

Course “An Introduction to SAT and SMT”

Chapter 2: Satisfiability Modulo Theories

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The problem of deciding the satisfiability of (typically quantifier-free) formulas in some decidable first-order theory \mathcal{T}

- \mathcal{T} can also be a **combination of theories** $\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i$.

SMT(\mathcal{T}): theories of interest

Some theories of interest (e.g., for formal verification)

- Equality and Uninterpreted Functions (\mathcal{EUF}):
 $((x = y) \wedge (y = f(z))) \rightarrow (g(x) = g(f(z)))$
- Difference logic (\mathcal{DL}): $((x = y) \wedge (y - z \leq 4)) \rightarrow (x - z \leq 6)$
- UTVPI (\mathcal{UTVPI}): $((x = y) \wedge (y - z \leq 4)) \rightarrow (x + z \leq 6)$
- Linear arithmetic over the rationals (\mathcal{LRA}):
 $(T_\delta \rightarrow (s_1 = s_0 + 3.4 \cdot t - 3.4 \cdot t_0)) \wedge (\neg T_\delta \rightarrow (s_1 = s_0))$
- Linear arithmetic over the integers (\mathcal{LIA}):
 $(x := x_l + 2^{16}x_h) \wedge (x \geq 0) \wedge (x \leq 2^{16} - 1)$
- Arrays (\mathcal{AR}): $(i = j) \vee read(write(a, i, e), j) = read(a, j)$
- Bit vectors (\mathcal{BV}):
 $x_{[16]}[15 : 0] = (y_{[16]}[15 : 8] :: z_{[16]}[7 : 0]) \ll w_{[8]}[3 : 0]$
- Non-Linear arithmetic over the reals ($\mathcal{NLA}(\mathbb{R})$):
 $((c = a \cdot b) \wedge (a_1 = a - 1) \wedge (b_1 = b + 1)) \rightarrow (c = a_1 \cdot b_1 + 1)$
- ...

Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT(\mathcal{T})): Example

Example: SMT($\mathcal{L}IA \cup \mathcal{EUF} \cup \mathcal{AR}$)

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- involves arithmetical, arrays, and uninterpreted function/predicate symbols, plus Boolean operators
 - Is it consistent?
 - No:

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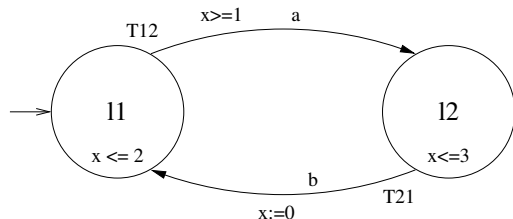
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Some Motivating Applications

Interest in SMT triggered by some real-world applications

- Verification of Hybrid & Timed Systems
- Verification of RTL Circuit Designs & of Microcode
- SW Verification
- Planning with Resources
- Temporal reasoning
- Scheduling
- Compiler optimization
- ...

Verification of Timed Systems



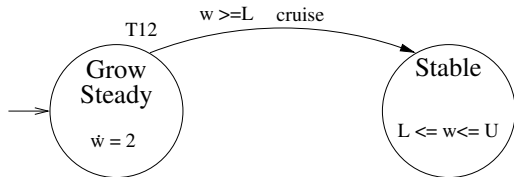
- Bounded/inductive model checking of Timed Systems [6, 36, 58],

...

- Timed Automata encoded into \mathcal{T} -formulas:
 - discrete information (locations, transitions, events) with Boolean vars.
 - timed information (clocks, elapsed time) with differences ($t_3 - x_3 \leq 2$), equalities ($x_4 = x_3$) and linear constraints ($t_8 - x_8 = t_2 - x_2$) on \mathbb{Q}

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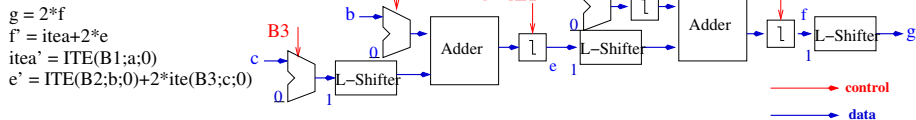
Verification of Hybrid Systems ...



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 - Evolution of Physical Variables (e.g., speed, pressure) with linear ($\omega_4 = 2\omega_3$) and non-linear constraints ($P_1 V_1 = 4T_1$) on \mathbb{Q}
- Undecidable under simple hypotheses!

⇒ SMT on $\mathcal{DL}(\mathbb{Q})$, \mathcal{LRA} or $\mathcal{NLA}(\mathbb{R})$ required

Verification of HW circuit designs & microcode



- SAT/SMT-based **Model Checking & Equiv. Checking** of RTL designs, **symbolic simulation** of μ -code [25, 22, 42]
 - **Control paths** handled by Boolean reasoning
 - **Data paths** information abstracted into theory-specific terms
 - **words** (bit-vectors, integers, \mathcal{EUF} vars, ...): $\underline{a}[31 : 0]$, a
 - **word operations**: (\mathcal{BV} , \mathcal{EUF} , \mathcal{AR} , \mathcal{LIA} , $\mathcal{NLA}(\mathbb{Z})$ operators)
 $x_{[16]}[15 : 0] = (y_{[16]}[15 : 8] :: z_{[16]}[7 : 0]) \ll w_{[8]}[3 : 0]$,
 $(a = a_L + 2^{16} a_H)$, $(m_1 = store(m_0, l_0, v_0))$, ...
 - Trades **heavy Boolean reasoning** ($\approx 2^{64}$ factors) with **\mathcal{T} -solving**
- \Rightarrow SMT on \mathcal{BV} , \mathcal{EUF} , \mathcal{AR} , modulo- \mathcal{LIA} [$\mathcal{NLA}(\mathbb{Z})$] required

Verification of SW systems

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...
i = 0;
acc = 0.0;
while (i < dim) {
    acc += V[i];
    i++;
}
...

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \dots \wedge \\
 & (i_0 = 0) \wedge \\
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 & ((i_0 < dim) \rightarrow ((acc_1 = acc_0 + read(V, i_0)) \wedge \\
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- Verification of SW code

- BMC, K-induction, Check of proof obligations, interpolation-based model checking, symbolic simulation, concolic testing, ...

⇒ SMT on BV , \mathcal{EUF} , \mathcal{AR} , (modulo-) \mathcal{LIA} [$\mathcal{NLA}(\mathbb{Z})$] required

Planning with Resources [82]

- SAT-bases planning augmented with numerical constraints
- Straightforward to encode into SMT(\mathcal{LRA})

Example (sketch) [82]

(Deliver)	\wedge // goal
(MaxLoad)	\wedge // load constraint
(MaxFuel)	\wedge // fuel constraint
$(\text{Move} \rightarrow \text{MinFuel})$	\wedge // move requires fuel
$(\text{Move} \rightarrow \text{Deliver})$	\wedge // move implies delivery
$(\text{GoodTrip} \rightarrow \text{Deliver})$	\wedge // a good trip requires
$(\text{GoodTrip} \rightarrow \text{AllLoaded})$	\wedge // a full delivery
$(\text{MaxLoad} \rightarrow (\text{load} \leq 30))$	\wedge // load limit
$(\text{MaxFuel} \rightarrow (\text{fuel} \leq 15))$	\wedge // fuel limit
$(\text{MinFuel} \rightarrow (\text{fuel} \geq 7 + 0.5\text{load}))$	\wedge // fuel constraint
$(\text{AllLoaded} \rightarrow (\text{load} = 45))$	//

(Disjunctive) Temporal Reasoning [79, 2]

- Temporal reasoning problems encoded as disjunctions of difference constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((x_1 - x_2 \leq 6) \quad \vee \quad (x_3 - x_4 \leq -2)) \quad \wedge \\
 & ((x_2 - x_3 \leq -2) \quad \vee \quad (x_4 - x_5 \leq 5)) \quad \wedge \\
 & ((x_2 - x_1 \leq 4) \quad \vee \quad (x_3 - x_7 \leq -6)) \quad \wedge \\
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Notational remark (1): most/all examples in \mathcal{LRA}

For better readability, in most/all the examples of this presentation we will use the theory of linear arithmetic on rational numbers (\mathcal{LRA}) because of its intuitive semantics. E.g.:

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Nevertheless, analogous examples can be built with all other theories of interest.

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Modern “lazy” SMT(\mathcal{T}) solvers

A prominent “lazy” approach [45, 2, 82, 3, 8, 36] (aka “DPLL(\mathcal{T})”)

- a **CDCL SAT solver** is used to enumerate truth assignments μ_i for (the Boolean abstraction of) the input formula φ
- a theory-specific solver **\mathcal{T} -solver** checks the \mathcal{T} -consistency of the **set of \mathcal{T} -literals** corresponding to each assignment
- Many techniques to maximize the benefits of integration [71, 10]
- Many lazy SMT tools available
(**Barcelogic**, **CVC4**, **MathSAT**, **OpenSMT**, **Yices**, **Z3**, ...)

Basic schema: example

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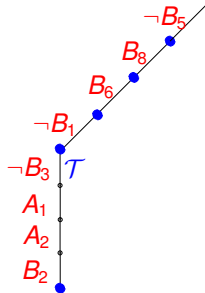
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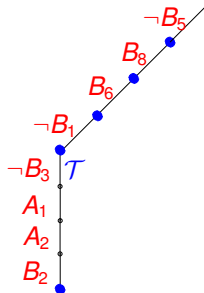
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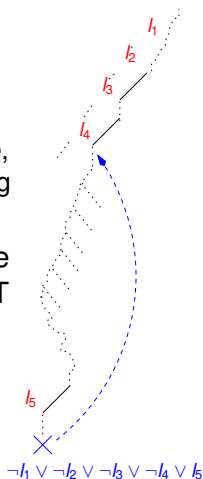


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\implies inconsistent in $\mathcal{LR}\mathcal{A} \implies$ backtrack

\mathcal{T} -Backjumping & \mathcal{T} -learning [50, 82, 3, 8, 36]

- Similar to Boolean backjumping & learning
- important property of \mathcal{T} -solver:
 - **extraction of \mathcal{T} -conflict sets**: if μ is \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable, then \mathcal{T} -solver (μ) returns the subset η of μ causing the \mathcal{T} -inconsistency of μ (\mathcal{T} -conflict set)
- If so, the **\mathcal{T} -conflict clause $C := \neg\eta$** is used to drive the backjumping & learning mechanism of the SAT solver
 - \implies lots of search saved
- **the less redundant is η , the more search is saved**



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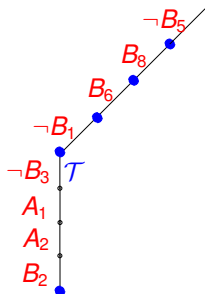
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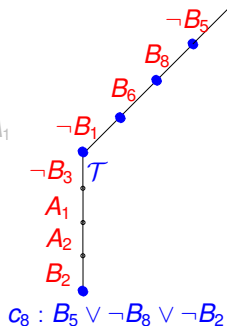
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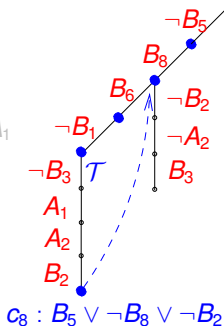
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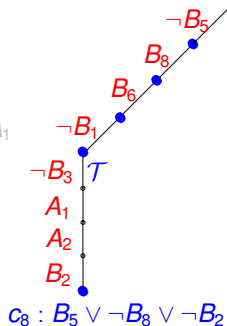
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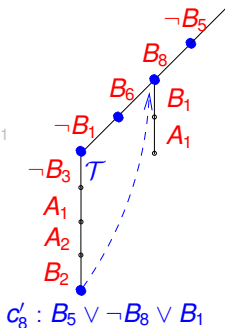
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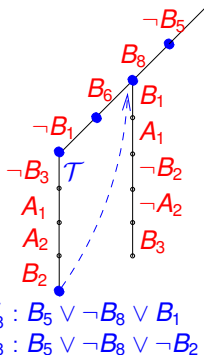
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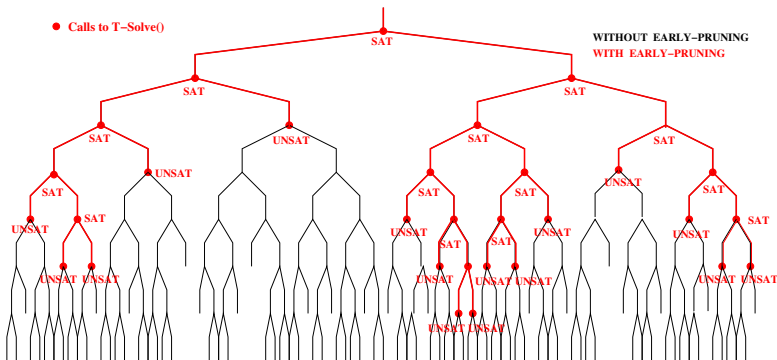

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 - Drawback: possibly **many useless calls to \mathcal{T} -solver**



Early Pruning [45, 2, 82] II

- Different strategies for interleaving Boolean search steps and \mathcal{T} -solver calls
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corresponding to the following set of \mathcal{T} -literals

$$\mu' = \neg(2v_2 - v_3 > 2) \wedge \neg A_2 \wedge (3v_1 - 2v_2 \leq 3) \wedge \neg(3v_1 - v_3 \leq 6).$$

- If \mathcal{T} -solver is invoked on μ' , then it returns UNSAT, and DPLL backtracks **without exploring any extension of μ'** .

