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Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

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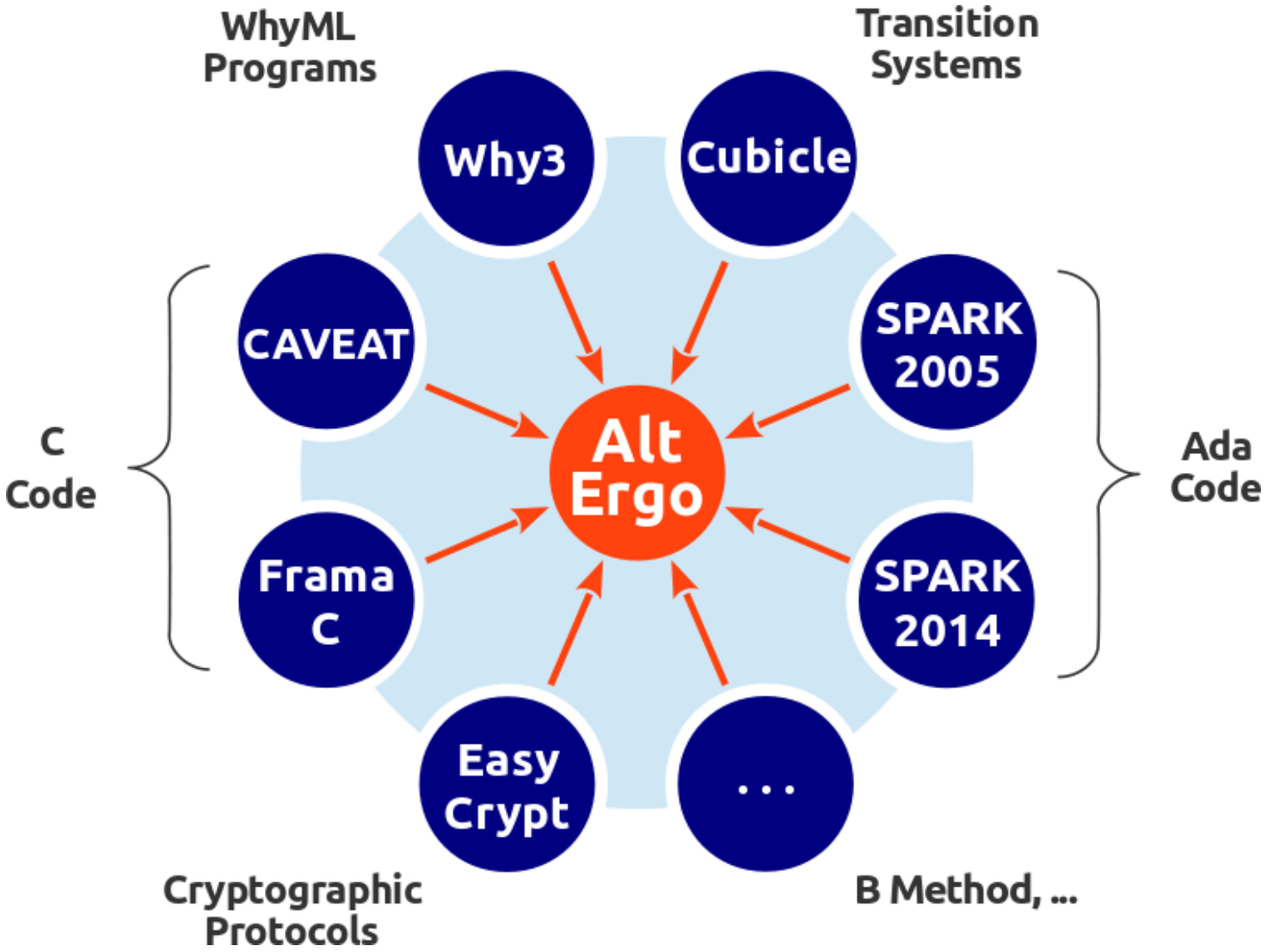

Road map

- Modern efficient SAT solvers
- The SMT problem
- CDCL(T)
- Examples of decision procedures: equality (CC) and difference logic (NCCD)
- Combining decision procedures

Modern SAT solvers

SAT Solvers

Is $(p \vee q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$ satisfiable?

- Truth tables
- Resolution-based procedure (DP [1960])
- Backtracking-based procedure (DPLL [1962])
- 80's - 90's: focus on variable selection heuristics
- Search-pruning techniques: Non-chronological backtracking, Learning clauses (Grasp [1996]) CDCL
- Indexing: two-watched literals (Zchaff, 2001)
- Scoring: deletion of bad learning clauses (Glucose, 2009)

Propositional Logic

I assume minimal knowledge about Propositional logic (variables, literals, CNF, satisfiability)

An assignment M is a set of literals such that $\{l, \neg l\} \not\subseteq M$

Given an assignment M, a literal l is

- true in M if $l \in M$
- false if $\neg l \in M$
- undefined in M if it is not true or false in M

A clause $C \vee l$ is a unit clause in M if C is false in M and l is undefined in M

A CNF F is satisfied by M (or M is a model of F), written $M \models F$, if all clauses of F are true in M

DPLL

DPLL is a model-finder procedure that builds incrementally a model M for a CNF formula F by

- deducing the truth value of a literal l from M and F by Boolean Constraint Propagations (BCP)

  If $C \vee l \in F$ and $M \models \neg C$ then l must be true

- guessing the truth value of an unassigned literal

  If $M \cup \{l\}$ leads to a model for which F is unsatisfiable then backtrack and try $M \cup \{\neg l\}$

DPLL : State of the Procedure

The state of the procedure is represented by

- a variable F containing a set of clauses (CNF)
- a variable M containing a list of literals

DPLL : Algorithm

$$\textsc{Success}\ \frac{M \models F}{\text{return}\ \ \textsc{Sat}}$$

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{C \vee l \in F \qquad M \models \neg C \qquad l \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := l :: M}$$

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{l \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad l \text{ (or } \neg l) \in F}{M := l^{@} :: M}$$

$$\textsc{Backtrack}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} C \in F \quad M \models \neg C \quad M = M_1 :: l^{@} :: M_2 \\ M_1 \text{ contains no decision literals} \end{array}}{M := \neg l :: M_2}$$

$$\textsc{Fail}\ \frac{C \in F \qquad M \models \neg C \qquad M \text{ contains no decision literals}}{\text{return}\ \ \textsc{Unsat}}$$

DPLL : Example

To improve readability, we sometime

- denote atoms by natural numbers and negation by overlining
- write CNF as sets of clauses

e.g. $(\neg l_1 \vee L_2 \vee \neg l_3) \wedge (l_4 \vee \neg 2)$ is simply written $\{\bar{1} \vee 2 \vee \bar{3}, 4 \vee \bar{2}\}$

