

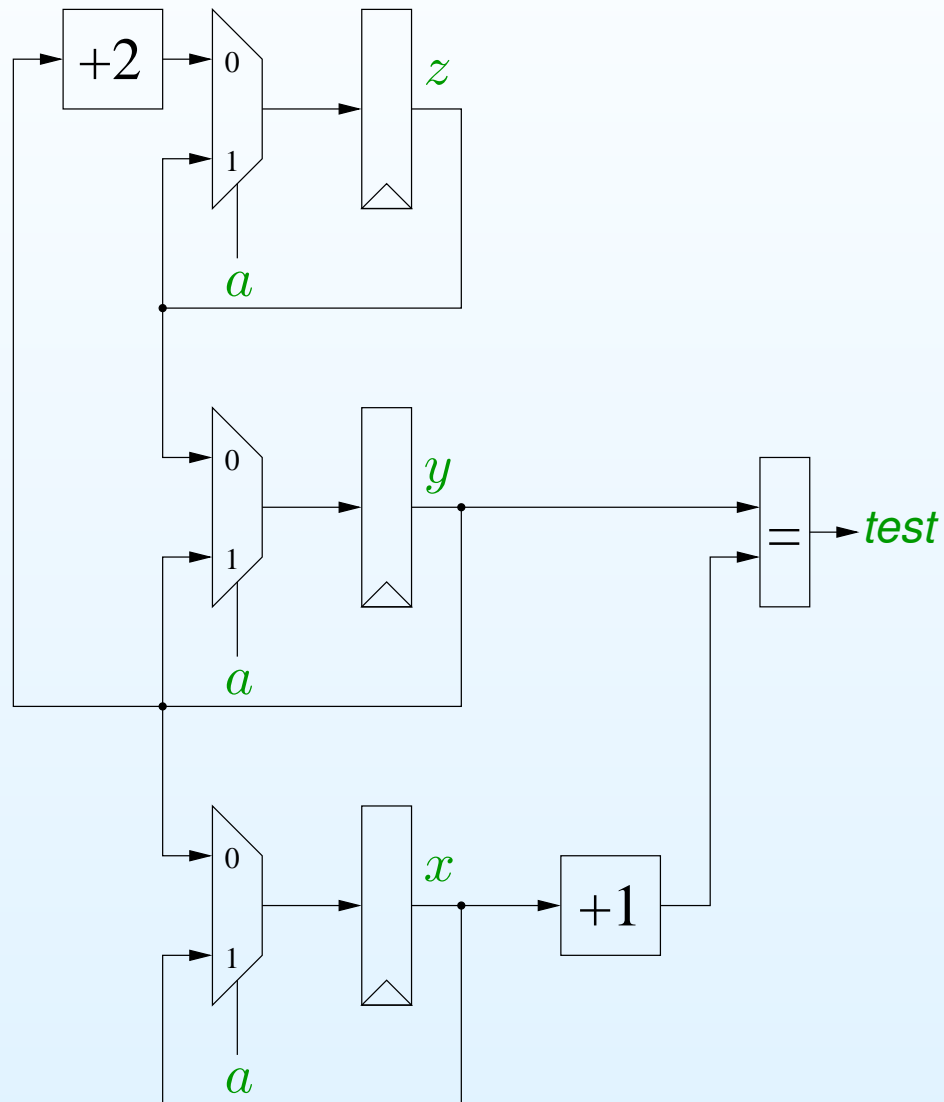
CS357: From SAT to SMT: The DPLL(T) Architecture

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We will look at a couple of possible ways to prove this.

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The logic of the example can be modeled intuitively as follows:

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We can prove this formula by showing that the negation is unsatisfiable.

We can write this formula in propositional logic by using one propositional variable for each bit in the current and next states.

