Foundations of Lazy SMT and DPLL(T)

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Introduction

Historically, automated reasoning ≡ uniform proof-search procedures for First Order Logic

Limited success: is FOL the best compromise between expressivity and efficiency?

More recent trend [Sha02] focuses on:

- addressing mostly (expressive enough) decidable fragments of a certain logic
- incorporating domain-specific reasoning, e.g on:
 - arithmetic reasoning
 - equality
 - data structures (arrays, lists, stacks, ...)

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This lecture: overview of SMT formal foundations

The SMT Problem

Some problems are more naturally expressed in logics other than propositional logic, e.g:

 Software verification needs reasoning about equality, arithmetic, data structures, . . .

SMT is about deciding the satisfiability of a (usually quantifier-free) FOL formula with respect to some *background theory*

• Example (Equality with Uninterpreted Functions):

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Wide range of applications: Extended Static Checking [FLL⁺02], Predicate abstraction [LNO06], Model checking [AMP06, HT08], Scheduling [BNO⁺08b], Test generation [TdH08], ...

Theories of Interest: EUF

Equality (=) with Uninterpreted Functions [NO80, BD94, NO07]

Typically used to abstract unsupported constructs, e.g.:

- non-linear multiplication in arithmetic
- ALUs in circuits

Example: The formula

$$a * (|b| + c) = d \land b * (|a| + c) \neq d \land a = b$$

is unsatisfiable, but no arithmetic reasoning is needed

If we abstract it to

$$mul(a, add(abs(b), c)) = d \land mul(b, add(abs(a), c)) \neq d \land a = b$$

it is still unsatisfiable

Theories of Interest: Arithmetic(s)

Very useful, for obvious reasons

Restricted fragments (over the reals or the integers) support more efficient methods:

- Bounds: $x \bowtie k$ with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \le, \ge, =\}$ [BBC+05a]
- Difference logic: $x y \bowtie k$, with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \le, \ge, =\}$ [NO05, WIGG05, CM06]
- UTVPI: $\pm x \pm y \bowtie k$, with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \le, \ge, =\}$ [LM05]
- Linear arithmetic, e.g. $2x 3y + 4z \le 5$ [DdM06]
- Non-linear arithmetic, e.g: $2xy + 4xz^2 5y \le 10$ [BLNM+09, ZM10]

Theories of Interest: Arrays

Used in software verification and hardware verification (for memories) [SBDL01, BNO⁺08a, dMB09]

Two interpreted function symbols read and write

Axiomatized by:

- $\forall a \, \forall i \, \forall v \, \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), i) = v$
- $\forall a \, \forall i \, \forall j \, \forall v \, i \neq j \rightarrow \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), j) = \text{read}(a, j)$

Sometimes also with *extensionality*:

• $\forall a \, \forall b \, (\forall i \, \mathrm{read}(a, i) = \mathrm{read}(b, i) \rightarrow a = b)$

Is the following set of literals satisfiable in this theory?

$$\operatorname{write}(a, i, x) \neq b, \operatorname{read}(b, i) = y, \operatorname{read}(\operatorname{write}(b, i, x), j) = y, \ a = b, \ i = j$$

Theories of Interest: Bit vectors

Useful both in hardware and software verification [BCF+07, BB09]

Universe consists of (fixed-sized) vectors of bits

Different types of operations:

- *String-like*: concat, extract, . . .
- Logical: bit-wise not, or, and, ...
- Arithmetic: add, subtract, multiply, . . .
- *Comparison*: <,>, . . .

Is this formula satisfiable over bit vectors of size 3?

$$a[0:1] \neq b[0:1] \land (a \mid b) = c \land c[0] = 0 \land a[1] + b[1] = 0$$

Combinations of Theories

In practice, theories are seldom used in isolation

E.g., software verifications may need a combination of arrays, arithmetic, bit vectors, data types, . . .

