

Satisfiability : DPLL heuristic and 2-SAT

- *DPLL heuristic*
- *2-SAT*
- *Dynamic programming*



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Objectives for this week

What else should a computer scientist know about algorithms?

- For many, this may be the last course on algorithms and complexity

Next lecture: The limits of computing

- There are things that computers will not be able to do
- The most important are the „NP-complete“ problems

This lecture: Heuristics

- When we don't have algorithms with nice time complexity
- The „science of brute force“
- Recent progress, extremely successful

Common intersection: The Satisfiability Problem (SAT)

- Hugely practical „meta-problem“
- Fundamental theoretical importance

Introduce the Satisfiability Problem (SAT)

- Applications in AI, planning, circuit design, verifiable programs
- Boolean formulas in CNF (conjunctive normal form)

Heuristic search algorithms

- Methods with poor worst case behavior, that often work well.
- Generation of all bitstrings
- Backtracking: Examining no more than necessary

Satisfiability solutions method

- Backtracking
- Unit clause propagation and DPLL

Satisfiability and NP-completeness

▸ *Backtracking*

▸ *DPLL*



Davis-Putnam-Logeman-Loveland (DPLL) procedure

Transformations that preserve satisfiability

- Change formula φ to a *simpler* formula φ'
- φ is satisfiable iff φ' is satisfiable

Simplifying transformations:

1. Unit clause propagation
2. Pure literal elimination

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Unit clause propagation

- Suppose there is a clause consisting of a single literal
- Example: $(x_1) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2)$
- We can replace that literal by the necessary truth value

Power of the method: Recursive application

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- Example:
$$(x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_5) \\ \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_5)$$

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Pure-literal elimination

- Suppose a variable appears only negated (or only unnegated).
- It is then safe to assign it *False* (*True*)
- Example:

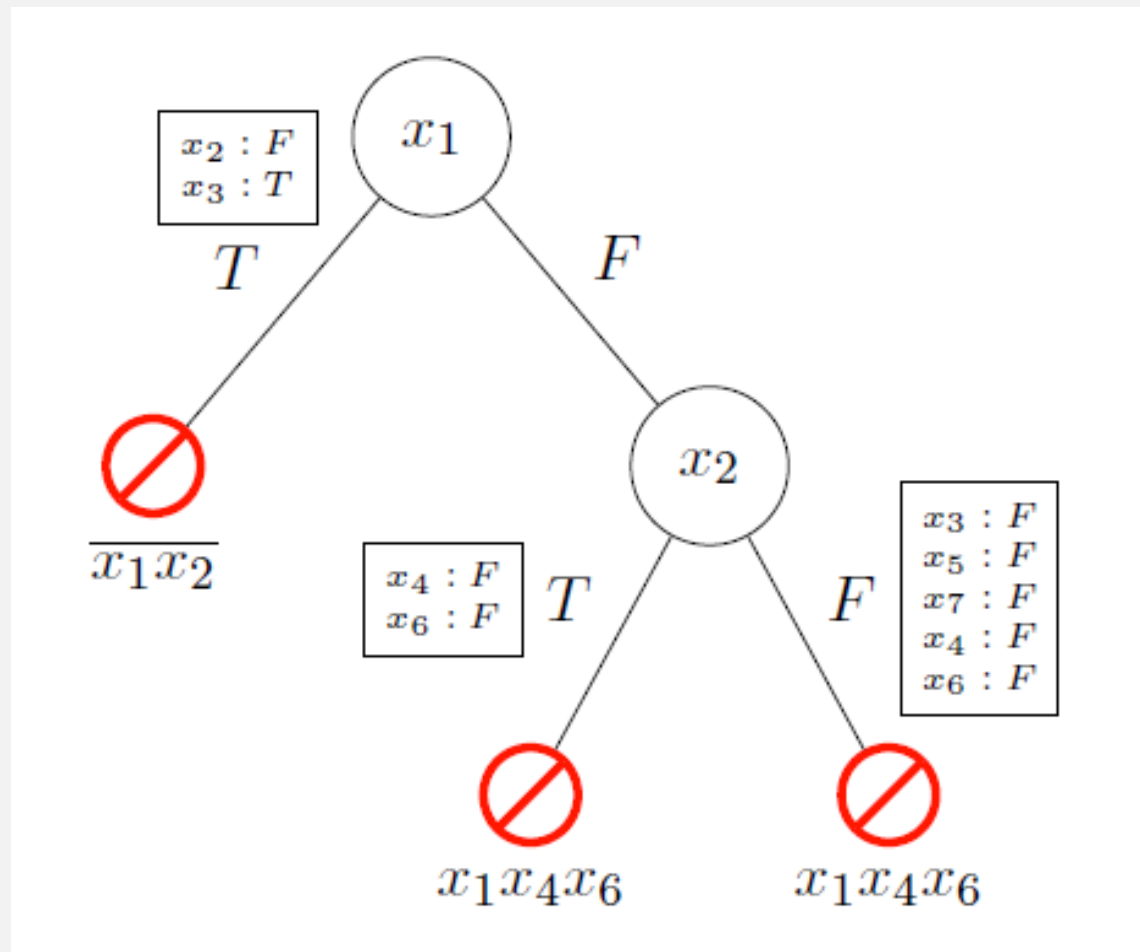
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Example

