Propositional Satisfiability

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Syntax of Propositional Logic

An *atomic formula* has a form A_i , where i = 1, 2, 3 ...

Formulas are defined inductively as follows:

- All atomic formulas are formulas
- For every formula F, ¬F (called not F) is a formula
- For all formulas F and G, F ∧ G (called and) and F ∨ G (called or) are formulas

Abbreviations

- use A, B, C, ... instead of A₁, A₂, ...
- use $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ instead of $\neg F_1 \lor F_2$
- use $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ instead of $(F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \land (F_2 \rightarrow F_1)$

(implication) (iff)



Syntax of Propositional Logic (PL)

```
truth_symbol ::= \top(true) | \perp(false)
      variable ::= p, q, r, \ldots
          atom ::= truth_symbol | variable
         literal ::= atom \neg atom
      formula ::= literal |
                     ¬formula |
                     formula \wedge formula
                     formula \vee formula
                     formula \rightarrow formula |
                     formula \leftrightarrow formula
```



Boolean Satisfiability (CNF-SAT)

Let V be a set of variables

A *literal* is either a variable v in V or its negation ~v

A *clause* is a disjunction of literals

• e.g., (v1 || ~v2 || v3)

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

• e.g., (v1 || ~v2) && (v3 || 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



Are the following CNFs SAT or UNSAT

CNF 1 (3 clauses)

- ¬ b
- ¬ a v ¬b v ¬c
- a
- SAT: s(a) = True; s(b) = False; s(c) = False

CNF 2 (4 clauses)

- ¬b
- ¬a v b v ¬c
- a
- ¬a V c
- UNSAT



Algorithms for SAT

SAT is NP-complete

- solution can be checked in polynomial time
- no polynomial algorithms for finding a solution are known

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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There are many practical situations where we need to satisfy several potentially conflicting constraints. Simple examples of this abound in daily life, for example, determining a schedule for a series of games that resolves the availability of players and venues, or finding a seating assignment at dinner consistent with various rules the host would like to impose. This also applies to applications in computing, for example, ensuring that a hardware/software system functions correctly with its overall behavior constrained by the behavior of its components and their

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Some Experience with SAT Solving

Speed-up of 2012 solver over other solvers



from M. Vardi, https://www.cs.rice.edu/~vardi/papers/highlights15.pdf



SAT - Milestones

Problems impossible 10 years ago are trivial today



ENCODING PROBLEMS TO SAT



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 exists a function $f: V \rightarrow [0..k)$ such that
- for every edge (u, v) in E, f(u) != 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 kcolorable





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

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

No vertex is assigned two colors

$$\bigwedge_{0 \le i < j < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \lor \neg f_{v,j}) \qquad (v \in V)$$

No two adjacent vertices have the same color

$$\bigwedge_{0 \le i < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \lor \neg f_{u,i}) \qquad ((v,u) \in E)$$

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
will be given together with assignment 4



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vertex_cover

USING A SAT SOLVER



DIMACS interface to a SAT Solver

Input:

• a CNF in DIMACS format

Output:

• SAT/UNSAT + satisfying assignment

We will use a SAT solver called MiniSAT

- available at https://github.com/agurfinkel/minisat
- written in C++
- use as a library in Assignment 4
- use via DIMACS interface today in class
- MiniSat examples:
 - https://github.com/eceuwaterloo/ece650-minisat



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
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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



MiniSat

MiniSat is one of the most famous modern SAT-solvers

- written in C++
- designed to be easily understandable and customizable
- many new SAT-solvers use MiniSAT as their base

Web page: <u>http://minisat.se/</u>

We will use a slightly updated version from GitHub: <u>https://github.com/agurfinkel/minisat</u>

Good references for understanding SAT solving details

- MiniSat architecture: <u>http://minisat.se/downloads/MiniSat.pdf</u>
- Donald Knuth's SAT13 (also based on MiniSat)
 - http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth/programs/sat13.w



PROPOSITIONAL RESOLUTION



Satisfiability and Unsatisfiability

Let F be a propositional formula (large)

Assume that F is satisfiable. What is a short proof / certificate to establish satisfiability without a doubt?

• provide a model. The model is linear in the size of the formula

Now, assume that F is unsatisfiable. What is a short proof / certificate to establish UNSATISFIABILITY without a doubt?

