

Propositional Logic

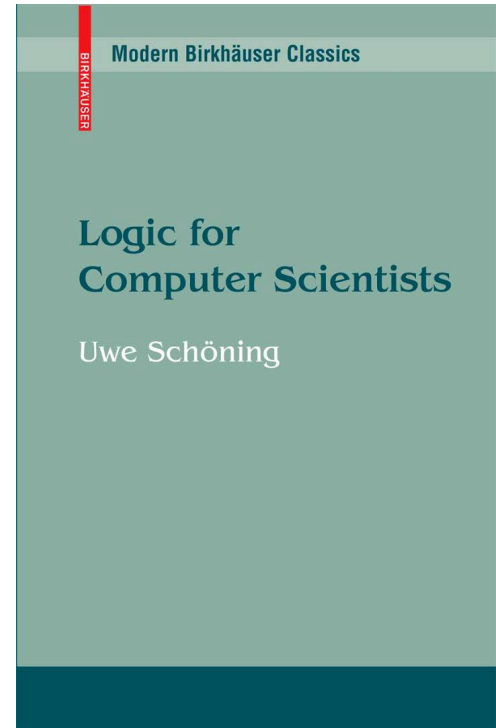
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What is Logic

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary logic is:

a (1) : a science that deals with the principles and criteria of validity of inference and demonstration

d :the arrangement of circuit elements (as in a computer) needed for computation; *a/so*:the circuits themselves

What is Formal Logic

Formal Logic consists of

- syntax – what is a legal sentence in the logic
- semantics – what is the meaning of a sentence in the logic
- proof theory – formal (syntactic) procedure to construct valid/true sentences

Formal logic provides

- a language to precisely express knowledge, requirements, facts
- a formal way to reason about consequences of given facts rigorously

Propositional Logic (or Boolean Logic)

Explores simple grammatical connections such as *and*, *or*, and *not* between simplest “atomic sentences”

A = “Paris is the capital of France”

B = “mice chase elephants”

The subject of propositional logic is to declare formally the truth of complex structures from the truth of individual atomic components

A and B

A of B

if A then B

Syntax of Propositional Logic

An *atomic formula* has a form A_i , where $i = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

Formulas are defined inductively as follows:

- All atomic formulas are formulas
- For every formula F , $\neg F$ (called not F) is a formula
- For all formulas F and G , $F \wedge G$ (called and) and $F \vee G$ (called or) are formulas

Abbreviations

- use A, B, C, \dots instead of A_1, A_2, \dots
- use $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ instead of $\neg F_1 \vee F_2$ (implication)
- use $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ instead of $(F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \wedge (F_2 \rightarrow F_1)$ (iff)

Syntax of Propositional Logic (PL)

$\text{truth_symbol} ::= \top(\text{true}) \mid \perp(\text{false})$

$\text{variable} ::= p, q, r, \dots$

$\text{atom} ::= \text{truth_symbol} \mid \text{variable}$

$\text{literal} ::= \text{atom} \mid \neg \text{atom}$

$\text{formula} ::= \text{literal} \mid$

$\neg \text{formula} \mid$

$\text{formula} \wedge \text{formula} \mid$

$\text{formula} \vee \text{formula} \mid$

$\text{formula} \rightarrow \text{formula} \mid$

$\text{formula} \leftrightarrow \text{formula}$

Example

$$F = \neg((A_5 \wedge A_6) \vee \neg A_3)$$

Sub-formulas are

$$\begin{aligned} &F, ((A_5 \wedge A_6) \vee \neg A_3), \\ &A_5 \wedge A_6, \neg A_3, \\ &A_5, A_6, A_3 \end{aligned}$$

Semantics of propositional logic

Truth values: $\{0, 1\}$

D is any subset of the atomic formulas

An assignment A is a map $\mathbf{D} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$\mathbf{E} \supseteq \mathbf{D}$ set of formulas built from \mathbf{D}

An extended assignment $\mathbf{A}': \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is defined on the next slide

Semantics of propositional logic

For an atomic formula A_i in \mathbf{D} : $A'(A_i) = A(A_i)$

$$\begin{aligned} A'((F \wedge G)) &= 1 && \text{if } A'(F) = 1 \text{ and } A'(G) = 1 \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A'((F \vee G)) &= 1 && \text{if } A'(F) = 1 \text{ or } A'(G) = 1 \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A'(\neg F) &= 1 && \text{if } A'(F) = 0 \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Example

$$F = \neg(A \wedge B) \vee C$$

$$\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$

Truth Tables for Basic Operators

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \wedge G))$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(\neg F)$
0	1
1	0

