

Chapter 8: Modelling with Finite Domain Constraints

Where we examine how modelling and controlling search interact with finite domain constraints

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Modelling with Finite Domains

- ◆ Domains and Labelling
- ◆ Complex Constraints
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Domains and Labelling

- ◆ New requirement: need to define the domains of variables
 - ◆ *arithmetic* $x :: [1,2,3,4]$ or $x :: [1..4]$
 - ◆ *non-arithmetic* $x :: [red, blue, yellow]$
 - ◆ *multiple variables* $[x,y,z] :: [0..10]$
- ◆ If no domain is given a default is used (say $[-10000..10000]$)

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Domains Example

Goal for the smugglers knapsack problem:

```
[W,P,C] :: [0..9], 4*W + 3*P + 2*C <= 9,  
15*W + 10*P + 7*C >= 30.
```

```
D(W)=[0..2],D(P)=[0..3],D(C)=[0..4]
```

The CLP(FD) system returns *unknown*.

But how do we find a solution?

Invoke a **complete** (backtracking) solver

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Labelling

- ◆ Built-in predicate `labeling` invokes the complete constraint solver
- ◆ `labeling(Vs)` takes a list of finite domain variables *Vs* and finds a solution

```
[W,P,C] :: [0..9], 4*W + 3*P + 2*C <= 9,  
15*W + 10*P + 7*C >= 30, labeling([W,P,C]).
```

has solutions:

```
W=0∧P=1∧C=3 W=0∧P=3∧C=0
```

```
W=1∧P=1∧C=1 W=2∧P=0∧C=0
```

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Constrain and Generate

- ◆ Typical form of a finite domain program
 - ◆ variables and domains are defined
 - ◆ constraints modelling problem are given
 - ◆ labelling is added to invoke complete solver
- ◆ Minimization can be applied on labelling

```
[W,P,C] :: [0..9], 4*W + 3*P + 2*C <= 9,  
15*W + 10*P + 7*C >= 30,  
minimize(labeling([W,P,C]), -15*W-10*P-7*C).
```

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Send+More=Money Example

Cryptarithmic problem,
 each digit is different and the equation holds

$$\begin{array}{r}
 S \ E \ N \ D \\
 + \ M \ O \ R \ E \\
 \hline
 = \ M \ O \ N \ E \ Y
 \end{array}$$

```

smm(S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y) :-
    [S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y] :: [0..9],
    constrain(S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y),
    labeling([S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y]).
constrain(S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y) :-
    S != 0, M != 0,
    alldifferent_neq([S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y]),
    1000*S + 100*E + 10*N + D
    + 1000*M + 100*O + 10*R + E
    = 10000*M + 1000*O + 100*R + 10*E + Y.
    
```



Send+More=Money Example

After domain declarations:
 $D(S) = D(E) = D(N) = D(D) = D(M) = D(O) = D(R) = D(Y) = [0..9]$

After $S \neq 0 \wedge M \neq 0$ then $D(S) = D(M) = [1..9]$
 alldifferent_neq adds disequations (no chng)
 final equation: (one propagation rule)

$$M \leq \frac{1}{9} \max(D,S) + \frac{91}{9000} \max(D,E) + \frac{1}{9000} \max(D,D) + \frac{1}{900} \max(D,R) - \frac{1}{10} \min(D,O) - \frac{1}{100} \min(D,N) - \frac{1}{9000} \min(D,Y)$$

With the current domain:
 $M \leq \frac{9}{9} + \frac{91 \times 9}{9000} + \frac{9}{9000} + \frac{9}{900} - \frac{0}{10} - \frac{0}{100} - \frac{0}{9000} = 1.102$ ₈



