



# Constraint Solving

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based on a previous course by Aart Middeldorp

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## Difference Logic

conjunction of constraints of the form  $x - y \leq c$  or  $x - y < c$

## Definition Inequality Graph

conjunction  $\varphi$  of nonstrict difference constraints

- inequality graph of  $\varphi$  contains edge from  $x \xrightarrow{c} y$  for every constraint  $x - y \leq c$  in  $\varphi$

## Theorem

conjunction  $\varphi$  of nonstrict difference constraints is satisfiable



inequality graph of  $\varphi$  has no negative cycle

## Bellman-Ford Algorithm

computes distances in graphs from single source; detects negative cycles

## Simplex – Representation

- represent  $m$  inequalities using  $m$  slack variables  $s_i$  and bounds  $s_i \leq / \geq c$

$$\begin{array}{l} -x + y \leq 1 \\ y \leq 4 \\ -x - y \leq -6 \\ 3x - y \leq 7 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} s_1 \leq 1 \\ s_2 \leq 4 \\ s_3 \leq -6 \\ s_4 \leq 7 \end{array} \end{array}$$

- matrix presentation

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{basic variables} \rightarrow \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x \quad y \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \quad \leftarrow \text{nonbasic variables}$$

meaning of rows:  
equalities, e.g.,  
 $s_4 = 3x - 1y$

## Notation

- matrix is **tableau**, stored in combination with **bounds**  $x \leq / \geq c$  and **assignment**
- $B$  is set of **basic variables** (in tableau listed vertically)
- $N$  is set of **nonbasic variables** (in tableau listed horizontally)

## DPLL( $T$ ) Simplex Algorithm

**Input:** conjunction of LRA atoms  $\varphi$  without  $<$   
**Output:** satisfiable assignment or unsatisfiable

- 1 transform  $\varphi$  into tableau and bounds
- 2 assign 0 to each variable
- 3 if all basic variables satisfy their bounds then return current (satisfying) assignment
- 4 let  $x_i \in B$  be variable that violates its bounds
- 5 search for suitable variable  $x_j \in N$  for pivoting with  $x_i$
- 6 return unsatisfiable if search unsuccessful
- 7 perform pivot operation on  $x_i$  and  $x_j$
- 9 update assignment
- 10 go to step 3

$$A\vec{x}_N = \vec{x}_B \quad (1)$$

$$-\infty \leq l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i \leq +\infty \quad (2)$$

## Invariant

- (1) is satisfied and (2) holds for all nonbasic variables

## Suitability

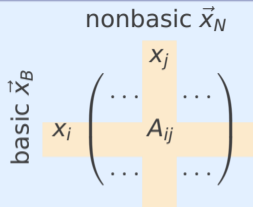
- for  $x_i \in B$  violating lower or upper bound, find suitable non-basic variable  $x_j$  such that increase (or decrease) of  $x_j$  is possible w.r.t. bounds of  $x_j$  and helps to solve violation of  $x_i$

## Pivoting

- swap basic  $x_i$  and nonbasic  $x_j$ , so  $i \in B$  and  $j \in N$
- reorder row  $i$  in tableau to obtain form  $x_j = \dots (*)$ , and substitute  $(*)$  in remaining tableau
- result afterwards: tableau  $A'$  where  $j \in B$  and  $i \in N$

## Update

- assignment of  $x_i$  is updated to previously violated bound  $l_i$  or  $u_i$ ,
- assignment of each  $x_k \in B$  is recomputed using  $A'$



## $\mathbb{Q}_\delta$ : $\delta$ -Rationals

- $\delta$ -rationals are used for supporting strict inequalities in LRA and difference logic

replace  $expr < c$  by  $expr \leq c - \delta$

- $\delta$  represents some small positive rational number
- computation on  $\mathbb{Q}_\delta$  is done symbolically, e.g., in simplex algorithm
- after solution for  $\mathbb{Q}_\delta$  is detected, a concrete  $\delta$  can be computed (exercise)

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## Complexity of DPLL( $\mathcal{T}$ ) Simplex Algorithm

- input:  $m$  inequalities using  $n$  problem variables
- switch to general form:  $m$  basic variables,  $n$  nonbasic variables
- number of different tableaux:  $\binom{m+n}{n}$
- number of different configurations:  $\binom{m+n}{n} \cdot 3^n$   
(each nonbasic variable gets assigned 0, lower bound, or upper bound)
- consequences
  - bad news 1: assuming termination, obtain **exponential** worst-case complexity
  - bad news 2: simplex algorithm **does not terminate** in general
  - good news 1: simplex algorithm **terminates using Bland's rule**
  - good news 2: worst-case complexity rarely observed, **often only  $\mathcal{O}(m)$**  many iterations

