CompSci 275, Constraint Networks

Rina Dechter, Fall 2020

General Search: Look-back schemes
Chapter 6
Outline

• Look-back strategies
• Backjumping: Gaschnig, Graph-based, Conflict-directed
• Learning no-goods, constraint recording.
• Look-back for Satisfiability, integration and Empirical evaluation
• Counting, good caching
Look-back: Backjumping and Learning

• Backjumping:
  • In deadends, go back to the most recent culprit.

• Learning:
  • constraint-recording:
    • no-good recording.
    • good-recording
Backjumping

- \( (x_1 = r, x_2 = b, x_3 = b, x_4 = b, x_5 = g, x_6 = r, x_7 = \{r, b\}) \)
- \( (r, b, b, b, g, r) \) conflict set of \( x_7 \)
- \( (r, -, b, b, g, -) \) c.s. of \( x_7 \)
- \( (r, -, b, -, -, -) \) minimal conflict-set
- **Leaf deadend**: \( (r, b, b, b, g, r) \)
- Every conflict-set is a **no-good**
Backjumping

- \( (X_1=r, x_2=b, x_3=b, x_4=b, x_5=g, x_6=r, x_7=\{r,b\}) \)
- \( (r, b, b, b, g, r) \) conflict set of \( x_7 \)
- \( (r, -, b, b, g, -) \) c.s. of \( x_7 \)
- \( (r, -, b, -, -, -) \) minimal conflict-set
- **Leaf deadend**: \( (r, b, b, b, g, r) \)
- Every conflict-set is a **no-good**
Flavor of Gaschnig’s jumps only at leaf-dead-ends

Internal dead-ends: dead-ends that are non-leaf

Example 6.3.1 In Figure 6.4, all of the backjumps illustrated lead to internal dead-ends, except for the jump back to \(\langle x_1, \text{green} \rangle, \langle x_2, \text{blue} \rangle, \langle x_3, \text{red} \rangle, \langle x_4, \text{blue} \rangle\), because this is the only case where another value exists in the domain of the culprit variable.
Flavor of Gaschnig’s jumps only at leaf-dead-ends

Internal dead-ends: dead-ends that are non-leaf

Example 6.3.1 In Figure 6.4, all of the backjumps illustrated lead to internal dead-ends, except for the jump back to $\langle x_1, \text{green} \rangle, \langle x_2, \text{blue} \rangle, \langle x_3, \text{red} \rangle, \langle x_4, \text{blue} \rangle$, because this is the only case where another value exists in the domain of the culprit variable.
Backjumping styles

• Jump at leaf only (Gaschnig 1977)
  • Context-based
• Graph-based (Dechter, 1990)
  • Jumps at leaf and internal dead-ends, graph information
• Conflict-directed (Prosser 1993)
  • Context-based, jumps at leaf and internal dead-ends
Conflict Analysis

- Conflict set
- Leaf deadend
- Nogood
- Safe jump
Definition 6.1.1 (conflict set) Let \( \bar{a} = (a_{i_1}, ..., a_{i_k}) \) be a consistent instantiation of an arbitrary subset of variables, and let \( x \) be a variable not yet instantiated. If there is no value \( b \) in the domain of \( x \) such that \((\bar{a}, x = b)\) is consistent, we say that \( \bar{a} \) is a conflict set of \( x \), or that \( \bar{a} \) conflicts with variable \( x \). If, in addition, \( \bar{a} \) does not contain a subtuple that is in conflict with \( x \), \( \bar{a} \) is called a minimal conflict set of \( x \).

Definition 6.1.2 (leaf dead-end) Let \( \bar{a}_i = (a_1, ..., a_i) \) be a consistent tuple. If \( \bar{a}_i \) is in conflict with \( x_{i+1} \), it is called a leaf dead-end.

