

Shikaku as a Constraint Problem

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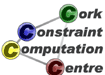
Outline

- 1 Problem
- 2 Improvements



What we want to introduce

- Solving a placement problem without specialized constraints
- Decomposition into pattern generation and set partitioning
- Using implications to propagate information



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Problem Definition

Shikaku

The puzzle is played in a given recti-linear grid. Some grid cells contain numbers. The task is to partition the grid area into rectangular *rooms* satisfying the conditions:

- 1 Each room contains exactly one number.
- 2 The area of the room is equal to the number in it.

9			12		5		
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9			12		5		
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Solution Approaches

- The right way
- The wrong way



The Right Way (I)

- Using **one** `geost` constraint (Carlsson, Beldiceanu et al.)
- Each room is an object with fixed surface
- Shapes defined by $Width \times Height = Surface$
- Each room has x, y position and size w, h
- Each room must contain cell with hint
- Rooms must fit into given space
- Rooms do not overlap



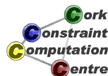
The Right Way (II)

- Using `regular` (Lagerkvist, Pesant)
- 0/1 Variables x_{ijk} cell (i, j) belongs to room k
- Each cell must belong to exactly one room (equality)
- Use regular expression to describe possible shapes
- Disjunction of possible placements
- One `regular` constraint for each room
- Possible to combine regular expressions for multiple rooms



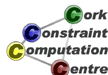
The Right Way (III)

- SMT?

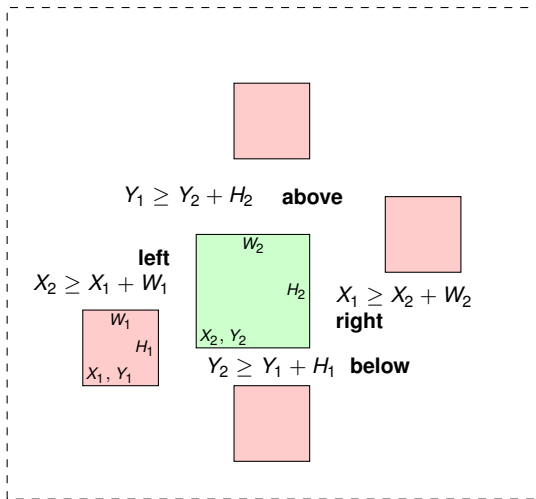


The Wrong Way (Naive)

- Each room k has position x_k, y_k and size w_k, h_k
- Room k has fixed surface $S_k = w_k * h_k$
- Room k contains fixed hint at U_k, V_k
 - $x_k \leq U_k < x_k + w_k$
 - $y_k \leq V_k < y_k + h_k$
- Any rooms k and l do not overlap

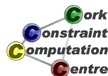


Expressing Non-Overlap with Disjunctive



Problems

- Weak propagation
- *Width* and *Height* not in sync
- Estimate for room surface much too low
- Disjunctive does not propagate much



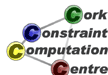
Idea

- Problem decomposition
 - Phase 1: Generate possible placement pattern for each room
 - Phase 2: Pick exactly one pattern for each room



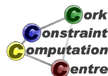
Phase 1: Pattern Generation

- Solve with finite domains
- For each room, solve
 - Each room k has position x_k, y_k and size w_k, h_k
 - Room k has fixed surface $S_k = w_k * h_k$
 - Room k contains fixed hint at U_k, V_k
 - $x_k \leq U_k < x_k + w_k$
 - $y_k \leq V_k < y_k + h_k$
 - All other hints are outside the room
 - Expressed as negation of inside
- Find all solutions



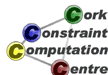
Phase 1 Results

- Possible placements for each room $1 \leq p \leq P_k$
- Position x_{kp}, y_{kp} , size w_{kp}, h_{kp}
- Predicate $q(k, p, i, j)$ pattern p of room k contains cell (i, j)



Phase 2: Set Partitioning

- 0/1 integer variable z_{kp} if pattern p is used for room k
- Select one pattern per room
- Cover every cell with exactly one pattern
- Constrain all variables which belong to pattern which contain cell



