

Constraint And Integer Programming Toward A Unified Methodology Operations Researchcomputer Science Interfaces Series

The 11th International Conference on the Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP 2005) was held in Sitges (Barcelona), Spain, October 1-5, 2005. Information about the conference can be found on the web at <http://www.iiia.csic.es/cp2005/>. Information about past conferences in the series can be found at <http://www.cs.ualberta.ca/~ai/cp/>. The CP conference series is the premier international conference on constraint programming and is held annually. The conference is concerned with all aspects of computing with constraints, including: algorithms, applications, environments, languages, models and systems. This year, we received 164 submissions. All of the submitted papers received at least three reviews, and the papers and their reviews were then extensively discussed during an online Program Committee meeting. As a result, the Program Committee chose 48 (29.3%) papers to be published in full in the proceedings and a further 22 (13.4%) papers to be published as short papers. The full papers were presented at the conference in two parallel tracks and the short papers were presented as posters during a lively evening session. Two papers were selected by a subcommittee of the Program Committee--consisting of Chris Beck, Gilles Pesant, and myself--to receive best paper awards. The conference program also included excellent invited talks by Hector Geffner, Ian Horrocks, Francesca Rossi, and Peter J. Stuckey. As a permanent record, the proceedings contain four-page extended abstracts of the invited talks.

This textbook provides concise coverage of the basics of linear and integer programming which, with megatrends toward optimization, machine learning, big data, etc., are becoming fundamental toolkits for data and information science and technology. The authors' approach is accessible to students from almost all fields of engineering, including operations research, statistics, machine learning, control system design, scheduling, formal verification and computer vision. The presentations enable the basis for numerous approaches to solving hard combinatorial optimization problems through randomization and approximation. Readers will learn to cast various problems that may arise in their research as optimization problems, understand the cases where the optimization problem will be linear, choose appropriate solution methods and interpret results appropriately.

This thesis explores two main topics. The first is almost symmetry detection on graphs. The presence of symmetry in combinatorial optimization problems has long been considered an anathema, but in the past decade considerable progress has been made. Modern integer and constraint programming solvers have automatic symmetry detection built-in to either exploit or avoid symmetric regions of the search space. Automatic symmetry detection generally works by converting the input problem to a graph which is in exact correspondence with the problem formulation. Symmetry can then be detected on this graph using one of the excellent existing algorithms; these are also the symmetries of the problem formulation. The motivation for detecting almost symmetries on graphs is that almost symmetries in an integer program can force the solver to explore nearly symmetric regions of the search space. Because of the known correspondence between integer programming formulations and graphs, this is a first step toward detecting almost symmetries in integer programming formulations. Though we are only able to compute almost symmetries for graphs of modest size, the results indicate that almost symmetry is definitely present in some real-world combinatorial structures, and likely warrants further investigation. The second topic explored in this thesis is integer programming formulations for the unit commitment problem. The unit commitment problem involves scheduling power generators to

meet anticipated energy demand while minimizing total system operation cost. Today, practitioners usually formulate and solve unit commitment as a large-scale mixed integer linear program. The original intent of this project was to bring the analysis of almost symmetries to the unit commitment problem. Two power generators are almost symmetric in the unit commitment problem if they have almost identical parameters. Along the way, however, new formulations for power generators were discovered that warranted a thorough investigation of their own. Chapters 4 and 5 are a result of this research. Thus this work makes three contributions to the unit commitment problem: a convex hull description for a power generator accommodating many types of constraints, an improved formulation for time-dependent start-up costs, and an exact symmetry reduction technique via reformulation.

This book aims to demonstrate and detail the pervasive nature of Discrete Optimization. The handbook couples the difficult, critical-thinking aspects of mathematical modeling with the hot area of discrete optimization. It is done with an academic treatment outlining the state-of-the-art for researchers across the domains of the Computer Science, Math Programming, Applied Mathematics, Engineering, and Operations Research. The book utilizes the tools of mathematical modeling, optimization, and integer programming to solve a broad range of modern problems.

The author presents two concepts to handle the classic linear mixed-integer two-stage stochastic optimization problem. She describes mean-risk modeling and stochastic programming with first order dominance constraints. Both approaches are applied to optimize the operation of a dispersed generation system.

