

SAT and SMT Solving

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Maximum Satisfiability

Consider CNF formulas χ and φ as sets of clauses.

Definitions

- ▶ $\text{maxSAT}(\varphi)$ is maximal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} \bar{v}(C)$ for valuation v
- ▶ $\text{pmaxSAT}(\varphi, \chi)$ is maximal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} \bar{v}(C)$ for valuation v with $v(\chi) = \text{T}$

Definitions

given weights $w_C \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $C \in \varphi$,

- ▶ $\text{maxSAT}_w(\varphi)$ is maximal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} w_C \cdot \bar{v}(C)$ for valuation v ?
- ▶ $\text{pmaxSAT}_w(\varphi, \chi)$ is maximal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} w_C \cdot \bar{v}(C)$ for valuation v with $v(\chi) = \text{T}$

Definition

$\text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)$ is minimal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} \bar{v}(\neg C)$ for valuation v

Lemma

$$|\varphi| = |\text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)| + |\text{maxSAT}(\varphi)|$$

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Branch & Bound

Idea

- ▶ gets list of clauses φ as input return $\text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)$
- ▶ explores assignments in depth-first search

```
function BnB( $\varphi$ , UB)
   $\varphi = \text{simp}(\varphi)$ 
  if  $\varphi$  contains only empty clauses then
    return #empty( $\varphi$ )
  if #empty( $\varphi$ )  $\geq$  UB then
    return UB
   $x = \text{selectVariable}(\varphi)$ 
   $\text{UB}' = \text{min}(\text{UB}, \text{BnB}(\varphi_x, \text{UB}))$ 
  return  $\text{min}(\text{UB}', \text{BnB}(\varphi_{\bar{x}}, \text{UB}'))$ 
```

Theorem

$\text{BnB}(\varphi, |\varphi|) = \text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)$

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Binary Search

Idea

- ▶ gets list of clauses φ as input and returns $\text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)$
- ▶ repeatedly call SAT solver in binary search fashion

Definitions

- ▶ **cardinality constraint** is

$$\sum_{x \in X} x \bowtie N$$

where \bowtie is $=$, $<$, $>$, \leq , or \geq , X is set of propositional variables, and $N \in \mathbb{N}$

- ▶ valuation v satisfies $\sum_{x \in X} x \bowtie N$ iff $k \bowtie N$
where k is number of variables $x \in X$ such that $v(x) = T$

Remark

cardinality constraints are expressible in CNF

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Algorithm (Binary Search)

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function BinarySearch( $\{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$ )
   $\varphi := \{C_1 \vee b_1, \dots, C_m \vee b_m\}$ 
  return search( $\varphi, 0, m$ )
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b_1, \dots, b_m are fresh variables

