

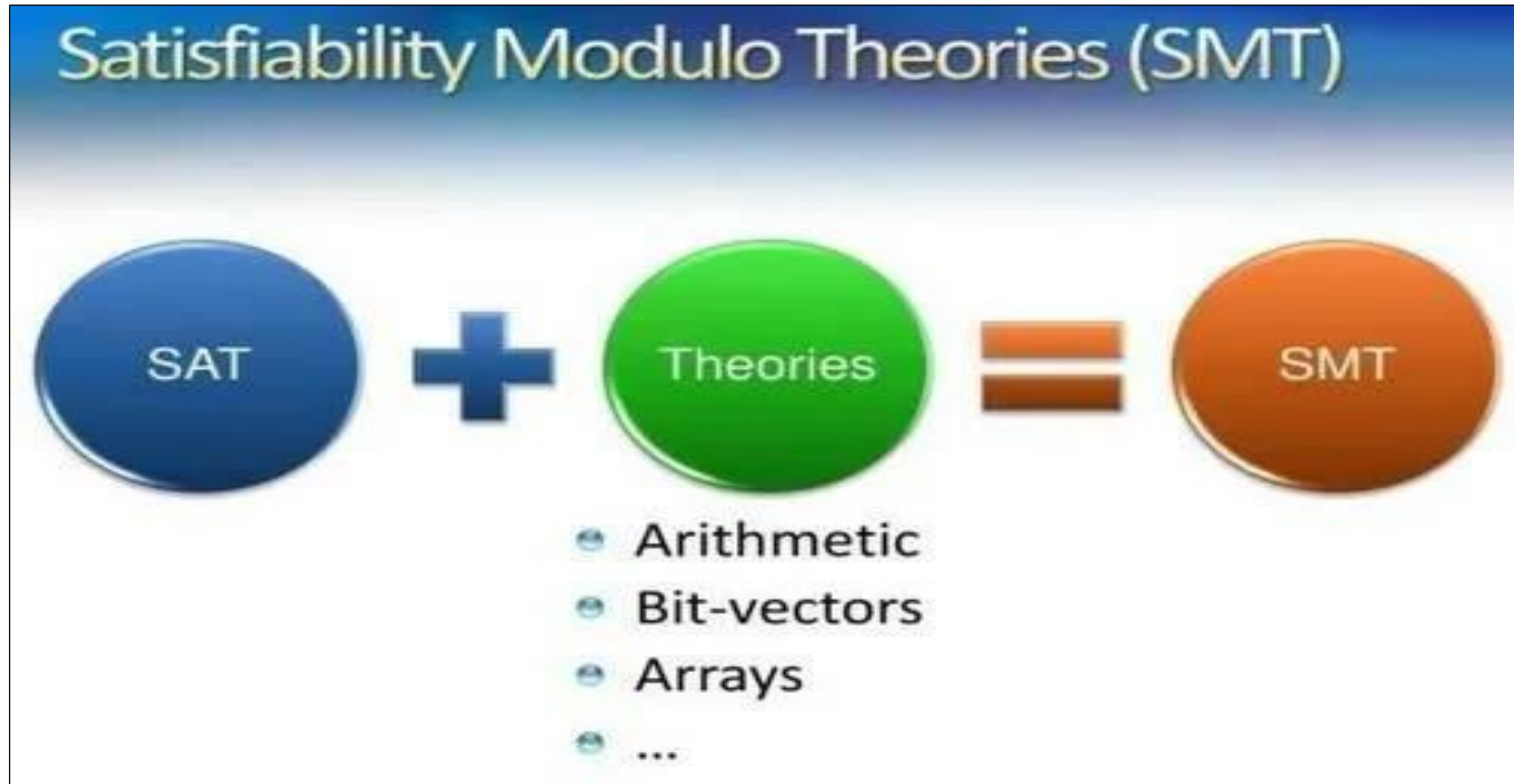
SMT Solving: DPLL(T) and Eager Encoding

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From Propositional to Quantifier-Free Theories



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Example:

$$\phi := (x_1 - x_2 \leq 13 \vee x_2 \neq x_3) \wedge (x_2 = x_3 \rightarrow x_4 > x_5) \wedge A \wedge \neg B$$

Propositional Skeleton $PS_{\phi} = (b_1 \vee \neg b_2) \wedge (b_2 \rightarrow b_3) \wedge A \wedge \neg B$

$$b_1: x_1 - x_2 \leq 13$$

$$b_2: x_2 = x_3$$

$$b_3: x_4 > x_5$$

From Propositional to Quantifier-Free Theories

Example:

- $a = b + 2 \wedge A = \text{write}(B, a + 1, 4) \wedge (\text{read}(A, b + 3) = 2 \vee f(a - 1) \neq f(b + 1))$
- **Propositional Skeleton** $\text{PS}_\Phi = y_1 \wedge y_2 \wedge (y_3 \vee y_4)$
 - $y_1: a = b + 2$
 - $y_2: A = \text{write}(B, a + 1, 4)$
 - $y_3: \text{read}(A, b + 3) = 2$
 - $y_4: f(a - 1) \neq f(b + 1)$

Interpretation

Example

- $F : x + y > z \rightarrow y > z - x$
- We construct a “standard” interpretation I
- The domain is the integers, $\mathbb{Z}: D_I = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- $\alpha_I: \{+ \mapsto +_{\mathbb{Z}}, - \mapsto -_{\mathbb{Z}}, > \mapsto >_{\mathbb{Z}}, x \mapsto 13, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto 1\}$

T-satisfiability

- Given a FOL formula F and interpretation $I: (D_I, \alpha_I)$, we want to compute if F evaluates to true under interpretation I , $I \models F$, or if F evaluates to false under interpretation I , $I \not\models F$.
 - I satisfies F : $I \models F$
- T – interpretation: an interpretation satisfying $I \models A$ for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
- A Σ -formula F is **satisfiable** in T , or **T-satisfiable**, if there is a T-interpretation I that satisfies F .

Approaches for Solving Single SMT Theory

Two main approaches for SMT

- Lazy Approach

Integrate a theory solver with a CDCL solver for SAT

- Eager Approach

Encode the SMT formula to a equ-satisfiable SAT formula

Normalizing T-atoms

- *Drop dual operators:* $(x_1 < x_2), (x_1 \geq x_2) \implies \neg(x_1 \geq x_2), (x_1 \geq x_2)$.
- *Exploit associativity:* $(x_1 + (x_2 + x_3) = 1), ((x_1 + x_2) + x_3) = 1) \implies (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1)$.
- *Sort:* $(x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 1), (x_2 + x_1 - 1 \leq x_3) \implies (x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 1)$.
- *Exploit \mathcal{T} -specific properties:* $(x_1 \leq 3), (x_1 < 4) \implies (x_1 \leq 3)$ if x_1 represents an integer.

Static Learning

If so, the clauses obtained by negating the literals in such sets (e.g., $\neg(x = 0) \vee \neg(x = 1)$) can be added to the formula before the search starts

- *incompatible values* (e.g., $\{x = 0, x = 1\}$),
- *congruence constraints* (e.g., $\{(x_1 = y_1), (x_2 = y_2), f(x_1, x_2) \neq f(y_1, y_2)\}$),
- *transitivity constraints* (e.g., $\{(x - y \leq 2), (y - z \leq 4), \neg(x - z \leq 7)\}$),
- *equivalence constraints* (e.g., $\{(x = y), (2x - 3z \leq 3), \neg(2y - 3z \leq 3)\}$).

Equality logic with Uninterpreted Functions (EUF)

An equality logic formula with uninterpreted functions and uninterpreted predicates² is defined by the following grammar:

formula : formula \wedge formula | \neg formula | (formula) | atom

atom : term = term | predicate-symbol (list of terms)

term : identifier | function-symbol (list of terms)

Using Uninterpreted Functions

$$\models \varphi^{\text{UF}} \implies \models \varphi$$

- Replacing functions with uninterpreted functions in a given formula is a common technique for making it easier to reason about (e.g., to prove its validity).
- At the same time, this process makes the formula weaker, which means that it can make a valid formula invalid.

The only thing uninterpreted functions need to satisfy:

- **Functional consistency**: Instances of the same function return the same value if given equal arguments.

