

Constraint Solving

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EXAM 1

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$$\varphi := \exists x. \exists y. \ 2x + 3y < 2 \land -x + 4y \ge 1$$

eliminate \geq

$$\longleftrightarrow \exists x. \exists y. \ 2x + 3y < 2 \land (-x + 4y > 1 \lor -x + 4y = 1)$$

gather y on one side

$$\longleftrightarrow \exists x. \exists y. \ 3y < 2 - 2x \land (4y > 1 + x \lor 4y = 1 + x)$$

eliminate leading coefficient of y

$$\longleftrightarrow \exists x. \exists y. \ y < \frac{2-2x}{3} \land \left(y > \frac{1+x}{4} \lor y = \frac{1+x}{4}\right)$$

determine $S = \{\frac{2-2x}{3}, \frac{1+x}{4}\}$ and eliminate y, both infinite projections simplify to \bot

$$\longleftrightarrow \exists x. \bigvee_{s,t \in S} \frac{s+t}{2} < \frac{2-2x}{3} \land \left(\frac{s+t}{2} > \frac{1+x}{4} \lor \frac{s+t}{2} = \frac{1+x}{4}\right)$$

(b) calculation + explanation

The formula can be written as

$$2x + 3y < 2$$
$$-x + 4y \ge 1$$

and the elimination of strict inequalities yields

$$2x + 3y \le 2 - \delta$$
$$-x + 4y \ge 1$$

So we get the following initial tableau and bounds and an initial assignment where everything becomes 0:

| tableau | x | y | bounds | assignment | x | y | s | t |
|---------|----|---|-------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|
| s | 2 | 3 | $s \leq 2-\delta$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| t | -1 | 4 | $t \ge 1$ | | | | | |

There is a violation for t. Both x and y are suitable, but Bland's rule will select x. Pivoting of t and x results in:

| | tableau | t | y | bounds | assignment | x | y | s | t |
|---|---------|----|----|-------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|
| - | s | -2 | 11 | $s \leq 2-\delta$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | x | -1 | 4 | $t \ge 1$ | | | | | |

Updating the assignment t := 1 results in:

| tableau | t | y | bounds | assignment | x | y | s | t |
|---------|----|----|-------------------|------------|----|---|----|---|
| s | -2 | 11 | $s \leq 2-\delta$ | | -1 | 0 | -2 | 1 |
| x | -1 | 4 | $t \ge 1$ | | | | | |

Since no bound is violated, no further iterations of the main loop are required.

2 definition, algorithm and example calculation

- (a) A mixed solved form is similar to a solved form, where condition 1. is replaced as follows:
 - 1'. each entry in the list is of the shape $x = e_x$ where e_x is a linear expression and either $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ or $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and e_x has only integer coefficients and uses only variables of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}}$.
- (b) We take a two-staged approach, where first all variables in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ are eliminated, and afterwards Griggio's algorithm is applied. So, here are the steps:
 - i. if all variables in the equations are from $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}}$, just apply Griggio's algorithm
 - ii. otherwise, pick some equations e that contains a variable $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}$
 - iii. reorder equation e to the form x = e' with e' not containing x.
 - iv. store x = e' as part of the final mixed solved form
 - v. remove e from the set of equations and substitute x by e' in the remaining equations
 - vi. normalize the equations
 - vii. goto i.
- (c) The mixed algorithm works as follows:
 - the first equation is rearranged to $x = \frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2}y$
 - substituting in the second equation yields $3(\frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2}y) + 2y + 5z = 4$, so after normalization this results in -5y + 10z = -7
 - now Griggio's algorithm detects unsatisfiability since the gcd of 5 and 10 does not divide 7.

Using Griggio's algorithm directly calculates as follows:

• select x = -y + 2 + u for some fresh variable u and substitute

$$2(-y+2+u) + 3y = 5$$
$$3(-y+2+u) + 2y + 5z = 4$$

which normalizes to

$$2u + y = 1$$
$$-y + 3u + 5z = -2$$

• select y = 1 - 2u and substitute

$$-(1-2u) + 3u + 5z = -2$$

which normalizes to

$$5u + 5z = -1$$

• detect unsatisfiability, since 5 does not divide 1.

3 convexity answer + brief explanation, calculation

- (a) Difference logic over \mathbb{Q} is convex. Reason: it is a sub-logic of LRA, which is already convex.
- (b) Since we are in the convex case, we choose the deterministic version of Nelson–Oppen. First, we have to purify the formula into the EUF formula φ and the DL formula ψ :

$$\underbrace{f(f(u)) = f(a) \land y = f(v) \land y \neq a}_{\varphi} \land \underbrace{x - z = 7 \land u = x - 5 \land v = z + 2}_{\psi}$$

Next we determine the shared variables: $Vars(\varphi) \cap Vars(\psi) = \{u, y, v\} \cap \{x, z, u, v\} = \{u, v\}$. Checking DL-satisfiability of ψ results in a satisfying assignment, e.g., u = v = 2, x = 7, z = 0, but $\psi \wedge u \neq v$ is unsatisfiable, so u = v is added to the implied equation E.

Checking EUF-satisfiability of $\varphi \wedge E$ reports satisfiability: the congruence closure algorithm on $f(f(u)) = f(a) \wedge y = f(v) \wedge u = v$ with target equation y = a results in equivalence classes

- $\bullet\;f(f(u)),f(a)$
- y, f(v), f(u)
- $\bullet u, v$
- a

where y and a are in different classes.

Since no contradiction is detected and no further equations are deduced, the Nelson–Oppen algorithm stops and reports satisfiability.

Remark: if one would have applied the non-deterministic version of Nelson–Oppen, then there would have been not much difference in comparison to the deterministic version, since there are only two equivalence classes: either u = v or $u \neq v$.

4 description of encoding, example application

We just translate the formula into bit-vector arithmetic using unsigned comparison operations. However, we have to take care that no overflows happen, and that the search range is restricted. To this end, we

- first calculate upper bounds for the maximally required number of bits for each subexpression, assuming that all variables use at most b bits and determine m as the maximum of all these numbers;
- afterwards we translate the formula into BV-arithmetic with m bits;
- and finally we add constraints $x <_u 2^b$ for all variables to ensure that we restrict the allowed solutions to $0, \ldots, 2^b 1$.

On the example formula with b = 3 we see that the maximal value that we can get for the subexpressions are $7 \cdot 7^2 = 343, 5 + 7 = 12, 7(7 + 7) = 98, 7^2 + 8 = 57, \ldots$ with maximum 343. To represent 343 we need 9 bits, so m = 9. Hence, the formula is converted to BV-arithmetic with 9 bits and we add the constraints $x <_u 8 \land y <_u 8 \land z <_u 8$. In total we get:

$$xy^{2} \geq_{u} 5 + x \wedge y(x+z) \geq_{u} x^{2} + 8 \vee 3x \geq_{u} 2y + z \wedge x <_{u} 8 \wedge y <_{u} 8 \wedge z <_{u} 8$$

| Question | Yes | No |
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| The decision procedure for difference logic is based on Dijkstra's shortest-path-algorithm. | | Ø |
| In order to detect equalities for constraints $A\vec{x} \leq \vec{b}$, Bromberger and Weidenbach's method invokes the simplex algorithm on $A\vec{x} > \vec{b}$. | | Ø |
| The small-model property of LIA is essential for termination of the branch-and-bound algorithm. | Ø | |
| SAT is a decision problem in PSPACE. | Ø | |
| $\forall x, y. \ x \neq y \land x \leq u \land v \leq y \longrightarrow a[x] = b[y] + 3$ can be reformulated into an equivalent array property. | | Ø |