Course Formal Methods Module I: Automated Reasoning

Ch. 02: Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

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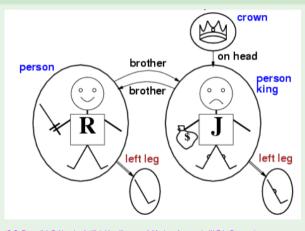
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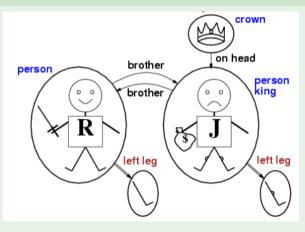
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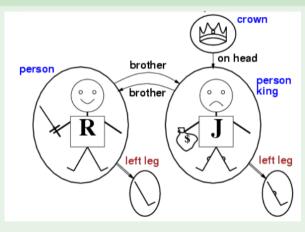
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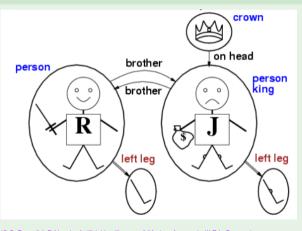
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• \mathcal{T} can also be a combination of theories $\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i$.

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

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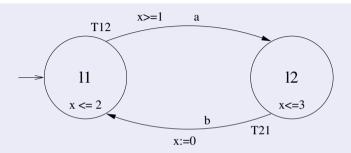


Some Motivating Applications

Interest in SMT triggered by some real-word applications

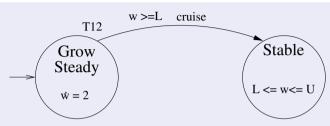
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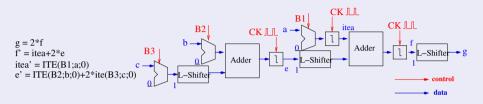
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Verification of Hybrid Systems ...



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Verification of HW circuit designs & microcode



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```
10. i = 0;

11. acc = 0.0;

12. while (i<dim) {

13. acc += V[i];

14. i++;

15. }
```

```
.... (pc = 10) \rightarrow ((i' = 0) \land (pc' = 11))

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Planning with Resources [80]

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

Example (sketch) [80]

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

(Disjunctive) Temporal Reasoning & Scheduling [77, 2]

Temporal reasoning problems encoded as disjunctions of difference constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll} ((x_1 - x_2 \le 6) & \vee (x_3 - x_4 \le -2)) & \wedge \\ ((x_2 - x_3 \le -2) & \vee (x_4 - x_5 \le 5)) & \wedge \\ ((x_2 - x_1 \le 4) & \vee (x_3 - x_7 \le -6)) & \wedge \\ \dots \end{array}$$

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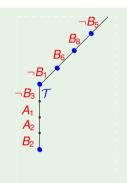
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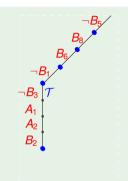
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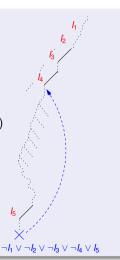


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\mathcal{T} -Backjumping & \mathcal{T} -learning [50, 80, 3, 8, 35]

- 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} -unsatisfiability of μ (\mathcal{T} -conflict set)
- If so, the \mathcal{T} -conflict clause $\mathcal{C}:=\neg\eta$ is used to drive the backjumping & learning mechanism of the SAT solver
 - \Longrightarrow lots of search saved
- ullet the less redundant is η , the more search is saved



\mathcal{T} -Backjumping & \mathcal{T} -learning: example

 B_{8} B_{8

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mu^{p} &= \{\neg B_{5}, B_{8}, B_{6}, \neg B_{1}, \neg B_{3}, A_{1}, A_{2}, B_{2}\} \\ \mu &= \{\neg (3v_{1} - v_{3} \leq 6), (v_{3} = 3v_{5} + 4), (v_{2} - v_{4} \leq 6), \neg (2v_{2} - v_{3} > 2), \\ - (3v_{1} - 2v_{2} \leq 3), (v_{1} - v_{5} \leq 1)\} \\ \eta &= \{\neg (3v_{1} - v_{3} \leq 6), (v_{3} = 3v_{5} + 4), (v_{1} - v_{5} \leq 1)\} \\ \eta^{p} &= \{\neg B_{5}, B_{8}, B_{9}\} \end{array}$$

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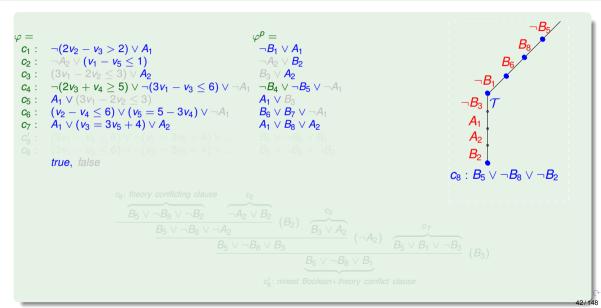
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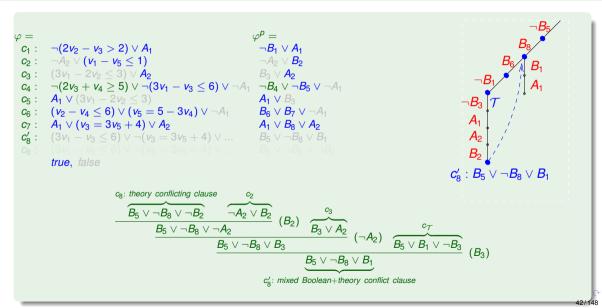
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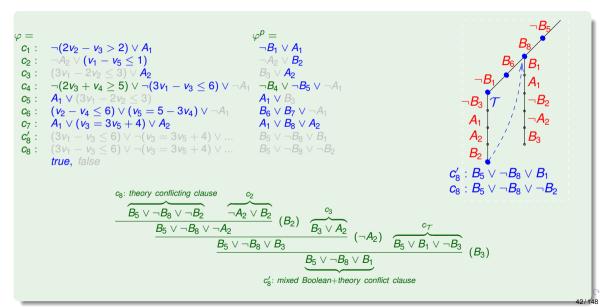
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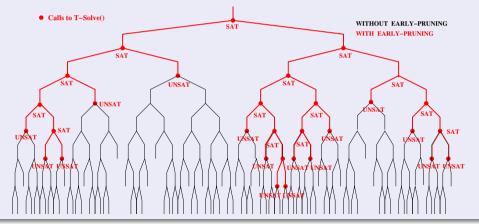


