

# constraints.py

## Overview

- **Python\_constraint** is a simple package for solving CSP problems in Python
- Installing it
- Using it
- Examples
  - Magic Squares
  - Map coloring
  - Sudoku puzzles
  - HW4: Battleships

## Installation

- Get `setuptools.py`
  - Package management tools using the PyPi software repository
  - PyPi is to Python as CPAN is to Perl
  - See <http://pypi.python.org/pypi/setuptools>
- `easy_install python-constraint`
  - Searches PyPi for current version, gets it, builds it and installs it on your computer
- Or download/access svn from
  - <http://labix.org/python-constraint/>

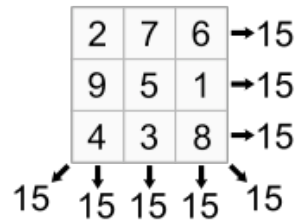
## Simple Example

```
>>> from constraint import *
>>> p = Problem()
>>> p.addVariable("a", [1,2,3])
>>> p.addVariable("b", [4,5,6])
>>> p.getSolutions()
[{'a': 3, 'b': 6}, {'a': 3, 'b': 5}, {'a': 3, 'b': 4},
 {'a': 2, 'b': 6}, {'a': 2, 'b': 5}, {'a': 2, 'b': 4},
 {'a': 1, 'b': 6}, {'a': 1, 'b': 5}, {'a': 1, 'b': 4}]

>>> p.addConstraint(lambda a,b: a*2 == b, ("a", "b"))
>>> p.getSolutions()
[{'a': 3, 'b': 6}, {'a': 2, 'b': 4}]
```

## Magic Square

- An NxN array on integers where all of rows, columns and diagonals sum to the same number
- Given N (e.g. 3) and the magic sum (e.g., 15) find the cell values
- What are the
  - Variables & their domains
  - Constraints



## 3x3 Magic Square

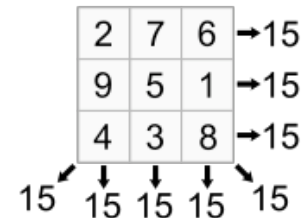
```
from constraint import *  
p = Problem()  
p.addVariables(range(9), range(1, 10))  
p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), range(9))  
p.addConstraint(ExactSumConstraint(15), [0,4,8])  
p.addConstraint(ExactSumConstraint(15), [2,4,6])  
for row in range(3):  
    p.addConstraint(ExactSumConstraint(15),  
                    [row*3+i for i in range(3)])  
for col in range(3):  
    p.addConstraint(ExactSumConstraint(15),  
                    [col+3*i for i in range(3)])
```

## 3x3 Magic Square

```
sols = p.getSolutions()  
  
print sols  
  
for s in sols  
    for row in range(3):  
        for col in range(3):  
            print s[row*3+col],  
            print
```

## 3x3 Magic Square

```
> python ms3.py  
[{'0': 6, '1': 7, '2': 2, ... 8': 4}, {'0': 6,  
 1': ...}, ...]  
6 7 2  
1 5 9  
8 3 4  
6 1 8  
7 5 3  
2 9 4  
... six more solutions ...
```



## Constraints

- FunctionConstraint()
- Arguments:
  - Function of N (N>0) arguments
  - Set of N variables
- Function can be separately defined and referenced by name or defined locally via a lambda expression
  - `p.addConstraint(lambda x,y: x == 2 * y, [11,22])`
  - `P.addConstraint(dblfn, [11,22])`
  - `def dblfn (x, y): return x == y * 2`

## Constraints

- Constraints on a set of variables:
  - AllDifferentConstraint()
  - AllEqualConstraint()
  - MaxSumConstraint()
  - ExactSumConstraint()
  - MinSumConstraint()
- Example:
  - `p.addConstraint(ExactSumConstraint(100), [11,...19])`
  - `p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [11,...19])`

## Constraints

- Constraints on a set of possible values
  - InSetConstraint()
  - NotInSetConstraint()
  - SomeInSetConstraint()
  - SomeNotInSetConstraint()

