

*Algorithms for Reasoning with graphical models*

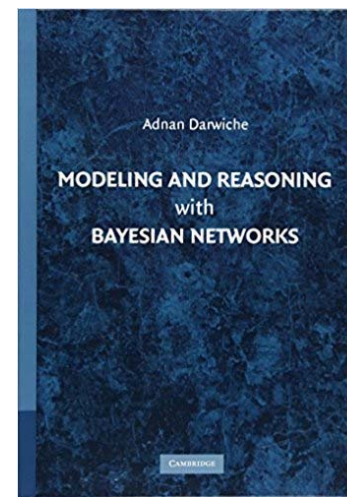
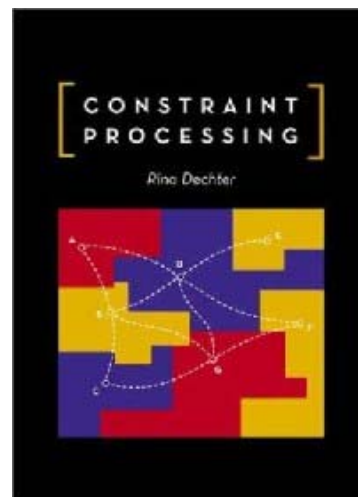
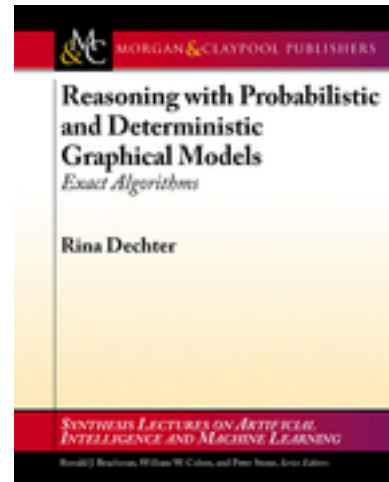
# *Class2: Constraint Networks*

## *Rina Dechter*

dechter1: chapters 2-3,

Dechter2: Constraint book: chapters 2 and 4

# Text Books





# Road Map

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- Constraint networks model
- Inference
  - Variable elimination for Constraints
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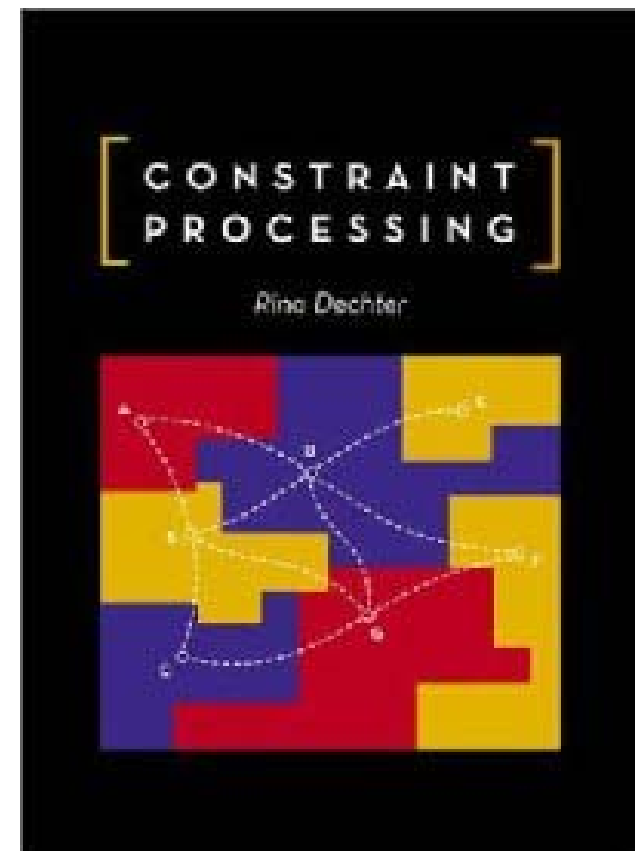


# Text Book (not required)

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Rina Dechter,

**Constraint Processing,**  
Morgan Kaufmann



# Sudoku –

## Approximation: Constraint Propagation

- **Constraint**
- **Propagation**
- **Inference**

		2	4		6			
8	6	5	1			2		
	1				8	6		9
9				4		8	6	
	4	7				1	9	
	5	8		6				3
4		6	9				7	<del>2</del> <del>4</del> <del>6</del>
		9			4	5	8	1
			3		2	9		

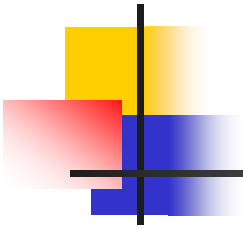
• **Variables:** empty slots

• **Domains** =  
 $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$

• **Constraints:**  
• 27 all-different

*Each row, column and major block must be alldifferent*

*“Well posed” if it has unique solution: 27 constraints*



# Sudoku

*Alternative formulations:*

*Variables?*

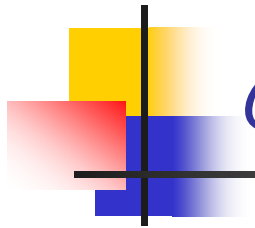
*Domains?*

*Constraints?*

		2	1	5				6
			3	6	8			1
6	1	8			2			4
		5		2				3
	9	3				5	4	
1			3			6		
3			8			4		7
	8		6	4	3			
5				1	7	9		

***Each row, column and major block must be alldifferent***

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# Constraint Networks

A

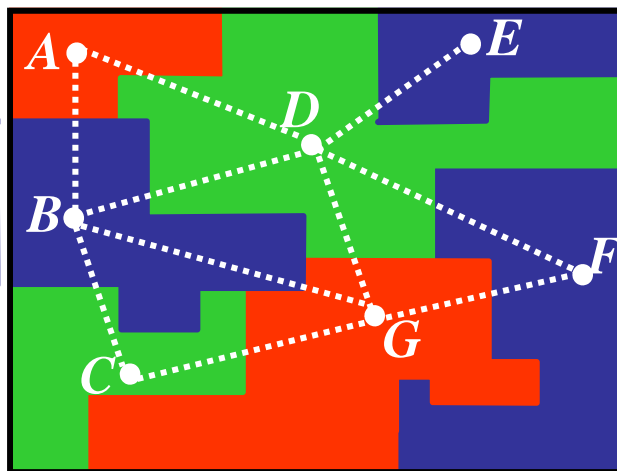
## Example: map coloring

Variables - countries (A,B,C,etc.)

