



# SAT and SMT Solving

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# Outline

- Summary of Last Week
- Satisfiability Modulo Theories
- DPLL(T)
- Equality and Uninterpreted Functions in Practice

## Definitions

for unsatisfiable CNF formula  $\varphi$  given as set of clauses

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

## Remark

SUC is always minimal unsatisfiable core

## Definition (Resolution Graph)

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

1.  $V = V_i \uplus V_c$  is set of clauses and  $V_i = \varphi$ ,
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.

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**Algorithm**  $\text{minUnsatCore}(\varphi)$ 

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**Input:** unsatisfiable formula  $\varphi$

**Output:** minimal unsatisfiable core of  $\varphi$

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

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

$C \leftarrow$  unmarked clause in  $V_i$

**if**  $\text{SAT}(\overline{\text{Reach}_G(C)})$  **then**

        mark  $C$

        ▷ subgraph without  $C$  satisfiable?

        ▷  $C$  is UC member

**else**

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

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

$E \leftarrow E' \cup (E \setminus \text{Reach}_G^E(C))$

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

$G \leftarrow G|_{B\text{Reach}_G(\square)}$

        ▷ restrict to nodes with path to  $\square$

return  $V_i$

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## Theorem

*if  $\varphi$  unsatisfiable then  $\text{minUnsatCore}(\varphi)$  is minimal unsatisfiable core of  $\varphi$*

### **Definition (Partial minUNSAT)**

$\text{pminUNSAT}(\chi, \varphi)$  is minimal  $|\psi|$  such that  $\psi \subseteq \varphi$  and  $\chi \wedge \bigwedge_{C \in \psi} \neg C$  satisfiable

### **Lemma**

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

### **Theorem**

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

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**Algorithm** FuMalik( $\chi, \varphi$ )

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**Input:** clause set  $\varphi$  and satisfiable clause set  $\chi$

**Output:** minUNSAT( $\chi, \varphi$ )

$cost \leftarrow 0$

**while**  $\neg$ SAT( $\chi \cup \varphi$ ) **do**

$UC \leftarrow$  unsatCore( $\chi \cup \varphi$ )

$B \leftarrow \emptyset$

**for**  $C \in UC \cap \varphi$  **do**

$b \leftarrow$  new blocking variable

$\varphi \leftarrow \varphi \setminus \{C\} \cup \{C \vee b\}$

$B \leftarrow B \cup \{b\}$

$\chi \leftarrow \chi \cup \text{CNF}(\sum_{b \in B} b = 1)$

$cost \leftarrow cost + 1$

**return**  $cost$

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▷ loop over soft clauses in core

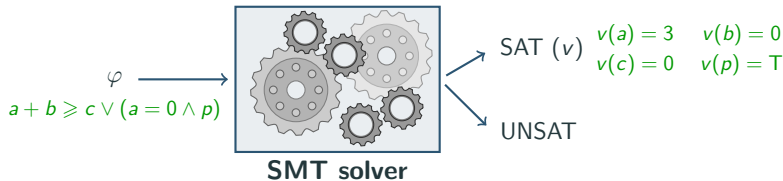
▷ cardinality constraint is hard

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# SMT Solving

input: formula  $\varphi$  involving theory  $T$   
output: SAT + valuation  $v$  such that  $v(\varphi) = T$  if  $\varphi$  satisfiable  
UNSAT otherwise



## Example (Theories)

- ▶ arithmetic
- ▶ uninterpreted functions
- ▶ bit vectors

$$2a + b \geq c \vee (a - b = c + 3 \wedge p)$$
$$f(x, y) \neq f(y, x) \wedge g(a) \rightarrow g(f(x, x)) = g(y)$$
$$((zext_{32} a_8) + b_{32}) \times c_{32} >_u 0_{32}$$



## Definitions

for formulas  $F$  and  $G$  and list of literals  $M$ :