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Assuming a bit-width of 2 for simplicity and skipping the details, we get the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & (z1 \leftrightarrow \neg x1) \wedge (z0 \leftrightarrow x0) \wedge \\ & (y1 \leftrightarrow (x1 \oplus x0)) \wedge (y0 \leftrightarrow \neg x0) \wedge \\ & (a \rightarrow ((xp1 \leftrightarrow x1) \wedge (xp0 \leftrightarrow x0))) \wedge \\ & (\neg a \rightarrow ((xp1 \leftrightarrow y1) \wedge (xp0 \leftrightarrow y0))) \wedge \\ & (a \rightarrow ((yp1 \leftrightarrow y1) \wedge (yp0 \leftrightarrow y0))) \wedge \\ & (\neg a \rightarrow ((yp1 \leftrightarrow z1) \wedge (yp0 \leftrightarrow z0))) \wedge \\ & (a \rightarrow ((zp1 \leftrightarrow z1) \wedge (zp0 \leftrightarrow z0))) \wedge \\ & (\neg a \rightarrow ((zp1 \leftrightarrow \neg y1) \wedge (zp0 \leftrightarrow y0))) \wedge \\ & (\neg(zp1 \leftrightarrow \neg xp1) \vee \neg(zp0 \leftrightarrow xp0)) \vee \\ & \neg(yp1 \leftrightarrow (xp1 \oplus xp0)) \wedge (yp0 \leftrightarrow \neg xp0) \end{aligned}$$

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Recall that the invariant of the circuit is captured by the following formula:

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When using a SAT solver, this formula must be encoded into propositional logic

Using an SMT solver, the formula can be solved as it is

Motivation

Automatic analysis of computer hardware and software requires **engines** capable of reasoning efficiently about large and complex systems.

Boolean engines such as **Binary Decision Diagrams** and **SAT solvers** are typical engines of choice for today's industrial verification applications.

However, systems are usually designed and modeled at a higher level than the Boolean level and the translation to Boolean logic can be expensive.

A primary goal of research in **Satisfiability Modulo Theories** (SMT) is to create verification engines that can reason natively at a higher level of abstraction, while still retaining the speed and automation of today's Boolean engines.