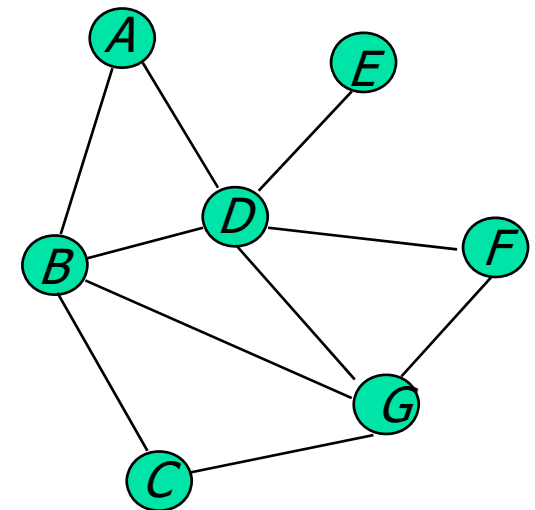
Values - colors (red, green, blue)

Constraints:  $A \neq B$ ,  $A \neq D$ ,  $D \neq E$ , etc.

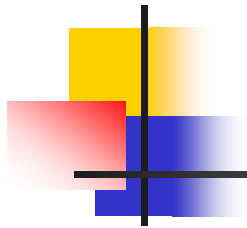
A	B
red	green
red	yellow
green	red
green	yellow
yellow	green
yellow	red



Constraint graph







# Constraint Satisfaction Tasks

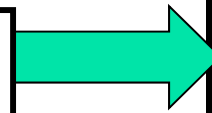
## *Example: map coloring*

*Variables - countries (A,B,C,etc.)*

*Values - colors (e.g., red, green, yellow)*

*Constraints:*

**$A \neq B$ ,  $A \neq D$ ,  $D \neq E$ , etc.**



A	B	C	D	E...
red	green	red	green	blue
red	blue	green	green	blue
...	...	...	...	green
...	...	...	...	red
red	blue	red	green	red

Are the constraints consistent?

Find a solution, find all solutions

Count all solutions

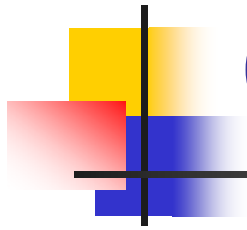
Find a good (optimal) solution



# Constraint Network

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- A constraint network is:  $R=(X,D,C)$ 
  - **X variables**  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$
  - **D domain**  $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}, D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$
  - **C constraints**  $C = \{C_1, \dots, C_t\}$   
 $C_i = (S_i, R_i)$
  - **R expresses allowed tuples over scopes**
- **A solution** is an assignment to all variables that satisfies all constraints (join of all relations).
- **Tasks:** consistency?, one or all solutions, counting, optimization