DPLL : Example

$$M = []$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{1 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{1} \in F}{M := 1^{@} :: M}$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{1} \vee 2 \in F \qquad M \models 1 \qquad 2 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 2 :: M}$$

$$M = [1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{1} \vee 2 \in F \qquad M \models 1 \qquad 2 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 2 :: M}$$

$$M = [2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

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$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{3 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{3} \in F}{M := 3^{@} :: M}$$

$$M = [2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{3 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{3} \in F}{M := 3^{@} :: M}$$

$$M = [3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{3} \vee 4 \in F \qquad M \models 3 \qquad 4 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 4 :: M}$$

$$M = [3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{3} \vee 4 \in F \qquad M \models 3 \qquad 4 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 4 :: M}$$

$$M = [4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{5 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{5} \in F}{M := 5^{@} :: M}$$

$$M = [4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6} \in F \qquad M \models 5 \qquad \bar{6} \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := \bar{6} :: M}$$

$$M = [5^{@}; 4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Backtrack}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2} \in F \\ M \models \bar{6} \wedge 5 \wedge 2 \qquad M = [6] :: 5^{@} :: [4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}] \end{array}}{M := \bar{5} :: [4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]}$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{5 \vee 7 \in F \qquad M \models \bar{5} \qquad 7 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 7 :: M}$$

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$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

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$$M = [7; \bar{5}; 4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Backtrack}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2} \in F \\ M \models \bar{5} \wedge 7 \wedge 2 \qquad M = [7; \bar{5}; 4] :: 3^{@} :: [2; 1^{@}] \end{array}}{M := \bar{3} :: [2; 1^{@}]}$$

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$$M = [\bar{3}; 2; 1^{@}]$$

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$$M = [\bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{\bar{3}\ \text{is undefined in}\ M \qquad \bar{3} \in F}{M := \bar{3}^{@} :: M}$$

$$M = [\bar{1}]$$

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$$M = [\bar{3}^{@}; \bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{5 \vee 7 \in F \qquad M \models \bar{5} \qquad 7 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 7 :: M}$$

$$M = [\bar{5}^{@}; \bar{3}^{@}; \bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

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DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2} \in F \qquad M \models \bar{5} \wedge 7 \qquad \bar{2} \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := \bar{2} :: M}$$

$$M = [7; \bar{5}^{@}; \bar{3}^{@}; \bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2} \in F \qquad M \models \bar{5} \wedge 7 \qquad \bar{2} \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := \bar{2} :: M}$$

$$M = [\bar{2}; 7; \bar{5}^{@}; \bar{3}^{@}; \bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

DPLL : Example

$$\textsc{Success}\ \frac{M \models F}{\text{return } \textsc{Sat}}$$

$$M = [\bar{2}; 7; \bar{5}^{@}; \bar{3}^{@}; \bar{1}]$$

$$F = \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$$

Backjumping

- The clause $6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$ is false in $[\bar{6}; 5^{@}; 4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$
- It is also false in $[\bar{6}; 5^{@}; \quad ; 2; 1^{@}]$
- Instead of backtracking to $M = [\bar{5}; 4; 3^{@}; 2; 1^{@}]$, we would prefer to backjump directly to $M = [\bar{5}; 2; 1^{@}]$

Backjump Clauses

Conflict are reflected by backjump clauses

For instance, we have the following backjump clauses in the previous example:

$$F \models \bar{1} \vee \bar{5}$$
$$F \models \bar{2} \vee \bar{5}$$

Given a backjump clause $C \vee l$, backjumping can undo several decisions at once: it goes back to the assignment M where $M \models \neg C$ and add l to M

Conflict-Driven Clause Leaning (CDCL)

The state of the procedure is represented by four variables (imperative style) :

F contains a set of clauses (CNF)

M is a list of literals

R contains a clause

Mode is a flag (`search` or `research`)

CDCL Algorithm : Searching mode

When Mode = search

$$\textsc{Success}\ \frac{M \models F}{\text{return}\ \ \textsc{Sat}}$$

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{C \vee l \in F \qquad M \models \neg C \qquad l \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := l_{C \vee l} :: M}$$

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{l \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad l \text{ (or } \neg l) \in F}{M := l :: M}$$

$$\textsc{Conflict}\ \frac{C \in F \qquad M \models \neg C}{R := C;\ \text{Mode} := \text{resolution}}$$

Backward Conflict Resolution

Backjump clauses are obtained by successive application of resolution steps

Starting from the conflict clause, the (negation of) propagation literals are resolved away in the reverse order with the respective clauses that caused their propagations

We stop when the resolvent contains only one literal in the current decision level

CDCL Algorithm : Resolution Mode

When Mode = resolution

$$\textsc{Fail}\ \frac{R = \bot}{\text{return}\ \ \textsc{Unsat}}$$

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = C \vee \neg l \qquad l_{D \vee l} \in M}{R := C \vee D}$$

$$\textsc{Backjump}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} R = C \vee l \quad M = M_1 :: l' :: M_2 \\ M_2 \models \neg C \qquad l \text{ is undefined in } M_2 \end{array}}{M := l_{C \vee l} :: M_2;\ \text{Mode} := \text{search}}$$

CDCL Algorithm

When Mode = resolution

$$\textsc{Learn}\ \frac{R \notin F}{F := F \cup \{R\}}$$

When Mode = search

$$\textsc{Forget}\ \frac{C \text{ is a learned clause}}{F := F \setminus \{C\}}$$

$$\textsc{Restart}\ \frac{}{M := \emptyset}$$

CDCL : Example

Mode $= search$

M $= []$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{1 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{1} \in F}{M := 1 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= []$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{1 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{1} \in F}{M := 1 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{1} \vee 2 \in F \qquad M \models 1 \qquad 2 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2} :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{1} \vee 2 \in F \qquad M \models 1 \qquad 2 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2} :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{3 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{3} \in F}{M := 3 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{3 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{3} \in F}{M := 3 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [3; 2^{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{3} \vee 4 \in F \qquad M \models 3 \qquad 4 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4} :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{3} \vee 4 \in F \qquad M \models 3 \qquad 4 \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4} :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{5 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{5} \in F}{M := 5 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [4_{\bar{3}\vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Decide}\ \frac{5 \text{ is undefined in } M \qquad \bar{5} \in F}{M := 5 :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6} \in F \qquad M \models 5 \qquad \bar{6} \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := \bar{6}_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}} :: M}$$

Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

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Mode $= \mathit{search}$

M $= [6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

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R $=$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Conflict}\ \frac{6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2} \in F \qquad M \models \bar{6} \wedge 5 \wedge 2}{R := 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}; Mode := \text{resolution}}$$

Mode $= search$

M $= [6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

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Mode $= \textit{resolution}$

M $= [6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $= 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2} \qquad 6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}} \in M}{R := \bar{2} \vee \bar{5}}$$

Mode $= \textit{resolution}$

M $= [6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $= 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2} \qquad 6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}} \in M}{R := \bar{2} \vee \bar{5}}$$

Mode $= \textit{resolution}$

M $= [6_{\bar{5} \vee \bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3} \vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1} \vee 2}; 1]$

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R $= \bar{2} \vee \bar{5}$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Backjump}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} R = \bar{2} \vee \bar{5} \\ M = [6_{\bar{5}\vee\bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3}\vee 4}] :: 3 :: [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \\ [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \models 2 \\ \bar{5} \text{ undefined in } [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \end{array}}{M := \bar{5}_{\bar{2}\vee\bar{5}} :: [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]; Mode := \text{search}}$$

Mode $= \textit{resolution}$

M $= [6_{\bar{5}\vee\bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3}\vee 4}; 3; 2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $= \bar{2} \vee \bar{5}$

CDCL : Example

$$\textsc{Backjump}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} R = \bar{2} \vee \bar{5} \\ M = [6_{\bar{5}\vee\bar{6}}; 5; 4_{\bar{3}\vee 4}] :: 3 :: [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \\ [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \models 2 \\ \bar{5} \text{ undefined in } [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1] \end{array}}{M := \bar{5}_{\bar{2}\vee\bar{5}} :: [2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]; Mode := \text{search}}$$

Mode $= \textit{search}$

M $= [\bar{5}_{\bar{2}\vee\bar{5}}; 2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

CDCL : Example

$etc.$

Mode $= search$

M $= [\bar{5}_{\bar{2}\vee\bar{5}}; 2_{\bar{1}\vee 2}; 1]$

F $= \{\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}, 5 \vee 7, 5 \vee \bar{7} \vee \bar{2}\}$

R $=$

Strategies

The inference rules given for CDCL are flexible

Basic strategy :

- apply Decide only if Unit or Fail cannot be applied

Conflict resolution :

- Learn only one clause per conflict (the clause used in Backjump)
- Use Backjump as soon as possible (FUIP)
- When applying Resolve, use the literals in M in the reverse order they have been added

Decision heuristic : VSIDS

The Variable State Independent Decaying Sum (VSIDS) heuristic associates a score to each literal in order to select the literal with the highest score when DECIDE is used

- Each literal has a counter, initialized to 0
- Increase the counters of
  - the literal l when RESOLVE is used
  - the literals of the clause in R when BACKJUMP is used
- Counters are divided by a constant, periodically

Scoring Learned Clauses

CDCL performances are tightly related to their learning clause management

- Keeping too many clauses decrease the BCP efficiency
- Cleaning out too many clauses break the overall learning benefit

Quality measures for learning clauses are based on scores associated with learned clauses

- VSIDS (dynamic): increase the score of clauses involved in Resolve
- LBD (static): number of different decision levels in a learned clause

Indexing

BCP = 80% of SAT-solver runtime

How to implement efficiently $M \models C$ (in UNIT and CONFLICT) ?

Two watched literals technique:

- assign two non-false watched literals per clause
- only if one of the two watched literal becomes false, the clause is inspected :
  - if the other watched literal is assigned to true, then do nothing
  - otherwise, try to find another watched literal
  - if no such literal exists, then apply Backjump
  - if the only possible literal is the other watched literal of the clause, then apply UNIT

Main advantages :

- clauses are inspected only when watched literal are assigned
- no updating when backjumping

What is the SMT problem ?

SMT

Satisfiability Modulo Theories

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SAT solver + Decision Procedures

Checking satisfiability of formulas in a decidable combination of first-order theories (e.g. arithmetic, uninterpreted functions, etc.)

SMT Solving

Input: a (quantifier-free) first-order formula F

Output: the status of F (sat or unsat), and optionally a model (when sat) or a proof (when unsat)

Basic SMT Solving

Given a quantifier-free formula F

$x + y \geq 0 \wedge (x = z \Rightarrow y + z = -1) \wedge z > 3t$ satisfiable ?

1. Convert F to CNF form
2. Replace every literal by a Boolean variable
3. Ask a SAT solver for a Boolean model M
4. Convert back M and call a decision procedure for the union of theories

if M is satisfiable modulo theories, then so is F

otherwise, add $\neg M$ to F and go to step 2

Basic SMT Solving : Example

$$x + y \geq 0 \wedge (x = z \Rightarrow y + z = -1) \wedge z > 3t$$

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2. Replace arithmetic constraints by Boolean variables

Basic SMT Solving : Example

$$p_1 \wedge (p_2 \vee p_3) \wedge p_4$$

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Basic SMT Solving : Example

$$M = \{p_1 = true,\ p_2 = false,\ p_3 = true,\ p_4 = true\}$$

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Basic SMT Solving : Example

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Basic SMT Solving : Example

M is unsatisfiable modulo arithmetic!

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3. Ask the SAT solver for a model
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6. Add $\neg M$ to F and go back to step 2

Basic SMT Solving : Example

$$x + y \geq 0 \wedge (x \neq z \vee y + z = -1) \wedge z > 3t \wedge$$
$$\neg(x + y \geq 0 \wedge x = z \wedge y + z = -1 \wedge z > 3t)$$

1. CNF conversion
2. Replace arithmetic constraints by Boolean variables
3. Ask the SAT solver for a model
4. Convert the model back to arithmetic
5. Check its consistency with the appropriate decision procedure for arithmetic
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Main Issues

- Size of formulas
- Complex Boolean structure
- Combination of theories
- Efficient decision procedures
- (Quantifiers)

SMT-Lib

The Satisfiability Modulo Theory Library

http://www.smtlib.org/

International initiative:

- Rigorous description of background theories
- Common input and output languages for SMT solvers
- Large benchmarks

The SMT Revolution

70's: Stanford Pascal Verifier (Nelson-Oppen combination)
1984: Shostak algorithm
1992: Simplify
1995: SVC
2001: ICS
2002: CVC, haRVey
2004: CVC Lite
2005: Barcelogic, MathSAT
2005: Yices
2006: CVC3, Alt-Ergo
2007: Z3, MathSAT4
2008: Boolector, OpenSMT, Beaver,Yices2
2009: STP, VeriT
2010: MathSAT5, SONOLAR
2011: STP2, SMTInterpol
2012: CVC4