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Early Pruning [45, 2, 80]

- Introduce a T-satisfiability test on intermediate assignments: if T-solver returns UNSAT, the procedure backtracks.
 - benefit: prunes drastically the Boolean search
 - Drawback: possibly many useless calls to *T-solver*



Early pruning: example

$$\varphi = \{ \neg (2v_2 - v_3 > 2) \lor A_1 \} \land \qquad \qquad \varphi^p = \{ \neg B_1 \lor A_1 \} \land \\ \{ \neg A_2 \lor (2v_1 - 4v_5 > 3) \} \land \qquad \qquad \{ \neg A_2 \lor B_2 \} \land \\ \{ (3v_1 - 2v_2 \le 3) \lor A_2 \} \land \qquad \qquad \{ B_3 \lor A_2 \} \land \\ \{ \neg (2v_3 + v_4 \ge 5) \lor \neg (3v_1 - v_3 \le 6) \lor \neg A_1 \} \land \\ \{ A_1 \lor (3v_1 - 2v_2 \le 3) \} \land \qquad \qquad \{ A_1 \lor B_3 \} \land \\ \{ (v_1 - v_5 \le 1) \lor (v_5 = 5 - 3v_4) \lor \neg A_1 \} \land \\ \{ A_1 \lor (v_3 = 3v_5 + 4) \lor A_2 \}. \qquad \qquad \{ A_1 \lor B_8 \lor A_2 \}.$$

Suppose it is built the intermediate assignment:

$$\mu'^p = \neg B_1 \wedge \neg A_2 \wedge B_3 \wedge \neg B_5.$$

corresponding to the following set of \mathcal{T} -literals

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

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

Early Pruning [45, 2, 80] (cont.)

- ullet Different strategies for interleaving Boolean search steps and \mathcal{T} -solver calls
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\mathcal{T} -propagation: example

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                                                                                     \neg B_1 \lor A_1
                                                                                 \neg A_2 \lor B_2
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                                                                     B_3 \vee A_2
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(see [70, 10] for an overview)

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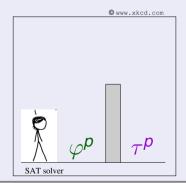
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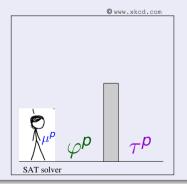
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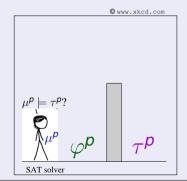
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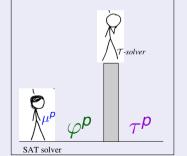


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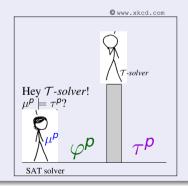
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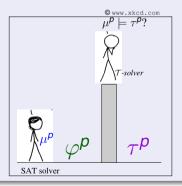
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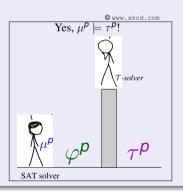
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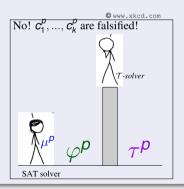
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An SMT problem φ from the perspective of a SAT solver:

- a "partially-invisible" Boolean CNF formula $\varphi^{\rho} \wedge \tau^{\rho}$:
 - φ^p : the Boolean abstraction of the input formula φ
 - τ^{ρ} : (the Boolean abstraction of) the set τ of all \mathcal{T} -lemmas on atoms in φ .

- the SAT solver:
 - "sees" only φ^p
 - finds μ^p s.t. $\mu^p \models \varphi^p$
 - cannot state if $\mu^p \models \tau^p$
 - invokes \mathcal{T} -solver on μ^p
- the *T-solver*.
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                                                                                                             C<sub>1</sub>:
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                                                                                                            c_2: \{ \neg A_1 \vee B_1 \}
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                                                                                                            C_6: \{ \neg B_4 \lor B_5 \lor \neg A_5 \}
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                                                                                                            \tau^p:
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       \{\neg(x+v=0) \lor \neg(x+v=1)\}
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                                                                                                            C_{10}: \{ \neg B_1 \lor \neg B_3 \lor \neg B_4 \}
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\mu_1: \{(x-z>4), \neg(x+y=0), (x+y=1), (x-y<3), (y-z<1), \}
          (z+v=2), \neg (v>1)
satisfies \varphi^p, but violates both c_{10} and c_{12} in \tau^p.
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Exercise

Consider the following formula in the theory \mathcal{EUF} .

$$\varphi = \begin{cases} (f(x) = f(f(y))) \lor A_2 \} \land \\ \{\neg(h(x, f(y)) = h(g(x), y)) \lor \neg(h(x, g(z) = h(f(x), y))) \lor \neg A_1 \} \land \\ \{A_1 \lor (h(x, y) = h(y, x))\} \land \\ \{(x = f(x)) \lor A_3 \lor \neg A_1 \} \land \\ \{\neg(w(x) = g(f(y))) \lor A_1 \} \land \\ \{\neg A_2 \lor (w(g(x)) = w(f(x))) \} \land \\ \{A_1 \lor (y = g(z)) \lor A_2 \} \end{cases}$$

and consider the partial truth assignment $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ given by the underlined literals above:

$$\{\neg(w(x) = g(f(y))), \neg A_2, \neg(h(x, g(z) = h(f(x), y))), (x = f(x)), (y = g(z))\}.$$

- **1** Does (the Boolean abstraction of) μ propositionally satisfy (the Boolean abstraction of) φ ?
- 2 Is μ satisfiable in \mathcal{EUF} ?
 - If no, find a minimal conflict set for μ and the corresponding conflict clause C.
 - $oldsymbol{\circ}$ If yes, show one unassigned literal which can be deduced from μ , and show the corresponding deduction clause C.