## Bland's Rule

- in **pivoting pick lexicographically smallest**  $(x_i, x_j) \in B \times N$  such that  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are suitable; assumes some fixed order on variables

## Example (Felgenhauer and Middeldorp)

$$-1 \leq x_1 \leq 0$$

$$-4 \leq x_2 \leq 0$$

$$-5 \leq x_3 \leq -4$$

$$-7 \leq x_4 \leq 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x_3 \\ x_4 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x_1 \quad x_2 \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \quad \frac{x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4}{0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0}$$

 $\leftarrow$ 

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$$\begin{array}{c} x_3 \\ x_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x_3 \quad x_4 \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \quad \frac{x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4}{-\frac{10}{3} \quad -\frac{1}{3} \quad -4 \quad -7}$$

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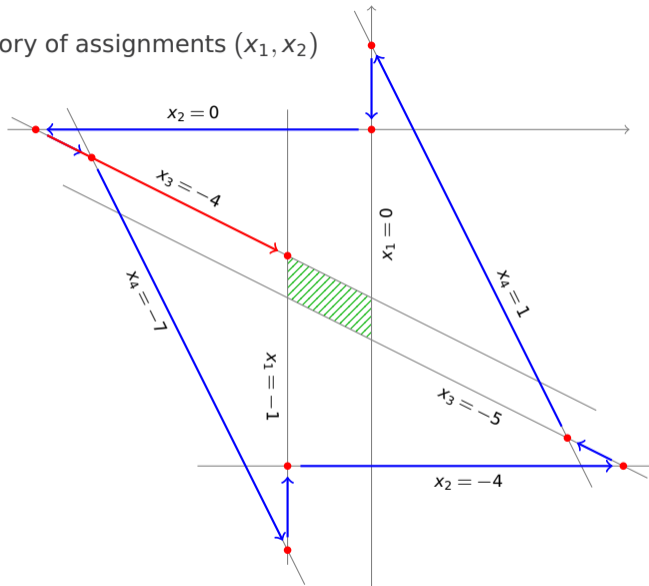
violation of Bland's rule



$$\begin{array}{l} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x_3 \quad x_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \\ \hline -1 \quad -\frac{3}{2} \quad -4 \quad -\frac{7}{2} \end{array}$$

satisfying assignment

trajectory of assignments  $(x_1, x_2)$



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## Unsatisfiable Cores for DPLL( $T$ )

- recall: for DPLL( $T$ ) it is beneficial if theory solvers produce small unsatisfiable cores
- simplex algorithm can easily identify unsatisfiable cores
- in detail: consider that unsatisfiability is detected via basic variable  $x_i$ 
  - w.l.o.g. we only consider the case  $v(x_i) < l_i$  (the other case is symmetric)
  - in this case tableau contains equation

$$x_i = \sum_{j \in N_{pos}} A_{ij} x_j + \sum_{k \in N_{neg}} A_{ik} x_k$$

such that  $A_{ij} > 0 \wedge v(x_j) = u_j$  for all  $j \in N_{pos}$  and  $A_{ik} < 0 \wedge v(x_k) = l_k$  for all  $k \in N_{neg}$

- then the set of (original) constraints (corresponding to)

$$x_i \geq l_i$$

$$x_j \leq u_j$$

$$x_k \geq l_k$$

for all  $j \in N_{pos}$

for all  $k \in N_{neg}$

is an unsatisfiable core

- this **core is minimal** w.r.t. the subset-relation

## Farkas' Lemma

- consider  $\leq$ -constraints  $\underbrace{-x \leq -5}_{l_1 \leq r_1} \wedge \underbrace{2x + y \leq 12}_{l_2 \leq r_2} \wedge \underbrace{-y \leq -3}_{l_3 \leq r_3} \wedge \underbrace{x - 3y \leq 2}_{l_4 \leq r_4}$
- alternative way to prove unsatisfiability of constraints  $l_1 \leq r_1, l_2 \leq r_2, \dots$ 
  - find **Farkas' coefficients**, i.e., **non-negative coefficients**  $c_1, c_2, \dots$  such that

$$\mathbb{Q} \ni \sum_i c_i l_i > \sum_i c_i r_i \in \mathbb{Q}$$

- example: choose  $c_1 = 2, c_2 = c_3 = 1, c_4 = 0$

$$2 \cdot (-x) + 1 \cdot (2x + y) + 1 \cdot (-y) + 0 \cdot (x - 3y) = 0 > -1 = 2 \cdot (-5) + 1 \cdot 12 + 1 \cdot (-3) + 0 \cdot 2$$