An accessible treatment of the modeling and solution of integer programming problems, featuring modern applications and software In order to fully comprehend the algorithms associated with integer programming, it is important to understand not only how algorithms work, but also why they work. Applied Integer Programming features a unique emphasis on this point, focusing on problem modeling and solution using commercial software. Taking an application-oriented approach, this book addresses the art and science of mathematical modeling related to the mixed integer programming (MIP) framework and discusses the algorithms and associated practices that enable those models to be solved most efficiently. The book begins with coverage of successful applications, systematic modeling procedures, typical model types, transformation of non-MIP models, combinatorial optimization problem models, and automatic preprocessing to obtain a better formulation. Subsequent chapters present algebraic and geometric basic concepts of linear programming theory and network flows needed for understanding integer programming. Finally, the book concludes with classical and modern solution approaches as well as the key components for building an integrated software system capable of solving large-scale integer programming and combinatorial optimization problems. Throughout the book, the authors demonstrate essential concepts through numerous examples and figures. Each new concept or algorithm is accompanied by a numerical example, and, where applicable, graphics are used to draw together diverse problems or approaches into a unified whole. In addition, features of solution approaches found in today's commercial software are identified throughout the book. Thoroughly classroom-tested, Applied Integer Programming is an excellent book for integer programming courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as a well-organized reference for professionals, software developers, and analysts who work in the fields of applied mathematics, computer science, operations research, management science, and engineering and use integer-programming techniques to model and solve real-world optimization problems.

The book is an introductory textbook mainly for students of computer science and mathematics. Our guiding phrase is "what every theoretical computer scientist should know about linear programming". A major focus is on applications of linear programming, both in practice and in

theory. The book is concise, but at the same time, the main results are covered with complete proofs and in sufficient detail, ready for presentation in class. The book does not require more prerequisites than basic linear algebra, which is summarized in an appendix. One of its main goals is to help the reader to see linear programming "behind the scenes".

This Fourth Edition introduces the latest theory and applications in optimization. It emphasizes constrained optimization, beginning with a substantial treatment of linear programming and then proceeding to convex analysis, network flows, integer programming, quadratic programming, and convex optimization. Readers will discover a host of practical business applications as well as non-business applications. Topics are clearly developed with many numerical examples worked out in detail. Specific examples and concrete algorithms precede more abstract topics. With its focus on solving practical problems, the book features free C programs to implement the major algorithms covered, including the two-phase simplex method, primal-dual simplex method, path-following interior-point method, and homogeneous self-dual methods. In addition, the author provides online JAVA applets that illustrate various pivot rules and variants of the simplex method, both for linear programming and for network flows. These C programs and JAVA tools can be found on the book's website. The website also includes new online instructional tools and exercises.

Featuring the viewpoint of expert members of the IFIP Technical Committee 12, its Working Groups and their colleagues, this book provides an international perspective on recent and future directions in this significant field.

This volume LNCS 12735 constitutes the papers of the 18th International Conference on the Integration of Constraint Programming, Artificial Intelligence, and Operations Research, CPAIOR 2021, which was held in Vienna, Austria, in 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held online. The 30 regular papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 75 submissions. The conference program included a Master Class on the topic "Explanation and Verification of Machine Learning Models".

This book integrates the key concepts of mathematical programming (MP) and constraint programming (CP) into a unified framework that allows them to be generalized and combined. The unification of MP and CP creates optimization methods that have much greater modeling power, increased computational speed, and a sizeable reduction computational coding. This integration along with constraint programming being incorporated into a number of programming languages, brings the field a step closer to being able to simply state a problem and having the computer solve it.

Due To The Availability Of Computer Packages, The Use Of Linear Programming Technique By The Managers Has Become Universal. This Text Has Been Written Primarily For Management Students And Executives Who Have No Previous Background Of Linear Programming. The Text Is Oriented Towards Introducing Important Ideas In Linear Programming Technique At A Fundamental Level And Help The Students In Understanding Its Applications To A Wide Variety Of Managerial Problems. In Order To Strengthen The Understanding, Each Concept Has Been Illustrated With Examples. The Book Has Been Written In A Simple And Lucid Language And Has Avoided Mathematical Derivations So As To Make It Accessible To Every One. The Text Can Be Used In Its Entirety In A Fifteen Session Course At Programmes In Management, Commerce, Economics, Engineering Or Accountancy. The Text Can Be Used In One/Two Week Management/Executive Development Programmes To Be Supplemented

With Some Cases. Practicing Managers And Executives, Computer Professionals, Industrial Engineers, Chartered And Cost Accountants And Economic Planners Would Also Find This Text Useful.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th International Conference entitled Beyond Databases, Architectures and Structures, BDAS 2015, held in Ustro?, Poland, in May 2015. This book consists of 53 carefully revised selected papers that are assigned to 8 thematic groups: database architectures and performance; data integration, storage and data warehousing; ontologies and semantic web; artificial intelligence, data mining and knowledge discovery; image analysis and multimedia mining; spatial data analysis; database systems development; application of database systems.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-workshop proceedings of the Third International Haifa Verification Conference, HVC 2007, held in Haifa, Israel, in October 2007. The 15 revised full papers presented together with 4 invited lectures were carefully reviewed and selected from 32 submissions. The papers are organized in topical tracks on hardware verification, model checking, dynamic hardware verification, merging formal and testing, formal verification for software and software testing.