Is the following formula SAT or UNSAT? How do you explain your answer?

$$\neg b \land (\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c) \land a \land (\neg a \lor c)$$





Given two clauses (C, p) and (D, ¬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:

Let F be a CNF formula.

Let R be a resolvent of two clauses X and Y in F.

Then, F ∪ { R } is equivalent to F.
i.e., R is implied by F. Adding it to F does not change the meaning of F



Resolution Theorem

Let F be a set of clauses

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

Define Resⁿ recursively as follows:

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

Theorem: A CNF F is UNSAT iff Res*(F) contains an empty clause



Exercise from LCS

For the following set of clauses determine Resⁿ for n=0, 1, 2

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A \lor \neg B \lor CB \lor C\neg A \lor CB \lor \neg C\neg C
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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 to 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 A1, ... 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

$P_1, \ldots, P_n \vdash C$

- An inference rule is a tuple ($P_1, ..., P_n, C$)
 - where, P_1 , ..., P_n , C are formulas
 - P_i are called premises and C is called a conclusion
 - intuitively, the rules 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*, (parents(n), n) is an inference rule in P



Propositional Resolution

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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 $\neg p \lor \neg q \lor r$, $p \lor r$, $q \lor r$, $\neg r$:





Resolution Proof Example

Show by resolution that the following CNF is UNSAT

$$\neg b \land (\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c) \land a \land (\neg a \lor c)$$





Entailment and Derivation

A set of formulas F entails a set of formulas G iff every model of F and 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



Book: Exercise 33

Using resolution show that

$A \wedge B \wedge C$

is a consequence of

 $\neg A \lor B$ $\neg B \lor C$ $A \lor \neg C$ $A \lor B \lor C$



Exercise 34

Show using resolution that F is valid

$$F = (\neg B \land \neg C \land D) \lor (\neg B \land \neg D) \lor (C \land D) \lor B$$

 $\neg F = (B \lor C \lor \neg D) \land (B \lor D) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D) \land \neg B$



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Davis Putnam Logemann Loveland DPLL PROCEDURE



Decision Procedure for Satisfiability

Algorithm that in some finite amount of computation decides if a given propositional logic (PL) formula F is satisfiable

• NP-complete problem

Modern decision procedures for PL formulae are called SAT solvers

Naïve approach

• Enumerate truth table

Modern SAT solvers

- DPLL algorithm
 - Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland
- Operates on Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)



SAT solving by resolution (DP) Formula must be in CNF

Resolution rul	ما م	C∨p	$D \lor \neg p$	
Resolution ru		$C \lor D$		
Example [.]	qvtvp	$q \vee$	$rv \neg p$	

 $q \vee t \vee r$

The result of resolution is the resolvent (clause). Original clauses are kept (not deleted). Duplicate literals are deleted from the resolvent.

Note: No branching.

Termination: Only finite number of possible derived clauses.



Unit & Input Resolution

Unit resolution:
$$\frac{C \vee \ell}{C} - \frac{\neg \ell}{\neg \ell}$$
($C \vee \ell$ is subsumed by C)Input resolution: $\frac{C \vee \ell}{C \vee D}$ $D \vee \neg \ell$ ($C \vee \ell$ member of input F).

(Optional) Exercise:Set of clauses *F:F* has an input refutation iff *F* has a unit refutation.



DPLL

DPLL: David Putnam Logeman Loveland = Unit resolution + split rule.

$$\frac{F}{F,p} \mid F,\neg p \text{ split } p \text{ and } \neg p \text{ are not in } F$$
$$\frac{F, C \lor \ell, \neg \ell}{F, C, \neg \ell} \text{ unit }$$

Ingredient of most efficient SAT solvers



The original DPLL procedure

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



DPLL (as a procedure)

Standard backtrack search

- DPLL(F) :
 - Apply unit propagation
 - If conflict identified, return UNSAT
 - Apply the pure literal rule
 - If F is satisfied (empty), return SAT
 - Select decision variable x
 - ► If DPLL(F ∧ x)=SAT return SAT
 - return DPLL($F \land \neg x$)



The Original DPLL Procedure – Example



$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\ \neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, \boxed{1}$$

$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor -3 \lor 4, -1 \lor -2, \\ -1 \lor -3 \lor -4, 1$$

$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2,$$

 $\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1$



The Original DPLL Procedure – Example



$$\begin{array}{c}
1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\
\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
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\end{array}$$

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\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \\
1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\
\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1
\end{array}$$

$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor -3 \lor 4, -1 \lor -2, \\ -1 \lor -3 \lor -4, 1$$

$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\ \neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1$$



The Original DPLL Procedure – Example



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$$\begin{array}{c}
1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\
\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \\
1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \\
\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1
\end{array}$$

$$1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2,$$

 $\neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1$



Pure Literals

A literal is pure if only occurs positively or negatively.