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function search( $\varphi, L, U$ )
  if  $L \geq U$  then
    return U
  mid :=  $\lfloor \frac{U+L}{2} \rfloor$ 
  if SAT( $\varphi \wedge \text{CNF}(\sum_{i=1}^m b_i \leq \text{mid})$ ) then
    return search( $\varphi, L, \text{mid}$ )
  else
    return search( $\varphi, \text{mid} + 1, U$ )
```

Theorem

$\text{BinarySearch}(\varphi) = \text{minUNSAT}(\varphi)$

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Definitions

for **unsatisfiable CNF formula** φ given as set of clauses

- ▶ $\psi \subseteq \varphi$ such that $\bigwedge_{C \in \psi} C$ is unsatisfiable is **unsatisfiable core (UC)** of φ
- ▶ **minimal unsatisfiable core** ψ is UC such that every subset of ψ is satisfiable
- ▶ **SUC** (smallest unsatisfiable core) is UC such that $|\psi|$ is minimal

Example

$$\varphi = \{\neg x, \quad x \vee z, \quad \neg y \vee \neg z, \quad x, \quad y \vee \neg z\}$$

unsatisfiable cores are

- ▶ φ
- ▶ $\{\neg x, x \vee z, \neg y \vee \neg z, y \vee \neg z\}$ minimal
- ▶ $\{\neg x, x\}$ minimal and SUC

Remark

SUC is always minimal unsatisfiable core

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Example

$$\varphi = \{C_1, \dots, C_6\}$$

$$C_1: x_1 \vee \neg x_3$$

$$C_2: x_2$$

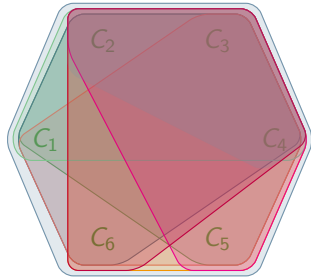
$$C_3: \neg x_2 \vee x_3$$

$$C_4: \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

$$C_5: x_2 \vee x_3$$

$$C_6: \neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

φ has 9 unsatisfiable cores:



- $UC_1 = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6\}$
- $UC_2 = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5\}$
- $UC_3 = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_6\}$
- $UC_4 = \{C_1, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6\}$
- $UC_5 = \{C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6\}$
- $UC_6 = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}$
- $UC_7 = \{C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5\}$
- $UC_8 = \{C_2, C_3, C_4, C_6\}$
- $UC_9 = \{C_2, C_3, C_4\}$

minimal and SUC

Application: FPGA Routing

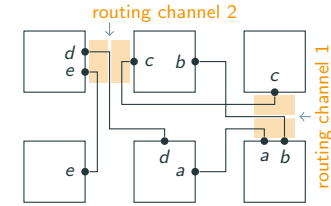
Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs)

- ▶ can simulate microprocessors but faster for special tasks (from complex combinatorics to mere logic)
- ▶ logic blocks connected by "routing channels"
- ▶ "routing": determine which channels are used for what



Example (Encoding Routing Requirements)

- ▶ consider connections a, b, c, d, e of 2 bits each
- ▶ **liveness**: want to route ≥ 1 bit of a, b, c, d, e
- ▶ 2 routing channels of 2 tracks each
- ▶ **exclusivity**: each channel has only 2 tracks
- ▶ **unsatisfiable**: UCs indicate problems



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|----------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| $a_0 \vee a_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg a_0 \vee \neg b_0$ | ●●●● | $\neg c_0 \vee \neg d_0$ | ●●●● |
| $b_0 \vee b_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg a_0 \vee \neg c_0$ | ●●●● | $\neg c_0 \vee \neg e_0$ | ●●●● |
| $c_0 \vee c_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg b_0 \vee \neg c_0$ | ●●●● | $\neg d_0 \vee \neg e_0$ | ●●●● |
| $d_0 \vee d_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg a_1 \vee \neg b_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg c_1 \vee \neg d_1$ | ●●●● |
| $e_0 \vee e_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg a_1 \vee \neg c_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg c_1 \vee \neg e_1$ | ●●●● |
| | | $\neg b_1 \vee \neg c_1$ | ●●●● | $\neg d_1 \vee \neg e_1$ | ●●●● |

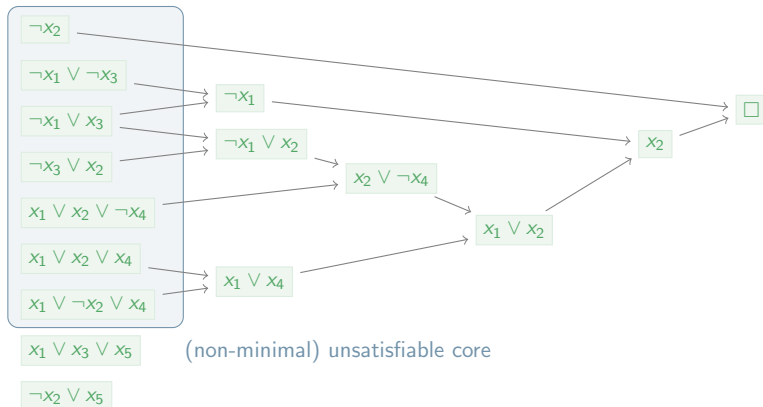
- UC_1 : channel 1 capacity exceeded
- UC_2 : channel 2 capacity exceeded
- UC_3 : c is overconstrained
- UC_4 : c is overconstrained

Finding Minimal Unsatisfiable Cores by Resolution

Idea

- ▶ repeatedly pick clause C from φ and check satisfiability: if $\varphi \setminus \{C\}$ is satisfiable, keep C , otherwise drop C
- ▶ SAT solvers can give **resolution proof** if conflict detected: use resolution graphs for more efficient implementation of this idea

Example (Resolution Graph)



(non-minimal) unsatisfiable core

Definition (Resolution Graph)

directed acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$ is **resolution graph** for set of clauses φ if

1. $V = V_i \uplus V_c$ is set of clauses and $V_i = \varphi$, initial nodes
2. V_i nodes have no incoming edges,
3. there is exactly one node \square without outgoing edges,
4. $\forall C \in V_c \exists$ edges $D \rightarrow C, D' \rightarrow C$ such that C is **resolvent of D and D'** , and
5. there are no other edges.

Notation

- ▶ $Reach_G(C)$ is set of nodes reachable from C in G
- ▶ $Reach_G^E(C)$ is set of edges reachable from C in G
