postWAmong (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, Value *values, int nb
 Values, int lb, int ub)=0
- virtual void postWVarAmong (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, Value *values, int nbValues, int varIndex)=0

post a weighted among cost function with the number of values encoded as a variable with index varIndex (network-based propagator only)

virtual int postWRegular (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, int nbStates, const vector< WeightedObj< int > > &initial_States, const vector< WeightedObj< int > > &accepting_States, const vector< DFATransition > &Wtransitions)=0

post a soft or weighted regular cost function

- virtual void postWRegular (int *scopeIndex, int arity, int nbStates, vector< pair< int, Cost >> initial_States, vector< pair< int, Cost >> accepting_States, int **Wtransitions, vector< Cost > transitionsCosts)=0
- virtual int postWAllDiff (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost)=0

post a soft alldifferent cost function

- virtual void postWAllDiff (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost)=0
- virtual int postWGcc (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector< BoundedObj
 Value > > &values)=0

post a soft global cardinality cost function

- virtual void postWGcc (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, Value *values, int nb
 Values, int *lb, int *ub)=0
- virtual int postWSame (int *scopeIndexG1, int arityG1, int *scopeIndexG2, int arityG2, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost)=0

post a soft same cost function (a group of variables being a permutation of another group with the same size)

- virtual void postWSame (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost)=0
- virtual void postWSameGcc (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, Value *values, int nbValues, int *lb, int *ub)=0

post a combination of a same and gcc cost function decomposed as a cost function network

 virtual int postWGrammarCNF (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, int nbSymbols, int startSymbol, const vector< CFGProductionRule > WRuleToTerminal)=0

post a soft/weighted grammar cost function with the dynamic programming propagator and grammar in Chomsky normal form

virtual int postMST (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost base
 — Cost)=0

post a Spanning Tree hard constraint

 virtual int postMaxWeight (int *scopeIndex, int arity, const string &semantics, const string &propagator, Cost baseCost, const vector< WeightedVarValPair > weightFunction)=0

post a weighted max cost function (maximum cost of a set of unary cost functions associated to a set of variables)

 virtual void postWSum (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int rightRes)=0

post a soft linear constraint with unit coefficients

virtual void postWVarSum (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int varIndex)=0

post a soft linear constraint with unit coefficients and variable right-hand side

 virtual void postWOverlap (int *scopeIndex, int arity, string semantics, Cost baseCost, string comparator, int rightRes)=0

post a soft overlap cost function (a group of variables being point-wise equivalent – and not equal to zero – to another group with the same size)

virtual vector< vector< int > > * getListSuccessors ()=0

generating additional variables vector created when berge decomposition are included in the WCSP

• virtual bool isGlobal ()=0

true if there are soft global constraints defined in the problem

virtual Cost read wcsp (const char *fileName)=0

load problem in all format supported by toulbar2. Returns the UB known to the solver before solving (file and command line).

virtual void read_uai2008 (const char *fileName)=0

load problem in UAI 2008 format (see http://graphmod.ics.uci.edu/uai08/FileFormat and http://www.cs.huji.ac.il/project/UAI10/fileFormat.php)

virtual void read_random (int n, int m, vector < int > &p, int seed, bool forceSubModular=false, string global-name="")=0

create a random WCSP with n variables, domain size m, array p where the first element is a percentage of tuples with a nonzero cost and next elements are the number of random cost functions for each different arity (starting with arity two), random seed, a flag to have a percentage (last element in the array p) of the binary cost functions being permutated submodular, and a string to use a specific global cost function instead of random cost functions in extension

virtual void read_wcnf (const char *fileName)=0

load problem in (w)cnf format (see http://www.maxsat.udl.cat/08/index.php?disp=requirements)

virtual void read_qpbo (const char *fileName)=0

load quadratic pseudo-Boolean optimization problem in unconstrained quadratic programming text format (first text line with n, number of variables and m, number of triplets, followed by the m triplets (x,y,cost) describing the sparse symmetric nXn cost matrix with variable indexes such that x < = y and any positive or negative real numbers for costs)