- Farkas' Lemma**: finite set of  $\leq$ -constraints is unsatisfiable iff Farkas' coefficients exists
  - soundness: existence of Farkas' coefficients obviously shows unsatisfiability
  - completeness: if constraints are unsatisfiable, then simplex will detect this; whenever unsatisfiability is detected in simplex algorithm, one can extract Farkas' coefficients from the tableau equation (similar to the detection of unsatisfiable cores, but with finer analysis)

## Example (Application of Linear Arithmetic: Termination Proving)

- consider program

```
factorial(n) {  
  i = 1;  
  r = 1;  
  while (i <= n) {  
    r = r * i;  
    i = i + 1;  }  
  return r;    }
```

- $\varphi$  describes one iteration of loop (primed variables store values after iteration)

$$\varphi := i \leq n \wedge i' = i + 1 \wedge r' = r \cdot i \wedge n' = n$$

- proving termination: find linear **ranking function**, i.e., linear expression  $e(i, n, r)$ , decrease factor  $d$  with  $0 < d \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and bound  $f \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that
  - $\varphi \rightarrow e(i, n, r) \geq e(i', n', r') + d$  (expression **decreases** in every iteration by at least  $d$ )
  - $\varphi \rightarrow e(i, n, r) \geq f$  (expression is **bounded** from below by  $f$ )



## Example (Termination Proof Continued)

- loop iteration  $\varphi := i \leq n \wedge i' = i + 1 \wedge r' = r \cdot i \wedge n' = n$
- proving termination by validity of formulas

$$\varphi \rightarrow e(i, n, r) \geq e(i', n', r') + d \qquad \varphi \rightarrow e(i, n, r) \geq f$$

- is equivalent to unsatisfiability of negated formulas

$$\varphi \wedge e(i, n, r) < e(i', n', r') + d \qquad \varphi \wedge e(i, n, r) < f$$

- **choose** linear ranking function  $e(i, n, r) := n - i$  and  $d := 1$  and  $f = -1$ , and drop all non-linear constraints to get two linear problems:
  - $i < n \wedge i' = i + 1 \wedge n' = n \wedge n - i < n' - i' + 1$  (violate decrease)
  - $i < n \wedge i' = i + 1 \wedge n' = n \wedge n - i < -1$  (violate boundedness)

both problems are unsatisfiable over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (just run simplex), so termination is proved

- problem: how to find linear expression  $e(i, n, r)$  and constants  $d$  and  $f$ ?
- solution: **combined search** for  $e(i, n, r)$ ,  $d$  and  $f$  and Farkas' coefficients

## Towards Algorithm to Synthesize Linear Ranking Function

- assume loop is given as transition formula in the form of linear inequalities  $A\vec{x} + A'\vec{x}' \leq \vec{b}$  between primed and unprimed variables
- example

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ n \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{A'} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i' \\ n' \end{pmatrix} \leq \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$$

encodes transition formula  $i \leq n \wedge n' = n \wedge i' = i + 1$   
(formula  $\varphi$  after removal of non-linear part)

## Algorithm to Synthesize Linear Ranking Function [Podelski, Rybalschenko]

- assume loop is given as transition formula in the form of linear inequalities  $A\vec{x} + A'\vec{x}' \leq \vec{b}$  between primed and unprimed variables
- idea: **find parameters of ranking function and Farkas' coefficients in one go**
- algorithm: encode the following constraints for row vectors  $\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2$  of variables
  - $\vec{c}_1 \geq \vec{0}, \vec{c}_2 \geq \vec{0}$
  - $\vec{c}_1 A' = 0$
  - $\vec{c}_1 A = \vec{c}_2 A$
  - $\vec{c}_2 A = -\vec{c}_2 A'$
  - $\vec{c}_2 \vec{b} < 0$

and return "linear ranking function exists" iff constraints are satisfiable

- completeness is based on Farkas' lemma (assumes satisfiable transition formula)
- soundness: extract parameters of ranking function from concrete solution  $\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2$

$$e(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}_2 A' \vec{x} \quad d = -\vec{c}_2 \vec{b} \quad f = -\vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$$

