

DM841
Discrete Optimization

Part 2 – Lecture 1
Satisfiability

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- Mathematical Programming
- Constraint Programming
- Dedicated Backtracking

SAT Problem

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- ▶ From 100 variables, 200 constraints (early 90s) to 1,000,000 vars. and 20,000,000 cls. in 20 years.
- ▶ Applications:
Hardware and Software Verification, Planning, Scheduling, Optimal Control, Protocol Design, Routing, Combinatorial problems, Equivalence Checking, etc.
- ▶ SAT used to solve many other problems!

SAT Problem

Satisfiability problem in propositional logic

Definitions:

- ▶ **Formula in propositional logic**: well-formed string that may contain
 - ▶ propositional variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n ;
 - ▶ truth values \top ('true'), \perp ('false');
 - ▶ operators \neg ('not'), \wedge ('and'), \vee ('or');
 - ▶ parentheses (for operator nesting).
- ▶ **Model** (or **satisfying assignment**) of a formula F : Assignment of truth values to the variables in F under which F becomes true (under the usual interpretation of the logical operators)
- ▶ Formula F is **satisfiable** iff there exists at least one model of F , **unsatisfiable** otherwise.

SAT Problem (decision problem, search variant):

- ▶ **Given:** Formula F in propositional logic
- ▶ **Task:** Find an assignment of truth values to variables in F that renders F true, or decide that no such assignment exists.

SAT: A simple example

- ▶ **Given:** Formula $F := (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$
- ▶ **Task:** Find an assignment of truth values to variables x_1, x_2 that renders F true, or decide that no such assignment exists.

Definitions:

- ▶ A formula is in **conjunctive normal form (CNF)** iff it is of the form

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^m \bigvee_{j=1}^{k_i} l_{ij} = (l_{11} \vee \dots \vee l_{1k_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (l_{m1} \vee \dots \vee l_{mk_m})$$

where each **literal** l_{ij} is a propositional variable or its negation. The disjunctions $c_i = (l_{i1} \vee \dots \vee l_{ik_i})$ are called **clauses**.

- ▶ A formula is in **k -CNF** iff it is in CNF and all clauses contain exactly k literals (*i.e.*, for all i , $k_i = k$).
- ▶ In many cases, the restriction of SAT to CNF formulae is considered.
- ▶ For every propositional formula, there is an equivalent formula in 3-CNF.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} F := & \quad \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_1) \\ & \quad \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \\ & \quad \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2) \\ & \quad \wedge (\neg x_4 \vee x_3) \\ & \quad \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_3) \end{aligned}$$

► F is in CNF.

► Is F satisfiable?

Yes, e.g., $x_1 := x_2 := \top$, $x_3 := x_4 := x_5 := \perp$ is a model of F .

From Propositional Logic to SAT

Propositional logic: operators: $\neg P, P \wedge Q, P \vee Q, P \implies Q, P \Leftrightarrow Q$

To conjunctive normal form:

- ▶ replace $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$ with $(\alpha \implies \beta) \wedge (\beta \implies \alpha)$
- ▶ replace $\alpha \implies \beta$ with $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$
- ▶ \neg must appear only in literals, hence move \neg inwards
- ▶ distributive law for \vee over \wedge :

$$(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \text{ infers that } (\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))$$

Not all instances are hard:

- ▶ **Definite clauses**: exactly one literal in the clause is positive. Eg:

$$\neg\beta \vee \neg\gamma \vee \alpha$$

- ▶ **Horn clauses**: at most one literal is positive.
 - ▶ Easy interpretation: $\alpha \wedge \beta \implies \gamma$ infers that $\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta \vee \gamma$
 - ▶ inference is easy by forward checking, linear time

Definition ((Maximum) K -Satisfiability (SAT))

Input: A set U of variables, a collection C of disjunctive clauses of at most k literals, where a literal is a variable or a negated variable in U . k is a constant, $k > 2$.

Task: A truth assignment for U or a truth assignment that maximizes the number of clauses satisfied.

MAX-SAT (optimization problem)

Which is the maximal number of clauses satisfiable in a propositional logic formula F ?

