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Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming - CP '95 Springer

The use of constraints had its scientific and commercial breakthrough in the 1990s. Programming with constraints makes it possible to model and specify problems with uncertain, incomplete information and to solve combi natorial problems, as they are abundant in industry and commerce, such as scheduling,

planning, transportation, resource allocation, layout, design, and analysis. This book is a short, concise, and complete presentation of constraint programming and reasoning, covering theoretical foundations, algorithms, implementations, examples, and applications. It is based on more than a decade of experience in teaching and research about this subject. This book is intended primarily for graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in diverse areas of computer science and related fields, including programming languages, computational logic, symbolic computation, and ar tificial intelligence. The book is complemented by a web-page with teaching material, software, links, and more. We take the reader on a step-by-step journey through the world of constraint-based programming and constraint reasoning. Feel free to join in ... Acknowledgements Thorn thanks his wife Andrea and his daughter Anna - for everything. He dedicates his contribution to the book to the memory of his mother, encapsulation primitive.

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Constraint Programming is an approach for modeling and solving combi- torial problems that has proven successful in many applications. It builds on techniques developed in Arti?cial Intelligence, Logic Programming, and - erations Research. Key techniques are constraint propagation and heuristic search. Constraint Programming is based on an abstraction that decomposes a problem solver into a reusable constraint engine and a declarative program modeling the problem. The constraint engine implements the required pr- agation and search algorithms. It can be realized as a library for a general purpose programming language (e.g. C++), as an extension of an existing language (e.g. Prolog), or as a system with its own dedicated language. The present book is concerned with the architecture and implementation of constraint engines. It presents a new, concurrent architecture that is far superior to the sequential architecture underlying Prolog. The new archit- ture is based on concurrent search with copying and recomputation rather than sequential search with trailing and backtracking. One advantage of the concurrent approach is that it accommodates any search strategy. Furth-more, it considerably simplifies the implementation of constraint propagation algorithms since it eliminates the need to account for trailing and backtra- ing. The book investigates an expressive generalization of the concurrent - chitecture that accommodates propagation-preserving combinators (known as deep guard combinators) for negation, disjunction, implication, and re- cation of constraint propagators. Such combinators are beyond the scope of Prolog's technology. In the concurrent approach they can be obtained with a re?ective

Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming - CP 2012 Springer Science & Business Media

Programming languages are often classified according to their paradigms, e.g. imperative, functional, logic, constraint-based, object-oriented, or aspect-oriented. A paradigm characterizes the style, concepts, and methods of the language for describing situations and processes and for solving problems, and each paradigm serves best for programming in particular application areas. Real-world problems, however, are often best implemented by a combination of concepts from different paradigms, because they comprise aspects from several realms, and this combination is more comfortably realized using multiparadigm programming languages. This book deals with the theory and practice of multiparadigm constraint programming languages. The author first elaborates on programming paradigms and languages, constraints, and the merging of programming concepts which yields multiparadigm (constraint) programming languages. In the second part the author inspects two concrete approaches on multiparadigm constraint programming - the concurrent constraint functional language CCFL, which combines the functional and the constraint-based paradigms and allows the description of concurrent processes; and a general framework for multiparadigm constraint programming and its implementation, Meta-S. The book is appropriate for researchers and graduate students in the areas of programming and artificial intelligence.

<u>Principles and Practice of Constraint</u> <u>Programming - CP 2009</u> Springer

Ant colony optimization is a metaheuristic which has been successfully applied to a wide range of combinatorial optimization problems. The author describes this metaheuristic and studies itsefficiency for solving some hard combinatorial problems, with aspecific focus on constraint programming. The text is organizedinto three parts. The first part introduces constraint programming, which provideshigh level features to declaratively model problems by means of constraints. It describes the main existing approaches for solvingconstraint satisfaction problems, including complete tree searchapproaches and metaheuristics, and shows how they can be integrated within constraint programming languages. The second part describes the ant colony optimizationmetaheuristic and illustrates its capabilities on differentconstraint satisfaction problems. The third part shows how the ant colony may be integrated within aconstraint programming language, thus combining the expressivepower of constraint programming languages, to describe problems ina declarative way, and the solving power of ant colony optimization to efficiently solve these problems. Logic-Based 0-1 Constraint Programming Springer This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP 2007. It contains 51 revised full papers and 14 revised short papers presented together with eight application papers and the abstracts of two invited lectures. All current issues of computing with constraints are addressed, ranging from methodological and foundational aspects to solving real-world problems in various application fields.

Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming Springer Science & Business Media

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP 2001, held in Paphos, Cyprus, in November/December 2001. The 37 revised full papers, 9 innovative applications presentations, and 14 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 135 submissions. All current issues in constraint processing are addressed, ranging from theoretical and foundational issues to advanced and innovative applications in a variety of fields.

Constraint Processing Springer

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP 2011, held in Perugia, Italy, September 12-16, 2011. The 51 revised full papers and 7 short papers presented together with three invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 159 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on algorithms, environments, languages, models and systems, applications such as decision making, resource allocation and agreement technologies.