Definition 6.1.3 (no-good) Given a network \( \mathcal{R} = (X, D, C) \), any partial instantiation \( \bar{a} \) that does not appear in any solution of \( \mathcal{R} \) is called a no-good. Minimal no-goods have no no-good subtuples.

Definition 6.1.5 (safe jump) Let \( \bar{a}_i = (a_1, ..., a_i) \) be a leaf dead-end state. We say that \( x_j \), where \( j \leq i \), is safe if the partial instantiation \( \bar{a}_j = (a_1, ..., a_j) \) is a no-good, namely, it cannot be extended to a solution.
Gaschnig’s backjumping: Culprit variable

Definition 6.2.1 (culprit variable) Let \( \vec{a}_i = (a_1, ..., a_i) \) be a leaf dead-end. The culprit index relative to \( \vec{a}_i \) is defined by \( b = \min\{j \leq i | \vec{a}_j \text{ conflicts with } x_{i+1}\} \). We define the culprit variable of \( \vec{a}_i \) to be \( x_b \).

- If \( a_i \) is a leaf deadend and \( x_b \) its culprit variable, then \( a_b \) is a safe backjump destination and \( a_j, j < b \) is not.
- The culprit of \( x_7 \) \((r,b,b,b,g,r)\) is \((r,b,b) \rightarrow x_3\)
Gaschnig’s backjumping implementation [1979]

- Gaschnig uses a marking technique to compute culprit.
- Each variable $x_j$ maintains a pointer ($latest_j$) to the latest ancestor incompatible with any of its values.
- While forward generating $a_i$, keep array $latest_i$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, of pointers to the last value conflicted with some value of $x_j$. The algorithm jumps from a leaf-dead-end $x_{i+1}$ back to $latest_{i+1}$ which is its culprit.
Gaschnig’s backjumping

**Figure 6.3: Gaschnig’s backjumping algorithm.**

```
procedure GASCHNIG’S-BACKJUMPING
Input: A constraint network \( \mathcal{R} = (X, D, C) \)
Output: Either a solution, or a decision that the network is inconsistent.
i ← 1 (initialize variable counter)
\( D'_i ← D_i \) (copy domain)
latest_i ← 0 (initialize pointer to culprit)
while \( 1 ≤ i ≤ n \)
instantiate \( x_i ← \text{SELECTVALUE-GBJ} \)
if \( x_i \) is null (no value was returned)
i ← latest_i (backjump)
else
i ← i + 1
\( D'_i ← D_i \)
latest_i ← 0
end while
if i = 0
return “inconsistent”
else
return instantiated values of \( \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \)
end procedure

procedure SELECTVALUE-GBJ
while \( D'_i \) is not empty
select an arbitrary element \( a ∈ D'_i \), and remove \( a \) from \( D'_i \)
consistent ← true
k ← 1
while \( k < i \) and consistent
if \( k > \text{latest}_i \)
latest_i ← k
if not CONSISTENT(\( a_k, x_i = a \))
consistent ← false
else
k ← k + 1
end while
if consistent
return a
end while
return null (no consistent value)
end procedure
```
Example 6.2.3 Consider the problem in Figure 6.1 and the order $d_1$. At the dead-end for $x_7$ that results from the partial instantiation ($<x_1, red>$, $<x_2, blue>$, $<x_3, blue>$, $<x_4, blue>$, $<x_5, green>$, $<x_6, red>$), $latest_7 = 3$, because $x_7 = red$ was ruled out by $<x_1, red>$, $x_7 = blue$ was ruled out by $<x_3, blue>$, and no later variable had to be examined. On returning to $x_3$, the algorithm finds no further values to try ($D_3 = \emptyset$). Since $latest_3 = 2$, the next variable examined will be $x_2$. Thus we see the algorithm’s ability to backjump at leaf dead-ends. On subsequent dead-ends, as in $x_3$, it goes back to its preceding variable only. An example of the algorithm’s practice of pruning the search space is given in Figure 6.2. \hfill $\square$
Properties

