



# Modeling Techniques in Constraint Programming

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# Outline

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- **Symmetries**
- Auxiliary Variables
- Redundant Constraints
- Dual Modeling



# Symmetries

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- Many problems naturally exhibit symmetries
  - exploring symmetrical solutions is useless
- Many kinds of symmetries
  - variable symmetries
  - value symmetries
- The next slides
  - symmetry-breaking constraints



# BIBD

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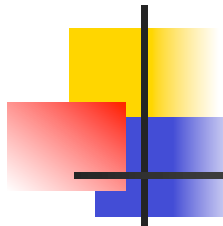
- **Balanced incomplete block designs**
  - Input:  $(v, b, r, k, l)$ .
  - Output: a  $v$  by  $b$  binary matrix with exactly  $r$  ones per row,  $k$  ones per column, and with a scalar product of value  $l$
- **Why BIBD?**
  - Combinatorial design
  - Full of variable symmetries



# BIBD

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```
range Rows = 1..v;
range Cols = 1..b;
var<CP>{bool} M[Rows,Cols] (cp);
solve<cp> {
    forall(i in Rows)
        cp.post(sum(x in Cols) M[i,x] == r);
    forall(i in Cols)
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    forall(i in Rows, j in i+1..v)
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}
```



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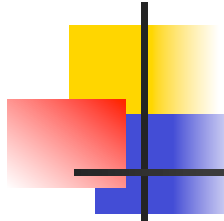
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- (7,7,3,3,1)

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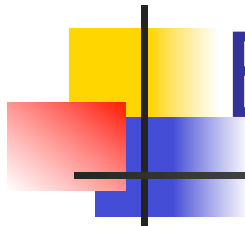


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- How to break the variable symmetries
  - impose an ordering on the variables
- Consider the row
  - impose a lexicographic constraint
- Lexicographic ordering

a: 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

b: 1 0 1 0 1 0 0

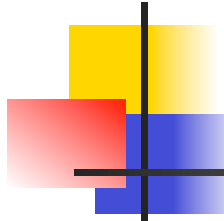
a ≤ b

1 1 1 0 0 1 0

1 0 1 0 1 0 0

a ≥ b





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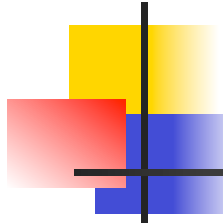
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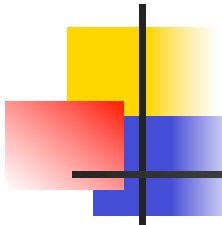
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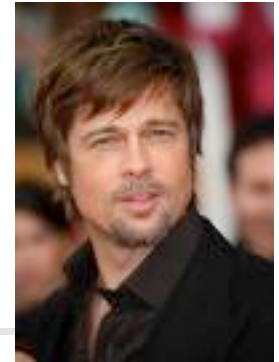
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  forall(i in Cols)
    cp.post(sum(x in Rows) M[x,i] == k);
  forall(i in Rows,j in i+1..v)
    cp.post(sum(x in Cols) (M[i,x] && M[j,x]) == l);
  forall(i in 1..v-1)
    cp.post(lexleq(all(j in Cols) M[i,j],all(j in Cols) M[i+1,j]));
  forall(j in 1..b-1)
    cp.post(lexleq(all(i in Rows) M[i,j],all(i in Rows) M[i,j+1]));
}
```

*rows*

*column*

# Scene Allocation

- Shooting scenes for a movie
  - an actor plays in some of the scenes
  - at most  $k$  scenes a day
  - each actor are paid each day they play
- Objective
  - minimize the total cost
- Difficulty
  - expressing the objective
  - symmetries





# Scene Allocation

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```
int maxScene = ...;  
range Scenes = ...;  
range Days = ...;  
range Actor = ...;  
int fee[Actor] = ...;  
set{Actor} appears[Scenes] = ...;  
set{int} which[a in Actor] = setof(i in Scenes) member(a,appears[i]);  
var<CP>{int} shoot[Scenes](cp,Days);  
  
minimize<cp>  
sum(a in Actor) sum(d in Days) fee[a] * or(s in which[a]) (shoot[s]==d)  
subject to  
cp.post(atmost(all(k in Days) 5,shoot));
```



# Scene Allocation

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- Value Symmetries
  - the days are interchangeable
  - If  $s$  is a solution,  $p(s)$  is a solution, where  $p(s)$  denotes the solution  $s$  where the days have been permuted with permutation  $p$
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  - Consider the first scene  $x_1$ . Which day must be candidate assignments?



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- Only one day: say 1
- All days are interchangeable at this point!





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- Consider the first scene  $x_1$ . Which day must be candidate assignments? Only one day: say 1
- Consider the second scene  $x_2$ . Which day must be considered?
  - either 1 (the day of  $x_1$ ) or a single new day, say 2.



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- How to eliminate value symmetries

- Consider the scene  $x_k$ . Which day must be considered?
  - $1 \dots \max(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}) + 1$



*existing day*



*a new day!*



# Scene Allocation

```
var<CP>{int} shoot[Scenes](cp,Days);

minimize<cp>
  sum(a in Actor) sum(d in Days) fee[a] * or(s in which[a]) (shoot[s]==d)
subject to {
  cp.post(atmost(all(k in Days) 5,shoot));
  cp.post(scene[Scenes.getLow()] == Days.getLow());
  forall(s in Scenes: s != Scenes.getLow())
    cp.post(scene[s] <= max(k in 1..s-1) scene[k] + 1);
}
```

- This eliminates all the value symmetries
  - there is a limitation however



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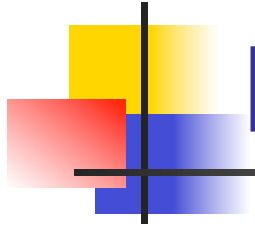


# Redundant Constraints

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- Motivation
  - **semantically redundant**: do not exclude any solution
  - **computationally significant**: reduce the search space
- What are redundant constraints?
  - express properties of the solutions (not explicated operationally)





# Magic Series

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- A series  $S = (S_0, \dots, S_n)$  is magic if  $S_i$  is the number of occurrences of  $i$  in  $S$

0      1      2      3      4

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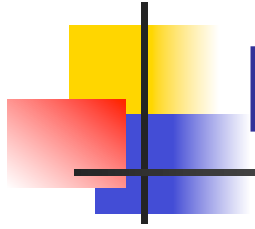


# Magic Series

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```
int n = 5;
range D = 0..n-1;
var<CP>{int} s[D] (cp,D);
solve<cp> {
  forall(k in D)
    cp.post(s[k] == sum(i in D) (s[i]==k));
}
```

- Redundant constraint
  - Can we find a property of the solution?