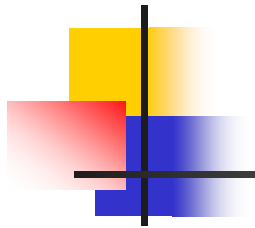
# Crossword Puzzle

*Formulation?*

- Variables:  $x_1, \dots, x_{13}$
- Domains: letters
- Constraints: words from

1	2	3	4	5
		6		7
	8	9	10	11
		12	13	

{HOSES, LASER, SHEET, SNAIL, STEER, ALSO, EARN, HIKE, IRON, SAME, EAT, LET, RUN, SUN, TEN, YES, BE, IT, NO, US}



# Crossword Puzzle

$$R_{1,2,3,4,5} = \{(H, O, S, E, S), (L, A, S, E, R), (S, H, E, E, T), \\ (S, N, A, I, L), (S, T, E, E, R)\}$$

$$R_{3,6,9,12} = \{(H, I, K, E), (A, R, O, N), (K, E, E, T), (E, A, R, N), \\ (S, A, M, E)\}$$

$$R_{5,7,11} = \{(R, U, N), (S, U, N), (L, E, T), (Y, E, S), (E, A, T), (T, E, N)\}$$

$$R_{8,9,10,11} = R_{3,6,9,12}$$

$$R_{10,13} = \{(N, O), (B, E), (U, S), (I, T)\}$$

$$R_{12,13} = R_{10,13}$$

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		12	13	

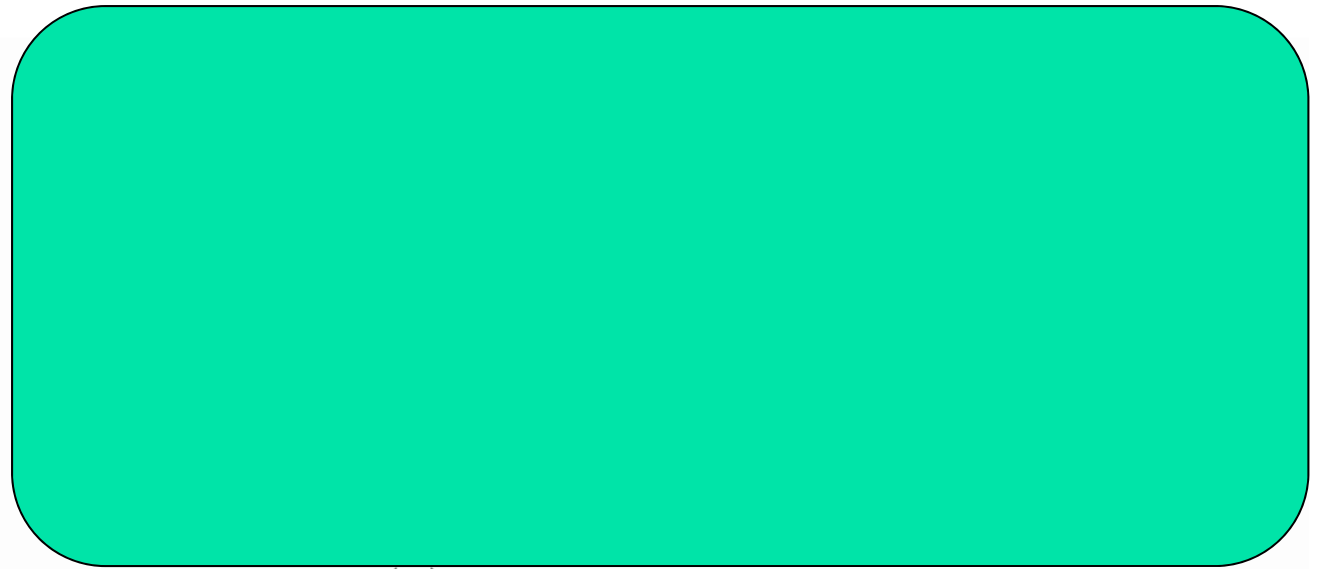


# The Queen Problem

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	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1				
2				
3				
4				

(a)



(b)





# The Queen Problem

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1				
2				
3				
4				

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{12} &= \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,4), (3,1), (4,1), (4,2)\} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

The network has four variables, all with domains  $D_i = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

(a) The labeled chess board. (b) The constraints between variables.



# Varieties of Constraints

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*Unary constraints involve a single variable,*

*e.g.,  $SA \neq \text{green}$*

*Binary constraints involve pairs of variables,*

*e.g.,  $SA \neq WA$*

*Higher-order constraints involve 3 or more variables,*

*e.g., cryptarithmic column constraints*



# Constraint's Representations

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- Relation: allowed tuples

$X$	$Y$	$Z$
1	3	2
2	1	3

- Algebraic expression:

$$X + Y^2 \leq 10, X \neq Y$$

- Propositional formula:

$$(a \vee b) \rightarrow \neg c$$

- Semantics: by a relation





# Partial Solutions

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Q			
		Q	
	Q		

(a)

		Q	
Q			
			Q
	Q		

(b)

	Q		
			Q
Q			
		Q	

(c)

Not all partial consistent instantiations are part of a solution: (a) A partial consistent instantiation that is not part of a solution. (b) The placement of the queens corresponding to the solution (2, 4, 1, 3). (c) The placement of the queens corresponding to the solution (3, 1, 4, 2).

# Constraint Graphs:

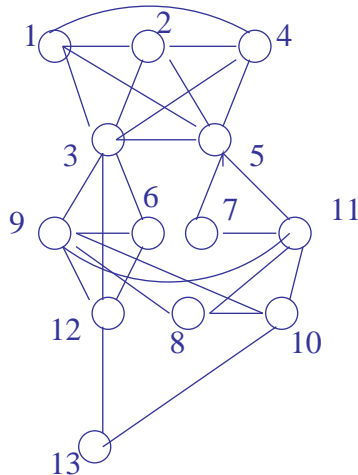
Primal, dual and hypergraphs

CSP: When defining variables as squares:

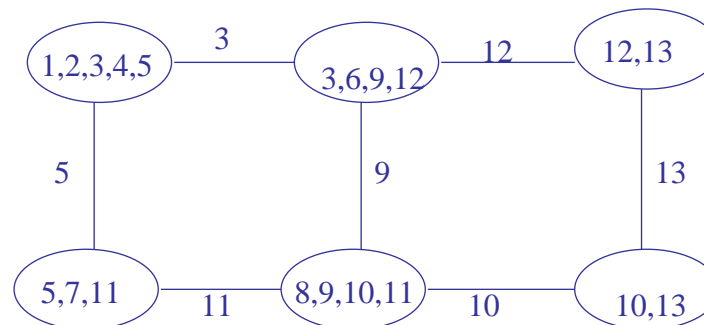
A (primal) **constraint graph**: a node per variable  
arcs connect constrained variables.

A **dual constraint graph**: a node per constraint's  
scope, an arc connect nodes sharing variables  
=hypergraph

1	2	3	4	5
		6		7
	8	9	10	11
		12	13	



(a)