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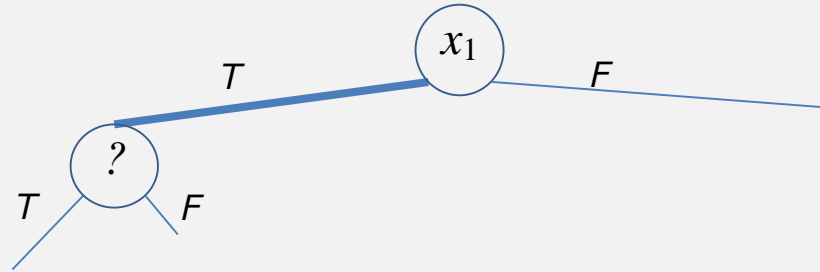
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Applying unit-clause propagation

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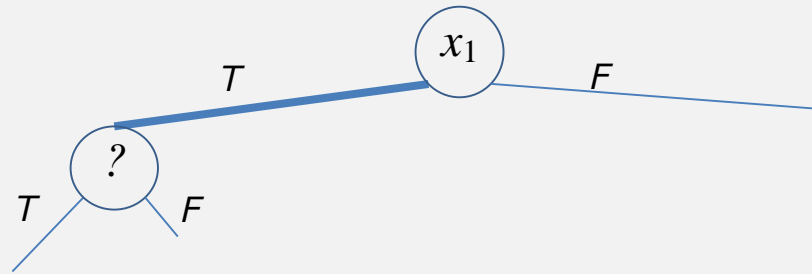


In this example, we consider the variables in the natural order, starting with x_1 .
We start with exploring the case with x_1 true.

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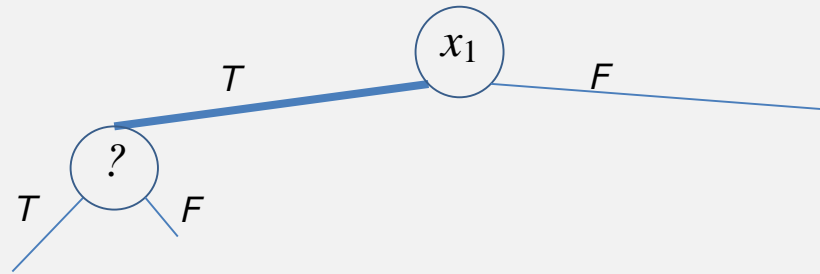
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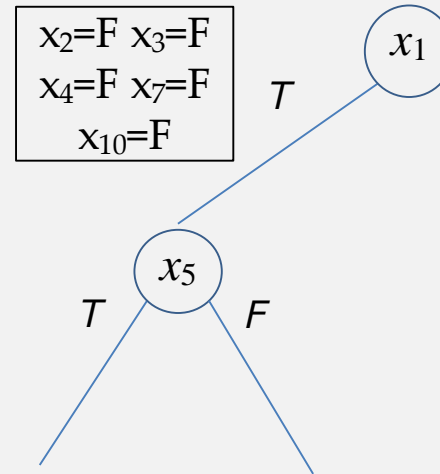
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Similarly x_3, x_4, x_7, x_{10} must also be false.