Send+More=Money Example

Hence $D(M) = [1..1]$
 Propagation continues arriving at

$$D(S)=[9..9] \quad D(E)=[4..7] \quad D(N)=[5..8] \quad D(D)=[2..8]$$

Note: 3 variables fixed, all domains reduced

Labelling tries $S=0, S=1, \dots, S=8$ (which fail) and then $S=9$. Then $E=0, E=1, E=2, E=3$ (which fail) and $E=4$ (this fails eventually), then $E=5$ gives

$$D(S)=[9..9] \quad D(E)=[5..5] \quad D(N)=[6..6] \quad D(D)=[7..7]$$



Generate and Test

Methodology without constraints:
 first generate a valuation and
 then test if it is a solution

```
sum(S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y) :-
    [S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y] :: [0..9],
    labeling([S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y]),
    constrain(S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y).
```

This program requires 95671082 choices before finding the solution, the previous required 35 (or 2 that did not immediately fail)

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Complex Constraints

- ◆ Complex constraints such as *alldifferent*, *cumulative* and *element*
- ◆ More succinct problem modelling
- ◆ Better propagation = more efficiency
- ◆ Example replace

```
◆ alldifferent_neq([S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y])
◆ alldifferent([S,E,N,D,M,O,R,Y])
```

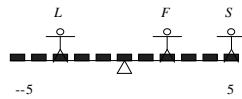
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Complex Constraints

- ◆ There use may not always be obvious

10 foot seesaw with seats,
 Liz, Fi and Sarah want to sit 3
 feet apart and balance. They
 weight 9,8,4 stone (resp).



```
apart(X,Y,N) :- X >= Y + N.
apart(X,Y,N) :- Y >= X + N.
```

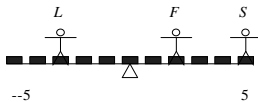
```
[L,F,S] :: [-5..5], 9*L + 8*F + 4*S = 0,
apart(L,F,3), apart(L,S,3), apart(F,S,3),
labeling([L,F,S])
```

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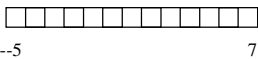


Complex Constraints

Think of each girl as a box of width 3 fitting into a box of length 13



This is an example of a cumulative constraint



```
[L,F,S] :: [-5..5],
9*L + 8*F + 4*S = 0,
cumulative([L,F,S],[3,3,3],[1,1,1],1)
labeling([L,F,S])
```

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Labelling

- ◆ Labelling can be programmed in CLP(FD) using built-in predicates
 - ◆ `dom(V,D)` list of values D in current domain V
 - ◆ `maxdomain(V,M)` current max value M of V
 - ◆ `mindomain(V,M)` current min value M of V

```
labeling([]).
labeling([V|Vs]) :- indomain(V), labeling(Vs).
indomain(V) :- dom(V,D), member(V,D).
```

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Labelling

- ◆ Makes use of current domains of variables
- ◆ Example (Send-More-Money)

$D(S)=[9..9]$ $D(E)=[4..7]$ $D(N)=[5..8]$ $D(D)=[2..8]$
 $D(M)=[1..1]$ $D(O)=[0..0]$ $D(R)=[0..1]$ $D(Y)=[0..0]$
 Labelling tries $S=9$. Then $E=4$ (this fails eventually), then $E=5$ which gives

$D(S)=[9..9]$ $D(E)=[5..5]$ $D(N)=[6..6]$ $D(D)=[7..7]$
 $D(M)=[1..1]$ $D(O)=[0..0]$ $D(R)=[0..1]$ $D(Y)=[0..0]$
 Labelling then add $N=6$, $D=7$, $M=1$, $O=0$, $R=9$, and $Y=2$, and succeeds

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Labelling

- ◆ There are two choices made in labelling
 - ◆ choice of which variable to label first
 - ◆ choice of which value to try first
- ◆ Default labelling
 - ◆ try variables in order of the given list
 - ◆ try value in order min to max (returned by dom)
- ◆ We can program different strategies

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Choice of Variable

- ◆ Variable choice effects size of deriv. tree
- ◆ choose variable with smallest current domain (hence smallest possible answers)
- ◆ Example

