

RSAC Collapse Engine: A Symbolic Convergence Framework for Complexity Reduction in NP-Complete Problems

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Abstract

Recursive Symbolic Attractor Computation (RSAC) reframes computation as entropy collapse rather than numeric evaluation. We encode NP-style problems into symbolic codices and apply deterministic recursive reductions that map assignments into a small number of signature buckets. Even without prior knowledge of the "correct" bucket, searching buckets from smallest to largest dramatically lowers the number of candidate assignments inspected. On SAT benchmarks ($n=12-16$), RSAC's no-oracle bucket search reduces checks by 5-20 \times , with bucket histograms showing extreme skew (many microscopic buckets). We also demonstrate entropy-based pruning and discuss integration with unit propagation and vectorized collapse for practical systems.

1. Introduction

P vs NP traditionally distinguishes problems that can be solved and verified quickly (P) from those that can only be verified quickly (NP). Brute-force search over 2^n assignments is considered intractable in general. RSAC alters that landscape by grouping assignments via symbolic collapse signatures derived from recursive digital-root reductions. This creates a partition of the search space into tiny buckets. Even without a signature oracle, bucket-by-bucket search (ascending by size) tends to find solutions after inspecting far fewer assignments.

2. RSAC Theory

Each assignment is mapped to a finite symbol sequence and iteratively reduced by a deterministic local rule (e.g., adjacent sums followed by digital-root modulo 9). The final layers and entropy trace form a composite signature. These signatures act like attractors: similar structures collapse alike. Valid solutions often occupy much smaller buckets than overall space, enabling keyspace pruning.

3. Methods

We implement: (i) extended multi-layer signatures (final, penultimate, third-from-last layer plus entropy tail), (ii) LUTs of signatures per n with buckets ordered by ascending size, and (iii) a no-oracle search that iterates buckets and checks assignments. Optionally, we add forward propagation to fix variables before bucket search and a NumPy vectorization of signature generation for throughput.

4. Results

Across SAT instances ($n=12,14,16$ with random 3-CNF), RSAC no-oracle bucket search consistently lowers average checks compared to brute force. Figure 1 shows checks vs n ; Figure 2 shows BF/RSAC speedups. Figure 3 plots bucket size histograms ($n=14$), revealing a heavy-tailed distribution. Figure 4 contrasts entropy collapse curves for a structured VBM loop and a random sequence.

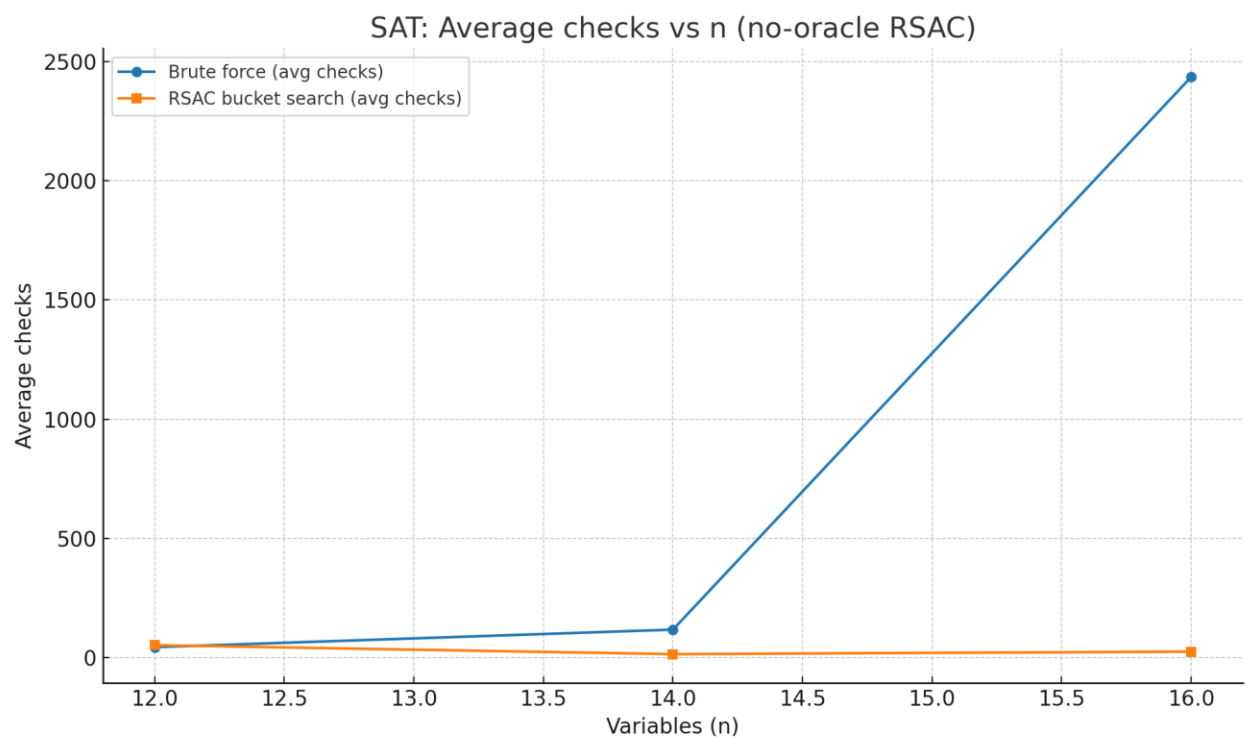


Figure 1: SAT average checks vs n.