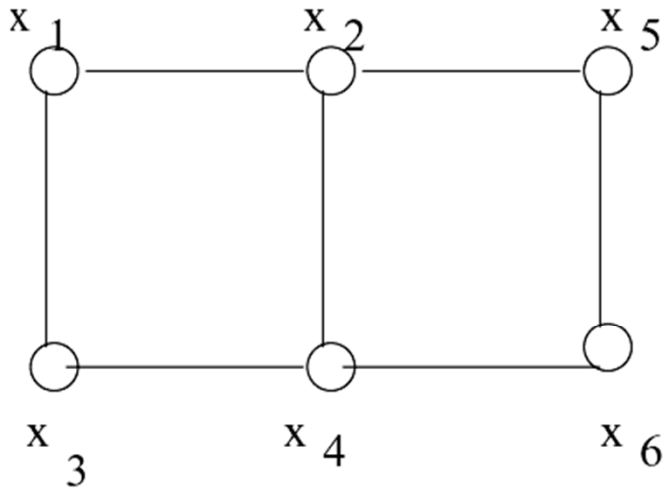


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*Primal graph?*

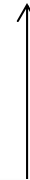
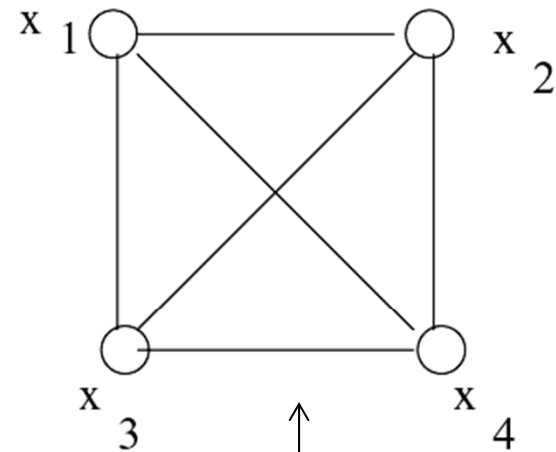
*Dual graph?*

# Constraint Graphs (primal)



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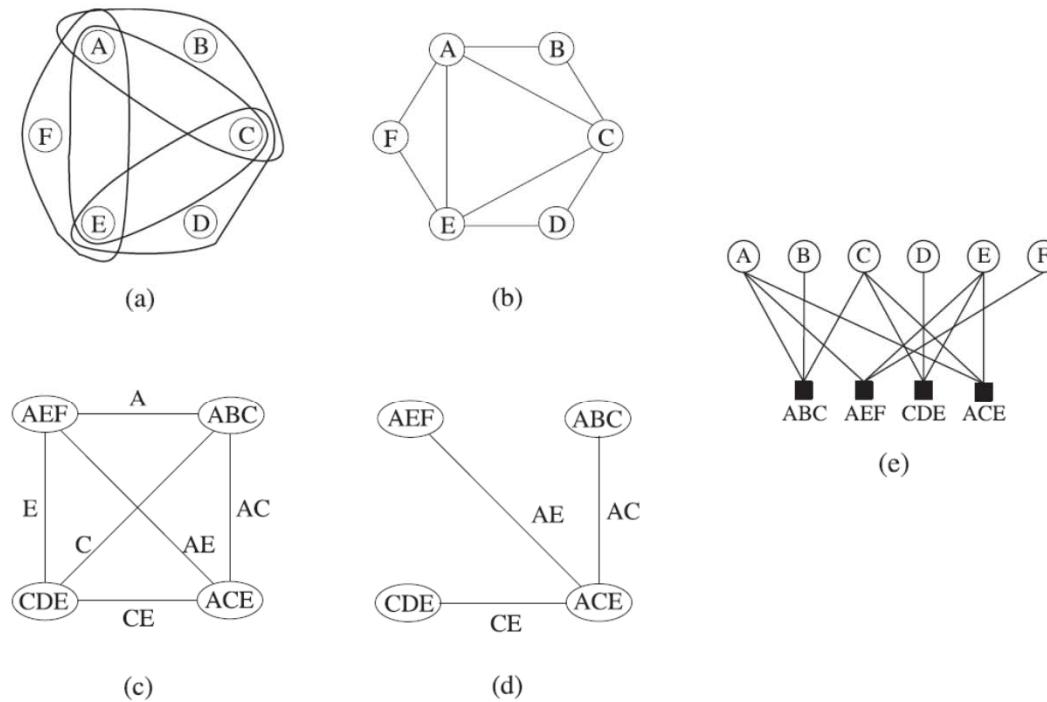
*When variables are words*



	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1				
2				
3				
4				

*Queen problem*

# Graph Concepts

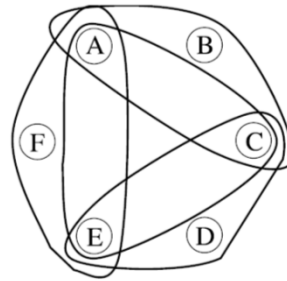


**Figure 2.1:** (a) Hyper; (b) primal; (c) dual; (d) join-tree of a graphical model having scopes ABC, AEF, CDE and ACE; and (e) the factor graph.

# Graph Concepts Reviews:

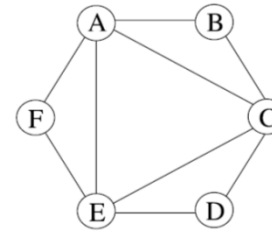
## Hyper Graphs and Dual Graphs

***A hypergraph***



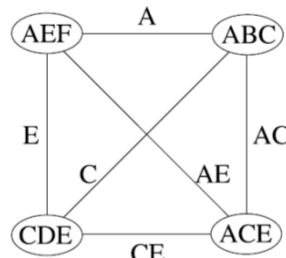
(a)

***Primal graphs***

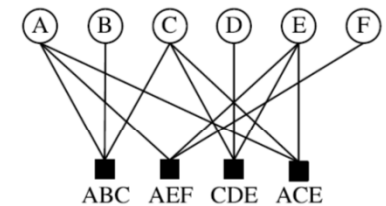


(b)

***Dual graph***



(c)