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Summary: desirable properties for \mathcal{T} -solver

- Correctness & Completeness: be correct & complete
- Time efficiency: be fast
- Incrementality & backtrackability: \mathcal{T} -solver($\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$) reuses computation of \mathcal{T} -solver(μ_1)
- ullet Diagnosis capabilities: \mathcal{T} -solver able to produce conflict sets
- Deduction capabilities: T-solver able to deduce assignments

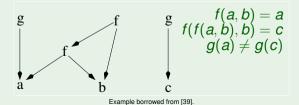
\mathcal{T} -solvers for Equality and Uninterpreted Functions (\mathcal{EUF})

- Typically used as a "core" T-solver
- \mathcal{EUF} polynomial: $O(n \cdot log(n))$
- Fully incremental and backtrackable (stack-based)
- Uses a congruence closure data structures (E-Graphs) [39, 64, 34],
 - based on the Union-Find data-structure for equivalence classes
- Supports efficient T-propagation
 - Exhaustive for positive equalities
 - Incomplete for disequalities
- Supports Lazy explanations and conflict generation
 - However, minimality not guaranteed
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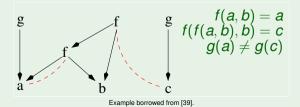
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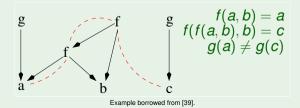
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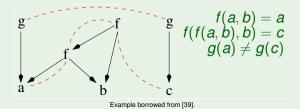
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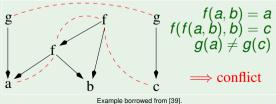
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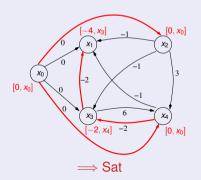
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- (a) $\{g(a) = b, h(b) = a, h(a) = c, g(h(b)) = c, h(h(g(a))) \neq c\}$
- (b) $\{g(a) = b, h(b) = a, h(a) = c, f(h(g(a)), g(h(b))) \neq f(a, b)\}$
- (c) [... invent your own sets of \mathcal{EUF} -literals]

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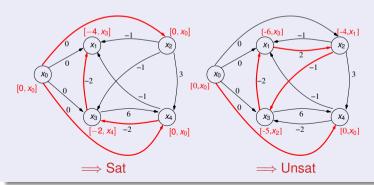
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\mathcal{T} -solvers for Linear arithmetic over the rationals (\mathcal{LRA})

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots A_{1j} \dots \\ \vdots \\ A_{i1} \dots A_{ij} \dots A_{iM} \\ \vdots \\ \dots A_{Nj} \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_j \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \end{bmatrix};$$

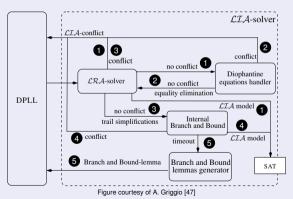
Invariant: $\beta(x_j) \in [l_j, u_j] \ \forall x_j \in \mathcal{N}$

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



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

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

$$\forall a. \forall i. \forall e. \ (read(write(a, i, e), i) = e), \tag{1}$$

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

$$\forall a. \forall b. \ (\forall i. (read(a, i) = read(b, i)) \rightarrow (a = b)). \tag{3}$$

EX:

Input :
$$(write(A, i, v) = write(B, i, w)) \land \neg(v = w)$$

inst. (1) : $(read(write(A, i, v), i) = v)$
 $(read(write(B, i, w), i) = w)$
 \models_{Bool} \downarrow

many strategies discussed in the literature (e.g., [39, 46, 20, 38])

Exercises

For each of the following sets of \mathcal{AR} -literals, try to infer \bot by instantiating the \mathcal{AR} axioms and applying \mathcal{EUF} -inference and \mathcal{BOOL} -inference.

Sets of AR-literals:

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\mathcal{T} -solvers for Bit vectors (\mathcal{BV})

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- EX: $\{(x_{[16]}[15:0] = (y_{[16]}[15:8] :: z_{[16]}[7:0]) << w_{[16]}[3:0]), ...\}$
- NP-hard
- involve complex word-level operations: word partition/concat, modulo-2^N arithmetic, shifts, bitwise-operations, multiplexers, ...
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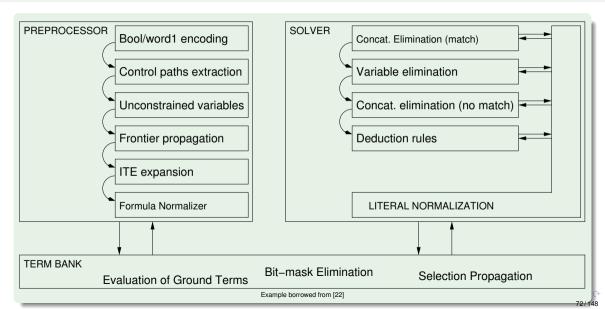
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Lazy bit-blasting