Using Uninterpreted Functions

```
int power3(int in)
{
  int i, out_a;
  out_a = in;
  for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    out_a = out_a * in;
  return out_a;
}
```

(a)

```
int power3_new(int in)
{
  int out_b;

  out_b = (in * in) * in;

  return out_b;
}
```

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} out0_a &= in0_a && \wedge \\ out1_a &= out0_a * in0_a && \wedge \\ out2_a &= out1_a * in0_a \end{aligned}$$

(φ_a)

$$out0_b = (in0_b * in0_b) * in0_b;$$

(φ_b)

To show that these two piece of codes are actually equivalent, we only need to prove the validity of

$$in0_a = in0_b \wedge \varphi_a \wedge \varphi_b \implies out2_a = out0_b$$

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(φ_a)

$$out0_b = (in0_b * in0_b) * in0_b;$$

(φ_b)

$$\begin{aligned} out0_a &= in0_a && \wedge \\ out1_a &= G(out0_a, in0_a) && \wedge \\ out2_a &= G(out1_a, in0_a) \end{aligned}$$

(φ_a^{UF})

$$out0_b = G(G(in0_b, in0_b), in0_b)$$

(φ_b^{UF})

Using Uninterpreted Functions

```
int mul3(struct list *in)
{
    int i, out_a;
    struct list *a;
    a = in;
    out_a = in -> data;
    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
        a = a -> n;
        out_a = out_a * a -> data;
    }
    return out_a;
}
```

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} a0_a &= in0_a && \wedge \\ out0_a &= list_data(in0_a) && \wedge \\ a1_a &= list_n(a0_a) && \wedge \\ out1_a &= G(out0_a, list_data(a1_a)) && \wedge \\ a2_a &= list_n(a1_a) && \wedge \\ out2_a &= G(out1_a, list_data(a2_a)) \end{aligned}$$

(φ_a^{UF})

```
int mul3_new(struct list *in)
{
    int out_b;

    out_b =
        in -> data *
        in -> n -> data *
        in -> n -> n -> data;

    return out_b;
}
```

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} out0_b &= G(G(list_data(in0_b), \\ &list_data(list_n(in0_b)), \\ &list_data(list_n(list_n(in0_b)))))) \end{aligned}$$

(φ_b^{UF})

```
struct list {
    struct list *n; // pointer to next element
    int data;
};
```

Congruence Closure

$$\varphi^{\text{UF}} := x_1 = x_2 \wedge x_2 = x_3 \wedge x_4 = x_5 \wedge x_5 \neq x_1 \wedge F(x_1) \neq F(x_3) .$$

Initially, the equivalence classes are

$$\{x_1, x_2\}, \{x_2, x_3\}, \{x_4, x_5\}, \{F(x_1)\}, \{F(x_3)\} .$$

Step 1(b) of Algorithm 4.3.1 merges the first two classes:

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}, \{x_4, x_5\}, \{F(x_1)\}, \{F(x_3)\} .$$

The next step also merges the classes containing $F(x_1)$ and $F(x_3)$, x_1 and x_3 are in the same class:

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}, \{x_4, x_5\}, \{F(x_1), F(x_3)\} .$$

In step 2, we note that $F(x_1) \neq F(x_3)$ is a predicate in φ^{UF} , but that $F(x_1)$ and $F(x_3)$ are in the same class. Hence, φ^{UF} is unsatisfiable. \blacksquare

Can be implemented with a union-find data structure, which results in a time complexity of $O(n \log n)$

Congruence Closure

$$a=b, f(a, f(b, g(a)))=d, g(b)=c, f(a, c)=c, f(a, c) \neq d$$

$$a=b$$

$$f(a, f(b, g(a)))=d$$

$$g(b)=c=f(a, c)=g(a)$$

$$f(b, g(a))$$

...merge congruent terms

since $a=b$ and $c=g(a)$, we know $f(a, c)=f(b, g(a))$

Splitting on demand

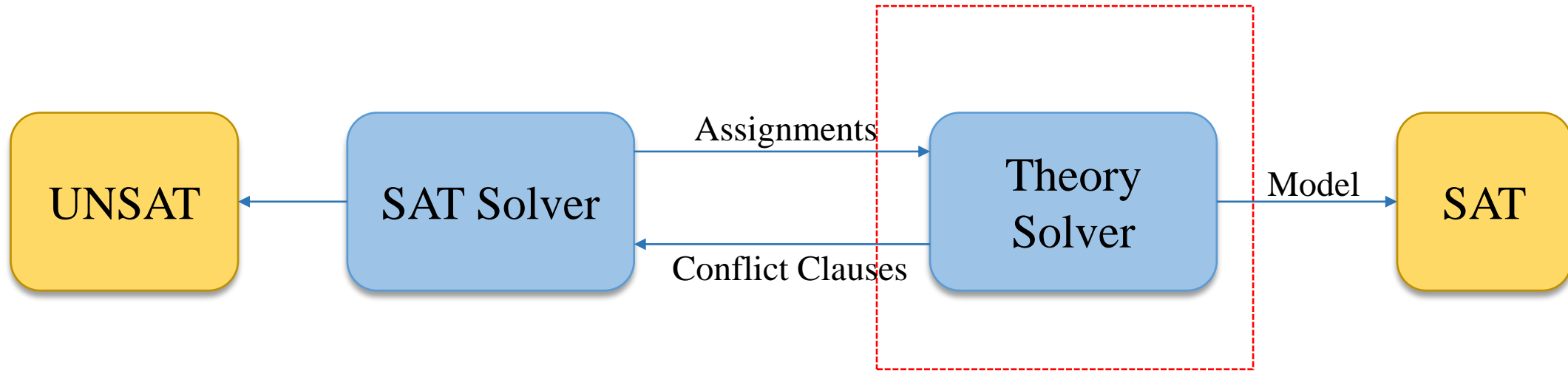
- solving problems with general Boolean structure over EUF using the DPLL(T) framework ?
- it is desirable to allow a theory solver T -solver to demand that the DPLL engine do additional case splits before determining the T -consistency of a partial assignment.

Example 26.5.5. In the theory $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$ of arrays introduced in §26.2.2, consider the following set of literals: $read(write(A, i, v), j) = x, read(A, j) = y, x \neq v, x \neq y$. To see that this set is unsatisfiable, notice that if $i = j$, then $x = v$ because the value read should match the value written in the first equation. On the other hand, if $i \neq j$, then $x = read(A, j)$ and thus $x = y$. Deciding the $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -consistency of larger sets of literals may require a significant amount of such reasoning by cases.

Outline

- SMT Basis
- Lazy Approach --- DPLL(T)
- Eager Approach --- Bit Blasting

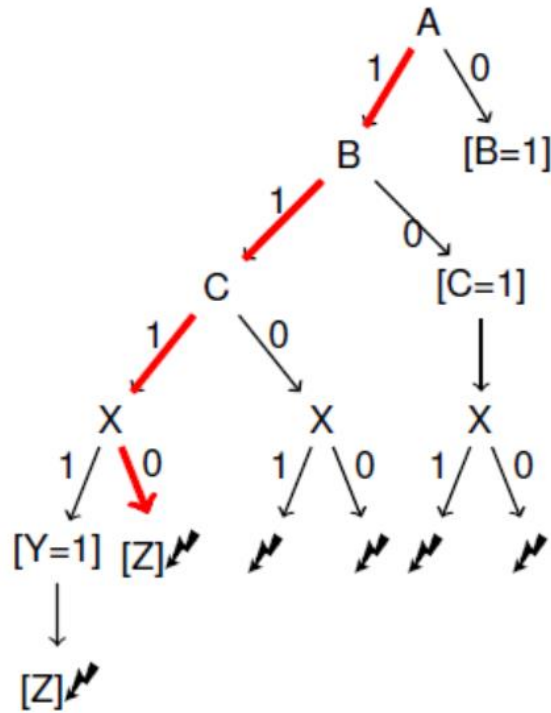
DPLL(T)



- The method is commonly referred to as DPLL(T), emphasizing that it is parameterized by a theory T.
- The fact that it is called DPLL(T) and not CDCL(T) is attributed to historical reasons only: it is based on modern CDCL solvers”
- ---”Decision Procedures” Daniel Kroening, Ofer Strichman

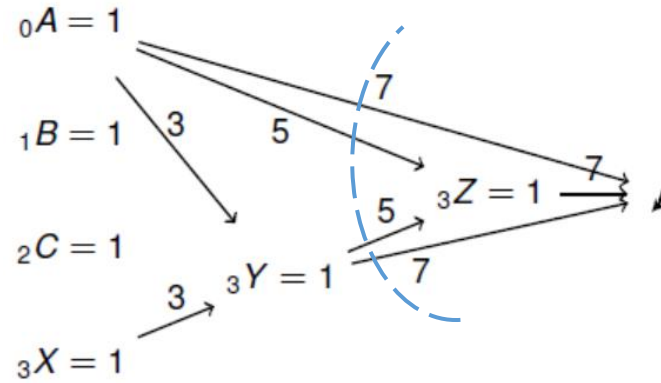
CDCL Review

- $$\Delta =$$
1. $\{A, B\}$
 2. $\{B, C\}$
 3. $\{\neg A, \neg X, Y\}$
 4. $\{\neg A, X, Z\}$
 5. $\{\neg A, \neg Y, Z\}$
 6. $\{\neg A, X, \neg Z\}$
 7. $\{\neg A, \neg Y, \neg Z\}$



Chronological Backtracking

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 7. $\{\neg A, \neg Y, \neg Z\}$
 8. $\{\neg A, \neg Y\}$

