

Octagon Abstract Domain

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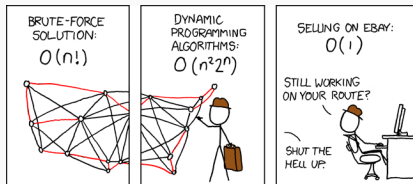
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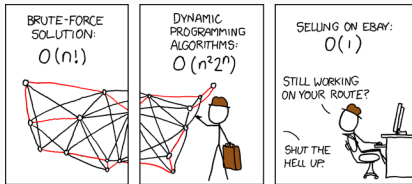
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Introduction

Abstract constraint programming



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Why?

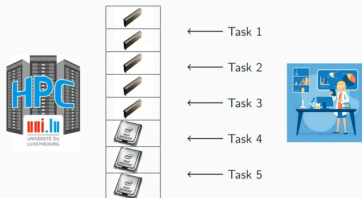
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- *Constraint solving on GPUs*

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- But we do not program how to compute the solution.

An exemple of constraint problem



- **Constraint problem:** Tasks have a duration, use resources ($\#CPU/\#GPU$), and have precedence relations.
- **Goal:** Find a minimal schedule of the tasks on the HPC.

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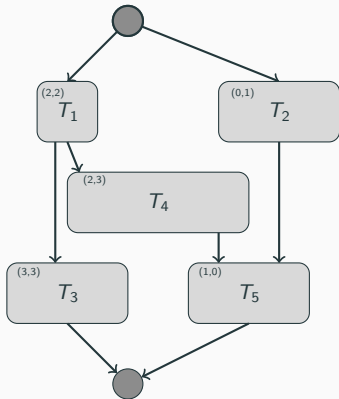
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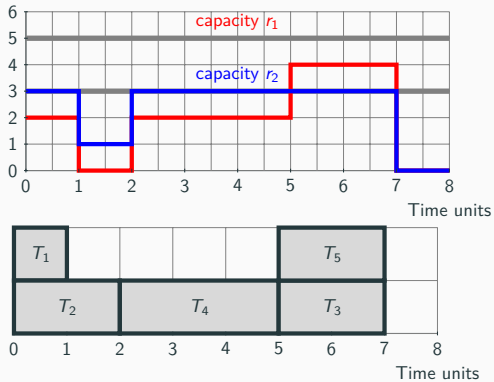
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Goal: find a (minimal) planning of tasks T that satisfies precedences in P without exceeding the capacity of available resources.

Example with 5 tasks and 2 resources



Resources consumption



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- an *objective function* $O = \text{obj}(X)$ to be maximized or minimized

Constraints model [Schutt et al.]

- **Variables** : $s_i \in \{0..h - 1\}$ is the starting time of task i .
- **Constraints** :

$$\forall (i \ll j) \in P, s_i + d_i \leq s_j \quad (1)$$

$$\forall j \in [1..n], \forall i \in [1..n] \setminus \{j\}, \quad (2)$$
$$b_{i,j} \Leftrightarrow (s_i \leq s_j \wedge s_j < s_i + d_i)$$

$$\forall j \in [1..n], r_{k,j} + \left(\sum_{i \in [1..n] \setminus \{j\}} r_{k,i} * b_{i,j} \right) \leq c_k \quad (3)$$

1. Temporal constraints (eq. 1)
2. Resources constraints (eq. 2 and 3): *tasks decomposition* of global constraint cumulative.

Abstract domain

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An abstract domain $\langle Abs, \leq, \sqcup, \top, \gamma, \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket, refine, split \rangle$ is a lattice such that:

- Abs is a set of elements representable in a machine.
- \leq is a partial order.
- \sqcup performs the *join* of two elements (“union of information”).
- \top is the largest element (“initial state”).
- $\gamma : A \rightarrow D^b$ is a monotone concretization function.
- $state : Abs \rightarrow K$ gives the state of an element ($K = \{ \text{true, false, unknown} \}$).
- $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \Phi \rightarrow Abs$ is a partial interpretation function turning a constraint into an element of the abstract domain.
- $refine : Abs \rightarrow Abs$ is an extensive function, e.g., $a \leq refine(a)$, refining an abstract element (“gain information”).
- $split : Abs \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Abs)$ is an extensive function dividing an abstract element into a set of sub-elements.
- $\vDash : Abs \times \Phi : a \vDash \varphi$ holds whenever $\gamma(a) \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^b$ the deduction relation, called the ‘entailment’.