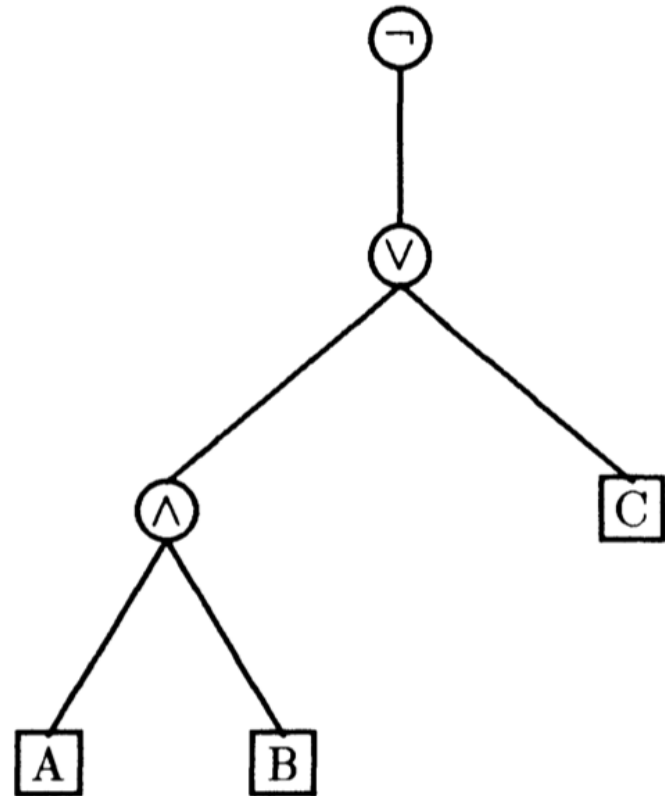
$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \vee G))$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

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$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$



Propositional Logic: Semantics

An assignment A is *suitable* for a formula F if A assigns a truth value to every atomic proposition of F

An assignment A is a *model* for F , written $A \models F$, iff

- A is suitable for F
- $A(F) = 1$, i.e., F *holds* under A

A formula F is *satisfiable* iff F has a model, otherwise F is *unsatisfiable* (or contradictory)

A formula F is *valid* (or a tautology), written $\models F$, iff every suitable assignment for F is a model for F

Determining Satisfiability via a Truth Table

A formula F with n atomic sub-formulas has 2^n suitable assignments

Build a truth table enumerating all assignments

F is satisfiable iff there is at least one entry with 1 in the output

	A_1	A_2	\dots	A_{n-1}	A_n	F
$\mathcal{A}_1:$	0	0		0	0	$\mathcal{A}_1(F)$
$\mathcal{A}_2:$	0	0		0	1	$\mathcal{A}_2(F)$
\vdots			\ddots			\vdots
$\mathcal{A}_{2^n}:$	1	1		1	1	$\mathcal{A}_{2^n}(F)$

An example

$$F = (\neg A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B))$$

A	B	$\neg A$	$(A \rightarrow B)$	F
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1

Validity and Unsatisfiability

Theorem:

A formula F is valid if and only if $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable

Proof:

F is valid \Leftrightarrow every suitable assignment for F is a model for F
 \Leftrightarrow every suitable assignment for $\neg F$ is not a model for $\neg F$
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg F$ does not have a model
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg F$ is unsatisfiable

Exercise 10

Prove or give a counterexample

- (a) If $(F \rightarrow G)$ is valid and F is valid, then G is valid
- (b) If $(F \rightarrow G)$ is sat and F is sat, then G is sat
- (c) If $(F \rightarrow G)$ is valid and F is sat, then G is sat

Semantic Equivalence

Two formulas F and G are *(semantically) equivalent*, written $F \equiv G$, iff for every assignment A that is suitable for both F and G , $A(F) = A(G)$

For example, $(F \wedge G)$ is equivalent to $(G \wedge F)$

Formulas with different atomic propositions can be equivalent

- e.g., all tautologies are equivalent to True
- e.g., all unsatisfiable formulas are equivalent to False

Substitution Theorem

Theorem: Let F and G be equivalent formulas. Let H be a formula in which F occurs as a sub-formula. Let H' be a formula obtained from H by replacing every occurrence of F by G . Then, H and H' are equivalent.