- ▶ \bar{N} is $V \setminus N$ for any set of nodes N

Algorithm minUnsatCore(φ)

Input: unsatisfiable formula φ

Output: minimal unsatisfiable core of φ

build resolution graph $G = (V_i \uplus V_c, E)$ for φ

while \exists unmarked clause in V_i **do**

$C \leftarrow$ unmarked clause in V_i

if $SAT(Reach_G(C))$ **then**

\triangleright subgraph without C satisfiable?

mark C

$\triangleright C$ is UC member

else

build resolution graph $G' = (V'_i \uplus V'_c, E')$ for $\overline{Reach_G(C)}$

$V_i \leftarrow V_i \setminus \{C\}$ and $V_c \leftarrow V'_c \cup (V_c \setminus Reach_G(C))$

$E \leftarrow E' \cup (E \setminus Reach_G^E(C))$

$G \leftarrow (V_i \cup V_c, E)$

$G \leftarrow G|_{\square}$

\triangleright restrict to nodes with path to \square

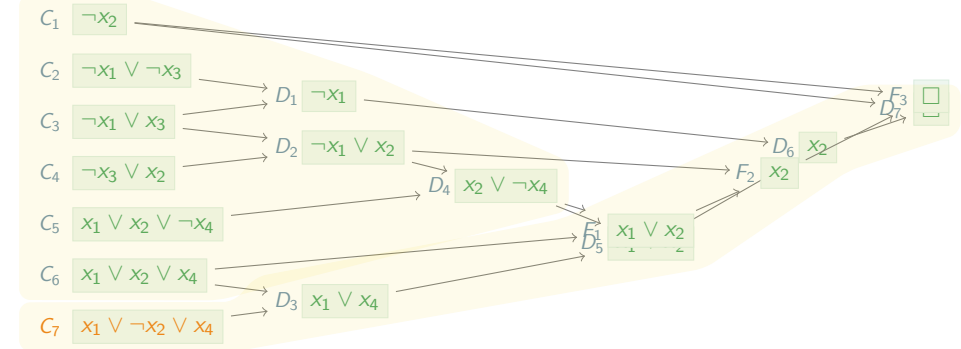
return V_i

Theorem

if φ unsatisfiable then $minUnsatCore(\varphi)$ is minimal unsatisfiable core of φ

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Example



minUnsatCore(φ)

\triangleright pick C_7

$\triangleright Reach_G(C_7) = \{C_7, D_3, D_5, D_6, D_7\}$ $\overline{Reach_G(C_7)} = \{C_1, \dots, C_6, D_1, D_2, D_4\}$

\triangleright check $SAT(Reach_G(C_7))$

\triangleright unsatisfiable: get new resolution graph G_7 for $\varphi \cup \{D_1, D_2, D_4\}$

\triangleright construct resolution graph G' for φ by adding edges from G to G_7

\triangleright set G to G' restricted to nodes with path to \square

\triangleright after 5 more loop iterations: return $\{C_1, C_3, \dots, C_6\}$

re-use relevant resolvents:
fewer steps to \square

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Bounds for Maximum Satisfiability

consider CNF formula $\varphi = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$

Definition

blocked formula is $\varphi_B = (C_1 \vee b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (C_m \vee b_m)$ for fresh variables b_1, \dots, b_m

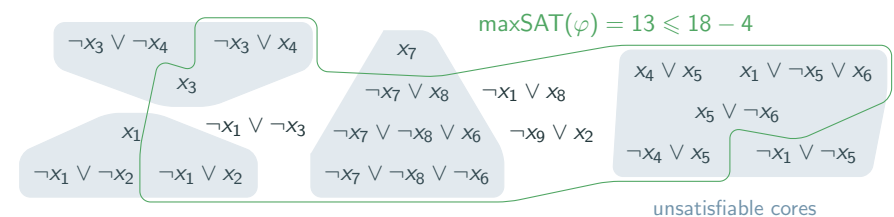
Lemma (Lower Bound)

if v satisfies φ_B and $B_T = \{b_i \mid v(b_i) = T\}$ then $\maxSAT(\varphi) \geq m - |B_T|$

Lemma (Upper Bound)

if φ contains k disjoint unsatisfiable cores then $\maxSAT(\varphi) \leq m - k$

Example (Upper Bound)



unsatisfiable cores

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Idea

- ▶ **maxsat** valuation must make at least **one clause** in unsatisfiable core **false**
- ▶ while there **exists unsatisfiable core**:
 relax formula such that **one clause** from core need not be satisfied
- ▶ until formula becomes **satisfiable**

Definition (Partial minUNSAT)

$\text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi)$ is minimal $\sum_{C \in \varphi} \bar{v}(\neg C)$ for valuation v with $v(\chi) = T$

Lemma

$$|\varphi| = |\text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi)| + |\text{pmaxSAT}(\chi, \varphi)|$$

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Example

χ :	$\neg x_1 \vee x_3$	$\neg x_7 \vee x_2$	$x_7 \vee x_2$	$x_1 \vee \neg x_2$
φ :	$\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee b_1$	$\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee b_2$	$\neg x_1 \vee x_7$	$x_1 \vee b_3$
	$\neg x_3 \vee x_4 \vee c_1$	$x_3 \vee c_2$	$\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4 \vee c_3$	$x_4 \vee x_5$
	$\neg x_4 \vee x_5$	$x_1 \vee \neg x_5 \vee x_6$	$x_5 \vee \neg x_6$	$x_7 \vee d_1$
	$\neg x_7 \vee x_8 \vee d_2$	$\neg x_7 \vee \neg x_8 \vee x_6 \vee d_3$	$\neg x_7 \vee \neg x_8 \vee \neg x_6 \vee d_4$	$\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee e_1$

- ▶ unsatisfiable core: $\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2, \neg x_1 \vee x_2, x_1$
 $\chi = \chi \cup \text{CNF}(b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 1)$
 $\text{cost} = 1$
- ▶ unsatisfiable core: $\neg x_3 \vee x_4, x_3, \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4$
 $\chi = \chi \cup \text{CNF}(c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 1)$
 $\text{cost} = 2$
- ▶ unsatisfiable core: $x_7, \neg x_7 \vee x_8, \neg x_7 \vee \neg x_8 \vee x_6, \neg x_7 \vee \neg x_8 \vee \neg x_6$
 $\chi = \chi \cup \text{CNF}(d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 = 1)$
 $\text{cost} = 3$
- ▶ unsatisfiable core: $\neg x_1 \vee x_3, \neg x_7 \vee x_2, x_7 \vee x_2, x_1 \vee \neg x_2, \neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3$
 $\chi = \chi \cup \text{CNF}(e_1 = 1)$
 $\text{cost} = 4$
- ▶ satisfiable: $v(x_1) = v(x_2) = v(x_3) = v(x_5) = v(x_7) = T$ and $v(x_i) = F$ otherwise
- ▶ $\text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi) = 4$ and $\text{pmaxSAT}(\chi, \varphi) = 12$

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Algorithm FuMalik(χ, φ)

Input: soft clauses φ and satisfiable hard clauses χ

Output: $\text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi)$

