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First-Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

<u>variables</u>	x, y, z, \dots
<u>constants</u>	a, b, c, \dots
<u>functions</u>	f, g, h, \dots
<u>terms</u>	variables, constants or n-ary function applied to n terms as arguments $a, x, f(a), g(x, b), f(g(x, g(b)))$
<u>predicates</u>	p, q, r, \dots
<u>atom</u>	\top, \perp , or an n-ary predicate applied to n terms
<u>literal</u>	atom or its negation $p(f(x), g(x, f(x))), \quad \neg p(f(x), g(x, f(x)))$

Note: 0-ary functions: constant
0-ary predicates: P, Q, R, \dots

FOL syntax: continued

quantifiers

existential quantifier $\exists x.F[x]$

“there exists an x such that $F[x]$ ”

universal quantifier $\forall x.F[x]$

“for all x , $F[x]$ ”

FOL formula literal, application of logical connectives

(\neg , \vee , \wedge , \rightarrow , \leftrightarrow) to formulae,

or application of a quantifier to a formula

Example

FOL formula

$$\underbrace{\forall x. \underbrace{p(f(g(x,y)), g(x,y))}_G \wedge q(x, f(x))}_F$$

The scope of $\forall x$ is F . We say that x is *bound* by the quantifier.

The scope of $\exists y$ is G . We say that y is *bound* by the quantifier.

The formula reads:

“for all x ,

if $p(f(x), x)$

then there exists a y such that

$p(f(g(x, y)), g(x, y))$ and $q(x, f(x))$ ”

Translations of English Sentences into FOL

- ▶ The length of one side of a triangle is less than the sum of the lengths of the other two sides

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- ▶ Fermat's Last Theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall n. \text{integer}(n) \wedge n > 2 \\ &\rightarrow \forall x, y, z. \\ &\quad \text{integer}(x) \wedge \text{integer}(y) \wedge \text{integer}(z) \\ &\quad \wedge x > 0 \wedge y > 0 \wedge z > 0 \\ &\quad \rightarrow x^n + y^n \neq z^n \end{aligned}$$

FOL Semantics

An interpretation $I : (D_I, \alpha_I)$ consists of:

- ▶ Domain D_I
non-empty set of values or objects
cardinality $|D_I|$ finite (eg, 52 cards),
countably infinite (eg, integers), or
uncountably infinite (eg, reals)
- ▶ Assignment α_I
 - ▶ each variable x assigned value $x_I \in D_I$
 - ▶ each n -ary function f assigned $f_I : D_I^n \rightarrow D_I$.
In particular, each constant a (0-ary function) assigned value $a_I \in D_I$
 - ▶ each n -ary predicate p assigned $p_I : D_I^n \rightarrow \{\underline{\text{true}}, \underline{\text{false}}\}$.
In particular, each propositional variable P (0-ary predicate) assigned truth value (true, false)

Example

$$F : p(f(x, y), z) \rightarrow p(y, g(z, x))$$

Interpretation $I : (D_I, \alpha_I)$:

- ▶ $D_I = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ integers
- ▶ $\alpha_I : \{f \mapsto +, g \mapsto -, p \mapsto >, x \mapsto 13, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto 1\}$
- ▶ Let $F : x + y > z \rightarrow y > z - x$. Compute the truth value of F under I :

1. $I \models x + y > z$ since $13 + 42 > 1$
2. $I \models y > z - x$ since $42 > 1 - 13$
3. $I \models F$ by 1, 2, and \rightarrow

F is true under I .

Semantics: Quantifiers

x variable.

x -variant of interpretation I is an interpretation $J : (D_J, \alpha_J)$ such that

- ▶ $D_I = D_J$
- ▶ $\alpha_I[y] = \alpha_J[y]$ for all symbols y , except possibly x

That is, I and J agree on everything except possibly the value of x

Denote $J : I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\}$ the x -variant of I in which $\alpha_J[x] = v$ for some $v \in D_I$. Then

- ▶ $I \models \forall x. F$ iff for all $v \in D_I$, $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$
- ▶ $I \models \exists x. F$ iff there exists $v \in D_I$ s.t. $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$

Normal Forms

Negation Normal Forms (NNF)

Augment the equivalence with (left-to-right)

$$\neg \forall x. F[x] \Leftrightarrow \exists x. \neg F[x]$$

$$\neg \exists x. F[x] \Leftrightarrow \forall x. \neg F[x]$$

Prenex Normal Form (PNF)

All quantifiers appear at the beginning of the formula

$$Q_1 x_1 \cdots Q_n x_n. F[x_1, \cdots, x_n]$$

where $Q_i \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ and F is quantifier-free.

Every FOL formula F can be transformed to equivalent formula F' in PNF.

Example: Find equivalent PNF of

$$F : \forall x. \neg(\exists y. p(x, y) \wedge p(x, z)) \vee \exists y. p(x, y)$$

Satisfiability and Validity

F is satisfiable iff there exists I s.t. $I \models F$

F is valid iff for all I , $I \models F$

F is valid iff $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable

Proving validity: semantic argument method

$$F : (\forall x. p(x)) \leftrightarrow (\neg \exists x. \neg p(x)) \quad \text{valid?}$$

Suppose not. Then there is I s.t.

$$0. \quad I \not\models (\forall x. p(x)) \leftrightarrow (\neg \exists x. \neg p(x))$$

First case:

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| 1. | $I \models \forall x. p(x)$ | assumption |
| 2. | $I \not\models \neg \exists x. \neg p(x)$ | assumption |
| 3. | $I \models \exists x. \neg p(x)$ | 2 and \neg |
| 4. | $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models \neg p(x)$ | 3 and \exists , for some $v \in D_I$ |
| 5. | $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models p(x)$ | 1 and \forall |

4 and 5 are contradictory.

