

# Decision Procedures in Verification

Combinations of decision procedures (2)

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# Until now:

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## Logical Theories: generalities

- Theory of Uninterpreted Function Symbols
- Decision procedures for numeric domains

Difference logic

Linear arithmetic: Fourier-Motzkin

- Combinations of decision procedures

Definitions

The Nelson/Oppen Procedure

# Combination of theories over disjoint signatures

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## The Nelson/Oppen procedure

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**Given:**  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  first-order theories with signatures  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$

Assume that  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$  (share only  $\approx$ )

$P_i$  decision procedures for satisfiability of ground formulae w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}_i$

$\phi$  quantifier-free formula over  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$

**Task:** Check whether  $\phi$  is satisfiable w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$

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**Note:** Restrict to **conjunctive** quantifier-free formulae

$\phi \mapsto DNF(\phi)$

$DNF(\phi)$  satisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}$  iff one of the disjuncts satisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}$

# Example

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[Nelson & Oppen, 1979]

## Theories

|               |                          |  |           |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| $\mathcal{R}$ | theory of rationals      | $\Sigma_{\mathcal{R}} = \{\leq, +, -, 0, 1\}$                    | $\approx$ |
| $\mathcal{L}$ | theory of lists          | $\Sigma_{\mathcal{L}} = \{\text{car}, \text{cdr}, \text{cons}\}$ | $\approx$ |
| $\mathcal{E}$ | theory of equality (UIF) | $\Sigma$ : free function and predicate symbols                   | $\approx$ |

## Problems:

1.  $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{E} \models \forall x, y (x \leq y \wedge y \leq x + \text{car}(\text{cons}(0, x)) \wedge P(h(x) - h(y)) \rightarrow P(0))$
2. Is the following conjunction:

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satisfiable in  $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{E}$ ?

# An Example

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|                                   | $\mathcal{R}$   | $\mathcal{L}$  | $\mathcal{E}$ |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| $\Sigma$                          | $\{\leq, +, -, 0, 1\}$  | $\{\text{car}, \text{cdr}, \text{cons}\}$  | $F \cup P$    |
| Axioms<br><br>(univ.<br>quantif.) | $x + 0 \approx x$<br>$x - x \approx 0$<br>$+$ is $A, C$<br>$\leq$ is $R, T, A$<br>$x \leq y \vee y \leq x$<br>$x \leq y \rightarrow x + z \leq y + z$ | $\text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) \approx x$<br>$\text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) \approx y$<br>$\text{at}(x) \vee \text{cons}(\text{car}(x), \text{cdr}(x)) \approx x$<br>$\neg \text{at}(\text{cons}(x, y))$ |               |

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| $\mathcal{R}$           | $\mathcal{L}$                                 | $\mathcal{E}$      |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| $c \leq d$              | $c_1 \approx \text{car}(\text{cons}(c_5, c))$ | $P(c_2)$           |
| $d \leq c + c_1$        |   | $\neg P(c_5)$      |
| $c_2 \approx c_3 - c_4$ |   | $c_3 \approx h(c)$ |
| $c_5 \approx 0$         |   | $c_4 \approx h(d)$ |
| satisfiable             | satisfiable                                   | satisfiable        |

## Step 2: Propagation

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| $c_1 \approx c_5$       | $c_1 \approx c_5$                             | $c \approx d$      |
| $c \approx d$           |   | $c_3 \approx c_4$  |
| $c_2 \approx c_5$       |   | $\perp$            |

# The Nelson-Oppen algorithm

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where  $\phi_i$  is a pure  $\Sigma_i$ -formula and  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  is equisatisfiable with  $\phi$ .

**Informally:** “Separate” the formula  $\phi$  into two “pure” formulae using renaming.

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until an inconsistency is detected or a saturation state is reached.

**Informally:** Provers for component theories exchange information about shared symbols.



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**Sound:** if inconsistency detected input unsatisfiable

**Complete:** under additional assumptions

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## How to implement Propagation?

**Guessing:** guess a maximal set of literals containing the shared variables; check it for  $\mathcal{T}_i \cup \phi_i$  consistency.

**Backtracking:** identify disjunction of equalities between shared variables entailed by  $\mathcal{T}_i \cup \phi_i$ ; make case split by adding some of these equalities to  $\phi_1, \phi_2$ . Repeat as long as possible.