• Gaschnig’s backjumping implements only safe and maximal backjumps in leaf-deadends.
Gaschnig jumps only at leaf-dead-ends
Internal dead-ends: dead-ends that are non-leaf

Example 6.3.1 In Figure 6.4, all of the backjumps illustrated lead to internal dead-ends, except for the jump back to \((x_1, green), (x_2, blue), (x_3, red), (x_4, blue)\), because this is the only case where another value exists in the domain of the culprit variable.
Gaschnig jumps only at leaf-dead-ends

Internal dead-ends: dead-ends that are non-leaf

Example 6.3.1 In Figure 6.4, all of the backjumps illustrated lead to internal dead-ends, except for the jump back to \( \langle x_1, \text{green} \rangle, \langle x_2, \text{blue} \rangle, \langle x_3, \text{red} \rangle, \langle x_4, \text{blue} \rangle \), because this is the only case where another value exists in the domain of the culprit variable. □
Graph-based backjumping scenarios
Internal deadend at X4

- Scenario 1, deadend at x4:
- Scenario 2: deadend at x5:
- Scenario 3: deadend at x7:
- Scenario 4: deadend at x6:
Graph-based backjumping

- Uses only graph information to find culprit
- Jumps both at leaf and at internal dead-ends
- Whenever a deadend occurs at $x$, it jumps to the most recent variable $y$ connected to $x$ in the graph. If $y$ is an internal deadend it jumps back further to the most recent variable connected to $x$ or $y$.
- The analysis of conflict is approximated by the graph.
- Graph-based algorithm provide graph-theoretic bounds.
Ancestors and parents

- \( \text{anc}(x_7) = \{x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1\} \)
- \( \text{p}(x_7) = 5 \)
- \( \text{p}(r, b, b, b, g, r) = x_5 \)

Definition 6.3.2 (ancestors, parent) Given a constraint graph and an ordering of the nodes \( d \), the ancestor set of variable \( x \), denoted \( \text{anc}(x) \), is the subset of the variables that precede and are connected to \( x \). The parent of \( x \), denoted \( \text{p}(x) \), is the most recent (or latest) variable in \( \text{anc}(x) \). If \( \bar{a}_i = (a_1, \ldots, a_i) \) is a leaf dead-end, we equate \( \text{anc}(\bar{a}_i) \) with \( \text{anc}(x_{i+1}) \), and \( \text{p}(\bar{a}_i) \) with \( \text{p}(x_{i+1}) \).
The induced-parents of a variable $X$ along an ordering, approximates its induced parent set.
Graph-based backjumping scenarios

Internal deadend at X4

- Scenario 1, deadend at x4:
- Scenario 2: deadend at x5:
- Scenario 3: deadend at x7:
- Scenario 4: deadend at x6:

What are the relevant deadends?
What is the induced-parent set.

Fall 2020
Graph-based backjumping algorithm, but we need to jump at internal deadends too.

Figure 6.5: The graph-based backjumping algorithm.

When not all variables 
In the session above 
X_i are relevant deadends? 
read example 6.6
Properties of graph-based backjumping

- Algorithm graph-based backjumping jumps back at any deadend variable as far as graph-based information allows.
- For each variable, the algorithm maintains the induced-ancestor set $l_i$ relative the relevant dead-ends in its current session.
- The size of the induced ancestor set is at most $w^*(d)$. 
Conflict-directed backjumping
(Prosser 1990)