Proving validity: semantic argument method

Second case:

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|----|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. | I | $\not\models$ | $\forall x. p(x)$ | assumption |
| 2. | I | \models | $\neg \exists x. \neg p(x)$ | assumption |
| 3. | $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\}$ | $\not\models$ | $p(x)$ | 1 and \forall , for some $v \in D_I$ |
| 4. | I | $\not\models$ | $\exists x. \neg p(x)$ | 2 and \neg |
| 5. | $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\}$ | $\not\models$ | $\neg p(x)$ | 4 and \exists |
| 6. | $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\}$ | \models | $p(x)$ | 5 and \neg |

3 and 6 are contradictory.

Both cases end in contradictions for arbitrary I .

Therefore, F is valid.

Example: Show

$F : (\forall x. p(x, x)) \rightarrow (\exists x. \forall y. p(x, y))$ is invalid.

Find interpretation I such that

$$I \models \neg[(\forall x. p(x, x)) \rightarrow (\exists x. \forall y. p(x, y))]$$

i.e.

$$I \models (\forall x. p(x, x)) \wedge \neg(\exists x. \forall y. p(x, y))$$

Choose $D_I = \{0, 1\}$

$p_I = \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$ i.e. $p_I(0, 0)$ and $p_I(1, 1)$ are true
 $p_I(1, 0)$ and $p_I(0, 1)$ are false

I falsifying interpretation $\Rightarrow F$ is invalid.

Decidability of FOL

- ▶ FOL is undecidable (Turing & Church)

There does not exist an algorithm for deciding if a FOL formula F is valid, i.e. always halt and says “yes” if F is valid or say “no” if F is invalid.

- ▶ FOL is semi-decidable

There is a procedure that always halts and says “yes” if F is valid, but may not halt if F is invalid.

Or alternately, there is a procedure that always halts and says “yes” if F is unsatisfiable, but may not halt if F is satisfiable.

Why is satisfiability not detectable? Consider the formula

$$\forall x, y, z. \exists w. \neg P(x, x) \wedge (P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)) \wedge P(x, w).$$

A satisfiable formula of FOL may not have a finite model.

Semantic Argument Proof

To show FOL formula F is valid, assume $I \not\models F$ and derive a contradiction $I \models \perp$ in all branches

- ▶ Soundness

If every branch of a semantic argument proof reaches $I \models \perp$, then F is valid

- ▶ Completeness

Each valid formula F has a semantic argument proof in which every branch reaches $I \models \perp$

First-Order Theories

First-order theory T defined by

- ▶ Signature Σ - set of constant, function, and predicate symbols
- ▶ Set of axioms A_T - set of closed (no free variables) Σ -formulae

Σ -formula constructed of constants, functions, and predicate symbols from Σ , and variables, logical connectives, and quantifiers

The symbols of Σ are just symbols without prior meaning — the axioms of T provide their meaning.

Satisfiability and validity

- ▶ A Σ -formula F is valid in theory T (T -valid, also $T \models F$), if every interpretation I that satisfies the axioms of T ,
i.e. $I \models A$ for every $A \in A_T$ (T -interpretation)
also satisfies F . In other words, $I \models F$
- ▶ A Σ -formula F is satisfiable in T (T -satisfiable), if there is a T -interpretation (i.e. satisfies all the axioms of T) that satisfies F
- ▶ Two formulae F_1 and F_2 are equivalent in T (T -equivalent), if $T \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$,
i.e. if for every T -interpretation I , $I \models F_1$ iff $I \models F_2$
- ▶ A fragment of theory T is a syntactically-restricted subset of formulae of the theory.
Example: quantifier-free segment of theory T is the set of quantifier-free formulae in T .

Decidability

A theory T is decidable if $T \models F$ (T -validity) is decidable for every Σ -formula F ,

i.e., there is an algorithm that always terminate with “yes”, if F is T -valid, and “no”, if F is T -invalid.

A fragment of T is decidable if $T \models F$ is decidable for every Σ -formula F in the fragment.

Theory of Equality T_E

Signature

$$\Sigma_{=} : \{=, a, b, c, \dots, f, g, h, \dots, p, q, r, \dots\}$$

consists of

- ▶ $=$, a binary predicate, interpreted by axioms.
- ▶ all constant, function, and predicate symbols.