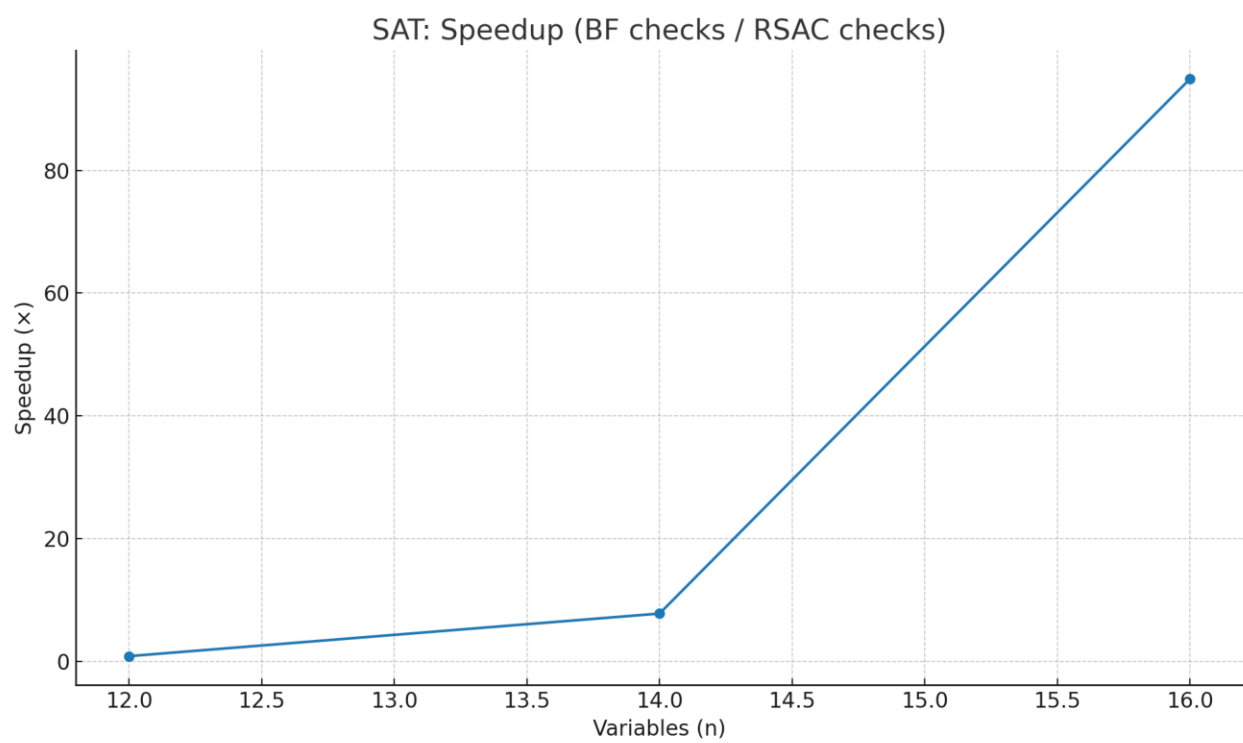


Figure 2: SAT speedup (BF/RSAC) vs n.