Hybrid Optimization focuses on the application of artificial intelligence and operations research techniques to constraint programming for solving combinatorial optimization problems. This book covers the most relevant topics investigated in the last ten years by leading experts in the field, and speculates about future directions for research. This book includes contributions by experts from different but related areas of research including constraint programming, decision theory, operations research, SAT, artificial intelligence, as well as others. These diverse perspectives are actively combined and contrasted in order to evaluate their relative advantages. This volume presents techniques for hybrid modeling, integrated solving strategies including global constraints, decomposition techniques, use of relaxations, and search strategies including tree search local search and metaheuristics. Various applications of the techniques presented as well as supplementary computational tools are also discussed.

SBIA, the Brazilian Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, is a biennial event intended to be the main forum of the AI community in Brazil. The SBIA 2004 was the 17th issue of the series initiated in 1984. Since 1995 SBIA has been accepting papers written and presented only in English, attracting researchers from all over the world. At that time it also started to have an international program committee, keynote invited speakers, and proceedings published in the Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence (LNAI) series of Springer (SBIA 1995, Vol. 991, SBIA 1996, Vol. 1159, SBIA 1998, Vol. 1515, SBIA 2000, Vol. 1952, SBIA 2002, Vol. 2507). SBIA 2004 was sponsored by the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC). It was held from September 29 to October 1 in the city of S ? ao Luis, in the northeast of Brazil, together with the Brazilian Symposium on Neural Networks (SBRN). This followed a trend of joining the AI and ANN communities to make the joint event a very exciting one. In particular, in 2004 these two events were also held togetherwiththeIEEEInternationalWorkshoponMachineLearningandSignal Processing (MMLP), formerly NNLP. The organizationalstructure of SBIA 2004was similar to other international scienti?cconferences.Thebackboneofthe conferencewasthe technicalprogram whichwascomplementedbyinvitedtalks,workshops,etc.onthefollowing topics.

Constraint and Integer Programming presents some of the basic ideas of constraint programming and mathematical programming, explores approaches to integration, brings us up to date on heuristic methods, and attempts to discern future directions in this fast-moving field.

This book combines wireless telematics systems with dynamic vehicle routing algorithms and vehicle-positioning systems to produce a telematics-enabled information system that can be employed by commercial fleet operators for real-time monitoring, control, and planning. The book further presents a Messaging And Fleet Monitoring System and a Dynamic Planning System (DPS) that provides real-time decision support considering the current state of the transportation system.

The 12th International Symposium on Distributed Computing and Artificial Intelligence 2015 (DCAI 2015) is a forum to present applications of innovative techniques for studying and solving complex problems. The exchange of ideas between scientists and technicians from both the academic and industrial sector is essential to facilitate the development of systems that can meet the ever-increasing demands of today's society. The present edition brings together past experience, current work and promising future trends associated with distributed computing, artificial intelligence and their application in order to provide efficient solutions to real problems. This symposium is organized by the Osaka Institute of Technology, Qatar University and the University of Salamanca.

A comprehensive introduction to the tools, techniques and applications of convex optimization.

This book presents recent progresses in control, automation, robotics and measuring techniques. It includes contributions of top experts in the fields, focused on both theory and industrial practice. The particular chapters present a deep analysis of a specific technical problem which is in general followed by a numerical analysis and simulation and results of an implementation for the solution of a real world problem. The presented theoretical results, practical solutions and guidelines will be useful for both researchers working in the area of engineering sciences and for practitioners solving industrial problems.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th Brazilian Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, SBIA 2004, held in Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil in September/October 2004. The 54 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 208 submissions from 21 countries. The papers are organized in topical sections on logics, planning, and theoretical methods; search, reasoning, and uncertainty; knowledge representation and ontologies; natural language processing; machine learning, knowledge discovery and data mining; evolutionary computing, artificial life, and hybrid systems; robotics and computer vision; and autonomous agents and multi-agent systems.