Theory of Equality T_E

Axioms of T_E

1. $\forall x. x = x$ (reflexivity)
2. $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow y = x$ (symmetry)
3. $\forall x, y, z. x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$ (transitivity)
4. for each positive integer n and n -ary function symbol f ,
 $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ (congruence)
5. for each positive integer n and n -ary predicate symbol p ,
 $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i \rightarrow (p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow p(y_1, \dots, y_n))$ (equivalence)

Congruence and Equivalence are axiom schemata. For example,
Congruence for binary function f_2 for $n = 2$:

$$\forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2. x_1 = y_1 \wedge x_2 = y_2 \rightarrow f_2(x_1, x_2) = f_2(y_1, y_2)$$

Satisfiability

Example:

$$x = y \wedge f(x) \neq f(y) \quad T_E\text{-unsatisfiable}$$

$$f(x) = f(y) \wedge x \neq y \quad T_E\text{-unsatisfiable}$$

$$f(f(f(a))) = a \wedge f(f(f(f(f(a)))))) = a \wedge f(a) \neq a$$

$T_E\text{-unsatisfiable}$

Decidability

- ▶ T_E is undecidable.
- ▶ The quantifier-free fragment of T_E is decidable. Very efficient algorithm.

(Remember: in quantifier-free fragment, all constants are, implicitly, universally quantified!)

We discuss T_E -formulae without predicates

For example, for Σ_E -formula

$$F : p(x) \wedge q(x, y) \wedge q(y, z) \rightarrow \neg q(x, z)$$

introduce fresh constant \bullet and fresh functions f_p and f_g , and transform F to

$$G : f_p(x) = \bullet \wedge f_q(x, y) = \bullet \wedge f_q(y, z) = \bullet \rightarrow f_q(x, z) \neq \bullet .$$

Equivalence and Congruence Relations: Basics

Binary relation R over set S

- is an equivalence relation if
 - ▶ reflexive: $\forall s \in S. sRs$;
 - ▶ symmetric: $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S. s_1Rs_2 \rightarrow s_2Rs_1$;
 - ▶ transitive: $\forall s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S. s_1Rs_2 \wedge s_2Rs_3 \rightarrow s_1Rs_3$.

Example:

Define the binary relation \equiv_2 over the set \mathbb{Z} of integers

$$m \equiv_2 n \quad \text{iff} \quad (m \bmod 2) = (n \bmod 2)$$

That is, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ are related iff they are both even or both odd.

\equiv_2 is an equivalence relation

- is a congruence relation if in addition

$$\forall \bar{s}, \bar{t}. \bigwedge_{i=1}^n s_i R t_i \rightarrow f(\bar{s}) R f(\bar{t}) .$$

Classes

For $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ relation R over set S ,

The $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ class of $s \in S$ under R is

$$[s]_R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s' \in S : sRs'\} .$$

Example:

The equivalence class of 3 under \equiv_2 over \mathbb{Z} is

$$[3]_{\equiv_2} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \text{ is odd}\} .$$

Closures

Given binary relation R over S .

The equivalence closure R^E of R is the equivalence relation s.t.

- ▶ R refines R^E , i.e. $R \prec R^E$;
- ▶ for all other equivalence relations R' s.t. $R \prec R'$,
either $R' = R^E$ or $R^E \prec R'$

That is, R^E is the “smallest” equivalence relation that “covers” R .

Closures

Example: If $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $R = \{aRb, bRc, dRd\}$, then

- $aRb, bRc, dRd \in R^E$ since $R \subseteq R^E$;
- $aRa, bRb, cRc \in R^E$ by reflexivity;
- $bRa, cRb \in R^E$ by symmetry;
- $aRc \in R^E$ by transitivity;
- $cRa \in R^E$ by symmetry.

Hence,

$$R^E = \{aRb, bRa, aRa, bRb, bRc, cRb, cRc, aRc, cRa, dRd\} .$$

Similarly, the congruence closure R^C of R is the “smallest” congruence relation that “covers” R .

Congruence Closure Algorithm

Given Σ_E -formula

$$F : s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m \wedge s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n$$

decide if F is Σ_E -satisfiable.

Consider the set of *subterms* of F .

Example: The subterm set of

$$F : f(a, b) = a \wedge f(f(a, b), b) \neq a$$

is

$$S_F = \{a, b, f(a, b), f(f(a, b), b)\} .$$

The Algorithm

Given Σ_E -formula F

$$F : s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m \wedge s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n$$

with subterm set S_F , F is T_E -satisfiable iff there exists a congruence relation \sim over S_F such that

- ▶ for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, $s_i \sim t_i$;
- ▶ for each $i \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}$, $s_i \not\sim t_i$.

Goal: construct the congruence relation of S_F , or to prove that no congruence relation exists.

The algorithm

$$F : \underbrace{s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m}_{\text{generate congruence closure}} \wedge \underbrace{s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n}_{\text{search for contradiction}}$$

1. Construct the congruence closure \sim of

$$\{s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_m = t_m\}$$

over the subterm set S_F . Then

$$\sim \models s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m .$$

2. If for any $i \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}$, $s_i \sim t_i$, return unsatisfiable.
3. Otherwise, $\sim \models F$, so return satisfiable.

Constructing the closure

1. Initially, begin with the finest congruence relation \sim_0 given by the partition

$$\{\{s\} : s \in S_F\}.$$

That is, let each term of S_F be its own congruence class.

2. Then, for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, impose $s_i = t_i$ by merging the congruence classes

$$[s_i]_{\sim_{i-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad [t_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$$

to form a new congruence relation \sim_i . To accomplish this merging,

- ▶ form the union of $[s_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$ and $[t_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$
- ▶ propagate any new congruences that arise within this union.