Interval

An interval is a pair $(l, u) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ of the lower and upper bounds, written $[l, u]$.

Lattice of intervals

The lattice of interval $\langle \mathcal{I}, \sqsubseteq, \sqcup, \sqcap, \perp, [-\infty, \infty] \rangle$ is defined as:

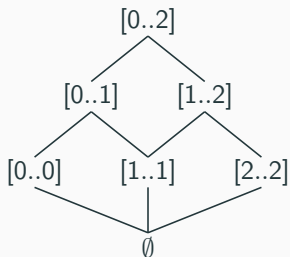
$$\mathcal{I} \triangleq \{[a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}, a \sqsubseteq b\} \cup \{\perp\}$$

with the following operations:

- $[a, b] \sqsubseteq [c, d] \Leftrightarrow a \geq c \wedge b \leq d$.
- $[a, b] \sqcup [c, d] \triangleq [\min(a, c), \max(b, d)]$.
- $[a, b] \sqcap [c, d] \triangleq [\max(a, c), \min(b, d)]$.

Example of lattice of intervals

For the set $\{0, 1, 2\}$



Box domain

- Let \mathcal{I} be the lattice of integer intervals, and V a set of variables.
- Then $\text{Box} = [V \rightarrow \mathcal{I}]$ is the abstract domain of box.

It treats constraints of the form

$$x \leq d \quad x \geq d$$

where $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a constant.

Octagon abstract domain

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We call octagonal constraint any constraint of the form $\pm x_i - \pm x_j \leq c$ with c is a constant from \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R} .

We call octagon the set of points satisfying a conjunction of octagonal constraints.

Remark

The name octagon comes from the fact that, in two dimensions, our sets are polyhedra with at most eight sides.

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Potential graphs

A conjunction of potential constraints can be represented as a directed graph \mathcal{G} with nodes from (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) and value in \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R} .

For each ordered pair of variables $x_i, x_j \in \mathcal{V}^2$, there will be an arc from x_i to x_j with weight c if the constraint $x_i - x_j \leq c$ is in constraint conjunction.

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Transformation of octagonal constraints

- In a potential constraint x'_{2i} will represent x_i while x'_{2i+1} will represent $-x_i$.
- A conjunction of octagonal constraints on \mathcal{V} can be represented as a DBM of dimension $2 \times n$.

Example of transformation of octagonal system to potential constraint system

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How to translate this octagonal system and fill the DBM ?