Proof:

(Let's talk about proof by induction first...)

Mathematical Induction

To prove that a property $P(n)$ holds for all natural numbers n

1. Show that $P(0)$ is true
2. Show that $P(k+1)$ is true for some natural number k , using an Inductive Hypothesis that $P(k)$ is true

Example: Mathematical Induction

Show by induction that $P(n)$ is true

$$0 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Base Case: $P(0)$ is $0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$

IH: Assume $P(k)$, show $P(k+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 + \cdots + k + (k+1) \\ = & \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) \\ = & \frac{k(k+1) + 2(k+1)}{2} \\ = & \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Induction on the formula structure

The definition of a syntax of a formula is an *inductive* definition

- first, define atomic formulas; second, define more complex formulas from simple ones

The definition of the semantics of a formula is also inductive

- first, determine value of atomic propositions; second, define values of more complex formulas

The same principle works for proving properties of formulas

- To show that every formula F satisfies some property S :
- (base case) show that S holds for atomic formulae
- (induction step) assume S holds for an arbitrary fixed formulas F and G . Show that S holds for $(F \wedge G)$, $(F \vee G)$, and $(\neg F)$

Substitution Theorem

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Proof: by induction on formula structure

(base case) if H is atomic, then $F = H$, $H' = G$, and $F \equiv G$

(inductive step)

(case 1) $H = \neg H_1$

(case 2) $H = H_1 \wedge H_2$

(case 3) $H = H_1 \vee H_2$

Useful Equivalences (1/ 2)

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge F) &\equiv F \\ (F \vee F) &\equiv F\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Idempotency})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge G) &\equiv (G \wedge F) \\ (F \vee G) &\equiv (G \vee F)\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Commutativity})$$

$$\begin{aligned}((F \wedge G) \wedge H) &\equiv (F \wedge (G \wedge H)) \\ ((F \vee G) \vee H) &\equiv (F \vee (G \vee H))\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Associativity})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge (F \vee G)) &\equiv F \\ (F \vee (F \wedge G)) &\equiv F\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Absorption})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge (G \vee H)) &\equiv ((F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H)) \\ (F \vee (G \wedge H)) &\equiv ((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Distributivity})$$

$$\neg\neg F \equiv F \quad (\text{Double Negation})$$

Useful Equivalences (2/ 2)

$$\neg(F \wedge G) \equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G)$$

$$\neg(F \vee G) \equiv (\neg F \wedge \neg G)$$

(deMorgan's Laws)

$$(F \vee G) \equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology}$$

$$(F \wedge G) \equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology}$$

(Tautology Laws)

$$(F \vee G) \equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable}$$

$$(F \wedge G) \equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable}$$

(Unsatisfiability Laws)

Exercise 18: Children and Doctors

Formalize and show that the two statements are equivalent

- If the child has temperature or has a bad cough and we reach the doctor, then we call him
- If the child has temperature, then we call the doctor, provided we reach him, and, if we reach the doctor then we call him, if the child has a bad cough

Example: Secret to long life

"What is the secret of your long life?" a centenarian was asked.

"I strictly follow my diet: If I don't drink beer for dinner, then I always have fish. Any time I have both beer and fish for dinner, then I do without ice cream. If I have ice cream or don't have beer, then I never eat fish."

The questioner found this answer rather confusing. Can you simplify it?

Normal Forms: CNF and DNF

A *literal* is either an atomic proposition v or its negation $\sim v$

A *clause* is a disjunction of literals

- e.g., $(v1 \parallel \sim v2 \parallel v3)$

A formula is in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) if it is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals (i.e., a conjunction of clauses):

- e.g., $(v1 \parallel \sim v2) \&\& (v3 \parallel v2)$

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \left(\bigvee_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right)$$

A formula is in *Disjunctive Normal Form* (DNF) if it is a disjunction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^n \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right)$$

Normal Form Theorem

Theorem: For every formula F , there is an equivalent formula F_1 in CNF and F_2 in DNF

Proof: (by induction on the structure of the formula F)