We label the edge from x_1 to the left with the variables that become assigned because of unit clause propagation.

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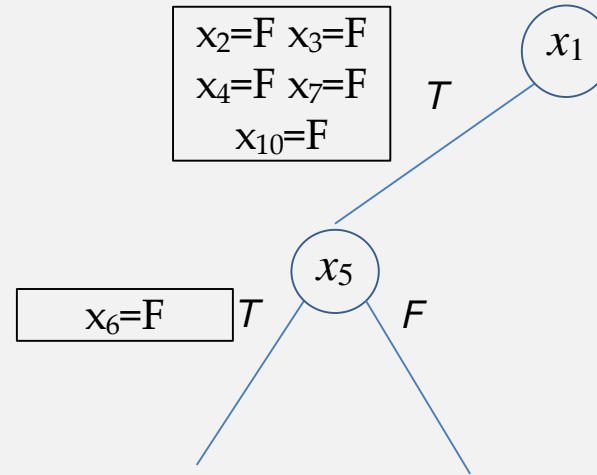
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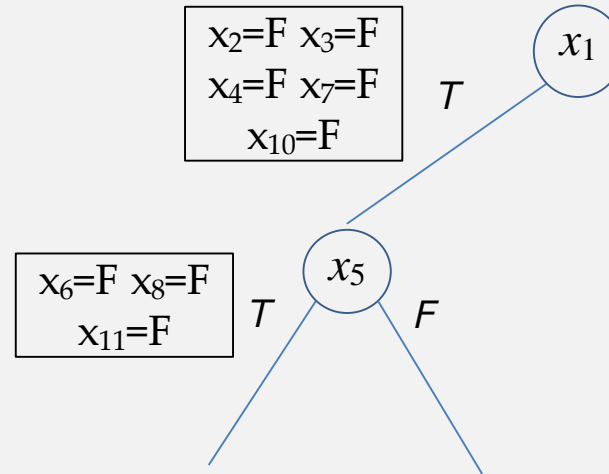