- ▶ **theory**  $T$  is set of first-order logic formulas without free variables
- ▶  $F$  is  **$T$ -consistent** (or  **$T$ -satisfiable**) if  $F \wedge T$  is satisfiable in first-order sense
- ▶  $F$  is  **$T$ -inconsistent** (or  **$T$ -unsatisfiable**) if not  $T$ -consistent
- ▶  $M = l_1, \dots, l_k$  is  **$T$ -consistent** if  $l_1 \wedge \dots \wedge l_k$  is
- ▶  $M$  is  **$T$ -model** of  $F$  if  $M \models F$  and  $M$  is  $T$ -consistent
- ▶  $F$  **entails**  $G$  in  $T$  (denoted  $F \models_T G$ ) if  $F \wedge \neg G$  is  $T$ -inconsistent
- ▶  $F$  and  $G$  are  **$T$ -equivalent** (denoted  $F \equiv_T G$ ) if  $F \models_T G$  and  $G \models_T F$

## Definition (Theory of Equality)

**theory of equality** (EQ) uses binary predicate  $\approx$  and consists of axioms

$$\forall x. (x \approx x) \quad \forall x y. (x \approx y \rightarrow y \approx x) \quad \forall x y z. (x \approx y \wedge y \approx z \rightarrow x \approx z)$$

## Example

- ▶  $u \approx v \wedge \neg(v \approx w)$  is **EQ-consistent**
- ▶  $u \approx v \wedge \neg(v \approx w) \wedge (w \approx u \vee u \approx w)$  is **EQ-inconsistent**
- ▶ have  $u \approx v \wedge \neg(v \approx w) \models_{\text{EQ}} \neg(w \approx u)$  and  $u \approx v \equiv_{\text{EQ}} v \approx u$

## Definition (Theory of Equality With Uninterpreted Functions)

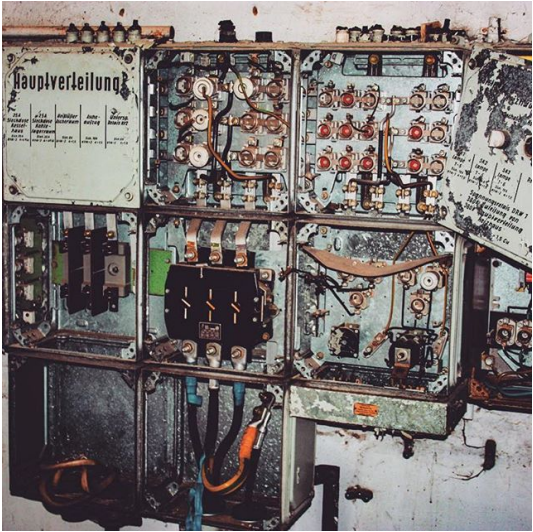
EUF over set of function symbols  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of equality axioms:

$$\forall x. (x \approx x) \quad \forall x y. (x \approx y \rightarrow y \approx x) \quad \forall x y z. (x \approx y \wedge y \approx z \rightarrow x \approx z)$$

plus for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $n$  arguments the **functional consistency axiom**:

$$\forall x_1 y_1 \dots x_n y_n (x_1 \approx y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \approx y_n \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$$

# Uninterpreted Functions in Real Life



## Definition (Theory of Equality With Uninterpreted Functions)

EUF over set of function symbols  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of equality axioms:

$$\forall x (x \approx x) \quad \forall x y (x \approx y \rightarrow y \approx x) \quad \forall x y z (x \approx y \wedge y \approx z \rightarrow x \approx z)$$

plus for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $n > 0$  arguments the **functional consistency axiom**:

$$\forall x_1 y_1 \dots x_n y_n. (x_1 \approx y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \approx y_n \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$$

### Example

EUF over  $\mathcal{F} = \{a/0, b/0, f/1, \text{add}/2\}$  consists of axioms

$$\forall x (x \approx x) \quad \forall x y (x \approx y \rightarrow y \approx x) \quad \forall x y z (x \approx y \wedge y \approx z \rightarrow x \approx z)$$

plus

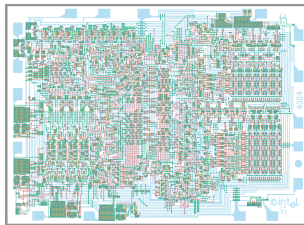
$$\forall x y. (x \approx y \rightarrow f(x) \approx f(y))$$

$$\forall x_1 y_1 x_2 y_2. (x_1 \approx y_1 \wedge x_2 \approx y_2 \rightarrow \text{add}(x_1, y_1) \approx \text{add}(x_2, y_2))$$