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  cp.post(sum(k in D) s[k] == n);
}
```

- Redundant constraint
  - there are n numbers in the series



# Magic Series

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```
int n = 5;
range D = 0..n-1;
var<CP>{int} s[D] (cp,D);
explore<cp> {
  forall(k in D)
    cp.post(s[k] == sum(i in D) (s[i]==k));
  cp.post(sum(k in D) s[k] == n);
}
```

## ■ Redundant constraint

- can I reexpress  $\text{sum}(k \text{ in } D) s[k]$ ?



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  cp.post(sum(k in D) s[k] == n);
  cp.post(sum(k in D) k*s[k] == n);
}
```

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# Magic Series

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```
s[0] == (s[0]==0) + (s[1]==0) + (s[2]==0) + (s[3]==0) + (s[4]==0)
s[1] == (s[0]==1) + (s[1]==1) + (s[2]==1) + (s[3]==1) + (s[4]==1)
s[2] == (s[0]==2) + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2) + (s[3]==2) + (s[4]==2)
s[3] == (s[0]==3) + (s[1]==3) + (s[2]==3) + (s[3]==3) + (s[4]==3)
s[4] == (s[0]==4) + (s[1]==4) + (s[2]==4) + (s[3]==4) + (s[4]==4)
s[1] + 2*s[2] + 3*s[3] + 4*s[4] = 5;
```



# Magic Series

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s[3] == (s[0]==3) + (s[1]==3)
s[4] == (s[0]==4) + (s[1]==4)
s[1] + 2*s[2] + 3*s[3] + 4*s[4] = 5;
```



# Magic Series

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- Assume  $s[0]=2$

```
2      ==      (s[1]==0) + (s[2]==0) + (s[3]==0) + (s[4]==0)
s[1]   ==      (s[1]==1) + (s[2]==1) + (s[3]==1) + (s[4]==1)
s[2]   ==  1 + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2)
s[3]   ==      (s[1]==3)
s[4]   ==      (s[1]==4)
s[1] + 2*s[2] + 3*s[3] + 4*s[4] = 5;
```

```
s[2] >= 1
s[1] + 3*s[3] + 4*s[4] <= 3
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s[2]   ==  1 + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2)
s[3]   ==      (s[1]==3)
0      ==      (s[1]==4)
s[1] + 2*s[2] + 3*s[3] + 4*0 = 5;
```

```
s[2] >= 1
s[1] + 3*s[3] + 4*s[4] <= 3
```



# Magic Series

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- Assume  $s[0]=2$

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1      ==      (s[1]==0) + (s[2]==0) + (s[3]==0)
s[1]   ==      (s[1]==1) + (s[2]==1) + (s[3]==1)
s[2]   ==  1 + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2)
s[3]   ==      (s[1]==3)
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s[2]   ==  1 + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2)
s[3]   ==      (s[1]==3)

s[1] + 2*s[2] + 3*s[3] = 5;
```



# Magic Series

---

- Assume  $s[0]=2$  and  $s[1] = 1$

```
1 == (s[1]==0) + (s[3]==0)
```

```
1 == (s[1]==1) + (s[2]==1) + (s[3]==1)
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s[2] == 1 + (s[1]==2) + (s[2]==2)
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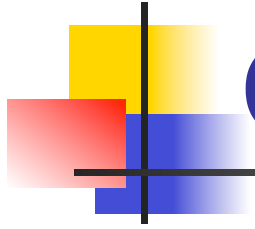


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  - express properties of the solutions
  - boost the propagation of other constraints



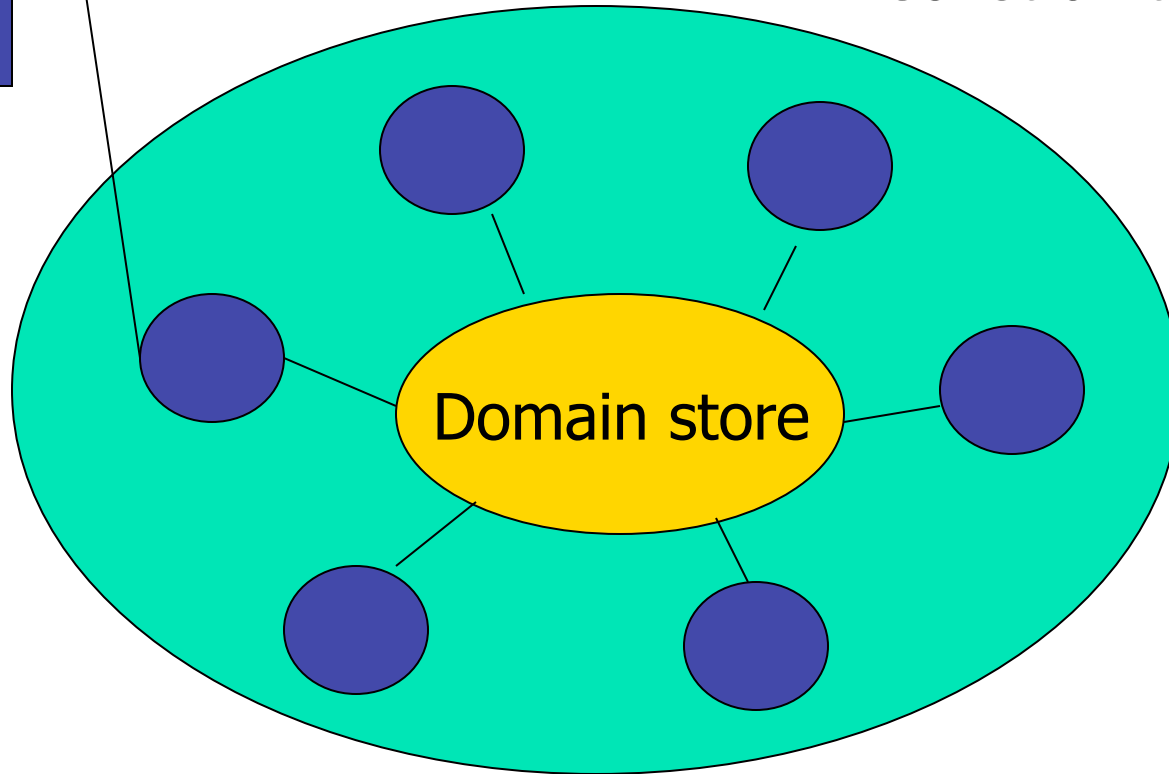


# Computational Model

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constraint

Constraint Store





# Redundant Constraints

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  - boost the propagation of other constraints
- Second role
  - provide a more global view
  - combine existing constraints
  - improve communication



# Market Split

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```
int w[C,V];
int rhs[C];
var<CP>{int} x[V] (cp,0..1);

solve<cp> {

    forall(c in C)
        cp.post(sum(v in V) w[c,v] * x[v] == rhs[c]);

}
using { ... }
```