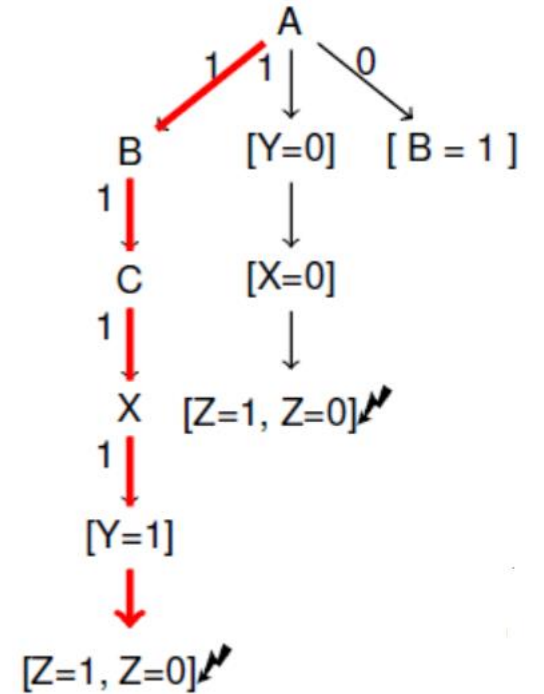


Conflict Analysis

Conflicting Clause: $\{\neg A, \neg Y, \neg Z\}$

Learnt Clause(1UIP): $\{\neg A, \neg Y\}$

Clause Learning



Non-Chronological Backtracking

Propositional Skeleton

Abstract the skeleton:

Given atom a , we associate with it a unique Boolean variable $e(a)$, which we call the Boolean **encoder** of this atom.

$$\varphi := x = y \wedge ((y = z \wedge \neg(x = z)) \vee x = z) .$$

The propositional skeleton of φ is

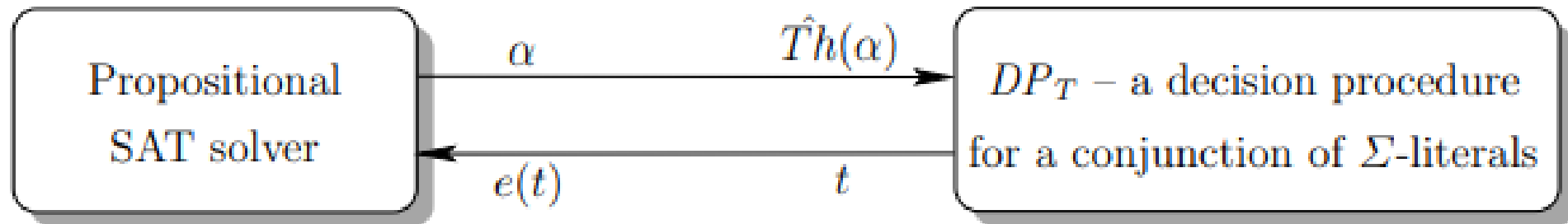
$$e(\varphi) := e(x = y) \wedge ((e(y = z) \wedge \neg e(x = z)) \vee e(x = z)) .$$

Let \mathcal{B} be a Boolean formula, initially set to $e(\varphi)$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B} := e(\varphi) .$$

$$\alpha := \{e(x = y) \mapsto \text{TRUE}, e(y = z) \mapsto \text{TRUE}, e(x = z) \mapsto \text{FALSE}\} .$$

DPLL(T)



A basic lazy approach

$$\varphi := x = y \wedge ((y = z \wedge \neg(x = z)) \vee x = z) .$$

The propositional skeleton of φ is

$$e(\varphi) := e(x = y) \wedge ((e(y = z) \wedge \neg e(x = z)) \vee e(x = z)) .$$

Let \mathcal{B} be a Boolean formula, initially set to $e(\varphi)$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B} := e(\varphi) .$$

- Call SAT solver to solve $e(\varphi)$, find

$$\alpha := \{e(x = y) \mapsto \text{TRUE}, e(y = z) \mapsto \text{TRUE}, e(x = z) \mapsto \text{FALSE}\} .$$

- \rightarrow Call decision procedure DP_T to check the conjunction corresponding to α , denoted by $\widehat{Th}(\alpha)$,
 $\widehat{Th}(\alpha) := x=y \wedge y = z \wedge \neg(x=z) \rightarrow$ the result: $\widehat{Th}(\alpha)$ is unsat.

A basic lazy approach

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The propositional skeleton of φ is

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Let \mathcal{B} be a Boolean formula, initially set to $e(\varphi)$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B} := e(\varphi) .$$

- $e(\neg\widehat{Th}(\alpha))$ is conjoined into \mathcal{B} , the Boolean encoding of this tautology.
 - $e(\neg\widehat{Th}(\alpha)) := \neg e(x=y) \vee \neg e(y=z) \vee e(x=z)$ --- blocking clause(s)
 - This clause contradicts the current assignment, and hence blocks it from being repeated
 - In general, we denote by t the lemma returned by DP_T .

A basic lazy approach

$$\varphi := x = y \wedge ((y = z \wedge \neg(x = z)) \vee x = z) .$$

The propositional skeleton of φ is

$$e(\varphi) := e(x = y) \wedge ((e(y = z) \wedge \neg e(x = z)) \vee e(x = z)) .$$

Let \mathcal{B} be a Boolean formula, initially set to $e(\varphi)$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B} := e(\varphi) .$$

- \rightarrow After the blocking clause has been added, the SAT solver is invoked again and suggests another assignment
- \rightarrow Then invoke DP_T again to check the conjunction of the literals corresponding to the new assignment.

A Basic Lazy Approach: Example

$$\Phi := g(a) = c \wedge (f(g(a)) \neq f(c) \vee g(a) = d) \wedge c \neq d$$

- $PS_{\Phi} = y_1 \wedge (\neg y_2 \vee y_3) \wedge y_4$

- $y_1: g(a) = c$

- $y_2: f(g(a)) = f(c)$

- $y_3: g(a) = d$

- $y_4: c = d$

Send $\{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}\}$ to SAT

SAT solver returns model $\{1, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$

UF-solver find concretization of $\{1, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$ UNSAT

Send $\{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \neg(1 \wedge \bar{2} \wedge \bar{4})\}$ to SAT

Send $\{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4\}$ to SAT

SAT solver returns model $\{1, 3, \bar{4}\}$

UF-solver find concretization of $\{1, 3, \bar{4}\}$ UNSAT

Send $\{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4, \bar{1} \vee \bar{3} \vee 4\}$ to SAT

SAT solver returns UNSAT; Original formula is UNSAT in UF

Integration into CDCL

Algorithm LAZY-CDCL

Input: A formula φ

Output: “Satisfiable” if the formula is satisfiable, and “Unsatisfiable” otherwise

```
1. function LAZY-CDCL
2.   ADDCLAUSES(cnf( $e(\varphi)$ ));
3.   while (TRUE) do
4.     while (BCP() = “conflict”) do
5.       backtrack-level := ANALYZE-CONFLICT();
6.       if backtrack-level < 0 then return “Unsatisfiable”;
7.       else BackTrack(backtrack-level);
8.     if  $\neg$ DECIDE() then ▷ Full assignment
9.        $\langle t, res \rangle :=$  DEDUCTION( $\hat{T}h(\alpha)$ ); ▷  $\alpha$  is the assignment
10.      if res = “Satisfiable” then return “Satisfiable”;
11.      ADDCLAUSES( $e(t)$ );
```

Improving the Basic Lazy Approach

- Incremental SAT solving

Let B^i be the formula B in the i -th iteration of the loop in basic lazy algorithm. B^{i+1} is strictly stronger than B^i for all $i \geq 1$, because blocking clauses are added but not removed between iterations.

It is not hard to see that this implies that any conflict clause that is learned while solving B^i can be reused when solving B^j for $i < j$.

This, in fact, is a special case of **incremental satisfiability**, which is supported by most modern SAT solvers.

Hence, invoking an incremental SAT solver can increase the efficiency of the algorithm.

Still not clever enough...

- Consider, for example, a formula ϕ that contains literals

$$x_1 \geq 10, x_1 < 0,$$

where x_1 is an integer variable.

- Assume that the CDCL procedure assigns $e(x_1 \geq 10) \mapsto \text{true}$ and $e(x_1 < 0) \mapsto \text{true}$. Inevitably, any call to Deduction results in a contradiction between these two facts.
- However, Algorithm Lazy-CDCL does not call Deduction until a full satisfying assignment is found. // waste time to complete the assignment.

Theory Propagation

Theory Propagation

- Deduction is invoked after BCP stops.
- It finds T-implied literals and communicates them to the CDCL part of the solver in the form of a constraint t .

Example. Consider the two encoders $e(x_1 \geq 10)$ and $e(x_1 < 0)$.

- After $e(x_1 \geq 10)$ has been set to true, Deduction detects that $\neg(x_1 < 0)$ is implied.
- In other words, $t := \neg(x_1 \geq 10) \vee \neg(x_1 < 0)$ is T-valid.
- The corresponding encoded (asserting) clause
$$e(t) := \neg e(x_1 \geq 10) \vee \neg e(x_1 < 0)$$
- $e(t)$ is added to B , which leads to an immediate implication of $\neg e(x_1 < 0)$, and possibly further implications.