- ▶  $a \not\approx b \wedge f(a) \approx f(b)$  is **EUF-consistent**
- ▶  $a \not\approx y \wedge f(a) \approx x$  is **EUF-consistent**
- ▶  $a \approx f(b) \wedge b \approx f(a) \wedge f(b) \not\approx f(f(f(b)))$  is **EUF-inconsistent**
- ▶  $a \approx b \vDash_{\text{EUF}} f(b) \approx f(a)$  but  $a \approx b \not\equiv_{\text{EUF}} f(b) \approx f(a)$

# Application: Verification of Microprocessors

- ▶ verify that 3-stage pipelined MIPS processor satisfies intended instruction set architecture
- ▶ encoding
  - ▶ data as bit sequence
  - ▶ memory as uninterpreted function (UF)
  - ▶ computation logic as UF
  - ▶ control logic as uninterpreted predicate
- ▶ EUF ensures functional consistency:  
same data results in same computation



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## Theories of Interest in SMT Solvers

- ▶ equality + uninterpreted functions (EUF)  $f(x, a) \approx g(y)$
- ▶ difference logic (DL)  $x - y \leq 1$
- ▶ linear arithmetic
  - ▶ over integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  (LIA)  $3x - 5y + 7z \leq 1$
  - ▶ over reals  $\mathbb{R}$  (LRA)
- ▶ arrays (A)  $\text{read}(\text{write}(A, i, v), j)$
- ▶ bitvectors (BV)  $((\text{zext}_{32} a_8) + b_{32}) \times c_{32} >_u 0_{32}$
- ▶ strings  $x @ y = z @ \text{replace}(y, a, b)$
- ▶ ...
- ▶ their combinations

## SMT-LIB

- ▶ language standard and benchmarks: <http://www.smt-lib.org>
- ▶ annual solver competition: <http://www.smt-comp.org>
- ▶ solvers: Yices, OpenSMT, MathSAT, Z3, CVC4, Barcelogic, ...

# The Eager Paradigm

## Challenge

consider formula  $\varphi$  mixing propositional logic with theory  $T$

## Eager SMT Solving

- ▶ use satisfiability-preserving transformation from  $T$  literals to SAT formula, ship **one big formula** to SAT solver
- ▶ requires sophisticated translation for each theory:  
done for EUF, difference logic, linear integer arithmetic, arrays
- ▶ still dominant approach for bit-vector arithmetic (known as “bit blasting”)
- ▶ **advantage:** use SAT solver off the shelf
- ▶ **drawbacks:**
  - ▶ expensive translations: infeasible for large formulas
  - ▶ even more complicated with multiple theories

# The Lazy Paradigm

## Challenge

consider formula  $\varphi$  mixing propositional logic with theory  $T$

## Idea

use specialized  $T$ -solver that can deal with conjunction of theory literals

## Lazy SMT Solving

- 1 abstract  $\varphi$  to CNF:
  - ▶ “forget theory” by replacing  $T$ -literals with fresh propositional variables
  - ▶ obtain pure SAT formula, transform to CNF formula  $\psi$
- 2 ship  $\psi$  to SAT solver
  - ▶ if  $\psi$  unsatisfiable, so is  $\varphi$
  - ▶ if  $\psi$  satisfiable by  $v$ , check  $v$  with  $T$ -solver:
    - ▶ if  $v$  is  $T$ -consistent then also  $\varphi$  is satisfiable
    - ▶ otherwise  $T$ -solver generates  $T$ -consequence  $C$  of  $\varphi$  excluding  $v$ , repeat from 1 with  $\varphi \wedge C$



## Example

$$g(a) \approx c \wedge (\neg(f(g(a)) \approx f(c)) \vee g(a) \approx d) \wedge \neg(c \approx d)$$