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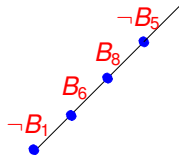
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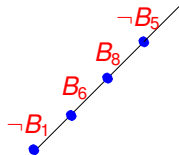
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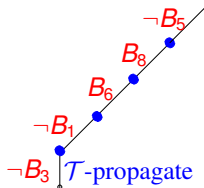
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Pure-literal filtering [82, 3, 17]

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If we have non-Boolean \mathcal{T} -atoms occurring only positively [negatively] in the original formula φ (learned clauses are not considered), we can drop every negative [positive] occurrence of them from the assignment to be checked by \mathcal{T} -solver (and from the \mathcal{T} -deducible ones).

- increases the chances of finding a model
- reduces the effort for the \mathcal{T} -solver
- eliminates unnecessary “nasty” negated literals (e.g. negative equalities like $\neg(3v_1 - 9v_2 = 3)$ in \mathcal{LIA} force splitting: $(3v_1 - 9v_2 > 3) \vee (3v_1 - 9v_2 < 3)$).
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\implies Sat: $v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = 0, v_5 = -4/3$ is a solution

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(see [71, 10] for an overview)

Other SAT-solving techniques for SMT?

Frequently-asked question:

Are CDCL SAT solvers the only suitable Boolean Engines for SMT?

Some previous attempts:

- Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams (OBDDs) [83, 60, 1]
- Stochastic Local Search [49]

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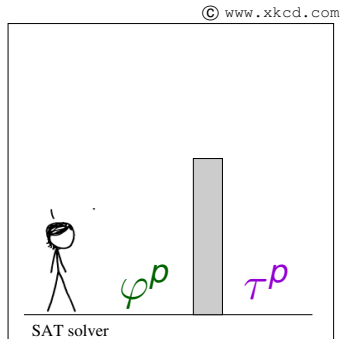
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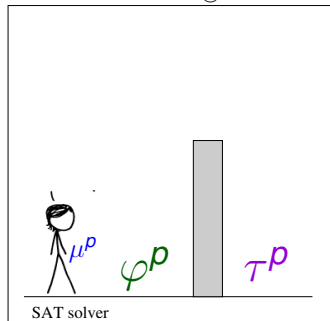
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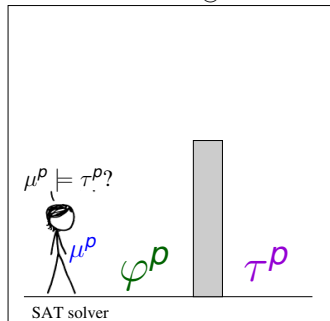
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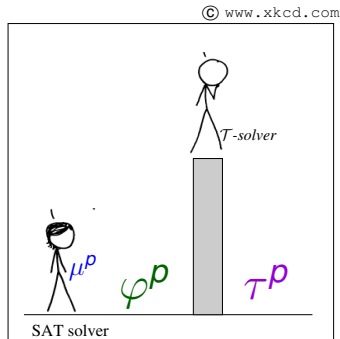
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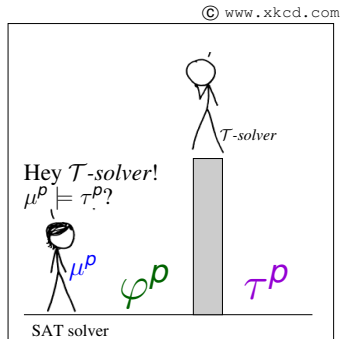
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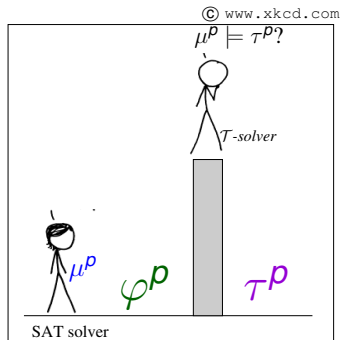
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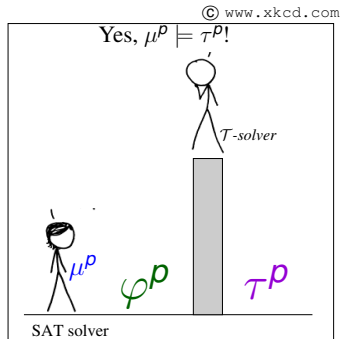
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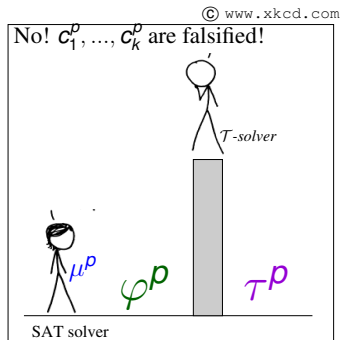
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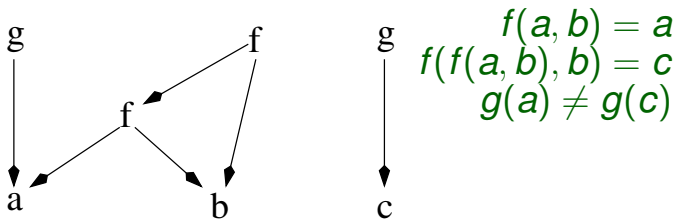
\mathcal{T} -solvers for Equality and Uninterpreted Functions (\mathcal{EUF})

- Typically used as a “core” \mathcal{T} -solver
- \mathcal{EUF} polynomial: $O(n \cdot \log(n))$
- Fully incremental and backtrackable (stack-based)
- use a congruence closure data structures (**E-Graphs**) [40, 64, 35], based on the Union-Find data-structure for equivalence classes
- Supports efficient \mathcal{T} -propagation
 - Exhaustive for positive equalities
 - Incomplete for disequalities
- Supports Lazy explanations and conflict generation
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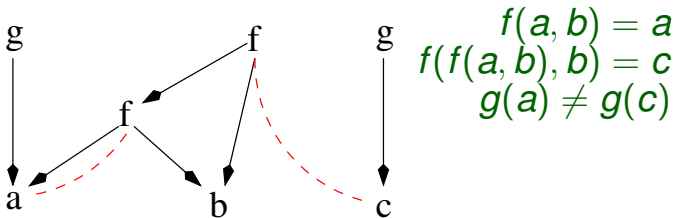


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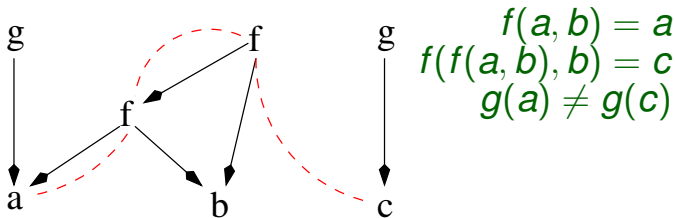


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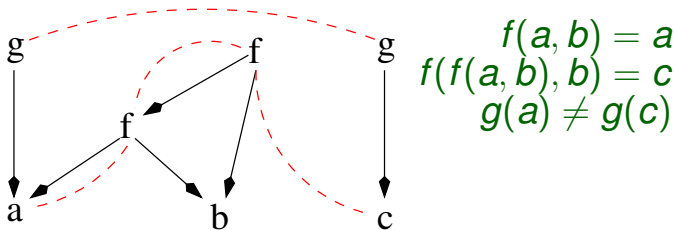


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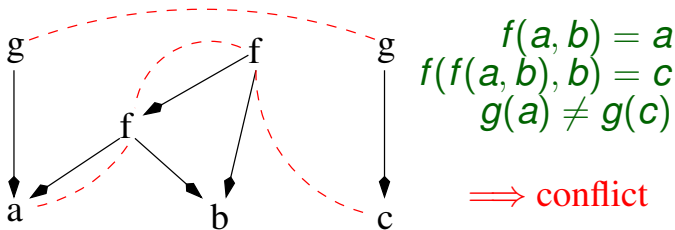


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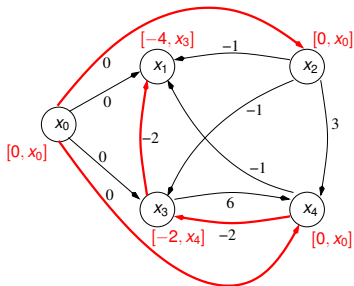
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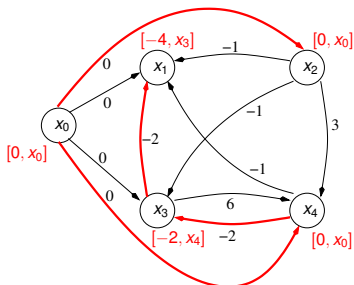


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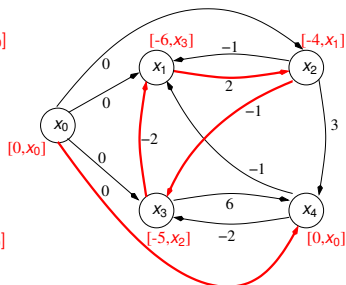
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\mathcal{T} -solvers for Linear arithmetic over the rationals (\mathcal{LRA})

- EX: $\{(s_1 - s_2 \leq 5.2), (s_1 = s_0 + 3.4 \cdot t - 3.4 \cdot t_0), \neg(s_1 = s_0)\}$
- \mathcal{LRA} polynomial
- variants of the simplex LP algorithm [41]
- [41] allows for detecting conflict sets & performing \mathcal{T} -propagation
- strict inequalities $t < 0$ rewritten as $t + \epsilon \leq 0$, ϵ treated symbolically

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{B} \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & A_{1j} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \\ A_{i1} & \dots & A_{ij} & \dots & A_{iM} \\ & \vdots & & & \\ \dots & A_{Nj} & \dots \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{N} \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_j \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \end{array} \right] \end{array} ;$$

Invariant: $\beta(x_j) \in [l_j, u_j] \forall x_j \in \mathcal{N}$

Remark: infinite precision arithmetic

In order to avoid incorrect results due to numerical errors and to overflows, all \mathcal{T} -solvers for \mathcal{LRA} , \mathcal{LIA} and their subtheories which are based on numerical algorithms must be implemented on top of infinite-precision-arithmetic software packages.