The DPLL(T) Approach

Algorithm $DPLL(T)$

Input: A formula φ

Output: “Satisfiable” if the formula is satisfiable, and “Unsatisfiable” otherwise

```
1. function  $DPLL(T)$ 
2.    $ADDCLAUSES(cnf(e(\varphi)))$ ;
3.   while (TRUE) do
4.     repeat
5.       while (BCP() = “conflict”) do
6.          $backtrack-level := ANALYZE-CONFLICT()$ ;
7.         if  $backtrack-level < 0$  then return “Unsatisfiable”;
8.         else  $BackTrack(backtrack-level)$ ;
9.          $\langle t, res \rangle := DEDUCTION(\hat{T}h(\alpha))$ ;
10.         $ADDCLAUSES(e(t))$ ;
11.     until  $t \equiv TRUE$ ;
12.     if  $\alpha$  is a full assignment then return “Satisfiable”;
13.      $DECIDE()$ ;
```

- When α is partial, Deduction checks
 - if there is a contradiction on the theory side,
 - and if not, it performs theory propagation.

not mandatory, only for efficiency

Performance, Performance...

- For performance, it is frequently better to run an approximation for **finding contradictions**.
 - This does not change the completeness of the algorithm, since a complete check is performed when α is full.

E.g. integer linear arithmetic:

Deciding the conjunctive fragment of this theory is NP-complete

- consider the real relaxation of the problem, which can be solved in polynomial time.
- Deduction sometimes misses a contradiction and hence not return a lemma

Performance, Performance...

- **Exhaustive theory propagation** refers to a procedure that finds and propagates all literals that are implied in T by $\widehat{Th}(\alpha)$.
- A simple generic way (called “plunging”) to perform theory propagation
Given an unassigned theory atom at_i , check whether $\widehat{Th}(\alpha)$ implies either at_i or $\neg at_i$.
The set of unassigned atoms that are checked in this way depends on how exhaustive we want the theory propagation to be.
- In many cases a better strategy is to perform only cheap propagations
 - E.g. LIA: to search for simple-to-find implications, such as “if $x > c$ holds, where x is a variable and c a constant, then any literal of the form $x > d$ is implied if $d < c$ ”

Running A DPLL(LIA) Example

$$(x > y \vee x > z) \wedge (x + 1 < y \vee \neg x > y) \wedge (x > y \vee z > y)$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Decide $x > y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate $x + 1 < y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{ x > y, x + 1 < y \}$

Context

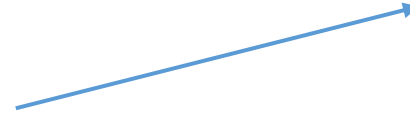
$x > y^d$
 $x + 1 < y$

Running A DPLL(LIA) Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (x > y \vee x > z) \wedge (x+1 < y \vee \neg x > y) \wedge (x > y \vee z > y) \wedge \\ & (\neg x > y \vee \neg x+1 < y) \end{aligned}$$



Conflicting clause!
...backtrack on a decision



- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Decide $x > y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate $x+1 < y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{x > y, x+1 < y\}$
 - $x > y \wedge x+1 < y$ is LIA-unsatisfiable, add $(\neg x > y \vee \neg x+1 < y)$

Context

$x > y^d$
 $x+1 < y$

Running A DPLL(LIA) Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (x > y \vee x > z) \wedge (x + 1 < y \vee \neg x > y) \wedge (x > y \vee z > y) \wedge \\ & (\neg x > y \vee \neg x + 1 < y) \end{aligned}$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- **Backtrack** : $x > y \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x > z \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate : $z > y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{\neg x > y, x > z, z > y\}$

Context

$\neg x > y$

$x > z$

$z > y$

Running A DPLL(LIA) Example

$$(x > y \vee x > z) \wedge (x + 1 < y \vee \neg x > y) \wedge (x > y \vee z > y) \wedge (\neg x > y \vee \neg x + 1 < y) \wedge (x > y \vee \neg x > z \vee \neg z > y)$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Backtrack : $x > y \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x > z \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate : $z > y \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{\neg x > y, x > z, z > y\}$
 - $\neg x > y \wedge x > z \wedge z > y$ is LIA-unsatisfiable, add $(x > y \vee \neg x > z \vee \neg z > y)$

→ Conflicting clause!
...no decision to backtrack

→ Input is



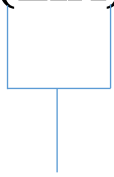
Context

- $\neg x > y$
- $x > z$
- $z > y$

Another Example

$$(x+1 > 0 \vee x+y > 0) \wedge (x < 0 \vee x+y > 4) \wedge \neg x+y > 0$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm



Invoke DPLL(T) for theory T = LIA (linear integer arithmetic)

Another Example

$$(x+1 > 0 \vee x+y > 0) \wedge (x < 0 \vee x+y > 4) \wedge \neg x+y > 0$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y > 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Decide : $x < 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$

➔ Unlike propositional SAT case, we must check **T-satisfiability of context**

Context

$\neg x+y > 0$

$x+1 > 0$

$x < 0^d$

Another Example

$$(x+1>0 \vee x+y>0) \wedge (x<0 \vee x+y>4) \wedge \neg x+y>0$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y>0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1>0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Decide : $x<0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{x+1>0, \neg x+y>0, x<0\}$

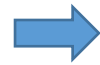
Context is LIA-unsatisfiable! \rightarrow one of $x+1>0, x<0$ must be false

Context

$\neg x+y>0$
 $x+1>0$
 $x<0^d$

Another Example

$$(x+1>0 \vee x+y>0) \wedge (x<0 \vee x+y>4) \wedge \neg x+y>0 \wedge (\neg x+1>0 \vee \neg x<0)$$



Conflicting clause!
...backtrack on a decision



- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y>0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1>0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Decide : $x<0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{x+1>0, \neg x+y>0, x<0\}$
 - Add **theory lemma** $(\neg x+1>0 \vee \neg x<0)$

Context

$\neg x+y>0$
 $x+1>0$
 $x<0^d$

Another Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+1 > 0 \vee x+y > 0) \wedge (x < 0 \vee x+y > 4) \wedge \neg x+y > 0 \wedge \\ & (\neg x+1 > 0 \vee \neg x < 0) \end{aligned}$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm
 - Propagate : $x+y > 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
 - Propagate : $x+1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
 - **Propagate** : $x < 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$

Context

$\neg x+y > 0$
 $x+1 > 0$
 $\neg x < 0$

Another Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+1 > 0 \vee x+y > 0) \wedge (x < 0 \vee x+y > 4) \wedge \neg x+y > 0 \wedge \\ & (\neg x+1 > 0 \vee \neg x < 0) \end{aligned}$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y > 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate : $x < 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+y > 4 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{ x+1 > 0, \neg x+y > 0, \neg x < 0, x+y > 4 \}$

Context

$\neg x+y > 0$
 $x+1 > 0$
 $\neg x < 0$
 $x+y > 4$

Another Example

$$(x+1>0 \vee x+y>0) \wedge (x<0 \vee x+y>4) \wedge \neg x+y>0 \wedge (\neg x+1>0 \vee \neg x<0)$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y>0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1>0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate : $x<0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+y>4 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{ x+1>0, \neg x+y>0, \neg x<0, x+y>4 \}$

Context is LIA-unsatisfiable! \rightarrow one of $\neg x+y>0, x+y>4$ must be false

Context

$\neg x+y>0$
 $x+1>0$
 $\neg x<0$
 $x+y>4$

Another Example

$$(x+1>0 \vee x+y>0) \wedge (x<0 \vee x+y>4) \wedge \neg x+y>0 \wedge$$
$$(\neg x+1>0 \vee \neg x<0) \wedge (x+y>0 \vee \neg x+y>4)$$

- DPLL(LIA) algorithm

- Propagate : $x+y>0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+1>0 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Propagate : $x<0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
- Propagate : $x+y>4 \rightarrow \text{true}$
- Invoke theory solver for LIA on: $\{x+1>0, \neg x+y>0, \neg x<0, x+y>4\}$
 - Add theory lemma $(x+y>0 \vee \neg x+y>4)$



Conflicting clause!
...no decision to backtrack

Context

$\neg x+y>0$
 $x+1>0$
 $\neg x<0$
 $x+y>4$



Input is



DPLL(T)

- DPLL(T) algorithm for satisfiability modulo T
 - Extends DPLL (indeed CDCL) algorithm to incorporate reasoning about a theory T
 - Basic Idea:
 - Use CDCL algorithm to find assignments for propositional abstraction of formula
Use off-the-shelf **SAT solver**
 - Check the T-satisfiability of assignments found by SAT solver
Use **Theory Solver for T**
 - Perform contradiction detection and theory propagation at partial assignments in CDCL
Use **Theory Solver for T**

DPLL(T) Theory Solver

- **Input** : A set of T-literals M

- **Output** : either

1. M is T-satisfiable

- Return model, e.g. $\{x \rightarrow 2, y \rightarrow 3, z \rightarrow -3, \dots\}$