- Two nested SAT solvers
- bit-blast each \mathcal{BV} atom ψ_i

$$\Longrightarrow \Phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_i (A_i \leftrightarrow BB(\psi_i)),$$

 A_i fresh variables labeling \mathcal{BV} -atoms ψ_i in φ

- $\Longrightarrow \varphi \ \mathcal{BV}$ -satisfiable iff $\varphi^p \wedge \Phi$ satisfiable
- Exploit SAT under assumptions
 - let μ^p an assignment for φ^p , s.t. $\mu^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [\neg] A_1, ..., [\neg] A_n \}$
 - \mathcal{T} -solver for \mathcal{BV} : $SAT_{assumption}(\Phi, \mu^p)$
 - If UNSAT, generate the unsat core $\eta^{\it p} \subseteq \mu^{\it p}$
 - $\implies \neg \eta^p$ used as blocking clause

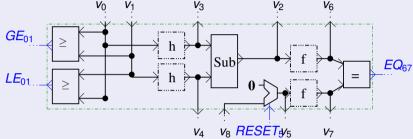
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SMT for combined theories: $SMT(|\cdot|, \mathcal{T}_i)$

Problem: Many problems can be expressed as SMT problems only in combination of theories



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\bigcup_{i} \mathcal{T}_{i} \longrightarrow SMT(\bigcup_{i} \mathcal{T}_{i})
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 $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{A}$: $(GE_{01} \leftrightarrow (v_0 \geq v_1)) \land (LE_{01} \leftrightarrow (v_0 \leq v_1)) \land$

 \mathcal{EUF} : $(v_3 = h(v_0)) \wedge (v_4 = h(v_1)) \wedge$

 $\mathcal{L}.\mathcal{T}.A$: $(v_2 = v_3 - v_4) \land (RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = 0)) \land$

 \mathcal{EUF} or \mathcal{LIA} : $(\neg RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = v_8)) \land$ EU.F: $(v_6 = f(v_2)) \wedge (v_7 = f(v_5)) \wedge$ \mathcal{EUF} or \mathcal{LIA} : $(EQ_{67} \leftrightarrow (v_6 = v_7)) \land ...$

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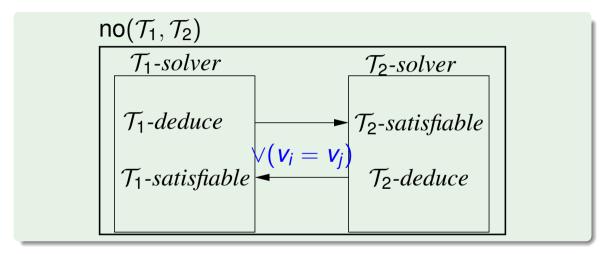
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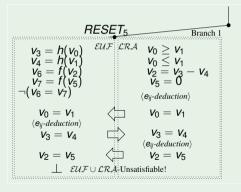
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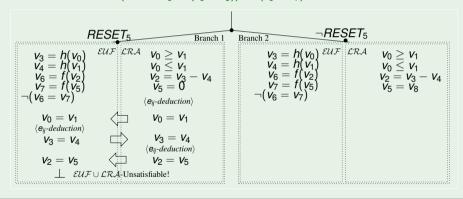
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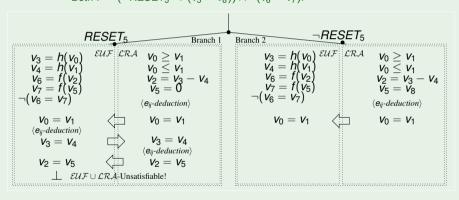
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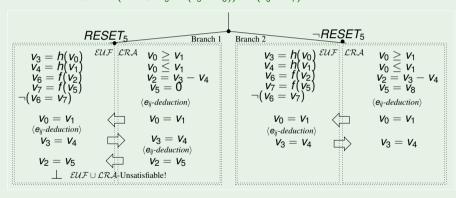
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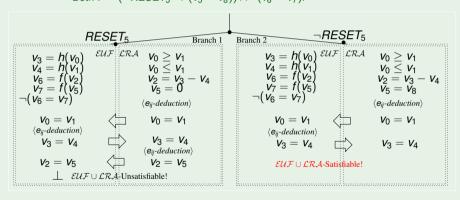
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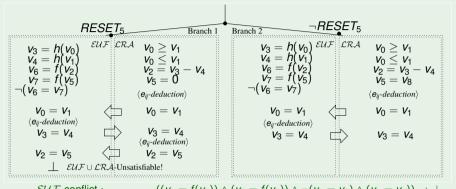
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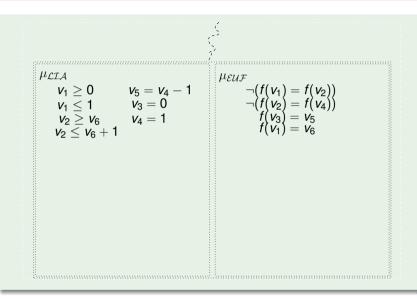
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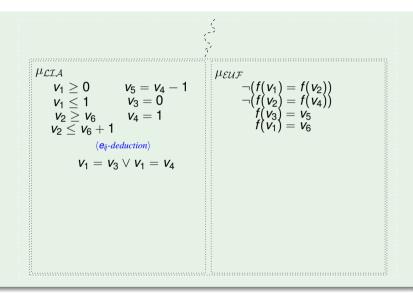
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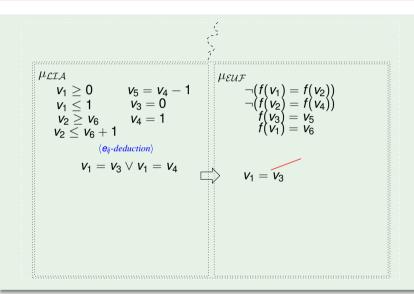
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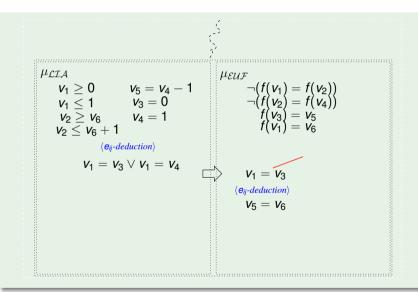
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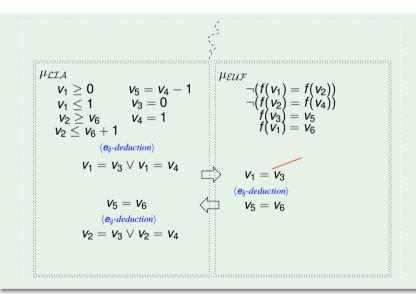
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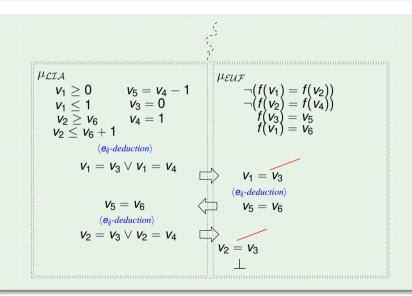