SMT : Building Blocks

Three main blocks:

- CDCL(T)
- Decision procedures for theories
- A framework for combining decision procedures

CDCL(T)

First-Order Theories

I assume minimal knowledge about First-Order logic (signatures, terms, formulas, models, semantics)

A first-order theory T over a signature Σ is a set of sentences

A theory is consistent if it has (at least) a model

A formula F is satisfiable in T (or T-satisfiable) if there exists a model $\mathcal{M}$ for $T \wedge F$, written $\mathcal{M} \models_T F$

A formula F is T-valid, denoted $\models_T F$, if $\neg F$ is T-unsatisfiable

Decision Procedures

A decision procedure is an algorithm used to determine whether a formula F in a theory T is satisfiable

Many decision procedures work on conjunctions of (ground) literals

CDCL(T)

We assume a fix theory T

The state of the procedure is similar to CDCL

- F contains quantifier-free clauses in T
- M is a list of literals in T

CDCL(T) : Rules

CDCL(T) has the same rules than CDCL, augmented with

$$\textsc{T-conflict}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} Mode = \text{search} \\ l_1, \ldots, l_n \in M \qquad l_1, \ldots, l_n \models_T \bot \end{array}}{R := \neg l_1 \vee \ldots \vee \neg l_n; Mode = \text{resolution}}$$

$$\textsc{T-propagate}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} Mode = \text{search} \\ l (or \neg l) \in F \qquad l \text{ is undefined in } M \\ l_1, \ldots, l_n \in M \qquad l_1, \ldots, l_n \models_T l \end{array}}{M := l_{\neg l_1 \vee \ldots \vee \neg l_n \vee l} :: M}$$

CDCL(T) : Example

$Mode = search$

$M = []$

$F = \{3 < x,\ x < 0 \vee x < y,\ y < 0 \vee x \geq y)\}$

$R =$

CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{3 < x \in F \qquad 3 < x \text{ is undefined in } M}{M := 3 < x_{3<x} :: M}$$

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$F = \{3 < x,\ x < 0 \vee x < y,\ y < 0 \vee x \geq y)\}$

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CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{T-Propagate}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} x < 0 \in F \text{ is undefined in } M \\ 3 < x \in M \qquad 3 < x \models_T x \geq 0 \end{array}}{M := x \geq 0_{(3 \geq x \vee x \geq 0)} :: M}$$

$Mode = \mathit{search}$

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CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} x < 0 \vee x < y \in F \\ M \models_T x \geq 0 \qquad x < y \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array}}{M := x < y_{(x<0 \vee x<y)} :: M}$$

$Mode = \mathit{search}$

$M = [x \geq 0_{(3 \geq x \vee x \geq 0)};\ 3 < x_{3<x}]$

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$R =$

CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Unit}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} y < 0 \vee x \geq y \in F \\ M \models_T x < y \qquad y < 0 \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array}}{M := y < 0_{(y<0 \vee x \geq y)} :: M}$$

$Mode = \mathit{search}$

$M = [x < y_{(x<0 \vee x<y)};\ x \geq 0_{(3 \geq x \vee x \geq 0)};\ 3 < x_{3<x}]$

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CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{T-Conflict}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} 3 < x,\ x < y,\ y < 0 \in M \\ 3 < x,\ x < y,\ y < 0 \models_T \bot \end{array}}{R := 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y \vee y \geq 0;\ Mode := \mathsf{resolution}}$$

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$R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y \vee y \geq 0$

CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y \vee y \geq 0 \qquad y < 0_{(y<0 \vee x \geq y)} \in M}{R := 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y}$$

$Mode = \textit{resolution}$

$M = [y < 0_{(y<0 \vee x \geq y)};\ x < y_{(x<0 \vee x<y)};\ x \geq 0_{(3 \geq x \vee x \geq 0)};\ 3 < x_{3<x}]$

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$R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y \vee y \geq 0$

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$R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y$

CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y \qquad x < y_{(x<0 \vee x<y)} \in M}{R := 3 \geq x}$$

$Mode = \textit{resolution}$

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$R = 3 \geq x \vee x \geq y$

CDCL(T) : Example

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$R = 3 \geq x$

CDCL(T) : Example

$$\textsc{Resolve}\ \frac{R = 3 \geq x \qquad 3 < x_{3<x} \in M}{R := \bot}$$

$Mode = \textit{resolution}$

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CDCL(T) : Example

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Explanations

How to find efficiently $l_1, \ldots, l_n \in M$ such that $l_1, \ldots, l_n \models \bot$?

- In practice, we check for $M \models \bot$ and, if that's true, then we ask the theory solver to produce an explanation, that is, a set of literals $\{l_1, \ldots, l_n\} \subseteq M$ such that $\{l_1, \ldots, l_n\} \models \bot$
- There may be several explanations and some of them may contain irrelevant literals
- Decision procedures try to produce minimal explanations

Theory Propagation

- Similarly to rule UNIT, rule T-PROPAGATE is optional
- Contrary to rule UNIT, the implementation of rule T-PROPAGATE can be very costly

How to find efficiently l and $l_1, \ldots, l_n \in M$ s.t $l_1, \ldots, l_n \models l$?

- Theory solver are instrumented to find a literal l implied by M and to return an explanation of the unsatisfiability of $M \wedge \neg l$
- The explanation is also expected to be minimal
- In practice, decision procedures find some implied literals, not all as this can be very costly

Decision Procedures for SMT

Decision procedures found in articles or textbooks need usually to be adapted for being used in SMT solvers

- Incrementally : decision procedures are called successively on set of literals $M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \ldots \subset M_k$

  To gain for efficiency, we don't want to restart from scractch for each M_i but try to reuse work done for M_i when processing M_{i+1}
- Backtracking : operations for going back to a previous state of the decision procedure should be very efficient
- Propagation : find the good tradeoff between precision and performance
- Explanations : find an efficient generation mechanism that removes irrelevant literals (decidability issues)

Examples of decision procedures

The Free Theory of Equality with Uninterpreted Symbols

Axioms:

- Reflexivity $\forall x.x = x$
- Symmetry $\forall x, y.x = y \Rightarrow y = x$
- Transitivity $\forall x, y, z.x = y \wedge y = z \Rightarrow x = z$
- Congruence

$$\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n.$$
$$x_1 = y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n = y_n \Rightarrow f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = f(y_1, \ldots, y_n)$$

Examples:

$$g(y, x) = y \wedge g(g(y, x), x) \neq y$$
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Congruence Closure

