

Satisfiability

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Def. Given a well-formed formula in propositional logic, determine whether there exists a satisfying solution (or valuation).

Boolean Satisfiability Problem SAT

Example : $\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \equiv (x_1 \wedge x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge$
 $(x_1 \wedge \neg x_3 \vee x_2)$

Set of variables $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ Clause

type $(x_i) = \mathbb{B} = \{0, 1\}$

Boolean operators $\wedge \vee \neg \Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow$

Well-founded formula (informal) is a formula involving the variables and operators "properly"

Recall, a valuation x maps each $x_i \in X$ to $\{0, 1\}$

A valuation x satisfies α if each x_i in α replaced by $x[x_i]$ evaluates to true.

We write this as $x \models \alpha$

otherwise x does not satisfy α , $x \not\models \alpha$

Example : $\langle x_1 \mapsto 1 \ x_2 \mapsto 1 \ x_3 \mapsto 0 \rangle \not\models$

α satisfies α $\not\models \alpha$

Def. Given a well-formed formula in propositional logic, determine whether there exists a satisfying solution. (or valuation).

$$\exists x \in \text{val}(x) : x \models \alpha?$$

if yes α is satisfiable
else α is unsatisfiable

if $\forall x \in \text{val}(x) \quad x \models \alpha$ then α is valid or a tautology.

if α is valid then $\neg \alpha$ is unsatisfiable.

α and α' are tautologically equivalent if they have the same truth tables

$$\forall x \in \text{val}(x) : x \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow x \models \alpha'$$

α and α' are equisatisfiable if

α is satisfiable iff α' is also satisfiable

How to solve SAT?

Build the truth table

n variable 2^n EXP

2-SAT is polytime

all clauses have at most 2 variables

3-SAT is NP-complete [Cook '71, Stoc]

- A solver for SAT can be used to solve any other problem in the NP-Class with only polynomial slow down
- Make sense to build SAT solvers
- Modern SAT solvers can solve problems with 10K+ variables and million+ clauses
Z3, Yices, CVC4, maxSat, Chaff

How do SAT solvers work?

We assume α to be in Conjunctive normal form (CNF)

literals : variable or negation $x_3 \neg x_3$

clause : disjunction (OR) of literals

$$x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

CNF : a formula Conjunction of Clauses

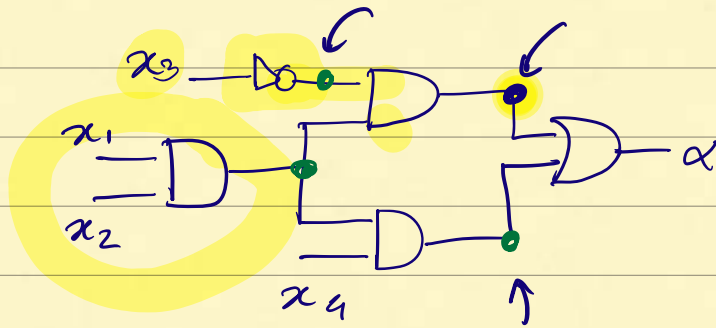
$$\alpha (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_1)$$

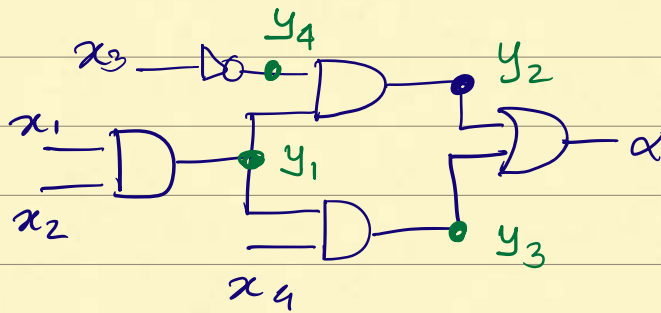
x_2 appears positively in the first clause
negatively in the second

How to construct CNF?
Logic and Circuits

$$\alpha = (x_4 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_2) \vee (\neg x_3 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_2)$$

$$(x_4 \wedge (x_1 \wedge x_2)) \vee (\neg x_3 \wedge (x_1 \wedge x_2))$$





$$y_4 \Leftrightarrow \neg x_3$$

$$y_4 \Rightarrow \neg x_3 \quad \wedge \quad \neg x_3 \Rightarrow y_4$$

$$(\neg y_4 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_3 \vee y_4) \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$x_1 \wedge x_2 \Leftrightarrow y_1$$

$$(x_1 \wedge x_2 \Rightarrow y_1) \wedge (y_1 \Rightarrow x_1 \wedge x_2)$$

$$(\neg (x_1 \wedge x_2) \vee y_1) \wedge (\neg y_1 \vee (x_1 \wedge x_2))$$

$$(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee y_1) \wedge (\neg y_1 \vee x_1)$$

$$\wedge (\neg y_1 \vee x_2)$$

-②

$$y_1 \wedge x_3 \Leftrightarrow y_3$$

-③

$$\alpha \Leftrightarrow y_2 \wedge y_3$$

-④

$$\alpha' \equiv \textcircled{1} \wedge \textcircled{2} \wedge \textcircled{3} \wedge \textcircled{4}$$