Recent Advances in Constraints Springer Science & Business Media

This is the first book presenting a broad overview of parallelism in constraint-based reasoning formalisms. In recent years, an increasing number of contributions have been made on scaling constraint reasoning thanks to parallel architectures. The goal in this book is to overview these achievements in a concise way, assuming the reader is familiar with the classical, sequential background. It presents work demonstrating the use of multiple resources from single machine multi-core and GPU-based computations to very large scale distributed execution platforms up to 80,000 processing units. The contributions in the book cover the most important and recent contributions in parallel propositional satisfiability (SAT), maximum satisfiability (MaxSAT), quantified Boolean formulas (QBF), satisfiability modulo theory (SMT), theorem proving (TP), answer set programming (ASP), mixed integer linear programming (MILP), constraint programming (CP), stochastic local search (SLS), optimal path finding with A*, model checking for linear-time temporal logic (MC/LTL), binary decision diagrams (BDD), and model-based diagnosis (MBD). The book is suitable for researchers, graduate students, advanced undergraduates, and practitioners who wish to learn about the state of the art in parallel constraint reasoning.

Parallel and Constraint Logic Programming Morgan Kaufmann The 10th International Conference on the Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP 2003) was held in Toronto, Canada, during September 27 – October 1, 2004. Information about the conference can be found on the Web at

http://ai.uwaterloo.ca/~cp2004/ Constraint programming (CP) is about problem modelling, problem solving, programming, optimization, software engineering, databases, visualization, user interfaces, and anything to do with satisfying complex constraints. It reaches into mathematics, operations research, arti?cial intelligence, algorithms, cplexity, modelling and programming languages, and many aspects of computer science. Moreover, CP is never far from applications, and

its successful use in industry and government goes hand in hand with the success of the CP research community.

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beanexciting,?ourishingandgrowing research?eld,astheannualCPconfe renceproceedingsamplywitness.Thisyear, from 158 submissions, we chose 46 to be published in full in the proceedings. Instead of selecting one overall best paper, we picked out four "distinguished" papers – though we were tempted to select at least 12 such papers. In addition we included 16 short papersin the proceedings– these were presentedas posters at CP 2004. This volume includes summaries of the four invited talks of CP 2004. Two speakers from industry were invited. However these were no ordinary industrial representatives,buttwoofthe leadingresearchersinthe CPcommunity:Helmut Simonis of Parc Technologies, until its recent takeover by Cisco Systems; and Jean Francoi ? s Puget, Director of Optimization Technology at ILOG. The other two invited speakers are also big movers and shakers in the researchcommunity. *Distributed Constraint Logic Programming* Cambridge University

Press

Concurrent constraint programming (ccp) is a recent development in programming language design. Its central contribution is the notion of partial information provided by a shared constraint store. This constraint store serves as a communication medium between concurrent threads of control and as a vehicle for their synchronization. Objects for Concurrent Constraint Programming analyzes the possibility of supporting object-oriented programming in ccp. Starting from established approaches, the book covers various object models and discusses their properties. Small Oz, a sublanguage of the ccp language Oz, is used as a model language for this analysis. This book presents a general-purpose object system for Small Oz and describes its implementation and expressivity for concurrent computation. Objects for Concurrent Constraint Programming is written for programming language researchers with an interest in programming language aspects of concurrency, objectoriented programming, or constraint programming. Programming language implementors will benefit from the rigorous treatment of the efficient implementation of Small Oz. Oz programmers will get a firsthand view of the design decisions that lie behind the Oz object system.

Logic-Based Methods for Optimization John Wiley & Sons This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP'97, held in Linz, Austria in October/November 1997. The volume presents 37 revised full papers carefully selected from a total of 132 submissions; also included are the abstracts of two invited talks and three tutorials. The papers address all current aspects of constraint programming. Among the topics covered are constraint matching, constraint languages, set constraints, constraint search, constraint satisfaction problems, scheduling, constraint routing, temporal constraints, constraint graphs, local search, object-oriented constraint programming, etc.

Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming Springer This volume contains the papers presented at CP 2009: The 15th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming. It was held from September 20–24, 2009 at the Rectory of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal. Everyone involved with the conference thanks our sponsors for their support. There were 128 submissions to the research track, of which 53 were accepted for a rate of 41.4%. Each submission was reviewed by three reviewers, with a small number of additional reviews obtained in exceptional cases. Each review waseitherbyaProgrammeCommitteemember,orby acolleagueinvitedtohelp by a committee member thanks to their particular expertise. Papers submitted as long papers were accepted

at full length or not at all. It is important to note that papers submitted as short papers were held to the same high standards of qualityas long papers. There is thus no distinction in these proceedings between long and short papers, except of course the number of pages they occupy. As it happens, the acceptancerates of short and long papers wereverysimilar indeed.

Therewere13submissionstotheapplicationtrack,ofwhich8wereaccepted, fora rateof61.5%.Papersunderwentthe

samereviewprocessasregularpapers, and there was not a separate committee for reviewing application track papers. However, papers in the application track were not required to be original or novel research, but to be original and novel as an application of constraints.

Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming - CP 2004 Springer

A pioneering look at the fundamental role of logic in optimizationand constraint satisfaction While recent efforts to combine optimization and constraintsatisfaction have received considerable attention, little has beensaid about using logic in optimization as the key to unifying thetwo fields. Logic-Based Methods for Optimization develops for thefirst time a comprehensive conceptual framework for integratingoptimization and constraint satisfaction, then goes a step furtherand shows how extending logical inference to optimization allowsfor more powerful as well as flexible modeling and solutiontechniques. Designed to be easily accessible to industryprofessionals and academics in both operations research and artificial intelligence, the book provides a wealth of examples aswell as elegant techniques and modeling frameworks ready for implementation. Timely, original, and thought-provoking,Logic-Based Methods for Optimization: * Demonstrates the advantages of combining the techniques inproblem solving * Offers tutorials in constraint

satisfaction/constraintprogramming and logical inference * Clearly bringing together leading researchers and practitioners from explains such concepts as relaxation, cutting planes, nonserial dynamic programming, and Bender's decomposition * Reviews the necessary technologies for software developersseeking to combine the two techniques * Features extensive references to important computationalstudies * And much more Ant Colony Optimization and Constraint Programming Springer Science & Business Media

Upper-division textbook covering foundations of constraint programming and applications to scheduling, optimisation etc. **Global Optimization and Constraint Satisfaction Elsevier** Constraint programming is like an octopus spreading its tentacles into databases, operations research, artificial intelligence, and many other areas. The concept of constraint programming was introduced in artificial intelligence and graphics in the 1960s and 1970s. Now the related techniques are used and studied in many fields of computing. Different aspects of constraint processing are investigated in theoretical computer science, logic programming, knowledge representation, operations research, and related application domains. Constraint programming has been included in the lists of related topics of many conferences. Nevertheless, only in 1993 were the first forums held, devoted as a whole to this field of knowledge. These were the First Workshop on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (PPCP'93) which was held in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, April 28-30, the International Workshop on Constraint Processing (at CSAM'93) held in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 20-21, and the NATO Advanced Study Institute (NATO AS!) on Constraint Programming held in Parnu, Estonia, August 13-24. NATO A Sis are aimed to be schools

industry and academia in some area of knowledge to provide a concise picture of the work done and results obtained by different groups. This is intended for dissemination of advanced knowledge not yet taught regularly in of new topics university. However, ASis must also encourage the introduction into university curricula as well as foster international scientific contacts.

Constraint Logic Programming using Eclipse Springer Science & **Business Media**

The definitive reference on Constraint Handling Rules, from the creator of the language.

Constraint Logic Programming Cambridge University Press This book presents the first attempt to combine concurrent logic programming and constraint logic programing. It is divided into three parts. In the first part, a novel computation model, called the multi-Pandora model, which is designed on the basis of the Pandora model, is presented. In the second part, the distributed implementation schemes for Parlog, Pandora, and multi-Pandora are presented. Finally, the author presents the distributed constraint solvers for finite domain constraints, as well as the distributed constraint solvers in the domains of real numbers and Boolean rings which can be incorporated into the schemes presented in the second part to handle the ?ask?- and ?tell?-constraints.

Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming - CP 2007 Springer

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 5th

International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programmingm CP'99, held in Alexandria, Virginia, USA in October 1999. The 30 revised full papers presented together with three invited papers and eight posters were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book from a total of 97 papers submitted. All current aspects of constraint programming and applications in various areas are addressed.

Constraint Programming: Basics and Trends BoD – Books on Demand

This seminal text of Computer Science, the most cited book on the subject, is now available for the first time in paperback. Constraint satisfaction is a decision problem that involves finite choices. It is ubiquitous. The goal is to find values for a set of variables that will satisfy a given set of constraints. It is the core of many applications in artificial intelligence, and has found its application in many areas, such as planning and scheduling. Because of its generality, most AI researchers should be able to benefit from having good knowledge of techniques in this field. Originally published in 1993, this now classic book was the first attempt to define the scope of constraint satisfaction. It covers both the theoretical and the implementation aspects of the subject. It provides a framework for studying this field, relates different research, and resolves ambiguity in a number of concepts and algorithms in the literature. This seminal text is arguably the most rigorous book in the field. All major concepts were defined in First Order Predicate Calculus. Concepts defined this way are precise and unambiguous. Essentials of Constraint Programming Springer Science &

Business Media

"The NCL Natural Constraint Language" presents the NCL language which is a description language in conventional mathematical logic for modeling and solving constraint satisfaction problems. NCL differs from other declarative languages: It models problems naturally in a simplified form of first-order logic with quantifiers, Boolean logic, numeric constraints, set operations and logical functions; it solves problems by mixed set programming over the mixed domain of real numbers, integers, Booleans, dates/times, references, and in particular sets. The book uses plenty of examples and tutorials to illustrate NCL and its applications. It is intended for researchers and developers in the fields of logic programming. constraint programming, optimization, modeling, operations research and artificial intelligence, who will learn from a new programming language and theoretical foundations for industrial applications. Dr. Jianyang Zhou is the inventor of NCL and has worked for its industrialization for more than 10 years.