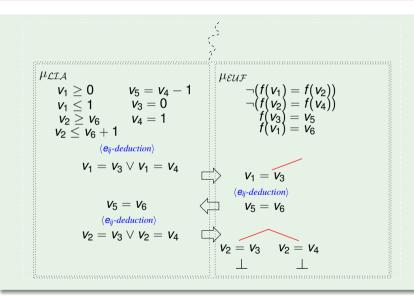


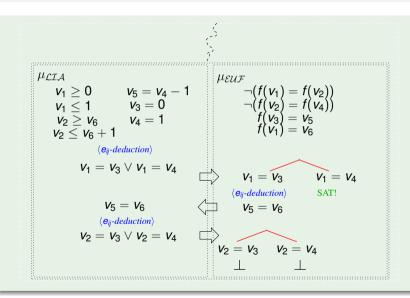


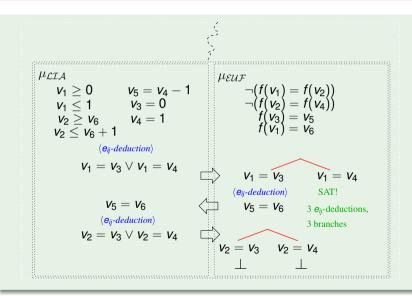












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Exercise (cont.)

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Solve it via Nelson-Oppen procedure

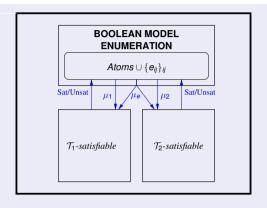
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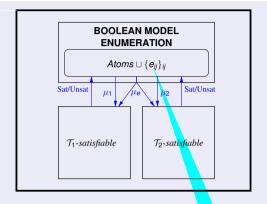
Delegate to the CDCL SAT solver part/most of the (possibly very expensive) reasoning effort on interface equalities previously due to the \mathcal{T}_i -solvers (e_{ij} -deduction, case-split). [15, 16, 24]

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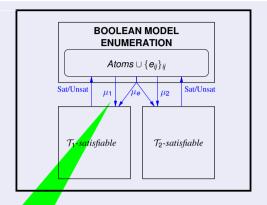


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The boolean solver assigns values not only to atoms in $Atoms(\phi)$, but also to interface equalities $\{(v_i=v_j)\}_{ij}$: $\mu=\mu_1\cup\mu_2\cup\mu_\theta,\quad \mu_\theta:=\{[\neg](v_i=v_j)|v_i,v_j\in\mu_1\cup\mu_2\}$

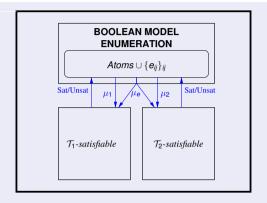
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Each \mathcal{T}_{i} -solver interacts only with the boolean solver

- ullet receives $\mu_i' := \mu_i \cup \mu_{\it e}$ from Bool
- \bullet checks the T_i -satisfiability of μ'_i

DTC: Basic schema



...until either:

- some μ propositionally satisfies ϕ and both $\mu'_i := \mu_i \cup \mu_e$ are T_i -consistent $\Rightarrow (\phi \text{ is } T_1 \cup T_2\text{-sat})$
- no more assignment μ are available
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DTC: enhanced schema

- CDCL-based assignment enumeration on $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$, \Longrightarrow benefits of state-of-the-art SAT techniques
- Early pruning: invoke the 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
- Theory-Backjumping & Learning: e_{ij} 's are involved in conflicts $\implies e_{ij}$'s can be assigned by unit propagation
- Theory-deduction & learning: if \mathcal{T}_i -solver deduces unassigned literals I on $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$
 - I is passed back to the Boolean solver, which unit-propagates it
 - the deduction $\mu' \models I$ is learned as a clause $\mu' \to I$ (deduction clause)
- ...