\mathcal{T} -solvers for Linear arithmetic over the integers (\mathcal{LIA})

- EX: $\{(x := x_l + 2^{16}x_h), (x \geq 0), (x \leq 2^{16} - 1)\}$
- \mathcal{LIA} NP-complete
- combination of many techniques: simplex, branch&bound, cutting planes, ... [41, 47]

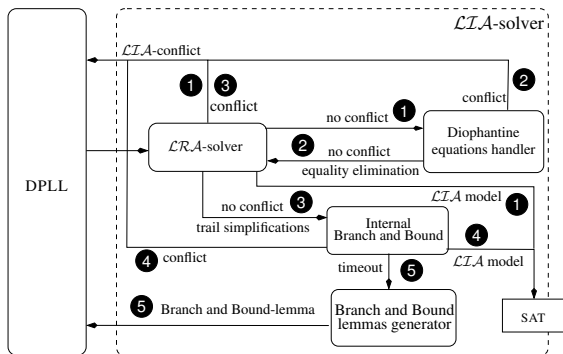


Figure courtesy of A. Griggio [47]

\mathcal{T} -solvers for Arrays (\mathcal{AR})

- EX: $(write(A, i, v) = write(B, i, w)) \wedge \neg(v = w)$
- NP-complete
- congruence closure (\mathcal{EUF}) plus on-the-fly instantiation of array's axioms:

$$\forall a. \forall i. \forall e. (read(write(a, i, e), i) = e), \quad (1)$$

$$\forall a. \forall i. \forall j. \forall e. ((i \neq j) \rightarrow read(write(a, i, e), j) = read(a, j)), \quad (2)$$

$$\forall a. \forall b. (\forall i. (read(a, i) = read(b, i)) \rightarrow (a = b)). \quad (3)$$

- EX:

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inst. (1) : $(read(write(A, i, v), i) = v)$
 $(read(write(B, i, w), i) = w)$

$\models_{\mathcal{EUF}}$ $(v = w)$

\models_{Bool} \perp

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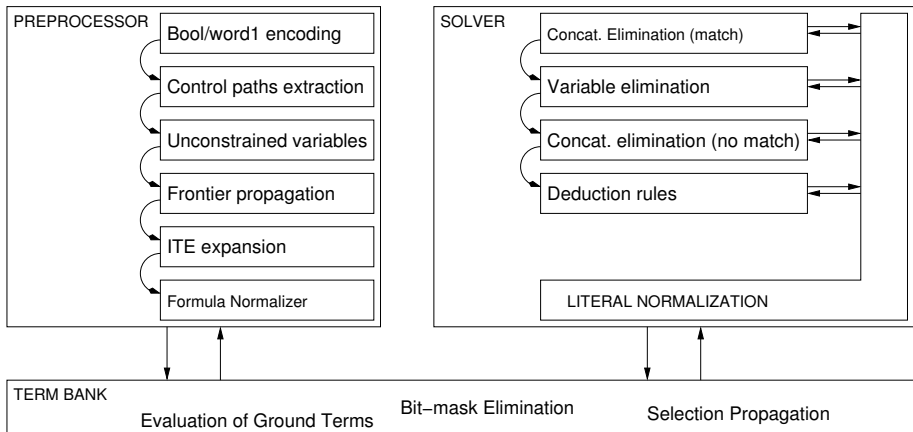
- EX: $\{(x_{[16]}[15 : 0] = (y_{[16]}[15 : 8] :: z_{[16]}[7 : 0]) \ll w_{[16]}[3 : 0]), \dots\}$
- NP-hard
- involve complex word-level operations: word partition/concat, modulo- 2^N arithmetic, shifts, bitwise-operations, multiplexers, ...
- \mathcal{T} -solving: combination of rewriting & simplification techniques with either:
 - final encoding into \mathcal{LIA} [19, 22]
 - final encoding into SAT ([lazy bit-blasting](#)) [25, 43, 21, 42]

Eager approach

Most solvers use an **eager** approach for \mathcal{BV} (e.g., [21]):

- Heavy preprocessing, based on rewriting rules
- bit-blasting

\mathcal{T} -solvers for Bit vectors (BV) [cont.]



Example borrowed from [22]

\mathcal{T} -solvers for Bit vectors (\mathcal{BV}) [cont.]

Lazy bit-blasting

- Two nested SAT solvers
- bit-blast each \mathcal{BV} atom ψ_i
 - $\implies \Phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_i (A_i \leftrightarrow BB(\psi_i)),$
 - A_i fresh variables labeling \mathcal{BV} -atoms ψ_i in φ
 - $\implies \varphi$ \mathcal{BV} -satisfiable iff $\varphi^p \wedge \Phi$ satisfiable
- Exploit SAT under assumptions
 - let μ^p an assignment for φ^p , s.t. $\mu^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\neg]A_1, \dots, [\neg]A_n\}$
 - \mathcal{T} -solver for \mathcal{BV} : $SAT_{\text{assumption}}(\Phi, \mu^p)$
 - If UNSAT, generate the **unsat core** $\eta^p \subseteq \mu^p$
 - $\implies \neg\eta^p$ used as blocking clause

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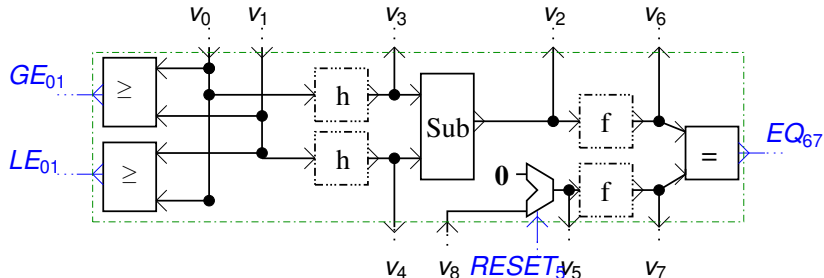
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Problem: Many problems can be expressed as SMT problems only in combination of theories $\cup_i \mathcal{T}_i$ — $SMT(\cup_i \mathcal{T}_i)$



$$LIA: \quad (GE_{01} \leftrightarrow (v_0 \geq v_1)) \wedge (LE_{01} \leftrightarrow (v_0 \leq v_1)) \wedge$$

$$EUF: \quad (v_3 = h(v_0)) \wedge (v_4 = h(v_1)) \wedge$$

$$LIA: \quad (v_2 = v_3 - v_4) \wedge (RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = 0)) \wedge$$

$$EUF \text{ or } LIA: \quad (\neg RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = v_8)) \wedge$$

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SMT for combined theories: $\text{SMT}(\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2)$

- Standard approach for combining \mathcal{T}_i -solver's:
(deterministic) Nelson-Oppen/Shostak (N.O.) [61, 63, 77]
 - based on deduction and exchange of equalities on shared variables
 - combined \mathcal{T}_i -solver's integrated with a SAT tool
- More-recent alternative approaches: Delayed Theory Combination [15, 14] and Model-Based Theory Combination [37]
 - based on Boolean search on equalities on shared variables
 - \mathcal{T}_i -solver's integrated directly with a SAT tool

Problem:

N.O. approaches have some drawbacks and limitations when used within a SMT framework

Background: Pure Formulas

Consider two theories T_1, T_2 with equality and disjoint signatures Σ_1, Σ_2

- W.l.o.g. we assume all input formulas $\phi \in T_1 \cup T_2$ are **pure**.
 - A formula ϕ is **pure** iff every atom in ϕ is i -pure for some $i \in \{1, 2\}$.
 - An atom/literal in ϕ is **i -pure** if only $=$, variables and symbols from Σ_i can occur in ϕ

Purification:

maps a formula into an equisatisfiable pure formula by labeling terms with fresh variables

$$(f(\underbrace{x + 3y}_w) = g(\underbrace{2x - y}_t)) \quad [not\ pure]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(w = x + 3y) \wedge (t = 2x - y) \wedge (f(w) = g(t)) \quad [pure]$$

Background: Interface equalities

Interface variables & equalities

- A variable v occurring in a pure formula ϕ is an **interface variable** iff it occurs in both 1-pure and 2-pure atoms of ϕ .
- An equality $(v_i = v_j)$ is an **interface equality** for ϕ iff v_i, v_j are interface variables for ϕ .
- We denote the interface equality $v_i = v_j$ by “ e_{ij} ”

Example:

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$v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$ are interface variables, v_6, v_7, v_8 are not
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SMT($\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i$) via “classic” Nelson-Oppen

Main idea

Combine two or more \mathcal{T}_i -solvers into one $(\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i)$ -solver via Nelson-Oppen/Shostak (N.O.) combination procedure [62, 78]

- based on the deduction and exchange of equalities between shared variables/terms (interface equalities, e_{ij} s)
- important improvements and evolutions [69, 7, 40]

Schema of N.O. combination of T-solvers: $\text{no}(T_1, T_2)$

For $i \in \{1, 2\}$, let T_i be a stably infinite theory admitting a satisfiability T_i -solver, and μ_i a set of i -pure literals.

We want to decide the $T_1 \cup T_2$ -satisfiability of $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$

- each T_i -solver, in turn
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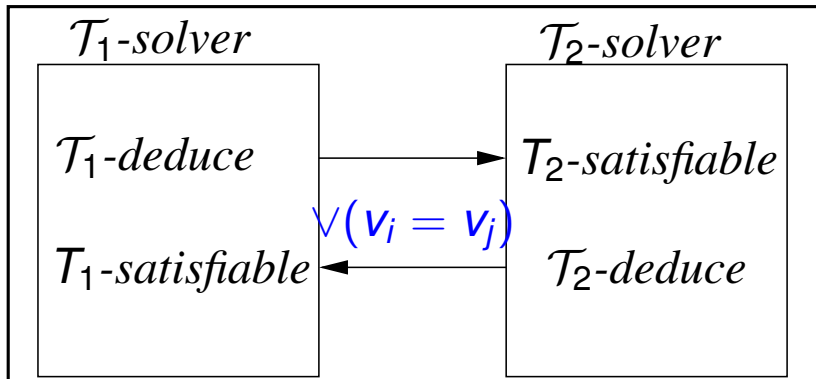
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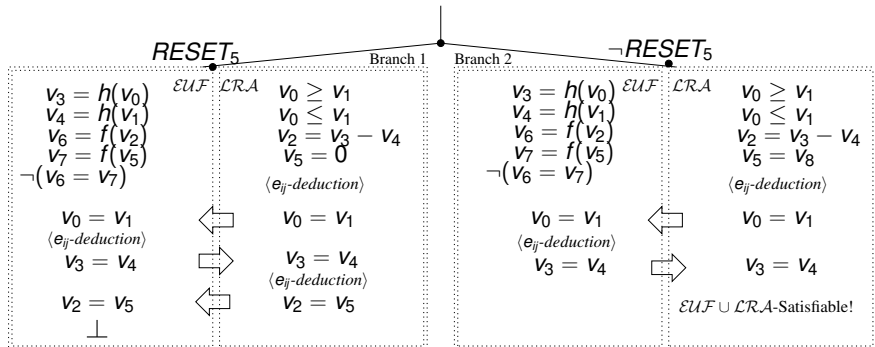