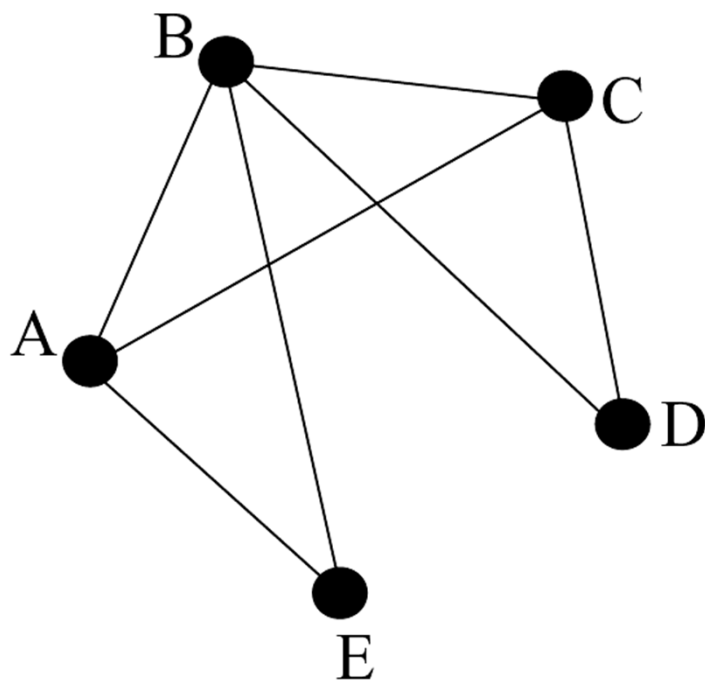
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***Factor graphs***

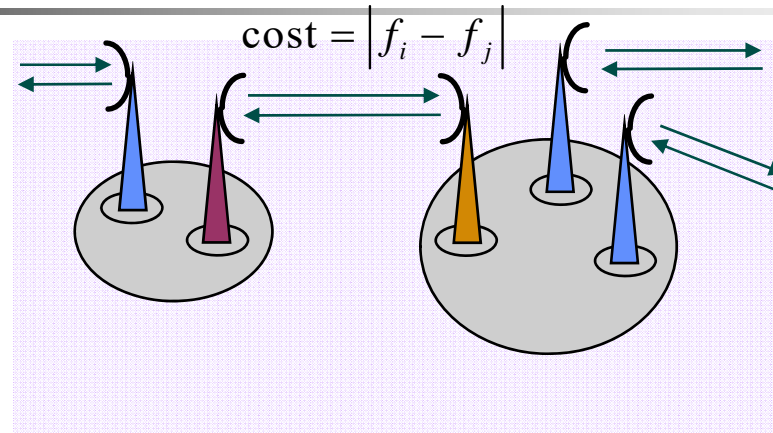


# Propositional Satisfiability

$$\varphi = \{(\neg C), (A \vee B \vee C), (\neg A \vee B \vee E), (\neg B \vee C \vee D)\}.$$



# Example: Radio Link Assignment



*Given a telecommunication network (where each communication link has various antennas) , assign a frequency to each antenna in such a way that all antennas may operate together without noticeable interference.*

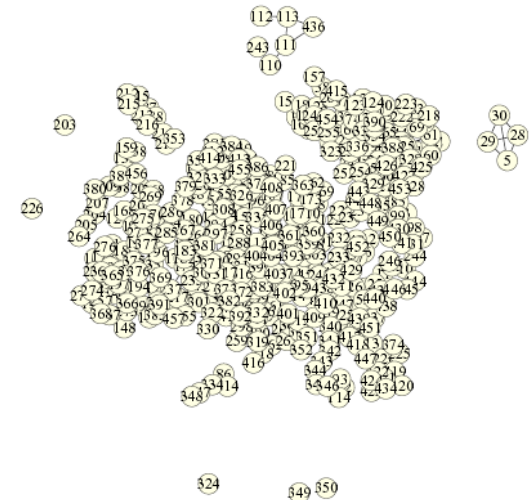
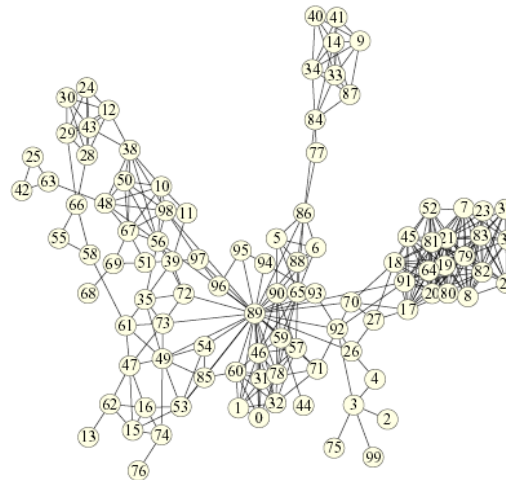
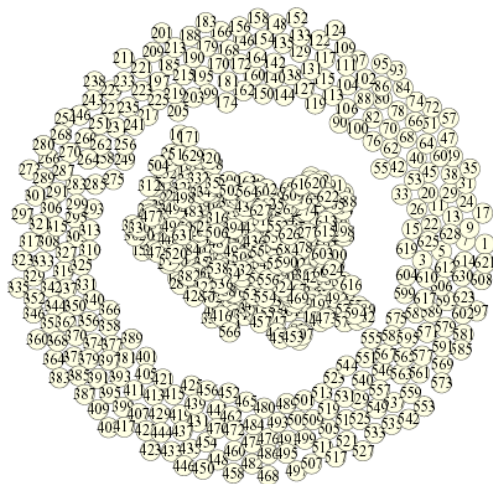
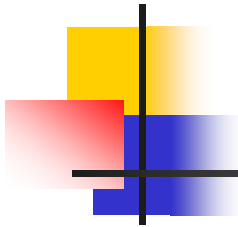
*Encoding?*

*Variables: one for each antenna*

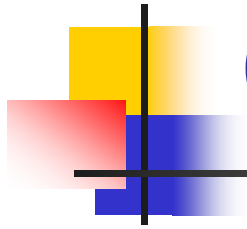
*Domains: the set of available frequencies*