- **Observe**

- the equations only communicates through the domains



# Market Split

---

```
int w[C,V];
int rhs[C];
var<CP>{int} x[V] (cp,0..1);
int alpha = 5;
solve<cp> {

    forall(c in C)
        cp.post(sum(v in V) w[c,v] * x[v] == rhs[c]);
    cp.post(sum(v in V) (sum(c in C) alpha^c * w[c,v])* x[v]
        == sum(c in C) alpha^c * rhs[c]);
}
```

- Redundant constraints
  - combinations of other constraints: surrogate constraints



# Market Split

---

```
int w[C,V];
int rhs[C];
var<CP>{int} x[V] (cp,0..1);
solve<cp> {

    forall(c in C)
        cp.post(binaryKnapsack(x,w[c],rhs[c]));
}
```

*global Constraint*



# Redundant Constraints

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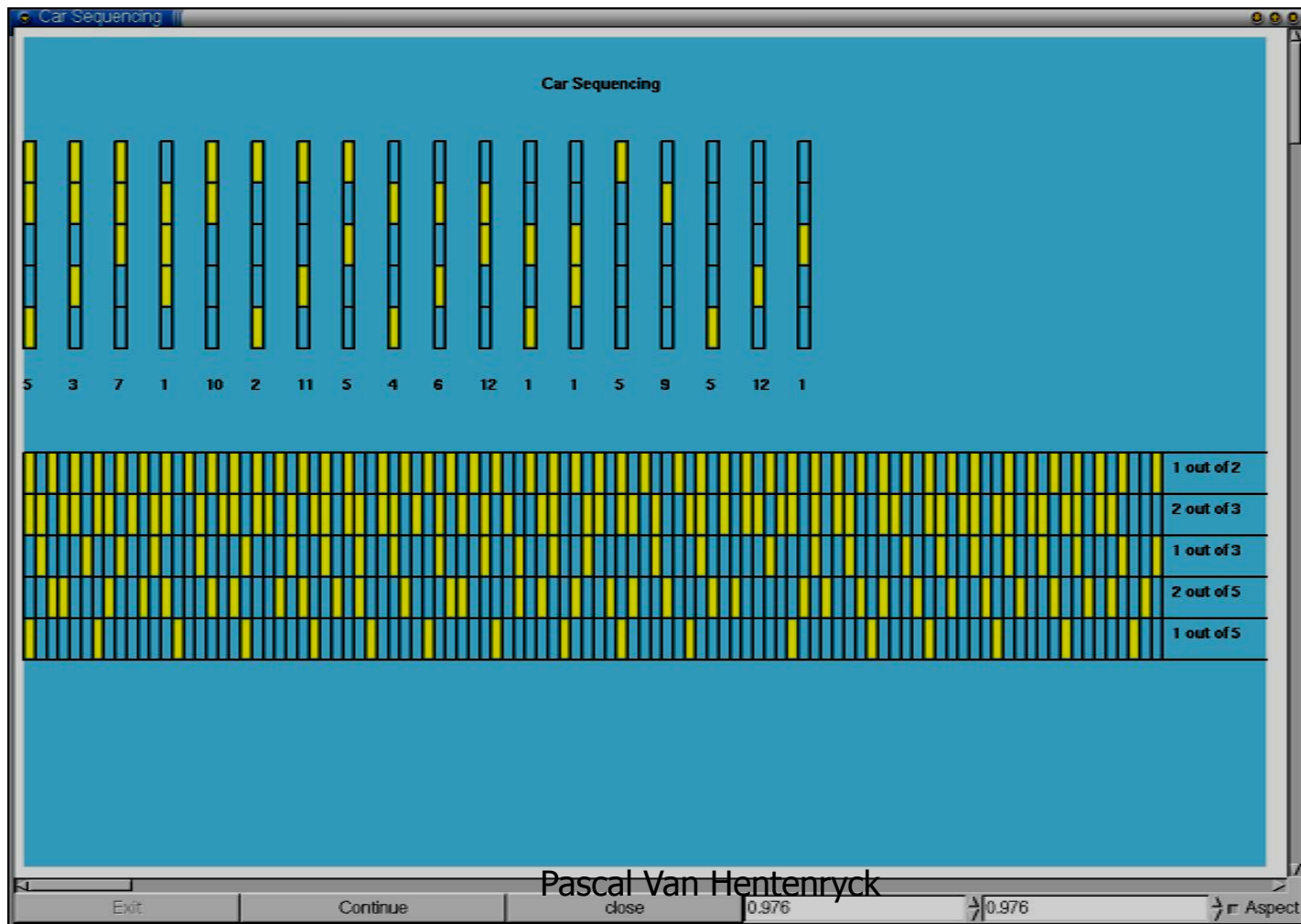
- First role
  - express properties of the solutions
  - boost the propagation of other constraints
- Second role
  - provide a more global view
  - combine existing constraints
- Third role
  - provide a more global view
  - derive a consequence of existing constraints

# Car Sequencing



- Cars on an assembly line
- Cars have options (e.g. leather seats)
- Capacity constraints on the production units (2 out of 5)
- Sequencing

# Car sequencing



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# Small example

---

Options	1	2	3	4	5	demand
Class 1	yes		yes	yes		1
Class 2				yes		1
Class 3		yes			yes	2
Class 4		yes		yes		2
Class 5	yes		yes			2
Class 6	yes	yes				2
capacity	1/2	2/3	1/3	2/5	1/5	



