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SAT CONSTRAINTS EMBEDDINGS

CARDINALITY CONSTRAINTS

- In most of the exercises we solved we found a cardinality constraint.
- Cardinality constraints are the ones in the form:

$$p_1 + \ldots + p_n \leq k$$

CARDINALITY CONSTRAINTS

- In sat these constraints are represented by:
 - at_least_one, at_most_one and exactly_one;
 - at_least_k, at_most_k and exactly_k.
- The encodings we presented can be very inefficient with big instances, so we need to find better ones.

AT MOST ONE-PAIRWISE ENCODING

▶ The pairwise(or naive) encoding of the at_most_one constraint is:

$$\bigwedge_{1 \le i < |V|} \bigwedge_{i+1 \le j \le |V|} \neg (V_i \land V_j)$$

This encoding doesn't require the addition of any new variables, but it encodes $O(n^2)$ clauses, with n=|V|.

AT MOST ONE-SEQUENTIAL ENCODING

The sequential encoding of the $at_most_one(V)$ constraint consist of using n-1 variables s_i to keep track of which V_i is true, it is encoded as follows:

$$(\neg V_1 \lor s_1) \land (\neg V_n \lor \neg s_{n-1}) \land \bigwedge_{1 < i < n} ((\neg V_i \lor s_i) \land (\neg s_{i-1} \lor s_i) \land (\neg V_i \lor \neg s_{i-1}))$$

This encoding produces 3n - 4(O(n)) clauses, with n = |V|.

AT MOST ONE-BITWISE ENCODING

The bitwise encoding of the $at_most_one(V)$ constraint consists of using $log_2(n)$ new variables $r_1, \ldots, r_{log_2(n)}$ to represent the binary encoding of the index of the variable which is true, so it is encoded like:

$$\bigwedge_{1 < i < n} \bigwedge_{1 < i < n} \neg V_i \lor r_{i,j}$$

▶ This encoding produces $nlog_2(n)$ clauses, with n = |V|.

AT MOST ONE-HEULE ENCODING

The Heule encoding is another linear version of the $at_most_one(V)$ constraint applicable for n > 4, which consists of splitting the pairwise encoding in two parts, adding an auxiliary variable y:

$$at_most_one(V_1, ..., V_3, y) \land at_most_one(\neg y, V_4, ..., V_n)$$

This encoding require the addition of 1 new variable, but it encodes O(n) clauses, with n = |V|.

AT MOST K-PAIRWISE ENCODING

▶ The pairwise(or naive) encoding of the *at_most_k* constraint is:

$$at_most_k(V, k) \equiv \bigwedge_{X \subseteq V} \bigvee_{v \in X} \neg v$$

- This encoding doesn't require the addition of any new variables, but it encodes $\binom{n}{k+1}$ clauses of length k+1, with n=|V|.
- In the worst case, it can amount to a $O(2^n/\sqrt{n/2})$

AT MOST K-SEQUENTIAL ENCODING

▶ The sequential encoding of the $at_most_k(V, k)$ constraint consist of using (n-1)*k variables s_i to keep track of which V_i is true, it is encoded as follows:

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 \begin{array}{ll} (\neg x_1 \vee s_{1,1}) \\ (\neg s_{1,j}) & \text{for } 1 < j \leq k \\ (\neg x_i \vee s_{i,1}) \\ (\neg s_{i-1,1} \vee s_{i,1}) \\ (\neg x_i \vee \neg s_{i-1,j-1} \vee s_{i,j}) \\ (\neg s_{i-1,j} \vee s_{i,j}) \\ (\neg x_i \vee \neg s_{i-1,k}) \\ (\neg x_n \vee \neg s_{n-1,k}) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for } 1 < j \leq k \quad \left. \right\}
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▶ This encoding needs 2nk + n - 3k - 1 clauses, with n = |V|.