- ▶ **abstract** to propositional skeleton  $\psi_1 = x_1 \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge \neg x_4$   
**satisfiable:**  $v_1(x_1) = \text{T}$  and  $v_1(x_2) = v_1(x_4) = \text{F}$
- ▶ **T-solver** gets  $g(a) \approx c \wedge f(g(a)) \not\approx f(c) \wedge c \not\approx d$   
**T-unsatisfiable:**  $g(a) \approx c$  implies  $f(g(a)) \approx f(c)$
- ▶ **block valuation**  $v_1$  in future: add  $\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4$
- ▶  $\psi_2 = x_1 \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge \neg x_4 \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$   
**satisfiable:**  $v_2(x_1) = v_2(x_2) = v_2(x_3) = \text{T}$  and  $v_2(x_4) = \text{F}$
- ▶ **T-solver** gets  $g(a) \approx c \wedge f(g(a)) \approx f(c) \wedge g(a) \approx d \wedge c \not\approx d$   
**T-unsatisfiable**
- ▶ **block valuation**  $v_2$  in future: add  $\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_4$
- ▶  $\psi_3 = x_1 \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge \neg x_4 \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_4)$
- ▶ **unsatisfiable**

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## Approach

- ▶ most state-of-the-art SMT solvers use **DPLL( $T$ )**:  
lazy approach combining DPLL with theory propagation
- ▶ advantages: not specific to theory, also extends to theory combinations

## Definition (DPLL( $T$ ) Transition Rules)

DPLL( $T$ ) consists of DPLL rules unit propagate, decide, fail, and restart plus

- ▶  **$T$ -backjump**  $M I^d N \parallel F, C \implies M I' \parallel F, C$   
if  $M I^d N \models \neg C$  and  $\exists$  clause  $C' \vee I'$  such that
  - ▶  $F, C \models_T C' \vee I'$
  - ▶  $M \models \neg C'$  and  $I'$  is undefined in  $M$ , and  $I'$  or  $I'^c$  occurs in  $F$  or in  $M I^d N$
- ▶  **$T$ -learn**  $M \parallel F \implies M \parallel F, C$   
if  $F \models_T C$  and all atoms of  $C$  occur in  $M$  or  $F$
- ▶  **$T$ -forget**  $M \parallel F, C \implies M \parallel F$   
if  $F \models_T C$
- ▶  **$T$ -propagate**  $M \parallel F \implies M I \parallel F$   
if  $M \models_T I$ , literal  $I$  or  $I^c$  occurs in  $F$ , and  $I$  is undefined in  $M$

## Naive Lazy Approach in DPLL( $T$ )

- ▶ whenever state  $M \parallel F$  is final wrt unit propagate, decide, fail,  $T$ -backjump: check  $T$ -consistency of  $M$  with  $T$ -solver
- ▶ if  $M$  is  $T$ -consistent then satisfiability is proven
- ▶ otherwise  $\exists l_1, \dots, l_k$  subset of  $M$  such that  $F \models_T \neg(l_1 \wedge \dots \wedge l_k)$
- ▶ use  $T$ -learn to add  $\neg l_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg l_k$
- ▶ apply restart

## Improvement 1: Incremental $T$ -Solver

- ▶  $T$ -solver checks  $T$ -consistency of model  $M$  whenever literal is added to  $M$

## Improvement 2: On-Line SAT solver

- ▶ after  $T$ -learn added clause, apply fail or  $T$ -backjump instead of restart

## Improvement 3: Eager Theory Propagation

- ▶ apply  $T$ -propagate before decide

## Remark

all three improvements can be combined

## Example (Revisited with DPLL( $T$ ))

$$\underbrace{g(a) \approx c}_1 \wedge (\underbrace{\neg(f(g(a)) \approx f(c))}_2 \vee \underbrace{g(a) \approx d}_3) \wedge \underbrace{\neg(c \approx d)}_4$$

	$\  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}$	
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}$	unit propagate
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}$	unit propagate
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} \bar{2}^d \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}$	decide
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} \bar{2}^d \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}, (\bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4)$	$T$ -learn
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} 2 \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}, (\bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4)$	$T$ -backjump
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} 2 3 \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}, (\bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4)$	unit propagate
$\Rightarrow$	$1 \bar{4} 2 3 \  1, (\bar{2} \vee 3), \bar{4}, (\bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4), (\bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \vee \bar{3} \vee 4)$	$T$ -learn
$\Rightarrow$	FailState	fail

