

# Decision Procedures for Verification

Decision Procedures (3)

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# Until now:

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## Decision Procedures

- Uninterpreted functions  
congruence closure

# DAG Representation/Congruence Closure

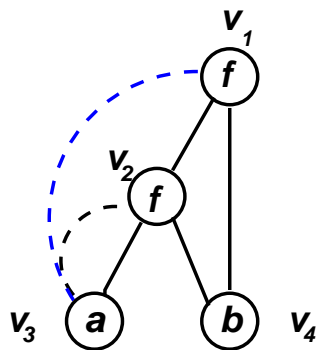
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**Task:** Check if  $(s_1(\bar{c}) \approx t_1(\bar{c}) \wedge \dots \wedge s_k(\bar{c}) \approx t_k(\bar{c}) \wedge s(\bar{c}) \not\approx t(\bar{c}))$  unsatisfiable.

**Solution** [Downey-Sethi, Tarjan'76; Nelson-Oppen'80]

- represent the terms occurring in the problem as DAG's
- represent premise equalities by a relation on the vertices of the DAG

**Example:** Check whether  $f(f(a, b), b) \approx a$  is a consequence of  $f(a, b) \approx a$ .



$v_1 : f(f(a, b), b)$

$v_2 : f(a, b)$

$v_3 : a$

$v_4 : b$

$R : \{(v_2, v_3)\}$

- compute the “congruence closure”  $R^c$  of  $R$
- check whether  $(v_1, v_3) \in R^c$

# Computing the congruence closure of a DAG

## Example

- **DAG structures:**

- $G = (V, E)$  directed graph

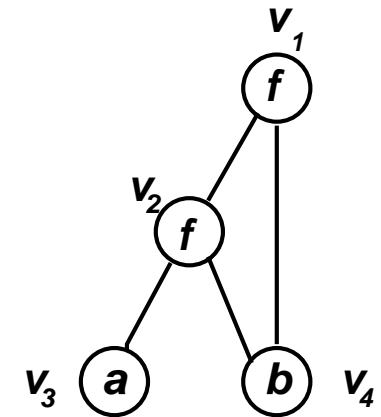
- Labelling on vertices

$\lambda(v)$ : label of vertex  $v$

$\delta(v)$ : outdegree of vertex  $v$

- Edges leaving the vertex  $v$  are ordered

( $v[i]$ : denotes  $i$ -th successor of  $v$ )



$$\lambda(v_1) = \lambda(v_2) = f$$

$$\lambda(v_3) = a, \lambda(v_4) = b$$

$$\delta(v_1) = \delta(v_2) = 2$$

$$\delta(v_3) = \delta(v_4) = 0$$

$$v_1[1] = v_2, v_2[2] = v_4$$

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# Congruence closure of a DAG/Relation

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Given:  $G = (V, E)$  DAG + labelling

$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

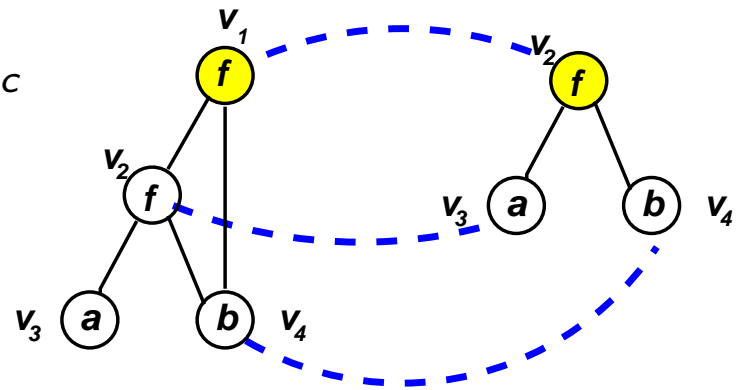
The congruence closure of  $R$  is the smallest relation  $R^c$  on  $V$  which is:

- reflexive
- symmetric
- transitive
- congruence:

If  $\lambda(u) = \lambda(v)$  and  $\delta(u) = \delta(v)$

and for all  $1 \leq i \leq \delta(u)$ :  $(u[i], v[i]) \in R^c$

then  $(u, v) \in R^c$ .