# Implementation of propagation

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## Guessing variant

Guess a maximal set of literals containing the shared variables  $V$  (arrangement:  $\alpha(V, E) = (\bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} u \approx v \wedge \bigwedge_{(u,v) \notin E} u \not\approx v)$ , where  $E$  equivalence relation); check it for  $\mathcal{T}_i \cup \phi_i$  consistency.

On the blackboard: Example 10.5 and 10.7 pages 272, 273

Example 10.6 and 10.9 pages 272, 275

from the book “The Calculus of Computation” by A. Bradley and Z. Manna

**Advantage:** Whenever constraints are represented as Boolean combinations of atoms, one may combine heuristics of SMT solvers with specific features of the theories to be combined to produce the right arrangement efficiently.

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On the blackboard: Example 10.14, page 280-281, and Example 10.13, page 279, from the book “The Calculus of Computation” by A. Bradley and Z. Manna

## Advantages:

- it works on the non-disjoint case as well
- can be made deterministic for combinations of convex theories

$\mathcal{T}$  convex iff whenever  $\mathcal{T} \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n A_i \rightarrow \bigvee_{j=1}^m B_j$   
there exists  $j$  s.t.  $\mathcal{T} \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n A_i \rightarrow B_j$

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**Soundness:** If procedure answers “unsatisfiable” then  $\phi$  is unsatisfiable

**Proof:** Assume that  $\phi$  is satisfiable. Then  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  satisfiable.

- The procedure cannot answer “unsatisfiable” in Step 2.

- Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \beta) \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ . Assume that  $(\mathcal{M}, \beta) \models \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \in E} c_i \approx c_j \wedge \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \notin E} c_i \not\approx c_j$

Then  $(\mathcal{M}_{|\Sigma_1}, \beta) \models \phi_1 \wedge \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \in E} c_i \approx c_j$

$(\mathcal{M}_{|\Sigma_2}, \beta) \models \phi_2 \wedge \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \in E} c_i \approx c_j$

**Guessing:**  $\bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \in E} c_i \approx c_j \wedge \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \notin E} c_i \not\approx c_j$  “satisfiable arrangement”.

**Backtracking:** Procedure answers satisfiable on the corresponding branch.

# The Nelson-Oppen algorithm

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- Termination:** only finitely many shared variables to be identified
- Soundness:** If procedure answers “unsatisfiable” then  $\phi$  is unsatisfiable
- Completeness:** Under additional hypotheses

# Completeness

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**Example:**

| $E_1$                     | $E_2$               |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| $f(g(x), g(y)) \approx x$ | $k(x) \approx k(x)$ |
| $f(g(x), h(y)) \approx y$ |                     |
| non-trivial               | non-trivial         |

$$g(c) \approx h(c) \wedge k(c) \not\approx c$$

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A model of  $E_1$  satisfies  $g(c) \approx h(c)$  iff  $\exists e \in A$  s.t.  $g(e) = h(e)$ .  
 Then, for all  $a \in A$ :  $a = f_A(g(a), g(e)) = f_A(g(a), h(e)) = e$

$$g(c) \approx h(c) \wedge k(c) \not\approx c \quad \text{unsatisfiable}$$

# Completeness

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## Another example

$\mathcal{T}_1$  theory admitting models of cardinality at most 2

$\mathcal{T}_2$  theory admitting models of any cardinality

$$f_1 \in \Sigma_1, f_2 \in \Sigma_2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \mathcal{T}_i \not\models \forall x, y \quad f_i(x) = f_i(y).$$

$$\phi = f_1(c_1) \neq f_1(c_2) \quad \wedge \quad f_2(c_1) \neq f_2(c_3) \quad \wedge \quad f_2(c_2) \neq f_2(c_3)$$

$$\phi_1 = f_1(c_1) \neq f_1(c_2) \quad \phi_2 = f_2(c_1) \neq f_2(c_3) \quad \wedge \quad f_2(c_2) \neq f_2(c_3)$$

The Nelson-Oppen procedure returns “satisfiable”

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \models \forall x, y, z (f_1(x) \neq f_1(y) \wedge f_2(x) \neq f_2(z) \wedge f_2(y) \neq f_2(z) \\ \rightarrow (x \neq y \wedge x \neq z \wedge y \neq z)) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1(c_1) \neq f_1(c_2) \quad \wedge \quad f_2(c_1) \neq f_2(c_3) \quad \wedge \quad f_2(c_2) \neq f_2(c_3) \quad \text{unsatisfiable}$$

# Completeness

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## Cause of incompleteness

There exist formulae satisfiable in finite models of bounded cardinality

**Solution:** Consider stably infinite theories.

$\mathcal{T}$  is stably infinite iff for every quantifier-free formula  $\phi$   
 $\phi$  satisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}$  iff  $\phi$  satisfiable in an infinite model of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Note:** This restriction is not mentioned in [Nelson Oppen 1979];  
introduced by Oppen in 1980.