- Extend Gaschnig’s backjump to internal dead-ends.
- Exploits information gathered during search.
- For each variable the algorithm maintains an induced
  **jumpback set**, and jumps to most recent one.
- **Use the following concepts:**
  - An ordering over variables induced a strict ordering
    between constraints: $R_1 < R_2 < \ldots R_t$
  - Use **earliest minimal conflict-set** $(\text{emc}(x_{i+1}))$ of a
    deadend.
  - Define the **jumpback set** of a deadend
Example 6.4.5 Consider the problem of Figure 6.1 using ordering $d_1 = (x_1, \ldots, x_7)$. Given the dead-end at $x_7$ and the assignment $\widehat{a}_6 = (\text{blue, green, red, red, blue, red})$, the emc set is $\langle x_1, \text{blue} \rangle, \langle x_3, \text{red} \rangle$, since it accounts for eliminating all the values of $x_7$. Therefore, algorithm conflict-directed backjumping jumps to $x_3$. Since $x_3$ is an internal dead-end whose own var – emc set is $\{x_1\}$, the jumpback set of $x_3$ includes just $x_1$, and the algorithm jumps again, this time back to $x_1$. $\square$
Properties of conflic-directed backjumping

• Given a dead-end \( \vec{a}_i \), the latest variable in its jumpback set \( J_i \) is the earliest variable to which it is safe to jump.

• This is the culprit.

• Algorithm conflict-directed backtracking jumps back to the latest variable in the dead-end jumpback set and is therefore safe and maximal.
Conflict-directed backjumping

![Algorithm Diagram]

Figure 6.7: The conflict-directed backjumping algorithm.
Graph-Based backjumping on dFS orderings

Figure 6.1: A modified coloring problem.

Figure 6.6: Several ordered constraint graphs of the problem in Figure 6.1: (a) along ordering \( d_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) \), (b) the induced graph along \( d_1 \), (c) along ordering \( d_2 = (x_1, x_7, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_2, x_3) \), and (d) a DFS spanning tree along ordering \( d_2 \).
Graph-based backjumping on DFS ordering

Rule: Go back to parent. No need to maintain a parent set

Theorem 6.5.2 Given a DFS ordering of the constraint graph, if \( f(x) \) denotes the DFS parent of \( x \), then, upon a dead-end at \( x \), \( f(x) \) is \( x \)'s graph-based earliest safe variable for both leaf and internal dead-ends.

Spanning-tree of a graph;
DFS spanning trees, Pseudo-tree
Pseudo-tree is a spanning tree that does not allow arcs across branches.
Complexity of graph-based backjumping

- \( T_i = \) number of nodes in the AND/OR search space rooted at \( x_i \) (level \( m-i \))
- Each assignment of a value to \( x_i \) generates subproblems:
  - \( T_i = k \cdot b \cdot T_{i-1} \)
  - \( T_0 = k \)
- Solution: \( T_m = b^m k^{m+1} \)

**Theorem 6.5.3** When graph-based backjumping is performed on a DFS ordering of the constraint graph, the number of nodes visited is bounded by \( O((b^m k^{m+1})) \), where \( b \) bounds the branching degree of the DFS tree associated with that ordering, \( m \) is its depth and \( k \) is the domain size. The time complexity (measured by the number of consistency checks) is \( O(ek(bk)^m) \), where \( e \) is the number of constraints.
Complexity of backjumping uses pseudo-tree analysis

**Simple**: always jump back to parent in pseudo tree

**Complexity for CSP**: $\exp(\text{tree-depth})$

**Complexity for CSP**: $\exp(w \cdot \log n)$

Fall 2020
Outline

• Look-back strategies
• Backjumping: Gaschnig, Graph-based, Conflict-directed
• Learning no-goods, constraint recording.
  • Shallow and deep learning, graph-based learning
• Look-back for Satisfiability, integration and Empirical evaluation
• Counting, good caching
Look-back: No-good Learning, Constraint recording

Learning means recording conflict sets used as constraints to prune future search space.