# Congruence closure of a relation

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## Recursive definition

$$\frac{(u, v) \in R}{(u, v) \in R^c}$$

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$$\frac{\lambda(u) = \lambda(v) \quad u, v \text{ have } n \text{ successors and } (u[i], v[i]) \in R^c \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n}{(u, v) \in R^c}$$

- The congruence closure of  $R$  is the smallest set closed under these rules

# Congruence closure and UIF

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Assume that we have an algorithm  $\Delta$  for computing the congruence closure of a graph  $G$  and a set  $R$  of pairs of vertices

- Use  $\Delta$  for checking whether  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n s_i \approx t_i \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^m s'_j \not\approx t'_j$  is satisfiable.
  - (1) Construct graph corresponding to the terms occurring in  $s_i, t_i, s'_j, t'_j$   
Let  $v_t$  be the vertex corresponding to term  $t$
  - (2) Let  $R = \{(v_{s_i}, v_{t_i}) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$
  - (3) Compute  $R^c$ .
  - (4) Output **“Sat”** if  $(v_{s'_j}, v_{t'_j}) \notin R^c$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , otherwise **“Unsat”**

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## Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ )

Assume  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\Sigma$ -structure such that  $\mathcal{A} \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n s_i \approx t_i \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^m s'_j \not\approx t'_j$ .

We can show that  $[v_s]_{R^c} = [v_t]_{R^c}$  implies that  $\mathcal{A} \models s = t$  (Exercise).

(We use the fact that if  $[v_s]_{R^c} = [v_t]_{R^c}$  then there is a derivation for  $(v_s, v_t) \in R^c$  in the calculus defined before; use induction on length of derivation to show that  $\mathcal{A} \models s = t$ .)

As  $\mathcal{A} \models s'_j \not\approx t'_j$ , it follows that  $[v_{s'_j}]_{R^c} \neq [v_{t'_j}]_{R^c}$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .



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**Proof**( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $[v_{s'_j}]_{R^c} \neq [v_{t'_j}]_{R^c}$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . We construct a structure that satisfies  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n s_i \approx t_i \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^m s'_j \not\approx t'_j$

- Universe is quotient of  $V$  w.r.t.  $R^c$  plus new element 0.
- $c$  constant  $\mapsto c_{\mathcal{A}} = [v_c]_{R^c}$ .

$$\bullet f/n \mapsto f_{\mathcal{A}}([v_1]_{R^c}, \dots, [v_n]_{R^c}) = \begin{cases} [v_{f(t_1, \dots, t_n)}]_{R^c} & \text{if } v_{f(t_1, \dots, t_n)} \in V, \\ [v_{t_i}]_{R^c} = [v_i]_{R^c} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

well-defined because  $R^c$  is a congruence.

- It holds that  $\mathcal{A} \models s'_j \not\approx t'_j$  and  $\mathcal{A} \models s_i \approx t_i$

# Computing the congruence closure of a DAG

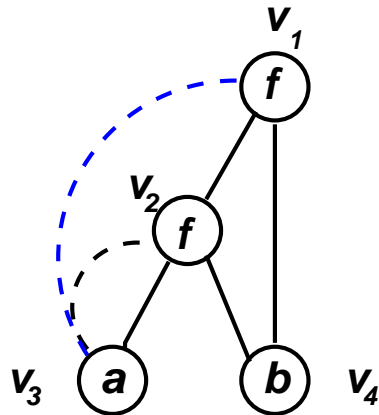
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**Task:** Compute  $R^c$