# Car Sequencing

---

```
range Cars = ...;
range Configs = ...;
range Options = ...;
int demand[Configs] = ...;
int lb[Options] = ...;
int ub[Options] = ...;
int requires[Options,Config] = ...;

var<CP>{int} line[Cars] (cp,Configs) ;
var<CP>{int} setup[Options,Cars] (cp,0..1) ;
```



# Car Sequencing

```
solve<cp> {  
  
    forall(c in Configs)  
        cp.post(sum(s in Cars) * (line[s] == c) == demand[c]);  
  
    forall(s in Cars, o in Options)  
        cp.post(setup[o, s] == requires[o, line[s]]);  
  
    forall(o in Options, s in 1..nbCars-ub[o]+1)  
        cp.post(sum(j in s..s+ub[o]-1) setup[o, j] <= lb[o]);  
}
```

*demand*

*capacity*



# Car sequencing

Slots	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	D
Cl 1	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	1
Cl 2	Red										1
Cl 3	Red										2
Cl 4	Red										2
Cl 5	Red										2
Cl 6	Red										2



# Car sequencing

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
01	Yellow	Red									1/2
02	Red										2/3
03	Yellow	Red	Red								1/3
04	Yellow										2/5
05	Red										1/5

Element:  $y \rightarrow x$

Capacity constraints



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Element:  $x \rightarrow y$

Slots	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	D
Cl 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cl 2	1										1
Cl 3	1										2
Cl 4	1										2
Cl 5	1	1	1								2
Cl 6	1	1									2



# Car Sequencing

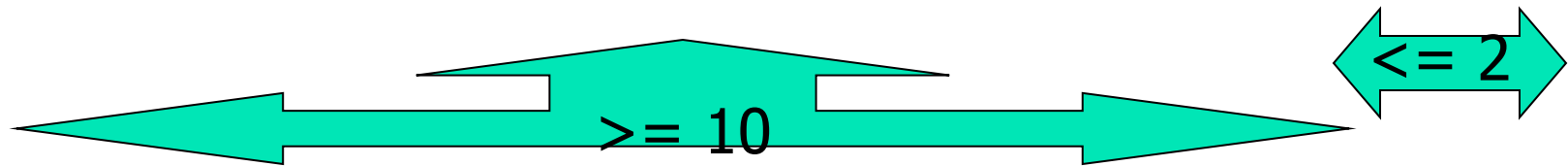
```
solve<cp> {  
  
    forall(c in Configs)  
        cp.post(sum(s in Cars) * (line[s] == c) == demand[c]);  
  
    forall(s in Cars, o in Options)  
        cp.post(setup[o, s] == requires[o, line[s]]);  
  
    forall(o in Options, s in 1..nbCars-ub[o]+1)  
        cp.post(sum(j in s..s+ub[o]-1) setup[o, j] <= lb[o]);  
}  
using  
    label(line);
```

*demand*

*capacity*



# Redundant constraints



- Capacity 2/3
- Demand 12



# Car Sequencing

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```
solve<cp> {  
  forall(c in Configs)  
    cp.post(sum(s in Cars) (line[s] == c) == demand[c]);  
  
  forall(s in Cars,o in Options)  
    cp.post(setup[o,s] == requires[o,line[s]]);  
  
  forall(o in Options, s in 1..nbCars-ub[o]+1)  
    cp.post(sum(j in s..s+ub[o]-1) setup[o,j] <= lb[o]);  
  
  forall(o in Options, i in 1..demand[o])  
    cp.post(sum(s in 1..nbCars-i*ub[o]) setup[o,s] >= demand[o]-i*lb[o]);  
}
```

# Car sequencing

Element:  $x \rightarrow y$

Slots	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	D
Cl 1	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	1
Cl 2	█										1
Cl 3	█										2
Cl 4	█										2
Cl 5	█	█	█								2
Cl 6	█	█									2



# Propagation

Class1	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class2	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class3	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Class4	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White
Class5	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Class6	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White

Options	1	2	3	4	5	Demand
Class 1	✓		✓	✓		1
Class 2				✓		1
Class 3		✓			✓	2
Class 4		✓		✓		2
Class 5	✓		✓			2
Class 6	✓	✓				2
Capacity	1/2	2/3	1/3	2/5	1/5	

Option1	Green	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Option2	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Option3	Green	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White
Option4	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White
Option5	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White

# Redundant Impact

Class1	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class2	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class3	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Class4	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White
Class5	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Class6	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White

Options	1	2	3	4	5	Demand
Class 1	✓	Blue	✓	✓		1
Class 2		Blue		✓		1
Class 3		✓			✓	2
Class 4		✓		✓		2
Class 5	✓	Blue	✓			2
Class 6	✓	✓				2
Capacity	1/2	2/3	1/3	2/5	1/5	

Option1	Green	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Option2	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green
Option3	Green	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Option4	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White
Option5	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White

# Final Propagation

Class1	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class2	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Class3	Red	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	Red	White	White
Class4	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	White	White	Red	White	White
Class5	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red
Class6	Red	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	Red	White	White

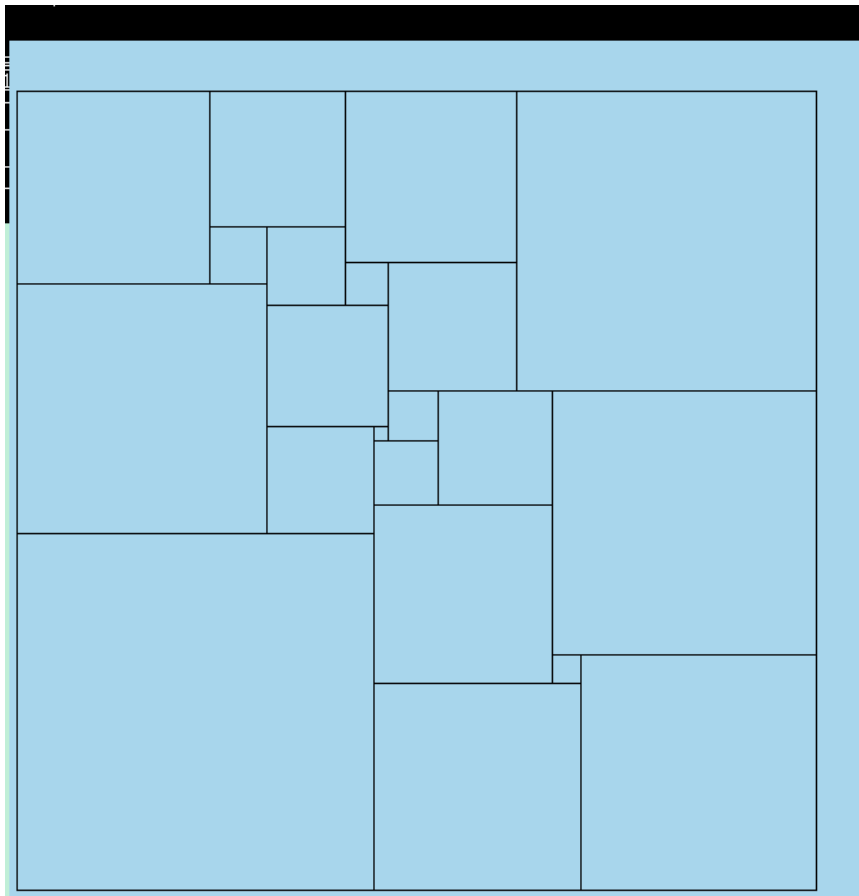
Options	1	2	3	4	5	Demand
Class 1	✓	Yellow	✓	✓		1
Class 2		Yellow		✓		1
Class 3		✓			✓	2
Class 4		✓		✓		2
Class 5	✓	Yellow	✓			2
Class 6	✓	✓				2
Capacity	1/2	2/3	1/3	2/5	1/5	

Option1	Green	Red	White	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green	Red	White
Option2	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green
Option3	Green	Red	Red	White	Green	White	White	Green	White	White
Option4	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	White	White	Red	White	White
Option5	Red	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	Red	White	White



# The Perfect Square Problem

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Pascal Van Hentenryck

# The Perfect Square Model

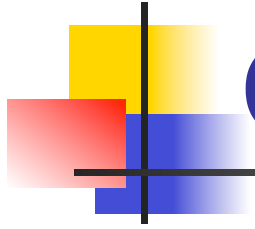
```
int s = 112; range Side = 1..s; range Square = 1..21;
int side[Square] = [50,42,37,35,33,29,27,25,24,19,18,17,16,15,11,9,8,7,6,4,2];
var<CP>{int} x[i in Square](cp,Side);
var<CP>{int} y[i in Square](cp,Side);
solveall<cp> {
  forall(i in Square) {
    cp.post(x[i]<=s-side[i]+1); cp.post(y[i]<=s-side[i]+1); }
  forall(i in Square,j in Square: i<j)
    cp.post(x[i]+side[i]<= x[j] || x[j]+side[j]<=x[i] || y[i]+side[i]<=y[j] || y[j]+side[j]<=y[i]);