- \((x_1=2, x_2=2, x_3=1, x_4=2)\) is a dead-end
- Conflicts to record:
  - \((x_1=2, x_2=2, x_3=1, x_4=2)\) 4-ary
  - \((x_3=1, x_4=2)\) binary
  - \((x_4=2)\) unary
Learning, constraint recording

• Learning means recording conflict sets
• An opportunity to learn is when deadend is discovered.
• Goal of learning is to not discover the same deadends.
• Try to identify small conflict sets
• Learning prunes the search space.
Nogoods explain deadends

Learning means recording explanations to conflicts. These are implied constraints

- Conflicts to record are explanations
  - \((x_1=2,x_2=2,x_3=1,x_4=2)\) 4-ary
  - \((x_1=2,x_2=2,x_3=1,x_4=2)\) \(\Rightarrow\) \((x_5 \neq 1)\) and
  - \((x_3=1,x_4=2)\) \(\Rightarrow\) \((x_5 \neq 1)\)
  - \((x_4=2)\) \(\Rightarrow\) \((x_5 \neq 1)\)
Learning example

Figure 6.9: The search space explicated by backtracking on the CSP from Figure 6.1, using the variable ordering \((x_6, x_3, x_4, x_2, x_7, x_1, x_5)\) and the value ordering \((\text{blue, red, green, teal})\). Part (a) shows the ordered constraint graph, part (b) illustrates the search space. The cut lines in (b) indicate branches not explored when graph-based learning is used.
Learning issues

• Learning styles
  • Graph-based or context-based
  • i-bounded, scope-bounded
  • Relevance-based

• Non-systematic randomized learning

• Implies time and space overhead

• Applicable to SAT
Graph-based learning algorithm

\textbf{procedure} \textsc{graph-based-backjump-learning}

\begin{itemize}
\item instantiate $x_i \leftarrow \text{selectValue}$
\item if $x_i$ is null (no value was returned)
\item record a constraint prohibiting $\bar{a}_{i-1}[I_i]$.
\item $iprev \leftarrow i$
\item (algorithm continues as in Fig. 6.5)
\end{itemize}

Figure 6.10: Graph-based backjumping learning, modifying CBJ
Deep learning

• Deep learning: recording all and only minimal conflict sets
• Example:
• Although most accurate, overhead can be prohibitive: the number of conflict sets in the worst-case:

\[
\binom{r}{r/2} = 2^r
\]

Deep learning pioneer

Fall 2020
Figure 6.9: The search space explicated by backtracking on the CSP from Figure 6.1, using the variable ordering \((x_6, x_3, x_4, x_2, x_7, x_1, x_5)\) and the value ordering \((\text{blue, red, green, teal})\). Part (a) shows the ordered constraint graph, part (b) illustrates the search space. The cut lines in (b) indicate branches not explored when graph-based learning is used.
Jumpback learning

- Record the jumpback assignment

**Example** For the problem and ordering of Example at the first dead-end, jumpback learning will record the no-good \((x_2 = \text{green}, x_3 = \text{blue}, x_7 = \text{red})\), since that tuple includes the variables in the jumpback set of \(x_1\).

Jumpback set = \{x_3, x_2, x_7\}

Figure 6.1: The search space explicated by backtracking on the CSP from Figure 6.1
Jumpback learning

- Record the jumpback assignment

Example: For the problem and ordering of Example at the first dead-end, jumpback learning will record the no-good \((x_2 = \text{green}, x_3 = \text{blue}, x_7 = \text{red})\), since that tuple includes the variables in the jumpback set of \(x_1\).

```
procedure CONFLICT-DIRECTED-BACKJUMP-LEARNING

    instantiate \(x_i \leftarrow \text{SELECT VALUE-CBJ}\)
    if \(x_i\) is null (no value was returned)
        record a constraint prohibiting \(\bar{a}_{i-1}[.I_i]\) and corresponding values
        \(iprev \leftarrow i\)
        (algorithm continues as in Fig. 6.7)
```

Figure 6.11: Conflict-directed bakjump-learning, modifying CBJ
Bounded and relevance-based learning

Bounding the arity of constraints recorded:

• When bound is $i$: $i$-ordered graph-based, $i$-order jumpback or $i$-order deep learning.

