Propositional Logic Review

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Key Points

- ► Transformation to Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
- ► SAT Problem → PDLL Algorithm

Transformation in to CNF: review

$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

1. Eliminate \Leftrightarrow , replacing $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$ with $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \land (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$.

$$(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$$

2. Eliminate \Rightarrow , replacing $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ with $\neg \alpha \lor \beta$.

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$$

3. Move \neg inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land ((\neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$$

4. Apply distributivity law (\vee over \wedge) and flatten:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1}) \land (\neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1})$$

The focus of logical expression

- ▶ The transformation to conjunctive normal form (CNF)
- ► The great significance of the conjunction paradigm is that it makes it possible to define a search space for a logical problem. Naturally, the logical problem can be transformed into a problem solved by backtracking.

SAT Problem

SAT: (Boolean) Satisfiability Problem

For example: Is it possible the following expression is true? Which model can make it being true?

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~P11 & (B11 <=> (P12 | P21)) & (B21 <=>(P11 | P22 | P31)) & ~B11 & B21
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A model is an assignment of truth-value to variables making the above expression true. A possible assignment is

[P11: False, B11: False, P12: False, P21: False, B21: True, P31: True]

Backtracking can be used to find the above assignment of truth-value to variable.

联想CSP中变量 以及对变量赋值的过程

DPLL Review

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function DPLL-SATISFIABLE?(s) returns true or false
  inputs: s, a sentence in propositional logic
  clauses \leftarrow the set of clauses in the CNF representation of s
  symbols \leftarrow a list of the proposition symbols in s
  return DPLL(clauses, symbols, { })
function DPLL(clauses, symbols, model) returns true or false
  if every clause in clauses is true in model then return true
  if some clause in clauses is false in model then return false
  P, value \leftarrow \text{FIND-PURE-SYMBOL}(symbols, clauses, model)
  if P is non-null then return DPLL(clauses, symbols – P, model \cup {P=value})
  P, value \leftarrow \text{FIND-UNIT-CLAUSE}(clauses, model)
  if P is non-null then return DPLL(clauses, symbols – P, model \cup {P=value})
  P \leftarrow \text{FIRST}(symbols); rest \leftarrow \text{REST}(symbols)
  return DPLL(clauses, rest, model \cup \{P=true\}) or
          DPLL(clauses, rest, model \cup \{P=false\}))
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Backtracking in DPLL

- If there is a clause returning false, then return false as a whole.
- If all clauses are determined to be true in the model, return true as a whole.
- Look for pure symbols first: For example, if there is only A in all clauses, you can directly assign A to true; if there is only ¬B in all clauses, you can directly assign B to false. We can ignore all clauses determined to be true with the built model.
- Find the unit clause in priority: clause with only one literal
 - a clause can also be considered as a unit clause if all other literals are assigned a value except one literal.

E.g, A is a unit clause, and ¬A is also a unit clause.

A has been assigned a value of false, A $\mid \neg B$ is also a unit clause since B must be false here. When B is false, A $\mid B \mid C$ is also a unit clause, because C must be true.

The process is a bit like constraint propagation, called unit propagation.

If none of the above symbols were found, look for the next symbol. Try all possible assignments of the symbol and recursively call the next layer.