Standard representations of CNF

- $(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_5) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_1) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_2)$

- $(x'_1 + x'_2 + x_5) (x'_5 + x_1) (x'_5 + x_2)$

- $(-1 \ -2 \ 5)(-5 \ 1)(-5 \ 2)$

DIMACS

- SMTLib

GSAT

input : Clauses C over X

parameters max flips, max-tries

output : X satisfying α or \emptyset

for $i = 1$ to max-tries

$v :=$ random choice from $\text{val}(X)$

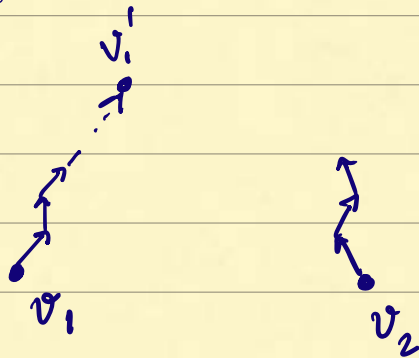
for $j = 1$ to max flips

if $v \models C$ return v

$p :=$ variable in C s.t. flipping p
gives the largest increase in
Satisfied clauses

$v := v$ with assignment to p flipped

return \emptyset



Davis Putnam Logemann Loveland (DPLL) Algorithm 1962

- Transform the given formula α by applying a sequence of satisfiability preserving rules
- if final result has no literals \rightarrow unsatisfiable
- if final result has no clauses \rightarrow satisfiable

Davis Putnam Algorithm (DP) 1960

Rule 1. Unit propagation

Rule 2. Pure literal

Rule 3. Resolution

Rule 1. Unit Prop

if a clause has a single literal

$$\alpha \equiv \dots (x_1 \vee \overset{0}{\neg p} \vee x_2) \wedge \overset{1}{\boxed{p}} \wedge \dots \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \overset{0}{\neg p} \vee x_4)$$

$$\alpha' \equiv \dots (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee x_4) \quad [p=1]$$

α and α' are equisatisfiable.

Rule 2, Pure literal

A literal p appears only positively or negatively
set $p = 1$ (or 0) and remove all the
 $\neg p$ occurrences

$$\alpha \equiv \dots \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg p \vee x_2) \wedge (x_4 \vee \neg p) \wedge \dots \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee x_1) \dots$$

p does not appear anywhere

Makes sense to set $p = 0$

$$\alpha' \equiv \dots \wedge \dots \wedge \dots (\neg x_3 \vee x_1) \dots$$

Rule 3, Resolution

Choose a literal p that appears both +vely and

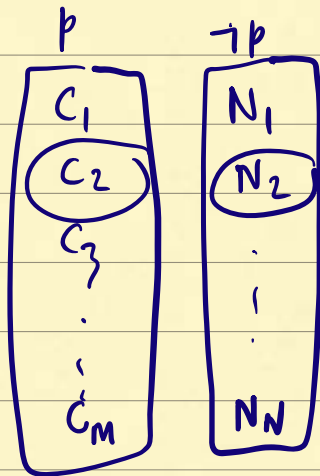
$$\neg\text{-vely} : \begin{array}{l} (l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee p) \\ (k_1 \vee k_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg p) \end{array}$$

resolved clause $(l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee k_1 \vee k_2 \vee \dots)$

Pairwise resolve each such pair

Take conjunction of all the resolve clauses.

- Why is the result equisatisfiable?



$$(C_1 \vee N_1) \wedge (C_1 \vee N_2) \wedge \dots$$

$$(\overline{C_2 \vee N_1}) \wedge (\overline{C_2 \vee N_2}) \dots$$

⋮

$$(C_M, N_n)$$

What is the size of α after resolution?

$$O(N^2)$$

DPLL modifies resolution in DP
with DFS

Rule 3' Let Δ be the current set of clauses

Choose a literal p in Δ

Check satisfiability of $\Delta \cup \{p\}$

(guess $p=1$)

if SAT then return True

else return result of satisfiability
of $\Delta \cup \{\neg p\}$

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Problem	tautology	dptaut	dplltaut
prime 3	0.00	0.00	0.00
prime 4	0.02	0.06	0.04
prime 9	18.94	2.98	0.51
prime 10	11.40	3.03	0.96
prime 11	28.11	2.98	0.51
prime 16	>1 hour	out of memory	9.15
prime 17	>1 hour	out of memory	3.87
ramsey 3 3 5	0.03	0.06	0.02
ramsey 3 3 6	5.13	8.28	0.31
mk_adder_test 3 2	>>1 hour	6.50	7.34
mk_adder_test 4 2	>>1 hour	22.95	46.86
mk_adder_test 5 2	>>1 hour	44.83	170.98
mk_adder_test 5 3	>>1 hour	38.27	250.16
mk_adder_test 6 3	>>1 hour	out of memory	1186.4
mk_adder_test 7 3	>>1 hour	out of memory	3759.9