Converting a formula to CNF

Given a formula F

1. Substitute in F every occurrence of a sub-formula of the form

$\neg\neg G$ by G

$\neg(G \wedge H)$ by $(\neg G \vee \neg H)$

$\neg(G \vee H)$ by $(\neg G \wedge \neg H)$

This is called Negation Normal Form (NNF)

2. Substitute in F each occurrence of a sub-formula of the form

$(F \vee (G \wedge H))$ by $((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))$

$((F \wedge G) \vee H)$ by $((F \vee H) \wedge (G \vee H))$

The resulting formula F is in CNF

- the result in CNF might be exponentially bigger than original formula F

From Truth Table to CNF and DNF

$$(\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee$$

$$(A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee$$

$$(A \wedge \neg B \wedge C)$$

$$(A \vee B \vee \neg C) \wedge$$

$$(A \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge$$

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$$(\neg A \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge$$

$$(\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C)$$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

2-CNF Fragment

A formula F is in 2-CNF iff

- F is in CNF
- every clause of F has at most 2 literals

Theorem: There is a polynomial algorithm for deciding whether a 2-CNF formula F is satisfiable

Horn Fragment

A formula F is in Horn fragment iff

- F is in CNF
- in every clause, at most one literal is positive

$$(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg A \vee D) \wedge (\neg A \vee \neg B) \wedge D \wedge \neg E$$

- Note that each clause can be written as an implication
 - e.g. $C \wedge A \Rightarrow D$, $A \wedge B \Rightarrow \text{False}$, $\text{True} \Rightarrow D$

$$(B \rightarrow A) \wedge (A \wedge C \rightarrow D) \wedge (A \wedge B \rightarrow 0) \wedge (1 \rightarrow D) \wedge (E \rightarrow 0)$$

Theorem: There is a polynomial time algorithm for deciding satisfiability of a Horn formula F

Horn Satisfiability

Input: a Horn formula F

Output: UNSAT or SAT + satisfying assignment for F

Step 1: Mark every occurrence of an atomic formula A in F if there is an occurrence of sub-formula of the form A in F

Step 2: pick a formula G in F of the form $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow B$ such that all of A_1, \dots, A_n are already marked

- if $B = 0$, return UNSAT
- otherwise, mark B and go back to Step 2

Step 3: Construct an suitable assignment S such that $S(A_i) = 1$ iff A_i is marked. Return SAT with a satisfying assignment S .

Exercise 21

Apply Horn satisfiability algorithm on a formula

$$(\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg D)$$

$$\neg E$$

$$(\neg C \vee A)$$

$$C$$

$$B$$

$$(\neg G \vee D)$$

$$G$$

3-CNF Fragment

A formula F is in 3-CNF iff

- F is in CNF
- every clause of F has at most 3 literals

Theorem: Deciding whether a 3-CNF formula F is satisfiable is at least as hard as deciding satisfiability of an arbitrary CNF formula G

Proof: by effective *reduction* from CNF to 3-CNF

Let G be an arbitrary CNF formula. Replaced every clause of the form

$$(\ell_0 \vee \cdots \vee \ell_n)$$

with 3-literal clauses

$$(\ell_0 \vee b_0) \wedge (\neg b_0 \vee \ell_1 \vee b_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\neg b_{n-1} \vee \ell_n)$$

where $\{b_i\}$ are fresh atomic propositions not appearing in F

Graph k-Coloring

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, and a natural number $k > 0$ is it possible to assign colors to vertices of G such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.

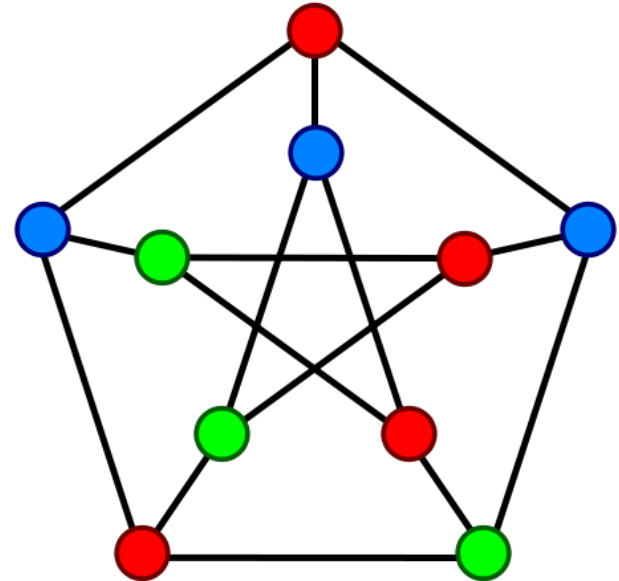
Formally:

- does there exist a function $f : V \rightarrow [0..k)$ such that
- for every edge (u, v) in E , $f(u) \neq f(v)$

Graph coloring for $k > 2$ is NP-complete

Problem: Encode k-coloring of G into CNF

- construct CNF C such that C is SAT iff G is k-colorable



k -coloring as CNF

Let a Boolean variable $f_{v,i}$ denote that vertex v has color i

- if $f_{v,i}$ is true if and only if $f(v) = i$

Every vertex has at least one color

$$\bigvee_{0 \leq i < k} f_{v,i} \quad (v \in V)$$

No vertex is assigned two colors

$$\bigwedge_{0 \leq i < j < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \vee \neg f_{v,j}) \quad (v \in V)$$

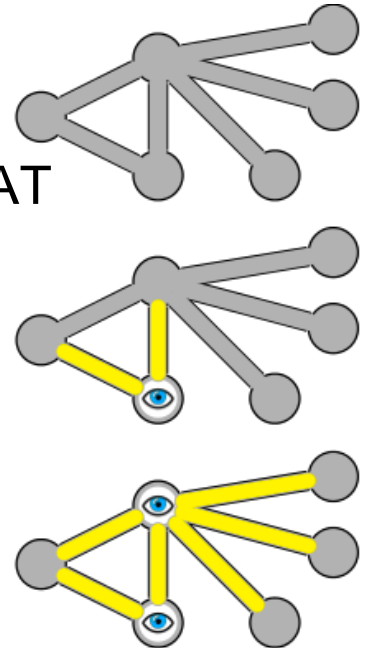
No two adjacent vertices have the same color

$$\bigwedge_{0 \leq i < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \vee \neg f_{u,i}) \quad ((v, u) \in E)$$

Vertex Cover

Given a graph $G=(V,E)$. A vertex cover of G is a subset C of vertices in V such that every edge in E is incident to at least one vertex in C

see a4_encoding.pdf for details of reduction to CNF-SAT



Compactness Theorem

Theorem:

A (possibly infinite) set M of propositional formulas is satisfiable iff every finite subset of M is satisfiable.

Propositional Resolution

Pivot

$$\frac{C \vee p \quad D \vee \neg p}{C \vee D}$$

Resolvent

$$\text{Res}(\{C, p\}, \{D, \neg p\}) = \{C, D\}$$

Given two clauses (C, p) and $(D, \neg p)$ that contain a literal p of different polarity, create a new clause by taking the union of literals in C and D

Resolution Lemma

Lemma:

Let F be a CNF formula. Let R be a resolvent of two clauses X and Y in F . Then, $F \cup \{R\}$ is equivalent to F

Resolution Theorem

Let F be a set of clauses

$$Res(F) = F \cup \{R \mid R \text{ is a resolvent of two clauses in } F\}$$

$$Res^0(F) = F$$

$$Res^{n+1}(F) = Res(Res^n(F)), \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

$$Res^*(F) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} Res^n(F)$$

Theorem: A CNF F is UNAT iff $Res^*(F)$ contains an empty clause

Exercise from LCS

For the following set of clauses determine Res^n for $n=0, 1, 2$

$$A \vee \neg B \vee C$$

$$B \vee C$$

$$\neg A \vee C$$

$$B \vee \neg C$$

$$\neg C$$

Proof of the Resolution Theorem

(*Soundness*) By Resolution Lemma, F is equivalent to $\text{Res}^i(F)$ for any i . Let n be such that $\text{Res}^{n+1}(F)$ contains an empty clause, but $\text{Res}^n(F)$ does not. Then $\text{Res}^n(F)$ must contain two unit clauses L and $\neg L$. Hence, it is UNSAT.

(Completeness) By induction on the number of different atomic propositions in F .

Base case is trivial: F contains an empty clause.

IH: Assume F has atomic propositions A_1, \dots, A_{n+1}

Let F_0 be the result of replacing A_{n+1} by 0

Let F_1 be the result of replacing A_{n+1} by 1

Apply IH to F_0 and F_1 . Restore replaced literals. Combine the two resolutions.