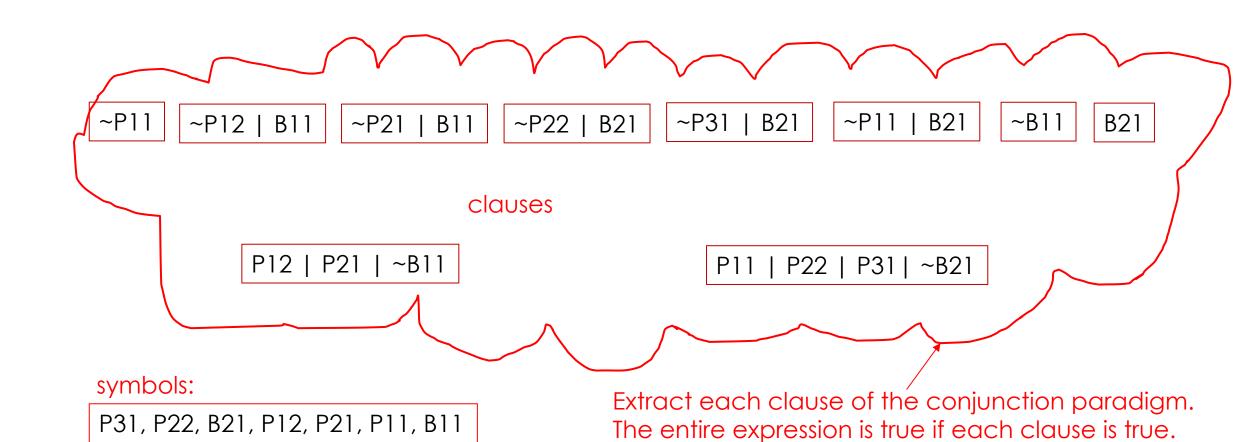
Forward checking in CSP BTS

Minimum Remaining Values heuristic

Normal backtracking

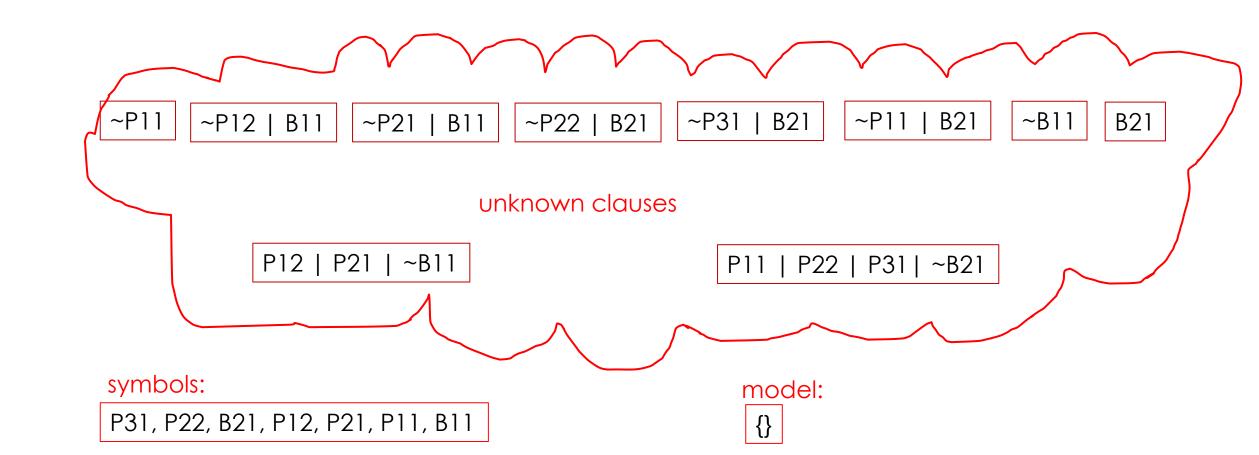
Transform into CNF and extract all conjunction sub-clauses

