Decision Procedures for Verification

Combinations of decision procedures (3)

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

SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

"Lazy" approaches to SMT: Idea

Example: consider T = UIF and the following set of clauses:

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

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

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- Send {¬P₁∨P₂, P₃, ¬P₄, P₁∨¬P₃∨P₄} to SAT solver
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- 3. Send $\{\neg P_1 \lor P_2, P_3, \neg P_4, P_1 \lor \neg P_3 \lor P_4, \neg P_1 \lor \neg P_2 \lor \neg P_3 \lor P_4\}$ to SAT solver says UNSAT

Optimized lazy approach

- Check T-consistency only of full propositional models
- Check T-consistency of partial assignment while being built
- Given a T-inconsistent assignment M, add $\neg M$ as a clause
- OLA Given a T-inconsistent assignment M, find an explanation
 (a small T-inconsistent subset of M) and add it as a clause
- Upon a T-inconsistency, add clause and restart
- Upon a T-inconsistency, do conflict analysis of the explanation and Backjump

"Lazy" approaches to SMT

• Why "lazy"?

Theory information used only lazily, when checking \mathcal{T} -consistency of propositional models

- Characteristics:
 - + Modular and flexible
 - Theory information does not guide the search (only validates a posteriori)

Tools: CVC-Lite, ICS, MathSAT, TSAT+, Verifun, ...

Lazy theory learning:

$$M, L, M_1 || F \Rightarrow \emptyset || F, \neg L_1 \lor \cdots \lor \neg L_n \lor \neg L \quad \text{if} \begin{cases} M, L, M_1 \models F \\ \{L_1, \dots, L_n\} \subseteq M \\ L_1 \land \cdots \land L_n \land L \models_{\mathcal{T}} \bot \end{cases}$$

Lazy theory learning + no repetitions

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DPLL(T) Rules

UnitPropagation $M||F, C \lor L \Rightarrow M, L||F, C \lor L$ if $M \models \neg C$, and L undef. in M Decide $M||F \Rightarrow M, L^{d}||F$ if L occurs in F, L undef. in MFail if $M \models \neg C$, no backtrack possible $M||F, C \Rightarrow$ Fail $\text{if} \begin{cases} \text{there is some clause } C \lor L' \text{ s.t.:} \\ F \models C \lor L', M \models \neg C, \\ L' \text{ undefined in } M \\ L' \text{ or } \neg L' \text{ occurs in } F. \end{cases}$ Backjump $M, L^d, N||F \Rightarrow M, L'||F$ Restart/Learn $M||F \Rightarrow \emptyset||F, F'$ if $F \models F'$, F' obtained from M, F**TPropagation** $M||F \Rightarrow M, L||F$ if $M \models_{\mathcal{T}} L$

DPLL(T) Example

Consider again same example with UIF:

No search in this example

Termination

Idea: DPLL(T) terminates if no clause is learned infinitely many times, since only finitely many such new clauses (built over input literals) exist.

Theorem. There exists no infinite sequence of the form

$$\emptyset || F \Rightarrow S_1 \Rightarrow S_2 \dots$$

if no clause C is learned by Reset & Learn/Lazy Theory Learning infinitely many times along a sequence.

A similar termination result holds also for the DPLL(T) approach with Theory Propagation.

Theorem. There exist no infinite sequences of the form $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow S_1 \Rightarrow S_2 ...$

Proof. (Idea) We define a well-founded strict partial ordering \succ on states, and show that each rule application $M||F \Rightarrow M'||F'$ is decreasing with respect to this ordering, i.e., $M||F \succ M'||F'$.

Let M be of the form $M_0, L_1, M_1, \dots, L_p, M_p$, where L_1, \dots, L_p are all the decision literals of M. Similarly, let M' be $M'_0, L'_1, M'_1, \dots, L'_{p'}, M'_{p'}$.

Let N be the number of distinct atoms (propositional variables) in F.

(Note that p, p' and the length of M and M' are always smaller than or equal to N.)

