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Constraint Solving SS 2025 LVA 703304

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This is a reformatted version of an exam in WS 2022/2023. In total you can obtain 90 points and you would need at least 45 points to pass.

1 Algorithms in Linear Arithmetic

Consider the following formula:

$$\varphi := \exists x. \exists y. \ (3x + 2y < 2 \land -x + 5y > 1)$$

- (a) Remove the quantifier of y within φ using Cooper's method. You don't have to simplify the formula after the removal of the quantifier.
 - (b) Start to solve φ using the simplex method: apply all initial steps and *one* iteration of the main loop. Use Bland's selection rule with the variable order x < y < s < t where s and t are the introduced slack variables. Is a second iteration of the main loop required? Just answer this question with a yes or no.

2 Understanding Linear Arithmetic

For some optimization problems it is required to consider *mixed* linear arithmetic problems, where the set of variables \mathcal{V} is partitioned into $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}} \uplus \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}$, i.e., some variables are restricted to represent integers whereas the others are for rational numbers. For instance $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ might describe quantities which cannot be split, such as wheels, screws, etc., whereas $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is used for amounts of fluids, for costs, etc.

A mixed solution of a quantifier-free formula φ is an assignment $v: \mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{Q}$ that satisfies φ and where additionally $v(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

- (a) Modify the branch-and-bound algorithm for LIA so that it can treat mixed linear arithmetic constraints, i.e., write down pseudo-code.
- (b) Consider the small model property of LIA.

The existing proof translates a set of constraints with n variables given as a polyhedron $\{\vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} \leq \vec{b}\}\$ with $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$ and $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ into hull(H) + cone(C) for some $H \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^n$ and $C \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ where additionally some upper bound u is constructed in a way that all coefficients c of all vectors in $H \cup C$ are bounded: $|c| \leq u$.

Afterwards it is shown how some arbitrary integral solution $\vec{x} \in hull(H) + cone(C)$ can be turned into a small integral solution $\vec{y} \in hull(H) + cone(C)$ where $|y_i|$ is bounded by some expression involving u and n for all coefficients y_i of \vec{y} .

- i. Provide an upper bound for $|y_i|$ depending on u and n.
- ii. Does the transformation of the arbitrary integer solution \vec{x} into the small integer solution \vec{y} also work correctly in the mixed case with $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ and $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\}$, i.e., when replacing the conditions of \vec{x}, \vec{y} being integral by $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^k \times \mathbb{Q}^{n-k}$? Explain your answer.

3 Algorithms for SAT

Consider the following clauses.

- (a) $1 \vee \neg 7 \vee 8$
- (e) $2 \lor \neg 4 \lor 5$
- (i) $\neg 5 \lor 7 \lor \neg 8 \lor \neg 9$

(b) $\neg 1 \lor \neg 2$

- (f) $6 \lor \neg 9 \lor 10$
- (j) $\neg 5 \lor 9 \lor \neg 10$

(c) $2 \vee 3$

- (g) $\neg 4 \lor \neg 6 \lor \neg 7$
- (k) $9 \lor 11$

(d) $\neg 1 \lor 4$

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(h) $\neg 6 \lor 8$

(l) $10 \lor \neg 11$

Further consider the following run of DPLL

$$\begin{smallmatrix} d \\ 1 & \neg 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \neg 7 & 8 & \neg 9 & \neg 10 & 11 \\ (b) & (c) & (d) & (e) & (g) & (h) & (i) & (j) & (k) \end{smallmatrix}$$

where in this configuration a conflict w.r.t. clause (1) is detected.

- [12] (a) Compute the implication graph from the beginning up to the conflict detection. Layout hint: put nodes $1, \neg 2, 3$ in one line at the top, place 4 below 1 and 6 below 4.
 - (b) Identify the first unique implication point and write down the corresponding backjump clause.
 - (c) Write down the next configuration that is obtain from applying the backjump rule w.r.t. the identified backjump clause.

4 Encoding Problems

Consider a puzzle game where each puzzle consists of several puzzle constraints p_i which are all of the form

$$c = 1 \cdot x_1 + 2 \cdot x_2 + \ldots + k \cdot x_k$$

where $c \in \mathbb{N}$ and x_1, \ldots, x_k are variables chosen from a larger set of variables. A solution to a puzzle constraint must satisfy the equation and additionally the restriction that each variable x_i gets assigned a digit in the range from 0 to 7.

For instance, the constraint 14 = x + 2y + 3z can be solved by choosing x = 7, y = 2, z = 1 or x = 0, y = 7, z = 0 or ..., but neither x = 8, y = 3, z = 0 nor x = 1, y = 2, z = 4.

Example: given two puzzle constraints 2 = 1x + 2y and 25 = 1y + 2x + 3z using variables x, y, z, this game has the unique solution x = 2, y = 0, z = 7.

- (a) Choose a theory (such as equality logic, difference logic, EUF, LRA, LIA, BV) and encode a single puzzle constraint as a formula which is as succinct as possible.
 - (b) Choose another theory and encode a single puzzle constraint. You can reuse earlier formulas if desired.
- (c) Choose yet another theory and encode a single puzzle constraint.
- [8] (d) Assume you are given a full puzzle game with puzzle constraints p_1, \ldots, p_n using variables x_1, \ldots, x_m . Describe an SMT-based algorithm to check whether this game has a unique solution.

5 Multiple Choice

[10] Each correct answer is worth 2 points. Each wrong answer is worth -1 point. Giving no answer to a question is worth 0 points. A total negative score is pruned to 0 points.

Question	Yes	No
The Nelson–Oppen algorithm is a quantifier elimination algorithm for LRA.		
The congruence closure algorithm is used in the context of EUF.		
Difference logic constraints can be solved in polynomial time for both $\mathbb Z$ and $\mathbb Q.$		
All of LRA, LIA and EUF are convex theories.		
Array Logic is decidable if both the index theory (including quantifiers) is decidable and the element theory is decidable.		