virtual const vector< Value > & getSolution (Cost *cost_ptr=NULL)=0

returns current best solution and its cost

virtual void setSolution (Cost cost, TAssign *sol=NULL)=0

set best solution from current assigned values or from a given assignment (for BTD-like methods)

virtual void printSolution (ostream &os)=0

prints current best solution

virtual void printSolution (FILE *f)=0

prints current best solution

virtual void print (ostream &os)=0

print current domains and active cost functions (see Output messages, verbosity options and debugging)

virtual void dump (ostream &os, bool original=true)=0

output the current WCSP into a file in wcsp format

Static Public Member Functions

static WeightedCSP * makeWeightedCSP (Cost upperBound, void *solver=NULL)
 Weighted CSP factory.

4.36.1 Detailed Description

Abstract class WeightedCSP representing a weighted constraint satisfaction problem

problem lower and upper bounds

• list of variables with their finite domains (either represented by an enumerated list of values, or by a single interval)

- list of cost functions (created before and during search by variable elimination of variables with small degree)
- local consistency propagation (variable-based propagation) including cluster tree decomposition caching (separator-based cache)

Note

Variables are referenced by their lexicographic index number (as returned by *eg* WeightedCSP::make← EnumeratedVariable)

Cost functions are referenced by their lexicographic index number (as returned by *eg* WeightedCSP::post ← BinaryConstraint)

4.36.2 Member Function Documentation

4.36.2.1 assignLS()

assigns a set of variables at once and propagates (used by Local Search methods such as Large Neighborhood Search)

Parameters

varIndexes	vector of variable indexes as returned by makeXXXVariable
newValues	vector of values to be assigned to the corresponding variables

4.36.2.2 cartProd()

Cartesian product of current domain sizes.

Parameters

4.36.2.3 dump()

```
\label{thm:cond} \mbox{ virtual void WeightedCSP::dump (}
```

```
ostream & os,
bool original = true ) [pure virtual]
```

output the current WCSP into a file in wcsp format

Parameters

os output file	
original	if true then keeps all variables with their original domain size else uses unassigned variables and
	current domains recoding variable indexes

4.36.2.4 finiteUb()

```
virtual Cost WeightedCSP::finiteUb ( ) const [pure virtual]
```

computes the worst-case assignment finite cost (sum of maximum finite cost over all cost functions plus one)

Returns

the worst-case assignment finite cost

Warning

current problem should be completely loaded and propagated before calling this function

4.36.2.5 getName()

Note

by default, variables names are integers, starting at zero

4.36.2.6 getValue()

current assigned value

Warning

undefined if not assigned yet

4.36.2.7 increaseLb()

increases problem lower bound thanks to eg soft local consistencies

Parameters

```
addLb increment value to be added to the problem lower bound
```

4.36.2.8 postGlobalConstraint()

```
virtual int WeightedCSP::postGlobalConstraint (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    const string & gcname,
    istream & file,
    int * constrcounter = NULL,
    bool mult = true ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.9 postMaxWeight()

post a weighted max cost function (maximum cost of a set of unary cost functions associated to a set of variables)

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of scopeIndex
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "val"
propagator	the propagation method ("DAG" only)
baseCost	if a variable-value pair does not exist in weightFunction, its weight will be mapped to baseCost.
weightFunction	a vector of WeightedVarValPair containing a mapping from variable-value pairs to their weights.

4.36.2.10 postMST()

post a Spanning Tree hard constraint

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of scopeIndex
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "hard"
propagator	the propagation method ("DAG" only)
baseCost	unused in the current implementation (MAX_COST)

4.36.2.11 postNaryConstraintTuple()

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postNaryConstraintTuple (
    int ctrindex,
    Value * tuple,
    int arity,
    Cost cost ) [pure virtual]
```