→ Should be *solution-sound*

- Answers “ M is T-satisfiable” only if M is T-satisfiable

2. $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\} \subseteq M$ is T-unsatisfiable // $l_1 \wedge \dots \wedge l_n$

- Return conflict clause $(\neg l_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg l_n)$

→ Should be *refutation-sound*

- Answers “ $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ is T-unsatisfiable” only if $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ is T-unsatisfiable

3. Don't know

- Return lemma

→ If solver is solution-sound, refutation-sound, and *terminating*,

- Then it is a *decision procedure* for T

Design of DPLL(T) Theory Solvers

- A DPLL(T) theory solver:
 - Should be **solution-sound**, **refutation-sound**, **terminating**
 - Should produce **models** when M is T-satisfiable
 - Should produce **T-conflicts of minimal size** when M is T-unsatisfiable
 - Should be designed to work **incrementally**
 - M is constantly being appended to/backtracked upon
 - Can be designed to check T-satisfiability either:
 - **Eagerly**: Check if M is T-satisfiable immediately when any literal is added to M
 - **Lazily**: Check if M is T-satisfiable only when M is complete
 - Should **cooperate** with other theory solvers when combining theories
 - (see later)

Outline

- SMT Basis
- Lazy Approach --- DPLL(T)
- Eager Approach --- Bit Blasting

Eager Approach



Perform a full reduction of a *T*-formula to an equisatisfiable propositional formula in ***one-step***. A ***single run*** of the SAT solver on the propositional formula is then sufficient to decide the original formula.

Eliminating Function Applications

Ackermann's method

Eliminate applications of function and predicate symbols of non-zero arity.

These applications are replaced by new propositional symbols, and also encode information to maintain functional consistency (the congruence property).

Suppose that function symbol f has three occurrences: $f(a_1)$, $f(a_2)$, and $f(a_3)$. First, we generate three fresh constant symbols xf_1 , xf_2 , and xf_3 , one for each of the three different terms containing f , and then we replace those terms in F_{norm} with the fresh symbols.

The result is the following set of functional consistency constraints for f :

$$\left\{ a_1 = a_2 \implies xf_1 = xf_2, \quad a_1 = a_3 \implies xf_1 = xf_3, \quad a_2 = a_3 \implies xf_2 = xf_3 \right\}$$

Eliminating Function Applications

The Bryant-German-Velev method

eliminate function applications using a nested series of ITE expressions.

f has three occurrences: $f(a_1)$, $f(a_2)$, and $f(a_3)$, then we would generate three new constant symbols xf_1 , xf_2 , and xf_3 . We would then replace all instances of $f(a_1)$ by xf_1 , all instances of $f(a_2)$ by $ITE(a_2 = a_1, xf_1, xf_2)$, and all instances of $f(a_3)$ by $ITE(a_3 = a_1, xf_1, ITE(a_3 = a_2, xf_2, xf_3))$. It is easy to see that this preserves functional consistency.

Small-domain encodings

- an enumerative approach

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} x_j \geq b_i$$

- the coefficients and the constant terms are integer constants and the variables are integer-valued.

If there is a satisfying solution to a formula, there is one whose size, measured in bits, is polynomially bounded in the problem size [BT76, vzGS78, KM78, Pap81]. Problem size is traditionally measured in terms of the parameters m , n , $\log a_{\max}$, and $\log b_{\max}$, where m is the total number of constraints in the formula, n is the number of variables (integer-valued constant symbols), and $a_{\max} = \max_{(i,j)} |a_{i,j}|$ and $b_{\max} = \max_i |b_i|$ are the maximums of the absolute values of coefficients and constant terms respectively.

Small-domain encodings

- Given a formula F_Z , we first compute the polynomial bound S on solution size, and then search for a satisfying solution to F_Z in the bounded space $\{0, 1, \dots, 2^S - 1\}$
- S is $O(\log m + \log b_{max} + m[\log m + \log a_{max}])$

Improving Small-domain encoding

Equalities

- Theorem. For an equality logic formula with n variables, $S = \log n$
- The key proof argument is that any satisfying assignment can be translated to the range $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$, since we can only tell whether variable values differ, not by how much.
- Get compact search space by constraint graph
 - representing equalities and disequalities between variables in the formula
 - Connected components of this graph correspond to equivalence classes

Improving Small-domain encoding

Difference Logic

$$x_i - x_j \bowtie b_t$$

x_0 is a special “variable” denoting zero.

- Build constraint graph

1. A vertex v_i is introduced for each variable x_i , including for x_0 .
2. For each difference constraint of the form $x_i - x_j \geq b_t$, we add a directed edge from v_i to v_j of weight b_t .

Improving Small-domain encoding

Theorem 26.3.3. Let F_{diff} be a DL formula with n variables, excluding x_0 . Let b_{max} be the maximum over the absolute values of all difference constraints in F_{diff} . Then, F_{diff} is satisfiable if and only if it has a solution in $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, d\}^n$ where $d = n \cdot (b_{max} + 1)$.

- any satisfying assignment for a formula with constraints represented by G can have a spread in values that is at most the weight of the longest path in G .
- This path weight is at most $n \cdot (b_{max} + 1)$. The bound is tight, the “+1” in the second term arising from a “rounding” of inequalities from strict to non-strict.

Bit Vector

Many compilers have this sort of bug

overflow?

$$(x - y > 0) \Leftrightarrow (x > y)$$

What is the output? (44)

```
unsigned char number = 200;  
number = number + 100;  
printf("Sum: %d\n", number);
```

- Bitwise operator frequently occur in system-level software
 - left-shift, right-shift
 - and, or, xor

Complexity

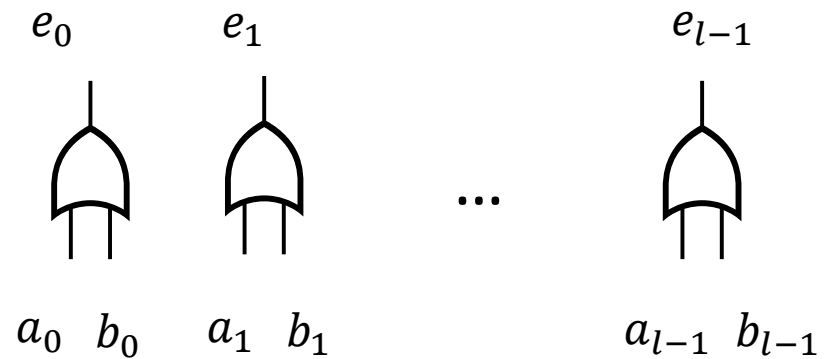
- Satisfiability is undecidable for an unbounded width, even without arithmetic.
- It is NP-complete otherwise.

Operator to Circuit

Bitwise operators (l -bits): $a|b$

Introduce new bitvector variable e for $a|b$, such that foreach i

$$(a_i \vee b_i) \Leftrightarrow e_i$$

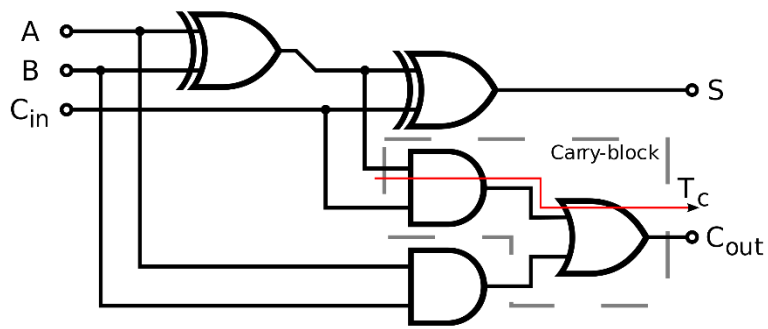


Other bitwise operators is similar

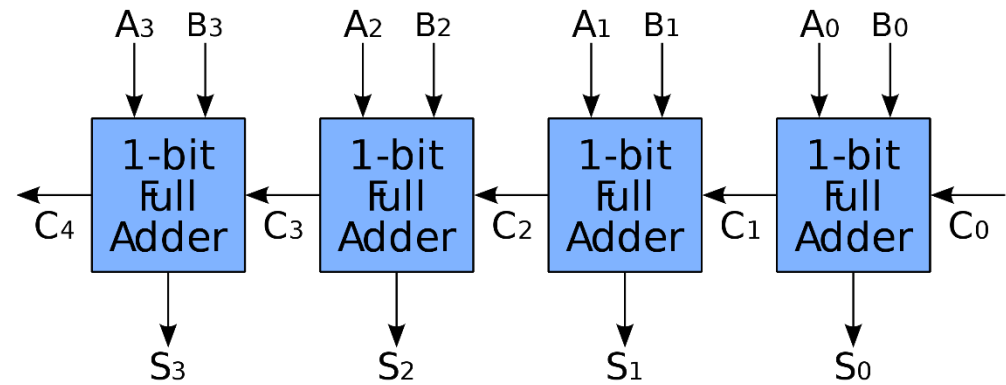
Operator to Circuit

$$a + b$$

one-bit Full adder



four-bits Full adder



How about 32-bits or 64-bits

Operator to Circuit

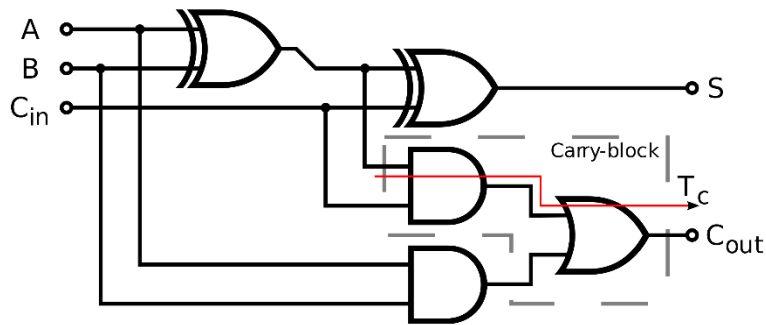
$$a - b = (a + \sim b + 1)$$

Complement(补码)
for negative numbers:

$$-b \rightarrow \sim b + 1$$

$\sim b$: invert each bits of b

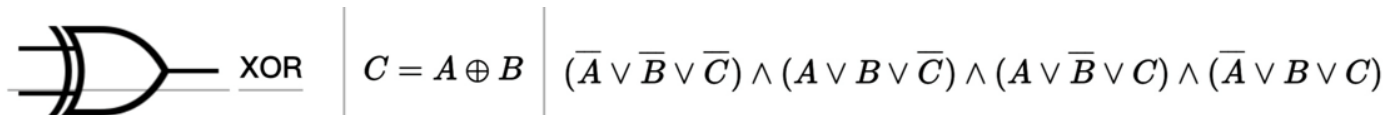
one-bit Full adder



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6 - 3 ==> 6 + (-3)
0000 0110 // 6(补码)
+ 1111 1101 // -3(补码)
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0000 0011 // 3(补码)
    
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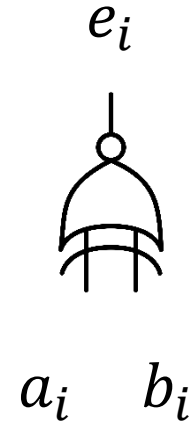
CNF: How many variables and clauses?



Operator to Circuit

$$a = b$$

$$a_i = b_i \Leftrightarrow e_i$$



$$(a - b = (2^l - b) + a)_{\text{mod } 2^l}$$

If $c_{out} = 1$, then in RHS, the subtract part b is less than the addition part a , i.e. $b < a$

unsigned $a < b$

$$\langle a \rangle_U < \langle b \rangle_U \Leftrightarrow \neg \text{add}(a, \sim b, 1) \cdot c_{out}$$

$$2 - 3 \Rightarrow 010 - 011 = 010 + 101, c_{out} = 0$$

$$3 - 2 \Rightarrow 011 - 010 = 011 + 110, c_{out} = 1$$

signed $a < b$

$$\langle a \rangle_S < \langle b \rangle_S \Leftrightarrow (a_{l-1} \Leftrightarrow b_{l-1}) \oplus \text{add}(a, \sim b, 1) \cdot c_{out}$$

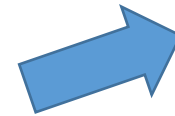
Operator to Circuit

$$a \ll b$$

n -stage (n is the width of b)

stage 1: for each bit i

$$e_i \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_i & : b_0 = 0 \\ a_{i-1} & : i \geq 1 \wedge b_0 \\ 0 & : otherwise \end{cases}$$



if ($i < 1$)
 $ite(b_0, (e_i \Leftrightarrow 0), (e_i \Leftrightarrow a_i))$
 if ($i \geq 1$)
 $ite(b_0, (e_i \Leftrightarrow a_{i-1}), (e_i \Leftrightarrow a_i))$

stage 2: for each bit i

$$e'_i \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} e_{i-2} & : i \geq 2 \wedge b_1 \\ e_i & : b_1 = 0 \\ 0 & : otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$1011011 \ll 101$$

Stage 1:

$$0110110 \Leftrightarrow 1011011 \ll 001$$

Stage 2:

$$0110110 \Leftrightarrow 0110110 \ll 000$$

Stage 3:

$$1100000 \Leftrightarrow 0110110 \ll 100$$

...

Operator to Circuit

$$a \times b$$

n -stage (shift-and-add):

$$\text{mul}(a, b, -1) \doteq 0$$

$(l - 1)$ adder

$$\text{mul}(a, b, i) \doteq \text{mul}(a, b, i - 1) + (b_i ? (a \ll i) : 0)$$

1001	
× 0101	

1001	$b_0 = 1 \rightarrow a \ll 0$
0000#	$b_1 = 0 \rightarrow 0$
1001##	$b_2 = 1 \rightarrow a \ll 2$
0000###	$b_3 = 0 \rightarrow 0$

Operator to Circuit

$$a \div b$$

Implemented by adding two constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} b \neq 0 &\implies e \times b + r = a, \\ b \neq 0 &\implies r < b \end{aligned}$$

If $b = 0$, $a \div b$ is set to a special value.

Rewrite before Bit-Blasting

n	Number of variables	Number of clauses
8	313	1001
16	1265	4177
24	2857	9529
32	5089	17057
64	20417	68929

Fig. The size of the constraint for an n -bit multiplier expression after Tseitin's transformation

formulas with expensive operators (e.g. multipliers) are often very hard to solve

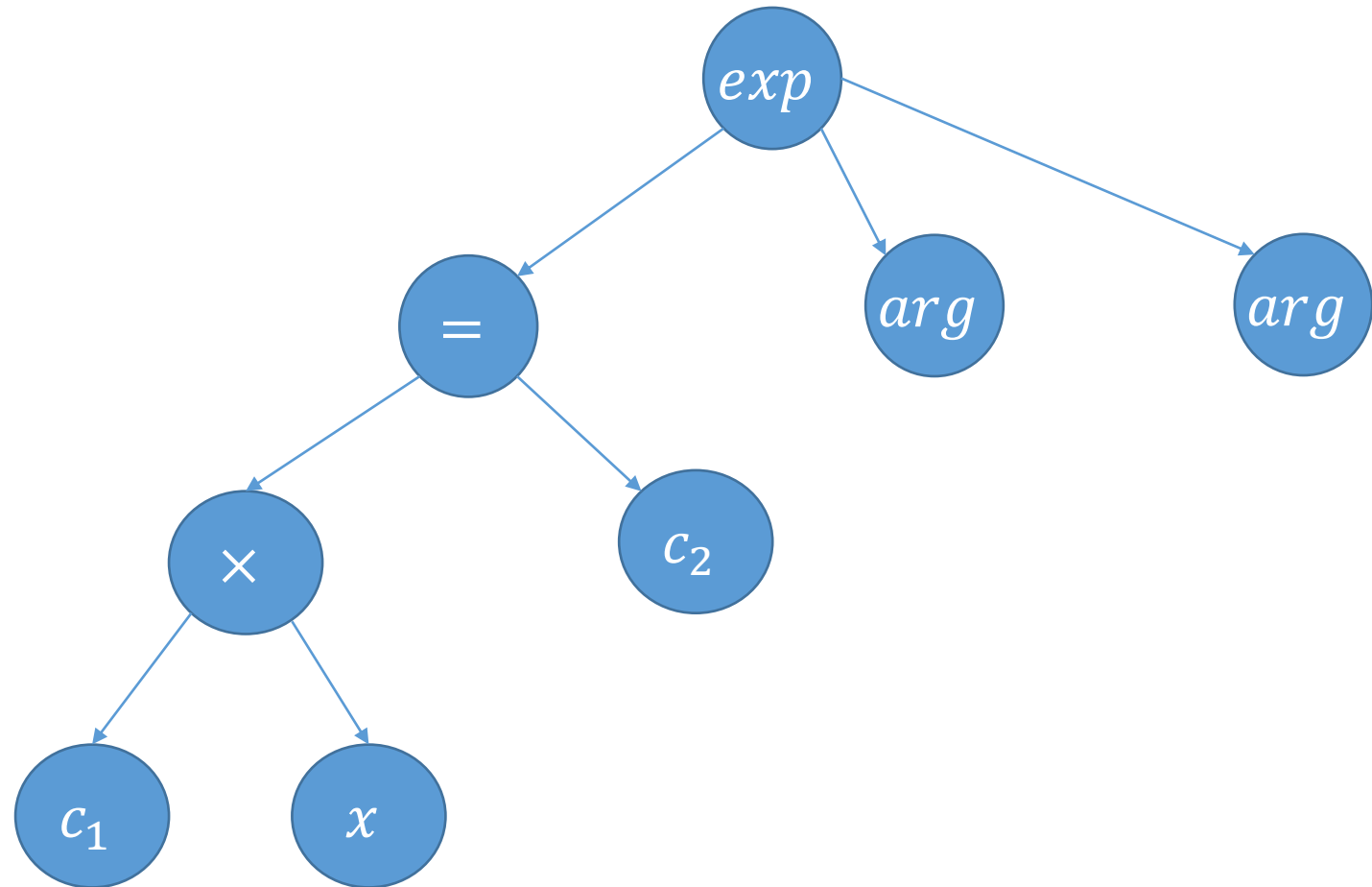
$$t \times (s \ll (s + t)) \Leftrightarrow s \times (t \ll (s + t))$$

32bits. 10^5 variables.