$D(S)=[9..9]$ $D(E)=[4..7]$ $D(N)=[5..8]$ $D(D)=[2..8]$
 $D(M)=[1..1]$ $D(O)=[0..0]$ $D(R)=[2..8]$ $D(Y)=[2..9]$

Labelling first tries S, M, O (need do nothing),
 then either E or N. Much better than Y first

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First-Fail Labelling

```

labelingff([]).
labelingff(Vs) :- deleteeff(Vs,V,R),
                 indomain(V), labelingff(R).

deleteeff([V0|Vs],V,R) :-
    getsize(V0,S), minsize(Vs,S,V0,V,R).

minsize([],_,V,V,[]).
minsize([V1|Vs],S0,V0,V,[V0|R]) :-
    getsize(V1,S1), S1 < S0,
    minsize(Vs,S1,V1,V,R).
minsize([V1|Vs],S0,V0,V,[V1|R]) :-
    getsize(V1,S1), S1 >= S0,
    minsize(Vs,S0,V0,V,R).
    
```

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First-Fail Labelling

- ◆ `labellingff` selects variable with least domain to label first
- ◆ `minsize(Vs, S0, V0, V, R)` searches through variables Vs to find var V with minimal size with current min var $V0$ and size $S0$, R is the other variables.
- ◆ Application of **first-fail principle**
- ◆ “To succeed, try first where you are most likely to fail”

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Choice of Domain Value

- ◆ Value choice only effects order in which branches are explored
- ◆ Problem specific knowledge may lead to finding a solution faster
- ◆ Also important for optimization
 - ◆ good solutions found earlier reduce search later

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N-Queens Example

Problem of placing N queens on an $N \times N$ chessboard so that none can take another.

For large N solutions are more likely with values in the middle of variable domains

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1			♚	
2	♚			
3				♚
4		♚		

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Middle-Out Ordering

```
indomain_mid(V) :-
    ordvalues(V,L), member(V,L).
ordvalues(V,L) :-
    dom(V,D), length(D,N), H = N//2,
    halvelist(H,D,[],F,S), merge(S,F,L).
halvelist(0,L2,L1,L1,L2).
halvelist(N,[E|R],L0,L1,L2) :-
    N >= 1, N1 = N - 1,
    halvelist(N1,R,[E|L0],L1,L2).
merge([],L,L).
merge([X|L1],L2,[X|L3]) :- merge(L2,L1,L3).
```

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Middle-Out Ordering

- ◆ indomain_mid(V) tries the values in the domain of V in middle out order
- ◆ ordvalues creates the ordered list of values
- ◆ halvelist breaks a list into two halves, the first half reversed
- ◆ merge(L1,L2,L3) interleaves two lists L1, L2 to get L3

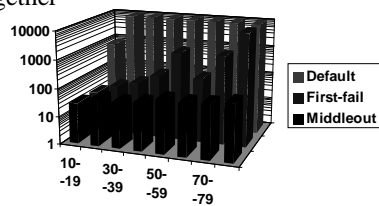
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Labelling Efficiency

- ◆ We can use both variable and value ordering together

Different number of choices for N-queens in different ranges



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Domain Splitting

- ◆ Labelling doesn't have to be
 - ◆ setting a variable to a value
- ◆ Simply has to reduce the domain of a variable
- ◆ **Domain splitting** splits the current domain of chosen variable in half

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Domain Splitting

```
labelingsplt([]).
labelingsplt([V|Vs]) :-
    mindomain(V,Min), maxdomain(V,Max),
    (Min = Max -> NVs = Vs
    ;   Mid = (Min+Max)//2,
        labelingsplt(V,Mid)
    ),
    append(Vs,[V],NVs),
    labelingsplt(NVs).
labelingsplt(V,M) :- V <= M, .
labelingsplt(V,M) :- V >= M+1.
```

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Domain Splitting

- ◆ `labelingsplt` recursively splits the domains of each variable in half until all domains are singletons. If $Min=Max$ the variable is eliminated from list, otherwise it is split and added on the end of list of vars to be split.
- ◆ `labelingsplt(V,M)` choose V to be either \leq or $>$ midpoint M