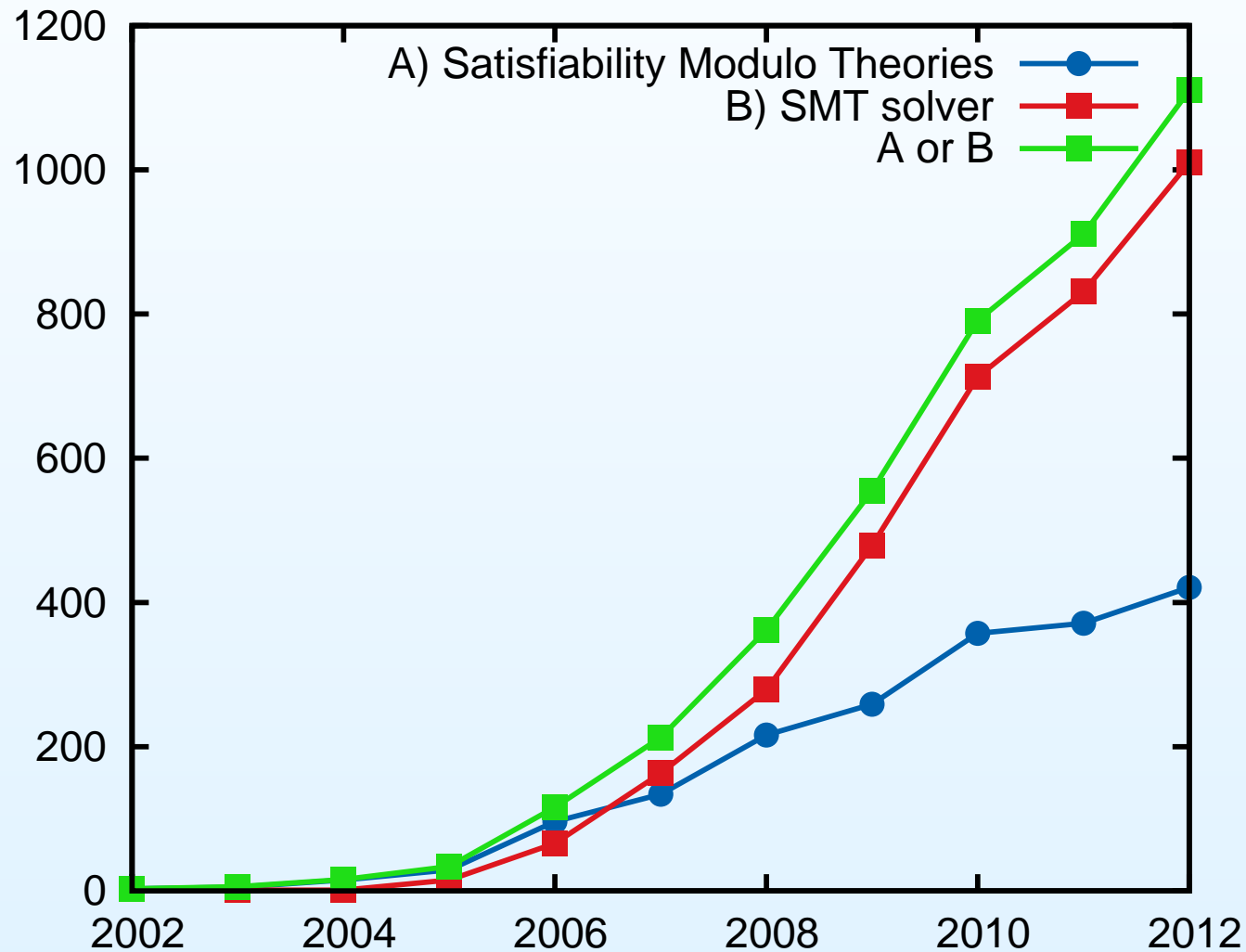
Impact of SMT

What people are saying:

- Most promising contribution to fields of software and hardware verification and test in the last five years (from the text of the HVC 2010 award)
- The biggest advance in formal methods in last 25 years (John Rushby, FMIS 2011)
- Most successful academic community related to logics and verification ... built in the last decade (editors of FMIS special issue on SMT, 2012)

Growth of SMT

Articles per year by search phrase (from Google Scholar)



Roadmap

- **First-Order Logic in 5 minutes**
- The SMT Problem
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SMT Solvers: Language

Whereas the language of SAT solvers is Boolean logic, the language of SMT solvers is **first-order logic**.

The language includes the Boolean operations of Boolean logic, but instead of propositional variables, more complicated expressions are allowed.

A **first-order language** must specify its **signature**: the set of constant, function, and predicate symbols that are allowed.

Each predicate and function symbol has an associated **arity**: a natural number indicating how many arguments it takes.

- Equality is a special predicate symbol of arity **2**
- Constant symbols can also be thought of as functions whose arity is **0**

First-Order Languages: Examples

Propositional Logic

- Equality: no
- Predicate symbols: x_1, x_2, \dots
- Constant symbols: none
- Function symbols: none

Elementary Number Theory

- Equality: yes
- Predicate symbols: $<$
- Constant symbols: 0
- Function symbols: S (successor), $+$, \times , exp

First-Order Logic: Syntax

Terms

- Variables and constants are terms
- For each function symbol f of arity n , and terms t_1, \dots, t_n , $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term.

An **atomic formula** is an expression of the form: $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ where P is a predicate symbol of arity n and t_1, \dots, t_n are terms.

An atomic formula or its negation is called a **literal**.

Formulas are built from literals using the Boolean operators and quantification. If α is a formula, then for every variable x ,

- $\forall x \alpha$ is a formula
- $\exists x \alpha$ is a formula

First-Order Logic: Semantics

Given a signature Σ and a set V of variables, an interpretation (or model) M of Σ consists of the following:

1. A nonempty set called the **domain** of M , written $dom(M)$. Elements of $dom(M)$ are also called elements of M .
2. A map from each variable v in V to an element v^M of M .
3. A map from each constant c in Σ to an element c^M of M .
4. A map from each n -ary function symbol f in Σ to f^M , an n -ary function from $[dom(M)]^n$ to $dom(M)$.
5. A map from each n -ary predicate symbol p in Σ to $p^M \subseteq [dom(M)]^n$, an n -ary relation on the set $dom(M)$.

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Given a formula ϕ , we say that M **satisfies** ϕ and write $M \models \phi$ if ϕ is true in the model M .

A formula ϕ is **valid**, written $\models \phi$ iff $M \models \phi$ for every M .

A **theory** is a set of closed formulas (no free variables).

Given a theory T , a formula ϕ is

1. **T -valid** if $M \models \phi$ for all models M of T ;
2. **T -satisfiable** if there exists some model M of T such that $M \models \phi$.
3. **T -unsatisfiable** if $M \not\models \phi$ for all models M of T .

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Validity and Satisfiability Modulo Theories

The **validity problem** for T is the problem of deciding, for each formula ϕ , whether ϕ is T -valid.