Formulas of the following form usually arise:

$$i = j + 2 \land a = write(b, i + 1, 4) \land (read(a, j + 3) = 2 \lor f(i - 1) \neq f(j + 1))$$

Often decision procedures for each theory combine modularly [NO79, TH96, BBC⁺05b]

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This lecture focuses more on general methods to address (1), mostly, and (2)

More details on (2) and (3) will be given in later lectures today

Structure of this Lecture

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Part I

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Part II

From a single theory T to multiple theories T_1, \ldots, T_n

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Simplest setting:

- Off-line SAT solver
- Non-incremental theory solver for conjunctions of equalities and disequalities
- Theory atoms (e.g., g(a) = c) abstracted to propositional atoms (e.g., 1)

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- Modular approach:
 - SAT and theory solvers communicate via a simple API [GHN+04]
 - SMT for a new theory only requires new theory solver
 - An off-the-shelf SAT solver can be embedded in a lazy SMT system with few new lines of code (tens)

An Abstract Framework for Lazy SMT

Several variants and enhancements of lazy SMT solvers exist

They can be modeled abstractly and declaratively as *transition* systems

A transition system is a binary relation over states, induced by a set of conditional transition rules

The framework can be first developed for SAT and then extended to lazy SMT [NOT06, KG07]

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The one described next is a re-elaboration of those in [NOT06, KG07]

The Original DPLL Procedure

- Modern SAT solvers are based on the DPLL procedure [DP60, DLL62]
- ullet DPLL tries to build incrementally a satisfying truth assignment M for a CNF formula F
- *M* is grown by
 - deducing the truth value of a literal from M and F, or
 - guessing a truth value
- If a wrong guess for a literal leads to an inconsistency, the procedure backtracks and tries the opposite value

An Abstract Framework for DPLL

States:

fail or
$$\langle M, F \rangle$$

where

- *M* is a sequence of literals and *decision points* denoting a partial truth *assignment*
- F is a set of clauses denoting a CNF formula

Def. If $M = M_0 \bullet M_1 \bullet \cdots \bullet M_n$ where each M_i contains no decision points

- M_i is decision level i of M
- $\bullet \quad M^{[i]} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M_0 \bullet \cdots \bullet M_i$

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Transition Rules: Notation

States treated like records:

- M denotes the truth assignment component of current state
- F denotes the formula component of current state

Transition rules in *guarded assignment form* [KG07]

$$\frac{p_1 \cdots p_n}{[\mathsf{M} := e_1] \quad [\mathsf{F} := e_2]}$$

updating M, F or both when premises p_1, \ldots, p_n all hold

NB: When convenient, will treat M as the set of its literals

Extending the assignment

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Decide
$$\frac{l \in \text{Lit}(\mathsf{F}) \quad l, \overline{l} \notin \mathsf{M}}{\mathsf{M} := \mathsf{M} \bullet l}$$

Not. Lit $(F) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{l \mid l \text{ literal of } F\} \cup \{\overline{l} \mid l \text{ literal of } F\}$

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Backtrack

$$l_1 \lor \dots \lor l_n \in \mathsf{F}$$
 $\overline{l}_1, \dots, \overline{l}_n \in \mathsf{M}$ $\mathsf{M} = M \bullet l \, N$ $\bullet \notin N$

$$\mathsf{M} := M \, \overline{l}$$

NB: Last premise of Backtrack enforces chronological backtracking

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Backjump

$$\mathsf{C} = l_1 \lor \dots \lor l_n \lor l \quad \mathsf{lev} \ \overline{l}_1, \dots, \mathsf{lev} \ \overline{l}_n \le \ i < \mathsf{lev} \ \overline{l}$$
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Not. $l \prec_M l'$ if l occurs before l' in M lev l = i iff l occurs in decision level i of M

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Maintain invariant: $F \models_p C$ and $M \models_p \neg C$ when $C \neq no$

Not. \models_p denotes propositional entailment

From DPLL to CDCL Solvers (3)

Modify Fail to

Fail
$$C \neq \text{no} \bullet \notin M$$

 $F:=\{1,\ \overline{1}\vee 2,\ \overline{3}\vee 4,\ \overline{5}\vee \overline{6},\ \overline{1}\vee \overline{5}\vee 7,\ \overline{2}\vee \overline{5}\vee 6\vee \overline{7}\}$ $M \quad F \qquad C \qquad \text{rule}$ $F \qquad \text{no} \qquad //$

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From DPLL to CDCL Solvers (4)