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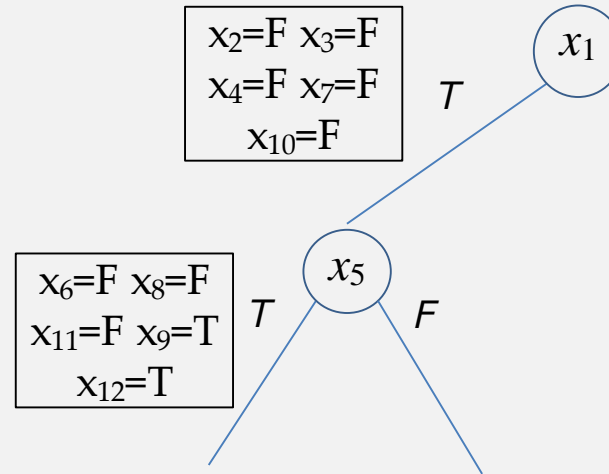
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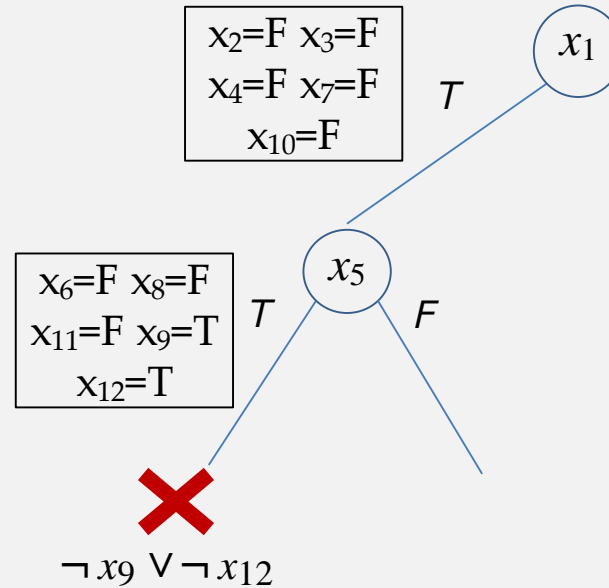
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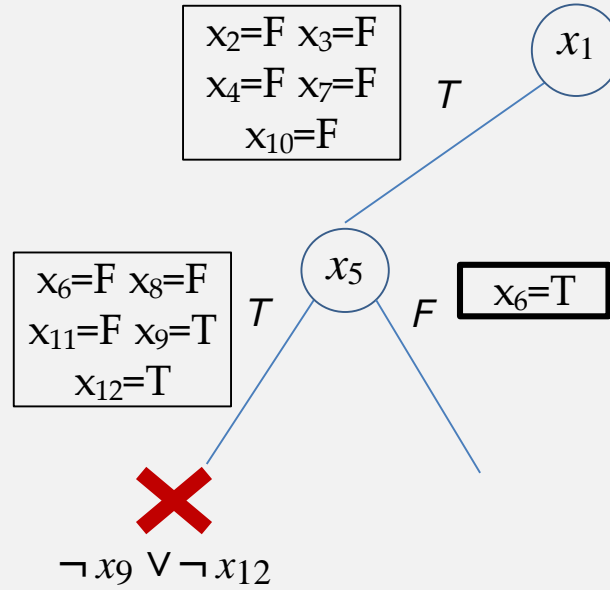
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 That causes conflict in the clause $\neg x_9 \vee \neg x_{12}$.
 Hence, this branch is a dead-end, and shown as red X.

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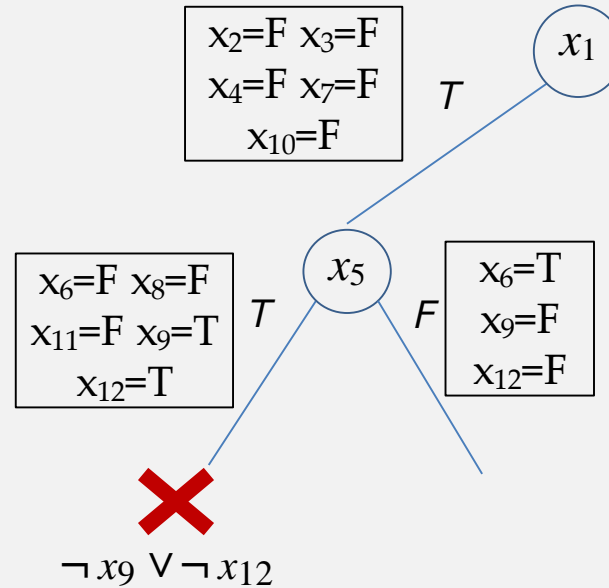
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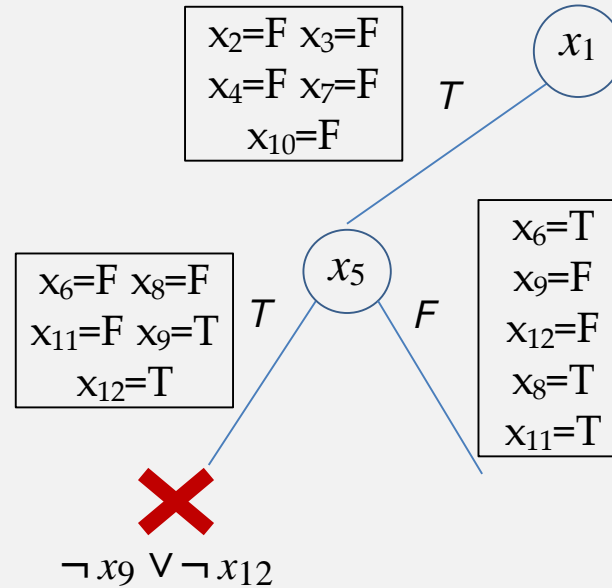


