

# CONSTRAINT PROGRAMMING AND OPTIMIZATION – A TUTORIAL

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## ABSTRACT

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## COMPUTATIONALLY COMPLEX PROBLEMS AND CONSTRAINT PROGRAMMING

Brute computing power is not an answer to computationally complex problems. In this presentation, after justifying this by a simple example [1], a brief explanation of computational complexity will be presented [2].

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