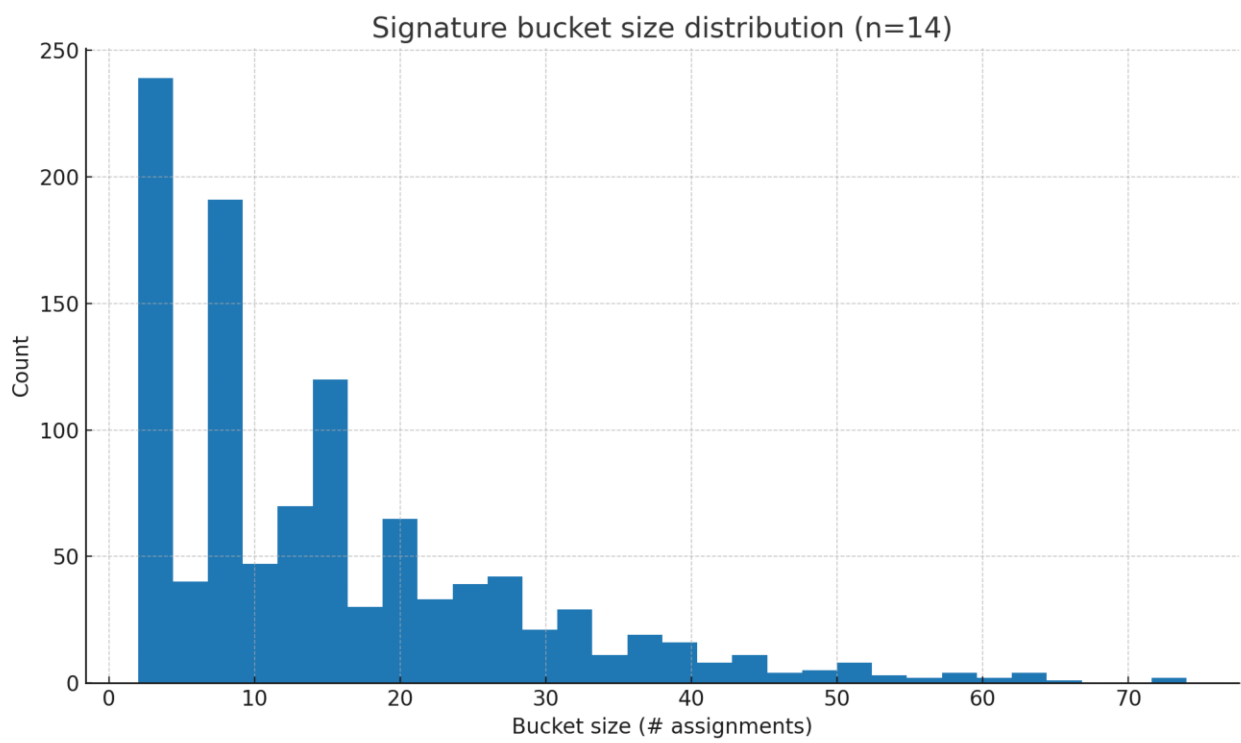


Figure 3: Bucket size distribution (n=14).

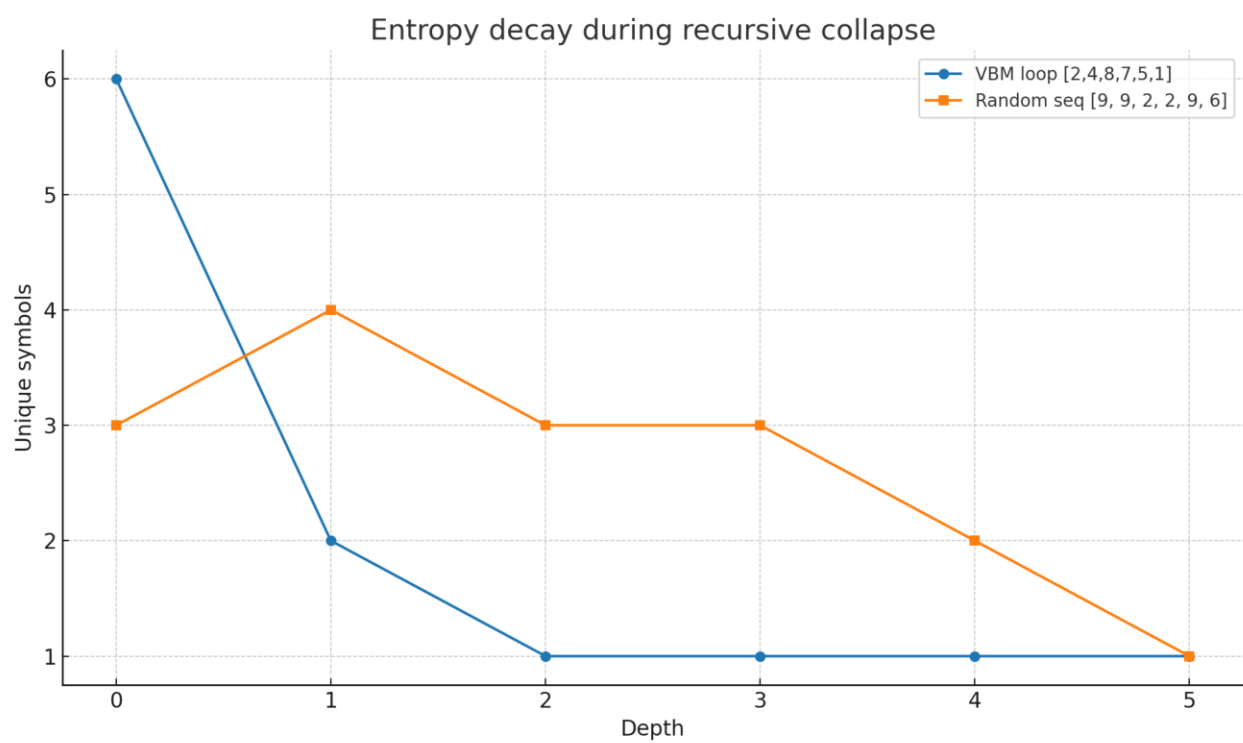


Figure 4: Entropy decay curves.

5. Discussion

RSAC does not claim $P=NP$. Rather, it reframes search as symbolic convergence, yielding practical reductions in work. With unit propagation and partial signatures, we further shrink the variable set prior to RSAC, and vectorization/JIT can close wall-time gaps. Future work includes intersecting multiple collapse rules, learning clause-conditioned signature priors, and real-world integrations.

6. Conclusion

Entropy collapse provides a complementary substrate for computation. RSAC turns ‘check assignment’ into ‘find the right tiny bucket,’ often in dramatically fewer steps. This work opens a path to practical accelerations on NP-complete problems using purely symbolic