

Decision Procedures for Verification

Combinations of Decision Procedures (2)

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Last time

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Combination of theories over disjoint signatures

The Nelson/Oppen procedure

Given: $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$ first-order theories with signatures Σ_1, Σ_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

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

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

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

[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)	Σ : 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:

$$c \leq d \wedge d \leq c + \text{car}(\text{cons}(0, c)) \wedge P(h(c) - h(d)) \wedge \neg P(0)$$

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

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deduce and propagate equalities between constants entailed by components

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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 ϕ_1, ϕ_2 . Repeat as long as possible.

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Proof: Assume that ϕ 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 $(\mathcal{M}_{|\Sigma_1}, \beta) \models \phi_1 \wedge \bigwedge_{(c_i, c_j) \in E} c_i \approx c_j$

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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.

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- Completeness:** Under additional hypotheses

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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 $a \in A$: $a = f_A(g(a), g(e)) = f_A(g(a), h(e)) = e$

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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

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

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

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The Nelson-Oppen procedure returns “satisfiable”

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

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Completeness

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 ϕ
 ϕ satisfiable in \mathcal{T} iff ϕ satisfiable in an infinite model of \mathcal{T} .

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

Completeness

Guessing version: C set of constants shared by ϕ_1, ϕ_2

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

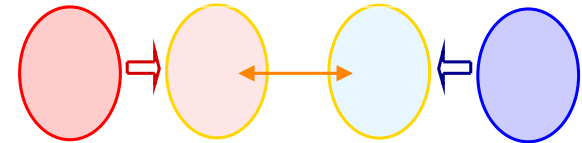
Lemma. Assume that there exists a partition of C s.t. $\phi_i \wedge ar(C, R)$ is \mathcal{T}_i -satisfiable. Then $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ is $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$ -satisfiable.

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 $c_{\mathcal{A}_1} = d_{\mathcal{A}_1}$ iff $c_{\mathcal{A}_2} = d_{\mathcal{A}_2}$.
Let $i : \{c_{\mathcal{A}_1} \mid c \in C\} \rightarrow \{c_{\mathcal{A}_2} \mid c \in C\}$, $i(c_{\mathcal{A}_1}) = c_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ 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. $h(c_{\mathcal{A}_1}) = c_{\mathcal{A}_2}$

Use h to transfer the Σ_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 $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$.

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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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In general: non-deterministic procedure

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