Let $\mathcal{R}$ an equivalence relation on terms. The domain of $\mathcal{R}$, denoted by $\mathtt{dom}(\mathcal{R})$, is the set of all terms and subterms of R

- Congruence
  Two terms t and u are congruent by $\mathcal{R}$ if they are respectively of the form $f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ and $f(u_1, \ldots, u_n)$ and $(t_i, u_i) \in \mathcal{R}$ for all i

  $\mathcal{R}$ is closed by congruence if for all terms $t, u \in \mathtt{dom}(\mathcal{R})$ congruent par $\mathcal{R}$ we have $(t, u) \in \mathcal{R}$

- Congruence Closure
  The congruence closure of $\mathcal{R}$ is the smallest relation containing $\mathcal{R}$ and which is closed by congruence

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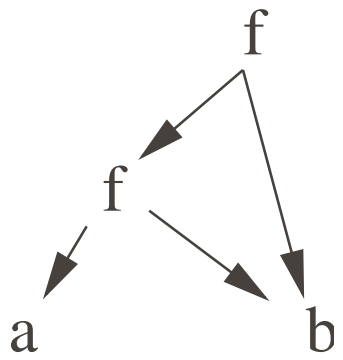

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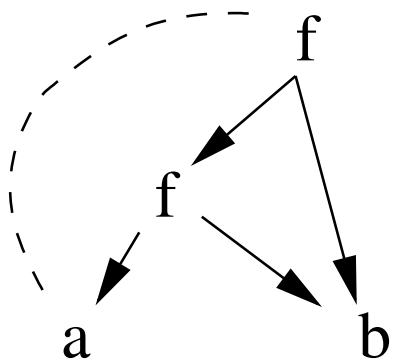

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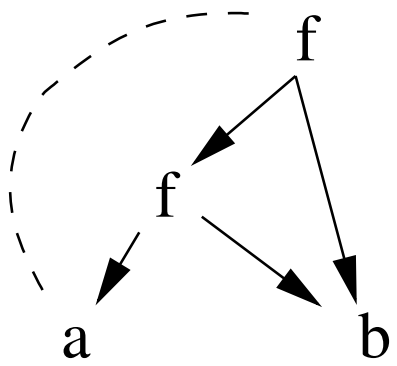

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3. DAG associated with an equivalence relation are called E-DAG (equality DAG)

Naive Congruence Closure

The equivalent relation $\mathcal{R}$ (the dotted lines) is implemented as a union-find data structure on the nodes of the DAG

$\texttt{find}(n)$ returns the representative of the node n

$\texttt{union}(n, m)$ merges the equivalence classes of n and m

Naive congurence closure algorithm:

For every nodes n and m such that $\texttt{find}(n) \neq \texttt{find}(m)$,

if n and m are labeled with the same symbol and

they have the same number of children and

$\texttt{find}(n_i) = \texttt{find}(m_i)$ for every children n_i and m_i of n and m

then, merge the classes of n and m by $\texttt{union}(n, m)$

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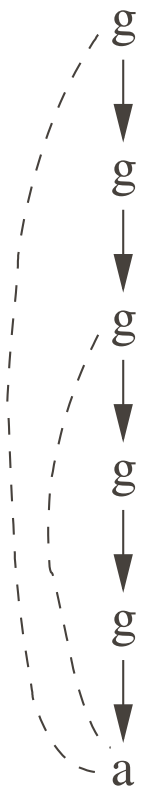

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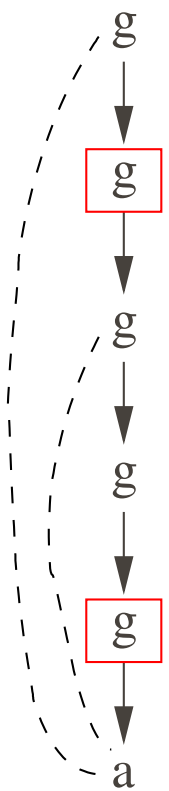

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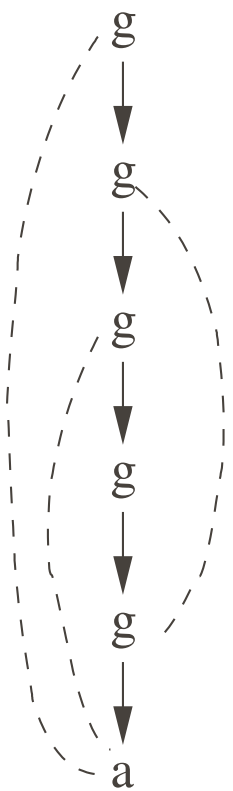

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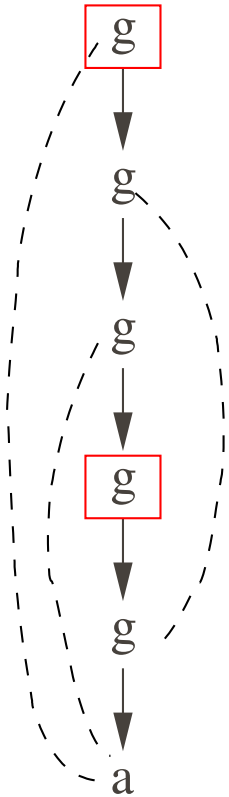

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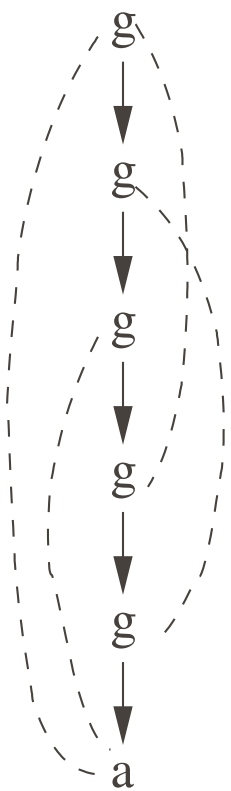

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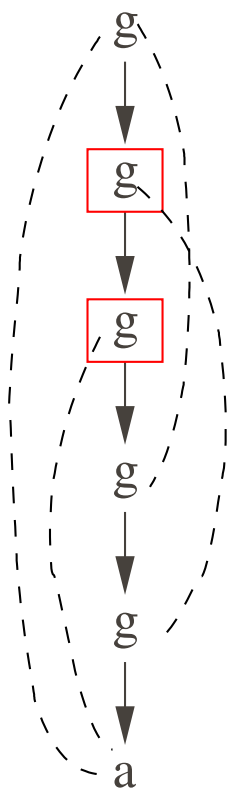

