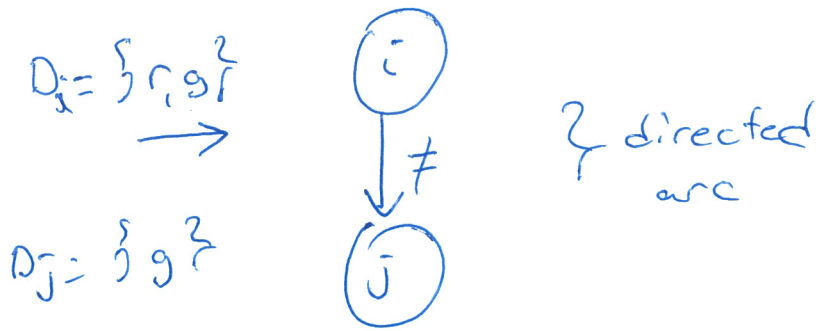
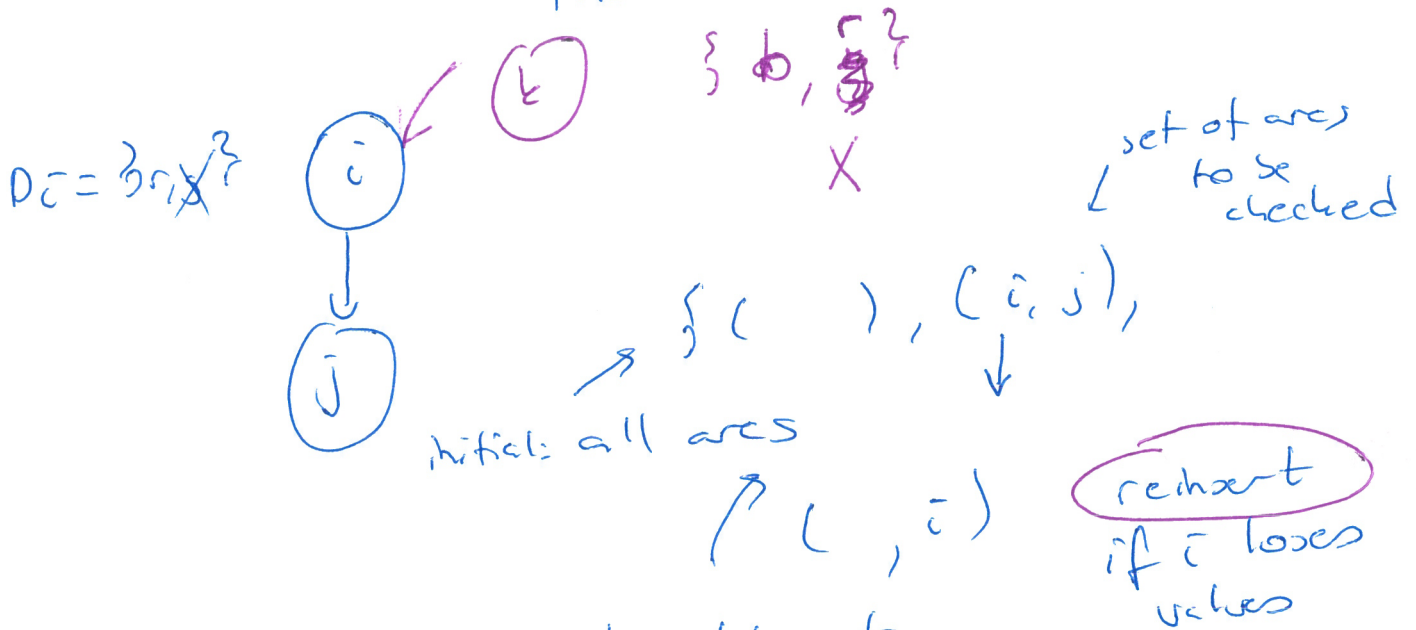


# Arc consistency



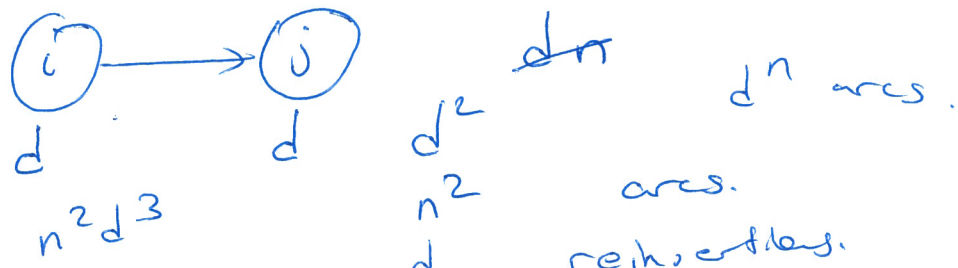
$\checkmark$   
 ~~$\times$~~

$\{ \text{detect inconsistency and correct that by removing the value(s) that cause the inconsistency.} \}$