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Proof. (continued) Let m(M) be N - length(M) (nr. of literals missing in M for M to be total). Define: $M_0L_1M_1 \dots L_pM_p || F \succ M'_0L'_1M'_1 \dots L'_{p'}M'_{p'}|| F'$ if (i) there is some i with $0 \le i \le p, p'$ such that $m(M_0) = m(M'_0), \dots m(M_{i-1}) = m(M'_{i-1}), m(M_i) > m(M'_i)$ or (ii) $m(M_0) = m(M'_0), \dots m(M_p) = m(M'_p)$ and m(M) > m(M'). Comparing the number of missing literals in converses is a strict ordering (irref

Comparing the number of missing literals in sequences is a strict ordering (irreflexive and transitive) and it is well-founded, and hence this also holds for its lexicographic extension on tuples of sequences of bounded length.

No learning/forgetting: It is easy to see that all Basic DPLL rule applications are decreasing with respect to \succ if fail is added as an additional minimal element. (The rules UnitPropagate and Backjump decrease by case (i) of the definition and Decide decreases by case (ii).)

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Note: Combine learning with basic DPLL(T): no clause learned infinitely many times.

Forget: For this termination condition to be fulfilled, applying at least one rule of the Basic DPLL system between any two Learn applications does not suffice. It suffices if, in addition, no clause generated with Learning is ever forgotten.

Soundness, Correctness, Termination

Lemma. If $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F'$ then:

- (1) All atoms in M and all atoms in F' are atoms of F.
- (2) M: no literal more than once, no complementary literals
- (3) F' is logically equivalent to F
- (4) if $M = M_0 L_1 M_1 \dots L_n M_n$ where L_i all decision literals then $F, L_1, \dots, L_i \models M_i$.

Lemma. If $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F'$, where M || F' is a final state wrt the Basic DPLL system and Lazy Theory Learning, then:

- (1) All literals of F' are defined in M
- (2) There is no clause C in F' such that $M \models \neg C$
- (3) M is a model of F.

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Theorem. The Lazy Theory learning DPLL system provides a decision procedure for the satisfiability in \mathcal{T} of CNF formulae F, that is:

- 1. $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* fail$ if, and only if, F is unsatisfiable in \mathcal{T} .
- 2. $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* M||F'$, where M||F' is a final state wrt the Basic DPLL system and Lazy Theory Learning, if, and only if, F is satisfiable in \mathcal{T} .

Proof

(1) If $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* fail$ then there exists state M ||F' with $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* M ||F' \Rightarrow fail$, there is no decision literal in M and $M \models \neg C$ for some clause C in F. By the construction of $M, F \models M$, so $F \models \neg C$. Thus F is unsatisfiable.

To prove the converse, if $\emptyset || F \not\Rightarrow^* fail$ then by there must be a state M || F' such that $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F'$. Then $M \models F$, so F is satisfiable.

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2. If $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* M||F$ then F is satisfiable. Conversely, if $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* M||F$ then $\emptyset ||F \Rightarrow^* fail$, so F is unsatisfiable.

$\mathsf{DPLL}(\mathcal{T})$ with (eager) theory propagation

Lemma. If $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow M || F$ then M is \mathcal{T} -consistent.

Proof. This property is true initially, and all rules preserve it, by the fact that $M \models_{\mathcal{T}} L$ if, and only if, $M \cup \neg L$ is \mathcal{T} -inconsistent: the rules only add literals to M that are undefined in M, and Theory Propagate adds all literals L of F that are theory consequences of M, before any literal $\neg L$ making it \mathcal{T} -inconsistent can be added to M by any of the other rules.

$\mathsf{DPLL}(\mathcal{T})$ with (eager) theory propagation

Definition. A DPLL(\mathcal{T}) procedure with Eager Theory Propagation for \mathcal{T} is any procedure taking an input CNF F and computing a sequence $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* S$ where S is a final state wrt. Theory Propagate and the Basic DPLL system.