Example : $\varphi = (\neg x_1 \lor x_2) \land (x_3 \lor \neg x_2) \land (x_4 \lor \neg x_5) \land (x_5 \lor \neg x_4)$ $\neg x_1$ and x_3 are pure literals Pure literal rule : Clauses containing pure literals can be removed from the formula (i.e. just satisfy those pure literals)

$$\varphi_{\neg x_1,x_3} = (x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_4)$$

Preserve satisfiability, not logical equivalency !



An Abstract Framework for DPLL

State

- fail or M || F
- where
 - F is a CNF formula, a set of clauses, and
 - M is a sequence of annotated literals denoting a partial truth assignment

Initial State

• Ø || F, where F is to be checked for satisfiability

Expected final states:

- fail if F is unsatisfiable
- M || G where
 - M is a model of G
 - G is logically equivalent to F



Transition Rules for the Original DPLL

Extending the assignment:

UnitProp M || F, C
$$\lor$$
 I \rightarrow M I || F, C \lor I \checkmark I is undefined in M

Decide
$$M \parallel F, C \rightarrow M \parallel^d \parallel F, C$$

I or $\neg l$ occur in C
I is undefined in M

Notation: I^d is a decision literal



Transition Rules for the Original DPLL

Repairing the assignment:

FailM || F, C
$$\rightarrow$$
 failM $\models \neg C$ M does not contain
decision literalsBacktrackM I^d N || F, C \rightarrow M \neg I || F, CM I^d N $\models \neg C$ I is the last decision
literal

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Transition Rules DPLL – Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varnothing & \| & 1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \neg 1 \\ & \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
UnitProp
1 & \| & 1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor 1 \\ & \neg 4, 1 \end{bmatrix} UnitProp
1, 2 & \| & 1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \neg 1 \lor 1 \\ & \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \end{bmatrix} Decide 3
1, 2, 3^d & \| & 1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \neg 1 \lor 1 \\ & \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \end{bmatrix} UnitProp
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1, 2, 3^d, 4 & \| & 1 \lor 2, 2 \lor \neg 3 \lor 4, \neg 1 \lor \neg 2, \neg 1 \lor 1 \\ & 2, \neg 1 \lor \neg 3 \lor \neg 4, 1 \end{bmatrix} Backtrack
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Transition Rules DPLL – Example



Transition Rules for the Original DPLL



The Basic DPLL System – Correctness

Some terminology

- Irreducible state: state to which no transition rule applies.
- Execution: sequence of transitions allowed by the rules and starting with states of the form Ø || F.
- Exhausted execution: execution ending in an irreducible state

Proposition (Strong Termination) Every execution in Basic DPLL is finite

Proposition (Soundness) For every exhausted execution starting with $\emptyset \parallel F$ and ending in M $\parallel F$, M $\models F$

Proposition (Completeness) If F is unsatisfiable, every exhausted execution starting with $\emptyset \parallel F$ ends with fail



Modern DPLL: CDCL

Conflict Driven Clause Learning

Two watched literals Periodically restarting backtrack search Clausal learning

More details at

http://gauss.ececs.uc.edu/SAT/articles/FAIA185-0131.pdf



Conflict Directed Clause Learning

Lemma learning





Modern CDCL

Initialize	$\epsilon \mid F$	F is a set of clauses
Decide	$M \mid F \implies M, \ell \mid F$	l is unassigned
Propagate	$M \mid F, C \lor \ell \implies M, \ell^{C \lor \ell} \mid F, C \lor \ell$	C is false under M
Sat	$M \mid F \implies M$	F true under M
Conflict	$M \mid F, C \implies M \mid F, C \mid C$	C is false under M
Learn	$M \mid F \mid C \Longrightarrow M \mid F, C \mid C$	
Unsat	$M \mid F \mid \emptyset \implies Unsat$	Resol
Backjump	$MM' \mid F \mid C \lor \ell \Longrightarrow M\ell^{C \lor \ell} \mid F$	$\bar{C} \subseteq M, \neg \ell \in M'$
Resolve	$M \mid F \mid C' \lor \neg \ell \Longrightarrow M \mid F \mid C' \lor C$	$\ell^{C \vee \ell} \in M$
Forget	$M \mid F, C \Longrightarrow M \mid F$	C is a learned clause
	$M \mid F \implies \epsilon \mid F$ [Nieuwenh	uis, Oliveras, Tinelli J.ACM 06] customized