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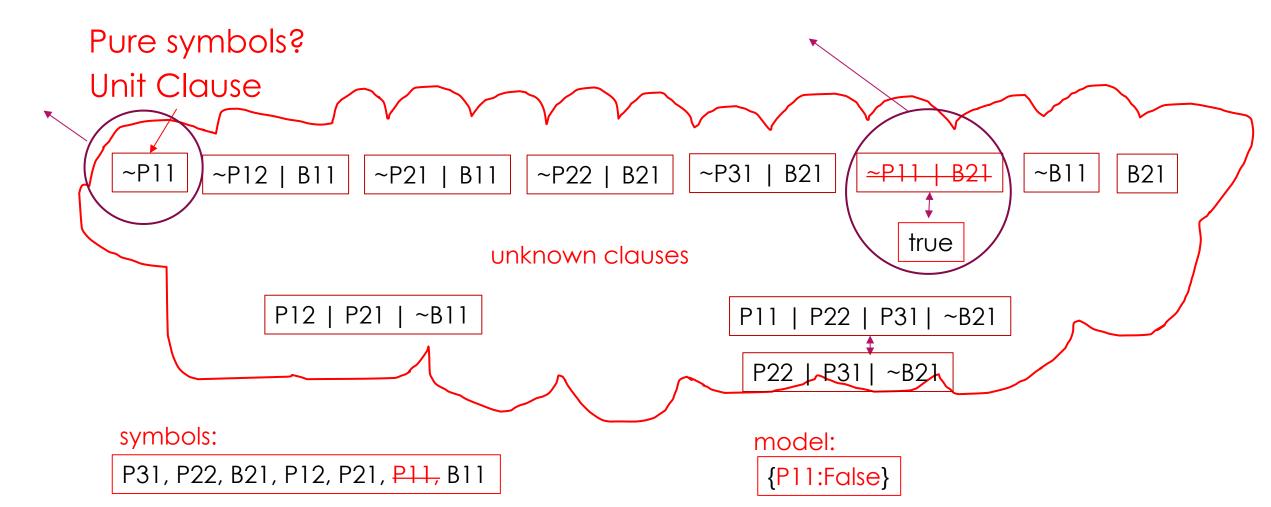


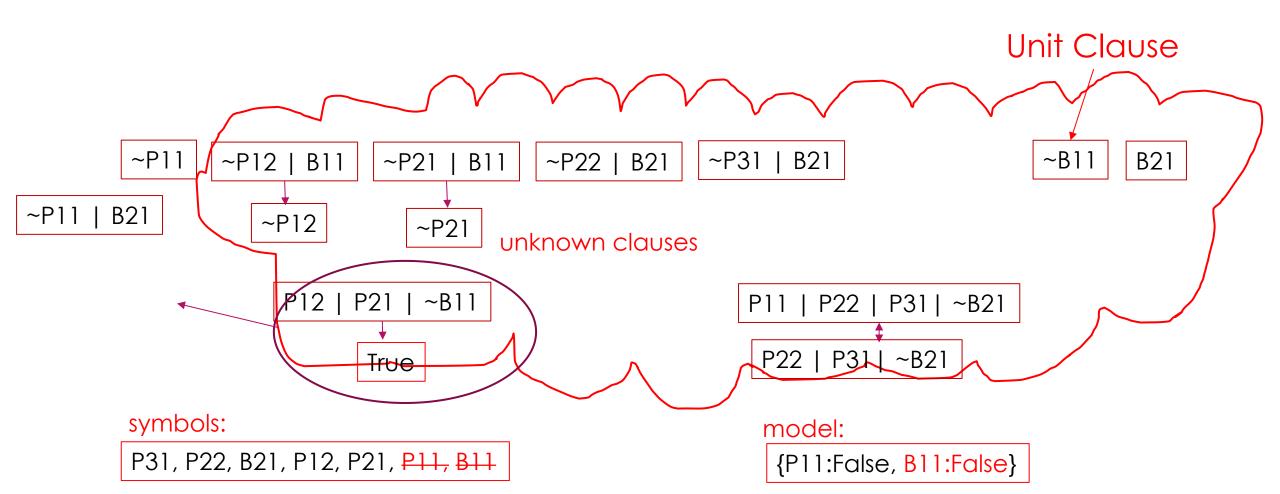
DPLL Example (initial)