Can't be solved by CaDiCal within 2 hour

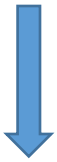
Rewrite before Bit-Blasting

$$c_1 \times x = c_2$$



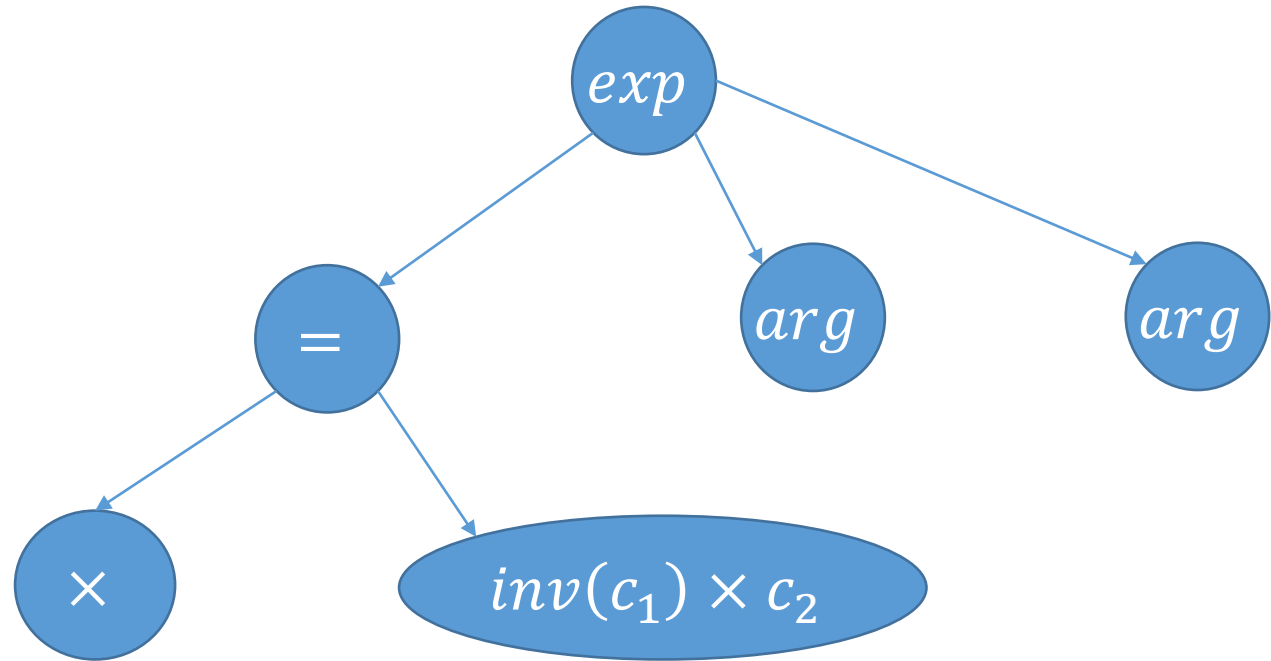
Rewrite before Bit-Blasting

$$c_1 \times x = c_2$$



$$x = \text{inv}(c_1) \times c_2$$

reduce one multiplier



Deep first order travelling

Theory rewrite rules

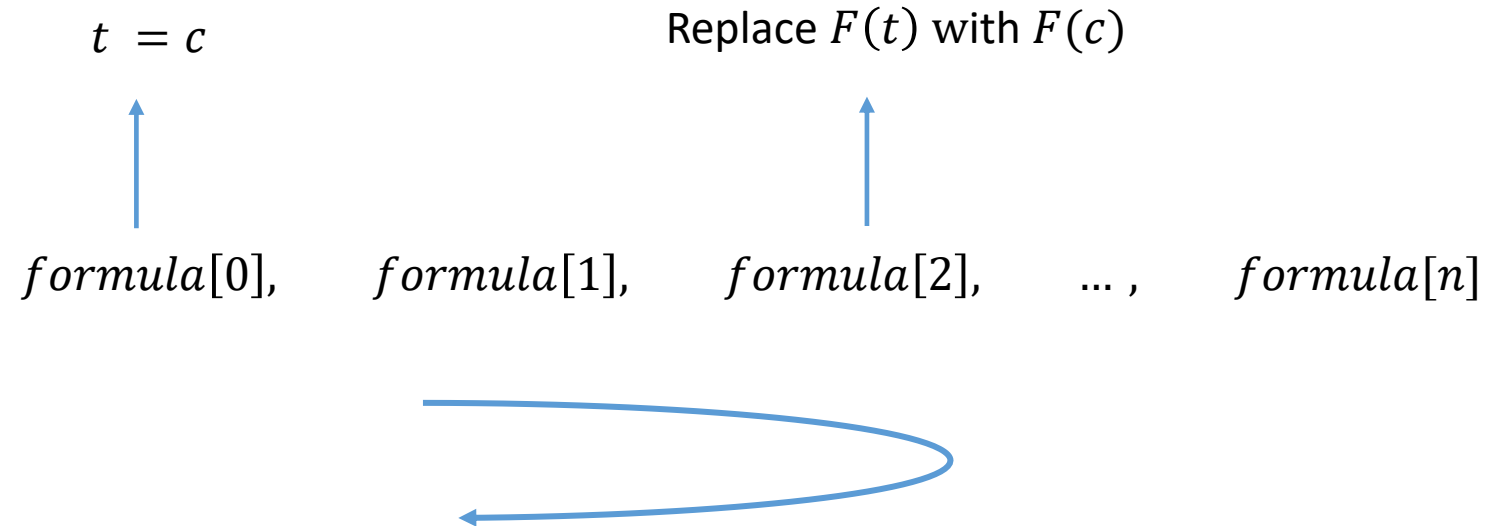
- **bit2bool** (c is 0 or 1)
 - $(ite\ x\ y\ z) = c \rightarrow (ite\ x\ (y = c)\ (z = c))$
 - $(not\ x) = c \rightarrow x = (1 - c)$
- **mul_eq**
 - $cx = c' \rightarrow x = c_{inv} \times c'$
 - $cx = c'x_2 \rightarrow x = (c_{inv} \times c') x_2$
 - ...
- **mul**
 - $cx + c'x \rightarrow (c + c')x$
 - ...
- **add**
 - $(x + (y \ll x)) \rightarrow (x|(y \ll x))$
 - $(x + y \times x) \rightarrow x \times (y + 1)$
- ...

Reduce the number of operator

Expensive operator \rightarrow cheap operator

Propagate const values

- Given an equality $t = c$, when c is constant, then replaces t everywhere with c



cyclical scan till fixed

Variable elimination does not always help

$$\begin{array}{l} x = y + z + w \\ \dots (x + z) \dots \\ \dots (x + 2z) \dots \\ \dots (x + 3z) \dots \\ \dots (x + 4z) \dots \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots (y + 2z + w) \dots \\ \dots (y + 3z + w) \dots \\ \dots (y + 4z + w) \dots \\ \dots (y + 5z + w) \dots \end{array}$$

6 adder

8 adder

How to avoid increasing the number of adder and multipliers?

only eliminate variables that occur at most twice

Eliminate unconstrained variables

- a bit-vector function f can be replaced by a fresh bit-vector variable if
 - at least one of its operands is an unconstrained variable v (free variable)
 - f can be “inverted” with respect to v

$$v3 + t = v1 \& v2$$



$$v3 + t = v4$$



$$v5 = v4$$



$$v6$$

If $v1$ and $v2$ are unconstrained variables then no matter what's the value of LHS, it is satisfiable.