Warning

must call WeightedCSP::postNaryConstraintEnd after giving cost tuples

Warning

must call WeightedCSP::sortConstraints after all cost functions have been posted (see WeightedCSP::sort← Constraints)

post a soft all different cost function

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of the array
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: for flow-based propagator: "var" or "dec" or "decbi" (decomposed into a binary cost function complete network), for DAG-based propagator: "var", for network-based propagator: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (decomposed based on wamong)
propagator	the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation

4.36.2.15 postWAllDiff() [2/2]

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWAllDiff (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    string semantics,
    Cost baseCost ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.16 postWAmong() [1/2]

post a soft among cost function

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of the array
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or – "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)–
propagator	the propagation method (only "DAG" or "network")
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation
values	a vector of values to be restricted
lb	a fixed lower bound for the number variables to be assigned to the values in values
ub	a fixed upper bound for the number variables to be assigned to the values in values

4.36.2.17 postWAmong() [2/2]

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWAmong (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    string semantics,
    Cost baseCost,
    Value * values,
    int nbValues,
    int lb,
    int ub ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.18 postWGcc() [1/2]

post a soft global cardinality cost function

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of the array
,	the semantics of the global cost function: "var" (DAG-based propagator only) or – "var" or "dec" or "wdec" (flow-based propagator only) or – "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)–
propagator	the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation
values	a vector of BoundedObj, specifying the lower and upper bounds of each value, restricting the number of variables can be assigned to them

4.36.2.19 postWGcc() [2/2]

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWGcc (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    string semantics,
    Cost baseCost,
    Value * values,
    int nbValues,
    int * lb,
    int * ub ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.20 postWGrammarCNF()

post a soft/weighted grammar cost function with the dynamic programming propagator and grammar in Chomsky normal form

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of the first group of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of scopeIndex
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or "weight"
propagator	the propagation method ("DAG" only)
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation
nbSymbols	the number of symbols in the corresponding grammar. Symbols are indexed as 0, 1,, nbSymbols-1
startSymbol	the index of the starting symbol
WRuleToTerminal	a vector of ::CFGProductionRule. Note that:
	 if order in CFGProductionRule is set to 0, it is classified as A -> v, where A is the index of the terminal symbol and v is the value.
	 if order in CFGProductionRule is set to 1, it is classified as A -> BC, where A,B,C the index of the nonterminal symbols.
	• if <i>order</i> in <i>CFGProductionRule</i> is set to 2, it is classified as weighted A -> v, where A is the index of the terminal symbol and v is the value.
	• if <i>order</i> in <i>CFGProductionRule</i> is set to 3, it is classified as weighted A -> BC, where A,B,C the index of the nonterminal symbols.
	• if order in CFGProductionRule is set to values greater than 3, it is ignored.

4.36.2.21 postWOverlap()

post a soft overlap cost function (a group of variables being point-wise equivalent – and not equal to zero – to another group with the same size)

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of scopeIndex (should be an even value)
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)
propagator	the propagation method ("network" only)
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation.
comparator	the point-wise comparison operator applied to the number of equivalent variables ("==", "!=", "<", "<="," >-,", ">=")
rightRes	right-hand side value of the comparison

4.36.2.22 postWRegular() [1/2]

post a soft or weighted regular cost function

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of the array
semantics	the semantics of the soft global cost function: "var" or "edit" (flow-based propagator) or – "var" (DAG-based propagator) – (unused parameter for network-based propagator)
propagator	the propagation method ("flow", "DAG", "network")
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation ("flow", "DAG")
nbStates	the number of the states in the corresponding DFA. The states are indexed as 0, 1,, nbStates-1
initial_States	a vector of WeightedObj specifying the starting states with weight
accepting_States	a vector of WeightedObj specifying the final states
Wtransitions	a vector of (weighted) transitions

Warning

Weights are ignored in the current implementation of DAG and flow-based propagators

4.36.2.23 postWRegular() [2/2]