Although they are believed to be unsolvable in general, tractability results suggest that some practical NP-hard problems

can be efficiently solved. Combinatorial search algorithms are designed to efficiently explore the usually large solution space of these instances by reducing the search space to feasible regions and using heuristics to efficiently explore these regions. Various mathematical formalisms may be used to express and tackle combinatorial problems, among them the constraint satisfaction problem (CSP) and the propositional satisfiability problem (SAT). These algorithms, or constraint solvers, apply search space reduction through inference techniques, use activity-based heuristics to guide exploration, diversify the searches through frequent restarts, and often learn from their mistakes. In this book the author focuses on knowledge sharing in combinatorial search, the capacity to generate and exploit meaningful information, such as redundant constraints, heuristic hints, and performance measures, during search, which can dramatically improve the performance of a constraint solver. Information can be shared between multiple constraint solvers simultaneously working on the same instance, or information can help achieve good performance while solving a large set of related instances. In the first case, information sharing has to be performed at the expense of the underlying search effort, since a solver has to stop its main effort to prepare and communicate the information to other solvers; on the other hand, not sharing information can incur a cost for the whole system, with solvers potentially exploring unfeasible spaces discovered by other solvers. In the second case, sharing performance measures can be done with little overhead, and the goal is to be able to tune a constraint solver in relation to the characteristics of a new instance – this corresponds to the selection of the most suitable algorithm for solving a given instance. The book is suitable for researchers, practitioners, and graduate students working in the areas of optimization, search, constraints, and computational complexity.

The primary objective of this essential text is to emphasize the deep relations existing between the semiring and dioid structures with graphs and their combinatorial properties. It does so at the same time as demonstrating the modeling and problem-solving flexibility of these structures. In addition the book provides an extensive overview of the mathematical properties employed by "nonclassical" algebraic structures which either extend usual algebra or form a new branch of it. Integer Programming: Theory, Applications, and Computations provides information pertinent to the theory, applications, and computations of integer programming. This book presents the computational advantages of the various techniques of integer programming. Organized into eight chapters, this book begins with an overview of the general categorization of integer applications and explains the three fundamental techniques of integer programming. This text then explores the concept of implicit enumeration, which is general in a sense that it is applicable to any well-defined binary program. Other chapters consider the branch-and-bound methods, the cutting-plane method, and its closely related asymptotic problem. This book discusses as well several specialized algorithms for certain well-known integer models and provides an alternative approach to the solution of the integer problem. The final chapter deals with a number of observations about

the formulations and executions of integer programming models. This book is a valuable resource for industrial engineers and research workers.

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.

The idea of a refereed conference for the mathematical programming community was proposed by Ravi Kannan and William Pulleyblank to the Mathematical Programming Society (MPS) in the late 1980s. Thus IPCO was born, and MPS has sponsored the conference as one of its main events since IPCO I at the University of Waterloo in 1990. The conference has become the main forum for recent results in Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization in the non-Symposium years. This volume compiles the papers presented at IPCO XIV held June 9-11, 2010, at EPFL in Lausanne. The scope of papers considered for IPCO XIV is likely broader than at IPCO I. This is sometimes due to the wealth of new questions and directions brought from related areas. It can also be due to the successful application of “math programming” techniques to models not traditionally considered. In any case, the interest in IPCO is greater than ever and this is reflected in both the number (135) and quality of the submissions. The Programme Committee with 13 members was also IPCO’s largest. We thank the members of the committee, as well as their sub-reviewers, for their exceptional (and time-consuming) work and especially during the online committee meeting held over January. The process resulted in the selection of 34 excellent research papers which were presented in non-parallel sessions over three days in Lausanne. Unavoidably, this has meant that many excellent submissions were not able to be included. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on Integration of AI and OR Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, CPAIOR 2005, held in Prague, Czech Republic, in May/June 2005. The 26 revised full papers published together with an invited paper and abstracts of 2 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from close to 100 submissions. Methodological and foundational issues from AI, OR, and algorithmics are presented as well as applications to the solution of combinatorial optimization problems in various fields.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed and extended post-proceedings of the 11th Annual ERCIM International Workshop on Constraint Solving and Constraint Logic Programming, CSCLP 2006, held in Caparica, Portugal in June 2006. The papers are organized in topical sections on global constraints, search and heuristics, language and

implementation issues, and modeling.

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.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Integration of AI and OR Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, CPAIOR 2009, held in Pittsburgh, PA, USA, in May 2009. The 20 revised full papers and 10 extended abstracts presented together with 2 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 65 submissions. The papers describe current research in the fields of constraint programming, artificial intelligence, and operations research and present new techniques or new applications in combinatorial optimization, thus exploring ways of solving large-scale, practical optimization problems through integration and hybridization of the fields' different techniques.

Discover interplay between matrices, linear programming, and game theory at an introductory level, requiring only high school algebra and curiosity.