Abstract DPLL as an automaton

States and transitions

↙ $M \parallel F$

M : Sequence of literals denoting
partial assignment to variables

F : CNF formula being checked
represented as list of clauses

initial state $\emptyset \parallel F$

final state : Fail (F is unsat)

$M \parallel G$ G equisatisfiable with
F and $M \models G$

Transitions

Unit prop $M \parallel F, C \vee l \rightarrow Ml \parallel F, C \vee l$

if l is unassigned in M
and $M \models \neg C$

Pure literal $M \parallel F \rightarrow Ml \parallel F$

if l is unassigned in M
 l occurs in some clause in F
 $\neg l$ does not occur in F

Decide $M \parallel F \rightarrow Ml^d \parallel F$

if l is unassigned in M
both l and $\neg l$ appear in
some clauses in F

Backtrack $Ml^d N \parallel F, C \rightarrow M\neg l \parallel F, C$

if $Ml^d N \models \neg C$

and N contains no decision literals

Fail $M \parallel F, C \rightarrow$ Fail

if $M \models \neg C$ M satisfies $\neg C$
and M contains no decision
literals

$x \models f$

x satisfies f

Example DPLL

$\phi \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Pure literal

$4 \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Decide

$4 \mid^d \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Unit prop

$4 \mid^d \bar{2} \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Unit prop

$4 \mid^d \bar{2} 3 \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

$4 \bar{1} \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Unit prop

$4 \bar{1} \bar{2} \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2 \quad 1 \vee 4$

Unit prop

$4 \bar{1} \bar{2} 3 \parallel 1 \vee \bar{2} \quad \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \quad 2 \vee 3 \quad \bar{3} \vee 2$

Fail

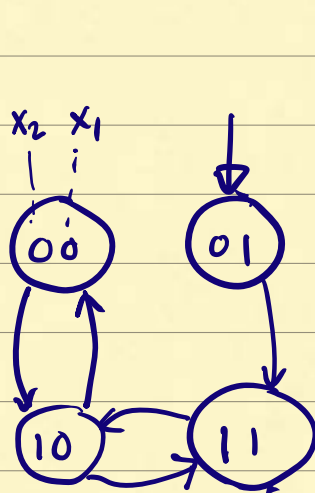
Automata, Reachability, and SAT.

Given an automaton $A = \langle V, \Theta, A, \delta \rangle$

and a candidate invariant $I \subseteq \text{val}(V)$

how to write the invariance check
(Thm 7.1) as a Satisfiability
problem?

Example: Automaton



Variables

$x_1 : \mathbb{B}$

$x_2 : \mathbb{B}$

} To be filled

transitions

pre $x_1 \vee x_2$

eff $x_2 := 1$

pre $x_2 \wedge x_1$

eff $x_2 := 0$

Pre $\neg(x_1 \oplus x_2)$

eff $x_1 := \neg x_1$

$x_2 := \neg x_2$

Sample executions

$$\langle 0, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \rightarrow \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

The transition relation of this automaton
can be written a relation

$$I(x_1, x_2) \quad \mathcal{D} \subseteq \text{Var}(X) \times A \times \text{Var}(X) \\ \underline{\text{Var}(X) \times \text{Var}(X)}$$

$$\ominus = x_1 \wedge \neg x_2$$

$$F_D(x_1, x_2) \equiv (x_1 \vee x_2 \Rightarrow x'_2 = 1 \wedge x'_1 = x_1) \vee$$

$$x'_1, x'_2) (x_1 \wedge x_2 \Rightarrow x'_2 = 0 \wedge x'_1 = x_1) \vee$$

$$(\neg(x_1 \oplus x_2) \Rightarrow x'_1 = \neg x_1 \wedge x'_2 = \neg x_2)$$

Suppose I is an invariant

$$I(x_1, x_2) \equiv x_1 \oplus x_2$$

Checking the invariant can be stated as
a SAT question.

$$\forall x \quad F_0(x) \Rightarrow I(x) \quad \wedge \quad (\text{start condition})$$

$$\forall x, x' \quad F_D(x, x') \wedge I(x) \Rightarrow I(x')$$

(transition cond)

To check validity of this statement
we check the satisfiability of its negation

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x \quad F_{\theta}(x) \wedge \neg I(x) \quad \vee \\ & \exists x, x' \quad F_D(x, x') \wedge I(x) \wedge \neg I(x') \quad \vee \end{aligned}$$

SAT question:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x, x' \quad [F_{\theta}(x) \wedge \neg I(x)] \vee \\ & \quad [F_D(x, x') \wedge I(x) \wedge \neg I(x')] \end{aligned}$$