```

cost ← 0
while ¬SAT( $\chi \cup \varphi$ ) do
    UC ← unsatCore( $\chi \cup \varphi$ )
    B ← ∅
    for C ∈ UC ∩  $\varphi$  do
        b ← fresh "blocking" variable
         $\varphi \leftarrow \varphi \setminus \{C\} \cup \{C \vee b\}$ 
        B ← B ∪ {b}
     $\chi \leftarrow \chi \cup \text{CNF}(\sum_{b \in B} b = 1)$ 
    cost ← cost + 1
return cost

```

▷ loop over soft clauses in core

▷ cardinality constraint is hard

Theorem

$\text{FuMalik}(\chi, \varphi) = \text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi)$

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Unsatisfiable Cores in z3

```

from z3 import *

x1,x2,x3 = Bool("x1"), Bool("x2"), Bool("x3")
phi = [ Or(Not(x1), Not(x2)), Or(Not(x1), x2), \
         Or(Not(x1), x3), x1, Or(Not(x3), x2)]

solver = Solver()
solver.set(unsat_core=True)

# assert clauses in phi with names phi0 ... phi4
for i,c in enumerate(phi):
    solver.assert_and_track(c, "phi" + str(i))

if solver.check() == z3.unsat:
    uc = solver.unsat_core()
    print(uc) # [phi0, phi1, phi3]

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