The **satisfiability problem** for T , or the problem of **satisfiability modulo theories** is the problem of deciding, for each formula ϕ , whether ϕ is T -satisfiable.

Note that validity problems can always be reduced to satisfiability problems:

ϕ is T -valid iff $\neg\phi$ is T -unsatisfiable.

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However, if we only consider models that obey the axioms for *read* and *write* then the answer is no.

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The so-called **eager** approach to SMT tries to find ways of encoding an entire SMT problem into SAT. There are a variety of techniques, and for some theories, this works quite well.

Here, we focus on the **lazy** combination of SAT and theory reasoning. The lazy approach is the basis for most modern SMT solvers.

SMT: The Big Questions

How to solve **conjunctions of literals** in a theory?

- Use a **theory solver** - upcoming lecture

How to **combine theory solvers** for several theories

- The **Nelson-Oppen** method and its variants - upcoming lecture

How to combine **a theory solver and a SAT solver** to reason about arbitrary formulas

- Use the **DPLL(T)** framework - this lecture

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- Transitions between states are defined by a set of **conditional transition rules**.

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The **final state** is either:

- a special fail state: *fail*, if F is unsatisfiable, or
- $M \parallel G$, where G is a CNF formula equisatisfiable with the original formula F , and M satisfies G

We write $M \models C$ to mean that for every truth assignment v , $v(M) = \text{true}$ implies $v(C) = \text{true}$.

Abstract DPLL Rules

UnitProp :

$$M \parallel F, C \vee l \implies M l \parallel F, C \vee l \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \models \neg C \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array} \right.$$

PureLiteral :

$$M \parallel F \implies M l \parallel F \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l \text{ occurs in some clause of } F \\ \neg l \text{ occurs in no clause of } F \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array} \right.$$

Decide :

$$M \parallel F \implies M l^d \parallel F \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l \text{ or } \neg l \text{ occurs in a clause of } F \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array} \right.$$

Fail :

$$M \parallel F, C \implies \text{fail} \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \models \neg C \\ M \text{ contains no decision literals} \end{array} \right.$$

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Backjump :

$$M \text{ l}^d N \parallel F, C \implies M \text{ l}' \parallel F, C \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \text{ l}^d N \models \neg C, \text{ and there is} \\ \text{some clause } C' \vee \text{l}' \text{ such that:} \\ F, C \models C' \vee \text{l}' \text{ and } M \models \neg C', \\ \text{l}' \text{ is undefined in } M, \text{ and} \\ \text{l}' \text{ or } \neg \text{l}' \text{ occurs in } F \text{ or in } M \text{ l}^d N \end{array} \right.$$

Learn :

$$M \parallel F \implies M \parallel F, C \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all atoms of } C \text{ occur in } F \\ F \models C \end{array} \right.$$

Forget :

$$M \parallel F, C \implies M \parallel F \quad \text{if} \left\{ F \models C \right.$$

Restart :

$$M \parallel F \implies \emptyset \parallel F$$

Example

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Improving Abstract DPLL Modulo Theories

We will mention three ways to improve the algorithm.

- Minimizing learned clauses
- Eager conflict detection
- Theory propagation

Minimizing Learned Clauses

The main difficulty with the approach as it stands is that learned clauses can be highly redundant.

Suppose that F contains $n + 2$ propositional variables.

When a pseudo-final state is reached, M will determine a value for all $n + 2$ variables.

But what if only 2 of these assignments are already T -unsatisfiable?

If we always learn $\neg M$ in a pseudo-final state, in the worst case, 2^n clauses will be need to be learned when a single clause containing the two offending literals would have sufficed.

Minimizing Learned Clauses

To avoid this kind of redundancy, we can be smarter about the clauses that are learned with Theory Learn.

In particular, when $Sat_T(M)$ is called, we should make an effort to find the **smallest** possible subset of M which is inconsistent.

We can then learn a clause derived from **only these** literals.

One way to implement this is to start removing literals one at a time from M and repeatedly call Sat_T until a minimal inconsistent set is found.

However, this is typically too slow to be practical.

Minimizing Learned Clauses

A better, but more difficult way to implement this is to instrument Sat_T to keep track of which facts are used to derive an inconsistency.

We can use a data structure similar to the implication graph discussed earlier.

Alternatively, if Sat_T happens to produce proofs, the proof of unsatisfiability of M can be traversed to obtain this information.

This is the approach used in the CVC tools.