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Different Problem Modellings

- ◆ Different views of the problem lead to different models
- ◆ Different model = different set of variables
- ◆ Depending on solver capabilities one model may require less search to find answer
- ◆ Empirical comparison may be worthwhile

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Different Problem Modellings

Simple assignment problem: four workers $w1, w2, w3, w4$ and four products $p1, p2, p3, p4$.
Assign workers to products to make profit ≥ 19

Profit matrix is:

	$p1$	$p2$	$p3$	$p4$
$w1$	7	1	3	4
$w2$	8	2	5	1
$w3$	4	3	7	2
$w4$	3	1	6	3

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Operations Research Model

16 Boolean variables B_{ij}
meaning worker i is assigned
product j

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 B_{ij} = 1$$

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$$P = \begin{matrix} 7B^{11} & + B^{12} & + 3B^{13} & + 4B^{14} \\ + 8B^{21} & + 2B^{22} & + 5B^{23} & + B^{24} \\ + 4B^{31} & + 3B^{32} & + 7B^{33} & + 2B^{34} \\ + 3B^{41} & + B^{42} & + 6B^{43} & + 3B^{44} \end{matrix}$$

	$p1$	$p2$	$p3$	$p4$
$w1$	7	1	3	4
$w2$	8	2	5	1
$w3$	4	3	7	2
$w4$	3	1	6	3

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11 prim. constraints

28 choices to find
all four solutions

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Better Model

Make use of disequality and complex constraints. Four variables $W1, W2, W3, W4$ corresponding to workers

$alldifferent((W1, W2, W3, W4)) \wedge$
 $element(W1, [7, 1, 3, 4], WP1) \wedge$
 $element(W2, [8, 2, 5, 1], WP2) \wedge$
 $element(W3, [4, 3, 7, 2], WP3) \wedge$
 $element(W4, [3, 1, 6, 3], WP4) \wedge$
 $P = WP1 + WP2 + WP3 + WP4 \wedge$
 $P \geq 19$

		1	2	3	4
		p^1	p^2	p^3	p^4
$W1$	$w1$	7	1	3	4
$W2$	$w2$	8	2	5	1
$W3$	$w3$	4	3	7	2
$W4$	$w4$	3	1	6	3

7 prim. constraints

14 choices to find all four solutions

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Different Model

Four variables $T1, T2, T3, T4$ corresponding to products.

$alldifferent((T1, T2, T3, T4)) \wedge$
 $element(T1, [7, 8, 4, 3], TP1) \wedge$
 $element(T2, [1, 2, 3, 1], TP2) \wedge$
 $element(T3, [3, 5, 7, 6], TP3) \wedge$
 $element(T4, [4, 1, 2, 3], TP4) \wedge$
 $P = TP1 + TP2 + TP3 + TP4 \wedge$
 $P \geq 19$

		T1	T2	T3	T4
		p^1	p^2	p^3	p^4
1	$w1$	7	1	3	4
2	$w2$	8	2	5	1
3	$w3$	4	3	7	2
4	$w4$	3	1	6	3

7 prim. constraints

7 choices to find all four solutions

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Comparing Models

- ◆ Relative efficiency comes from
 - ◆ more direct mapping to prim. constraints
 - ◆ fewer variables
 - ◆ usually requires empirical evaluation
- ◆ Other criteria
 - ◆ flexibility (adding new constraints)
 - ◆ e.g. worker 3 works on product > worker 2

$B^1 = 0 \wedge B^4 = 0 \wedge$
 $B^2 < B^3 \wedge$
 $B^3 \leq B^1 + B^2 \wedge$
 $n_1 \dots n_2 \dots n_3 \dots$

$W3 > W2$??????