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWRegular (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    int nbStates,
    vector< pair< int, Cost > > initial_States,
    vector< pair< int, Cost > > accepting_States,
    int ** Wtransitions,
    vector< Cost > transitionsCosts ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.24 postWSame() [1/2]

```
virtual int WeightedCSP::postWSame (
    int * scopeIndexG1,
    int arityG1,
    int * scopeIndexG2,
    int arityG2,
    const string & semantics,
    const string & propagator,
    Cost baseCost ) [pure virtual]
```

post a soft same cost function (a group of variables being a permutation of another group with the same size)

Parameters

scopeIndexG1	an array of the first group of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arityG1	the size of scopeIndexG1
scopeIndexG2	an array of the second group of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arityG2	the size of scopeIndexG2
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "var" or – "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)–
propagator	the propagation method ("flow" or "network")
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation.

4.36.2.25 postWSame() [2/2]

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWSame (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    string semantics,
    Cost baseCost ) [pure virtual]
```

4.36.2.26 postWSum()

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::postWSum (
    int * scopeIndex,
    int arity,
    string semantics,
    Cost baseCost,
    string comparator,
    int rightRes ) [pure virtual]
```

post a soft linear constraint with unit coefficients

Parameters

scopeIndex	an array of variable indexes as returned by WeightedCSP::makeEnumeratedVariable
arity	the size of scopeIndex
semantics	the semantics of the global cost function: "hard" or "lin" or "quad" (network-based propagator only)
propagator	the propagation method ("network" only)
baseCost	the scaling factor of the violation
comparator	the comparison operator of the linear constraint ("==", "!=", "<", "<=", ">,", ">=")
rightRes	right-hand side value of the linear constraint

4.36.2.27 read_uai2008()

load problem in UAI 2008 format (see http://graphmod.ics.uci.edu/uai08/FileFormat and http://www.cs.huji.ac.il/project/UAI10/fileFormat.php)

Warning

UAI10 evidence file format not recognized by toulbar2 as it does not allow multiple evidence (you should remove the first value in the file)

4.36.2.28 setInfiniteCost()

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::setInfiniteCost ( ) [pure virtual]
```

updates infinite costs in all cost functions accordingly to the problem global lower and upper bounds

Warning

to be used in preprocessing only

4.36.2.29 sortConstraints()