A pioneering look at the fundamental role of logic in optimization and constraint satisfaction While recent efforts to combine optimization and constraint satisfaction have received considerable attention, little has been said about using logic in optimization as the key to unifying the two fields. Logic-Based Methods for Optimization develops for the first time a comprehensive conceptual framework for integrating optimization and constraint satisfaction, then goes a step further and shows how extending logical inference to optimization allows for more powerful as well as flexible modeling and solution techniques. Designed to be easily accessible to industry professionals and academics in both operations research and artificial intelligence, the book provides a wealth of examples as well 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 in problem solving * Offers tutorials in constraint satisfaction/constraint programming and logical inference * Clearly explains such concepts as relaxation, cutting planes, nonserial dynamic programming, and Bender's decomposition * Reviews the necessary technologies for software developers seeking to combine the two techniques * Features extensive references to important computational studies * And much more

This book constitutes the proceedings of the First International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP '95, held in Cassis near Marseille, France in September 1995. The 33 refereed full papers included were selected out of 108

submissions and constitute the main part of the book; in addition there is a 60-page documentation of the four invited papers and a section presenting industrial reports. Thus besides having a very strong research component, the volume will be attractive for practitioners. The papers are organized in sections on efficient constraint handling, constraint logic programming, concurrent constraint programming, computational logic, applications, and operations research.

This book covers local search for combinatorial optimization and its extension to mixed-variable optimization. Although not yet understood from the theoretical point of view, local search is the paradigm of choice for tackling large-scale real-life optimization problems. Today's end-users demand interactivity with decision support systems. For optimization software, this means obtaining good-quality solutions quickly. Fast iterative improvement methods, like local search, are suited to satisfying such needs. Here the authors show local search in a new light, in particular presenting a new kind of mathematical programming solver, namely LocalSolver, based on neighborhood search. First, an iconoclast methodology is presented to design and engineer local search algorithms. The authors' concern regarding industrializing local search approaches is of particular interest for practitioners. This methodology is applied to solve two industrial problems with high economic stakes. Software based on local search induces extra costs in development and maintenance in comparison with the direct use of mixed-integer linear programming solvers. The authors then move on to present the LocalSolver project whose goal is to offer the power of local search through a model-and-run solver for large-scale 0-1 nonlinear programming. They conclude by presenting their ongoing and future work on LocalSolver toward a full mathematical programming solver based on local search.

The goal of the Encyclopedia of Optimization is to introduce the reader to a complete set of topics that show the spectrum of research, the richness of ideas, and the breadth of applications that has come from this field. The second edition builds on the success of the former edition with more than 150 completely new entries, designed to ensure that the reference addresses recent areas where optimization theories and techniques have advanced. Particularly heavy attention resulted in health science and transportation, with entries such as "Algorithms for Genomics", "Optimization and Radiotherapy Treatment Design", and "Crew Scheduling".

The 14th International Symposium on Distributed Computing and Artificial Intelligence 2017 (DCAI 2017) provided a forum for presenting the application of innovative techniques to study and solve complex problems. The exchange of ideas between scientists and technicians from both the academic and industrial sector is essential to advancing the development of systems that can meet the ever-growing demands of today's society. The book brings together past experience, current work and promising future trends in distributed computing, artificial intelligence and their applications to efficiently solve real-world problems. It combines contributions in well-established and evolving areas of research, including the content of the DCAI 17 Special Sessions, which focused on multi-disciplinary and transversal aspects, such as AI-driven methods for multimodal networks and processes modeling, and secure management towards smart buildings and smart grids. The symposium was jointly organized by the Polytechnic of Porto, the Osaka Institute of Technology and the University of Salamanca. The latest event was held in Porto,

Portugal, from 21st to 23rd June 2017.

Computer Science and Operations Research continue to have a synergistic relationship and this book represents the results of the cross-fertilization between OR/MS and CS/AI. It is this interface of OR/CS that makes possible advances that could not have been achieved in isolation. Taken collectively, these articles are indicative of the state of the art in the interface between OR/MS and CS/AI and of the high-caliber research being conducted by members of the INFORMS Computing Society.

Paul Williams, a leading authority on modeling in integer programming, has written a concise, readable introduction to the science and art of using modeling in logic for integer programming. Written for graduate and postgraduate students, as well as academics and practitioners, the book is divided into four chapters that all avoid the typical format of definitions, theorems and proofs and instead introduce concepts and results within the text through examples. References are given at the end of each chapter to the more mathematical papers and texts on the subject, and exercises are included to reinforce and expand on the material in the chapter. Methods of solving with both logic and IP are given and their connections are described. Applications in diverse fields are discussed, and Williams shows how IP models can be expressed as satisfiability problems and solved as such.

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