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Theorem (Sound and Complete)

Quantifier-free conjunctive Σ_E -formula F is T_E -satisfiable iff the congruence closure algorithm returns satisfiable.

Natural Numbers and Integers

Natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Integers $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Three variations:

- ▶ Peano arithmetic T_{PA} : natural numbers with addition and multiplication
- ▶ Presburger arithmetic $T_{\mathbb{N}}$: natural numbers with addition
- ▶ Theory of integers $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$: integers with $+$, $-$, $>$

Peano Arithmetic T_{PA} (first-order arithmetic)

$$\Sigma_{PA} : \{0, 1, +, \cdot, =\}$$

The axioms:

1. $\forall x. \neg(x + 1 = 0)$ (zero)
2. $\forall x, y. x + 1 = y + 1 \rightarrow x = y$ (successor)
3. $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$ (induction)
4. $\forall x. x + 0 = x$ (plus zero)
5. $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$ (plus successor)
6. $\forall x. x \cdot 0 = 0$ (times zero)
7. $\forall x, y. x \cdot (y + 1) = x \cdot y + x$ (times successor)

Line 3 is an axiom schema.

Example: $3x + 5 = 2y$ can be written using Σ_{PA} as

$$x + x + x + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = y + y$$

We have $>$ and \geq since

$$3x + 5 > 2y \quad \text{write as} \quad \exists z. z \neq 0 \wedge 3x + 5 = 2y + z$$

$$3x + 5 \geq 2y \quad \text{write as} \quad \exists z. 3x + 5 = 2y + z$$

Example:

- ▶ Pythagorean Theorem is T_{PA} -valid

$$\exists x, y, z. x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge z \neq 0 \wedge xx + yy = zz$$

- ▶ Every formula in the following set is T_{PA} -valid (Andrew Wiles, 1994).

$$\{\forall x, y, z. x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge z \neq 0 \rightarrow x^n + y^n = z^n\}$$

Satisfiability and validity in T_{PA} is undecidable,
even in quantifier-free case.

Therefore, we want a restricted theory – no multiplication

Presburger Arithmetic $T_{\mathbb{N}}$

$\Sigma_{\mathbb{N}} : \{0, 1, +, =\}$

no multiplication!

Axioms $T_{\mathbb{N}}$:

1. $\forall x. \neg(x + 1 = 0)$ (zero)
2. $\forall x, y. x + 1 = y + 1 \rightarrow x = y$ (successor)
3. $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$ (induction)
4. $\forall x. x + 0 = x$ (plus zero)
5. $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$ (plus successor)

3 is an axiom schema.

$T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -satisfiability and $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -validity are decidable
(Presburger, 1929)

Theory of Integers $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$

$\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}} : \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, -3\cdot, -2\cdot, 2\cdot, 3\cdot, \dots, +, -, =, >\}$

where

- ▶ $\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$ are constants
- ▶ $\dots, -3\cdot, -2\cdot, 2\cdot, 3\cdot, \dots$ are unary functions
(intended $2 \cdot x$ is $2x$)
- ▶ $+, -, =, >$

$T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ have the same expressiveness
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Equivalence

- ▶ Every $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula can be reduced to $\Sigma_{\mathbb{N}}$ -formula.
- ▶ Every $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -formula can be reduced to $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula.

$T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -satisfiability and $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -validity is decidable

Rationals and Reals

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, +, -, =, \geq\}$$

- ▶ Theory of Reals $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ (with multiplication)

$$x^2 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

- ▶ Theory of Rationals $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ (no multiplication)

$$\underbrace{2x}_{x+x} = 7 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{2}{7}$$

Note: Strict inequality OK

$$\forall x, y. \exists z. x + y > z$$

rewrite as

$$\forall x, y. \exists z. \neg(x + y = z) \wedge x + y \geq z$$

Theory of Reals $T_{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\Sigma_{\mathbb{R}} : \{0, 1, +, -, \cdot, =, \geq\}$$

with multiplication.

Axioms in “The Calculus of Computation”.

Example:

$$\forall a, b, c. b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \leftrightarrow \exists x. ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

is $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ -valid.

$T_{\mathbb{R}}$ is decidable (Tarski, 1930)
High time complexity

Theory of Rationals $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$

$$\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}} : \{0, 1, +, -, =, \geq\}$$

without multiplication.

Axioms in “The calculus of computation”.

Rational coefficients are simple to express in $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$

Example: Rewrite

$$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{2}{3}y \geq 4$$

as the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$3x + 4y \geq 24$$

$T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is decidable

Quantifier-free fragment of $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is efficiently decidable

Recursive Data Structures (T_{cons})

$$\Sigma_{\text{cons}} : \{\text{cons}, \text{car}, \text{cdr}, \text{atom}, =\}$$

where

$\text{cons}(a, b)$ – list constructed by concatenating a and b

$\text{car}(x)$ – left projector of x : $\text{car}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = a$

$\text{cdr}(x)$ – right projector of x : $\text{cdr}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = b$

$\text{atom}(x)$ – true iff x is a single-element list

Axioms:

1. The axioms of reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity of =
2. Congruence axioms

$$\forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2. x_1 = x_2 \wedge y_1 = y_2 \rightarrow \text{cons}(x_1, y_1) = \text{cons}(x_2, y_2)$$