*Constraints: the ones referring to the antennas in the same communication link*

# ***Constraint graphs of 3 instances of the Radio frequency assignment problem in CELAR's benchmark***







# Operations With Relations

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- Intersection
- Union
- Difference
- Selection
- Projection
- Join
- Composition

# Local Functions

Combination

$f \bowtie g$

Join :

$x_1$	$x_2$		$x_2$	$x_3$		$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
a	a		a	a	=	a	a	a
b	b	$\bowtie$	a	b		a	a	b
			b	a		b	b	a

$f \wedge g$

Logical AND:

$x_1$	$x_2$	f		$x_2$	$x_3$	g		$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	h
a	a	true		a	a	true	=	a	a	a	true
a	b	false	$\wedge$	a	b	true		a	a	b	true
b	a	false		b	a	true		a	b	a	false
b	b	true		b	b	false		a	b	b	false
								b	a	a	false
								b	a	b	false
								b	b	a	true
								b	b	b	false

## Global View of the Problem

$C_1$			$C_2$		$Global\ View$
$x_1$	$x_2$		$x_2$	$x_3$	
a	a	$\bowtie$	a	a	a
b	b		a	b	b
			b	a	a

*Does the problem a solution?*

*The problem has a solution if the global view is not empty*

TASK

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	h
a	a	a	true
a	a	b	true
a	b	a	false
a	b	b	false
b	a	a	false
b	a	b	false
b	b	a	true
b	b	b	false

*The problem has a solution if there is some true tuple in the global view, the universal relation*

# Example of Selection, Projection and Join

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
a	b	c
b	b	c
c	b	c
c	b	s

(a) Relation  $R$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
b	b	c
c	b	c
c	n	n

(b) Relation  $R'$

$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
a	a	1
b	c	2
b	c	3

(c) Relation  $R''$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
b	b	c
c	b	c

(a)  $\sigma_{x_3=c}(R')$

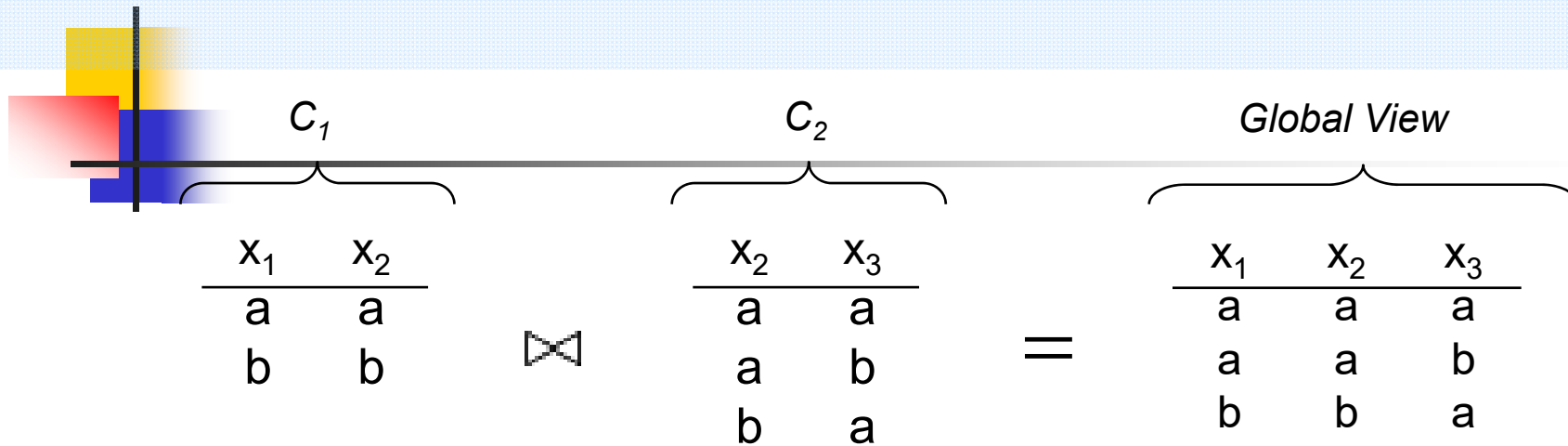
$x_2$	$x_3$
b	c
n	n

(b)  $\pi_{\{x_2, x_3\}}(R')$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
b	b	c	2
b	b	c	3
c	b	c	2
c	b	c	3

(c)  $R' \bowtie R''$

# Global View of the Problem



*What about counting?*

TASK

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	h
a	a	a	true
a	a	b	true
a	b	a	false
a	b	b	false
b	a	a	false
b	a	b	false
b	b	a	true
b	b	b	false

*true is 1*  
*false is 0*  
*logical AND?*

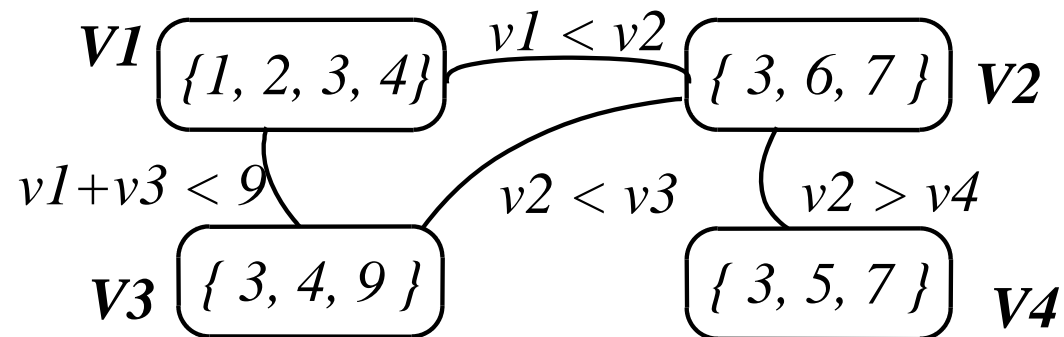
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a	a	a	1
a	a	b	1
a	b	a	0
a	b	b	0
b	a	a	0
b	a	b	0
b	b	a	1
b	b	b	0