• Overhead complexity of $i$-bounded learning is time and space exponential in $i$.

Definition 6.7.3 (i-relevant) A no-good is $i$-relevant if it differs from the current partial assignment by at most $i$ variable-value pairs.

Definition 6.7.4 (i’th order relevance-bounded learning) An i’th order relevance-bounded learning scheme maintains only those learned no-goods that are $i$-relevant.
Complexity of backtrack-learning for CSP

• The complexity of learning along d is time and space exponential in \( w^*(d) \):

\[
\text{The number of dead-ends is bounded by } O(nk^{w^*(d)})
\]
\[
\text{Number of constraint tests per dead-end are } O(e)
\]

\[
\text{Space complexity is } O(nk^{w^*(d)})
\]
\[
\text{Time complexity is } O(n^2 \cdot k^{w^*(d)+1})
\]

\( n \)- depth of tree, \( e \)- number of constraints

Fall 2020
Non-Systematic randomized learning

• Do search in a random way with interrupts, restarts, unsafe backjumping, **but record conflicts**.

• Guaranteed completeness.
Outline

• Look-back strategies
• Backjumping: Gaschnig, Graph-based, Conflict-directed
• Learning no-goods, constraint recording.
• Look-back for Satisfiability, integration and Empirical evaluation
• Counting, good caching
Look-back for SAT

- A partial assignment is a set of literals: $\sigma$
- A jumpback set if a J-clause:
- Upon a leaf deadend of $x$ resolve two clauses, one enforcing $x$ and one enforcing $\neg x$ relative to the current assignment
- A clause forces $x$ relative to assignment $\sigma$ if all the literals in the clause are negated in $\sigma$.
- Resolving the two clauses we get a nogood.
- If we identify the earliest two clauses we will find the earliest conflict.
- The argument can be extended to internal deadends.

$$\phi = \{A, B, X\}, \{\neg C, \neg X\}$$

$$\text{Assignment} = (\neg A, \neg B, C, F, R \rightarrow X)$$

$$\{A, B, \neg C\}$$
Look-back for SAT

```
procedure SAT-CBJ-LEARN
Input: A CNF theory \( \varphi \), assigned variables \( \sigma \) over \( x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1} \), unassigned variables \( X \).
Output: Either a solution, or a decision that the network is inconsistent.
1. \( J_i \leftarrow \emptyset \)
2. While \( 1 \leq i \leq n \)
3. Select the next variable: \( x_i \in X, X \leftarrow X - \{x_i\} \)
4. instantiate \( x_i \leftarrow \) SELECTVALUE-CBJ.
5. If \( x_i \) is null (no value returned), then
6. add \( J_{x_i} \) to \( \varphi \) (learning)
7. \( i_{\text{prev}} \leftarrow \) index of last variable in \( J_i \) (backjump)
8. \( J_i \leftarrow \) resolve\( (J_i, J_{i_{\text{prev}}}) \) (merge conflict sets)
9. else,
10. \( i \leftarrow i + 1 \) (go forward)
11. \( J_i \leftarrow \emptyset \) (reset conflict set)
12. Endwhile
13. if \( i = 0 \) Return "inconsistent"
14. else, return the set of literals \( \sigma \)
end procedure

subprocedure SELECTVALUE-CBJ
1. If CONSISTENT\( (\sigma \cup x_i) \) then return \( \sigma \leftarrow \sigma \cup \{x_i\} \)
2. If CONSISTENT\( (\sigma \cup \neg x_i) \) then return \( \sigma \leftarrow \sigma \cup \{\neg x_i\} \)
3. else,
4. determine \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) the two earliest clauses forcing \( x_i \) and \( \neg x_i \),
5. \( J_i \leftarrow \) resolve\( (\alpha, \beta) \).
5. Return \( x_i \leftarrow \) null (no consistent value)
end procedure
```

