

Breaking Local Symmetries in Quasigroup Completion Problems

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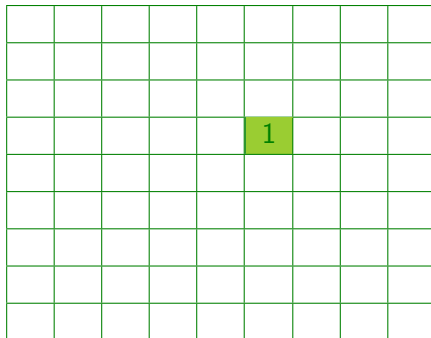
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1. $a \cdot x = b$,
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- ▶ A **Latin square** is an $n \times n$ table filled with n different symbols, having one symbol in each cell, in such a way that each symbol occurs exactly once in each row and exactly once in each column.

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Definition (Quasigroup Completion Problem (QCP))

Given a partial quasigroup, identify a complete assignment such that each symbol occurs exactly once in each row and exactly once in each column, or prove that such an assignment does not exist.

Variables

- ▶ n Boolean variables per cell,
- ▶ Each variable represents a number assigned to a cell,
- ▶ Variable q_{xyz} is assigned true iff the cell in row x , column y is assigned the number z .
- ▶ Total number of variables is n^3 .

QCPs as a SAT Problem (Minimal Encoding)

Constraints

- ▶ At least one number must be assigned to each cell:

$$\bigwedge_{x=1}^n \bigwedge_{y=1}^n \bigvee_{z=1}^n q_{xyz}$$

- ▶ No number is repeated in the same row:

$$\bigwedge_{y=1}^n \bigwedge_{z=1}^n \bigwedge_{x=1}^{n-1} \bigwedge_{i=x+1}^n (\neg q_{xyz} \vee \neg q_{xiz})$$

- ▶ No number is repeated in the same column:

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QCPs as a SAT Problem (Extended Encoding)

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- ▶ Each number must appear at least once in each column:

$$\bigwedge_{y=1}^n \bigwedge_{z=1}^n \bigvee_{x=1}^n q_{xyz}$$

- ▶ No two numbers are assigned to the same cell:

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- To break this symmetry we impose a lexicographical order between the two numbers.

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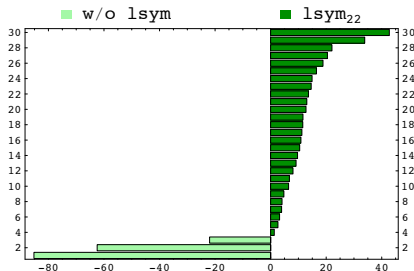
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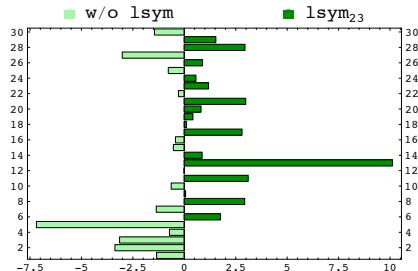
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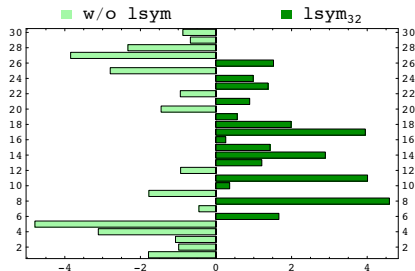


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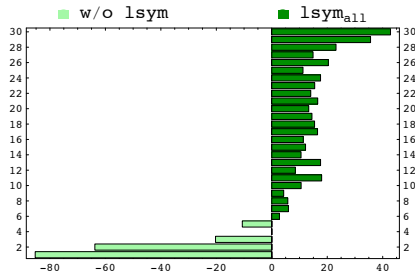
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25 Instances (2.76;15.17;42.81)%

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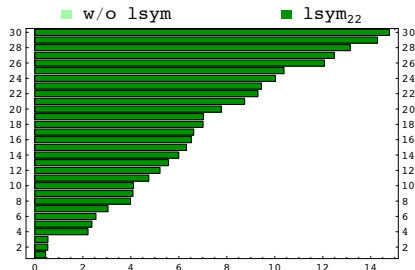
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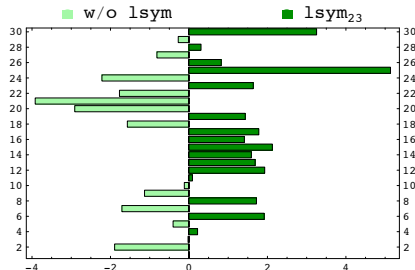
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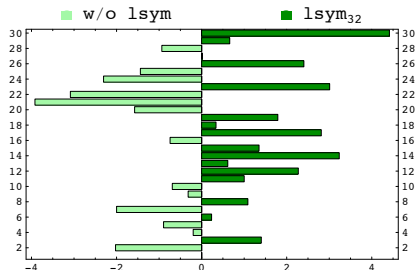


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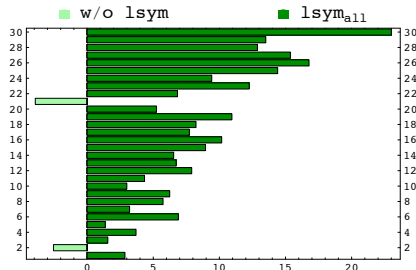
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Conclusions & Future Work

- ▶ Identified several types of Local Symmetries in QCPs
- ▶ Added new clauses for symmetry breaking has a negative impact on the solver
- ▶ Simplify the clauses needed to break Local Symmetries
- ▶ Develop new heuristics to cope with Local Symmetries
- ▶ Apply a similar reasoning to other problems