

# Satisfiability modulo theories Part 2

## Neural Theory Solvers

Verifying cyberphysical systems

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# Today

- SMT
- Decision procedure for Linear Real Arithmetic  
Simplex Algorithm [Dantzig 1947]
- Next week: Verification of Neural Networks  
Reluplex [Katz et al 2017]

# References

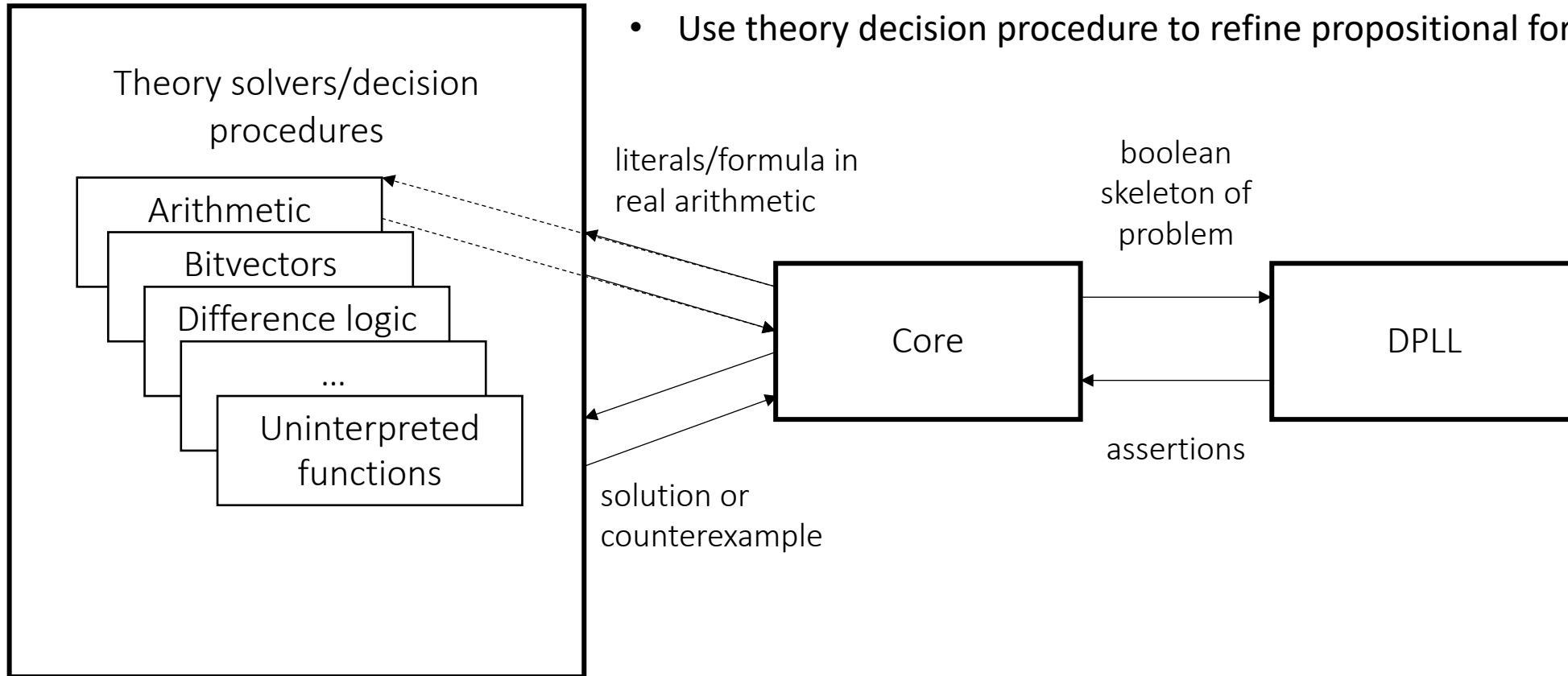
- Lectures on SMT from Clark Barrett
- Book: Introduction to Neural Network Verification by Aws Albarghouthi
- Book: Decision Procedures by Daniel Kroening and Ofer Strichman

# SMT

$$\phi \equiv g(a) = c \wedge f(g(a)) \neq f(c) \vee g(a) = d \wedge c \neq d$$

Several approaches, lazy approach:

- Abstract  $\phi$  to propositional form
- Feed to DPLL
- Use theory decision procedure to refine propositional formula a guide SAT



# DPLL<sup>T</sup>: DPLL modulo theories

How can we extend DPLL to handle formulas over other theories like

- Difference Logic (DL)
- Linear Real Arithmetic (LRA)
- Uninterpreted functions (UF)

Idea: Start with a *Boolean abstraction* (or skeleton) and incrementally add more *theory* information until we can conclusively say SAT or UNSAT

# Example: DPLL<sup>LRA</sup>

$$F \equiv (x \leq 0 \vee x \leq 10) \wedge (\neg x \leq 0)$$

Boolean abstraction: replace every unique linear inequality with a Boolean variable

$$F^B \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p)$$

where  $p$  abstracts  $x \leq 0$  and  $q$  abstracts  $x \leq 10$

*Abstraction* because information is lost

The relationship  $x > 10 \Rightarrow x > 0$ , i.e.,  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$  is lost in  $F^B$

**Notation.**  $(F^B)^T$  maps  $F^B$  back to theory  $T$ , i.e.,  $(F^B)^T = F$ .

**Proposition.** If  $F^B$  is UNSAT then  $F$  is UNSAT, but the converse does not hold, i.e.,  $F^B$  is SAT does not mean that  $F$  is SAT.

**Example.**  $F_1 \equiv (x \leq 0 \wedge x \geq 10)$  is clearly UNSAT, however  $F_1^B \equiv p \wedge q$  is SAT.

# Lazy DPLL<sup>T</sup> Algorithm using a Decision Procedure $T()$

**Input:** A formula  $F$  in CNF form over theory  $T$

**Output:**  $I \models F$  or UNSAT

Let  $F^B$  be the abstraction of  $F$

**while true do**

**if** DPLL( $F^B$ ) is unsat **then return** UNSAT

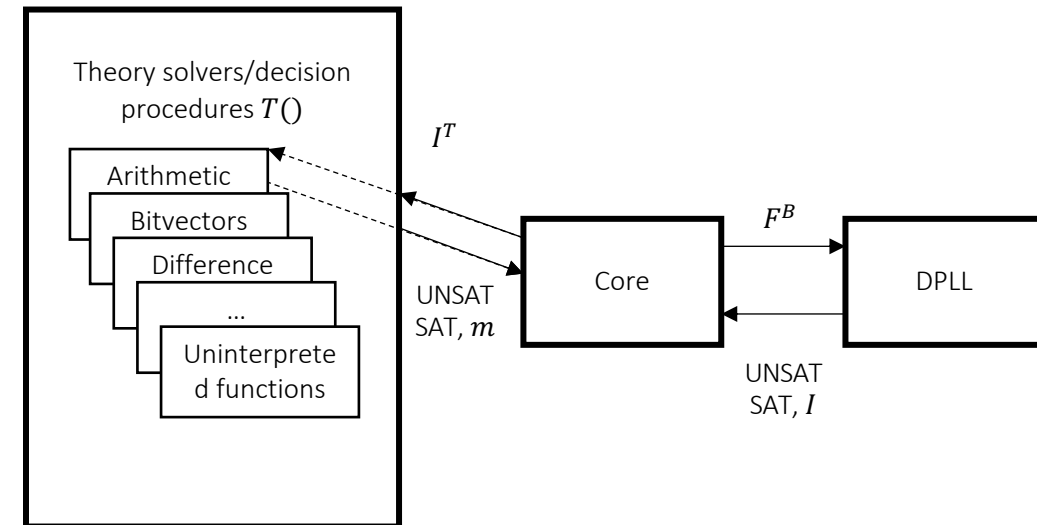
**else**

    Let  $I$  be the model returned by *DPLL*

    Assume  $I$  is represented as a formula

**if**  $T(I^T)$  is sat **then return** SAT and the model returned by  $T()$

**else**  $F^B := F^B \wedge \neg I$



- $\phi \equiv \underbrace{g(a) = c}_1 \wedge \underbrace{f(g(a)) \neq f(c)}_{\bar{2}} \vee \underbrace{g(a) = d}_3 \wedge \underbrace{c \neq d}_{\bar{4}}$

- send  $\phi^B \equiv \{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}\}$  to DPLL

- DPLL returns SAT with model  $I: \{1, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$

