

Challenge June 2024

Stable marriages

A solution with OPL CPLEX CPOptimizer by Alex Fleischer
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In January 2024, the challenge was a family riddle and I am glad to help families again here with optimization and CPLEX. Yes, CPLEX and optimization can help us make a better world.

Within CPLEX, I used OPL and chose the Constraint Programming engine: CPOptimizer.

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using CP;
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{string} men=...;  
{string} women=...;
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range r=1..card(men);
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int menRankWomen[r][r]=...;  
int womenRankMen[r][r]=...;
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dvar int wife[r] in r;  
dvar int husband[r] in r;
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subject to
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{  
    // all men and women have different spouses and wife is the inverse of husband  
    allDifferent(wife);  
    allDifferent(husband);  
    inverse(wife,husband);
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    // stability equations
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    forall(m in r) forall(w in r)  
        ((w!=wife[m]) && (menRankWomen[m][w]<=menRankWomen[m][wife[m]]))  
        =>  
        (womenRankMen[w][m]>=womenRankMen[w][husband[w]]);
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    forall(w in r) forall(m in r)  
        ((m!=husband[w]) && (womenRankMen[w][m]<=womenRankMen[w][husband[w]]))  
        =>  
        (menRankWomen[m][w]>=menRankWomen[m][wife[m]]);
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}

execute display_solution
{
    writeln("Stable marriages");
    for(var m in men) writeln(m, " - ",Opl.item(women,wife[1+Opl.ord(men,m)]-1));
}

/* One solution is

Stable marriages
Adam - Barbara
Bob - Doris
Charlie - Claire
Dave - Alice
Edgar - Elsie
*/

// In order to enumerate uncomment the following lines

//main
//{
//    var nb=0;
//    cp.param.SearchType=24;
//    cp.param.workers=1;
//
//    thisOplModel.generate();
//    cp.startNewSearch();
//    while
//    (cp.next()) { thisOplModel.postProcess(); nb++; writeln("nb=",nb);}
//}

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.dat

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men={"Adam","Bob","Charlie","Dave","Edgar"};
women={"Alice","Barbara","Claire","Doris","Elsie"};

menRankWomen=
[[5,1,2,4,3],
[4,1,3,2,5],
[5,3,2,4,1],
[1,5,4,3,2],
[4,3,2,1,5]];

womenRankMen=
[[1,2,4,3,5],
[3,5,1,2,4],
[5,4,2,1,3],
[1,4,3,2,5],
[4,2,3,5,1]];

```

And If I uncomment the enumerate part I can prove that there are only five solutions.