



Constraint Solving

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based on a previous course by Aart Middeldorp

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Gomory Cuts: Assumptions

- DPLL(T) simplex returned solution v to

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

$$-\infty \leq l_j \leq x_j \leq u_j \leq +\infty \quad (2)$$

- for some $i \in B$ variable x_i is assigned $v(x_i) \notin \mathbb{Z}$
- for all $j \in N$ value $v(x_j)$ is l_j or u_j

Notation

- write $c = v(x_i) - \lfloor v(x_i) \rfloor$
- by assumption all nonbasic variables are assigned bounds, so we can split

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \{j \in N \mid v(x_j) = l_j\} \\ L^+ &= \{j \in L \mid A_{ij} \geq 0\} \\ L^- &= \{j \in L \mid A_{ij} < 0\} \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma (Gomory Cut)

cut is given by inequality

$$\frac{1}{1-c} \cdot \sum_{j \in L^+} A_{ij}(x_j - l_j) - \frac{1}{1-c} \cdot \sum_{j \in U^-} A_{ij}(u_j - x_j) - \frac{1}{c} \cdot \sum_{j \in L^-} A_{ij}(x_j - l_j) + \frac{1}{c} \cdot \sum_{j \in U^+} A_{ij}(u_j - x_j) \geq 1$$

Difference Logic

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

Definition Inequality Graph

conjunction φ of nonstrict difference constraints

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

Theorem

conjunction φ of nonstrict difference constraints is satisfiable



inequality graph of φ has no negative cycle

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

computes distances in graphs from single source; detects negative cycles

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Consequence

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 - **array equality**: $a = a'$ compare two arrays

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 - array read access $a[i]$ is translated to function application $A(i)$

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Theorem (Correctness of Reduction Algorithm)

The input formula and the result of the reduction algorithm are equisatisfiable.

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- arrays are easily modeled as uninterpreted functions
- array logic is often undecidable, even for decidable index- and element-theories such as Presburger arithmetic
- array properties define a fragment of array logic;
the fragment can be translated to quantifier-free formulas by adding EUF
- optimization: lazy encoding creates instances of the write rule on demand

Kröning and Strichmann

- Sections 7.1–7.3
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 - result of mistake: smaller set of index terms $\mathcal{I}(\phi) = \{i, z\}$, but correct set is $\{i, i - 1, z\}$
 - incorrect set does not cause problems in example, but in general elimination of $<$ is essential

Further Reading



Aaron R. Bradley, Zohar Manna, Henny B. Sipma

What's Decidable About Arrays?

Proc. VMCAI 2006, volume 3855 of LNCS, pages 427–442, 2006

Important Concepts

- array logic
- array property
- checking array bounds via LIA
- invariants
- reduction algorithm
- spurious counterexample
- write rule