How long does it take to check a single arc for consistency  
 $d$  values in each domain

$n$ : # of vars  
 $d$ : # of domain values



Tree structured

CSPs

(2)



$\{a, b\}$

2



c  $\{ \dots X \}$

3



$\{ \dots X \}$

d, e

n

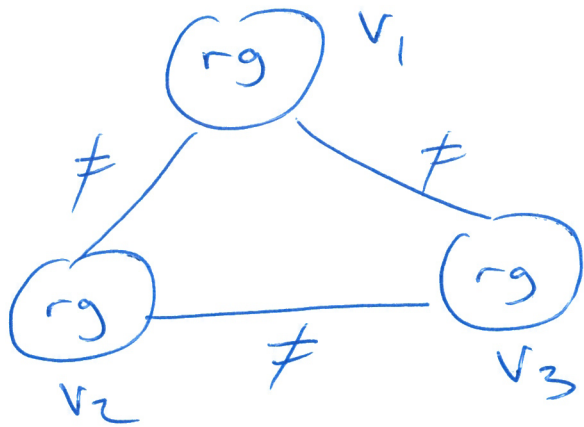
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After "solving up" with arc consistency no need for a search  
simply go from root to leaves and make assignment

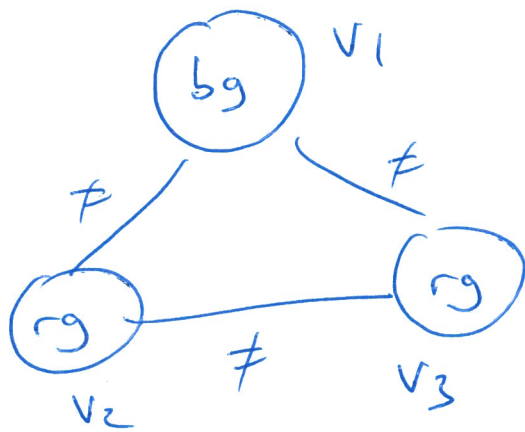
After arc-consistency

(3)



Is this graph arc consistent? Yes

0 solutions

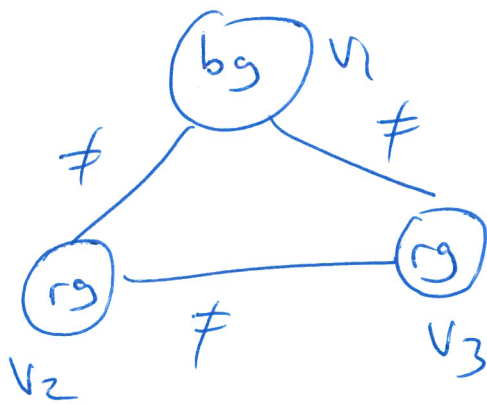


Is this graph arc consistent? Yes.

2 solutions

multiple solutions

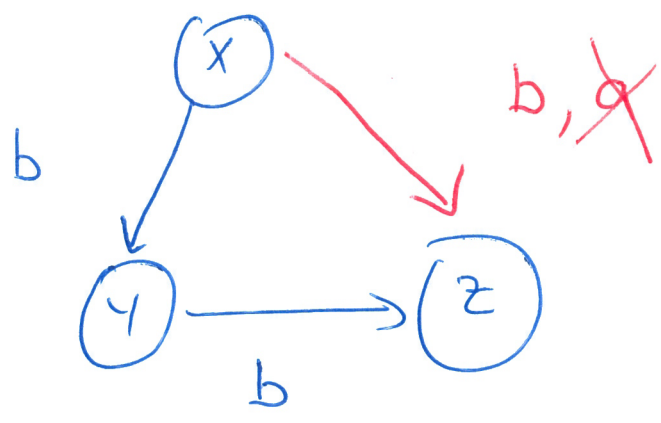
$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$
b	r	g
b	g	r



One more constraint  
 $v_1 = \text{blue}$ ,  $v_3 = \text{red}$  is not allowed  
 rules of second solution is not allowed  
 1 solution.

# Path consistency for IA (Interval Algebra)

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inference  $\downarrow$