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\neg (f(v_1) = f(v_2)) & v_1 \ge 0 & v_5 = v_4 - 1 \\
\neg (f(v_2) = f(v_4)) & v_1 \le 1 & v_3 = 0 \\
f(v_3) = v_5 & v_2 \ge v_6 \\
f(v_1) = v_6 & v_2 \le v_6 + 1
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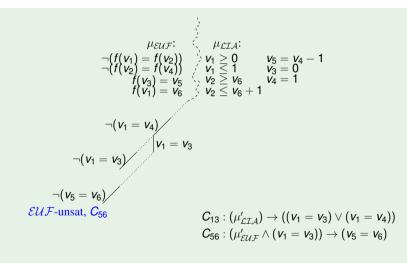
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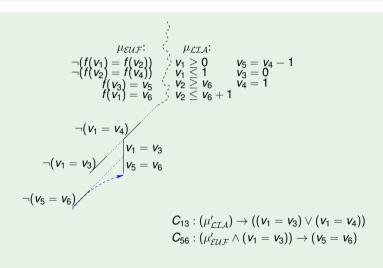
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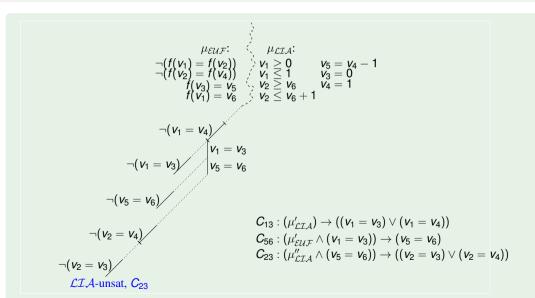
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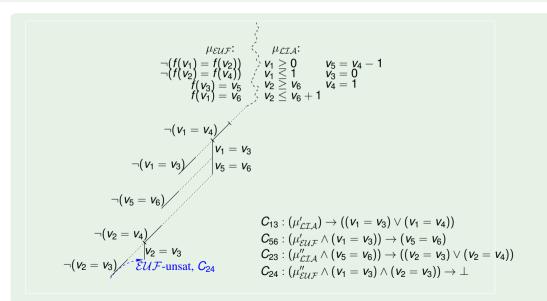
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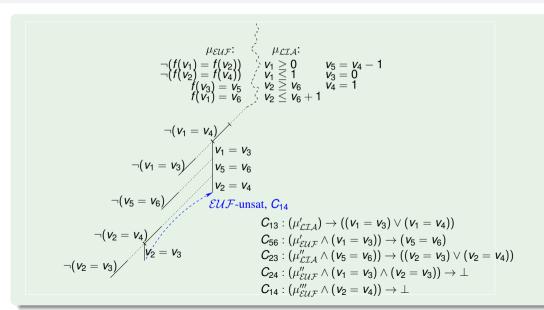
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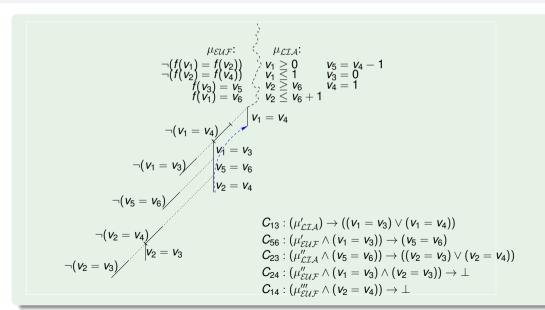


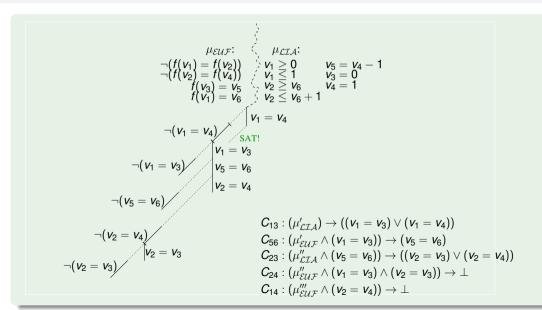


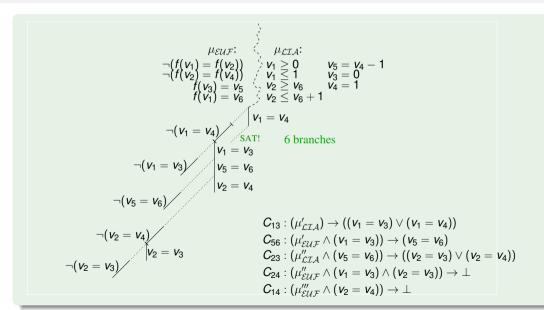




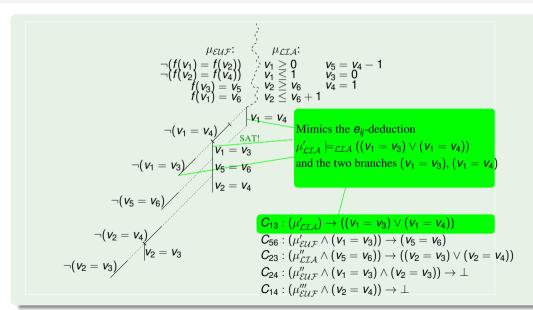


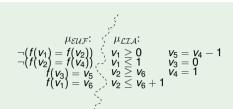






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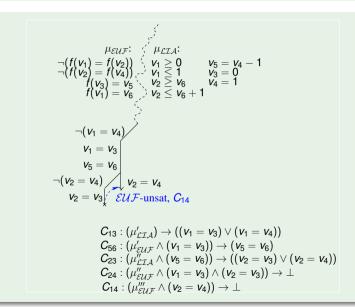
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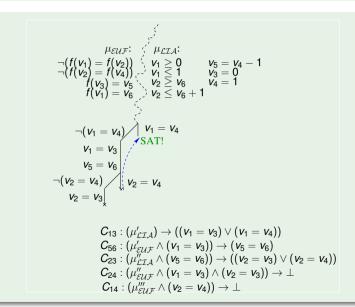
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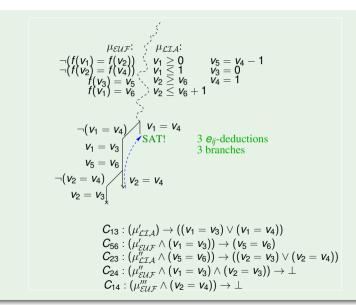
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          V_5 = V_6
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                                              C_{25}: (\mu''_{\mathcal{LR},4} \wedge (v_5 = 0) \wedge (v_3 = v_4)) \rightarrow (v_2 = v_5)
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DTC + Model-based heuristic (aka Model-Based Theory Combination) [36]