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Unit-clauses formed mean that that x_9 , x_{12} must be F.

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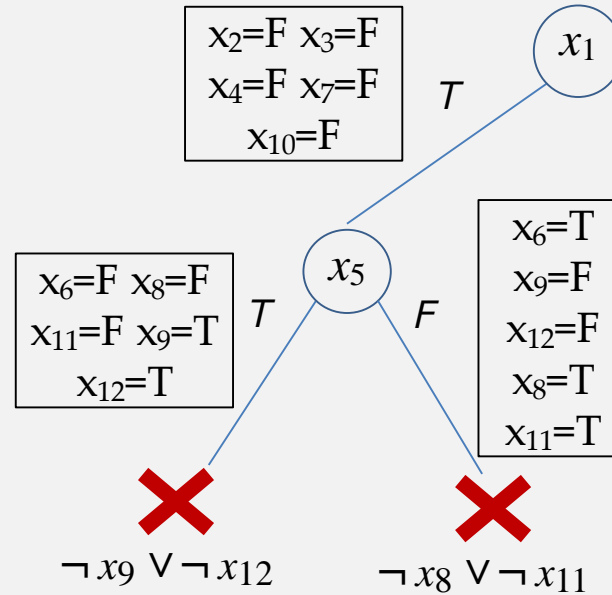


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 Unit-clauses formed mean that that x_9, x_{12} must be F.
 Further unit-clause propagation give that x_8, x_{11} must be T.

DPLL

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 That causes conflict in the clause $\neg x_8 \vee \neg x_{11}$.
 Hence, this branch is a dead-end, and shown as red X.

Satisfiability and NP-completeness

- *Backtracking*
- *DPLL*
- *Implementation*



API: Solvers

public class **Solvers**

public Solvers()

New instance

boolean naiveSatisfiability()

Naive solver, returning satisfiability

boolean bbSatisfiability()

Backtracking solver, returning satisfiability

boolean dpSatisfiability()

DPLL solver, returning satisfiability

Asgmt satAsgmt()

Return the satisfying assignment

int nStates()

Return the number of solver states

Asgmt unitLits(Formula F,
Asgmt asg)

Perform unit clause propagation

Int nextVariable(Formula F,
Asgmt asg)

Find the next variable to branch on

String toString()

string representation

API: Boolean formula

public class	Fmla	
	public Fmla(In in)	<i>Read formula from file</i>
Iterable<Clause>	clauses()	<i>Return all the clauses</i>
int	nClauses();	<i>Return number of clauses</i>
void	addClause(Clause)	<i>Adding clauses</i>
boolean	isSatisfied(Assignment a)	<i>Does the partial assignment satisfy the formula?</i>
boolean	isValuated(Assignment a)	<i>Does the partial assignment result in a valued formula?</i>
String	toString()	<i>string representation</i>

Library method:

```
public static Formula RandomCNF(int n, int m, int k)
```

Generate random k -CNF formula with n variables and m clauses

Formula class implementation

```
public class Formula
{
    private final int n;           // # of variables
    private Bag<Clauses> clauses;
}
```