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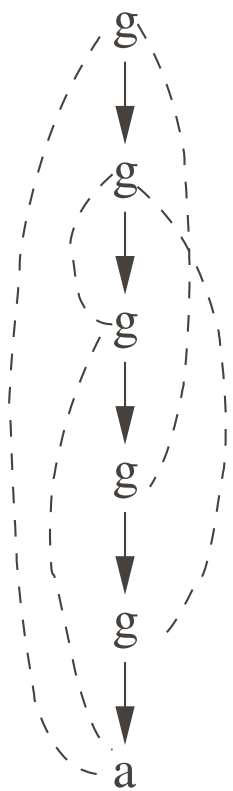

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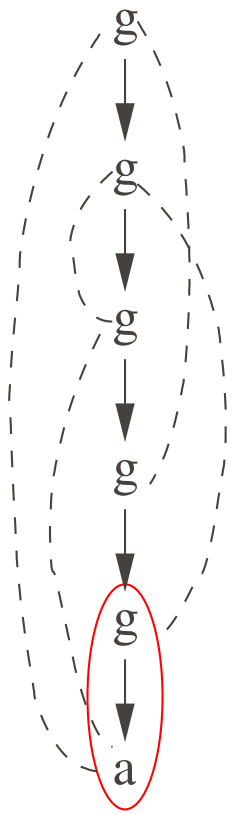

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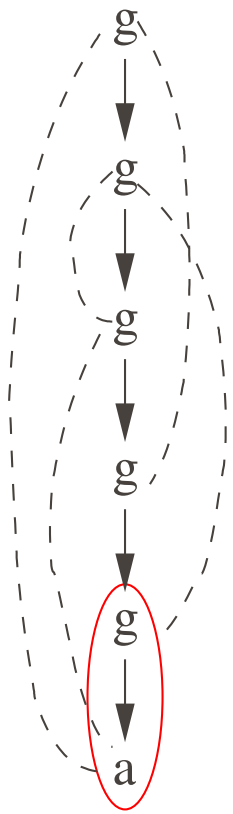

$g(a) = a$ is implied by the E-DAG

Difference logic

Difference Logic (DL)

$$x - y \leq c \quad \text{where } x, y, c \in (\mathbb{Q} \text{ or } \mathbb{Z})$$

Strict inequalities

- in $\mathbb{Z}$, $x - y < c$ is replaced $x - y \leq c - 1$
- in $\mathbb{Q}$, $x - y < c$ is replaced $x - y \leq c - \delta$ where δ is a symbolic sufficiently small parameter

Equalities

- $x = y$ is the same as $x - y \leq c \wedge y - x \leq -c$

One variable constraints

- $x \leq c$ is replaced by $x - x_{zero} \leq c$, where x_{zero} is a fresh variable whose value must be 0 in any solution

DL : Graph Interpretation

Given a set of difference constraints M, we construct a weighted directed graph $\mathcal{G}_M(V, E)$ as follows :

- the set of vertices V contains the variables of the problem plus an extra variable s
- the set of weighted edges E contains an edge $y \xrightarrow{c} x$ for each constraint $x - y \leq c$, plus an edge $s \xrightarrow{0} x$ for each variable x of the problem

DL : Example

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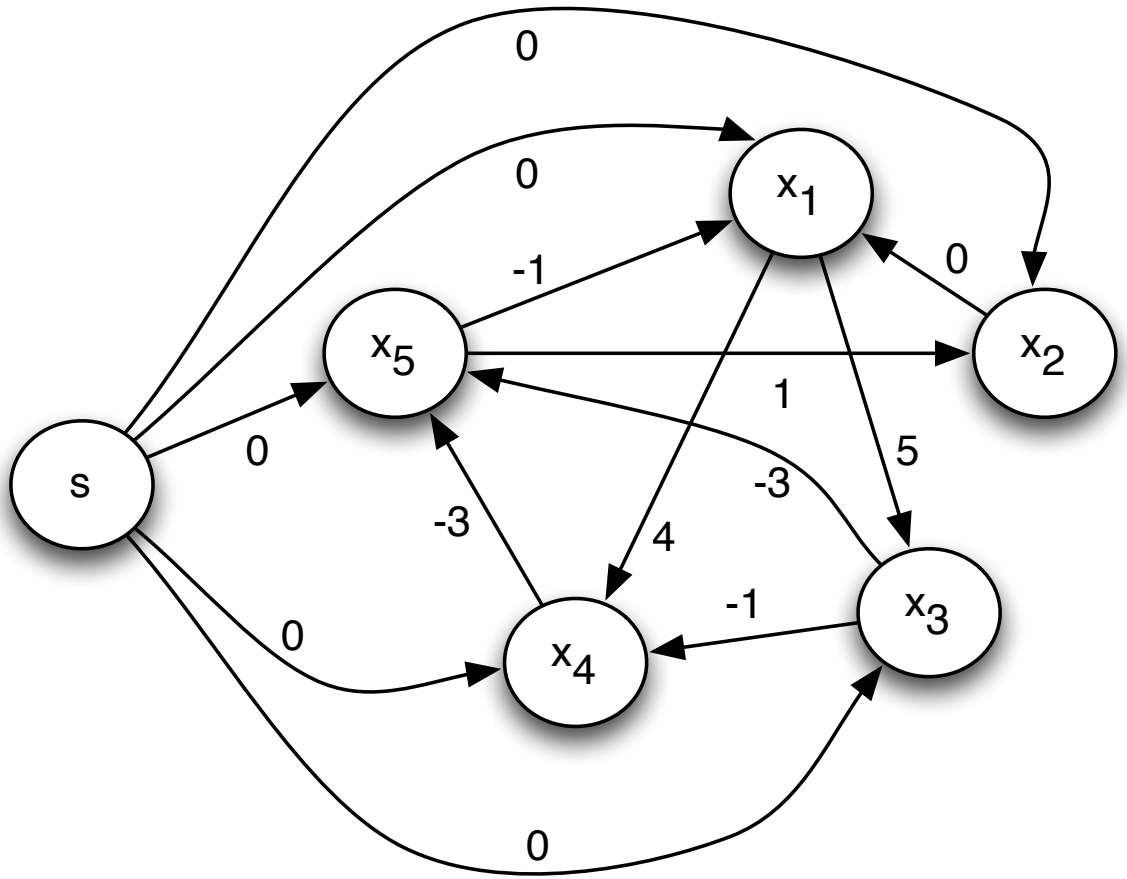