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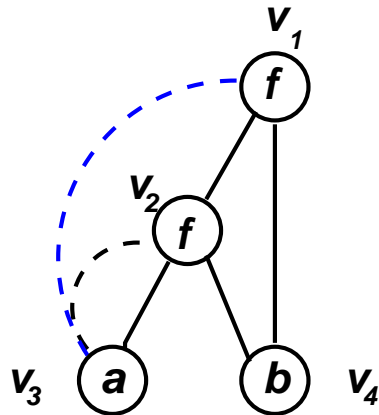
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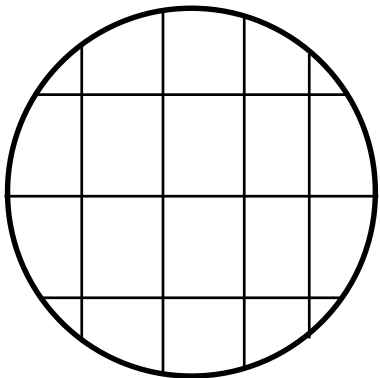
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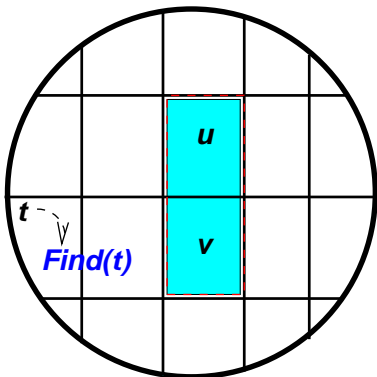
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## Representation:



- Congruence relation  $\mapsto$  corresponding partition
- Use procedures which operate on the partition:

**FIND( $u$ ):** unique name of equivalence class of  $u$

**UNION( $u, v$ )** combines equivalence classes of  $u, v$

finds repr.  $t_u, t_v$  of equiv.cl. of  $u, v$ ; sets FIND( $u$ ) to

# Computing the congruence closure of a DAG

MERGE( $u, v$ )

**Input:**  $G = (V, E)$  DAG + labelling  
 $R$  relation on  $V$  closed under congruence  
 $u, v \in V$   
**Output:** the congruence closure of  $R \cup \{(u, v)\}$

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**if** FIND( $u$ ) = FIND( $v$ ) [same canonical representative] **then** Return

**if** FIND( $u$ )  $\neq$  FIND( $v$ ) **then** [merge  $u, v$ ; recursively-predecessors]

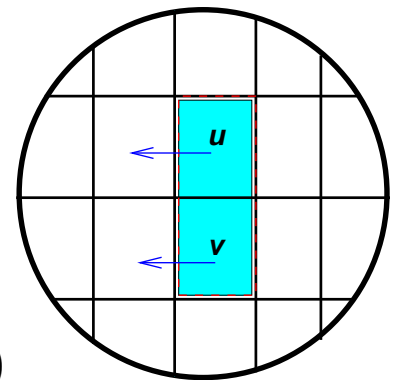
$P_u :=$  set of all predecessors of vertices  $w$  with FIND( $w$ ) = FIND( $u$ )

$P_v :=$  set of all predecessors of vertices  $w$  with FIND( $w$ ) = FIND( $v$ )

**Call** UNION( $u, v$ ) [merge congruence classes]

**For all**  $(x, y) \in P_u \times P_v$  **do:** [merge congruent predecessors]

**if** FIND( $x$ )  $\neq$  FIND( $y$ ) **and** CONGRUENT( $x, y$ ) **then** MERGE( $x, y$ )



CONGRUENT( $x, y$ )

**if**  $\lambda(x) \neq \lambda(y)$  **then** Return FALSE

**For**  $1 \leq i \leq \delta(x)$  **if** FIND( $x[i]$ )  $\neq$  FIND( $y[i]$ ) **then** Return FALSE

Return TRUE.

# Correctness

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## Proof:

### (1) Returned equivalence relation is not too coarse

If  $x, y$  merged then  $(x, y) \in (R \cup \{(u, v)\})^c$   
(UNION only on initial pair and on congruent pairs)

### (2) Returned equivalence relation is not too fine

If  $x, y$  vertices s.t.  $(x, y) \in (R \cup \{(u, v)\})^c$  then they are merged by the algorithm.  
Induction of length of derivation of  $(x, y)$  from  $(R \cup \{(u, v)\})^c$

- (1)  $(x, y) \in R$  OK (they are merged)
- (2)  $(x, y) \notin R$ . The only non-trivial case is the following:  
 $\lambda(x) = \lambda(y)$ ,  $x, y$  have  $n$  successors  $x_i, y_i$  where  
 $(x_i, y_i) \in (R \cup \{(u, v)\})^c$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq b$ .

Induction hypothesis:  $(x_i, y_i)$  are merged at some point  
(become equal during some call of UNION( $a, b$ ), made in some MERGE( $a, b$ ))  
Successor of  $x$  equivalent to  $a$  (or  $b$ ) before this call of UNION; same for  $y$ .