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- M is a sequence of theory literals and decision points
- the DPLL system augmented with rules

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• maintains invariant: $F \models_T C$ and $M \models_p \neg C$ when $C \neq no$

Def. $F \models_T G$ iff every model of T that satisfies F satisfies G as well

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Example — Theory of Finite Sets

$$F: \quad x = y \cup z \quad \land \quad y \neq \emptyset \lor x \neq z$$

М	F	rule
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T-solver can make the following deductions at this point:

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This enables an application of T-Conflict with clause

$$x \neq y \cup z \lor y \neq \emptyset \lor x = z \lor e \notin x \lor e \in z$$

Correctness Results

Correctness results can be extended to the new rule.

Soundness: The new T-Learn rule maintains satisfiability of the clause set.

Completeness: As long as the theory solver can decide $M \models_T \bot$ when all literals in L_S are determined, the system is still complete.

Termination: The system terminates under the same conditions as before. Roughly:

- Any lemma is (re)learned only finitely many times
- Restart is applied with increased periodicity

Part II

From a single theory T to multiple theories T_1, \ldots, T_n

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Under certain conditions, we can do it with the Nelson-Oppen combination method [NO79, Opp80]

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(Only non-immediate aspect)

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NB: With convex theories, arrangements do not need to be guessed—they can be computed by (theory) propagation

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The Nelson-Oppen method has been extended to some classes of non-stably infinite theories [TZ05, RRZ05, JB10]

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Quick Solution:

- 1. Combine S_1, \ldots, S_n with Nelson-Oppen into a theory solver for T
- 2. Build a DPLL(T) solver as usual

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Better Solution [Bar02, BBC+05b, BNOT06]:

- 1. Extend DPLL(T) to $DPLL(T_1, ..., T_n)$
- 2. Lift Nelson-Oppen to the DPLL (X_1, \ldots, X_n) level
- 3. Build a DPLL (T_1, \ldots, T_n) solver

Modeling DPLL (T_1, \ldots, T_n) Abstractly

- Let n = 2, for simplicity
- Let T_i be of signature Σ_i for i=1,2, with $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$
- Let C be a set of free constants
- Assume wlog that each input literal has signature $(\Sigma_1 \cup \mathcal{C})$ or $(\Sigma_2 \cup \mathcal{C})$ (no *mixed* literals)
- Let $M|_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(\Sigma_i \cup C)\text{-literals of M and their complement}\}$
- Let $I(M) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{c = d \mid c, d \text{ occur in } C, M|_1 \text{ and } M|_2\} \cup \{c \neq d \mid c, d \text{ occur in } C, M|_1 \text{ and } M|_2\}$ (interface literals)

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T-Propagate

$$l \in \operatorname{Lit}(\mathsf{F}) \cup \operatorname{I}(\mathsf{M}) \quad i \in \{1,2\} \quad \mathsf{M} \models_{T_i} l \quad l, \overline{l} \notin \mathsf{M}$$

$$\mathsf{M} := \mathsf{M} \ l$$

Only change: propagate interface equalities as well, but reason locally in each T_i

T-Conflict

T-Explain

$$\mathsf{C} = l \lor D \quad \overline{l}_1, \dots, \overline{l}_n \models_{T_i} \overline{l} \quad i \in \{1, 2\} \quad \overline{l}_1, \dots, \overline{l}_n \prec_\mathsf{M} \overline{l}$$
 $\mathsf{C} := l_1 \lor \dots \lor l_n \lor D$

Only change: reason locally in each T_i

T-Conflict

$$\mathsf{C} = \mathsf{no} \quad l_1, \dots, l_n \in \mathsf{M} \quad l_1, \dots, l_n \models_{T_i} \bot \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$
 $\mathsf{C} := \overline{l}_1 \lor \dots \lor \overline{l}_n$

T-Explain

$$\mathsf{C} = l \vee D \quad \overline{l}_1, \dots, \overline{l}_n \models_{T_i} \overline{l} \quad i \in \{1, 2\} \quad \overline{l}_1, \dots, \overline{l}_n \prec_{\mathsf{M}} \overline{l}$$

$$\mathsf{C} := l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_n \vee D$$