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{car}(x) = \text{car}(y)$$

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{cdr}(x) = \text{cdr}(y)$$

3. Equivalence axiom

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow (\text{atom}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{atom}(y))$$

4. $\forall x, y. \text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = x$ (left projection)
5. $\forall x, y. \text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = y$ (right projection)
6. $\forall x. \neg \text{atom}(x) \rightarrow \text{cons}(\text{car}(x), \text{cdr}(x)) = x$ (construction)
7. $\forall x, y. \neg \text{atom}(\text{cons}(x, y))$ (atom)

T_{cons} is undecidable

Quantifier-free fragment of T_{cons} is efficiently decidable

Lists + equality

$$T_{\text{cons}}^{\text{=}} = T_E \cup T_{\text{cons}}$$

Signature: $\Sigma_E \cup \Sigma_{\text{cons}}$

(this includes uninterpreted constants, functions, and predicates)

Axioms: union of the axioms of T_E and T_{cons}

$T_{\text{cons}}^{\text{=}}$ is undecidable

Quantifier-free fragment of $T_{\text{cons}}^{\text{=}}$ is efficiently decidable

Example: Is the $\Sigma_{\text{cons}}^{\text{=}}$ -formula

$$F : \quad \text{car}(a) = \text{car}(b) \wedge \text{cdr}(a) = \text{cdr}(b) \wedge \neg \text{atom}(a) \wedge \neg \text{atom}(b) \\ \rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

$T_{\text{cons}}^{\text{=}}$ -valid?

Theory of Arrays (T_A)

$$\Sigma_A : \{ \cdot[\cdot], \cdot\langle \cdot \triangleleft \cdot \rangle, = \}$$

where

- ▶ $a[i]$ binary function –
read array a at index i (“read(a, i)”)
- ▶ $a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle$ ternary function –
write value v to index i of array a (“write(a, i, v)”)

Axioms

1. the axioms of (reflexivity), (symmetry), and (transitivity) of T_E
2. $\forall a, i, j. i = j \rightarrow a[i] = a[j]$ (array congruence)
3. $\forall a, v, i, j. i = j \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = v$ (read-over-write 1)
4. $\forall a, v, i, j. i \neq j \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = a[j]$ (read-over-write 2)

Note: $=$ is only defined for array elements

$$F : a[i] = e \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle = a$$

not T_A -valid, but

$$F' : a[i] = e \rightarrow \forall j. a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle[j] = a[j] ,$$

is T_A -valid.

T_A is undecidable

Quantifier-free fragment of T_A is decidable

Theory of Arrays with extensionality ($T_A^=$)

Signature and axioms of $T_A^=$ are the same as T_A , with one additional axiom

$$\forall a, b. (\forall i. a[i] = b[i]) \leftrightarrow a = b \quad (\text{extensionality})$$

Example:

$$F : a[i] = e \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle = a$$

is $T_A^=$ -valid.

$T_A^=$ is undecidable

Quantifier-free fragment of $T_A^=$ is decidable

Combination of Theories

How do we show that

$$1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge f(x) \neq f(1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(2)$$

is $(T_E \cup T_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -unsatisfiable?

Or how do we prove properties about
an array of integers, or
a list of reals ...?

Given theories T_1 and T_2 such that

$$\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \{=\}$$

The combined theory $T_1 \cup T_2$ has

- ▶ signature $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$
- ▶ axioms $A_1 \cup A_2$

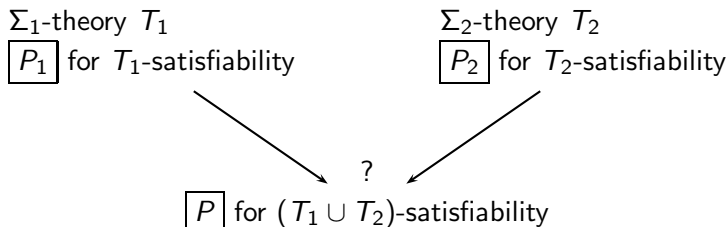
Nelson & Oppen showed that

if satisfiability of quantifier-free fragment (qff) of T_1 is decidable,

satisfiability of qff of T_2 is decidable, and

certain technical simple requirements are met
then satisfiability of qff of $T_1 \cup T_2$ is decidable.

Combining Decision Procedures



Problem:

Decision procedures are domain specific.

How do we combine them?

Nelson-Oppen Combination Method (N-O Method)


$$\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \{=\}$$

Σ_1 -theory T_1
stably infinite

Σ_2 -theory T_2
stably infinite

$\boxed{P_1}$ for T_1 -satisfiability
of quantifier-free Σ_1 -formulae

$\boxed{P_2}$ for T_2 -satisfiability
of quantifier-free Σ_2 -formulae



\boxed{P} for $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiability
of quantifier-free $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ -formulae

Nelson-Oppen: Limitations

Given formula F in theory $T_1 \cup T_2$.

1. F must be quantifier-free.
2. Signatures Σ_i of the combined theory only share $=$, i.e.,

$$\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \{=\}$$

3. Theories must be stably infinite.

Note:

- ▶ Algorithm can be extended to combine arbitrary number of theories T_i — combine two, then combine with another, and so on.
- ▶ We restrict F to be conjunctive formula — otherwise convert to DNF and check each disjunct.