DL : Satisfiability and Models

A negative cycle in $\mathcal{G}_M(V, E)$ is a path

$$x_0 \xrightarrow{c_0} x_1 \xrightarrow{c_1} \ldots \xrightarrow{c_{n-1}} x_n \xrightarrow{c_n} x_0$$

such that $c_0 + c_1 + \cdots + c_{n-1} + c_n < 0$

Theorem

If $\mathcal{G}_M(V, E)$ has a negative cycle then M is unsatisfiable, otherwise a solution is

$$x_1 = \delta(s, x_1), \ldots, x_n = \delta(s, x_n)$$

where $\delta(s, x_i)$ is the shortest-path weight from s to x_i

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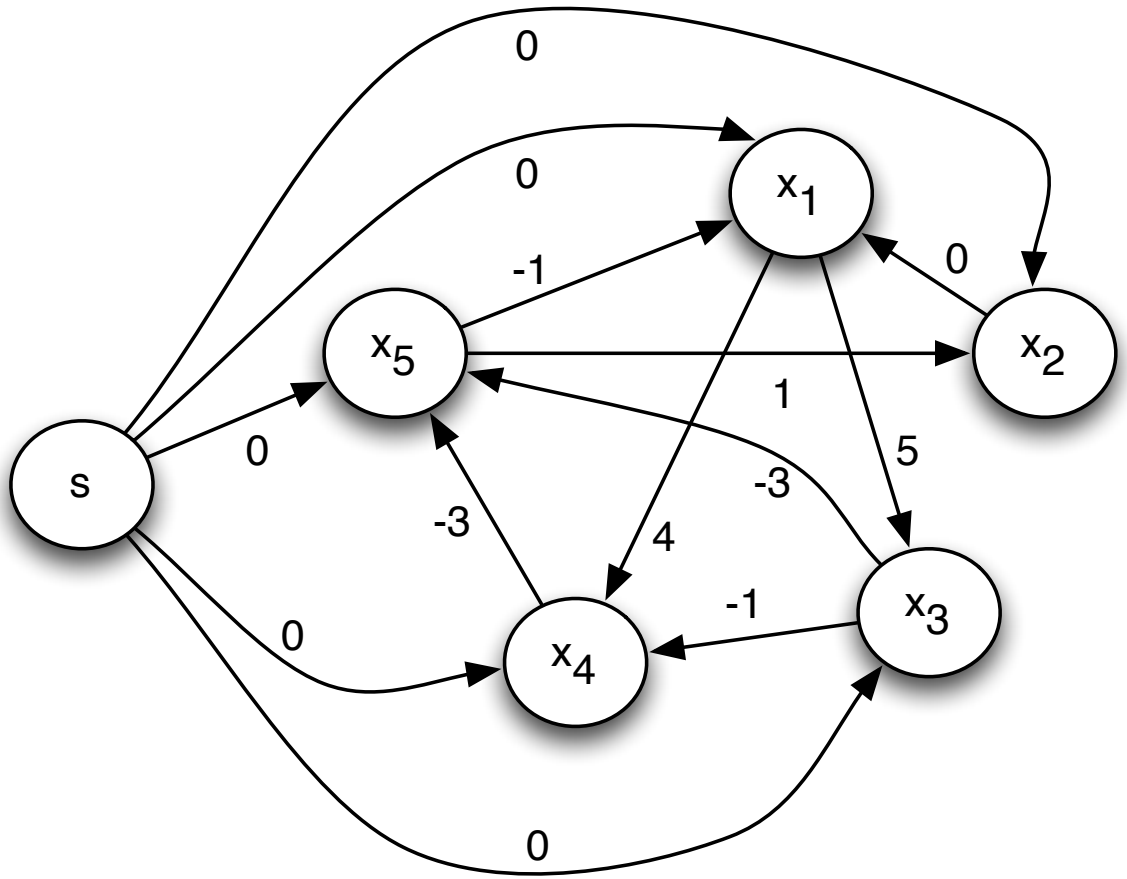

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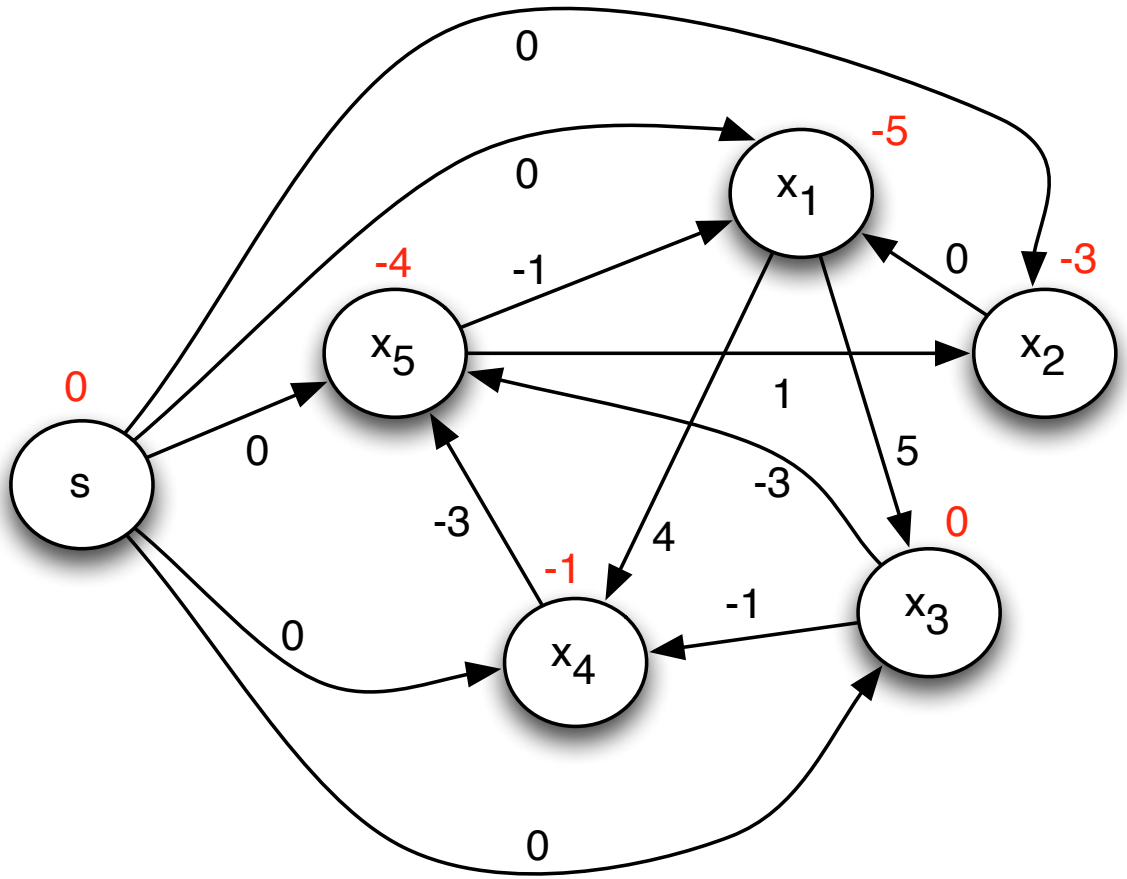