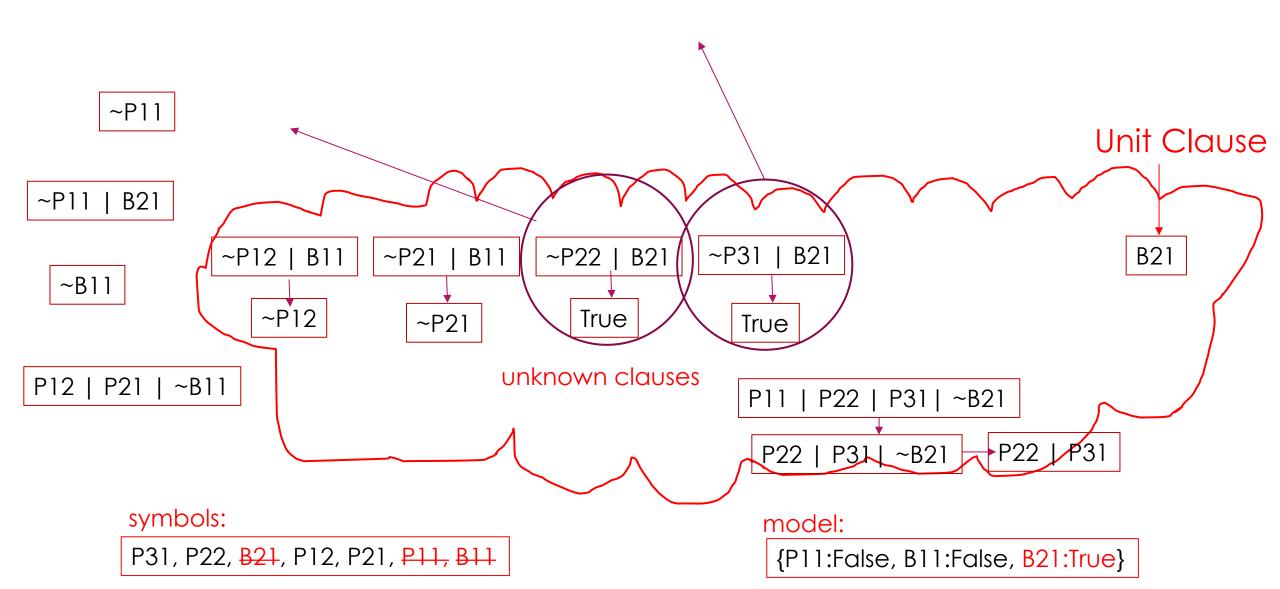
Put priority in selecting pure literal and unit clauses