  forall(p in Side) {
    cp.post(sum(i in Square) side[i]*((x[i]<=p) && (x[i]>=p-side[i]+1)) == s);
    cp.post(sum(i in Square) side[i]*((y[i]<=p) && (y[i]>=p-side[i]+1)) == s);
  }
}
```

*no overlap*

*Redundant constraints*



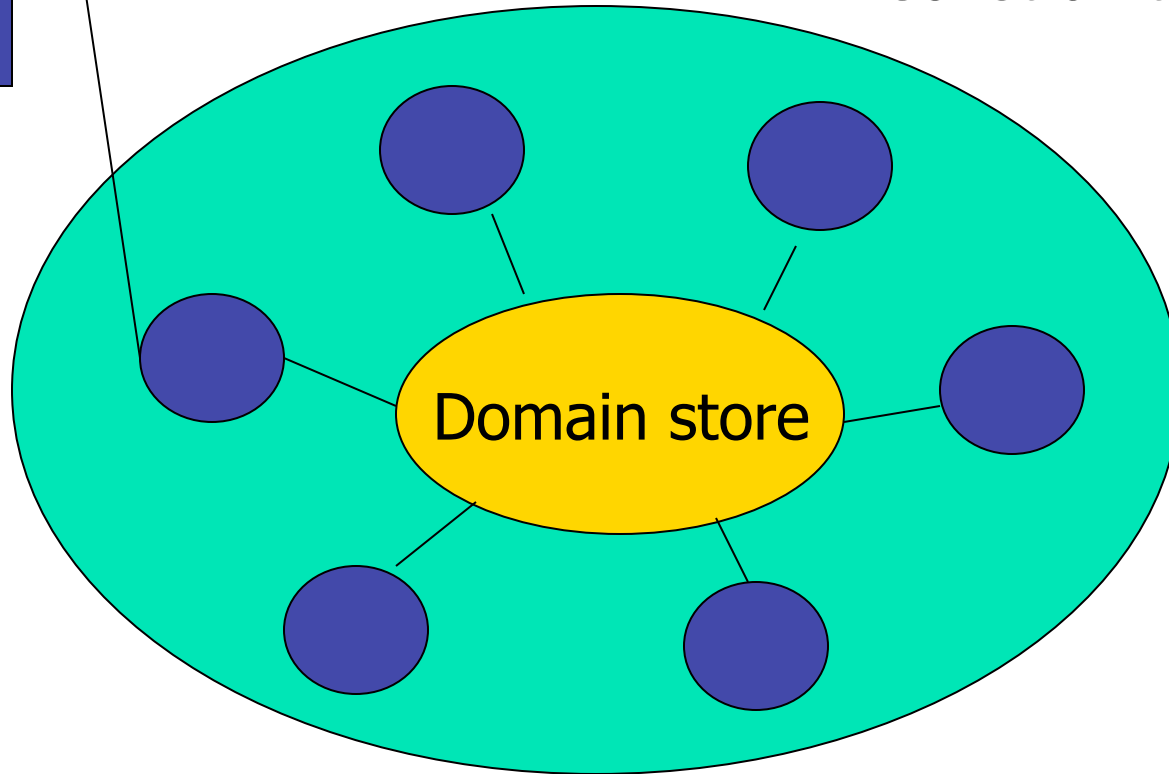


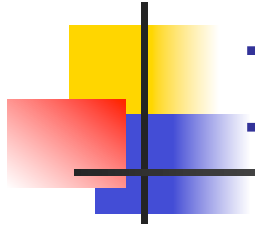
# Computational Model

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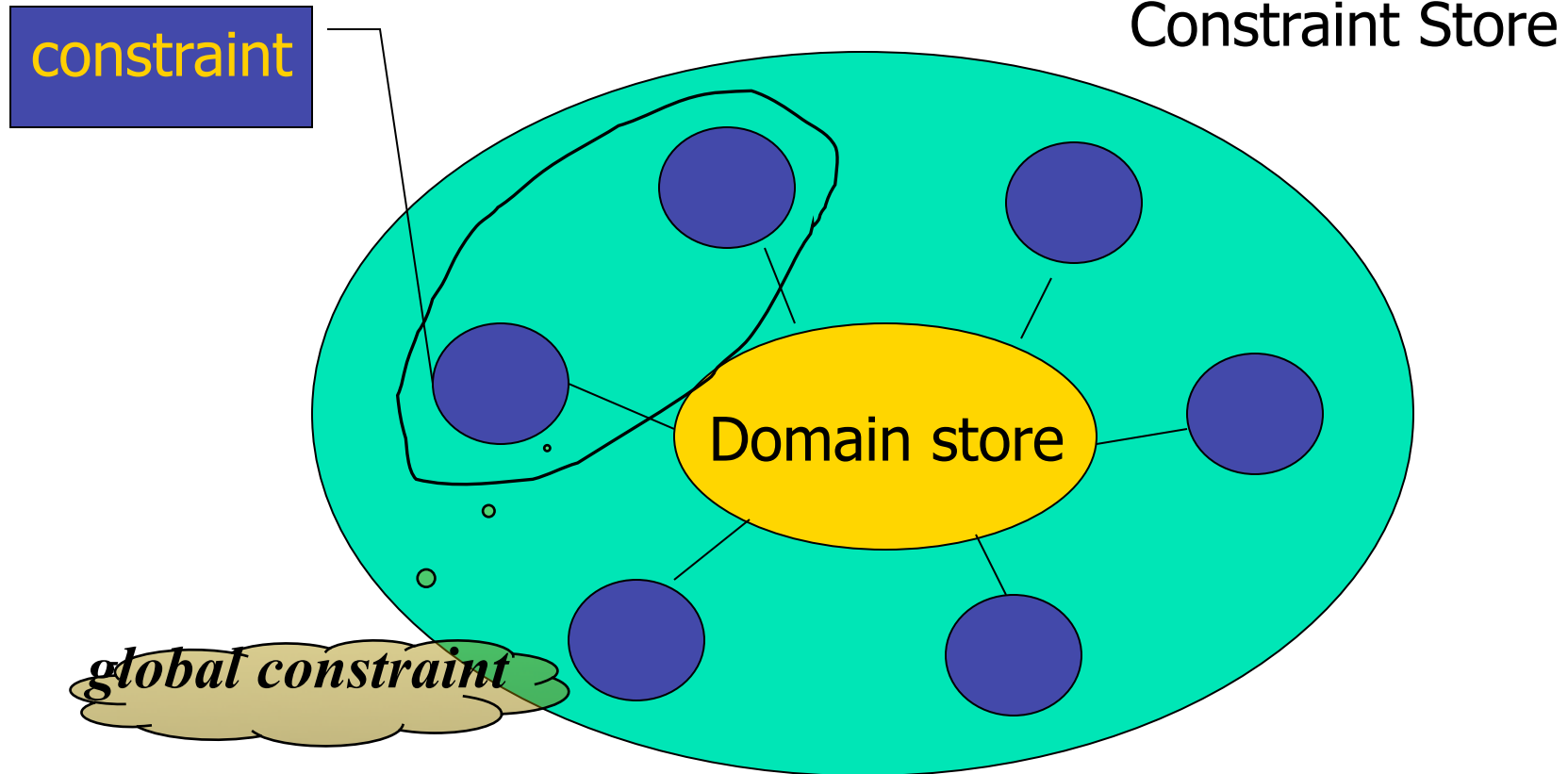
constraint

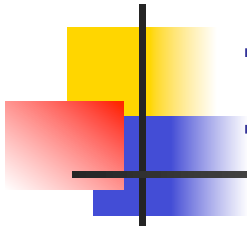
Constraint Store





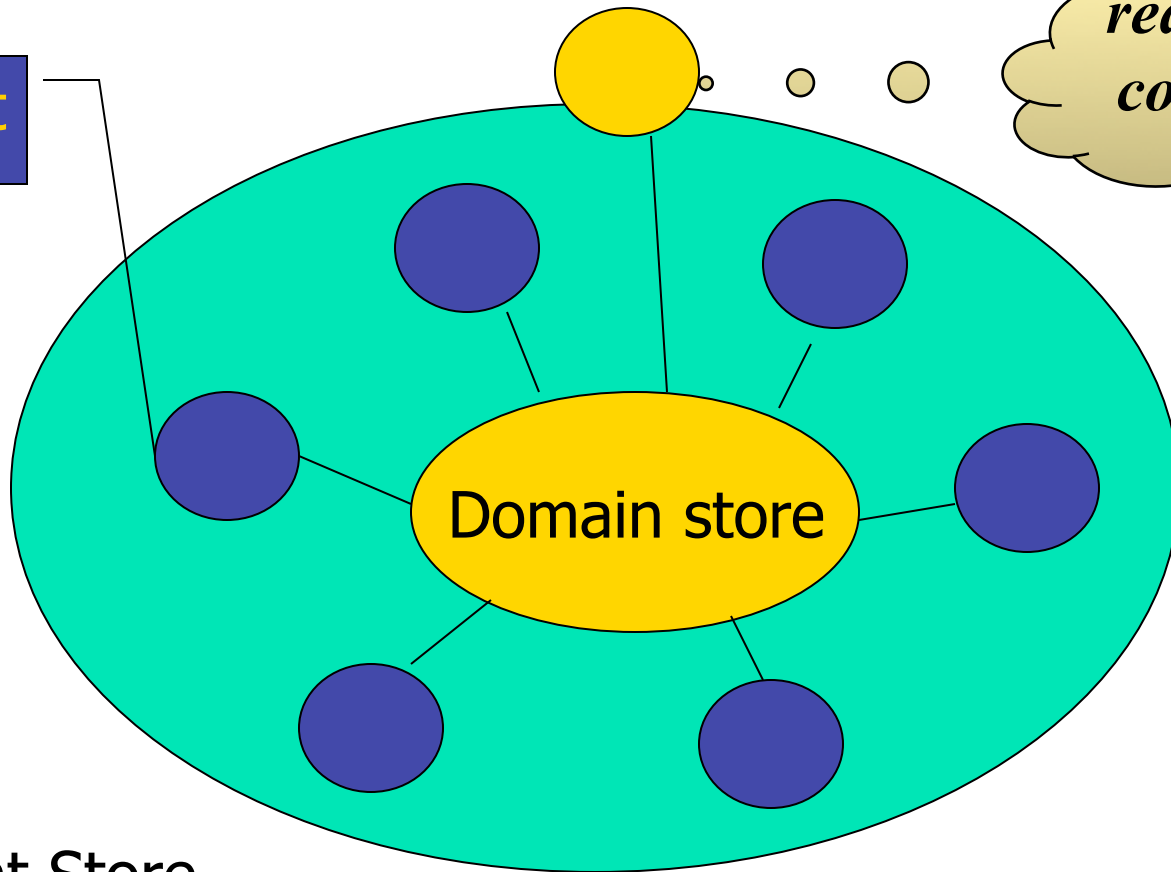