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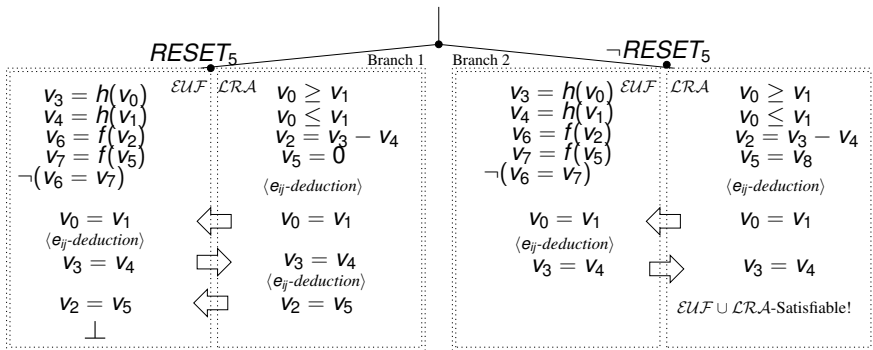
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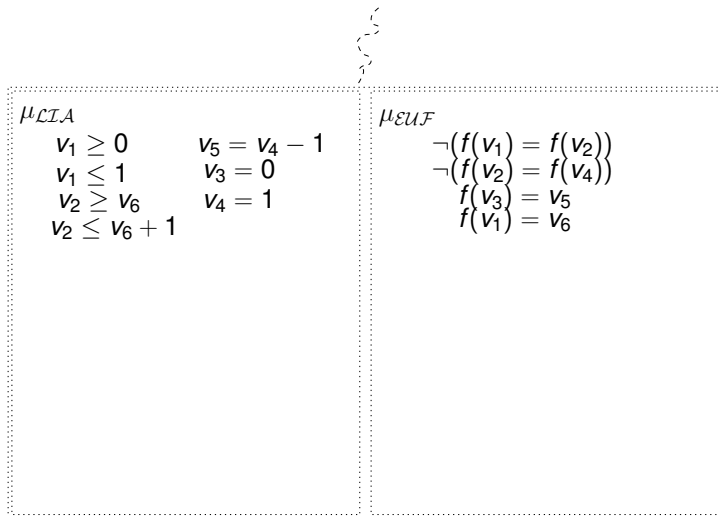
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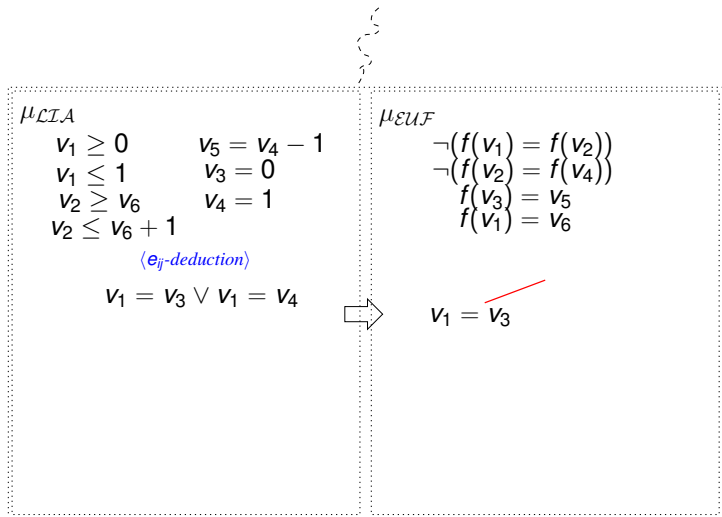
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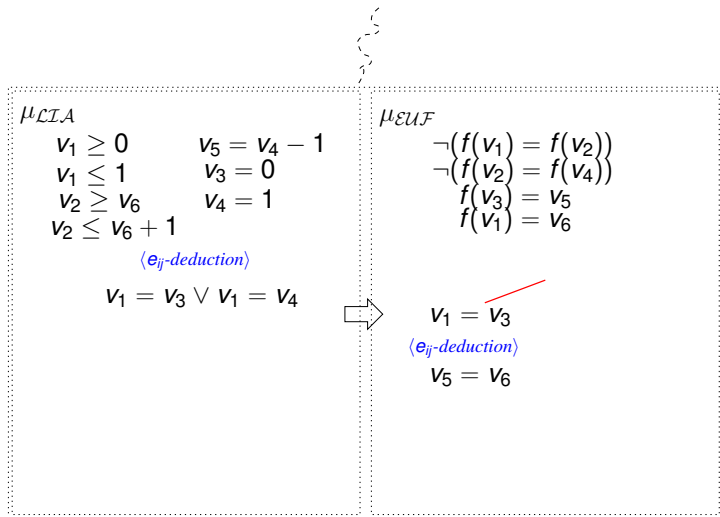
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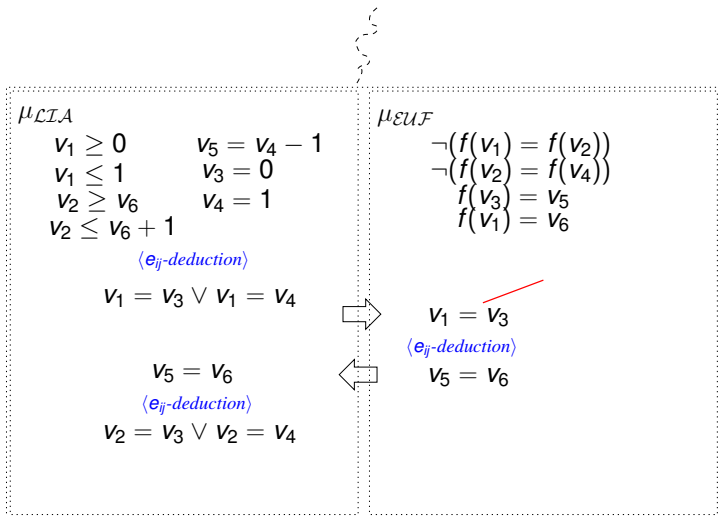
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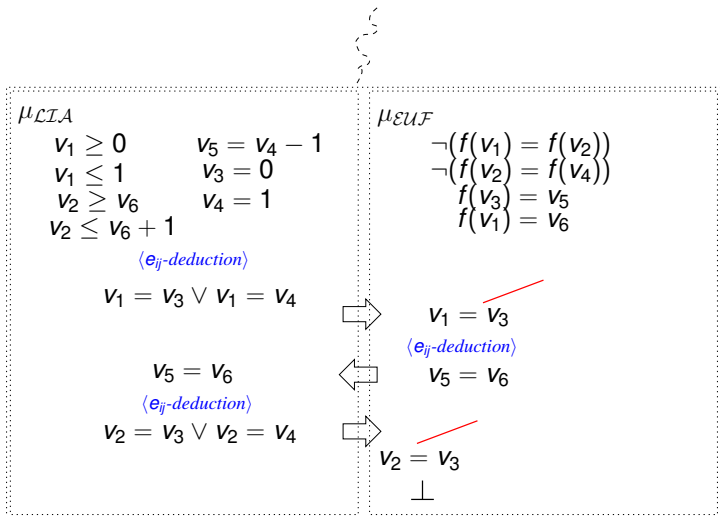
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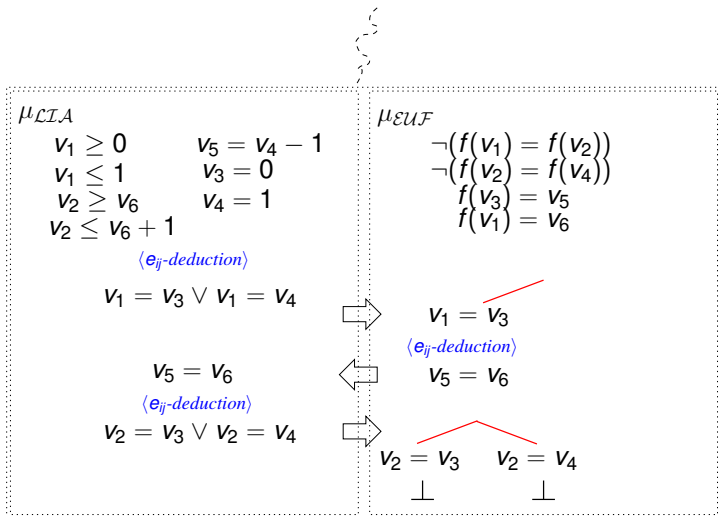
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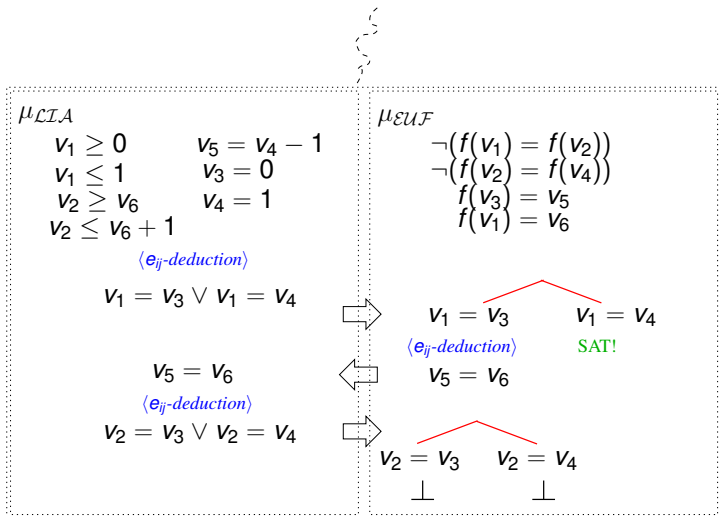
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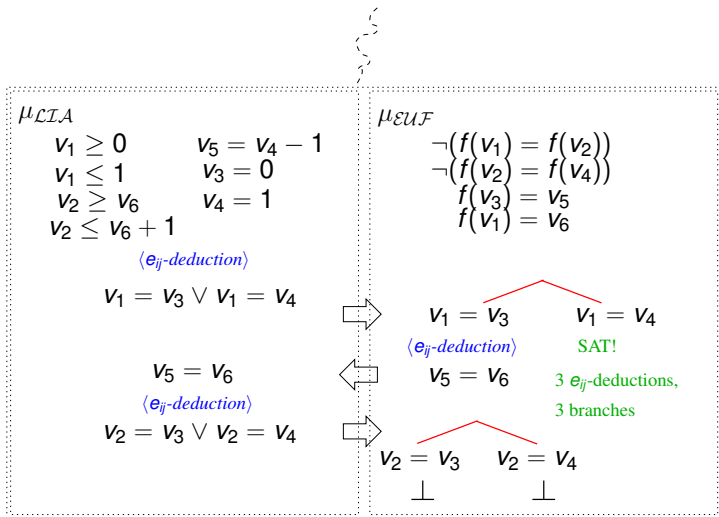
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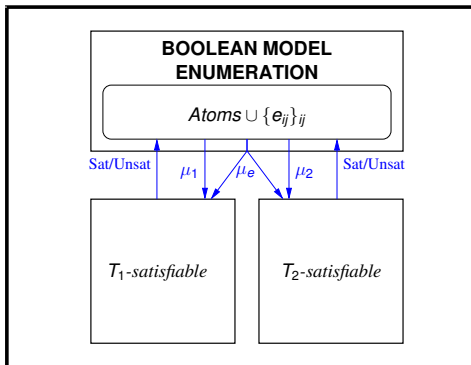
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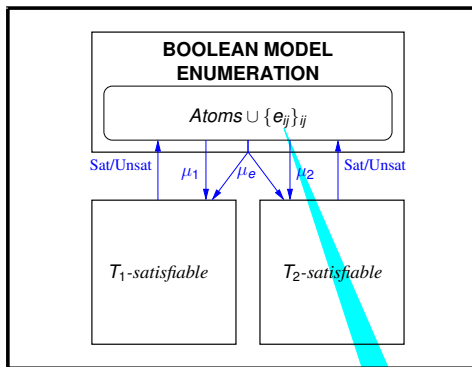
Delegate to the CDCL SAT solver part/most of the (possibly very expensive) reasoning effort on interface equalities previously due to the \mathcal{T}_i -solvers (e_{ij} -deduction, case-split). [15, 16, 24]

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DTC: Basic schema



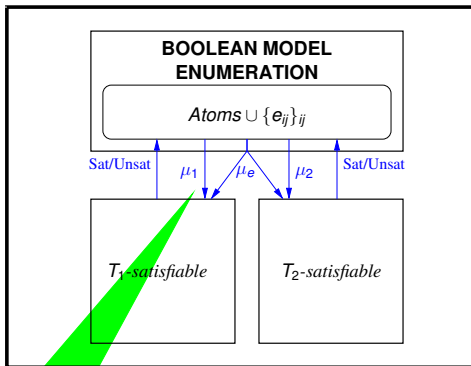
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The boolean solver assigns values not only to atoms in $Atoms(\phi)$, but also to interface equalities $\{(v_i = v_j)\}_{ij}$:

$$\mu = \mu_1 \cup \mu_2 \cup \mu_e, \quad \mu_e := \{[\neg](v_i = v_j) \mid v_i, v_j \in \mu_1 \cup \mu_2\}$$

