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Tutorial			

**Instructions:**

- Your solutions for this tutorial must be *TYPE-WRITTEN*.
- Print and submit your solution(s) to your tutor. You can make another copy for yourself if necessary. Late submission will *NOT* be entertained.
- *YOUR SOLUTION TO QUESTION 3* will be *GRADED* for this tutorial.
- You can work in pairs, but each of you should submit the solution(s) individually.
- Include the name of your collaborator in your submission.

1. Consider the *item allocation problem*. We have a group of people  $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and a group of items  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ . Each person  $i \in N$  has a utility function  $u_i : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ . The constraint is that every person is assigned *at most one item*, and each item is assigned to *at most one person*. An allocation simply says which person gets which item (if any). In what follows, you *must* use *only* the binary variables  $x_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}$ , where  $x_{i,j} = 1$  if person  $i$  receives the good  $g_j$ , and is 0 afterwards.

- Write out the constraints: ‘each person receives no more than one item’ and ‘each item goes to at most one person’, using only the  $x_{i,j}$  variables<sup>1</sup>.
- Suppose that people are divided into *disjoint types*  $N_1, \dots, N_k$  (think of, say, genders or ethnicities), and items are divided into *disjoint blocks*  $G_1, \dots, G_\ell$ . We require that every person type  $N_p$  is allowed to take no more than  $\lambda_{pq}$  items from block  $G_q$ . Write out this constraint using the  $x_{i,j}$  variables.
- We say that player  $i$  *envies* player  $i'$  if the utility that player  $i$  has from his assigned item is strictly lower than the utility that player  $i$  might have received from the item assigned to player  $i'$ . Write out the constraints that ensure that in the allocation, no player envies any other player. You may assume that the validity constraints from (a) hold.

**Solution:**

(a) Constraints

- $x_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}$
- If  $x_{i,j} > 0$  then,  $x_{i,j} > x_{i,k}$  for any  $g_k \in G$
- If  $x_{i,j} > 0$  then,  $x_{i,j} > x_{z,j}$  for any  $z \in N$

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<sup>1</sup>You may use simple algebraic functions  $-$ ,  $+$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ , and numbers

(b) Added Constraint

- For  $a \in N_x$  where  $x \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $b \in G_y$  where  $y \in \{1, \dots, q\}$

$$\lambda_{ab} \geq x_{a,b} \geq 0$$

(c) Added Constraint

- For  $a \in N_x$  where  $x \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $b \in G_y$  where  $y \in \{1, \dots, q\}$

$$\lambda_{ab} \geq x_{a,b} \geq 0$$

2. A discrete and finite domain constraint satisfaction problem consists of a finite set of *variables*,  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$ ; for each variable  $X \in V$  a finite domain of *values*,  $Dom(X) = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ ; and a finite collection of *constraints*,  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$ . Each constraint  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  is a constraint over some set of variables  $Vars(C)$ . The size of this set is known as the *arity* of the constraint. Given the CSP defined below, answer the following questions:

- variables:  $(A, Dom(A) = \{1, 2, 3\})$ ,  $(B, Dom(B) = \{2, 3, 6\})$ ,  
 $(C, Dom(C) = \{2, 3, 5, 6\})$
- constraints  $C_1 : A + B = C$ ,  $C_2 : A \leq B$ ,  $C_3 : B \leq C$ .

- (a) Depict the CSP as a graph (you are free to choose the vertex and edge set as per your choice).
- (b) Depict the CSP as a hyper-graph.
- (c) Given any CSP with  $V$  variables and  $C$  constraints, all of which are  $n$ -ary ( $n \geq 3$ ), what is the minimum number of vertices required to represent it in a graph?

**Solution:**

**Your solution here**

3. Consider a CSP with variables  $x_1, \dots, x_6$  where  $dom(x_i) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad \forall i \in [1, 6]$ . The CSP contains the following constraints:

- $C_1 : x_4 \geq x_1 + 3$
- $C_2 : x_4 \geq x_2 + 3$
- $C_3 : x_5 \geq x_3 + 3$
- $C_4 : x_5 \geq x_4 + 1$
- $C_5 : allDiff\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$

Mention the *bound-consistent* domain for each variable in this CSP.

**Solution:**