Formula I/O

```
public Formula(In in) {
    int n = in.readInt(), m = in.readInt();
    this.n = n; this.m = m;
    clauses = new Bag<Clauses>();
    in.readLine();
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        String[] tokens = in.readLine().split(",");
        Clause newClause = new Clause();
        for (String lit : tokens) {
            int var = Math.abs(Integer.parseInt(lit));
            boolean sign = (lit.charAt(0) != '-');
            newClause.addLiteral(var, sign);
        }
        clauses.add(newClause);
    }
}
```

f1.txt

2
1
0,-1

$$x_0 \vee \neg x_1$$

f2.txt

2
4
0,-1
0,1
-0,1
-0,-1

$$(x_0 \vee \neg x_1) \wedge (x_0 \vee x_1) \\ \wedge (\neg x_0 \vee x_1) \wedge (\neg x_0 \vee \neg x_1)$$

API: Assignment

public class	Assignment	
	public Assignment()	<i>Constructor</i>
Iterable<Integer>	vars()	<i>Return all the variables</i>
int	size()	<i>Return no. of literals</i>
boolean	isSet(int var)	<i>Is the variable assigned?</i>
boolean	getValue(int var)	<i>Return the value of the variable</i>
void	setValue(int var)	<i>Set the value of the variable</i>
void	unset(int var)	<i>Remove the value for variable</i>
void	joinAsgmts(Assignment asg2)	<i>Combine the two assignments</i>
void	removeAsgmts(Assignment a)	<i>Symmetric difference of asgmts</i>
String	toString()	<i>string representation</i>

Satisfiability: Backtracking with unit propagation

```
public boolean dpSatisfiability(Formula F, Asgmt asg) {
    nStates++;
    Asgmt unitVars = F.unitLits(asg);
    if (F.isValuated(asg)) {
        boolean result = F.isSatisfied(asg);
        if (!result) asg.unset(unitVars);
        return result;
    }
    int v = chooseVariable(asg);
    asg.add(v, true);
    if (dpSatisfiability(asg)) return true;
    asg.add(v, false);
    if (dpSatisfiability(asg)) return true;
    asg.removeAsgt(asg, unitVars);
    asg.remove(v);
    return false;
}
```

Satisfiability and NP-completeness

- *Backtracking*
- *DPLL*
- *Further improvements*



Further improvements

Variable selection rule

- Can add heuristics to select the next variable to branch on
 - Random; Most frequent in unsatisfied clauses

Conflict-driven learning

- Learn (and remember) new clauses that can be added
- Means failures are discovered earlier

Solvable special cases

- 2-SAT : SAT where each clause has (at most) 2 literals
- Solvable in linear time

Other modern improvements

- Efficient implementation of the unit-clause rule
- Formula preprocessing

Boolean Schur Triples Problem

Mathematical problem (related to Ramsey theory):

- Does there exist a red/blue coloring of the numbers 1 to n , such that there is no monochromatic solution of $a + b = c$ with $a < b < c \leq n$.

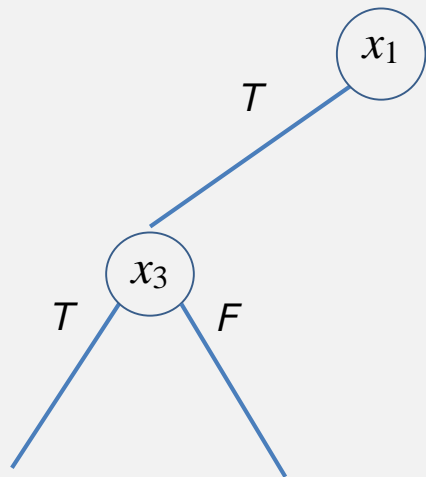
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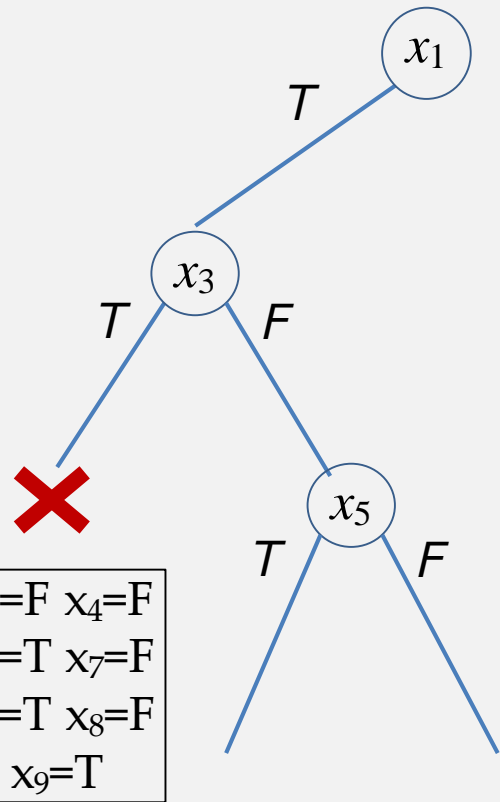
- Heule, Kullman, "The science of brute force", Communications of the ACM, Aug 2017.