# Improving Communication



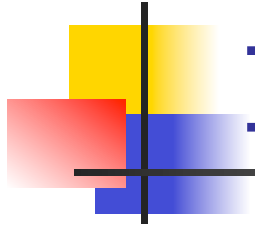


# Improving Communication

constraint

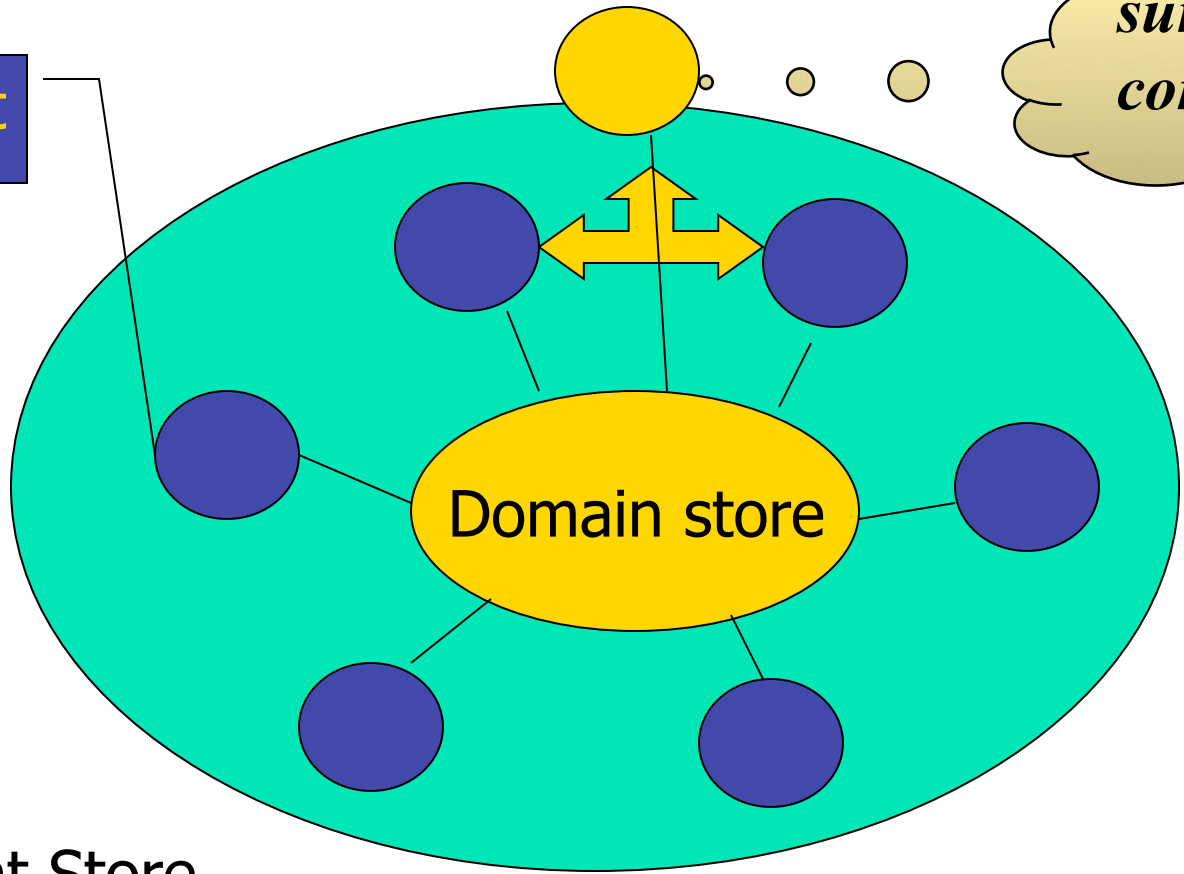


Constraint Store



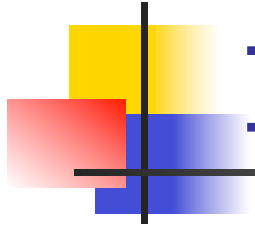
# Improving Communication

constraint



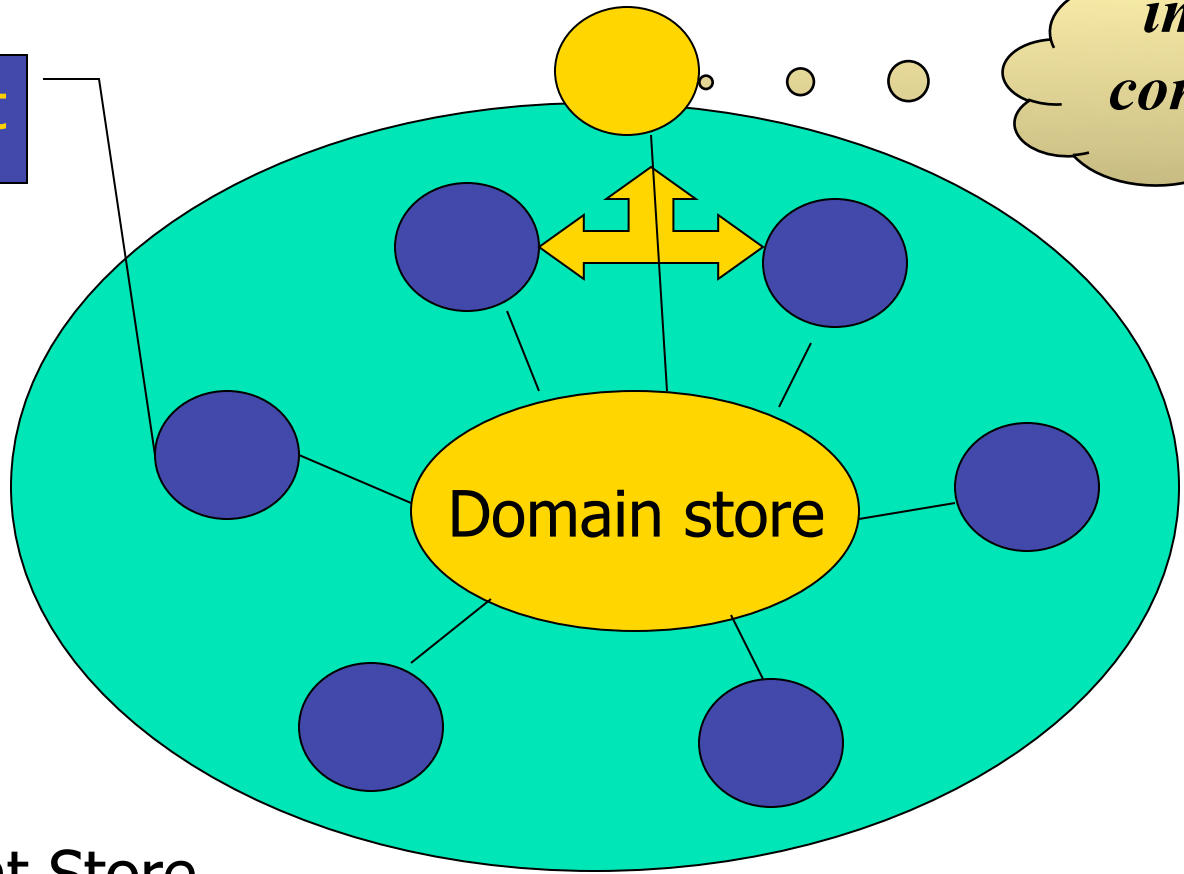
*surrogate  
constraint*

Constraint Store



# Improving Communication

constraint



*implied  
constraint*

Constraint Store



# Outline

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- Auxiliary Variables
- Redundant Constraints
- Dual Modeling
- Symmetries



# Dual Modeling

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- Motivation
  - sometimes there are several possible models for the same problem
- Dual modeling
  - use several of them and link their variables



# The Queens Problem

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```
Solver<CP> cp();
int n = 8;
range R = 1..n;
range C = 1..n;
var<CP>{int} row[C] (cp,R);
solve<cp> {
    cp.post(alldifferent(row));
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) row[k] + k));
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) row[k] - k));
}
```