## Example Application (Continue in Termination Proof)

- $(c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ c_4 \ c_5) \geq (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0), \ (c_6 \ c_7 \ c_8 \ c_9 \ c_{10}) \geq (0 \ \dots \ 0)$
- $(-c_4 + c_5 \ -c_2 + c_3) = (0 \ 0)$
- $(c_1 + c_4 - c_5 \ -c_1 + c_2 - c_3) = (c_6 + c_9 - c_{10} \ -c_6 + c_7 - c_8)$
- $(c_6 + c_9 - c_{10} \ -c_6 + c_7 - c_8) = -(-c_9 + c_{10} \ -c_7 + c_8)$
- $c_{10} - c_9 < 0$
- find solution  $c_1 = c_8 = c_9 = 1, c_i = 0$  for  $i \notin \{1, 8, 9\}$
- extract ranking function parameters
  - $e(i, n) = (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0) A' \begin{pmatrix} i \\ n \end{pmatrix} = n - i$
  - $d = -(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0) \vec{b} = 1$
  - $f = -(1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0) \vec{b} = 0$

## Soundness Proof: Details

- loop transition formula:  $A\vec{x} + A'\vec{x}' \leq \vec{b}$
- constraints:  $\vec{c}_1 \geq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{c}_2 \geq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{c}_1 A' = 0$ ,  $\vec{c}_1 A = \vec{c}_2 A$ ,  $\vec{c}_2 A = -\vec{c}_2 A'$ , and  $\vec{c}_2 \vec{b} < 0$
- ranking function parameters:  $e(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}_2 A' \vec{x}$ ,  $d = -\vec{c}_2 \vec{b}$ , and  $f = -\vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
- choice of  $d$ :  $d = -\vec{c}_2 \vec{b} > 0$
- boundedness
  - assume  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{x}'$  satisfy loop transition formula
  - hence  $\vec{c}_1(A\vec{x} + A'\vec{x}') \leq \vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
  - hence  $\vec{c}_1 A\vec{x} + \vec{c}_1 A'\vec{x}' \leq \vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
  - hence  $\vec{c}_1 A\vec{x} \leq \vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
  - hence  $\vec{c}_2 A\vec{x} \leq \vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
  - hence  $-\vec{c}_2 A'\vec{x} \leq \vec{c}_1 \vec{b}$
  - hence  $-e(\vec{x}) \leq -f$
  - hence  $e(\vec{x}) \geq f$
- decrease  $e(\vec{x}) \geq e(\vec{x}') + d$ : similar to boundedness

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## Why use simplex algorithm for LRA?

- situation
  - solving LRA problems is in P (interior point method, ...)
  - simplex algorithm has exponential worst-case time complexity
- simplex algorithm is still popular
  - exponential behaviour rarely triggered, only on artificial examples
  - simplex can be used **incrementally**
- incrementality
  - simplex can be used as theory solver for **DPLL(T)**, where often constraints are activated and deactivated
  - simplex can be used as **backend for LIA solver** (next lecture), where new constraints are added on-the-fly
  - aim: **do not restart** simplex from scratch when slightly modifying constraints

## Incremental Interface for DPLL( $T$ )

- make all constraints available to simplex at the beginning of the algorithm, ignoring Boolean structure  $\implies$  obtain **global tableau** for all constraints
- modify simplex algorithm by adding **active-flags for upper and lower bounds**
- when executing simplex, all inactive bounds are ignored
- initially all bounds are inactive
- activation of a constraint
  - activate corresponding lower or upper bound  $s_i \leq c$  or  $c \leq s_i$  for slack variable  $s_i$
  - if new bound gives rise to a conflict  $u_i < l_i$  then report unsatisfiable
  - otherwise, if  $s_i \in N$  and  $s_i$  violates bound, then **update assignment** of  $s_i$  to  $c$  (at this point, invariants (1) and (2) are established for the active bounds)
  - run simplex on current tableau and assignment to determine satisfiability
- deactivation of a constraint
  - deactivate corresponding lower or upper bound
  - usually occurs after a conflict has been detected
  - **tableau and assignment can be reused** from before: they satisfy invariants (1) and (2)