Number of true tuples

Sum over all the tuples

## Examples

### Numeric constraints



*Can we specify numeric constraints as relations?*

# Numeric Constraints

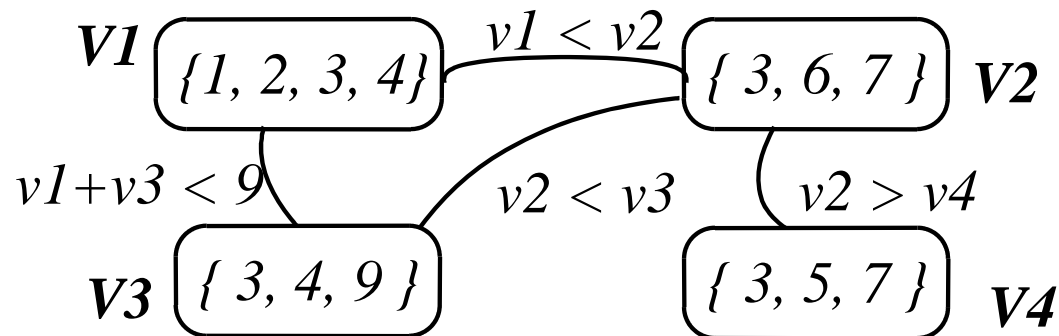
- Given  $P = (V, D, C)$ , where

$$V = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$$

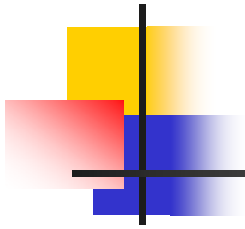
$$D = \{D_{V_1}, D_{V_2}, \dots, D_{V_n}\}$$

$$C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_l\}$$

**Example I:**



- Define  $C$  ?



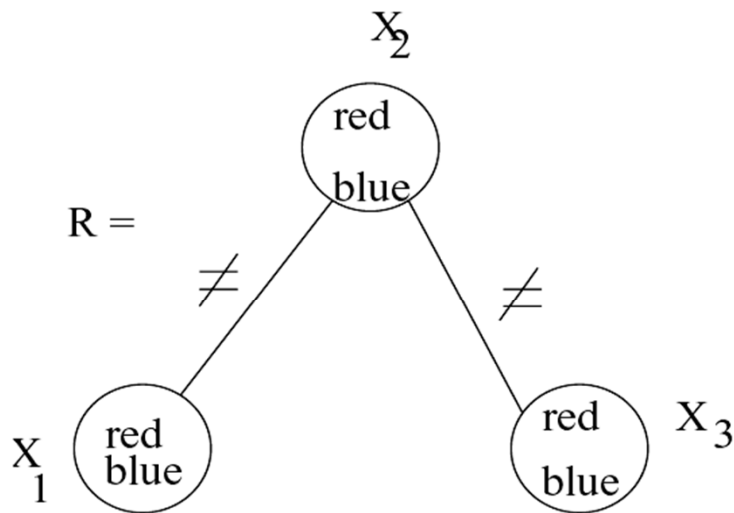
The minimal network,  
An extreme case of re-parameterization

## Binary Constraint Networks

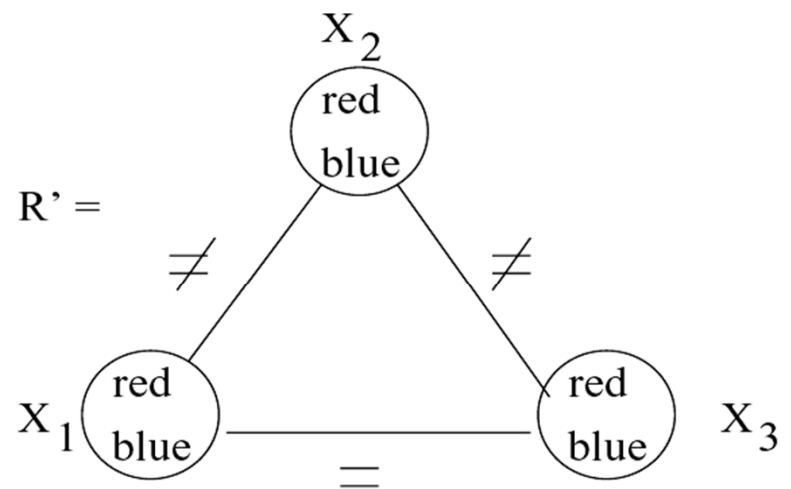


# Properties of Binary Constraint Networks

***A graph  $\mathcal{R}$  to be colored by two colors,  
an equivalent representation  $\mathcal{R}'$  having a newly inferred constraint  
between  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ .***



a



b

*Equivalence and deduction with constraints (composition)*



## Equivalence, Redundancy, Composition

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- Equivalence: Two constraint networks are equivalent if they have the same set of solutions.
- Composition in relational operation

$$R_{xz} = \pi_{xz} (R_{xy} \bowtie R_{yz})$$



# The N-queens Constraint Network

*The network has four variables, all with domains  $D_i = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .*