Figure 6.12: Algorithm SAT-CBJ-LEARN
Integration of algorithms

procedure FC-CBJ
Input: A constraint network $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$.
Output: Either a solution, or a decision that the network is inconsistent.

\[ i \leftarrow 1 \]  
(initialize variable counter)
\[ \text{call SELECT\textsc{Variable}} \]  
(determine first variable)
\[ D'_i \leftarrow D_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \]  
(copy all domains)
\[ J_i \leftarrow \emptyset \]  
(initialize conflict set)

while $1 \leq i \leq n$

  instantiate $x_i \leftarrow \text{SELECT\textsc{Value-FC-CBJ}}$

  if $x_i$ is null  
  (no value was returned)
    \[ i_{prev} \leftarrow i \]  
 (backjump)
    \[ J_i \leftarrow J_i \cup J_{i_{prev}} - \{x_i\} \]  
  reset each $D'_k, k > i$, to its value before $x_i$ was last instantiated
  else
    \[ i \leftarrow i + 1 \]  
 (step forward)
    \[ \text{call SELECT\textsc{Variable}} \]  
 (determine next variable)
    \[ D'_i \leftarrow D_i \]  
\[ J_i \leftarrow \emptyset \]

end while

if $i = 0$

  return “inconsistent”
else

  return instantiated values of $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$

end procedure
subprocedure SELECT_VALUE-FC-CBJ

while $D'_i$ is not empty
    select an arbitrary element $a \in D'_i$, and remove $a$ from $D'_i$
    empty-domain $\leftarrow$ false
    for all $k$, $i < k \leq n$
        for all values $b$ in $D'_k$
            if not CONSISTENT($\bar{a}_{i-1}, x_i = a, x_k = b$)
                let $R_S$ be the earliest constraint causing the conflict
                add the variables in $R_S$'s scope $S$, but not $x_k$, to $J_k$
                remove $b$ from $D'_k$
        endfor
    if $D'_k$ is empty  ($x_i = a$ leads to a dead-end)
        empty-domain $\leftarrow$ true
    endfor
if empty-domain  (don’t select $a$)
    reset each $D'_k$ and $j_k, i < k \leq n$, to status before $a$ was selected
else
    return $a$
end while
return null  (no consistent value)
end subprocedure

Figure 6.14: The SelectValue subprocedure for FC-CBJ.
Relationships between various backtracking algorithms
Empirical comparison of algorithms

• Benchmark instances
• Random problems
• Application-based random problems
• Generating fixed length random k-sat \((n,m)\) uniformly at random
• Generating fixed length random CSPs
• \((N,K,T,C)\) also arity, r.
The Phase transition \((m/n)\)

- Fixed length formulas are generated by selecting a fixed number \(m\) of clauses uniformly at random of a given length \(k\).

- Small number of clauses yield easy solvable instances. Large number of clauses yield easy unsolvable instances.

- Peak hardness dependant on \(m/n\). for 3-sat, \(m/n = 4.2\)

- Random CSPs are generated via \((N,k,C,T)\) = (number of variables, domains, number of binary constraints, T tightness)
Some empirical evaluation

• Sets 1-3 reports average over 2000 instances of random csps from 50% hardness. Set 1: 200 variables, set 2: 300, Set 3: 350. All had 3 values.

• Dimacs problems

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Algorithm</th>
<th>Set 1</th>
<th>Set 2</th>
<th>Set 3</th>
<th>ssa 038</th>
<th>ssa 158</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FC</td>
<td>207</td>
<td>68.5</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FC+AC</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>55.4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FCr-CBJ</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>69.2</td>
<td>222</td>
<td>119.3</td>
<td>182</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FC-CBJ+LVO</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>73.8</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>86.8</td>
<td>119</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FC-CBJ+LRN</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>63.4</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>15.6</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FC-CBJ+LRN+LVO</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>74.0</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>14.0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 6.16: Empirical comparison of six selected CSP algorithms. See text for explanation. In each column of numbers, the first number indicates the number of nodes in the search tree, rounded to the nearest thousand, and final 000 omitted; the second number is CPU seconds.
Outline