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CONVERTING TO CNF



Conjuctive Normal Form



Every propositional formula can be put in CNF

PROBLEM: (potential) exponential blowup of the resulting formula



Tseitin Transformation – Main Idea

Introduce a fresh variable e_i for every subformula G_i of F

• intuitively, e_i represents the truth value of G_i

Assert that every e_i and G_i pair are equivalent

- $\bullet \; e_i \leftrightarrow G_i$
- and express the assertion as CNF

Conjoin all such assertions in the end



Tseitin Transformation: Example

 $G: p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$



$$G: e_0 \land (e_0 \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow e_1)) \land (e_1 \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$$

$$e_{1} \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

$$= (e_{1} \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \wedge ((q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow e_{1})$$

$$= (\neg e_{1} \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge ((\neg q \vee r) \rightarrow e_{1})$$

$$= (\neg e_{1} \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \rightarrow e_{1}) \wedge (r \rightarrow e_{1})$$

$$= (\neg e_{1} \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (q \vee e_{1}) \wedge (\neg r \vee e_{1})$$



Tseitin Transformation: Example

 $G: p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$



$$G: \mathbf{e}_0 \land (\mathbf{e}_0 \leftrightarrow (\mathbf{p} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{e}_1)) \land (\mathbf{e}_1 \leftrightarrow (\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{r}))$$

$$e_{0} \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow e_{1})$$

$$= (e_{0} \rightarrow (p \leftrightarrow e_{1})) \wedge ((p \leftrightarrow e_{1})) \rightarrow e_{0})$$

$$= (e_{0} \rightarrow (p \rightarrow e_{1})) \wedge (e_{0} \rightarrow (e_{1} \rightarrow p)) \wedge (((p \wedge e_{1}) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg e_{1})) \rightarrow e_{0}))$$

$$= (\neg e_{0} \vee \neg p \vee e_{1}) \wedge (\neg e_{0} \vee \neg e_{1} \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg e_{1} \vee e_{0}) \wedge (p \vee e_{1} \vee e_{0})$$



Tseitin Transformation: Example

 $G: p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$



$$G: e_0 \land (e_0 \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow e_1)) \land (e_1 \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$$

$$\begin{array}{l} G: e_0 \land (\neg e_0 \lor \neg p \lor e_1) \land (\neg e_0 \lor p \lor \neg e_1) \land (e_0 \lor p \lor \neg e_1) \land (e_0 \lor \neg p \lor \neg e_1) \land \\ (\neg e_1 \lor \neg q \lor r) \land (e_1 \lor q) \land (e_1 \lor \neg r) \end{array}$$



Formula to CNF Conversion

```
def cnf (\phi):
   p, F = cnf_rec (\phi)
   return p ∧ F
def cnf_rec (φ):
   if is_atomic (\phi): return (\phi, True)
   elif \phi == \psi \wedge \xi:
      q, F_1 = cnf rec (\psi)
      r, F_2 = cnf rec (\xi)
      p = mk fresh var ()
      # C is CNF for p \leftrightarrow (q \wedge r)
      C = (\neg p \lor q) \land (\neg p \lor r) \land (p \lor \neg q \lor \neg r)
      return (p, F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge C)
   elif \phi == \psi \lor \xi:
      •••
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mk_fresh_var() returns a fresh
variable not used anywhere before

Exercise: Complete cases for $\phi == \psi \lor \xi$, $\phi == -\psi$, $\phi == \psi \leftrightarrow \xi$



Tseitin Transformation [1968]

Used in practice

- No exponential blow-up
- CNF formula size is linear with respect to the original formula

Does not produce an equivalent CNF

However, given F, the following holds for the computed CNF F':

- F' is equisatisfiable to F
- Every model of F' can be translated (i.e., projected) to a model of F
- Every model of F can be translated (i.e., completed) to a model of F'

No model is lost or added in the conversion