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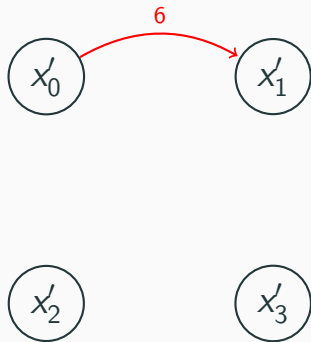
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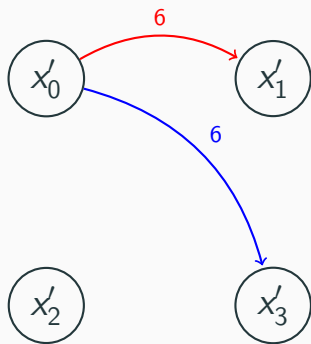
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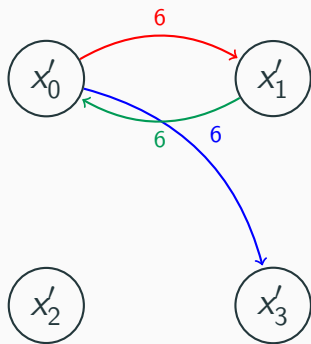
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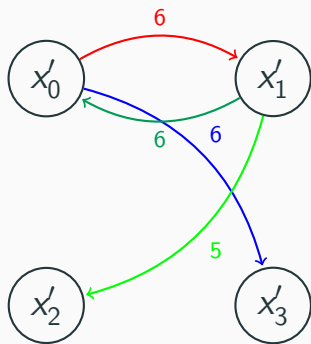
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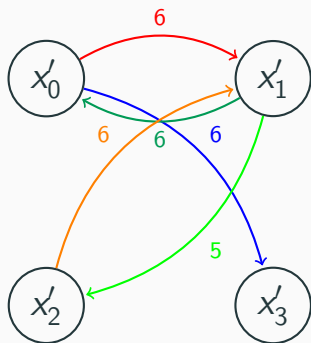
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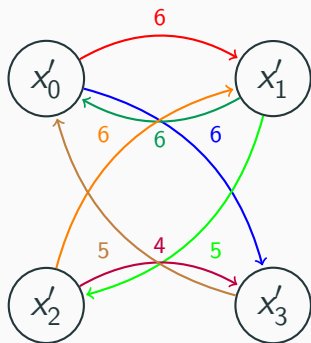
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Some remarks about DBM

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- $m_{0,3} = m_{2,1} = 6$.
- $x'_0 - x'_3 \leq 6, \quad x'_2 - x'_1 \leq 6$
- $x_0 + x_1 \leq 6, \quad x_1 + x_0 \leq 6$
- DBM operations should keep entries equal.

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Consistency

A DBM \mathbf{m} is consistent iff $\forall i. \mathbf{m}_{i,i} \geq 0$.

Negative cycle

Intuitively, consistency means that there is not negative cycle in the DBM, which corresponds to unsatisfiability.

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Let m and m' two matrices of size N from two potential sets we can define the order operator, denoted \leq , as

$$m \leq m' \text{ iff } m_{i,j} \leq m'_{i,j} \quad \forall i, j \in N$$

Link with CP

The order allows for the removal of redundant constraints.

Join \sqcup

Let m and m' two matrices of size N from two potential sets we can define the join operator as

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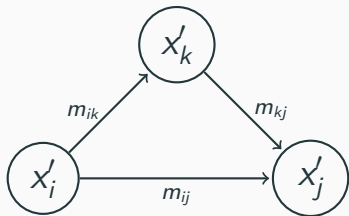
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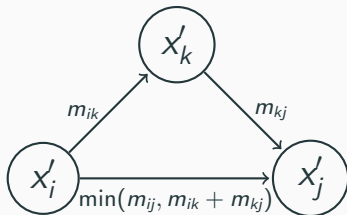
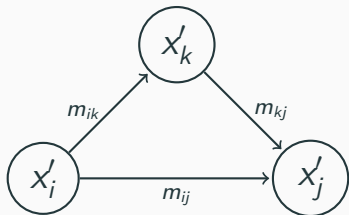
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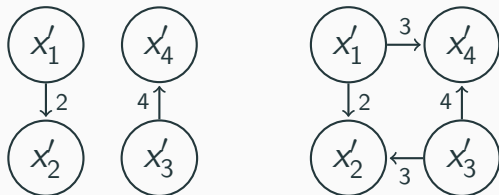
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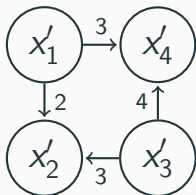
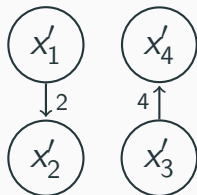
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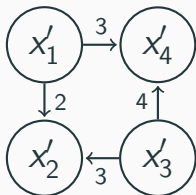
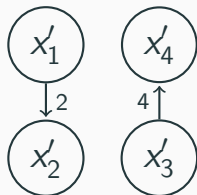
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The idea of **strong closure** is to add another step of local constraints propagation.

$$x'_i - x'_i \leq c \wedge x'_j - x'_j \leq d \implies x'_i - x'_j \leq (c + d)/2$$

such that $x'_i = -x'_i$

so $m_{i,j}$ is replacing with $\min(m_{i,j}, (m_{i,\bar{i}} + m_{\bar{j},j})/2)$.