If $v3$ is unconstrained variables then no matter what's the value of $v4$ and t , it is satisfiable.

bv_size_reduction

- Reduce bv size using upper bound and lower bound

$1 \leq x \leq 4$ (x has 8 bits)



Replace x with (*concat* 00000 x')

x' is new variable of 3-bits

Local contextual simplification

- bool rewrite

$(or\ args[0] \dots args[num_{args} - 1])$
replace $args[i]$ by *false* in the other arguments

$(x \neq 0\ or\ y = x + 1) \rightarrow (x \neq 0\ or\ y = 1)$

Hoist, max sharing

- Reduce the number of adder and multiplier using distribution and association

2 multiplier + 1 adder \rightarrow 1 multiplier + 1 adder

Hoist: $a * b + a * c \rightarrow (b + c) * a$

Max Sharing: $a + (b + c), a + (b + d) \rightarrow (a + b) + c, (a + b) + d$

$(a + b)$ only need to calculate once

AIGs can be used to represent arbitrary boolean formulas and circuits

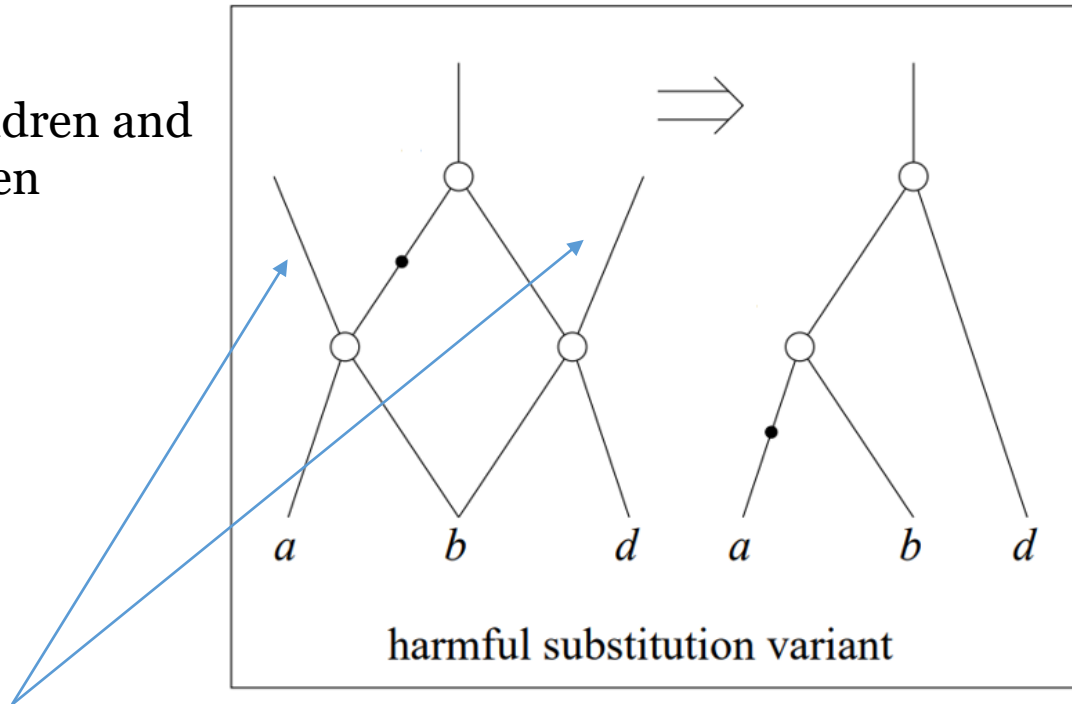
Automatic structure sharing and the simplicity of AIGs make them a compact, simple, easy to use, and scalable representation.

Name	Function	Representation by two-input AND and inversion
Inversion	$\neg x$	$\neg x$
Conjunction	$x \wedge y$	$x \wedge y$
Disjunction	$x \vee y$	$\neg(\neg x \wedge \neg y)$
Implication	$x \rightarrow y$	$\neg(x \wedge \neg y)$
Equivalence	$x \leftrightarrow y$	$\neg(x \wedge \neg y) \wedge \neg(\neg x \wedge y)$
Xor	$x \oplus y$	$\neg(\neg(x \wedge \neg y) \wedge \neg(\neg x \wedge y))$

Table 1. Basic logic operations with two-input AND gates and negation.

Local 2-level AIG rewrite

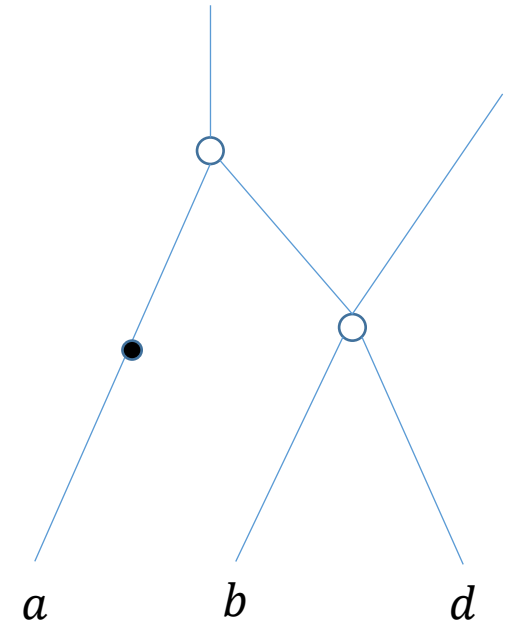
2-level:
Consider children and grand-children



Referenced by other nodes

$$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge (b \wedge d) \Rightarrow (\neg a \wedge b) \wedge d$$

Locally size decreasing, global non increasing









Local 2-level AIG rewrite

Name	LHS	RHS	O	S	Condition
Neutrality	$a \wedge \top$	a	1	S	
Boundedness	$a \wedge \perp$	\perp	1	S	
Idempotence	$a \wedge b$	a	1	S	$a = b$
Contradiction	$a \wedge b$	\perp	1	S	$a \neq b$
Contradiction	$(a \wedge b) \wedge c$	\perp	2	A	$(a \neq c) \vee (b \neq c)$
Contradiction	$(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	\perp	2	S	$(a \neq c) \vee (a \neq d) \vee (b \neq c) \vee (b \neq d)$
Subsumption	$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge c$	c	2	A	$(a \neq c) \vee (b \neq c)$
Subsumption	$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$c \wedge d$	2	S	$(a \neq c) \vee (a \neq d) \vee (b \neq c) \vee (b \neq d)$
Idempotence	$(a \wedge b) \wedge c$	$a \wedge b$	2	A	$(a = c) \vee (b = c)$
Resolution	$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge \neg(c \wedge d)$	$\neg a$	2	S	$(a = d) \wedge (b \neq c)$
Substitution	$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge c$	$\neg a \wedge b$	3	A	$b = c$
Substitution	$\neg(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$\neg a \wedge (c \wedge d)$	3	S	$b = c$
Idempotence	$(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$(a \wedge b) \wedge d$	4	S	$(a = c) \vee (b = c)$
Idempotence	$(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$a \wedge (c \wedge d)$	4	S	$(b = c) \vee (b = d)$
Idempotence	$(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$(a \wedge b) \wedge c$	4	S	$(a = d) \vee (b = d)$
Idempotence	$(a \wedge b) \wedge (c \wedge d)$	$b \wedge (c \wedge d)$	4	S	$(a = c) \vee (a = d)$

Table 2. All locally size decreasing, globally non increasing, two-level optimization rules. "O" is the optimization level, "S" the type of symmetry. Subsumption is also known as "Absorption". The condition $a \neq b$ is a short hand for $a = \neg b$ or $b = \neg a$.

Circuit to CNF

Tseitin Transformation

Type	Operation	CNF Sub-expression
 <u>AND</u>	$C = A \cdot B$	$(\bar{A} \vee \bar{B} \vee C) \wedge (A \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (B \vee \bar{C})$
 <u>NAND</u>	$C = \overline{A \cdot B}$	$(\bar{A} \vee \bar{B} \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C)$
 <u>OR</u>	$C = A + B$	$(A \vee B \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (\bar{A} \vee C) \wedge (\bar{B} \vee C)$
 <u>NOR</u>	$C = \overline{A + B}$	$(A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (\bar{A} \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (\bar{B} \vee \bar{C})$
 <u>NOT</u>	$C = \bar{A}$	$(\bar{A} \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (A \vee C)$
 <u>XOR</u>	$C = A \oplus B$	$(\bar{A} \vee \bar{B} \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (A \vee B \vee \bar{C}) \wedge (A \vee \bar{B} \vee C) \wedge (\bar{A} \vee B \vee C)$

→ SAT solver

Pseudo-Boolean to BV

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n \geq c$$



$$lhs \geq rhs$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_ix_i &\Leftrightarrow ite(x_i, bv(a_i), bv(0)) \\ lhs &= bvadd(ite_1, ite_2, \dots, ite_n) \\ rhs &= bv(c) \end{aligned}$$

other relation operators (e.g. *LT*, *GT*, *EQ*) can be represent by *GE*

LIA/NIA to BV

foreach variable x :

1. collect low bound low and upper bound up

2. BV size

If ($low \leq x \leq up$)

$$bits = \log_2(1 + |up - low|)$$

Otherwise

$$bits = num_{bits}$$

$$num_{bits} = \text{bit_size of abs(Largest constant)} + 1$$

Under approximate
unbound \rightarrow bound
satisfiability is not preserving

3. BitVector

If (has low)

$$x \Leftrightarrow x_{bv} + low$$

else if (has up)

$$x \Leftrightarrow up - x_{bv}$$

else

$$x \Leftrightarrow x - 2^{bits-1}$$

(-2^{bits-1}) is the *lower bound* of signed int of size $bits$

LIA/NIA to BV

$x \text{ op } y$

1. Align BV size of x and y
2. Extend BV size of x and y according to op

$$x_{3bits} + y_{4bits}$$



$$x_{4bits} + y_{4bits}$$



$$x_{5bits} + y_{5bits}$$

$$x_{4bits} \times y_{4bits}$$



$$x_{8bits} \times y_{8bits}$$

Thank you!