

LINGI2365 2014-2015

Constraint programming

5.0 credits

30.0 h + 15.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Deville Yves ;
Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	http://icampus.uclouvain.be/claroline/course/index.php?cid=INGI2365
Main themes :	 Constraints and domains
	 Practical aspects of constraint solvers
	Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSP)
	Models and languages for constraint programming
	Methods and techniques for constraint solving (consistency, relaxation, optimization, search, linear programming, global constraints,)
	 Search techniques and strategies
	 Problem modelling and resolution
	Applications to differents problem classes (e.g. planification, scheduling, ressource allocation, economics, robotics)
Aims :	Given the learning outcomes of the "Master in Computer Science and Engineering" program, this course contributes to the development, acquisition and evaluation of the following learning outcomes:
	 INF01.1-3
	INFO2.2-4
	INF05.4-5
	INFO6.1, INFO6.4 Given the learning outcomes of the "Master [120] in Computer Science" program, this course contributes to the development, acquisition and evaluation of the following learning outcomes:
	SINF1.M4
	SINF2.2-4
	SINF5.4-5
	SINF6.1, SINF6.4 Students completing successfully this course will be able to
	 explain and apply techniques for solving Constraint Satisfaction Problems
	solve simple problems involving CSP
	explain foundations of models and languages for constraint solving
	identify problem classes where constraint programming can be apply successfully
	model simple problems in the form of constraints, and express these models in a constraint programming language, including search strategies. Students will have developed skills and operational methodology. In particular, they have developed their ability to:
	 master rapidly a new programming language;

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	use technical documents to deepen their knowledge of a topic. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	 Projects (10% of the final grade)
	Problem sets (15% of the final grade)
	Written examn (75% of the final grade) In case of failure of the note for projects + problems, the weighting of those parts will be greater. The problem sets and the project must be submitted and may be realized only during the quadrimester of the course. It is not possible to realize them during another quadrimster or for the exam resset of September.
Teaching methods :	 lectures
	practicals : 4 problem sets and 1 bigger project performed by group of 2
Content :	 Introduction to constraint programming
	Modeling
	Propagation
	Searching
	Global constraints
	Constraint programming optimization
	Known issues in CP and solution of new problems
	Pratical aspects of constraint solvers
Bibliography :	References
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	K. Apt. Principles of Constraint Programming. Cambridge University Press, 2003
	Rina Dechter. Constraint Processing. Morgan Kaufmann, 2004
	F. Rossi, P. Van Beek, T. Walsh (eds). Handbook of Constraint Programming. Elsevier 2006.
	Kim Marriott, Peter J. Stuckey. Programming with Constraints. An Introduction.MIT Press, 1998.
	P. Van Hentenryck. The OPL Optimization Programming Language. The MIT Press, 1999.
Other infos :	Background:
	LINGI2261 : Basic concepts and methods in Artificial Intelligence
Cycle and year of study :	> Master [120] in Computer Science > Master [120] in Computer Science and Engineering
Faculty or entity in charge:	INFO