- UF solver concretizes  $I^{UF} \equiv g(a) = c, f(g(a)) \neq f(c), c \neq d$

- UF checks  $I^{UF}$  as UNSAT

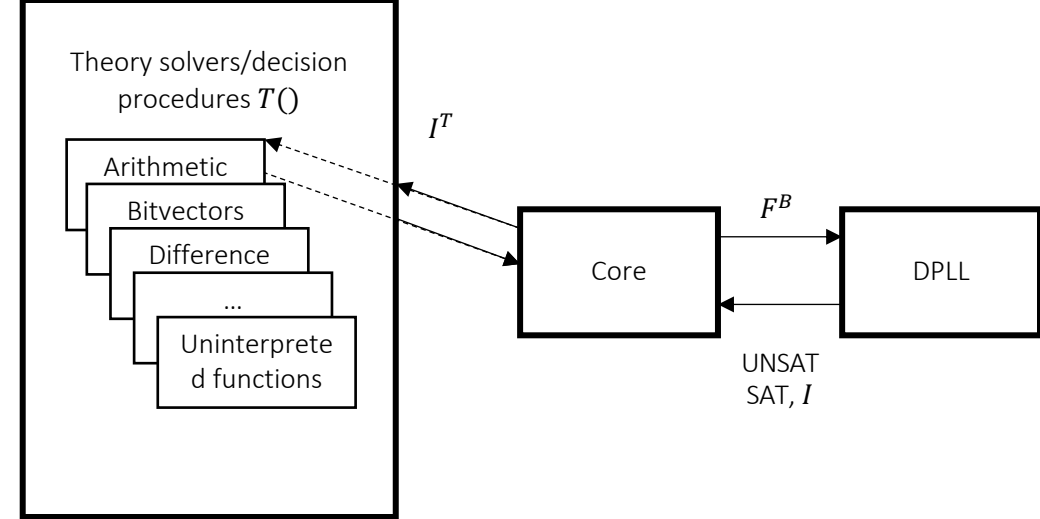
- send  $\phi^B \wedge \neg I: \{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4\}$  to DPLL; this is a new fact learned by DPLL

- DPLL returns model  $I': \{1, 2, 3, \bar{4}\}$

- UF solver concretizes  $I'^{UF}$  and finds this to be UNSAT

- send  $\phi^B \wedge \neg I \wedge \neg I': \{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4, \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \vee \bar{3} \vee 4\}$  to DPLL; another fact

- returns UNSAT





# Linear Real Arithmetic

Reference : Introduction to Neural Network Verification by Aws Albarghouthi

# Decision Procedure for Linear Real Arithmetic

Input:  $F \equiv \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_j \leq b_i$  where  $c_{ij}, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$

Output:  $\exists \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \models F$ ?

Solution based on Simplex Algorithm [Dantzig 1947]

Simplex solves

$\max \sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_j$  subject to

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_j \leq b_i$$

Our focus will be on finding any solution  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  that satisfies  $F$

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Simplex expects  $F$  to be expressed in the Simplex form, which is a conjunction of

- Linear equalities:  $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i = 0$
- Bounds:  $l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i$

# Transforming to Simplex Form

Consider the  $i^{\text{th}}$  inequality in  $F$ :  $\sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij}x_j \leq b_i$

Rewrite this as:

$$s_i = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij}x_j \wedge$$

$$s_i \leq b_i$$

$s_i$  is called a *slack variable*

Putting together all the rewritten conjuncts we get  $F_S$

## **Proposition.**

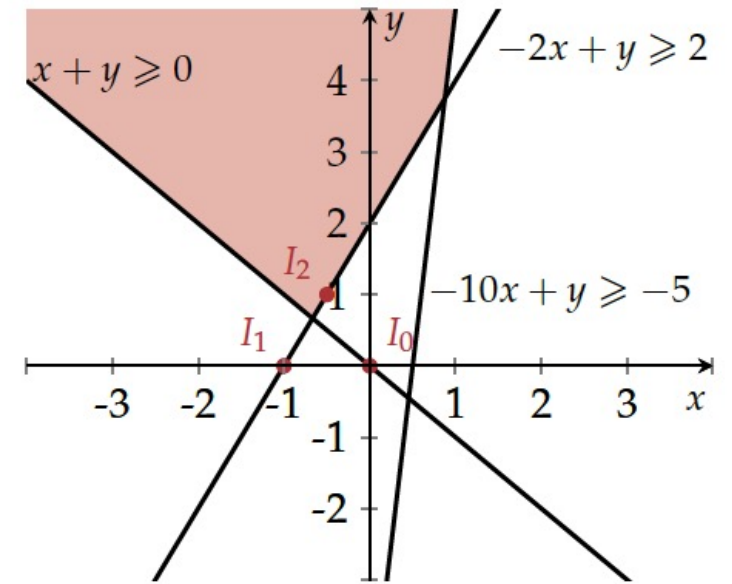
1. Any model of  $F_S$  is a model of  $F$ , disregarding the assignments to the slack variables.
2. If  $F_S$  is UNSAT then  $F$  is UNSAT.

# Simplex (Informal)

Idea. Simultaneously try to find a model or a proof of UNSAT

Start with some *model (or valuation)* that satisfies all linear equalities (say,  $x_i = 0, \forall i$ )

In each iteration, pick a bound that is not satisfied and modify the model to satisfy the bound OR discover that the formula is UNSAT



$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \langle x \mapsto 0, y \mapsto 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 \not\models -2x + y \geq 2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \langle x \mapsto -1, y \mapsto 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \not\models x + y \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \left\langle x \mapsto -\frac{1}{2}, y \mapsto 1 \right\rangle \models F$$

# Variable naming and ordering for Simplex

The input formula  $F_S$  (after rewriting) has two types of variables

- **Basic variables** appear on the LHS of an equality; initially these are the *slack variables*
- **Non-basic variables** all others

In each iteration, some basic variable becomes non-basic

We fix an *arbitrary total ordering* on variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

For a basic variable  $x_i$  and non-basic variable  $x_j$  we denote by  $c_{ij}$  the coefficient of  $x_j$  in the definition of  $x_i$ , i.e.,

$$x_i = \dots + c_{ij} x_j + \dots$$

The upper and lower bounds of  $x_i$  are called  $u_i$  and  $l_i$  (possibly  $\infty, -\infty$ )

# Simplex (Formal) 1

The algorithm maintains two invariants

1. The model  $x$  always satisfies the equalities; bounds may be violated.

Why is this invariant satisfied by our initialization of all 0s?

2. The bounds of all non-basic variables are all satisfied.

Why is this invariant satisfied by our initialization?

# Simplex Algorithm: DP for LRA

**Input:** A formula  $F_S$  in Simplex form

**Output:**  $\mathbf{x} \models F_S$  or UNSAT

$\mathbf{x} := \langle x_i \mapsto 0 \rangle$

**while true do**

**if**  $\mathbf{x} \models F_S$  **then return**  $\mathbf{x}$

Let  $x_i$  be the first basic variable s.t.  $\mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_i < l_i$  or  $\mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_i > u_i$

**if**  $\mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_i < l_i$  **then**

$$\mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_j := \mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_j + \frac{l_i - \mathbf{x} \upharpoonright x_i}{c_{ij}}$$

**else**

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Pivot  $x_i$  and  $x_j$

$$x_i = \sum_{k \in N}^m c_{ik} x_k, j \in N$$

Pivoting  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  rewrites  $x_j$  as basic variable

$$x_i = c_{ij} x_j + \sum_{k \in N \setminus \{j\}}^m c_{ik} x_k$$

$$x_j = -\frac{x_i}{c_{ij}} + \sum_{k \in N \setminus \{j\}}^m \frac{c_{ik}}{c_{ij}} x_k$$



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**if**  $x[x_i < l_i$  **then**

Let  $x_j$  be the first non-basic variable s.t.

$(x[x_j < u_j \wedge c_{ij} > 0]) \vee (x[x_j > l_j \wedge c_{ij} < 0])$

**If** no such  $x_j$  exists **then return** UNSAT

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**else** Let  $x_j$  be the first non-basic variable s.t.