• Look-back strategies
• Backjumping: Gaschnig, Graph-based, Conflict-directed
• Learning no-goods, constraint recording.
• Look-back for Satisfiability, integration and Empirical evaluation
• Good caching, counting
Good caching: Moving from one to all or counting
Summary: Time-space for consistency and counting

- **Constraint-satisfaction**
  - Search with backjumping
    - Space: linear, Time: $O(nk\log n w^*)$
  - Search with learning no-goods
    - time and space: $O(nk w^*)$
  - Variable-elimination
    - time and space: $O(nk w^*)$

- **Counting, enumeration**
  - Search with backjumping
    - Space: linear, Time: $O(k^n)$
  - Search with no-goods caching only
    - space: $O(\exp(w^*))$ Time: $O(\exp(n))$
  - Search with goods and no-goods learning
    - Time and space: $O(\exp(path-width), O(\exp(log n w^*))$
  - Variable-elimination
    - Time and space: $O(\exp(w^*))$
All Solutions and Counting

• For all solutions and counting we will see
  • The additional impact of Good learning
  • BFS makes sense with good learning
  • BFS and DFS time and space \( \text{exp(path-width)} \)
  • Good-learning doesn’t help consistency task
CSP – OR Search Tree

[Diagram of a search tree with nodes A, B, C, D, E, and F..Nodes A and B are at the top, with branches extending to C, D, E, and F. Each node has a corresponding row in a truth table for variables A, B, C, D, E, and F with columns for R_{ABC}, R_{BCD}, R_{ABE}, and R_{AEF}. The tree is labeled with binary values for each variable.]
#CSP – OR Search Tree

![CSP OR Search Tree Diagram]

Fall 2020
#CSP - OR Search Tree

14 solutions
#CSP - Tree DFS Traversal

Value of node = number of solutions below it
# CSP - OR Search Tree

A tree diagram with nodes labeled A, B, C, D, E, and F. At the bottom, the values 1 and 2 are repeated multiple times with some values highlighted. There are three tables showing the relationships between A, B, C, D, E, and F with columns labeled R_{ABC}, R_{BCD}, and R_{ABE}, R_{AEF}. Each table has rows with binary values under each column. The text contains the phrases "14 solutions" and "Fall 2020".
#CSP - Searching the Graph by Good Caching

A  context(A) = [A]
B  context(B) = [AB]
C  context(C) = [ABC]
D  context(D) = [ABD]
E  context(E) = [AE]
F  context(F) = [F]
#CSP - Searching the Graph by Good Caching

A  context(A) = [A]
B  context(B) = [AB]
C  context(C) = [ABC]
D  context(D) = [ABD]
E  context(E) = [AE]
F  context(F) = [F]

Fall 2020
The context of each node is:

- A: context(A) = [A]
- B: context(B) = [AB]
- C: context(C) = [ABC]
- D: context(D) = [ABD]
- E: context(E) = [AE]
- F: context(F) = [F]

(A=0,E=0) is good and \( V(A=0,E=0) = 1 \).
#CSP - Searching the Graph by Good Caching

No caching: $O(\exp(n))$

Good-caching: $O(\exp(pw))$
Summary: search principles

• DFS is better than BFS search
• Constraint propagation (i.e., bounded inference) prunes search space
• Constraint propagation yields good advise for how to branch and where to go
• Backjumping and no-good learning helps prune search space and revise problem.
• Good learning revise problem but helps only counting, enumeration
Outline

• Look-back strategies
• Backjumping: Gaschnig, Graph-based, Conflict-directed
• Learning no-goods, constraint recording.
• Look-back for Satisfiability, integration and Empirical evaluation
• Counting, good caching