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Product of abstract domain

Back to our example: three kinds of constraints in RCPSP

- **octagonal constraints** treated by octagon abstract domain.
- **equivalence constraints** treated in a specialized reduced product.
- **interval constraints** treated by the PP abstract domain.

$$\forall (i \ll j) \in P, s_i + d_i \leq s_j$$

$$\forall j \in [1..n], \forall i \in [1..n] \setminus \{j\}, b_{i,j} \Leftrightarrow (s_i \leq s_j \wedge s_j < s_i + d_i)$$

$$\forall j \in [1..n], r_{k,j} + \left(\sum_{i \in [1..n] \setminus \{j\}} r_{k,i} * b_{i,j} \right) \leq c_k$$

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Issue: domains do not exchange information.

Reduced product via equivalence constraints [Talbot et al.]

We can improve the refinement operator of the direct product by connecting constraints from both domains via equivalence constraints.

- Let $\varphi_1 \Leftrightarrow \varphi_2$ be an equivalence constraint where $\llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{PP}$ and $\llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{Oct}$ are defined, then we have:

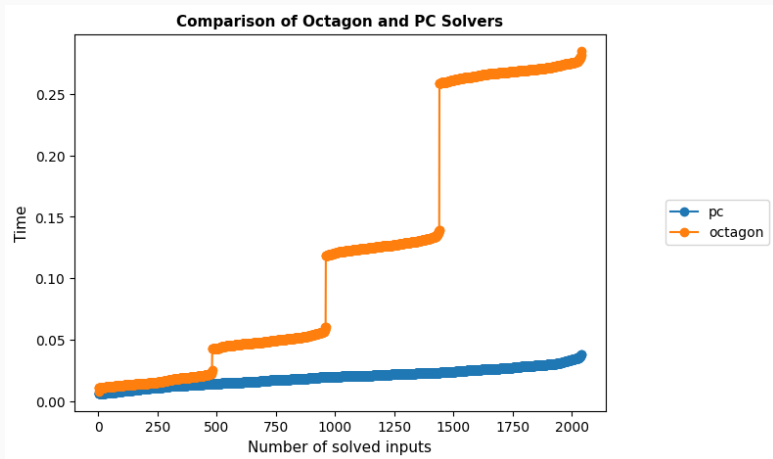
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- Result:** A generic reduced product to combine abstract domains with disjoint set of variables.

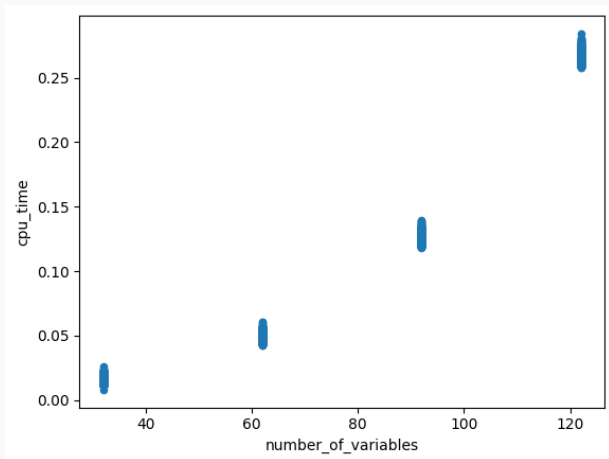
Experiments

- 2040 instances
 - from XCSP3 world
- STP instances (so RCPSP with only the precedence constraints)
- 120 variables
- Precision 7780 13th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-13950HX
- Timeout of 20 seconds

Octagon vs PC



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Conclusion

- RCPSP problem and this modelization
- Different abstract domains \rightarrow Octagon abstract domain with these operators and this representation
- Based on these concepts, we model the RCPSP problem using abstract domains.
- Some experiments

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