Boolean Schur Triples Problem



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Satisfiability and NP-completeness

- *Backtracking*
- *DPLL*
- *Further improvements*
- *2-Satisfiability*



2-Satisfiability

2-Satisfiability problem Satisfiability when all clauses have at most 2 literals.

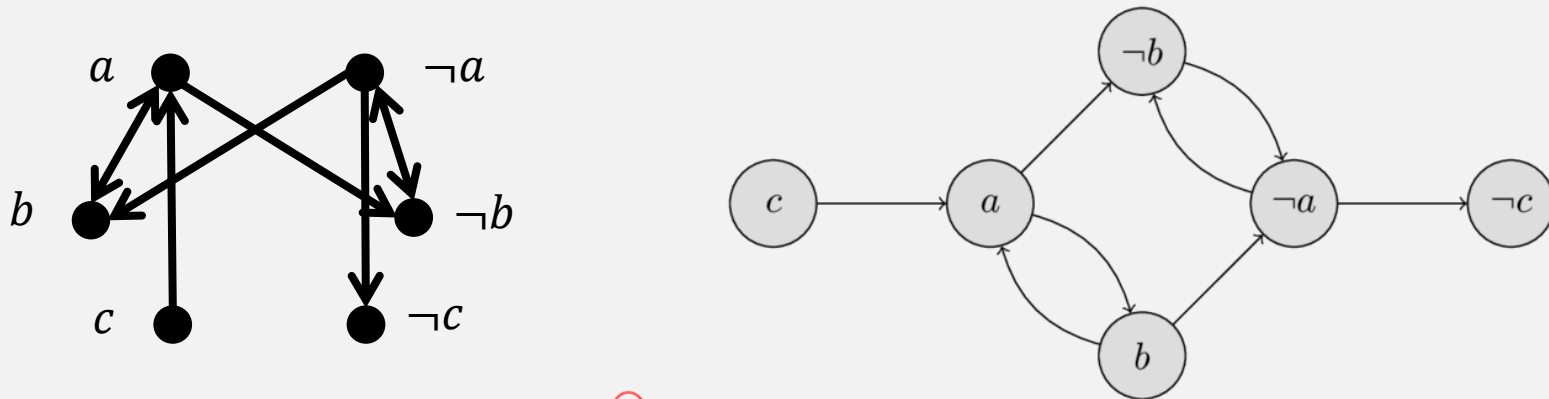
Example

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

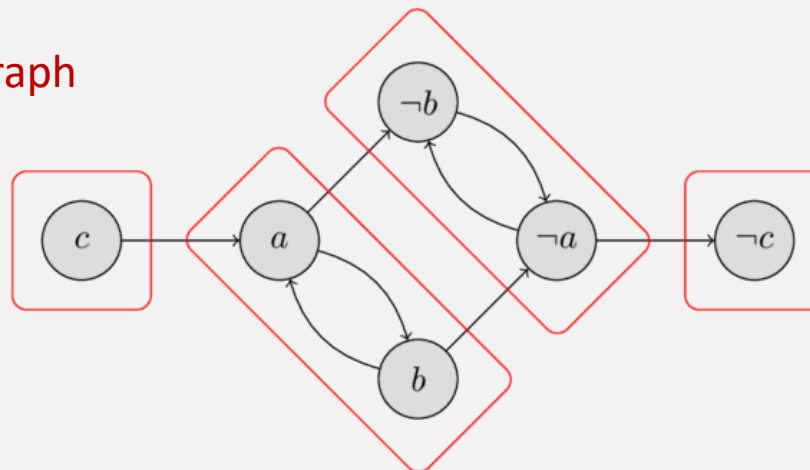
Equivalent implications

$$\begin{array}{llll} \neg a \Rightarrow \neg b & a \Rightarrow b & a \Rightarrow \neg b & \neg a \Rightarrow \neg c \\ b \Rightarrow a & \neg b \Rightarrow \neg a & b \Rightarrow \neg a & c \Rightarrow a \end{array}$$