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Full proofs and further details can be found in:

Robert Nieuwenhuis, Albert Oliveras and Cesare Tinelli: "Solving SAT and SAT Modulo Theories: From an Abstract Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland Procedure to DPLL(T)"

Journal of the ACM, Vol. 53, No. 6, November 2006, pp.937-977.

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Systems implementing such satisfiability problems: Z3, Yices, Barcelogic Tools, CVC, haRVey, Math-SAT, ... are called (S)atisfiability (M)odulo (T)heory solvers.

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In many applications we are interested in testing the satisfiability of formulae containing (universally quantified) variables.

Examples

- check satisfiability of formulae in the Bernays-Schönfinkel class
- check whether a set of (universally quantified) Horn clauses entails a ground clause
- check whether a property is consequence of a set of axioms

Example 1: $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ is monotonely increasing and $g : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ is defined by g(x) = f(x + x)then g is also monotonely increasing

Example 2: If array *a* is increasingly sorted, and *x* is inserted before the first position *i* with a[i] > x then the array remains increasingly sorted.

A theory of arrays

We consider the theory of arrays in a many-sorted setting.

Syntax:

- Sorts: Elem (elements), Array (arrays) and Index (indices, here integers).
- Function symbols: read, write.

 $a(read) = Array \times Index \rightarrow Element$

 $a(write) = Array \times Index \times Element \rightarrow Array$

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Fact: Undecidable in general.

Goal: Identify a fragment of the theory of arrays which is decidable.

A decidable fragment

Index guard a positive Boolean combination of atoms of the form
 t ≤ u or t = u where t and u are either a variable or a ground term of sort Index

Example: $(x \le 3 \lor x \approx y) \land y \le z$ is an index guard Example: $x + 1 \le c$, $x + 3 \le y$, $x + x \le 2$ are not index guards.

• Array property formula [Bradley, Manna, Sipma'06]

 $(\forall i)(\varphi_I(i) \rightarrow \varphi_V(i))$, where:

 φ_I : index guard

 φ_V : formula in which any universally quantified *i* occurs in a direct array read; no nestings

Example: $c \le x \le y \le d \rightarrow a(x) \le a(y)$ is an array property formula Example: $x < y \rightarrow a(x) < a(y)$ is not an array property formula

Decision Procedure

(Rules should be read from top to bottom)

Step 1: Put F in NNF.

Step 2: Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove writes:

$$\frac{F[\textit{write}(a, i, v)]}{F[a'] \land a'[i] = v \land (\forall j.j \neq i \rightarrow a[j] = a'[j])} \quad \text{for fresh } a' \text{ (write)}$$

Given a formula F containing an occurrence of a write term write(a, i, v), we can substitute every occurrence of write(a, i, v) with a fresh variable a'and explain the relationship between a' and a. **Step 3** Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove existential quantification:

$$\frac{F[\exists i.G[i]]}{F[G[j]]}$$
 for fresh *j* (exists)

Existential quantification can arise during Step 1 if the given formula contains a negated array property.

Steps 4-6 accomplish the reduction of universal quantification to finite conjunction.

The main idea is to select a set of symbolic index terms on which to instantiate all universal quantifiers.

Step 4 From the output F3 of Step 3, construct the index set \mathcal{I} :

 $\mathcal{I} = \{\lambda\} \cup \\ \{t \mid \cdot[t] \in F3 \text{ such that } t \text{ is not a universally quantified variable}\} \cup \\ \{t \mid t \text{ occurs as an } evar \text{ in the parsing of index guards}\}$

(evar is any constant, ground term, or unquantified variable.)

This index set is the finite set of indices that need to be examined. It includes all terms t that occur in some read(a, t) anywhere in F (unless it is a universally quantified variable) and all terms t that are compared to a universally quantified variable in some index guard.

 λ is a fresh constant that represents all other index positions that are not explicitly in $\mathcal{I}.$

Theories of arrays

Step 5 Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove universal quantification:

$$\frac{H[\forall \overline{i}.F[i] \to G[i]]}{H\left[\bigwedge_{\overline{i}\in\mathcal{I}^n}(F[\overline{i}] \to G[\overline{i}])\right]} \quad \text{(forall)}$$

where *n* is the size of the list of quantified variables \overline{i} .