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Combining Models

- ◆ Combine models by relating the variables and their values in each model
- ◆ eg. $B13 = 1$ means $W1 = 3$ means $T3 = 1$
- ◆ Combined models can gain more information through propagation
- ◆ Suppose prim. constraint $iff(V1,D1,V2,D2)$ which holds if $V1=D1$ iff $V2=D2$

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Combined Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 &alldifferent(\{W1,W2,W3,W4\}) \wedge alldifferent(\{T1,T2,T3,T4\}) \wedge \\
 &element(W1,[7,1,3,4],WP1) \wedge element(T1,[7,8,4,3],TP1) \wedge \\
 &element(W2,[8,2,5,1],WP2) \wedge element(T2,[1,2,3,1],TP2) \wedge \\
 &element(W3,[4,3,7,2],WP3) \wedge element(T3,[3,5,7,6],TP3) \wedge \\
 &element(W4,[3,1,6,3],WP4) \wedge element(T4,[4,1,2,3],TP4) \wedge \\
 &P = WP1 + WP2 + WP3 + WP4 \wedge P = TP1 + TP2 + TP3 + TP4 \\
 &P \geq 19 \wedge \\
 &iff(W1,1,T1,1) \wedge iff(W1,2,T2,1) \wedge iff(W1,3,T3,1) \wedge iff(W1,4,T4,1) \wedge \\
 &iff(W2,1,T1,2) \wedge iff(W2,2,T2,2) \wedge iff(W2,3,T3,2) \wedge iff(W2,4,T4,2) \wedge \\
 &iff(W3,1,T1,3) \wedge iff(W3,2,T2,3) \wedge iff(W3,3,T3,3) \wedge iff(W3,4,T4,3) \wedge \\
 &iff(W4,1,T1,4) \wedge iff(W4,2,T2,4) \wedge iff(W4,3,T3,4) \wedge iff(W4,4,T4,4)
 \end{aligned}$$

39 prim. constraints. 5 choices to find all solutions ³⁵



Example: Scheduling

- ◆ Given a set of tasks
 - ◆ with precedences (one finished before another)
 - ◆ and shared resources (some require same machine)
- ◆ Determine a suitable schedule, so
 - ◆ constraint are satisfied
 - ◆ overall time is minimized
- ◆ We will start with just a fixed time limit

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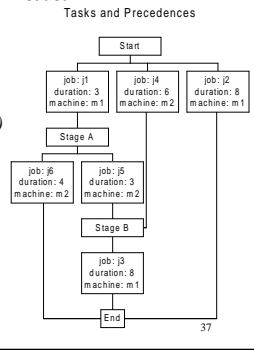


Small Schedule Data

Represent data as a list of task records: (call it *problem*)

task(name,duration,[names],machine)

```
[task(j1,3,[],m1),
 task(j2,8,[],m1),
 task(j3,8,[j4,j5],m1),
 task(j4,6,[],m2),
 task(j5,3,[j1],m2),
 task(j6,4,[j1],m2)]
```





Scheduling Program

- ◆ Form of the program
 - ◆ Define variables: make jobs
 - ◆ Variables: Start time for each job
 - ◆ association list: *job*(name,duration,StartVar)
 - ◆ Precedence constraints: precedences
 - ◆ Machine constraints: machines
 - ◆ Labelling: labeltasks
 - ◆ get variables from job list and label



Scheduling Program

```
schedule(Data,End,Jobs) :-
    makejobs(Data, Jobs, End),
    precedences(Data, Jobs),
    machines(Data, Jobs),
    labeltasks(Jobs).

makejobs([],[],_).
makejobs([task(N,D,_,_)|Ts],
         [job(N,D,TS)|Js], End) :-
    TS :: [0..1000], TS + D <= End,
    makejobs(Ts,Js,End).

getjob(JL,N,D,TS) :- member(job(N,D,TS),JL).
```



Scheduling: Precedences

```

precedences([],_).
precedences([task(N,_,P,_)|Ts],JL) :-
    getjob(JL,N,_,TS),
    prectask(P,TS,JL),
    precedences(Ts,JL).

prectask([],_,_).
prectask([N|Ns],TS0,JL),
    getjob(JL,N,D,TS1),
    TS1 + D <= TS0,
    prectask(Ns,TS0,JL).
    
```