Implication graph



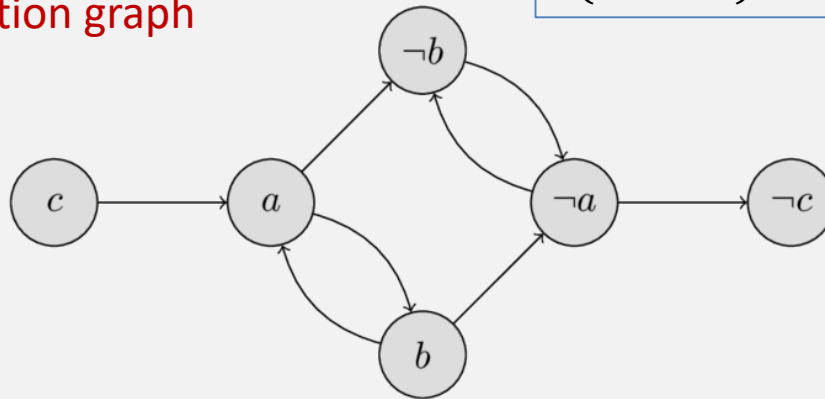
Condensation graph



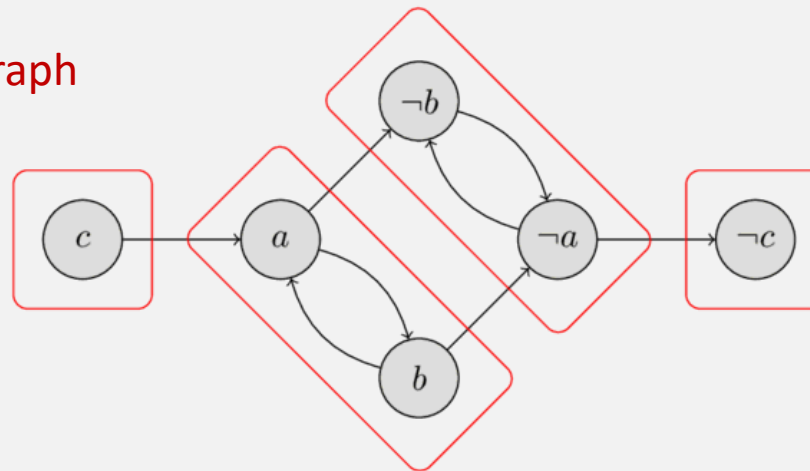
2-Satisfiability : DFS-based algorithm (Aspvall, Plath, Tarjan)

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

Implication graph



Condensation graph



Algorithm

- Form condensation graph H , by shrinking each strong component to a single node
- Process the strong components of the condensation graph in reverse topological order
 - Set all the literals in the component to be true, if possible; otherwise, false

Attributions

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