This is the key step.

It replaces universal quantification with finite conjunction over the index set. The notation $\overline{i} \in \mathcal{I}^n$ means that the variables \overline{i} range over all *n*-tuples of terms in \mathcal{I} .

Theories of arrays

Step 6: From the output *F*5 of Step 5, construct

$$F6: \qquad F5 \land \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{\lambda\}} \lambda \neq i$$

The new conjuncts assert that the variable λ introduced in Step 4 is unique: it does not equal any other index mentioned in F5.

Step 7: Decide the TA-satisfiability of *F*6 using the decision procedure for the quantifier free fragment.

Consider the array property formula

 $F: write(a, l, v)[k] = b[k] \land b[k] \neq v \land a[k] = v \land (\forall i.i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i])$

It contains one array property,

$$\forall i.i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i]$$

index guard: $i \neq l := (i \leq l - 1 \lor i \geq l + 1)$ value constraint: a[i] = b[i]

Step 1: The formula is already in NNF.

Step 2: We rewrite F as:

F2:
$$a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge (\forall i.i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i])$$

 $\wedge a'[l] = v \wedge (\forall j.j \neq l \rightarrow a[j] = a'[j]).$

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 value constraint: $a[i] = b[i]$
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Step 3: F2 does not contain any existential quantifiers \mapsto F3 = F2. Step 4: The index set is

$$\mathcal{I} = \{\lambda\} \cup \{k\} \cup \{l, l-1, l+1\} = \{\lambda, k, l, l-1, l+1\}$$

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Step 4: $I = \{\lambda, k, l, l - 1, l + 1\}$

Step 5: we replace universal quantification as follows:

$$F5: \quad a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (i \neq l \to a[i] = b[i])$$
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Step 5 (continued) Expanding produces:

$$F5': a'[k] = b[k] \land b[k] \neq v \land a[k] = v \land$$

$$(\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = b[\lambda]) \land (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = b[k]) \land (l \neq l \rightarrow a[l] = b[l]) \land$$

$$(l - 1 \neq l \rightarrow a[l - 1] = b[l - 1]) \land (l + 1 \neq l \rightarrow a[l + 1] = b[l + 1]) \land$$

$$a'[l] = v \land (\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = a'[\lambda]) \land (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = a'[k]) \land$$

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$$\mathcal{I} = \{\lambda\} \cup \{k\} \cup \{I\} = \{\lambda, k, I\}$$

Step 5 (continued): Simplifying produces

$$F''5: \quad a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge (\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = b[\lambda])$$

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Step 6 distinguishes λ from other members of I:

$$F6: a'[k] = b[k] \land b[k] \neq v \land a[k] = v \land (\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = b[\lambda])$$

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Step 6 Simplifying, we have

$$F'6: a'[k] = b[k] \land b[k] \neq v \land a[k] = v \land a[\lambda] = b[\lambda]$$

$$\land a[k] = b[k] \land a[l-1] = b[l-1] \land a[l+1] = b[l+1]$$

$$\land a'[l] = v \land a[\lambda] = a'[\lambda]$$

$$\land (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = a'[k]) \land a[l-1] = a'[l-1] \land a[l+1] = a'[l+1]$$

$$\land \lambda \neq k \land \lambda \neq l \land \lambda \neq l-1 \land \lambda \neq l+1.$$

We can use for instance DPLL(T). Alternative: Case distinction. There are two cases to consider.

(1) If
$$k=l$$
, then $a'[l]=v$ and $a'[k]=b[k]$ imply $b[k]=v$, yet $b[k]\neq v$.

(2) If
$$k \neq l$$
, then $a[k] = v$ and $a[k] = b[k]$ imply $b[k] = v$, but again $b[k] \neq v$.

Hence, F'6 is TA-unsatisfiable, indicating that F is TA-unsatisfiable.