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Scheduling: Machines

```

machines([],_).
machines([task(N,_,_,M)|Ts],JL) :-
    getjob(JL,N,D,TS),
    machtask(Ts,M,D,TS,JL),
    machines(Ts,JL).

machtask([],_,_,_,_).
machtask([task(N,_,_,M1)|Ts],M0,D0,TS0,JL) :-
    (M1 = M0 -> getjob(JL,N,D1,TS1),
     exclude(D0,TS0,D1,TS1)
    ;
     true),
    machtask(Ts,M0,D0,TS0,JL).

exclude(_,TS0,D1,TS1) :- D1 + TS1 <= TS0.
exclude(D0,TS0,_,TS1) :- D0 + TS0 <= TS1. 41
    
```



Executing Scheduling

```
End=20, schedule(problem, End, JL).
```

makejobs: Builds initial joblist and adds constraints

```
[job(j1,3,TS1), job(j2,8,TS2), job(j3,8,TS3),
 job(j4,6,TS4), job(j5,3,TS5), job(j6,4,TS6)]
```

$$0 \leq TS1 \quad TS1 + 3 \leq 20 \quad 0 \leq TS2 \quad TS2 + 8 \leq 20$$

$$0 \leq TS3 \quad TS3 + 8 \leq 20 \quad 0 \leq TS4 \quad TS4 + 6 \leq 20$$

$$0 \leq TS5 \quad TS5 + 3 \leq 20 \quad 0 \leq TS6 \quad TS6 + 4 \leq 20$$

Initial variable domains:

```
D(TS1)=[0..17] D(TS2)=[0..12] D(TS3)=[0..12]
D(TS4)=[0..14] D(TS5)=[0..17] D(TS6)=[0..16]
```

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Executing Scheduling

precedences: adds constraints and changes domain

$$TS1 + 3 \leq TS5 \wedge TS1 + 3 \leq TS6 \wedge TS4 + 6 \leq TS3 \wedge TS5 + 3 \leq TS3$$

$$D(TS1)=[0..6] \quad D(TS2)=[0..12] \quad D(TS3)=[6..12]$$

$$D(TS4)=[0..6] \quad D(TS5)=[3..9] \quad D(TS6)=[3..16]$$

machines: adds choices of constrs, changes domain

$$TS2 + 8 \leq TS1 \vee TS1 + 3 \leq TS2 \quad TS3 + 8 \leq TS1 \vee TS1 + 3 \leq TS3$$

$$D(TS1)=[0..0] \quad D(TS2)=[3..4] \quad D(TS3)=[12..12]$$

$$D(TS4)=[6..6] \quad D(TS5)=[3..3] \quad D(TS6)=[12..16]$$

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Labelling

In this case simply assigns the first possible value to every variable.

$$D(TS1)=[0..0] \quad D(TS2)=[3..3] \quad D(TS3)=[12..12]$$

$$D(TS4)=[6..6] \quad D(TS5)=[3..3] \quad D(TS6)=[12..12]$$

Solution found!

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Improving the Program

- ◆ Answer Redundant Information
 - ◆ Suppose $t1, \dots, tn$ are tasks on the same machine that must be finished before $t0$
 - ◆ $t0$ must start the sum of the durations added to the earliest start time
- ◆ Calculate predecessors for each task, and add these extra constraints
- ◆ Reduces search

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Improving the Program

- ◆ *cumulative* constraints can be used to model machine exclusion constraints
 - ◆ `cumulative([TS1,TS2,TS3],[3,8,8],[1,1,1],1)`
 - ◆ `cumulative([TS4,TS5,TS6],[6,3,4],[1,1,1],1)`
- ◆ Replace machines with a version which builds these constraints
 - ◆ Execution produces (without choice)
 - `D(TS1)=[0..1] D(TS2)=[3..4] D(TS3)=[11..12]`
 - `D(TS4)=[0..6] D(TS5)=[3..9] D(TS6)=[6..16]`