```
virtual void WeightedCSP::sortConstraints ( ) [pure virtual]
```

sorts the list of cost functions associated to each variable based on smallest problem variable indexes

Warning

side-effect: updates DAC order according to an existing variable elimination order

Note

must be called after creating all the cost functions and before solving the problem

4.37 WeightedCSPSolver Class Reference

Public Member Functions

virtual WeightedCSP * getWCSP ()=0

access to its associated Weighted CSP

virtual Long getNbNodes () const =0

number of search nodes (see WeightedCSPSolver::increase, WeightedCSPSolver::decrease, WeightedCSPSolver← ::assign, WeightedCSPSolver::remove)

virtual Long getNbBacktracks () const =0

number of backtracks

• virtual void increase (int varIndex, Value value, bool reverse=false)=0

changes domain lower bound and propagates

virtual void decrease (int varIndex, Value value, bool reverse=false)=0

changes domain upper bound and propagates

virtual void assign (int varIndex, Value value, bool reverse=false)=0

assigns a variable and propagates

virtual void remove (int varIndex, Value value, bool reverse=false)=0

removes a domain value and propagates (valid if done for an enumerated variable or on its domain bounds)

• virtual Cost read_wcsp (const char *fileName)=0

reads a Cost function netwrok from a file (format as indicated by ToulBar2:: global variables)

virtual void read_random (int n, int m, vector< int > &p, int seed, bool forceSubModular=false, string global-name="")=0

create a random WCSP, see WeightedCSP::read_random

• virtual bool solve ()=0

simplifies and solves to optimality the problem

virtual Cost narycsp (string cmd, vector< Value > &solution)=0

solves the current problem using INCOP local search solver by Bertrand Neveu

virtual bool solve_symmax2sat (int n, int m, int *posx, int *posy, double *cost, int *sol)=0

quadratic unconstrained pseudo-Boolean optimization Maximize $h' \times W \times h$ where W is expressed by all its non-zero half squared matrix costs (can be positive or negative, with $\forall i, posx[i] \leq posy[i]$)

• virtual void dump_wcsp (const char *fileName, bool original=true)=0

output current problem in a file

• virtual void read_solution (const char *fileName, bool updateValueHeuristic=true)=0

read a solution from a file

virtual void parse solution (const char *certificate)=0

read a solution from a string (see ToulBar2 option -x)

virtual Cost getSolution (vector< Value > &solution)=0

after solving the problem, add the optimal solution in the input/output vector and returns its optimum cost (warning! do not use it if doing solution counting or if there is no solution, see WeightedCSPSolver::solve output for that)

Static Public Member Functions

static WeightedCSPSolver * makeWeightedCSPSolver (Cost initUpperBound)
 WeightedCSP Solver factory.

4.37.1 Detailed Description

Abstract class WeightedCSPSolver representing a WCSP solver

- link to a WeightedCSP
- generic complete solving method configurable through global variables (see ::ToulBar2 class and command line options)
- · optimal solution available after problem solving
- · elementary decision operations on domains of variables
- · statistics information (number of nodes and backtracks)
- problem file format reader (multiple formats, see Weighted Constraint Satisfaction Problem file format (wcsp))
- solution checker (output the cost of a given solution)

4.37.2 Member Function Documentation

4.37.2.1 dump_wcsp()

output current problem in a file

See also

WeightedCSP::dump

Referenced by makeWeightedCSPSolver().

4.37.2.2 narycsp()

```
virtual Cost WeightedCSPSolver::narycsp ( string \ cmd, vector < \ Value > \& \ solution \ ) \ \ [pure \ virtual]
```

solves the current problem using INCOP local search solver by Bertrand Neveu

Returns

best solution cost found

Parameters

cmd	command line argument for narycsp INCOP local search solver (cmd format: lowerbound
	randomseed nbiterations method nbmoves neighborhoodchoice neighborhoodchoice2
	minnbneighbors maxnbneighbors neighborhoodchoice3 autotuning tracemode)
solution	best solution assignment found (MUST BE INITIALIZED WITH A DEFAULT COMPLETE
	ASSIGNMENT)

Warning

cannot solve problems with global cost functions

Note

side-effects: updates current problem upper bound and propagates, best solution saved (using WCSP::set ← BestValue)

Referenced by makeWeightedCSPSolver().

4.37.2.3 solve()

virtual bool WeightedCSPSolver::solve () [pure virtual]

simplifies and solves to optimality the problem

Returns

false if there is no solution found

Warning

after solving, the current problem has been modified by various preprocessing techniques DO NOT READ VALUES OF ASSIGNED VARIABLES USING WeightedCSP::getValue (temporally wrong assignments due to variable elimination in preprocessing) BUT USE WeightedCSPSolver::getSolution INS TEAD

Referenced by makeWeightedCSPSolver().

4.37.2.4 solve_symmax2sat()

```
virtual bool WeightedCSPSolver::solve_symmax2sat (
    int n,
    int m,
    int * posx,
    int * posy,
    double * cost,
    int * sol ) [pure virtual]
```

quadratic unconstrained pseudo-Boolean optimization Maximize $h' \times W \times h$ where W is expressed by all its non-zero half squared matrix costs (can be positive or negative, with $\forall i, posx[i] \leq posy[i]$)

Note

```
costs for posx \neq posy are multiplied by 2 by this method by convention: h=1\equiv x=0 and h=-1\equiv x=1
```

Warning

does not allow infinite costs (no forbidden assignments, unconstrained optimization)

Returns

true if at least one solution has been found (array sol being filled with the best solution)

See also

::solvesymmax2sat_ for Fortran call

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