Proof System

$$P_1, \dots, P_n \vdash C$$

An inference rule is a tuple (P_1, \dots, P_n, C)

- where, P_1, \dots, P_n, C are formulas
- P_i are called **premises** and C is called a **conclusion**
- intuitively, the rule says that the conclusion is true if the premises are

A proof system P is a collection of inference rules

A proof in a proof system P is a tree (or a DAG) such that

- nodes are labeled by formulas
- for each node n , $(\text{parents}(n), n)$ is an inference rule in P

Propositional Resolution

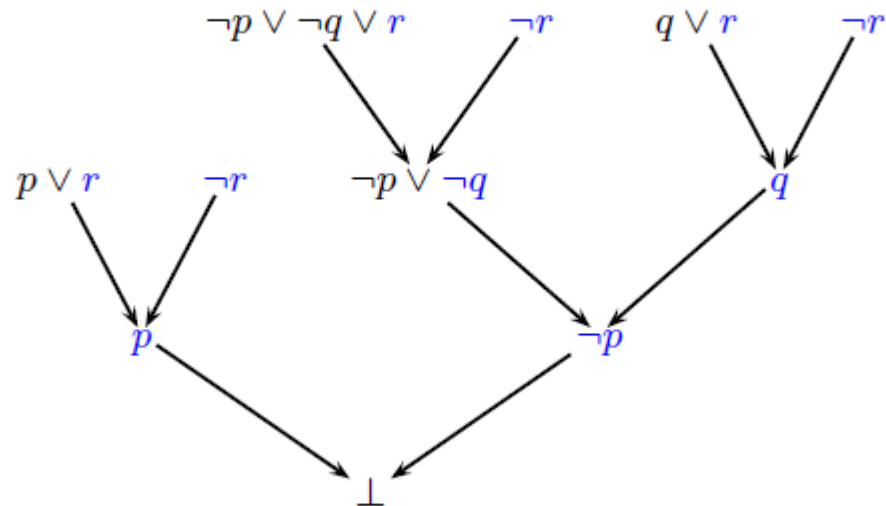
$$\frac{C \vee p \quad D \vee \neg p}{C \vee D}$$

Propositional resolution is a sound inference rule

Proposition resolution system consists of a single propositional resolution rule

Example of a resolution proof

A refutation of $\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r, p \vee r, q \vee r, \neg r$:



Resolution Proof Example

Show by resolution that the following CNF is UNSAT

$$\neg b \wedge (\neg a \vee b \vee \neg c) \wedge a \wedge (\neg a \vee c)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\neg a \vee b \vee \neg c \quad a}{b \vee \neg c} \quad b \quad \frac{a \quad \neg a \vee c}{c} \\ \hline \neg c \quad c \\ \hline \perp \end{array}$$

Entailment and Derivation

A set of formulas F **entails** a set of formulas G iff every model of F is a model of G

$$F \models G$$

A formula G is **derivable** from a formula F by a proof system P if there exists a proof whose leaves are labeled by formulas in F and the root is labeled by G

$$F \vdash_P G$$

Soundness and Completeness

A proof system P is **sound** iff

$$(F \vdash_P G) \implies (F \models G)$$

A proof system P is **complete** iff

$$(F \models G) \implies (F \vdash_P G)$$

Propositional Resolution

Theorem: Propositional resolution is sound and complete for propositional logic

Proof: Follows from Resolution Theorem

Exercise 33

Using resolution show that

$$A \wedge B \wedge C$$

is a consequence of

$$\neg A \vee B$$

$$\neg B \vee C$$

$$A \vee \neg C$$

$$A \vee B \vee C$$

Exercise 34

Show using resolution that F is valid

$$F = (\neg B \wedge \neg C \wedge D) \vee (\neg B \wedge \neg D) \vee (C \wedge D) \vee B$$

$$\neg F = (B \vee C \vee \neg D) \wedge (B \vee D) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg D) \wedge \neg B$$

Boolean Satisfiability (CNF-SAT)

Let V be a set of variables

A *literal* is either a variable v in V or its negation $\sim v$

A *clause* is a disjunction of literals

- e.g., $(v1 \vee \sim v2 \vee v3)$

A Boolean formula in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) is a conjunction of clauses