## Map Coloring

```
def color (map, colors=['red','green','blue']):
    (vars, adjoins) = parse_map(map)
    p = Problem()
    p.addVariables(vars, colors)
    for (v1, v2) in adjoins:
        p.addConstraint(lambda x,y: x!=y, [v1, v2])
    solution = p.getSolution()
    if solution:
        for v in vars:
            print "%s:%s " % (v, solution[v]),
        print
    else:
        print 'No solution found :-('

austrailia = "SA:WA NT Q NSW V; NT:WA Q; NSW: Q V; T:"
```

```

def sudoku(initialValue):
    p = Problem()
    # Define a variable for each cell: 11,12,13...21,22,23...98,99
    for i in range(1, 10):
        p.addVariables(range(i*10+1, i*10+10), range(1, 10))
    # Each row has different values
    for i in range(1, 10):
        p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), range(i*10+1, i*10+10))
    # Each column has different values
    for i in range(1, 10):
        p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), range(10+i, 100+i, 10))
    # Each 3x3 box has different values
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [11,12,13,21,22,23,31,32,33])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [41,42,43,51,52,53,61,62,63])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [71,72,73,81,82,83,91,92,93])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [14,15,16,24,25,26,34,35,36])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [44,45,46,54,55,56,64,65,66])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [74,75,76,84,85,86,94,95,96])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [17,18,19,27,28,29,37,38,39])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [47,48,49,57,58,59,67,68,69])
    p.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint(), [77,78,79,87,88,89,97,98,99])
    # add unary constraints for cells with initial non-zero values
    for i in range(1, 10):
        for j in range(1, 10):
            value = initialValue[i-1][j-1]
            if value: p.addConstraint(lambda var, val=value: var == val, (i*10+j,))
    return p.getSolution()

```

## Sudoku

## Sudoku Input

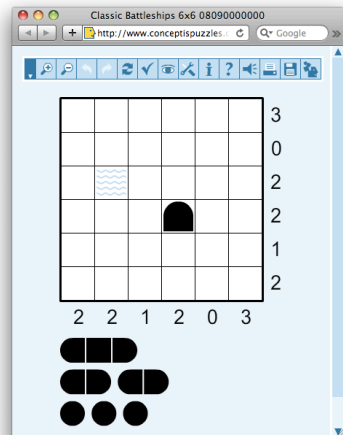
```

easy = [[0,9,0,7,0,0,8,6,0],
        [0,3,1,0,0,5,0,2,0],
        [8,0,6,0,0,0,0,0,0],
        [0,0,7,0,5,0,0,0,6],
        [0,0,0,3,0,7,0,0,0],
        [5,0,0,0,1,0,7,0,0],
        [0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,9],
        [0,2,0,6,0,0,0,5,0],
        [0,5,4,0,0,8,0,7,0]]

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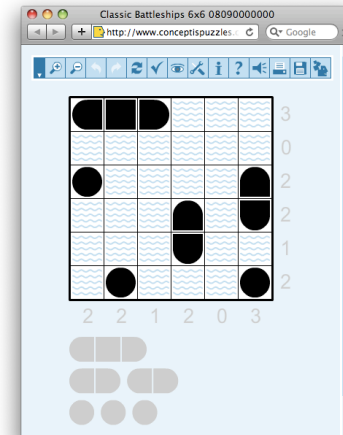
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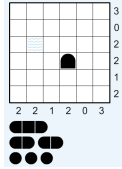
## Battleship puzzle

- Resources

- <http://www.conceptispuzzles.com/>

- [http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Battleship\\_\(puzzle\)](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Battleship_(puzzle))

- Barbara M. Smith, Constraint Programming Models for Solitaire Battleships, 2006



## HW4 problem 4

- Write a CSP program to solve 6x6 battleships with 3 subs, 2 destroyers and 1 carrier
- Given row and column sums and several hints
- Hints: for a location, specify one of {water, top, bottom, left, right, middle, circle}