Model Phase 2

solve

$$z_{kp} \in \{0, 1\}$$
$$\forall k \in K : \sum_{1 \leq p \leq P_k} z_{kp} = 1$$
$$\forall (i, j) \in \text{Rect} : \sum_{\{k,p|q(k,p,i,j)\}} z_{kp} = 1$$

Model Phase 2

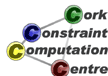
solve

$$z_{kp} \in \{0, 1\}$$
$$\forall k \in K : \sum_{1 \leq p \leq P_k} z_{kp} = 1$$
$$\forall (i, j) \in \text{Rect} : \sum_{\{k,p|q(k,p,i,j)\}} z_{kp} = 1$$

The first set of equations is subsumed by the second

Intuition Behind Constraints

- If only one pattern remains possible for a room, this must be chosen
- If a pattern is selected for a room, no other pattern can be selected
- Every cell must be covered by a pattern
- If a pattern covering some cell is selected, no other pattern covering the same cell may be selected



Result After Constraint Setup

1 ₄								29 ₆
		9 ₆		16 ₃				33 ₂
			13 ₄				25 ₃	
		10 ₄						30 ₄
						22 ₉		
							26 ₄	
2 ₉			14 ₄					
	5 ₆			17 ₈				
3 ₆					19 ₆			31 ₄
	6 ₉			18 ₄				34 ₆
					20 ₄			32 ₄
						23 ₆		35 ₂
		11 ₄						
			15 ₈					
	7 ₆							27 ₆
		12 ₂				24 ₄		
4 ₄					21 ₃		28 ₆	
	8 ₄							36 ₆

Observation

- Only small part of problem filled in
- Missing information
- Some cells must belong to a room regardless of pattern used



Missing Information, Example

1 ₄						29 ₂	29 ₂	29 ₆		
		9 ₆		16 ₃					33 ₂	
			13 ₄				25 ₃			
		10 ₄						30 ₄		
2 ₉						22 ₉				
							26 ₄			
3 ₆										
			5 ₆		17 ₈					
			6 ₉		18 ₄	19 ₆			31 ₄	
										34 ₆
						20 ₄		32 ₄		
						23 ₆			35 ₂	
		11 ₄								
			15 ₈							
	7 ₆							27 ₆		
		12 ₂				24 ₄				
4 ₄					21 ₃		28 ₆			
	8 ₄								36 ₆	

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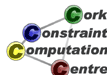
Adding View

- Variables which indicate which room some cell belongs to
- 0/1 integer variables w_{ijk} , whether cell (i, j) belongs to room k
- Most w_{ijk} entries are zero, as room k does not cover cell (i, j)
- Each cell must belong to a room
 - $\forall(i, j) : \sum_{k \in K} w_{ijk} = 1$



Channeling Constraints

- A cell belongs to a room, if one of the pattern covering the cell is selected
- Linear constraint
 - $\forall(i, j, k) : \sum_{\{p|q(k,p,i,j)\}} z_{kp} = w_{ijk}$
- Implications
 - $\forall(k, p, i, j) \text{ s.t. } q(k, p, i, j) : z_{kp} \Rightarrow w_{i,j,k}$
- Propagation is equivalent



