

Problem 2: CSP I

The 4-queens problem as a CSP:

Variables:

- Q_i – the place of queen _{i} on the board, $\forall i \in [1,4]$

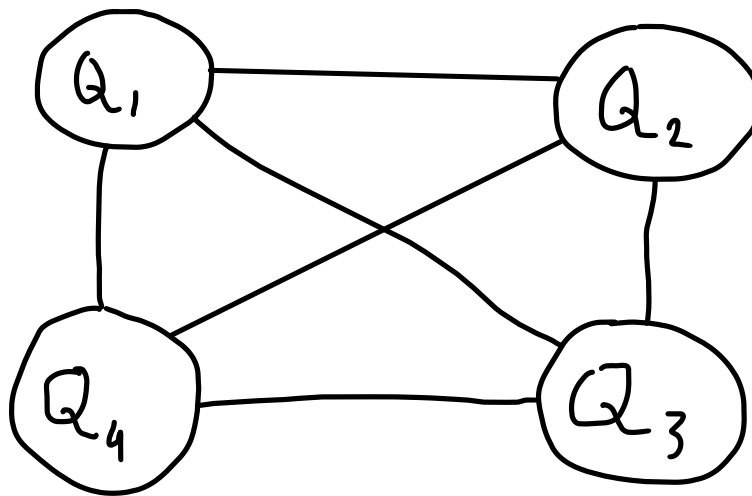
Domains:

- D_i – the domain of places for queen _{i} , $\forall i \in [1,4]$
 $D_i \in \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4)\}$

Constraints:

- $\forall i, j \in [1,4] \cap (i \neq j)$:
- $Q_i \neq Q_j$: the place of two queens can't be the same
- $\text{row}(Q_i) \neq \text{row}(Q_j)$: two queens can't be in the same row
- $\text{col}(Q_i) \neq \text{col}(Q_j)$: two queens can't be in the same column
- $|\text{row}(Q_i) - \text{row}(Q_j)| \neq |\text{col}(Q_i) - \text{col}(Q_j)|$: two queens can't be in the same diagonal

CSP graph: an arc between two nodes resembles that node _{i} has a constraint on node _{j}



Problem 3: CSP II

function AC-3(*csp*) **returns** false if an inconsistency is found and true otherwise

inputs: *csp*, a binary CSP with components (*X*, *D*, *C*)

local variables: *queue*, a queue of arcs, initially all the arcs in *csp*

while *queue* is not empty **do**

 (*X_i*, *X_j*) \leftarrow REMOVE-FIRST(*queue*)

if REVISE(*csp*, *X_i*, *X_j*) **then**

if size of *D_i* = 0 **then return** false

for each *X_k* in *X_i*.NEIGHBORS – {*X_j*} **do**

 add(*X_k*, *X_i*) to *queue*

return true

function REVISE(*csp*, *X_i*, *X_j*) **returns** true iff we revise the domain of *X_i*

revised \leftarrow false

for each *x* in *D_i* **do**

if no value *y* in *D_j* allows (*x*, *y*) to satisfy the constraint
between *X_i* and *X_j* **then**

 delete *x* from *D_i*

revised \leftarrow true

return *revised*

d – maximum domain size

e – number of arcs

Complexity of Revise:

the revise function checks a specific arc, it checks if the domain *x* in *D_i* stands with any other domain *y* in *D_j* to satisfy the constraint. That means that the function could possibly examine all the values of the second domain (*D_j*) – and it does it for every domain *x* in *D_i*.

so if let's say that all domains are in the same length, revise could possibly run d^2 times.

Complexity of AC3:

The initial queue has *e* arcs, for each one of them we call to the revise function, so to that point we're calling the revise function ***e*** number of times

The thing is that we can revise the domains, and that leads to adding arcs once again to the queue. Every arc validates only one domain at a time, so I can add the specific arc back to the queue only as many times as $|D|$ ($= d$).

so in the worst case I'd add a specific arc back to the queue ***ed*** times (for every domain I'd check revise and let's say I delete every *x* in *D_i* and then add the arc once again to check it with the new revised domain)

All in all – I potentially could call revise (*e* + *ed*) times $\rightarrow O((e+ed)d^2) \Leftrightarrow O(ed^3)$.