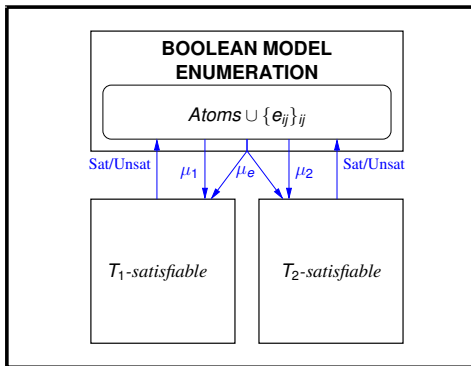
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Each T_i -solver interacts only with the boolean solver

- receives $\mu'_i := \mu_i \cup \mu_e$ from Bool
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...until either:

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DTC: enhanced schema

- **DPLL-based assignment enumeration** on $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$,
 \implies benefits of state-of-the-art SAT techniques
- **Early pruning**: invoke the \mathcal{T}_i -solver's before every Boolean decision
 \implies total assignments generated only when strictly necessary
- **Branching**: branching on e_{ij} 's postponed
 \implies Boolean search on e_{ij} 's performed only when strictly necessary
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 $\implies e_{ij}$'s can be assigned by unit propagation
- [**Theory-deduction & learning**: \mathcal{T}_i -solver deduces unassigned literals l on $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$
 - l is passed back to the Boolean solver, which unit-propagates it
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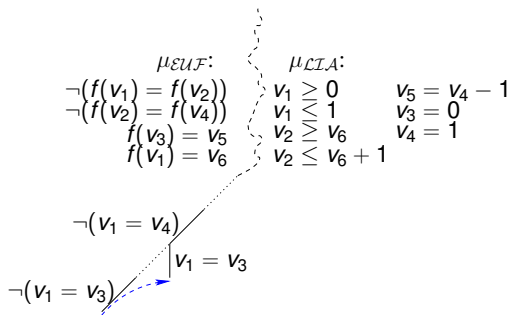
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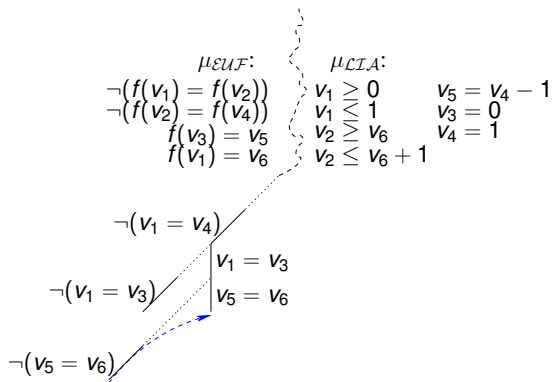
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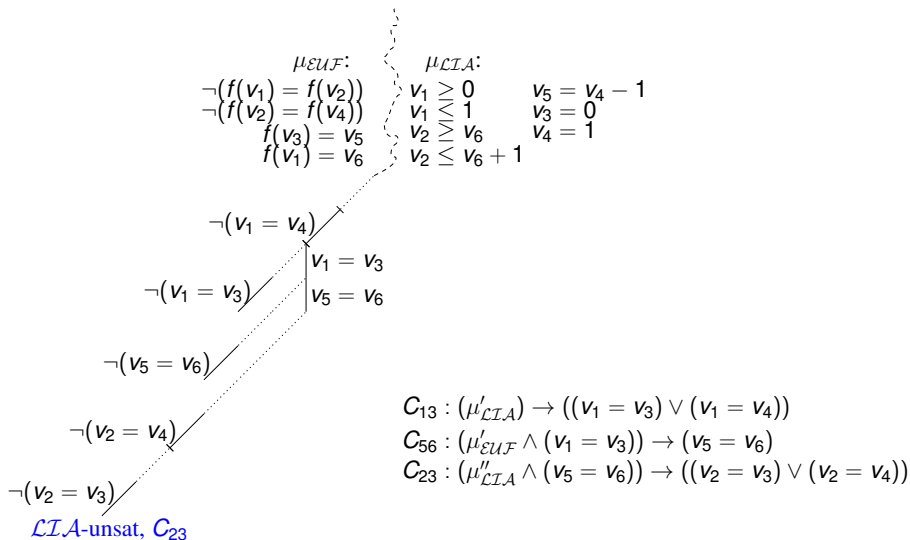
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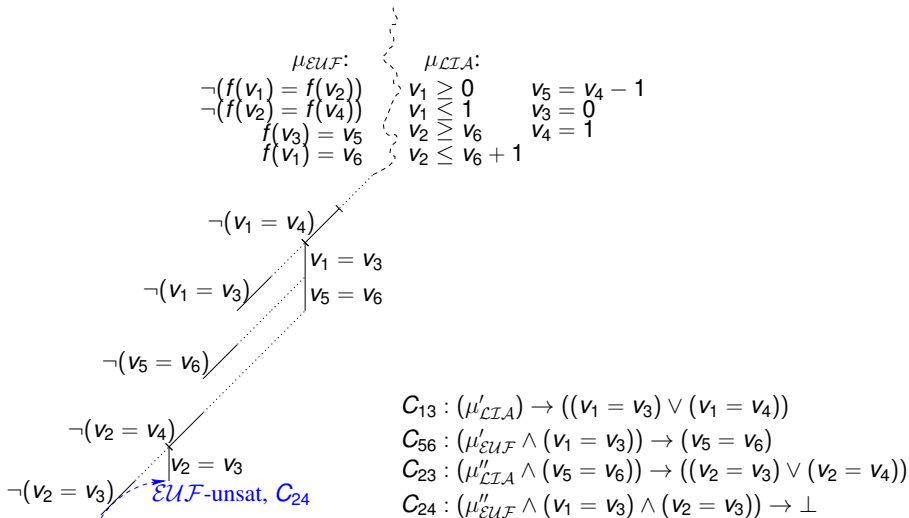
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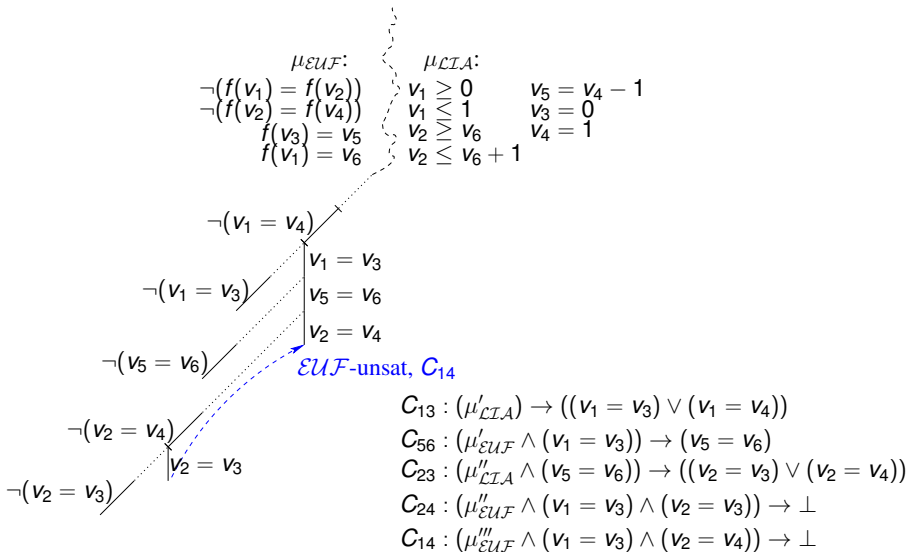
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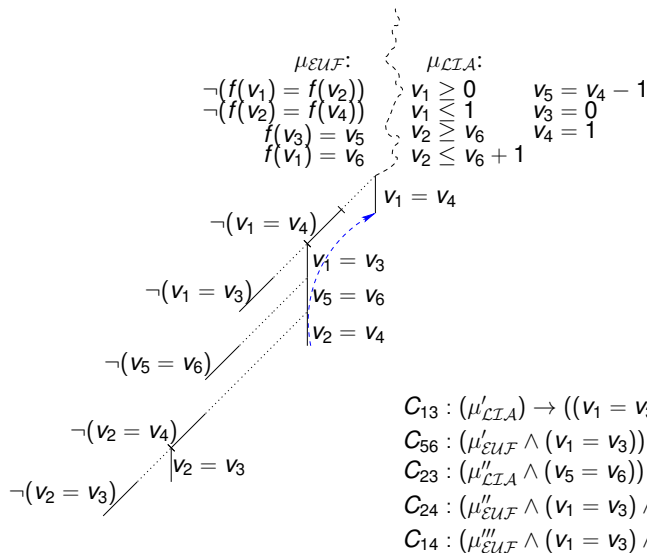
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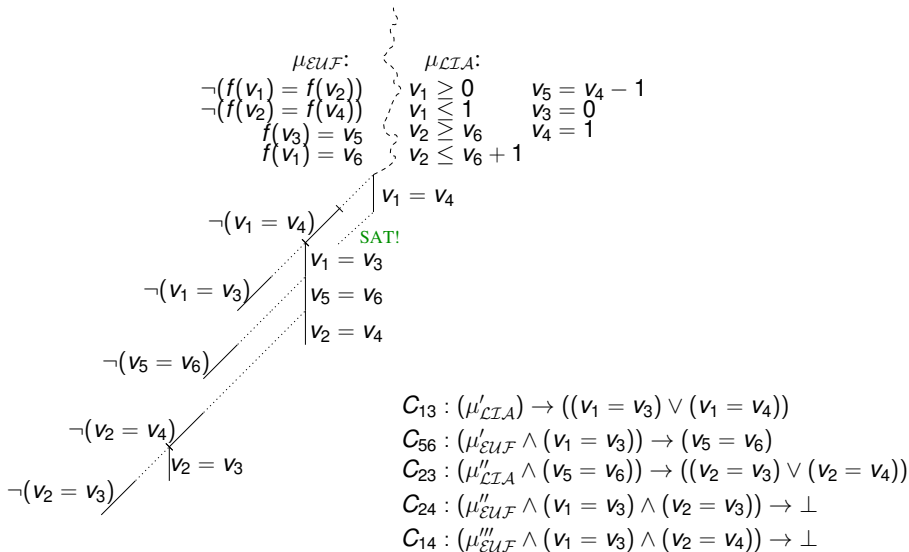
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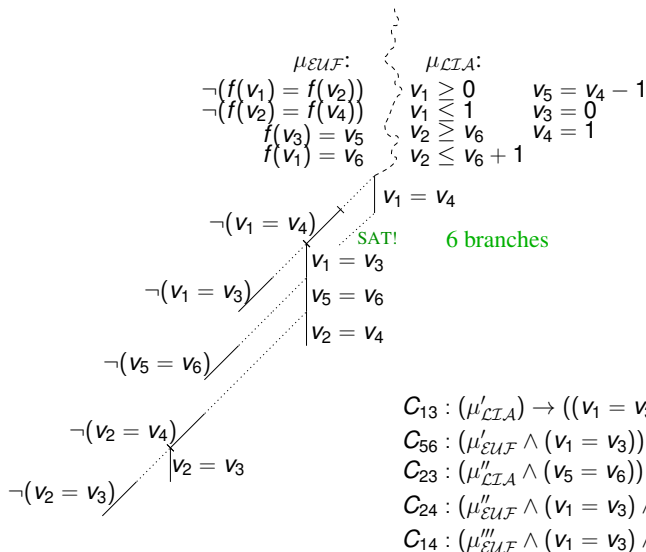
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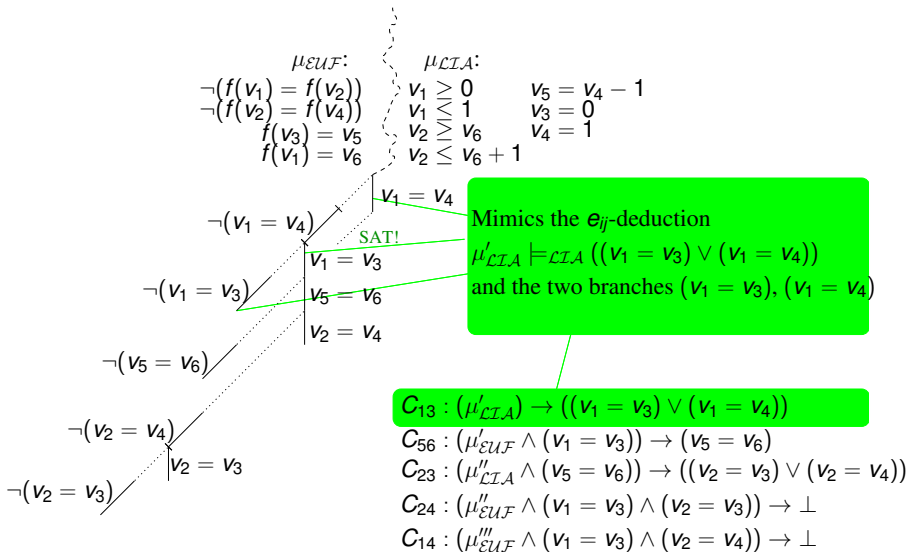
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 \quad
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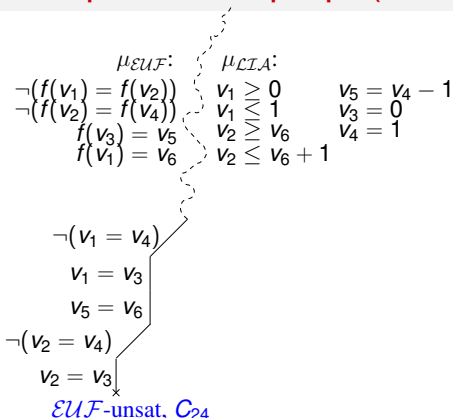
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 \end{array}
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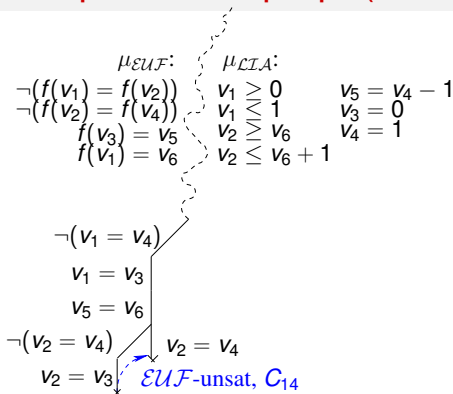
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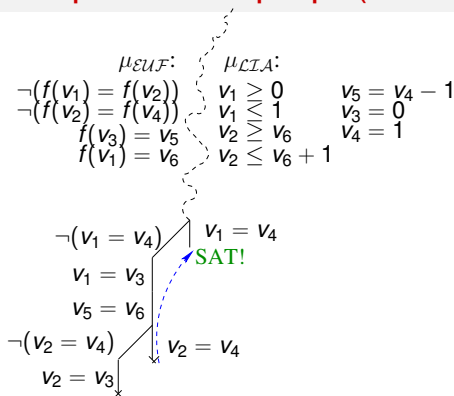
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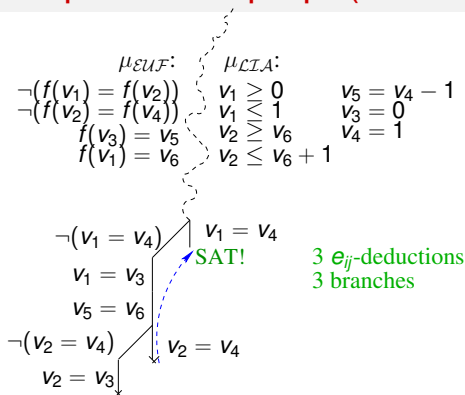
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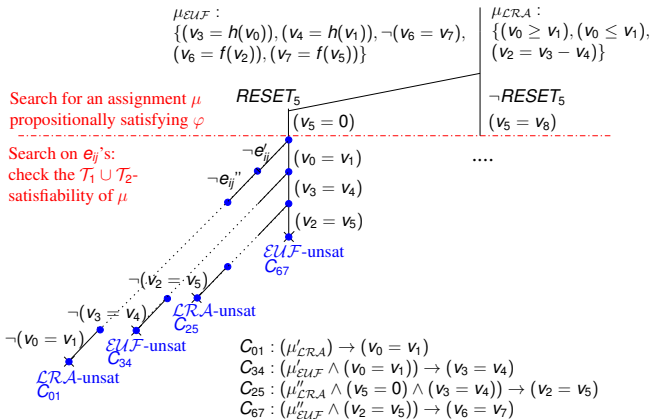
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RESET_5