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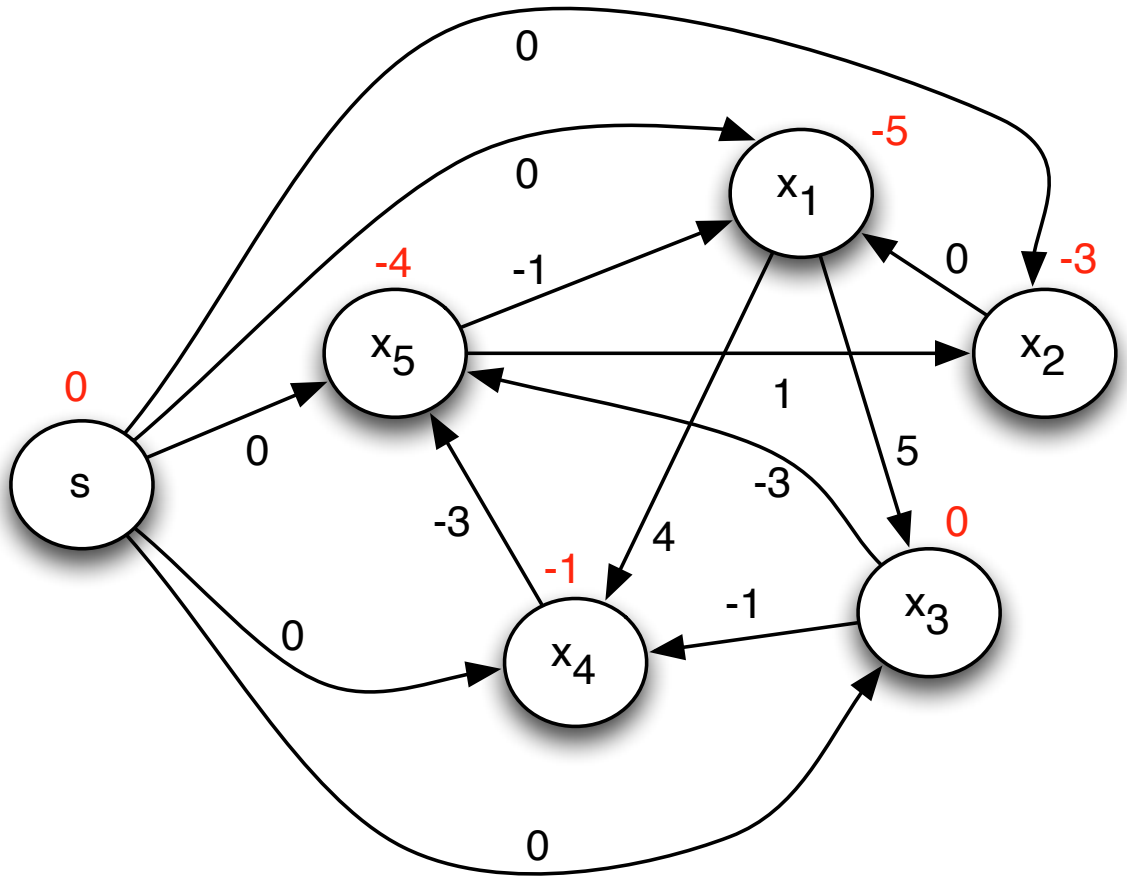

Negative Cycle Detection

Negative cycle can be detected with shortest path algorithms

Most algorithms are based on the technique of relaxation

- For each vertex x, we maintain an upper bound $d[x]$ on the weight of a shortest path from s to x
- Relaxing an edge $x \xrightarrow{c} y$ consists in testing whether we can improve the shortest path to y found so far by going through x
- Additionally, shortest paths are saved in an array π that gives the predecessor of each vertex

if $d[y] > d[x] + c$ **then**

$$d[y] := d[x] + c$$

$$\pi[y] := x$$

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

for each $x_i \in V$ **do** $d[x_i] := \infty$ **done**

$d[s] := 0$

for $i := 1$ **to** $|V| - 1$ **do**

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    return Negative Cycle Detected

      Follow π to reconstruct the cycle

done

Bellman-Ford Algorithm (cont)

- Checking satisfiability can be performed in time $O(|V|.|E|)$
- Inconsistency explanations are negative cycles (irredundant but not minimal explanations)
- Incremental and backtrackable extensions exist

Combining decision procedures

Combination of Theories

In CDCL(T), the theory T is usually combination of theories

For instance,

$$x + 2 = y \Rightarrow f(\mathsf{read}(\mathsf{write}(a, x, 3), y - 2)) = f(y - x + 1)$$

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Assume $\mathcal{T}_1$ is the theory of (integer) arithmetic and $\mathcal{T}_2$ the theory of arrays, defined by the following axioms

$$\begin{array}{rcl} v[i \leftarrow e][i] & = & e \\ i \neq j \Rightarrow v[i \leftarrow e][j] & = & v[i] \end{array}$$

Is the following formula ψ ($\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$)-satisfiable?

$$v[i \leftarrow v[j]][i] \neq v[i] \wedge i + j \leq 2j \wedge j + 4i \leq 5i$$

Naive Combination of Decision Procedures

First step : decompose ψ in two pure formulas ψ_1 and ψ_2 of $\mathcal{T}_1$ and $\mathcal{T}_2$

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The problem is that ψ_1 and ψ_2 are not independent, they are sharing variables and the equality predicate

Solution: compute the implied formula i = j

Craig Interpolation Theorem

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Theorem:

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- ψ is an interpolant

Computing interpolants is the basis of combination methods like Nelson-Oppen

Nelson-Oppen (NO) Combination Methods

Let Σ_1 and Σ_2 two disjoint signatures

Input. ψ a conjunction of literals over $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$

Step 1. Purify ψ into a equisatisfiable formula $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ such that $\psi_i \in \Sigma_i$

Step 2. Guess a partition of the variables of ψ_1 and ψ_2. Express it as a conjunction of literals φ.

Example. The partition $\{x_1\}, \{x_2, x_3\}, \{x_4\}$ is represented as $x_1 \neq x_2, x_1 \neq x_4, x_2 \neq x_4, x_2 = x_3$

Step 3. Decide whether $\psi_i \wedge \varphi$ is satisfiable by using individual decision procedures

Output. `yes` if all the decision procedures return `yes`, `no` otherwise

End of part I