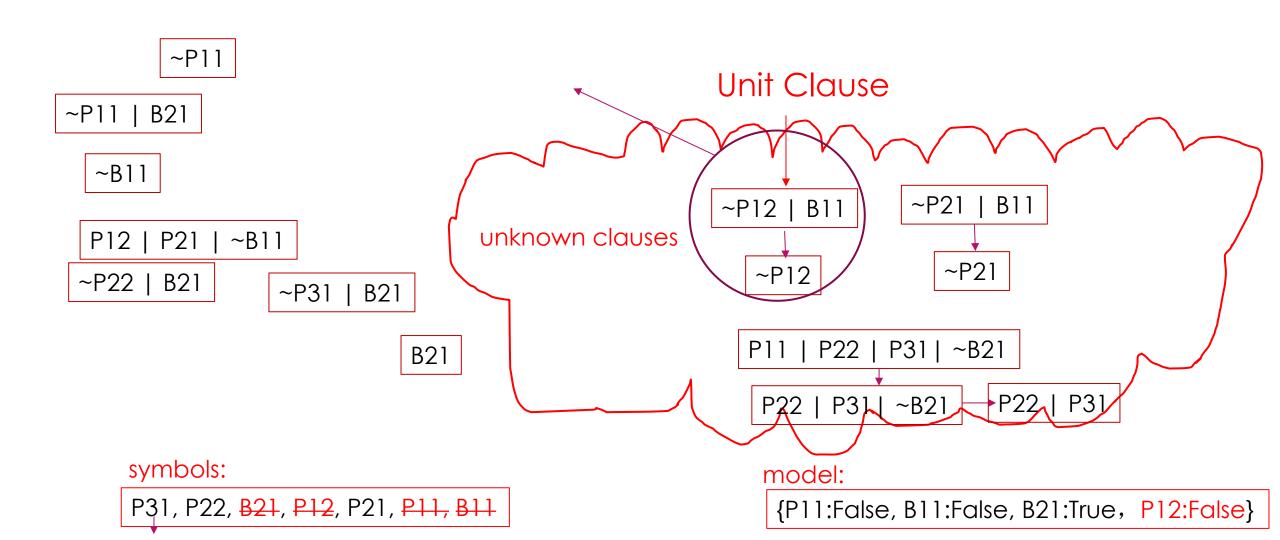


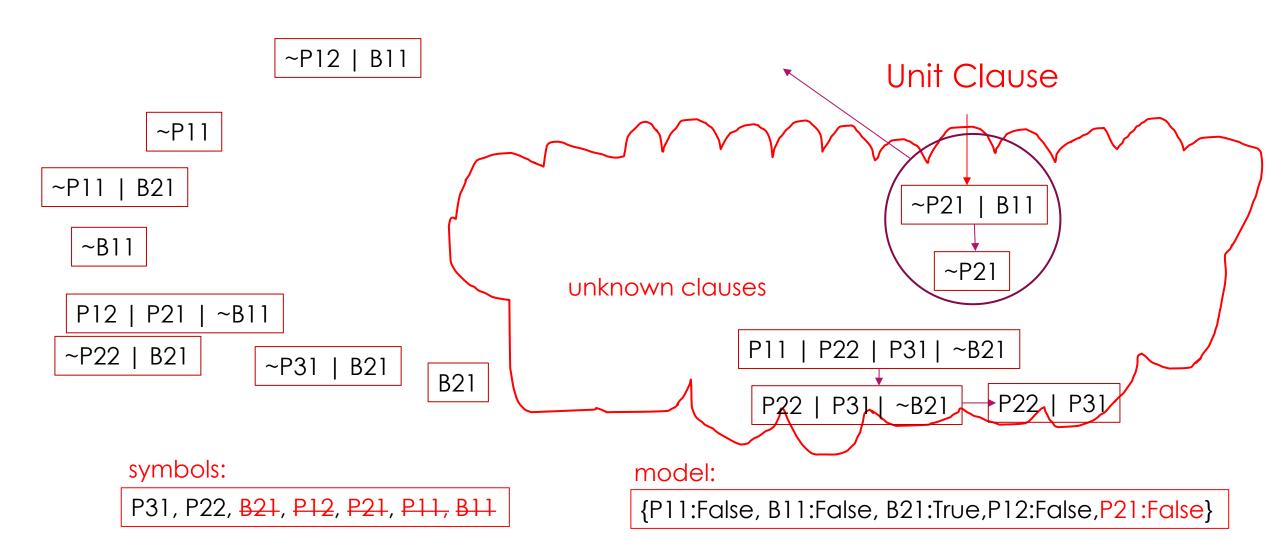
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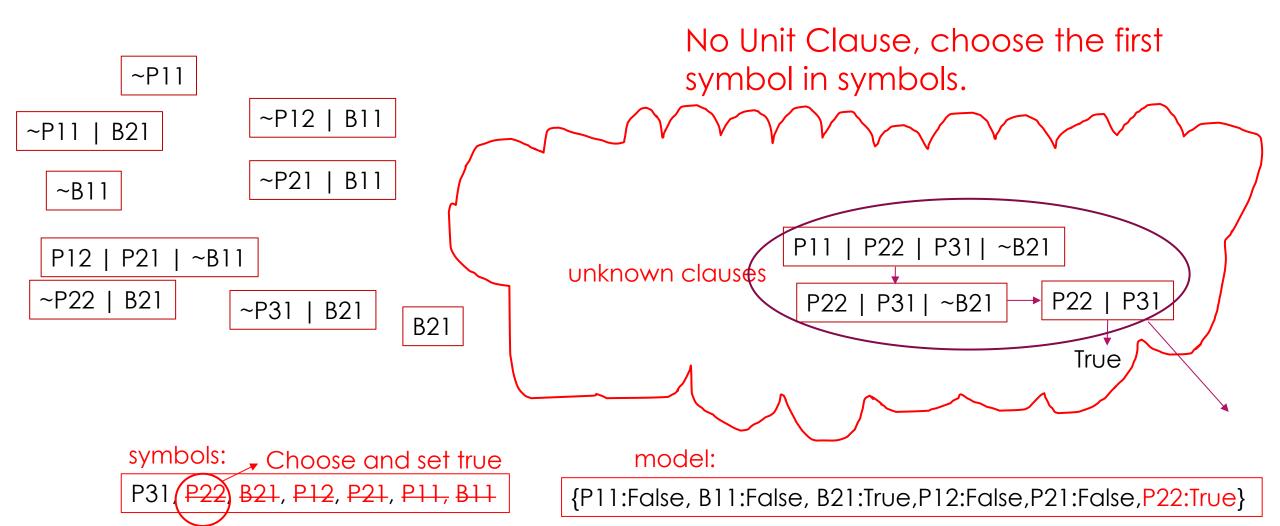