# The Queens Problem

```
var<CP>{int} row[C] (cp,R) ;
var<CP>{int} col[R] (cp,C) ;
solve<cp> {
    cp.post(alldifferent(row)) ;
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) row[k] + k)) ;
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) row[k] - k)) ;

    cp.post(alldifferent(col)) ;
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) col[k] + k)) ;
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(k in R) col[k] - k)) ;

    forall(r in R,c in C)
        cp.post((row[c] == r) == (col[r] == c)) ;
}
```



# Sport Scheduling

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
period 1	0 vs 1	0 vs 2	4 vs 6	3 vs 6	3 vs 7	1 vs 5	2 vs 4
period 2	2 vs 3	1 vs 7	0 vs 3	5 vs 7	1 vs 4	0 vs 6	5 vs 6
period 3	4 vs 5	3 vs 5	1 vs 6	0 vs 4	2 vs 6	2 vs 7	0 vs 7
period 4	6 vs 7	4 vs 6	2 vs 5	1 vs 2	0 vs 5	3 vs 4	1 vs 3

- There are  $n$  teams,  $n/2$  periods,  $n-1$  weeks
- Every team must play against every other team
  - Difficult to express
- A team plays exactly one game per period
- A team can play at most twice in the same period



# Sport Scheduling

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- Submitted by Bob Daniel to the MIP LIB.
- McAloon, Tretkoff, and Wetzel claim that state-of-the-art MIP packages cannot find a solution for  $n=14$  (1997).
- The model to be described finds a solution in a couple of seconds ( $n = 14$ ).



# Sport Scheduling

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- Team variables: a variable for each slot

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
period 1	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -
period 2	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -
period 3	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -
period 4	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs -	- vs

- Game variables: a variable for each game

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
period 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
period 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
period 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
period 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



# Sport Scheduling

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Add a dummy week

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
period 1	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -
period 2	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -
period 3	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -
period 4	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS -	- VS	- VS -

## Constraints

- each team plays exactly twice in each period
- all the teams playing in week n are distinct



# Sport Scheduling

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- A team plays once a week
  - Take all teams in a week and state that they are all different (global constraint)
- A team plays exactly twice in a period
  - Take all the teams in a period and state a cardinality constraint (global constraint)
- Every team plays against all other teams
  - Take all the games and state that they are all different
- Link the games and the teams
  - Table constraint described by a set of possible couples



# Sport Scheduling

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```
int n = 14;
range Periods = 1..n/2;
range Teams   = 1..n;
range Weeks   = 1..n-1;
range EWeeks  = 1..n;
enum Location = {home,away};
range Games   = 1..(n/2)*n-1;
tuple triple {int a1; int a2; int a3; }
set{tuple} Triples();
forall(i in 1..n,j in 1..n: i < j)
    Triples.insert(triple(i,j,(i-1)*n + j));
Table<CP> t(all(t in Triples) t.a1,
           all(t in Triples) t.a2,
           all(t in Triples) t.a3);
```

# Sport Scheduling

```
var<CP>{int} team[Periods,EWeeks,Location](cp,Teams);
var<CP>{int} game[Periods,Weeks](cp,1..n^2);

solve<cp>{
  forall(w in EWeeks)
    cp.post(alldifferent(all(p in Periods,l in Location) team[p,w,l]),onDomains);
  forall(p in Periods)
    cp.post(exactly(all(i in Teams)2,all(w in EWeeks,l in Location) team[p,w,l]),
            onDomains);
  cp.post(alldifferent(all(p in Periods,w in Weeks) game[p,w]),onDomains);

  forall(p in Periods,w in Weeks)
    cp.post(table(team[p,w,home],team[p,w,away],game[p,w],t));
}
using labelFF(all(p in Periods,w in Weeks) game[p,w]);
```

*Table Constraints*