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fail

Eager Conflict Detection

Currently, we have indicated that we will check M for T -satisfiability only when a pseudo-final state is reached.

In contrast, a more eager policy would be to check M for T -satisfiability every time M changes.

Experimental results show that this approach is significantly better.

It requires Sat_T be **online**: able quickly to determine the consistency of incrementally more literals or to backtrack to a previous state.

It also requires that the SAT solver be instrumented to call Sat_T every time a variable is assigned a value.

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Theory Propagation

A final improvement is to add the following rule:

Theory Propagate :

$$M \parallel F \quad \Longrightarrow \quad M l \parallel F \quad \text{if} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \models_T l \\ l \text{ or } \neg l \text{ occurs in } F \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{array} \right.$$

This rule allows a theory solver to inform the SAT solver if it happens to know that an unassigned literal is entailed by M .

Experimental results show that this can also be very helpful in practice.

From SAT to SMT — Theory Propagation

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fail

Roadmap

- First-Order Logic in 5 minutes
- The SMT Problem
- Abstract DPLL
- Abstract DPLL(T)
- **Extensions**

Building on SMT

We briefly mention two extensions.

The first is to allow the theory solver to use the SAT solver for internal case splitting.

We do this by allowing the learning rule to introduce new variables and terms

Extended T -Learn :

$$M \parallel F \quad \Longrightarrow \quad M \parallel F, C \quad \text{if} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{each atom of } C \text{ occurs in } F \text{ or in } \mathcal{L}(M) \\ F \models_T \exists^*(C) \end{array} \right.$$

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Theory: $w \in y \cup z$

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Quantifiers

The Abstract DPLL Modulo Theories framework can also be extended to include rules for quantifier instantiation.

- First, we extend the notion of literal to that of an **abstract** literal which may include quantified formulas in place of atomic formulas.
- Add two additional rules:

Inst_ \exists :

$$M \parallel F \implies M \parallel F, (\neg \exists x. P \vee P[x/sk]) \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists x P \text{ is an abstract literal in } M \\ sk \text{ is a fresh constant.} \end{array} \right.$$

Inst_ \forall :

$$M \parallel F \implies M \parallel F, (\neg \forall x. P \vee P[x/t]) \quad \text{if} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall x P \text{ is an abstract literal in } M \\ t \text{ is a ground term.} \end{array} \right.$$

An Example

Suppose a and b are constant symbols and f is an uninterpreted function symbol. We show how to prove the validity of the following formula:

$$(0 \leq b \wedge (\forall x. 0 \leq x \rightarrow f(x) = a)) \rightarrow f(b) = a$$

We first negate the formula and put it into abstract CNF. The result is three unit clauses:

$$(0 \leq b) \wedge (\forall x. (\neg 0 \leq x \vee f(x) = a)) \wedge (\neg f(b) = a)$$

An Example

Let l_1, l_2, l_3 denote the three abstract literals in the above clauses. Then the following is a derivation in the extended framework:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \emptyset & \parallel & (l_1)(l_2)(l_3) \quad \Longrightarrow \text{(UnitProp)} \\ l_1, l_2, l_3 & \parallel & (l_1)(l_2)(l_3) \quad \Longrightarrow \text{(Inst}_\forall\text{)} \\ l_1, l_2, l_3 & \parallel & (l_1)(l_2)(l_3)(\neg(0 \leq b) \vee f(b) = a) \quad \Longrightarrow \text{(Fail)} \\ \textit{fail} & & \end{array}$$

The last transition is possible because M falsifies the last clause in F and contains no decisions (case-splits). As a result, we may conclude that the original set of clauses is unsatisfiable, which implies that the original formula is valid.

Quantifiers

The simple technique of quantifier instantiation is remarkably effective on verification benchmarks.

The main difficulty is coming up with the right terms to instantiate.

Matching techniques pioneered by Simplify have been adopted and improved by modern SMT solvers.

Successes

Building on fast SAT technology, SMT solvers have been improving dramatically.

The winners of this year's SMT competition are orders of magnitude faster than those of just a couple of years ago.

Current leading solvers include:

- Boolector (Johannes Kepler U, Austria)
- CVC4 (NYU, U Iowa)
- MathSAT (U Trento, Italy)
- Yices (SRI)
- Z3 (Microsoft)

SMT solvers are becoming the engine of choice for an ever-increasing set of verification applications.