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Labelling for Scheduling

- ◆ Original formulation:
 - ◆ Picking the minimum value for each value must be a solution. (default labelling is fine)
- ◆ Cumulative formulation
 - ◆ Find a task with earliest possible starting time
 - ◆ Either place task at this time,
 - ◆ Or disallow task to be at this time
 - ◆ Repeat (look for task with now earliest time)

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Labelling the Earliest

```
label_earliest([]).
label_earliest([TS0|Ts]) :-
    mindomain(TS0,M0),
    find_min(Ts,TS0,M0,TS,M,RTs),
    (TS = M, Rs=RTs ; TS != M, Rs=[TS0|Ts]),
    label_earliest(Rs).
find_min([],TS,M,TS,M,[]).
find_min([TS1|Ts],TS0,M0,TS,M,RTs) :-
    mindomain(TS1,M1),
    (M1 < M0 ->
        M2=M1, TS2=TS1, RTs=[TS0|Rs]
    ; M2=M0, TS2=TS0, RTs=[TS1|Rs]),
    find_min(Ts,TS2,M2,TS,M,Rs).
```

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Labelling the Earliest

$D(TS1)=[0..1]$ $D(TS2)=[3..4]$ $D(TS3)=[11..12]$
 $D(TS4)=[0..6]$ $D(TS5)=[3..9]$ $D(TS6)=[6..16]$

Label TS1 = 0 Label TS4 = 0 Label TS2 = 3

Label TS5 = 6 Label TS6 = 9 Label TS3 = 11

$D(TS1)=[0..0]$ $D(TS2)=[3..3]$ $D(TS3)=[11..11]$
 $D(TS4)=[0..0]$ $D(TS5)=[6..6]$ $D(TS6)=[9..9]$

Solution (and in fact a minimal solution)

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Reified Constraints

- ◆ A **reified constraint** $c \Leftrightarrow B$ attaches a Boolean var B to a primitive constraint c
- ◆ If c holds then $B = 1$
- ◆ If c does not hold $B = 0$
- ◆ Propagation in both directions
- ◆ Used to build complex combinations without making choices

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Reified Constraints

```
either(X,X1,X2) :-
    (X = X1 <=> B1),
    (X = X2 <=> B2),
    B1 + B2 >= 1.
```

either(A,C,E) D(A)={1,2}, D(C)={3,4}, D(E)={2,3}

$A \neq C \rightarrow B1 = 0 \rightarrow B2 = 1 \rightarrow A = E$

result D(A)={2}, D(C)={3,4}, D(E)={2}

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Reified Constraints

- ◆ Each side of the reification can have a
 - ◆ primitive constraint e.x. $X = XI$
 - ◆ Boolean variable e.g. BI
- ◆ Other operators (Sicstus)
 - ◆ $\#<= \ \#>$ implication
 - ◆ $\#\backslash/$ disjunction
 - ◆ $\#\wedge$ conjunction
 - ◆ $\#\backslash$ negation

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Reified Constraints

- ◆ Can be related to linear constraints
 - ◆ $X \geq Y \ \#<=> \ B, \ D(X)=[0..10], D(Y)=[0..6]$
- ◆ Equivalent to linear constraints
 - ◆ $X \geq Y - 6*(1-B)$
 - ◆ $B = 1 \ \rightarrow \ X \geq Y$
 - ◆ $B = 0 \ \rightarrow \ X \geq Y - 6 \text{ (true)}$
 - ◆ $X < Y + 11*B$
 - ◆ $B = 0 \ \rightarrow \ X < Y$
 - ◆ $B = 1 \ \rightarrow \ X < Y + 11 \text{ (true)}$

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Modelling with Finite Domains Summary

- ◆ Domains must be initialized
- ◆ Labelling to invoke a complete solver
 - ◆ Many strategies are possible
 - ◆ Choice of variable
 - ◆ Choice of value
- ◆ Complex constraints can reduce search
- ◆ Problems usually have different modellings of different efficiencies

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