$(v_5 = 0)$

\mathcal{LRA} -deduce $(v_0 = v_1)$

learn C_{01}

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\mathcal{EUF} -unsat

C_{67}

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SAT

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DTC + Model-based heuristic (aka Model-Based Theory Combination) [37]

- Initially, no interface equalities generated
- When a model is found, check against all the possible interface equalities
 - If \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 agree on the implied equalities, then return SAT
 - Otherwise, branch on equalities implied by \mathcal{T}_1 -model but not by \mathcal{T}_2 -model
- “Optimistic” approach, similar to axiom instantiation

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Beyond Solving: advanced SAT & SMT functionalities

Advanced SMT functionalities (very important in FV):

- Building **proofs of \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiability**
- Extracting **\mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable Cores**
- Computing **Craig interpolants**
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Building (Resolution) Proofs of \mathcal{T} -Unsatisfiability

Resolution proof of \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiability

Very similar to building proofs with plain SAT:

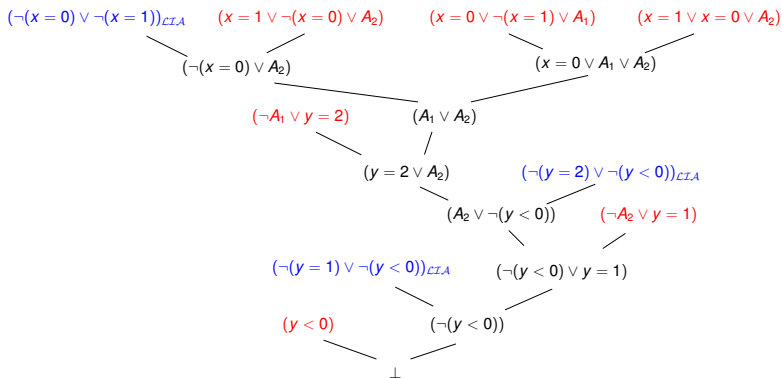
- resolution proofs whose leaves are original clauses and \mathcal{T} -lemmas returned by the \mathcal{T} -solver (i.e., \mathcal{T} -conflict and \mathcal{T} -deduction clauses)
- built by backward traversal of implication graphs, as in CDCL SAT
- Sub-proofs of \mathcal{T} -lemmas can be built in some \mathcal{T} -specific deduction framework if requested

Important for:

- certifying \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiability results
- computing unsatisfiable cores
- computing interpolants

Building Proofs of \mathcal{T} -Unsatisfiability: example

$$(x = 0 \vee \neg(x = 1) \vee A_1) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge (\neg(x = 0) \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge (\neg A_2 \vee y = 1) \wedge (\neg A_1 \vee x + y > 3) \wedge (y < 0) \wedge (A_2 \vee x - y = 4) \wedge (y = 2 \vee \neg A_1) \wedge (x \geq 0),$$



relevant original clauses, irrelevant original clauses, \mathcal{T} -lemmas

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Extraction of \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable cores

The problem

Given a \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable set of clauses, extract from it a (possibly small/minimal/minimum) \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable subset (\mathcal{T} -unsatisfiable core)

- wide literature in SAT
- Some implementations, very few literature for SMT [29, 56]
- We recognize three approaches:
 - **Proof-based** approach (CVCLite, MathSAT):
byproduct of finding a resolution proof
 - **Assumption-based** approach (Yices):
use extra variables labeling clauses, as in the plain Boolean case
 - **Lemma-Lifting** approach [29] :
use an external (possibly-optimized) Boolean unsat-core extractor

The proof-based approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores

Idea (adapted from [84])

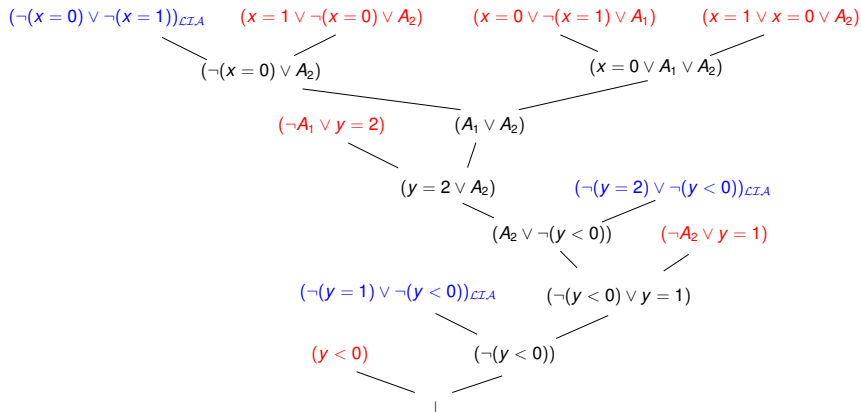
Unsatisfiable core of φ :

- in SAT: the set of leaf clauses of a resolution proof of unsatisfiability of φ
- in $\text{SMT}(\mathcal{T})$: the set of leaf clauses of a resolution proof of \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiability of φ , minus the \mathcal{T} -lemmas

The proof-based approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores: example

$$(x = 0 \vee \neg(x = 1) \vee A_1) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge (\neg(x = 0) \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge$$

$$(\neg A_2 \vee y = 1) \wedge (\neg A_1 \vee x + y > 3) \wedge (y < 0) \wedge (A_2 \vee x - y = 4) \wedge (y = 2 \vee \neg A_1) \wedge (x \geq 0),$$



The assumption-based approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores

Let φ be $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n C_i$ s.t. φ inconsistent.

Idea (adapted from [57])

- 1 each clause C_i in φ is substituted by $\neg S_i \vee C_i$, s.t. S_i fresh “selector” variable
- 2 the resulting formula is checked for **satisfiability under the assumption of all S_i 's**
- 3 final conflict clause at dec. level 0: $\bigvee_j \neg S_j$
 $\implies \{C_j\}_j$ is the unsat core

- extends straightforwardly to $\text{SMT}(\mathcal{T})$.

The assumption-based approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores: Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\mathcal{S}_1 \rightarrow (x = 0 \vee \neg(x = 1) \vee A_1)) \wedge (\mathcal{S}_2 \rightarrow (x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee A_2)) \wedge \\
 & (\mathcal{S}_3 \rightarrow (\neg(x = 0) \vee x = 1 \vee A_2)) \wedge (\mathcal{S}_4 \rightarrow (\neg A_2 \vee y = 1)) \wedge \\
 & (\mathcal{S}_5 \rightarrow (\neg A_1 \vee x + y > 3)) \wedge (\mathcal{S}_6 \rightarrow y < 0) \wedge \\
 & (\mathcal{S}_7 \rightarrow (A_2 \vee x - y = 4)) \wedge (\mathcal{S}_8 \rightarrow (y = 2 \vee \neg A_1)) \wedge (\mathcal{S}_9 \rightarrow x \geq 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Conflict analysis (Yices 1.0.6) returns:

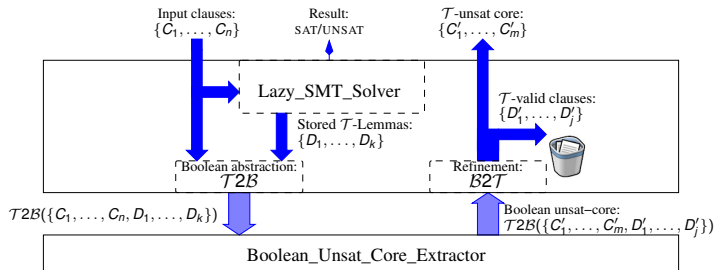
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corresponding to the unsat core in red.

