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Heuristics for Combinatorial Optimization

Lecture 12
Efficient Local Search

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Local Search for Graph coloring

Different choices for the candidate solutions, neighborhood structures and evaluation function define different approaches to the problem

k-fixed	complete	proper
k-fixed	partial	proper
k-fixed	complete	improper
k-fixed	partial	improper
k-variable	complete	proper
k-variable	partial	proper
k-variable	complete	improper
k-variable	partial	improper

Course Overview

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- ✔ Working Environment and Solver Systems
- ~ Methods for the Analysis of Experimental Results
- ✔ Construction Heuristics
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- Local Search: Neighborhoods and Search Landscape
- Efficient Local Search: Incremental Updates and Neighborhood Pruning
- ~ Stochastic Local Search & Metaheuristics
- Configuration Tools: F-race
- Very Large Scale Neighborhoods

Examples: GCP, CSP, TSP, SAT, MaxIndSet, SMTWP, Steiner Tree, Unrelated Parallel Machines, p-median, set covering, QAP, ...

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Summary: Local Search Algorithms
(as in [Hoos, Stützle, 2005])

For given problem instance π:

1. search space S_π
2. neighborhood relation $\mathcal{N}_\pi \subseteq S_\pi \times S_\pi$
3. evaluation function $f_\pi : S \to \mathbf{R}$
4. set of memory states M_π
5. initialization function $\texttt{init} : \emptyset \to S_\pi \times M_\pi)$
6. step function $\texttt{step} : S_\pi \times M_\pi \to S_\pi \times M_\pi$
7. termination predicate $\texttt{terminate} : S_\pi \times M_\pi \to \{\top, \bot\}$

Efficiency and Effectiveness

After implementation and test of the above components, improvements in efficiency (ie, computation time) can be achieved by:

A. fast incremental evaluation (ie, delta evaluation)

B. neighborhood pruning

C. clever use of data structures

Improvements in effectiveness, ie, quality, can be achieved by:

D. application of a metaheuristic

E. definition of a larger neighborhood

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MAX-SAT

Notation:

- n 0-1 variables x_j, $j \in N = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$,
- m clauses C_i, $i \in M$, and weights w_i (≥ 0), $i \in M = \{1, 2, \ldots, m\}$
- $\max_{\mathbf{a} \in \{0,1\}^n} \sum \{w_i \mid i \in M \text{ and } C_i \text{ is satisfied in } \mathbf{a}\}$
- $\bar{x}_j = 1 - x_j$
- $L = \bigcup_{j \in N} \{x_j, \bar{x_j}\}$ set of literals
- $C_i \subseteq L$ for $i \in M$ (e.g., $C_i = \{x_1, \bar{x_3}, x_8\}$).

Let's take the case $w_j = 1$ for all $j \in N$

- Assignment: $\mathbf{a} \in \{0,1\}^n$
- Evaluation function: $f(\mathbf{a}) = \#$ unsatisfied clauses
- Neighborhood: one-flip
- Pivoting rule: best neighbor

Naive approach: exahustive neighborhood examination in $O(nmk)$ (k size of largest C_i)
A better approach:

- $C(x_j) = \{i \in M \mid x_j \in C_i\}$ (i.e., clauses dependent on x_j)
- $L(x_j) = \{l \in N \mid \exists i \in M \text{ with } x_l \in C_i \text{ and } x_j \in C_i\}$
- $f(\mathbf{a}) = \#$ unsatisfied clauses
- $\Delta(x_j) = f(\mathbf{a}) - f(\mathbf{a}'), \mathbf{a}' = \delta_{1E}^{x_j}(\mathbf{a})$ (score of x_j)

Initialize:

- compute f, score of each variable and list unsat clauses in $O(mk)$
- init $C(x_j)$ for all variables

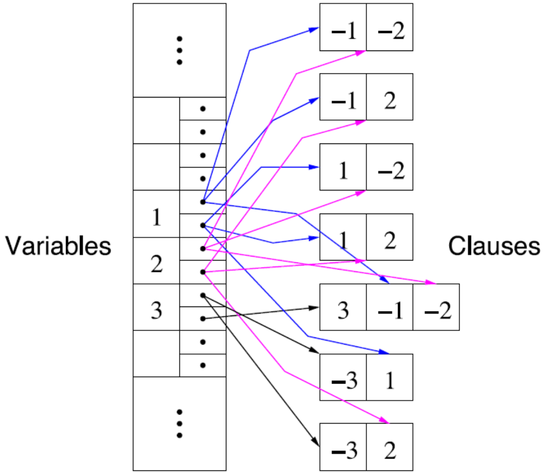
Examine

- choose the var with best score

Update:

- change the score of variables affected, that is, look in $L(\cdot)$ and $C(\cdot)$ $O(mk)$

$C(x_j)$ Data Structure



Even better approach (though same asymptotic complexity):
$\leadsto$ after the flip of x_j only the score of variables in $L(x_j)$ that critically depend on x_j actually changes

- Clause C_i is critically satisfied by a variable x_j in $\mathbf{a}$ iff:
  - x_j is in C_i
  - C_i is satisfied in $\mathbf{a}$ and flipping x_j makes C_i unsatisfied (e.g., 1 $\vee 0 \vee 0$ but not 1 $\vee 1 \vee 0$)

  Keep a list of such clauses for each var
- x_j is critically dependent on x_l under $\mathbf{a}$ iff:
  there exists $C_i \in C(x_j) \cap C(x_l)$ and such that flipping x_j:
  - C_i changes satisfaction status
  - C_i changes satisfied /critically satisfied status

Initialize:

- compute score of variables;
- init $C(x_j)$ for all variables
- init status criticality for each clause

Update:

change sign to score of x_j
for all C_i in $C(x_j)$ **do**
  for all $x_l \in C_i$ **do**
    update score x_l depending on its critical status before flipping x_j

TSP

Efficient implementations of 2-opt, 2H-opt and 3-opt local search.

A. Delta evaluation already in $O(1)$

B. Fixed radius search + DLB

C. Data structures

Details at black board and references [Bentley, 1992; Johnson and McGeoch, 2002; Applegate et al., 2006]

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