Stably Infinite Theories

A Σ -theory T is stably infinite iff
for every quantifier-free Σ -formula F :
if F is T -satisfiable
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Example: Σ -theory T

$$\Sigma : \{a, b, =\}$$

Axiom: $\forall x. x = a \vee x = b$

For every T -interpretation I , $|D_I| \leq 2$ (at most two elements).
Hence, T is *not* stably infinite.

All the other theories mentioned so far are stably infinite.

Example: Theory of partial orders

Σ -theory T_{\preceq}

$$\Sigma_{\preceq} : \{\preceq, =\}$$

where \preceq is a binary predicate.

Axioms

1. $\forall x. x \preceq x$ (\preceq reflexivity)
2. $\forall x, y. x \preceq y \wedge y \preceq x \rightarrow x = y$ (\preceq antisymmetry)
3. $\forall x, y, z. x \preceq y \wedge y \preceq z \rightarrow x \preceq z$ (\preceq transitivity)

Prove that this theory is stably infinite.

Example: $(\Sigma_E \cup \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -formula

$$F : 1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge f(x) \neq f(1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(2) .$$

The signatures of T_E and $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ only share $=$. Also, both theories are stably infinite. Hence, the N-O combination of the decision procedures for T_E and $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ decides the $(T_E \cup T_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -satisfiability of F .

Nelson-Oppen Method: Overview

Phase 1: Variable Abstraction

- ▶ Given conjunction Γ in theory $T_1 \cup T_2$.
- ▶ Convert to conjunction $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ s.t.
 - ▶ Γ_i in theory T_i
 - ▶ $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ satisfiable iff Γ satisfiable.

Phase 2: Check

- ▶ If there is some set S of equalities and disequalities between the shared variables of Γ_1 and Γ_2
 $\text{shared}(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) = \text{free}(\Gamma_1) \cap \text{free}(\Gamma_2)$
s.t. $S \cup \Gamma_i$ are T_i -satisfiable for all i ,
then Γ is **satisfiable**.
- ▶ Otherwise, **unsatisfiable**.

Nelson-Oppen Method: Overview

Consider quantifier-free conjunctive $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ -formula F .

Two versions:

- ▶ nondeterministic — simple to present, but high complexity
- ▶ deterministic — efficient

Nelson-Oppen (N-O) method proceeds in two steps:

- ▶ Phase 1 (variable abstraction)
— same for both versions
- ▶ Phase 2
nondeterministic: guess equalities/disequalities and check
deterministic: generate equalities/disequalities by equality propagation

Phase 1: Variable abstraction

Given quantifier-free conjunctive $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ -formula F .

Transform F into two quantifier-free conjunctive formulae

Σ_1 -formula F_1 and Σ_2 -formula F_2

s.t. F is $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiable iff $F_1 \wedge F_2$ is $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiable
 F_1 and F_2 are linked via a set of shared variables.

For term t , let $\text{hd}(t)$ be the root symbol, e.g. $\text{hd}(f(x)) = f$.

Generation of F_1 and F_2

For $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ and $i \neq j$, repeat the transformations

- (1) if function $f \in \Sigma_i$ and $\text{hd}(t) \in \Sigma_j$,

$$F[f(t_1, \dots, t, \dots, t_n)] \Rightarrow F[f(t_1, \dots, w, \dots, t_n)] \wedge w = t$$

- (2) if predicate $p \in \Sigma_i$ and $\text{hd}(t) \in \Sigma_j$,

$$F[p(t_1, \dots, t, \dots, t_n)] \Rightarrow F[p(t_1, \dots, w, \dots, t_n)] \wedge w = t$$

- (3) if $\text{hd}(s) \in \Sigma_i$ and $\text{hd}(t) \in \Sigma_j$,

$$F[s = t] \Rightarrow F[\top] \wedge w = s \wedge w = t$$

- (4) if $\text{hd}(s) \in \Sigma_i$ and $\text{hd}(t) \in \Sigma_j$,

$$F[s \neq t] \Rightarrow F[w_1 \neq w_2] \wedge w_1 = s \wedge w_2 = t$$

where w , w_1 , and w_2 are fresh variables.

Example: Consider $(\Sigma_E \cup \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -formula

$$F : 1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge f(x) \neq f(1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(2) .$$

- ▶ Since $f \in \Sigma_E$ and $1 \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}$, replace $f(1)$ by $f(w_1)$ and add $w_1 = 1$.
- ▶ Replace $f(2)$ by $f(w_2)$ and add $w_2 = 2$.

Construct the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula

$$F_1 : 1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge w_1 = 1 \wedge w_2 = 2$$

and the Σ_E -formula

$$F_2 : f(x) \neq f(w_1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(w_2) .$$

F_1 and F_2 share the variables $\{x, w_1, w_2\}$.

$F_1 \wedge F_2$ is $(T_E \cup T_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -equisatisfiable to F .

Example: Consider $(\Sigma_E \cup \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -formula

$$F : f(x) = x + y \wedge x \leq y + z \wedge x + z \leq y \wedge y = 1 \wedge f(x) \neq f(2) .$$

Show how to do variable abstraction.