The lemma-lifting approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores

Idea [29, 33]

- (i) The \mathcal{T} -lemmas D_i are valid in \mathcal{T}
- (ii) The conjunction of φ with all the \mathcal{T} -lemmas D_1, \dots, D_k is propositionally unsatisfiable: $\mathcal{T}2\mathcal{B}(\varphi \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n D_i) \models \perp$.



- interfaces with an external Boolean Unsat-core Extractor

⇒ **benefits for free of all state-of-the-art size-reduction techniques**

The lemma-lifting approach to \mathcal{T} -unsat cores: example

$$(x = 0 \vee \neg(x = 1) \vee A_1) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge (\neg(x = 0) \vee x = 1 \vee A_2) \wedge \\ (\neg A_2 \vee y = 1) \wedge (\neg A_1 \vee x + y > 3) \wedge (y < 0) \wedge (A_2 \vee x - y = 4) \wedge (y = 2 \vee \neg A_1) \wedge (x \geq 0),$$

- 1 The SMT solver generates the following set of \mathcal{LIA} -lemmas:

$$\{(\neg(x = 1) \vee \neg(x = 0)), (\neg(y = 2) \vee \neg(y < 0)), (\neg(y = 1) \vee \neg(y < 0))\}.$$

- 2 The following formula is passed to the external Boolean core extractor

$$(B_0 \vee \neg B_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (B_0 \vee B_1 \vee A_2) \wedge (\neg B_0 \vee B_1 \vee A_2) \wedge \\ (\neg A_2 \vee B_2) \wedge (\neg A_1 \vee B_3) \wedge B_4 \wedge (A_2 \vee B_5) \wedge (B_6 \vee \neg A_1) \wedge B_7 \wedge \\ (\neg B_1 \vee \neg B_0) \wedge (\neg B_6 \vee \neg B_4) \wedge (\neg B_2 \vee \neg B_4)$$

which returns the unsat core in red.

- 3 The unsat-core is mapped back, the three \mathcal{T} -lemmas are removed \implies the final \mathcal{T} -unsat core (in red above).

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Computing (Craig) Interpolants in SMT

Craig Interpolant

Given an ordered pair (A, B) of formulas such that $A \wedge B \models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$, a *Craig interpolant* is a formula I s.t.:

- a) $A \models_{\mathcal{T}} I$,
- b) $I \wedge B \models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$,
- c) $I \preceq A$ and $I \preceq B$.

“ $I \preceq A$ ” meaning that all uninterpreted (in \mathcal{T}) symbols in I occur in A .

- Very important in many FV applications
- A few works presented for various theories:
 - *EUF* [59, 70], *DL* [30, 32], *UTVPI* [31, 32], *LRA* [59, 70, 30, 32], *LIA* [51, 18, 48], *BV* [52], ...

A General Algorithm

Algorithm: Interpolant generation for $\text{SMT}(\mathcal{T})$ [68, 59]

- (i) Generate a resolution proof of \mathcal{T} -unsatisfiability \mathcal{P} for $A \wedge B$.
- (ii) ...
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A General Algorithm

Algorithm: Interpolant generation for $\text{SMT}(\mathcal{T})$ [68, 59]

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- (ii) **Foreach \mathcal{T} -lemma $\neg\eta$ in \mathcal{P} , generate an interpolant I_η for $(\eta \setminus B, \eta \downarrow B)$.**
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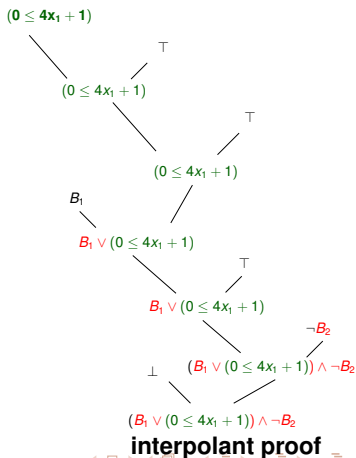
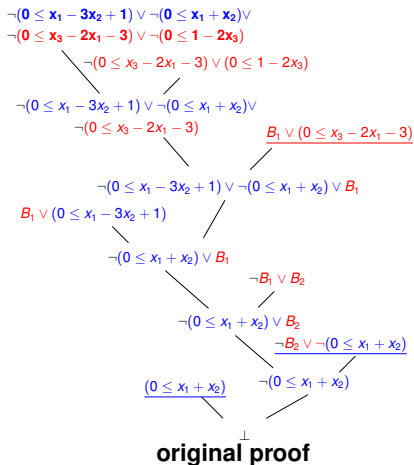
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Computing Craig Interpolants in SMT: example

$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (B_1 \vee (0 \leq x_1 - 3x_2 + 1)) \wedge (0 \leq x_1 + x_2) \wedge (\neg B_2 \vee \neg(0 \leq x_1 + x_2))$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\neg(0 \leq x_3 - 2x_1 - 3) \vee (0 \leq 1 - 2x_3)) \wedge (\neg B_1 \vee B_2) \wedge (B_1 \vee (0 \leq x_3 - 2x_1 - 3))$$



McMillan's algorithm for non-strict \mathcal{LRA} inequalities

$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(0 \leq x_1 - 3x_2 + 1), (0 \leq x_1 + x_2)\}$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(0 \leq x_3 - 2x_1 - 3), (0 \leq 1 - 2x_3)\}.$$

A proof of unsatisfiability P for $A \wedge B$ is the following:

$$\frac{\frac{(0 \leq x_1 - 3x_2 + 1) \quad (0 \leq x_1 + x_2)}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq 4x_1 + 1) \text{ with coeffs 1 and 3}} \quad \frac{(0 \leq x_3 - 2x_1 - 3) \quad (0 \leq 1 - 2x_3)}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq -4x_1 - 5) \text{ with coeffs 2 and 1}}}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq -4) \text{ with coeffs 1 and 1}}$$

By replacing inequalities in B with $(0 \leq 0)$, we obtain the proof P' :

$$\frac{\frac{(0 \leq x_1 - 3x_2 + 1) \quad (0 \leq x_1 + x_2)}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq 4x_1 + 1)} \quad \frac{(0 \leq 0) \quad (0 \leq 0)}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq 0)}}{\text{COMB } (0 \leq 4x_1 + 1)}$$

Thus, the interpolant obtained is $(0 \leq 4x_1 + 1)$.

Example: interpolation algorithms for difference logic

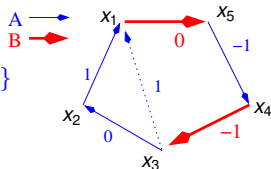
- An inference-based algorithm [59]

$$\begin{array}{c}
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\implies Interpolant: $(0 \leq x_1 - x_3 + x_4 - x_5)$ (not in \mathcal{DL} , and weaker).

- A graph-based algorithm [30, 32]

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Chord: } (0 \leq x_1 - x_3 + 1) \\
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 \end{array}$$



\implies Interpolant: $(0 \leq x_1 - x_3 + 1) \wedge (0 \leq x_4 - x_5 - 1)$ (still in \mathcal{DL})

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All-SAT/All-SMT

- **All-SAT**: enumerate all truth assignments satisfying φ
- **All-SMT**: enumerate all \mathcal{T} -satisfiable truth assignments propositionally satisfying φ
- **All-SMT over an “important” subset of atoms $\mathbf{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P_i\}_i$** :
 enumerate all assignments over \mathbf{P} which can be extended to \mathcal{T} -satisfiable truth assignments propositionally satisfying φ
 \implies can compute predicate abstraction
- Algorithms:
 - **BCLT** [53]
 each time a \mathcal{T} -satisfiable assignment $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ is found, perform conflict-driven backjumping as if the restricted clause $(\bigvee_i \neg l_i) \downarrow \mathbf{P}$ belonged to the clause set
 - **MathSAT/NuSMV** [26]
 As above, plus the Boolean search of the SMT solver is driven by an OBDD.

Predicate Abstraction

Predicate abstraction

if $\varphi(\mathbf{v})$ is a SMT formula over the domain variables $\mathbf{v} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_j\}_j$, $\{\gamma_i\}_i$ is a set of “relevant” predicates over \mathbf{v} , and $\mathbf{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P_i\}_i$ a set of Boolean labels, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{PredAbs}_{\mathbf{P}}(\varphi) \\
 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \exists \mathbf{v}. (\varphi(\mathbf{v}) \wedge \bigwedge_i P_i \leftrightarrow \gamma_i(\mathbf{v})) \\
 = & \bigvee \left\{ \mu \mid \begin{array}{l} \mu \text{ truth assignment on } \mathbf{P} \\ \text{s.t. } \mu \wedge \varphi \wedge \bigwedge_i (P_i \leftrightarrow \gamma_i) \text{ is } \mathcal{T}\text{-satisfiable} \end{array} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- projection of φ over (the Boolean abstraction of) the set $\{\gamma_i\}_i$.
- essential step in FV: extracts finite-state abstractions from a infinite state space

Predicate Abstraction: example

$$\varphi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (v_1 + v_2 > 12)$$

$$\gamma_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (v_1 + v_2 = 2)$$

$$\gamma_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (v_1 - v_2 < 10)$$

⇓

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PreAbs}(\varphi)_{\{P_1, P_2\}} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists v_1 v_2 . \left(\begin{array}{l} (v_1 + v_2 > 12) \\ (P_1 \leftrightarrow (v_1 + v_2 = 2)) \\ (P_2 \leftrightarrow (v_1 - v_2 < 10)) \end{array} \wedge \right) \\ &= (\neg P_1 \wedge \neg P_2) \vee (\neg P_1 \wedge P_2) \\ &= \neg P_1. \end{aligned}$$

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SMT($\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{C}$): main ideas

- A “theory of costs” \mathcal{C} :
 - Cost variables $cost^i$
 - “bound cost” $BC(cost^i, k)$: “ $cost^i \leq k$ ”
 - “incur cost” $IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i)$: “the j th addend of $cost^i := k_j^i$ ”
 - “ $cost^i = \sum_{j=1}^{N^i} ite(P_j^i, k_j^i, 0)$, s.t. $cost^i \in (l^i, u^i]$ ” encoded as

$$\neg BC(cost^i, l^i) \wedge BC(cost^i, u^i) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{N^i} (P_j^i \leftrightarrow IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i))$$
- very-fast theory solver: \mathcal{C} -solver
 1. $IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i) = \top \implies cost^i = cost^i + k_j^i$
 2. $cost^i > ub^i \implies$ conflict
 3. $cost^i + \{\text{total cost of all unassigned } IC\text{'s}\} \leq lb^i \implies$ conflict
 4. $IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i) = \top$ causes 2. $\implies \mathcal{C}$ -propagate $\neg IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i)$
 5. $IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i) = \perp$ causes 3. $\implies \mathcal{C}$ -propagate $IC(cost^i, j, k_j^i)$
- no symbol shared with \mathcal{T}
 \implies independent theory solvers for \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{C}

Optimization Modulo Theories with $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ costs I

Ingredients

- an **SMT formula** φ on $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T}$
 - $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ can be $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{A}$, $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{A}$ or a combination of both
 - $\mathcal{T} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i$, possibly empty
 - $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ and \mathcal{T}_i disjoint Nelson-Oppen theories
- a $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ **variable [term]** “*cost*” occurring in φ
- (optionally) two constant numbers **lb (lower bound)** and **ub (upper bound)** s.t. $\text{lb} \leq \text{cost} < \text{ub}$ (lb, ub may be $\mp\infty$)

Optimization Modulo Theories with $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ costs (OMT($\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T}$))

Find a model for φ whose value of *cost* is minimum.

- maximization dual

Optimization Modulo Theories with $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ costs II

We restrict to the case $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{A}$ and $\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i = \{\}$ ($\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{A})$).