# Completeness

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**Guessing version:**  $C$  set of constants shared by  $\phi_1, \phi_2$

$R$  equiv. relation assoc. with partition of  $C \mapsto ar(C, R) = \bigwedge_{R(c,d)} c \approx d \wedge \bigwedge_{\neg R(c,d)} c \not\approx d$

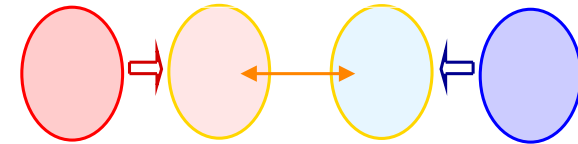
**Lemma.** Assume that there exists a partition of  $C$  s.t.  $\phi_i \wedge ar(C, R)$  is  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -satisfiable. Then  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  is  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$ -satisfiable.

**Idea of proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A}_i \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{T}_i)$  s.t.  $\mathcal{A}_i \models \phi_i \wedge ar(C, R)$ . Then  $c_{A_1} = d_{A_1}$  iff  $c_{A_2} = d_{A_2}$ .  
Let  $i : \{c_{A_1} \mid c \in C\} \rightarrow \{c_{A_2} \mid c \in C\}$ ,  $i(c_{A_1}) = c_{A_2}$  well-defined; bijection.

**Stable infinity:** can assume w.l.o.g. that  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  have the same cardinality

Let  $h : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  bijection s.t.  $h(c_{A_1}) = c_{A_2}$

Use  $h$  to transfer the  $\Sigma_1$ -structure on  $\mathcal{A}_2$ .



**Theorem.** If  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  are both stably infinite and the shared signature is empty then the Nelson-Oppen procedure is sound, complete and terminating.  
Thus, it transfers decidability of ground satisfiability from  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  to  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$ .

# Complexity

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## Main sources of complexity:

- (i) transformation of the formula in DNF
- (ii) propagation
  - (a) decide whether there is a disjunction of equalities between variables
  - (b) investigate different branches corresponding to disjunctions

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**Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  be **convex** and **stably infinite**;  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$   
If satisfiability of conjunctions of literals in  $\mathcal{T}_i$  is in PTIME  
Then satisfiability of conjunctions of literals in  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$  is in PTIME

# Complexity

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In general: non-deterministic procedure

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[Tinelli,Zarba'03] One theory “shiny” (for each satisf. constraint we can compute a finite  $k$  s.t. the theory has models of every cardinality  $\lambda \geq k$ )

- relax the requirement that the theories have disjoint signatures

[Tinelli,Ringeissen'03] Theories sharing absolutely free constructors

[Ghilardi'04] Model theoretical conditions.

Idea presented in what follows

## Main idea:

Find situations in which  $\mathcal{T}_i$  models of  $\phi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  can be “amalgamated” to a  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$  model of  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ .

# From conjunctions to arbitrary combinations

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Until now:

check satisfiability for conjunctions of literals

**Question:**

how to check satisfiability of sets of clauses?

# Overview

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## Satisfiability w.r.t. theories

- Propositional logic

- resolution
- DPLL

- First-order logic

- resolution

- Ground formulae

- conjunctions of literals:  
specialized methods
- clauses: DPLL(T)  $\Leftarrow$  TODAY

- Formulae with quantifiers

- reduction to SAT for ground formulae  
instantiation  $\Leftarrow$  NEXT WEEK  
(situations when sound and complete)
- resolution (mod T)

## 3.6 The $DPLL(\mathcal{T})$ algorithm

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# Reminder: Propositional SAT

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The DPLL algorithm

# A succinct formulation

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State:  $M||F$ ,

where:

- $M$  partial assignment (sequence of literals),  
    some literals are annotated ( $L^d$ : decision literal)
- $F$  clause set.