# Lazyness in DPLL( $T$ )



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$T$ -solver

SAT solver

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## Example (SMT-LIB 2 for Propositional Logic)

formula  $(x_1 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_1) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$  can be expressed by

```
(declare-const x1 Bool)
(declare-const x2 Bool)
(declare-const x3 Bool)
(assert (or x1 (not x3)))
(assert (or x2 x3 (not x1)))
(assert (or (not x1) x2 x3))
(check-sat)
(get-model)
```



## Propositional Logic in SMT-LIB 2

- ▶ `declare-const x Bool` creates propositional variable named `x`
- ▶ prefix notation for `and`, `or`, `not`, `implies`
- ▶ `assert` demands given formula to be satisfied
- ▶ `check-sat` issues satisfiability check of conjunction of assertions
- ▶ `get-model` prints model (after satisfiability check)



## Example (SMT-LIB 2 for EUF)

$f(f(a)) \approx a \wedge f(a) \approx b \wedge \neg(a \approx b)$  is expressed as

```
(declare-sort A)
(declare-const a A)
(declare-const b A)
(declare-fun f (A) A)
(assert (= (f (f a)) a))
(assert (= (f a) b))
(assert (distinct a b))
(check-sat)
(get-model)
```



## EUF in SMT-LIB 2

- ▶ terms must have **sort**, so declare fresh sort and use for all symbols:  
declare-sort  $S$  creates sort named  $S$
- ▶ declare-const  $x$   $s$  creates variable named  $x$  of sort  $S$
- ▶ declare-fun  $F (S_1 \dots S_n) T$  creates uninterpreted  $F: S_1 \times \dots \times S_n \rightarrow T$
- ▶ **prefix notation** as in  $(f (f a))$  to denote  $f(f(a))$  and  $(= x y)$  for equality
- ▶  $(\text{distinct } x y)$  is equivalent to  $\text{not}(= x y)$

## Example

$2x \geq y + z \wedge \neg(x \approx y)$  is expressed as

```
(declare-const x Int)
(declare-const y Int)
(declare-const z Int)
(assert (>= (* 2 x) (+ y z)))
(assert (not (= x y)))
(check-sat)
(get-model)
```



## Integer Arithmetic in SMT-LIB 2

- ▶ `declare-const x Int` creates integer variable named `x`
- ▶ numbers `0, 1, -1, 42, ...` are built-in
- ▶ `+`, `*`, `-` are  $+_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\cdot_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $-_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , used in prefix notation: `(+ 2 3)`
- ▶ `=` also covers equality on  $\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=` are  $<_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\leq_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $>_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\geq_{\mathbb{Z}}$

## EUf in python/z3

```
A = DeclareSort('A') # new uninterpreted sort named 'A'
a = Const('a', A) # create constant of sort A
b = Const('b', A) # create another constant of sort A
f = Function('f', A, A) # create function of sort A -> A

s = Solver()
s.add(f(f(a)) == a, f(a) == b, a != b)

print s.check() # sat
m = s.model()
print "interpretation assigned to A:"
print m[A] # [A!val!0, A!val!1]
print "interpretations:"
print m[f] # [A!val!0 -> A!val!1, A!val!1 -> A!val!0, ...]
print m[a] # A!val!0
print m[b] # A!val!1
```

## Example (Quantifiers and Monkeys)



In a village of monkeys every monkey owns at least two bananas:



```
(declare-sort monkey)
(declare-sort banana)
(declare-fun owns (monkey banana) Bool)
(declare-fun b1 (monkey) banana)
(declare-fun b2 (monkey) banana)

(assert (forall ((M monkey)) (not (= (b1 M) (b2 M)))))
(assert (forall ((M monkey)) (owns M (b1 M))))
(assert (forall ((M monkey)) (owns M (b2 M))))
(assert (forall ((M1 monkey) (M2 monkey) (B banana))
  (implies (and (owns M1 B) (owns M2 B)) (= M1 M2))))
```

## DPLL( $T$ )



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## Application



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