- 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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$$arphi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (d \ge 0) \land (d < 1) \land ((f(d) = f(0)) \rightarrow (read(write(V, i, x), i + d) = x + 1))$$

- Solve it via the DTC procedure
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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 [28, 56]
- We recognize three approaches:
 - Proof-based approach (CVC4, 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 [28]:
 use an external (possibly-optimized) Boolean unsat-core extractor

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

Idea (adapted from [82])

Unsatisfiable core of φ :

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

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Conflict analysis (Yices 1.0.6) returns:

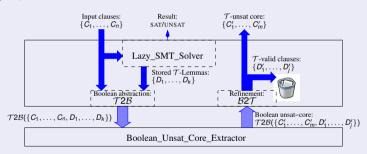
$$\neg S_1 \vee \neg S_2 \vee \neg S_3 \vee \neg S_4 \vee \neg S_6 \vee \neg S_7 \vee \neg S_8,$$

corresponding to the unsat core in red.

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

Idea [28, 32]

- (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, \ldots, D_k is propositionally unsatisfiable: $\mathcal{T}2\mathcal{B}(\varphi \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n D_i) \models \bot$.



- 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 (cont.)

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$$(x = 0 \lor \neg (x = 1) \lor A_1) \land (x = 0 \lor x = 1 \lor A_2) \land (\neg (x = 0) \lor x = 1 \lor A_2) \land (\neg A_2 \lor y = 1) \land (\neg A_1 \lor x + y > 3) \land (y < 0) \land (A_2 \lor x - y = 4) \land (y = 2 \lor \neg A_1) \land (x \ge 0),$$

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

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

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Consider the following set of clauses φ in \mathcal{EUF} .

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Find a minimal \mathcal{EUF} -unsatisfiable core.

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Solving OMT(\mathcal{LRA}) [71, 72]

General idea

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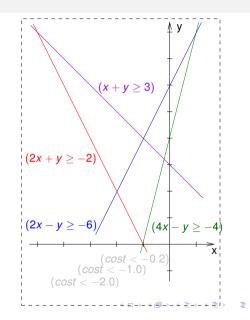
Offline Schema

- Minimizer: based on the Simplex \mathcal{LRA} -solver by [40]
 - Handles strict inequalities
- Search Strategies:
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 - Mixed Linear/Binary strategy

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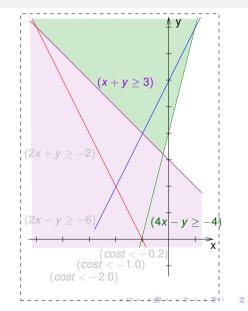
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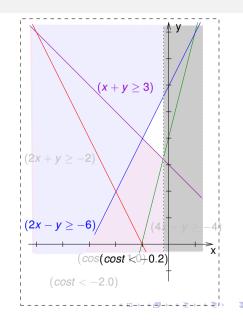
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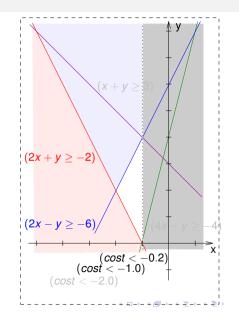
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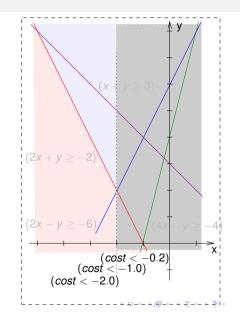
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             \langle \text{res}, \mu \rangle \leftarrow \text{SMT.IncrementalSolve}(\varphi);
      else // Linear-search Mode
      if (res = SAT) then
      else \{res = UNSAT\}
            if ((cost < pivot) \not\in SMT.ExtractUnsatCore(\varphi)) then
            else
return\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathsf{u} \rangle
                                                                                           pivot:
                                                                                                                     |_{i+1} = |\mathbf{u}_i|
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Input: \langle \varphi, cost, lb, ub \rangle // lb can be <math>-\infty, ub can be +\infty
1 \leftarrow lb; u \leftarrow ub; \mathcal{M} \leftarrow \emptyset; \varphi \leftarrow \varphi \cup \{\neg(cost < lb), (cost < ub)\};
while (1 < u) do
      if (BinSearchMode()) then // Binary-search Mode
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           \varphi \leftarrow \varphi \cup \{(cost < pivot)\};
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           else
                                                                                      pivot:
                                                                                                                         U_i
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OMT with Independent Objectives (aka Boxed OMT) [55, 74]

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The problem: \langle \varphi, \{cost_1, ..., cost_k\} \rangle [55]
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Given $\langle \varphi, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ s.t.:

- ullet φ is the input formula
- $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ cost_1, ..., cost_k \}$ 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 $\mathcal{M}_1, ..., \mathcal{M}_k$ s.t. s.t. each \mathcal{M}_i makes $cost_i$ minimum.