# A succinct formulation

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## UnitPropagation

$M || F, C \vee L \Rightarrow M, L || F, C \vee L$       if  $M \models \neg C$ , and  $L$  undef. in  $M$

## Decide

$M || F \Rightarrow M, L^d || F$       if  $L$  or  $\neg L$  occurs in  $F$ ,  $L$  undef. in  $M$

## Fail

$M || F, C \Rightarrow \text{Fail}$       if  $M \models \neg C$ ,  $M$  contains no decision literals

## Backjump

$M, L^d, N || F \Rightarrow M, L' || F$       if  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{there is some clause } C \vee L' \text{ s.t.:} \\ F \models C \vee L', M \models \neg C, \\ L' \text{ undefined in } M \\ L' \text{ or } \neg L' \text{ occurs in } F. \end{array} \right.$



# Example

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| Assignment:                    | Clause set:  |                           |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| $\emptyset$                    | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (Decide)    |
| $P_1$                          | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (UnitProp)  |
| $P_1 P_2$                      | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (Decide)    |
| $P_1 P_2 P_3$                  | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (UnitProp)  |
| $P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4$              | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (Decide)    |
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| $P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5 \neg P_6$ | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | $\Rightarrow$ (Backtrack) |
| $P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 \neg P_5$     | $   \neg P_1 \vee P_2, \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_6, P_6 \vee \neg P_5 \vee \neg P_2$ | ...                       |

# DPLL with learning

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The DPLL system with learning consists of the four transition rules of the Basic DPLL system, plus the following two additional rules:

## Learn

$M||F \Rightarrow M||F, C$  if all atoms of  $C$  occur in  $F$  and  $F \models C$

## Forget

$M||F, C \Rightarrow M||F$  if  $F \models C$

In these two rules, the clause  $C$  is said to be learned and forgotten, respectively.

# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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Some problems are more naturally expressed in richer logics than just propositional logic, e.g:

- Software/Hardware verification needs reasoning about **equality**, **arithmetic**, **data structures**, ...

SMT consists of deciding the satisfiability of a **ground** 1st-order formula with respect to a **background theory  $T$**

**Example 1:**  $\mathcal{T}$  is Equality with Uninterpreted Functions (UIF):

$$f(g(a)) \not\approx f(c) \vee g(a) \approx d, \quad g(a) \approx c, \quad c \not\approx d$$

**Example 2:** for combined theories:

$$A \approx \text{write}(B, a + 1, 4), \quad \text{read}(A, b + 3) \approx 2 \vee f(a - 1) \not\approx f(b + 1)$$

# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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## The “very eager” approach to SMT

### Method:

- translate problem into equisatisfiable propositional formula;
- use off-the-shelf SAT solver

- Why “eager”?

Search uses **all** theory information from the **beginning**

- Characteristics:

- + Can use best available SAT solver
- Sophisticated encodings are needed for each theory
- Sometimes translation and/or solving too slow

**Main Challenge** for alternative approaches is to combine:

- DPLL-based techniques for handling the boolean structure
- Efficient theory solvers for conjunctions of  $\mathcal{T}$ -literals

# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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“Lazy” approaches to SMT: **Idea**

**Example:** consider  $\mathcal{T} = \text{UIF}$  and the following set of clauses:

$$\underbrace{f(g(a)) \not\approx f(c)}_{\neg P_1} \vee \underbrace{g(a) \approx d}_{P_2}, \quad \underbrace{g(a) \approx c}_{P_3}, \quad \underbrace{c \not\approx d}_{\neg P_4}$$

1. Send  $\{\neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4\}$  to SAT solver

SAT solver returns model  $[\neg P_1, P_3, \neg P_4]$

Theory solver says  $\neg P_1 \wedge P_3 \wedge \neg P_4$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -inconsistent

2. Send  $\{\neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4, P_1 \vee \neg P_3 \vee P_4\}$  to SAT solver

SAT solver returns model  $[P_1, P_2, P_3, \neg P_4]$

Theory solver says  $P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge P_3 \wedge \neg P_4$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -inconsistent

3. Send  $\{\neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4, P_1 \vee \neg P_3 \vee P_4, \neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \neg P_3 \vee P_4\}$  to SAT solver

SAT solver says UNSAT