Only change: reason locally in each T_i

I-Learn

$$\models_{T_i} l_1 \lor \dots \lor l_n \quad l_1, \dots, l_n \in \mathsf{M}|_i \cup \mathsf{I}(\mathsf{M}) \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$
$$\mathsf{F} := \mathsf{F} \cup \{l_1 \lor \dots \lor l_n\}$$

New rule: for entailed disjunctions of interface literals

Example — Convex Theories

$$F := \underbrace{f(e_1) = a}_{0} \land \underbrace{f(x) = e_2}_{1} \land \underbrace{f(y) = e_3}_{2} \land \underbrace{f(e_4) = e_5}_{3} \land \underbrace{x = y}_{4} \land \underbrace{e_2 - e_3 = e_1}_{5} \land \underbrace{e_4 = 0}_{6} \land \underbrace{e_5 > a + 2}_{7}$$

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M	F	C	rule
	F	no	
$0\; 1\; 2\; 3\; 4\; 5\; 6\; 7$	F	no	by Propagate ⁺
$0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8$	F	no	by T -Propagate $(1, 2, 4 \models_{\text{EUF}} 8)$
$0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9$	F	no	by T -Propagate $(5, 6, 8 \models_{LRA} 9)$
$0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9\ 10$	F	no	by T -Propagate $(0, 3, 9 \models_{\text{EUF}} 10)$
$0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9\ 10$	F	$\overline{7} \vee \overline{10}$	by T -Conflict $(7, 10 \models_{LRA} \bot)$
fail			by Fail

Example — Non-convex Theories

$$F := \underbrace{f(e_1) = a}_{0} \land \underbrace{f(x) = b}_{1} \land \underbrace{f(e_2) = e_3}_{2} \land \underbrace{f(e_1) = e_4}_{1} \land \underbrace{1 \le x}_{1} \land \underbrace{x \le 2}_{1} \land \underbrace{e_1 = 1}_{1} \land \underbrace{a = b + 2}_{1} \land \underbrace{e_2 = 2}_{1} \land \underbrace{e_3 = e_4 + 3}_{9}$$

$$\underbrace{a = e_4}_{10} \underbrace{x = e_1}_{11} \underbrace{x = e_2}_{12} \underbrace{a = b}_{13}$$

Example — Non-convex Theories

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F := f(e_1) = a \land f(x) = b \land f(e_2) = e_3 \land f(e_1) = e_4 \land
                            \underbrace{1 \le x}_{4} \land \underbrace{x \le 2}_{5} \land \underbrace{e_{1} = 1}_{6} \land \underbrace{a = b + 2}_{7} \land \underbrace{e_{2} = 2}_{8} \land \underbrace{e_{3} = e_{4} + 3}_{9}
                                          F
                                 M
                                                                                                  rule
                                          F
                                                                                       no
                       0 \cdots 9 F
                                                                                               by Propagate<sup>+</sup>
                                                                                       no
                 0 \cdots 9 10 \quad F
                                                                                                 by T-Propagate (0, 3 \models_{\text{EUF}} 10)
                                                                                       no
                 0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \quad F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                                 by I-Learn (\models_{LIA} \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12)
                                                                                       no
        0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \bullet 11 \quad F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                                 by Decide
                                                                                       no
  0 \cdots 9 \cdot 10 \bullet 11 \cdot 13 \quad F, \overline{4} \vee \overline{5} \vee 11 \vee 12
                                                                                                 by T-Propagate (0, 1, 11 \models_{\text{EUF}} 13)
                                                                                       no
  0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \bullet 11 \ 13 \quad F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                  \overline{7} \vee \overline{13} by T-Conflict (7, 13 \models_{\text{EUF}} \bot)
           0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \ \overline{13} F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                                  by Backjump
                                                                                       no
     0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \ \overline{13} \ \overline{11} F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                                 by T-Propagate (0, 1, \overline{13} \models_{\text{EUF}} \overline{11})
                                                                                       no
0 \cdots 9 \ 10 \ \overline{13} \ \overline{11} \ 12 \quad F, \ \overline{4} \lor \overline{5} \lor 11 \lor 12
                                                                                                 by Propagate
                                                                                       no
                                                                                                  (exercise)
                               fail
                                                                                                  by Fail
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