$\Rightarrow$  MERGE must merge  $x$  and  $y$

# Computing the Congruence Closure

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Let  $G = (V, E)$  graph and  $R \subseteq V \times V$

$CC(G, R)$  computes the  $R^c$ :

(1)  $R_0 := \emptyset; i := 1$

(2) while  $R$  contains "fresh" elements do:

    pick "fresh" element  $(u, v) \in R$

$R_i := \text{MERGE}(u, v)$  for  $G$  and  $R_{i-1}; i := i + 1.$

**Complexity:**  $O(n^2)$

Downey-Sethi-Tarjan congruence closure algorithm:

    more sophisticated version of **MERGE** (complexity  $O(n \cdot \log n)$ )

**Reference:** G. Nelson and D.C. Oppen. Fast decision procedures based on congruence closure. Journal of the ACM, 27(2):356-364, 1980.



# Decision procedure for the QF theory of equality

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Signature:  $\Sigma$  (function symbols)

**Problem:** Test satisfiability of the formula

$$F = s_1 \approx t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \approx t_n \quad \wedge \quad s'_1 \not\approx t'_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s'_m \not\approx t'_m$$

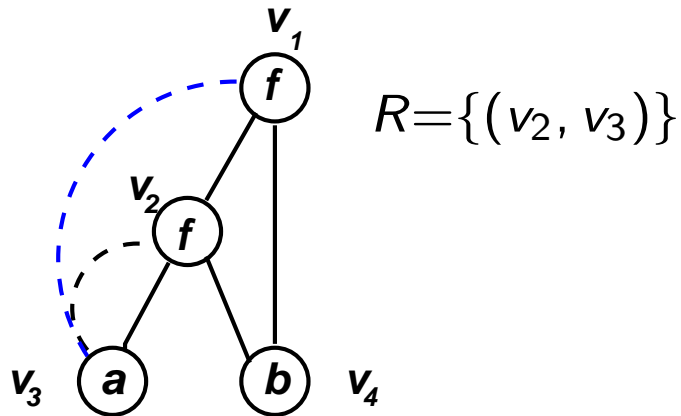
**Solution:** Let  $S_F$  be the set of all subterms occurring in  $F$

1. Construct the DAG for  $S_F$ ;  $R_0 = Id$
2. [Build  $R_n$  the congruence closure of  $\{(v(s_1), v(t_1)), \dots, (v(s_n), v(t_n))\}$ ]  
For  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  do  $R_i := \text{MERGE}(v_{s_i}, v_{t_i})$  w.r.t.  $R_{i-1}$
3. If  $\text{FIND}(v_{s'_j}) = \text{FIND}(v_{t'_j})$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  then return **unsatisfiable**
4. else [if  $\text{FIND}(v_{s'_j}) \neq \text{FIND}(v_{t'_j})$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ] then return **satisfiable**

# Example

$$f(a, b) \approx a \rightarrow f(f(a, b), b) \approx a$$

**Test:** unsatisfiability of  
 $f(a, b) \approx a \wedge f(f(a, b), b) \not\approx a$



## Task:

- Compute  $R^c$
- Decide whether  $(v_1, v_3) \in R^c$

## Solution:

1. Construct DAG in the figure;  $R_0 = Id$ .
2. Compute  $R_1 := \text{MERGE}((v_2, v_3))$

[Test representatives]

$$\text{FIND}(v_2) = v_2 \neq v_3 = \text{FIND}(v_3)$$

$$P_{v_2} := \{v_1\}; P_{v_3} := \{v_2\}$$

[Merge congruence classes]

UNION( $v_2, v_3$ ): sets FIND( $v_2$ ) to  $v_3$ .

[Compute and recursively merge predecessors]

$$\text{Test: FIND}(v_1) = v_1 \neq v_3 = \text{FIND}(v_2)$$

$$\text{CONGR}(v_1, v_2)$$

MERGE( $v_1, v_2$ ): (different representatives)

calls UNION( $v_1, v_2$ ) which

sets FIND( $v_1$ ) to  $v_3$ .

3. Test whether  $\text{FIND}(v_1) = \text{FIND}(v_3)$ . Yes.

Return **unsatisfiable**.