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- ▶ How to model an optimization problem
 - ▶ choose some **decision variables**
they typically encode the result we are interested into
 - ▶ express the problem **constraints** in terms of these variables
they specify what the solutions to the problem are
 - ▶ express the **objective function**
the objective function specifies the quality of each solution
- ▶ The result is an optimization model
 - ▶ It is a declarative formulation
specify the “what”, not the “how”
 - ▶ There may be many ways to model an optimization problem

Standard IP formulation: Let x_l be a 0–1 variable equal to 1 whenever the literal l takes value true and 0 otherwise.

Let c^+ be the set of literals in clause $c \in C$ that appear as positive and c^- the set of variables that appear as negated.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & 1 \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{l \in c^+} x_l + \sum_{l \in c^-} (1 - x_l) = 1, \quad \forall c \in C, \\ & x_l \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall l \in L \end{array}$$

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From Gecode examples:

```
BoolVarArray x = BoolVarArray(*this, nvariables, 0, 1);

for (int c=0; c < nclauses; c++) {
    // Create positive BoolVarArgs
    BoolVarArgs positives(clauses[c].pos.size());
    for (int i=clauses[c].pos.size(); i--;)
        positives[i] = x[clauses[c].pos[i]];

    BoolVarArgs negatives(clauses[c].neg.size());
    for (int i=clauses[c].neg.size(); i--;)
        negatives[i] = x[clauses[c].neg[i]];

    // Post propagators
    clause(*this, BOT_OR, positives, negatives, 1);
}

branch(*this, x, INT_VAR_NONE(), INT_VAL_MIN());
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Davis, Putnam, Logemann & Loveland (DPLL) algorithm is a **recursive depth-first enumeration of possible models** with the following elements:

1. Early termination:
 - a clause is true if **any** of its literals are true
 - a sentence is false if **any** of its clauses are false, which occurs when all its literals are false
2. Pure literal heuristic:
 - pure literal is one that appears with same sign everywhere.
 - it can be assigned so that it makes the clauses true. Clauses already true can be ignored.
3. Unit clause heuristic
 - consider first unit clauses with just one literal or all literal but one already assigned. Generates cascade effect (forward chaining)

Function DPLL(C, L, M):

Data: C set of clauses; L set of literals; M model;

Result: *true* or *false*

if every clause in C is true in M **then return** *true*;

if some clause in C is false in M **then return** *false*;

$(I, val) \leftarrow$ FindPureLiteral(L, C, M);

if I is non-null **then return** DPLL($C, L \setminus I, M \cup \{I = val\}$);

$(I, val) \leftarrow$ FindUnitClause(L, M);

if I is non-null **then return** DPLL($C, L \setminus I, M \cup \{I = val\}$);

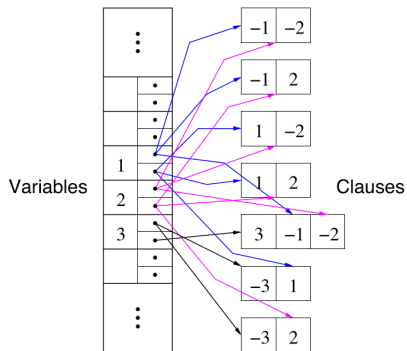
$I \leftarrow$ First(L); $R \leftarrow$ Rest(L);

return DPLL($C, R, M \cup \{I = true\}$) or
DPLL($C, R, M \cup \{I = false\}$)

Speedups

SAT

- ▶ Component analysis to find separable problems
- ▶ Intelligent backtracking
- ▶ Random restarts
- ▶ Clever indexing (data structures)
- ▶ Variable value ordering



Variable selection heuristics

- ▶ Degree
- ▶ Based on the occurrences in the (reduced) formula
 - ▶ Maximal Occurrence in clauses of Minimal Size (MOMS, Jeroslow-Wang)
- ▶ Variable State Independent Decaying Sum (VSIDS)
 - ▶ original idea (zChaff): for each conflict, increase the score of involved variables by 1, half all scores each 256 conflicts [MoskewiczMZZM2001]
 - ▶ improvement (MiniSAT): for each conflict, increase the score of involved variables by δ and increase $\delta := 1.05\delta$ [EenSörensson2003]

- ▶ Based on the occurrences in the (reduced) formula
 - ▶ examples: Jeroslow-Wang, Maximal Occurrence in clauses of Minimal Size (MOMS), look-aheads

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