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# Example

$$x + y \geq 0$$

$$-2x + y \geq 2$$

$$-10x + y \geq -5$$

Rewritten in Simplex form

$$s_1 = x + y$$

$$s_2 = -2x + y$$

$$s_3 = -10x + y$$

$$s_1 \geq 0$$

$$s_2 \geq 2$$

$$s_3 \geq -5$$

# Example continued

Variable ordering

$x, y, s_1, s_2, s_3$

Initialization  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \langle x \mapsto 0, y \mapsto 0, s_1 \mapsto 0, s_2 \mapsto 0, s_3 \mapsto 0 \rangle$

$\mathbf{x}_0$  satisfies equalities, bounds of  $s_1, s_3$  are satisfied

Pick the first variable  $x$  to fix the bound of  $s_2$

Since upper and lower bounds of  $x$  are  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  it easily satisfies the blue condition

To increase  $s_2$  to 2 and satisfy its lowerbound we decrease  $x$  [ $x$  to -1

$\mathbf{x}_1 = \langle x \mapsto -1, y \mapsto 0, s_1 \mapsto -1, s_2 \mapsto 2, s_3 \mapsto 10 \rangle$

Pivot  $s_2$  with  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= x + y \\ s_2 &= -2x + y \\ s_3 &= -10x + y \\ s_1 &\geq 0 \\ s_2 &\geq 2 \\ s_3 &\geq -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -0.5s_2 + 0.5y \\ s_1 &= -0.5s_2 + 1.5y \\ s_3 &= 5s_2 - 4y \\ s_1 &\geq 0 \\ s_3 &\geq -5 \\ -\infty &\leq x \leq \infty \end{aligned}$$

# Example continued 2

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$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \langle x \mapsto -1, y \mapsto 0, s_1 \mapsto -1, s_2 \mapsto 2, s_3 \mapsto 10 \rangle$$

All equalities are still satisfied (invariant)

The only basic variable not satisfying its bounds is now  $s_1$

The first non-basic variable we can tweak is  $y$

Setting  $y=1$  to satisfy the lowerbound of  $s_1$  we get

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \langle x \mapsto -0.5, y \mapsto 1, s_1 \mapsto 0.5, s_2 \mapsto 2, s_3 \mapsto 6 \rangle$$

Pivot  $s_1$  with  $y$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 \models F_S$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{2}{3}s_1 + \frac{1}{3}s_2 \\x &= +\frac{1}{3}s_1 - \frac{1}{3}s_2 \\s_2 &\geq 2 \\s_1 &\geq 0 \\s_3 &\geq -5 \\-\infty &\leq x \leq \infty\end{aligned}$$

# Why is simplex correct?

- Why does it terminate?

Because we always look for the first variable violating the bounds. There is a property (Bland's rule) that ensures that we never revisit the same set of basic and non-basic variables.

- Why does it give the right answer (sound)?

- If it returns  $x$  does it satisfy  $x \models F$ ?

This follows from the condition before **return**  $x$

- If it returns UNSAT is  $F$  really unsatisfiable?

# Unsatisfiable example

$$s_1 = x + y$$

$$s_2 = -x - 2y$$

$$s_3 = -x + y$$

$$s_1 \geq 0$$

$$s_2 \geq 2$$

$$s_3 \geq 1$$

Consider a Simplex execution in which there are two pivots:

Pivot 1:  $s_1$  with  $x$

$$x = s_1 - y$$

$$s_2 = -s_1 - y$$

$$s_3 = -s_1 + 2y$$

Pivot 2:  $s_2$  with  $y$

$$x = 2s_1 + s_2$$

$$y = -s_1 - s_2$$

$$s_3 = -3s_1 - 2s_2$$

Non-basic variables satisfy their bounds (invariant) and so  $s_1 \geq 0, s_2 \geq 2$

If  $s_2$  violates the bound then

$$s_3 = -3s_1 - 2s_2 < 1$$

We can make  $s_3$  bigger by decreasing  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  but the at most

$$s_3 = -3.0 - 2.2 = -4$$

which is still less than 1 and Simplex concludes that the formula is UNSAT.

The blue conditions for choosing  $x_j$  encodes this condition.

# Summary and Takeaways

- Satisfiability modulo theory solvers use theory solvers and DPLL to check satisfiability of formulas in other theories
  - DPLL takes care of disjunctions
  - Theory solvers take care of conjunctions
- Simplex or more generally Linear programming (LP) solvers is a theory solver for linear real arithmetic
  - Simplex algorithm solves LP by incrementally fixing the bounds of basic variables
- Next time Reluplex