- e.g., $(v1 \vee \sim v2) \wedge (v3 \vee v2)$

An *assignment* s of Boolean values to variables *satisfies* a clause c if it evaluates at least one literal in c to true

An assignment s *satisfies* a formula C in CNF if it satisfies every clause in C

Boolean Satisfiability Problem (CNF-SAT):

- determine whether a given CNF C is satisfiable

CNF Examples

CNF 1

- $\sim b$
- $\sim a \parallel \sim b \parallel \sim c$
- a
- sat: $s(a) = \text{True}$; $s(b) = \text{False}$; $s(c) = \text{False}$

CNF 2

- $\sim b$
- $\sim a \parallel b \parallel \sim c$
- a
- $\sim a \parallel c$
- unsat

DIMACS CNF File Format

Textual format to represent CNF-SAT problems

c start with comments

c

c

p cnf 5 3

1 -5 4 0

-1 5 3 4 0

-3 -4 0

Format details

- comments start with c
- header line: p cnf nbvar nbclauses
 - nbvar is # of variables, nbclauses is # of clauses
- each clause is a sequence of distinct numbers terminating with 0
 - positive numbers are variables, negative numbers are negations

Algorithms for SAT

SAT is NP-complete

DPLL (Davis-Putnam-Logemman-Loveland, '60)

- smart enumeration of all possible SAT assignments
- worst-case EXPTIME
- alternate between deciding and propagating variable assignments

CDCL (GRASP '96, Chaff '01)

- conflict-driven clause learning
- extends DPLL with
 - smart data structures, backjumping, clause learning, heuristics, restarts...
- scales to millions of variables
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Background Reading: SAT

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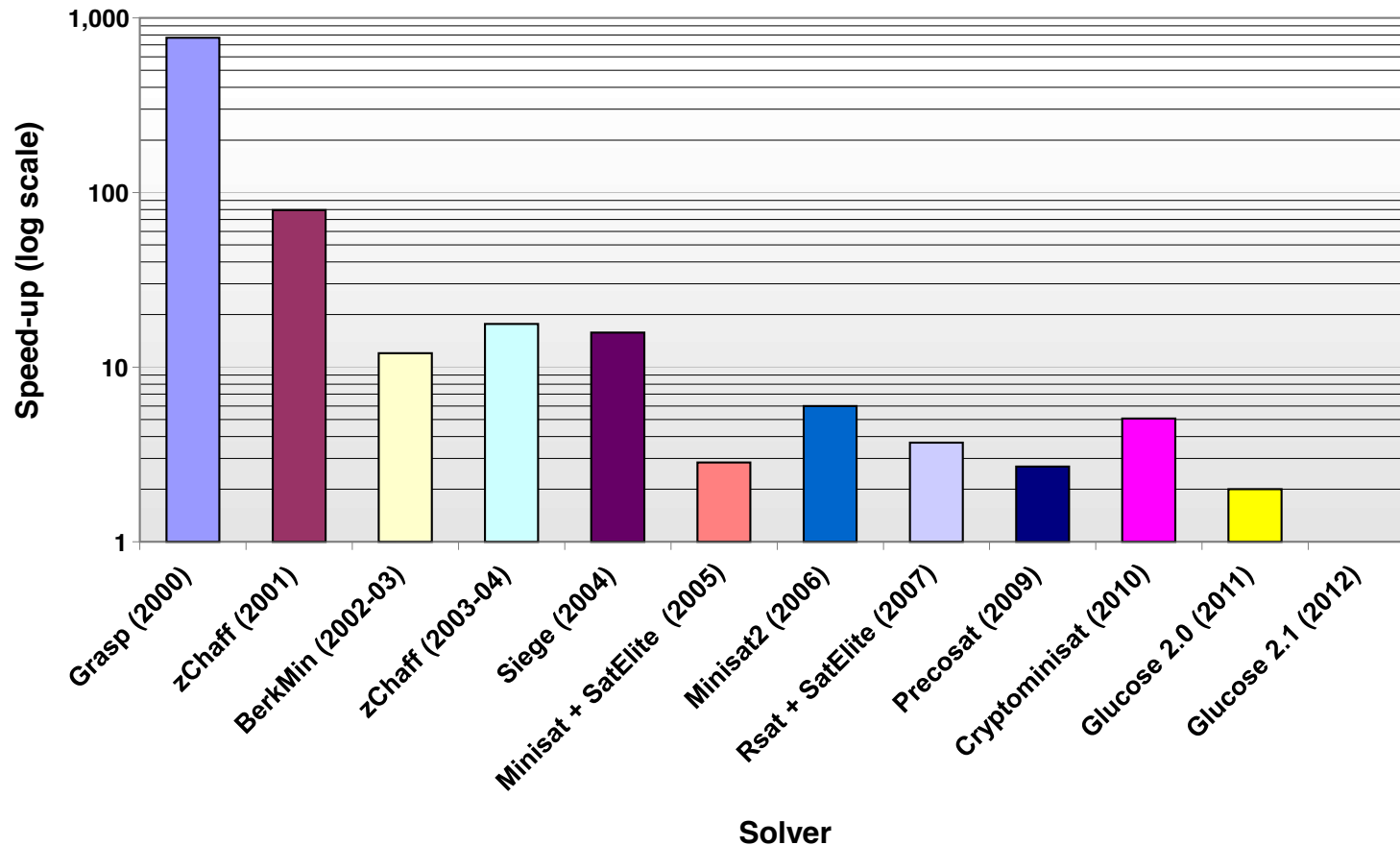
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Some Experience with SAT Solving