Nondeterministic Version

Phase 2: Guess and Check

- ▶ Phase 1 separated $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ -formula F into two formulae:
 Σ_1 -formula F_1 and Σ_2 -formula F_2
- ▶ F_1 and F_2 are linked by a set of shared variables:
 $V = \text{shared}(F_1, F_2) = \text{free}(F_1) \cap \text{free}(F_2)$
- ▶ Let E be an equivalence relation over V .
- ▶ The arrangement $\alpha(V, E)$ of V induced by E is:

$$\alpha(V, E) : \bigwedge_{u, v \in V. uEv} u = v \wedge \bigwedge_{u, v \in V. \neg(uEv)} u \neq v$$

Then,

the original formula F is $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiable iff
there exists an equivalence relation E of V s.t.

- (1) $F_1 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_1 -satisfiable, and
- (2) $F_2 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_2 -satisfiable.

Otherwise, F is $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -unsatisfiable.

Example: Consider $(\Sigma_E \cup \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -formula

$$F : 1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge f(x) \neq f(1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(2)$$

Phase 1 separates this formula into the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula

$$F_1 : 1 \leq x \wedge x \leq 2 \wedge w_1 = 1 \wedge w_2 = 2$$

and the Σ_E -formula

$$F_2 : f(x) \neq f(w_1) \wedge f(x) \neq f(w_2)$$

with

$$V = \text{shared}(F_1, F_2) = \{x, w_1, w_2\}$$

In Phase 2, there are 5 equivalence relations to consider:

1. $\{\{x, w_1, w_2\}\}$, i.e., $x = w_1 = w_2$:
 $x = w_1$ and $f(x) \neq f(w_1) \Rightarrow F_2 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_E -unsatisfiable.
2. $\{\{x, w_1\}, \{w_2\}\}$, i.e., $x = w_1, x \neq w_2$:
 $x = w_1$ and $f(x) \neq f(w_1) \Rightarrow F_2 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_E -unsatisfiable.
3. $\{\{x, w_2\}, \{w_1\}\}$, i.e., $x = w_2, x \neq w_1$:
 $x = w_2$ and $f(x) \neq f(w_2) \Rightarrow F_2 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_E -unsatisfiable.
4. $\{\{x\}, \{w_1, w_2\}\}$, i.e., $x \neq w_1, w_1 = w_2$:
 $w_1 = w_2$ and $w_1 = 1 \wedge w_2 = 2$
 $\Rightarrow F_1 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -unsatisfiable.
5. $\{\{x\}, \{w_1\}, \{w_2\}\}$, i.e., $x \neq w_1, x \neq w_2, w_1 \neq w_2$:
 $x \neq w_1 \wedge x \neq w_2$ and $x = w_1 = 1 \vee x = w_2 = 2$
(since $1 \leq x \leq 2$ implies that $x = 1 \vee x = 2$ in $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$)
 $\Rightarrow F_1 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -unsatisfiable.

Hence, F is $(T_E \cup T_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -unsatisfiable.

Example: Consider the $(\Sigma_{\text{cons}} \cup \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -formula

$$F : \text{car}(x) + \text{car}(y) = z \wedge \text{cons}(x, z) \neq \text{cons}(y, z) .$$

After two applications of (1), Phase 1 separates F into the Σ_{cons} -formula

$$F_1 : w_1 = \text{car}(x) \wedge w_2 = \text{car}(y) \wedge \text{cons}(x, z) \neq \text{cons}(y, z)$$

and the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula

$$F_2 : w_1 + w_2 = z ,$$

with

$$V = \text{shared}(F_1, F_2) = \{z, w_1, w_2\} .$$

Consider the equivalence relation E given by the partition

$$\{\{z\}, \{w_1\}, \{w_2\}\} .$$

The arrangement

$$\alpha(V, E) : z \neq w_1 \wedge z \neq w_2 \wedge w_1 \neq w_2$$

satisfies both F_1 and F_2 : $F_1 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is T_{cons} -satisfiable, and $F_2 \wedge \alpha(V, E)$ is $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -satisfiable.

Hence, F is $(T_{\text{cons}} \cup T_{\mathbb{Z}})$ -satisfiable.

Practical Efficiency

Phase 2 was formulated as “guess and check”:

First, guess an equivalence relation E ,
then check the induced arrangement.

The number of equivalence relations grows super-exponentially with the # of shared variables. It is given by Bell numbers.
e.g., 12 shared variables \Rightarrow over four million equivalence relations.

Solution: Deterministic Version

Deterministic Version

Phase 1 as before

Phase 2 asks the decision procedures P_1 and P_2 to propagate new equalities.

Example 1:

Real linear arithmetic $T_{\mathbb{R}}$

$P_{\mathbb{R}}$

Theory of equality T_E

P_E

$$F : f(f(x)-f(y)) \neq f(z) \wedge x \leq y \wedge y+z \leq x \wedge 0 \leq z$$

$(T_{\mathbb{R}} \cup T_E)$ -unsatisfiable

Intuitively,

last 3 conjuncts $\Rightarrow x = y \wedge z = 0$

contradicts 1st conjunct

Phase 1: Variable Abstraction

$$F : f(f(x) - f(y)) \neq f(z) \wedge x \leq y \wedge y + z \leq x \wedge 0 \leq z$$

$$f(x) \Rightarrow u \quad f(y) \Rightarrow v \quad u - v \Rightarrow w$$

$$\Gamma_E : \{f(w) \neq f(z), u = f(x), v = f(y)\} \quad \dots T_E\text{-formula}$$