Result After Improvement

1 ₄	9 ₁	9 ₁	9 ₁	29 ₁₃	29 ₁₆	29	29 ₂₂	29 ₂₅	29 ₆	33 ₂₉
9 ₁	9 ₁	9 ₆	16 ₁₃	16 ₃	16	16	29 ₂₂	29 ₂₅	33 ₃₀	33 ₂
13 ₉	13 ₁₀	13 ₁₀	13 ₄	22 ₁₆	25 ₂₂	25 ₂₂	25 ₁₃	30 ₂₅	33 ₃₀	30 ₂₅
10 ₁	10	10 ₄	14 ₁₃	22 ₁₆	30 ₂₂	30	30 ₂₆	30 ₂₅	30 ₄	30
2	2	2	14 ₁₃	22 ₁₇	22 ₁₉	22 ₉	30 ₂₆	30 ₂₆	34 ₃₀	34
2	2	2	14	26 ₂₂	26 ₂₂	26	26	31 ₃₀	34 ₂₆	34
2	2	2 ₉	14 ₄	22 ₁₇	22 ₁₉	26 ₁₇	26 ₁₇	31 ₃₀	34 ₂₆	34
3	5 ₆	5 ₅	5 ₅	17 ₈	19 ₁₇	23 ₂₂	31 ₂₆	31 ₁₉	31	34 ₃₁
3 ₆	5 ₅	5 ₅	5 ₅	18	19 ₆	31 ₂₃	31 ₂₆	31 ₄	34 ₃₁	34
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3	6 ₆	6 ₆	6 ₆	18	20 ₄	32 ₂₃	32 ₂₇	32 ₄	35 ₃₄	32
3	6 ₆	6 ₆	6 ₆	18	23 ₂₀	32 ₂₇	35 ₃₂	35 ₂₃	35 ₂	35
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7 ₄	7 ₆	27 ₁₅	27 ₁₅	27 ₁₅	27 ₂₄	27 ₂₄	27	32 ₂₇	36	36
7 ₄	12 ₇	12 ₂	24 ₁₅	24 ₁₅	24 ₁₅	24 ₂₁	24 ₄	28 ₂₇	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈
4 ₄	8 ₄	8 ₄	21 ₁₅	21 ₁₅	21 ₃	28 ₂₄	28 ₂₁	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈
8 ₄	8 ₄	8 ₄	8 ₄	36 ₈	36 ₂₁	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈	36 ₂₈	36 ₆

Not What We Expected

- Some cells are marked
- Others are still missing
- Cells marked can only be covered by one room
- Why is this happening?



Missing Reasoning: Example

- $A, B, C \in \{0, 1\}$
- $A + B + C = 1 \wedge A + B = 1 \Rightarrow C = 0$
- This does not happen!
- Constraints only see variables, not other constraints
- We would need global constraint on sets of equations for this



Implications Too Weak

- We can add redundant constraints
- If a cell belongs to a room, no pattern for other rooms using that cell can be selected
 - $\forall(i, j, k) : \sum_{\{k', p' | q(k', p', i, j) \wedge k \neq k'\}} Z_{k'p'} + w_{ijk} = 1$
 - $\forall(i, j, k, k', p') \text{ s.t. } q(k', p', i, j) : w_{ijk} \Rightarrow \neg Z_{k'p'}$
- If a cell belongs to a room, no pattern for this room which does not cover the cell can be selected
 - $\forall(i, j, k) : \sum_{\{p | \neg q(k, p, i, j)\}} Z_{kp} + w_{ijk} = 1$
 - $\forall(i, j, k, p) \text{ s.t. } \neg q(k, p, i, j) : w_{ijk} \Rightarrow \neg Z_{kp}$

Result After Adding Redundant Constraints

1 ₄	9	9	9	29	29	29	29	29 ₆	29
1	9	9 ₆	9	16	16	16 ₃	25	33	33 ₂
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1	10	10 ₄	14	22	22	22	25	30 ₄	30
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3	5	5	5	17 ₈	17	17	17	31	34
3 ₆	5	5	5	18	19	19	19	31 ₄	34
3	6	6	6	18 ₄	19	19	19	31	34 ₆
3	6	6	6	18	20	32	32	32 ₄	32
3	6	6	6	18	20	23 ₆	23	23	35 ₂
3	11	11 ₄	11	11	20	23	23	23	35
7	7	7	15 ₈	15	20	24	27	27	27
7	7	7 ₆	15	15	21	24	27 ₆	27	27
4	4	12 ₂	15	15	21	24 ₄	28	28	28
4 ₄	4	12	15	15	21 ₃	24	28 ₆	28	28
8	8 ₄	8	8	8	36	36	36	36	36 ₆

Problem Solved?