Notes

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

OMT with Multiple Objectives [55, 13, 74]

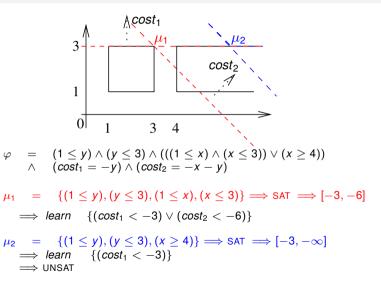
Solution

• Intuition: when a T-satisfiable satisfying assignment μ is found,

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\begin{split} &\text{foreach cost}_i\\ &\text{min}_i := \min\{\min_i, \mathcal{T} \text{solver.minimize}(\mu, \text{cost}_i)\};\\ &\text{learn } \bigvee_i (\text{cost}_i < \min_i); \quad // \text{ (cost}_i < -\infty) \equiv \bot\\ &\text{proceed until UNSAT;} \end{split}
```

- Notice:
 - ullet for each μ , guaranteed improvement of at least one \min_i
 - ullet in practice, for each μ , multiple $cost_i$ minima are improved
- Implemented improvements:
 - (a) drop previous clauses $\bigvee_i (cost_i < min_i)$
 - (b) $(cost_i < min_i)$ pushed in μ first: if T-unsatisfiable, skip minimization
 - (c) learn $\neg (cost_i < min_i) \lor (cost_i < min_i^{old})$, s.t. min_i^{old} previous min_i
 - \Longrightarrow reuse previously-learned clauses like $\neg(cost_i < min_i^{old}) \lor C$

Boxed OMT: Example [55, 74]



OMT with Lexicographic Combination of Objectives [13]

The problem

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

Solution

Intuition:

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 \begin{cases} \textit{minimize } \textit{cost}_1 \\ \textit{when } \textit{UNSAT} \\ \textit{substitute unit clause } (\textit{cost}_1 < \textit{min}_1) \textit{ with } (\textit{cost}_1 = \textit{min}_1) \\ \textit{minimize } \textit{cost}_2 \\ \dots \end{cases}
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- improvement:
 - each time UNSAT is found, add $\bigwedge_i(cost_i \leq \mathcal{M}_i(cost_i))$ to φ

Optimization problems encoded into $\mathsf{OMT}(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ I

SMT with Pseudo-Boolean Constraints & Weighted MaxSMT

$$\begin{split} \textit{OMT} + \textit{PB}: & \sum_{j} \textit{w}_{j} \cdot \textit{A}_{j}, \; \textit{w}_{i} > 0 \; \; / / (\sum_{j} \textit{ite}(\textit{A}_{j}, \textit{w}_{j}, 0)) \\ & \downarrow \\ & \sum_{j} \textit{x}_{j}, \; \textit{x}_{j} \; \textit{fresh} \\ & \text{s.t.} & \dots \wedge \bigwedge_{j} (\textit{A}_{j} \rightarrow (\textit{x}_{j} = \textit{w}_{j})) \wedge (\neg \textit{A}_{j} \rightarrow (\textit{x}_{j} = 0)) \\ & \wedge (\textit{x}_{j} \geq 0) \wedge (\textit{x}_{j} \leq \textit{w}_{j}) \end{split}$$

$$\textit{MaxSMT}: & \langle \varphi_{h}, \bigwedge_{j} \psi_{j} \rangle \quad \textit{s.t.} \; \psi_{j} \; \textit{soft}, \; \textit{w}_{j} = \textit{weight}(\psi_{j}), \; \textit{w}_{i} > 0 \\ & \downarrow \psi \\ & \textit{minimize} \; \sum_{j} \textit{x}_{j}, \; \textit{x}_{j}, \; \textit{A}_{j} \; \textit{fresh} \\ & \varphi_{h} \wedge \bigwedge_{j} (\textit{A}_{j} \vee \psi_{j}) \wedge \bigwedge_{j} (\neg \textit{A}_{j} \vee (\textit{x}_{j} = \textit{w}_{j})) \wedge (\textit{A}_{j} \vee (\textit{x}_{j} = 0)) \\ & \wedge (\textit{x}_{j} \geq 0) \wedge (\textit{x}_{j} \leq \textit{w}_{j}) \end{split}$$

OMT + PB:
$$\sum_{j} w_{j} \cdot A_{j}, \ w_{i} > 0 \ //(\sum_{j} ite(A_{j}, w_{j}, 0))$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \sum_{j} x_{j}, \ x_{j} \ fresh$$
s.t.
$$... \land \bigwedge_{j} (A_{j} \rightarrow (x_{j} = w_{j})) \land (\neg A_{j} \rightarrow (x_{j} = 0))$$

$$\land (x_{j} \ge 0) \land (x_{j} \le w_{j})$$

Range constraints " $(x_j \ge 0) \land (x_j \le w_j)$ " logically redundant, but essential for efficiency:

Without range constraints, the SMT solver can detect the violation of a bound only after all A_i's are assigned:

Ex:
$$W_1 = 4$$
, $W_2 = 7$, $\sum_{i=1} x_i < 10$, $A_1 = A_2 = \top$, $A_i = * \forall i > 2$.

- With range constraints, the SMT solver detects the violation as soon as the assigned A_i's violate a bound
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Optimization problems encoded into $\mathsf{OMT}(\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T})$ II

OMT with Min-Max [Max-Min] optimization

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

- Frequent in some applications (e.g. [72, 79])
- \implies encode into OMT($\mathcal{LA} \cup \mathcal{T}$) problem $\{\varphi \land \bigwedge_i(cost_i \leq cost), cost\}$ s.t. cost fresh.

OMT with linear combinations of costs

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

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

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

Other OMT Functionalities [hints]

Incremental interface [13, 74]

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 $\mathcal{M}_1, ..., \mathcal{M}_i, ..., \mathcal{M}_j, ...$ 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]
 https://www.cs.upc.edu/~oliveras/bclt-main.html
- OPTIMATHSAT [71, 72, 74, 73], on top of MATHSAT [27] https://optimathsat.disi.unitn.it
- SYMBA [55], on top of Z3 [37]
 https://bitbucket.org/arieg/symba/src
- νZ [13, 12], on top of Z3 [37] https://z3.codeplex.com

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