*(a) The labeled chess board. (b) The constraints between variables.*

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1				
2				
3				
4				

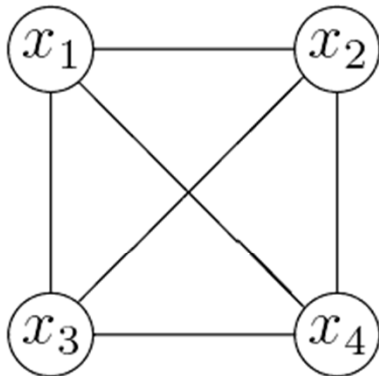
(a)

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 R_{34} &= \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,4), (3,1), (4,1), (4,2)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

**Solutions are: (2,4,1,3) (3,1,4,2)**

# The 4-queens constraint network



(a)

$$M_{12} = \{(2,4), (3,1)\}$$

$$M_{13} = \{(2,1), (3,4)\}$$

$$M_{14} = \{(2,3), (3,2)\}$$

$$M_{23} = \{(1,4), (4,1)\}$$

$$M_{24} = \{(1,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$M_{34} = \{(1,3), (4,2)\}$$

*The minimal network*

(b)

$$D_1 = \{\mathbf{2}, 3\}$$

$$D_2 = \{1, 4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{1, 4\}$$

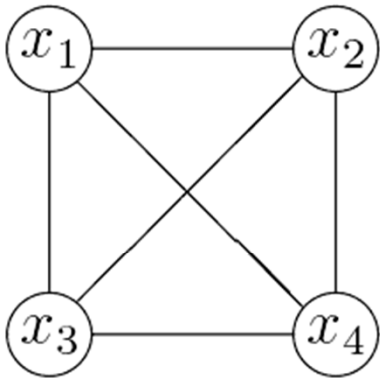
$$D_4 = \{\mathbf{2}, 3\}$$

*The minimal domains*

(c)

*Solutions are: (2,4,1,3) (3,1,4,2)*

# The 4-queen problem



*The constraint graph*

(a)

$$M_{12} = \{(2,4), (3,1)\}$$

$$M_{13} = \{(2,1), (3,4)\}$$

$$M_{14} = \{(2,3), (3,2)\}$$

$$M_{23} = \{(1,4), (4,1)\}$$

$$M_{24} = \{(1,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$M_{34} = \{(1,3), (4,2)\}$$

*The minimal constraints*

(b)

$$D_1 = \{1,3\}$$

$$D_2 = \{1,4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{1,4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{1,3\}$$

*The minimal domains*

(c)

*Solutions are: (2,4,1,3) (3,1,4,2)*

# The 4-queens problem

*Solutions are: (2,4,1,3) (3,1,4,2)*

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1				
2				
3				
4				

$$R_{12} = \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,4), (3,1), (4,1), (4,2)\}$$

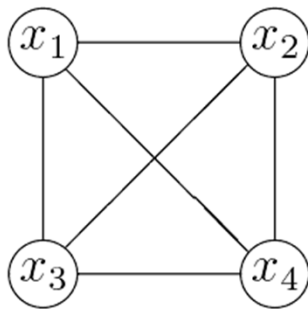
$$R_{13} = \{(1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,3), (3,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_{14} = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,3), (2,4), (3,1), (3,2), (3,4), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

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(a)

$$M_{12} = \{(2,4), (3,1)\}$$

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(b)

$$D_1 = \{1,3\}$$

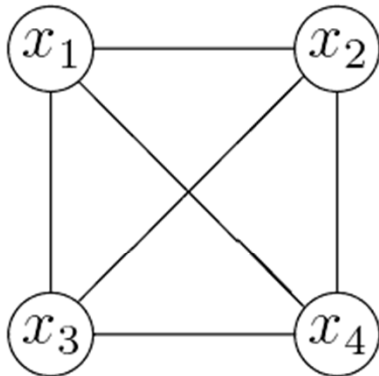
$$D_2 = \{1,4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{1,4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{1,3\}$$

(c)

**Figure 2.11: The 4-queens constraint network:**  
**(a) The constraint graph. (b) The minimal binary constraints.**  
**(c) The minimal unary constraints (the domains).**



(a)

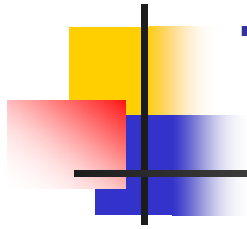
$$\begin{aligned}
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 M_{34} &= \{(1,3), (4,2)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1 &= \{1,3\} \\
 D_2 &= \{1,4\} \\
 D_3 &= \{1,4\} \\
 D_4 &= \{1,3\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

Solutions are: (2,4,1,3) (3,1,4,2)



# The Minimal Network

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- The minimal network is perfectly explicit for binary and unary constraints:
  - Every pair of values permitted by the minimal constraint is in a solution.





# The Projection Networks

- The **projection network of a relation** is obtained by projecting it onto each pair of its variables (yielding a binary network).
- $Relation = \{(1,1,2)(1,2,2)(1,2,1)\}$ 
  - *What is the projection network?*
- What is the relationship between a relation and its projection network?
- $\{(1,1,2)(1,2,2)(2,1,3)(2,2,2)\}$  are the solutions of its projection network?

# Example: Sudoku

What is the minimal network?

The projection network?

**Constraint  
propagation**

		2	4		6			
8	6	5	1			2		
	1				8	6		9
9				4		8	6	
	4	7				1	9	
	5	8		6				3
4		6	9				7	<del>2</del> <del>4</del> <del>6</del>
		9			4	5	8	1
			3		2	9		

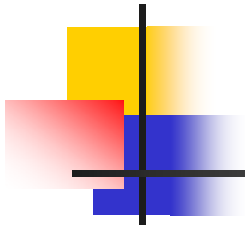
• **Variables:** 81 slots

• **Domains** =  
 $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$

• **Constraints:**  
• 27 not-equal

**Each row, column and major block must be  
alldifferent**

**"Well posed" if it has unique solution: 27  
constraints**



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