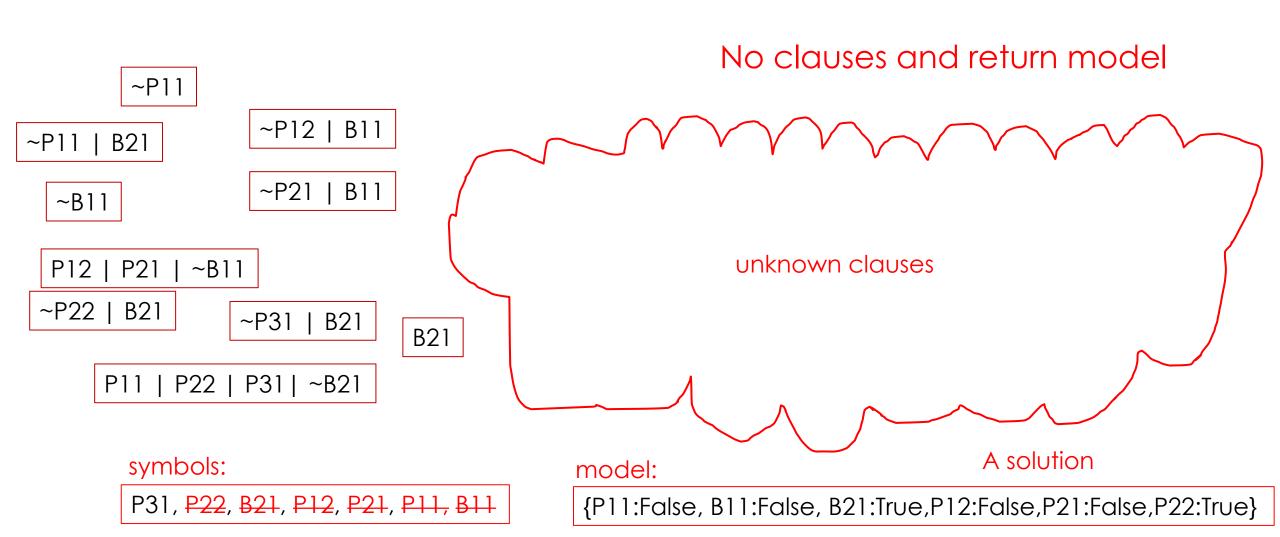






No pure literals and no unit clauses. Select a literal and assign it to be true





Summary

- ▶ The above example is relatively simple, but you can understand two points:
 - ► Early termination of backtracking, such as the last remaining symbol P31, but its value has not affected the result.
 - Preemptive selection of pure symbols and unit clauses, for the role of pruning, the process of the unit's communication.
- ▶ For large problems, there are more directions for optimization.