

HOW-TO: Tasks in Eager SMT solving (a short selection)

In the following the story of a equality logic formula, that wanted to become a propositional logic formula so bad, is told. Featuring E-Graphs.

— @Piccola Radge

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

Chapter 1: Simplifying equality logic formula with E-Graphs

Chapter 2: Constructing satisfiability-equivalent propositional formula for equality logic formula using E-Graphs

Appendix

Chapter 1: Simplifying equality logic formula with E-Graphs

Given a formula φ^{EQ} in Equality Logic, simplify the formula φ^{EQ} using the method presented in the lecture, based on **polar** E-graphs (equality graphs).

HOW-TO:

1. Draw the polar E-graph $G^E(\varphi^{EQ})$ of φ^{EQ} .

(Polar (or “with polarity”) meaning there are two types of edges in the E-Graph distinguishing between equality and disequality: Notation for equality edge = straight line; notation for disequality edge = line with small vertical dashes through it or simply a dashed line.)

2. Simplify the formula by simplifying its E-graph as follows:

- If an equality edge is **not part of a contradictory cycle***, remove that edge from the E-Graph. Removing that edge now corresponds to setting the corresponding **equation** in the formula φ^{EQ} to *true*.

(*Those edges are mostly the ones “sticking out” of the E-Graph.)

- If an disequality edge (notation = line with vertical dashes) is **not part of a contradictory cycle**, remove that edge from the E-Graph. Removing that edge now corresponds to setting the corresponding **equation** in the formula φ^{EQ} to *false*.

(Here you need to really take care of the fact that you do not set the “whole” disequation corresponding to an disequality edge to *false*, since it’s only a “negation of an equation”. Meaning you do not set $a \neq b$ to *false* but $a = b$ “in” $\neg(a = b)$. So essentially you’d get $a = b \equiv false \Rightarrow \neg(a = b) \equiv \neg false$)

Chapter 2: Constructing satisfiability-equivalent propositional formula for equality logic formula using E-Graphs

1. Given a formula φ^{EQ} in Equality Logic and its **polar** E-Graph, construct the satisfiability-equivalent propositional logic formula for φ^{EQ} using the polar E-Graph.

HOW-TO:

For this task we need to use the **Sparse method** based on polar E-Graphs (**Algorithm 1** in lecture 08), which works in the following way:

1. Construct φ_{sk} , the *propositional skeleton* of φ^{EQ} :

Replace all equalities in the formula by Boolean variables.

(E.g. for $a = b$ write “ e_1 ” or “ ab ” or something like that; However **DO NOT FORGET**, that for the negation of $a = b$, i.e. $a \neq b$ or better $\neg(a = b)$ you need to write “ $\neg e_1$ ” or “ $\neg ab$ ”)

2. For each simple contradictory cycle in the equality graph add a transitivity constraint:

$$\varphi_{trans}^{pol} = \bigwedge_{\text{simple contradictory cycle with edges } e_1, \dots, e_n, \neg e} \left(\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \neg e_i \right) \vee e \right)$$

3. Conjoin φ_{sk} and φ_{trans}^{pol} , which then build the satisfiability-equivalent formula (lets call it φ_{prop}):

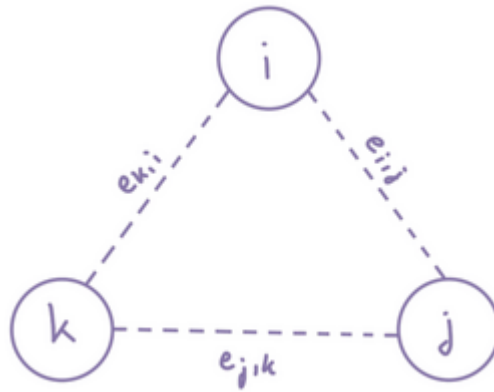
$$\varphi_{prop} = \varphi_{sk} \wedge \varphi_{trans}^{pol}$$

2. Given a formula φ^{EQ} in Equality Logic and its **non-polar** E-Graph, construct the satisfiability-equivalent propositional logic formula for φ^{EQ} using the polar E-Graph.

HOW-TO:

For this task we need to use the Algorithm based on non-polar E-graphs (Algorithm 2 in lecture 08), which works in the following way:

1. Construct φ_{sk} , the *propositional skeleton* of φ^{EQ} , by replacing each equality $t_i = t_j$ in φ^{EQ} by a fresh Boolean variable $e_{i,j}$.
2. (If not given in the task, first construct the non-polar E-Graph $G^E(\varphi^{EQ})$ for φ^{EQ})
3. Make $G^E(\varphi^{EQ})$ *chordal*.
4. Set $\varphi_{trans} = \text{true}$.
5. **For each triangle** “ $(e_{i,j}, e_{j,k}, e_{k,i})$ ”



in $G^E(\varphi^{EQ})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{trans} &:= \varphi_{trans} \quad \wedge (e_{i,j} \wedge e_{j,k}) \rightarrow e_{k,i} \\ &\quad \wedge (e_{i,j} \wedge e_{i,k}) \rightarrow e_{j,k} \\ &\quad \wedge (e_{i,k} \wedge e_{j,k}) \rightarrow e_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

6. Conjoin φ_{sk} and φ_{trans} , which then build the satisfiability-equivalent formula (lets call it again φ_{prop}):

$$\varphi_{prop} = \varphi_{sk} \wedge \varphi_{trans}$$

End of story.

Appendix

- Simplifying Equality Logic Formula with E-Graph



Definition (Contradictory cycle)

Let E_{\neq} be the set of disequality edges in an E-Graph $G^E(\varphi^{EQ})$ of some equality logic formula φ^{EQ} . A cycle with exactly one disequality edge from E_{\neq} is a *contradictory cycle*.



Theorem

Let S be the set of edges that are **not part of any simple contradictory cycle**.

Replacing

- all equations in φ^{EQ} that correspond to disequality edges in S with *false*,

and

- all equations in φ^{EQ} that correspond to equality edges in S with *true*,
preserves satisfiability.

- **Constructing satisfiability-equivalent propositional formula for Equality Logic formula using E-Graphs**

**Definition (Chordal graph)**

A graph is chordal iff every simple cycle over at least 4 different nodes has a chord.

I hereby indicate that all information in this document is without guarantee and I cannot be held liable for errors or incompleteness. For your convenience I refer to Lecture 08 *Eager SMT solving: Equality logic and uninterpreted functions*.