- More to be done
- Look through example problems
- Find cases where problem is not solved by propagation
- Try and find redundant constraints



Example

1	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	43	43	43	43	56	60	66	66	74	74	74	74	74	103	103	103	108	116	116	116	116	116	116	139	147	147			
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Reasoning on Space Required

1	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	43	43	43	43	56	60	66	66	74	74	74	74	74	103	103	103	108	116	116	116	116	116	116	139	147	147							
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Space required for rooms 76, 94, 102, 107

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How to model this?

- Another view: finite domain variables for room assignment
- Variables v_{ij} state that cell (i, j) belongs to room v_{ij}
- Connection to w_{ijk} variables via
`bool_channel($v_{ij}, [w_{ij1}, w_{ij2}, \dots, w_{ij|K|}]$)` constraints
- Each value must occur specified time
- `gcc` constraint with fixed counts



Improvement

- `gcc` reasons on all hints together
- Just adding $\sum_{(i,j)} w_{ijk} = S_k$ does not do this



Deduction by gcc (partial)

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Result

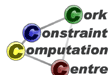
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Unsolved Part

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What to do?

- Pattern are pair-wise compatible with each other
- There is enough space
- But there is only one solution



Looking more closely

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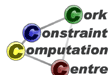
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Looking more closely

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As Equations

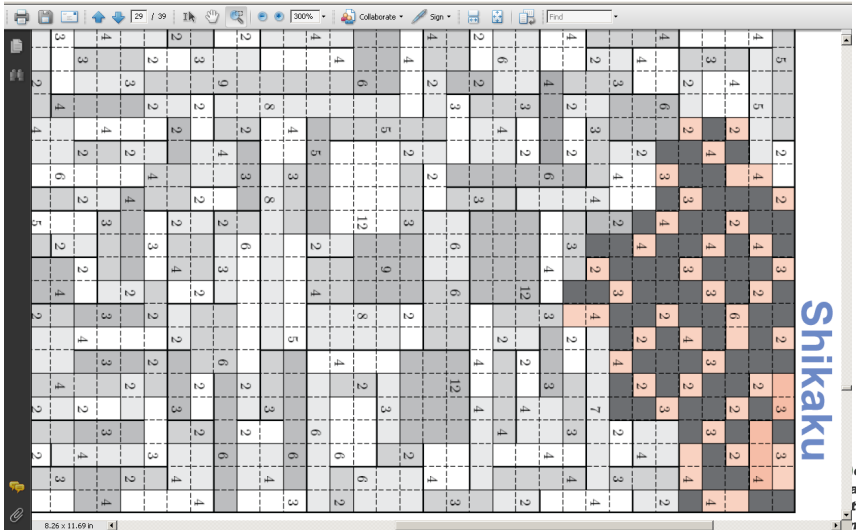
- For one cell we have
 - $a_{104} + c_{100} = 1$
- For the other cell we have
 - $a_{104} + c_{100} + a_{105} = 1$
 - Implies $a_{105} = 0$
 - Similar, $a_{104} = 0$
 - Therefore $c_{100} = 1$



All done? No, One Problem Still Open

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Also Open with geost (Image: N. Beldiceanu)



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Results (I)

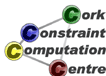
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Results (II)

Set	Nr	Grade	X	Y	K	Fix	Alt	Cov	Ini	Set	Red	GCC	Sub	SAC
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giant	1902	hard	45	31	213	4	1813	11	1449	1018	0	0	0	0
giant	2001	hard	45	31	221	16	1217	92	0	0	0	0	0	0
giant	2002	hard	45	31	278	6	1617	20	1259	758	0	0	0	0

Why Model the Wrong Way?

- We want to mimic human reasoning
- Humans don't have a built-in global constraint
- Most humans use rules to describe solution process
 - If a cell can only be covered by one room, then it must be assigned to the room
- Both views (decide between pattern and assign cell to room) are used by humans
- At some point people
 - Either invent special global constraints
 - Or use SAC



Conclusions

- Shikaku - interesting little puzzle
- Solved by decomposition and reasoning on implications
- Could be solved by strong global constraint
- We use incremental process adding constraints as required
- Close to human solving method
- One open problem left, same for `geost` (M. Carlsson)