## Example (Simplex as DPLL( $T$ ) Theory Solver)

- input is formula  $\varphi$

$$(c_1 \vee c_5) \wedge (c_6 \vee \neg c_3) \wedge (c_4 \vee c_5) \wedge (c_2 \vee c_7 \vee \neg c_8) \wedge \dots$$

$$\underbrace{x \geq 5}_{c_1} \quad \underbrace{2x + y \leq 12}_{c_2} \quad \underbrace{y < 3}_{c_3} \quad \underbrace{x - 3y \leq 2}_{c_4} \quad \dots$$

- example execution (without theory propagation)
  - start simplex with tableau for all atoms and negated atoms within  $\varphi$ , but no activated bounds (obtain tableau  $T_0$ , assignment  $v_0(x) = 0$ )
  - assume partial Boolean assignment  $c_1, \neg c_3, c_4$  from Boolean solver  $\implies$  activate the bounds, execute simplex on  $T_0$  and  $v_0$  to obtain  $T_1$  and  $v_1$
  - all bounds are satisfied, so detect LRA-consistency
  - extend to  $c_1, \neg c_3, c_4, c_2$ , activate bound, execute simplex on  $T_1$  and  $v_1$  to obtain  $T_2$  and  $v_2$
  - detect **unsatisfiable core**  $c_1, \neg c_3, c_2$ , so learn  $\neg c_1 \vee c_3 \vee \neg c_2$
  - ... next simplex invocation starting from  $T_2$  and  $v_2$  ...

## Incremental Simplex Algorithm – Interface

- **initSimplex**: takes list of indexed constraints, initially all inactive
- **assert i**: activates constraint with index **i**, may detect unsat core
- **check**: check if currently activated constraints are satisfiable, may detect unsat core
- **solution**: after successful check, deliver satisfying assignment
- **checkpoint**: after successful check, get checkpoint information to return to this state
- **backtrack cp**: return to previous checkpoint **cp**, where subset of constraints has been asserted

## Haskell Implementation

- available under  
<http://cl-informatik.uibk.ac.at/teaching/ss24/cs/simplex.tgz>
- `SimplexInternals.hs` – verified simplex implementation
- `SimplexCommon.hs` – common interface to access verified types
- `SimplexInterface.hs` – wrapper for non-incremental simplex algorithm + example
- `SimplexIOInterface.hs` – wrapper for incremental simplex algorithm + example

```
ghci SimplexIOInterface.hs
ghci> initSimplex exampleSlidesInput
Okay <state 0, asserted: []>
ghci> assert 1
Okay <state 1, asserted: [1]>
ghci> assert (-3)
Okay <state 2, asserted: [-3,1]>
ghci> assert 4
Okay <state 3, asserted: [4,-3,1]>
ghci> check
Okay <state 4, asserted: [4,-3,1]>
ghci> checkpoint
checkpoint "cp5" created
Okay <state 5, asserted: [4,-3,1]>
ghci> assert 2
Okay <state 6, asserted: [2,4,-3,1]>
ghci> check
unsat-core [2,1,-3] detected, use backtrack to one of ["cp5"]
ghci> backtrack "cp5"
Okay <state 7, asserted: [4,-3,1]>
```

## Linear Programming

- linear programming: find solution in  $\mathbb{Q}$  of linear constraints  $\varphi$  that maximizes linear function  $f$
- potential implementation
  - perform standard setup for running simplex on  $\varphi$
  - add additional slack variable  $s$  with tableau equality  $s = f$ , then start simplex
  - once solution  $v$  has been detected, compute  $f(v)$  and change bound of  $s$  to  $s \geq f(v) + \delta$
  - iterate to find better solution, or detect optimality if unsat is returned
- problem: algorithm does not terminate if  $f$  can be increased arbitrarily
- solution: use standard simplex algorithm for linear programming,<sup>a</sup> and not the DPLL( $T$ )-variant of simplex for decidability that was presented here
  - at least one difference: solving  $A\vec{x} \leq \vec{b}$  is formulated via slack variables  $\vec{s} \geq \vec{0}$  as tableau  $A\vec{x} + \vec{s} = \vec{b}$  so the tableau equations can have non-zero constants

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<sup>a</sup>Alexander Schrijver, Theory of Linear and Integer Programming, Chapter 11

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### Further Reading



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## Important Concepts

- active and inactive bounds
- Bland's selection rule
- Farkas' coefficients
- Farkas' lemma
- incremental simplex algorithm
- linear programming
- linear ranking function
- unsatisfiable core