Speed-up of 2012 solver over other solvers



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SAT - Milestones

Problems impossible 10 years ago are trivial today

year	Milestone
1960	Davis-Putnam procedure
1962	Davis-Logeman-Loveland
1984	Binary Decision Diagrams
1992	DIMACS SAT challenge
1994	SATO: clause indexing
1997	GRASP: conflict clause learning
1998	Search Restarts
2001	zChaff: 2-watch literal, VSIDS
2005	Preprocessing techniques
2007	Phase caching
2008	Cache optimized indexing
2009	In-processing, clause management
2010	Blocked clause elimination

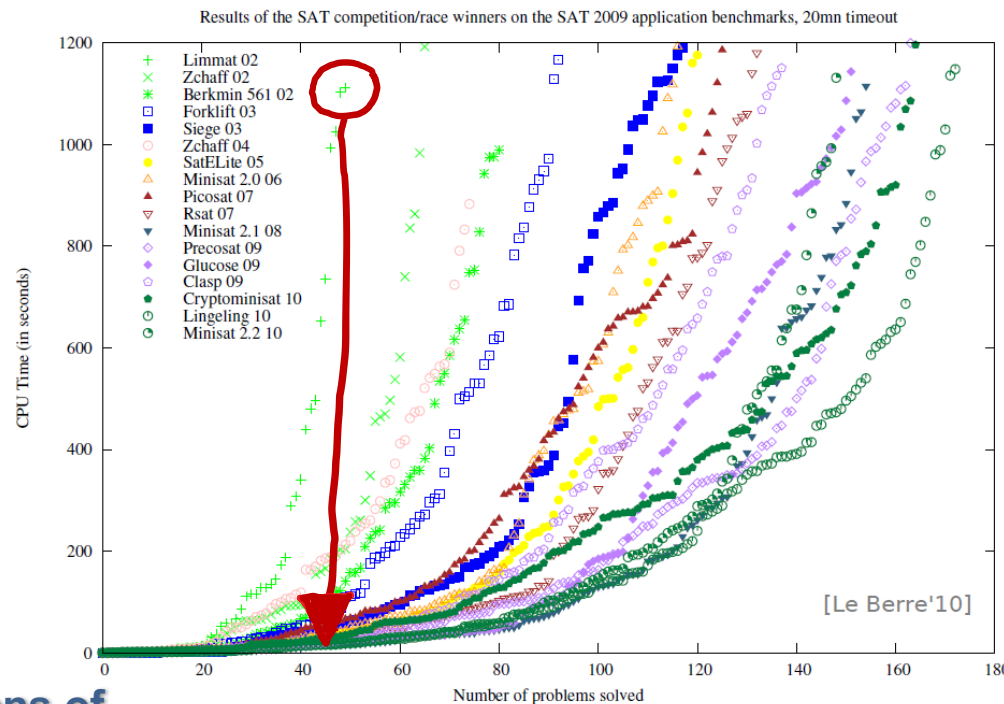
Concept



Millions of
variables from
HW designs

2002

2010



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