Basic idea [72]:

SMT($\mathcal{L}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{A}$) augmented with a LP optimization routine:

- once each assignment μ is found $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{A}$ -satisfiable, an LP optimization is invoked, finding the minimum min
- ($cost < min$) is learned
- the search proceeds, until UNSAT
 \implies the latest value of min is returned

Optimization Modulo Theories with $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}$ costs III

Extensions

- both linear and binary search, and combination [72, 73]
- cost minimization **embedded inside the CDCL search** [72, 73]
- combination with other theories: $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LRA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ via DTC [73]
- extension to integers via ILP techniques: $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LIA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ [13, 76, 54]
- extension to multiple independent objectives [55, 13, 76]
- incremental OMT [13, 76]
- other combinations of objectives (min-max, lexicographic) [13, 76]
- OMT with Pareto fronts [13].

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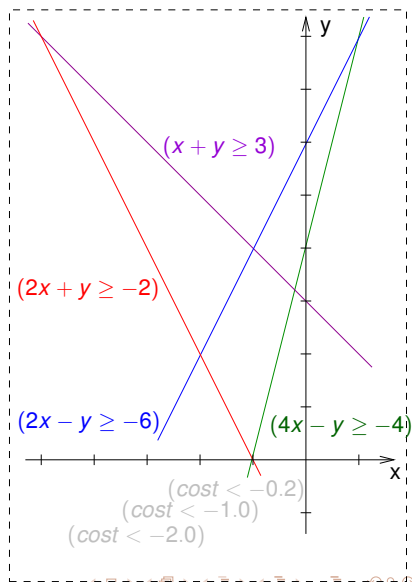
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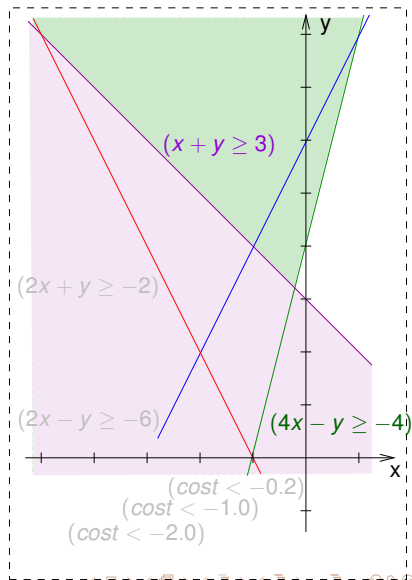
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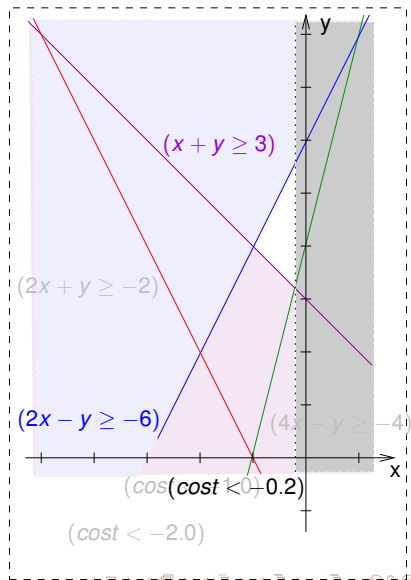
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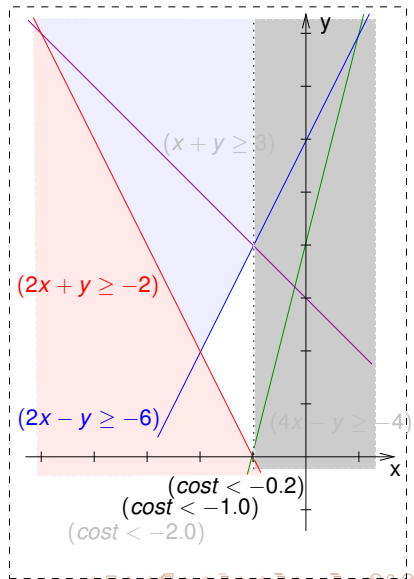
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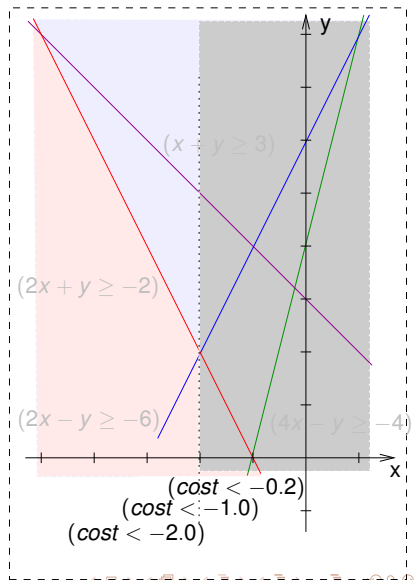
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\implies UNSAT, $\min = -2.0$



OMT with Independent Objectives (aka Boxed OMT)

[55, 76]

The problem: $\langle \varphi, \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\} \rangle$ [55]

Given $\langle \varphi, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ s.t.:

- φ is the input formula
- $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\}$ is a set of \mathcal{LA} -terms on variables in φ ,

$\langle \varphi, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ is the problem of finding a set of independent \mathcal{LA} -models $\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_k$ s.t. each \mathcal{M}_i makes $cost_i$ minimum.

Notes

- derives from SW verification problems [55]
- equivalent to k independent problems $\langle \varphi, cost_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \varphi, cost_k \rangle$
- intuition: share search effort for the different objectives
- generalizes to $OMT(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ straightforwardly

OMT with Multiple Objectives [55, 13, 76]

Solution

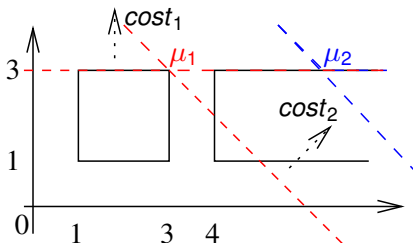
- Intuition: when a \mathcal{T} -consistent satisfying assignment μ is found,


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foreach costi
  mini := min{mini,  $\mathcal{T}$  solver.minimize( $\mu$ , costi)};
learn  $\bigvee_i$ (costi < mini); // (costi <  $-\infty$ )  $\equiv \perp$ 

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 proceed until UNSAT;
- Notice:
 - for each μ , guaranteed improvement of at least one \min_i
 - in practice, for each μ , multiple cost_i minima are improved
- Implemented improvements:
 - (a) drop previous clauses $\bigvee_i(\text{cost}_i < \min_i)$
 - (b) $(\text{cost}_i < \min_i)$ pushed in μ first: if \mathcal{T} -inconsistent, skip minimization
 - (c) learn $\neg(\text{cost}_i < \min_i) \vee (\text{cost}_i < \min_i^{\text{old}})$, s.t. \min_i^{old} previous \min_i
 \implies reuse previously-learned clauses like $\neg(\text{cost}_i < \min_i^{\text{old}}) \vee C$

Boxed OMT: Example [55, 76]



$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= (1 \leq y) \wedge (y \leq 3) \wedge (((1 \leq x) \wedge (x \leq 3)) \vee (x \geq 4)) \\ &\wedge (cost_1 = -y) \wedge (cost_2 = -x - y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= \{(1 \leq y), (y \leq 3), (1 \leq x), (x \leq 3)\} \implies \text{SAT} \implies [-3, -6] \\ &\implies \text{learn } \{(cost_1 < -3) \vee (cost_2 < -6)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2 &= \{(1 \leq y), (y \leq 3), (x \geq 4)\} \implies \text{SAT} \implies [-3, -\infty] \\ &\implies \text{learn } \{(cost_1 < -3)\} \\ &\implies \text{UNSAT} \end{aligned}$$

OMT with Lexicographic Combination of Objectives

[13]

The problem

Find one optimal model \mathcal{M} minimizing $\underline{c} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} cost_1, cost_2, \dots, cost_k$ lexicographically.

Solution

- Intuition:

{ minimize $cost_1$ }

when UNSAT

{ substitute unit clause ($cost_1 < min_1$) with ($cost_1 = min_1$) }

{ minimize $cost_2$ }

...

- improvement:

- each time UNSAT is found, add $\bigwedge_i (cost_i \leq \mathcal{M}_i(cost_i))$ to φ

Optimization problems encoded into $OMT(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T})$ I

SMT with Pseudo-Boolean Constraints & Weighted MaxSMT

$$OMT + PB : \quad \sum_j w_j \cdot A_j, \quad w_i > 0 \quad // (\sum_j ite(A_j, w_j, 0))$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j x_j, \quad x_j \text{ fresh} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \dots \wedge \bigwedge_j (A_j \rightarrow (x_j = w_j)) \wedge (\neg A_j \rightarrow (x_j = 0)) \\ & \wedge (x_j \geq 0) \wedge (x_j \leq w_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$MaxSMT : \quad \langle \varphi_h, \bigwedge_j \psi_j \rangle \quad \text{s.t. } \psi_j \text{ soft}, \quad w_j = \text{weight}(\psi_j), \quad w_i > 0$$

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 Ex: $w_1 = 4, w_2 = 7, \sum_{i=1} x_i < 10, A_1 = A_2 = \top, A_i = * \forall i > 2$.
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Optimization problems encoded into $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ II

OMT with Min-Max [Max-Min] optimization

Given $\langle \varphi, \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\} \rangle$, find a solution which minimizes the maximum value among $\{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\}$. (Max-Min dual.)

- Frequent in some applications (e.g. [74, 81])

\Rightarrow encode into $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ problem $\{\varphi \wedge \bigwedge_i (cost_i \leq cost), cost\}$ s.t. $cost$ fresh.

OMT with linear combinations of costs

Given $\langle \varphi, \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\} \rangle$ and a set of weights $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$, find a solution which minimizes $\sum_i w_i \cdot cost_i$.

\Rightarrow encode into $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ problem $\{\varphi \wedge (cost = \sum_i w_i \cdot cost_i), cost\}$ s.t. $cost$ fresh.

These objectives can be composed with other $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{LA})$ objectives.

Other OMT Functionalities [hints]

Incremental interface [13, 76]

Allows for pushing/popping sub-formulas into a stack, and then run OMT incrementally over them, reusing previous search.

- useful in some applications (e.g., BMC with parametric systems)
- straightforward variant of incremental SAT and SMT solvers

Pareto Fronts [13, 12]

- Given $cost_1, cost_2$, compute $\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_i, \dots, \mathcal{M}_j, \dots$ s.t.:
 - either $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_1) > \mathcal{M}_j(cost_1)$ or $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_2) > \mathcal{M}_j(cost_2)$ and $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_1) < \mathcal{M}_j(cost_1)$ or $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_2) < \mathcal{M}_j(cost_2)$
 - for each \mathcal{M}_i , no \mathcal{M}' dominates \mathcal{M}_i
- no objective can be improved without degrading some other one

Some OMT tools

- **BCLT** [66, 54]
`http://www.cs.upc.edu/~oliveras/bclt-main.html`
- **OPTIMATHSAT** [72, 74, 76, 75], on top of **MATHSAT** [28]
`http://optimathsat.disi.unitn.it`
- **SYMBA** [55], on top of **Z3** [38]
`https://bitbucket.org/arieg/symba/src`
- **ν Z** [13, 12], on top of **Z3** [38]
`http://z3.codeplex.com`

Outline

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Conclusions

- SMT very popular, due to successful application in many domains
- Combines techniques from SAT, ATP and operational research
- Not only satisfiability, but also advanced functionalities

Open/ongoing research directions

- Solving:
 - improve efficiency (e.g. BV , AR , LIA & their combinations)
 “a never-ending fight against the search-space explosion problem
 [E. Clarke, Turing-award winner 2007]”
 - develop efficient solvers for other theories ($NLA(\mathbb{R})$, $NLA(\mathbb{Z})$)
 - develop new theories & solvers (e.g., floating-point arithmetic)
 - ...
- Functionalities
 - Interpolation in some theories (LIA , BV) still very challenging
 - Predicate abstraction (AllSMT) still a bottleneck in SMT-based FV
 - SMT with costs/optimization still in very early stage
 - ...
- Combination of SMT solvers and ATP (SMT with quantifiers)
- Integration & customization of SMT solvers with (FV) tools
- See also [67]

Links I

- survey papers:

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- web links:

- The SMT library SMT-LIB:
<http://goedel.cs.uiowa.edu/smtlib/>
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