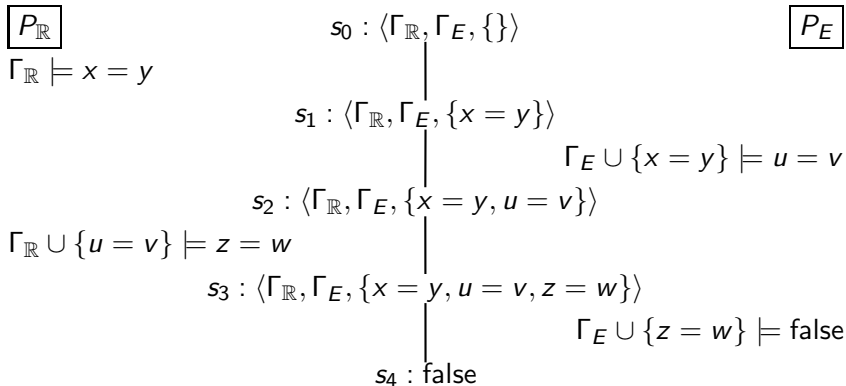
$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}} : \{x \leq y, y + z \leq x, 0 \leq z, w = u - v\} \quad \dots T_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-formula}$$

$$\text{shared}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma_E) = \{x, y, z, u, v, w\}$$

Nondeterministic version — too expensive!

Let's try the deterministic version.

Phase 2: Equality Propagation



Contradiction. Thus, F is $(T_{\mathbb{R}} \cup T_E)$ -unsatisfiable.

If there were no contradiction, F would be $(T_{\mathbb{R}} \cup T_E)$ -satisfiable.

Convex Theories

Claim:

Equality propagation is a decision procedure for convex theories.

Def. A Σ -theory T is *convex* iff
for every quantifier-free conjunctive Σ -formula F
and for every disjunction $\bigvee_{i=1}^n (u_i = v_i)$
if $F \Rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n (u_i = v_i)$
then $F \Rightarrow u_i = v_i$, for some $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

Convex Theories

- ▶ $T_E, T_{\mathbb{R}}, T_{\mathbb{Q}}, T_{\text{cons}}$ are convex
- ▶ $T_{\mathbb{Z}}, T_A$ are not convex

Example: $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ is not convex

Consider quantifier-free conjunctive

$$F : 1 \leq z \wedge z \leq 2 \wedge u = 1 \wedge v = 2$$

Then

$$F \Rightarrow z = u \vee z = v$$

but

$$F \not\Rightarrow z = u$$

$$F \not\Rightarrow z = v$$

Example:

The theory of arrays T_A is not convex.

Consider the quantifier-free conjunctive Σ_A -formula

$$F : a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = v .$$

Then

$$F \Rightarrow i = j \vee a[j] = v ,$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} F &\not\Rightarrow i = j \\ F &\not\Rightarrow a[j] = v . \end{aligned}$$

What if T is Not Convex?

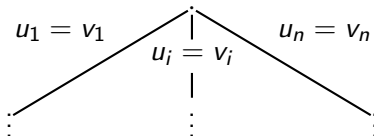
Case split when:

$$\Gamma \models \bigvee_{i=1}^n (u_i = v_i)$$

but

$$\Gamma \not\models u_i = v_i \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, n$$

- ▶ For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, construct a branch on which $u_i = v_i$ is assumed.
- ▶ If all branches are contradictory, then **unsatisfiable**. Otherwise, **satisfiable**.



Example 2: Non-Convex Theory

$T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ not convex!

$$\boxed{P_{\mathbb{Z}}}$$

T_E convex

$$\boxed{P_E}$$

$$\Gamma : \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 \leq x, & x \leq 2, \\ f(x) \neq f(1), & f(x) \neq f(2) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{in } T_{\mathbb{Z}} \cup T_E$$

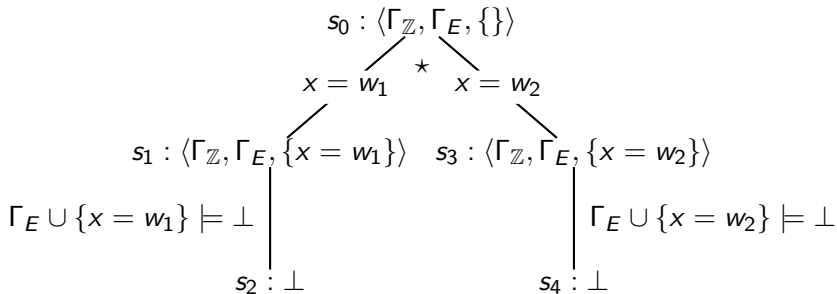
- ▶ Replace $f(1)$ by $f(w_1)$, and add $w_1 = 1$.
- ▶ Replace $f(2)$ by $f(w_2)$, and add $w_2 = 2$.

Result:

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq x, \\ x \leq 2, \\ w_1 = 1, \\ w_2 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_E = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) \neq f(w_1), \\ f(x) \neq f(w_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{shared}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}, \Gamma_E) = \{x, w_1, w_2\}$$

Example 2: Non-Convex Theory



$$\star : \Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} \models x = w_1 \vee x = w_2$$

All leaves are labeled with $\perp \Rightarrow \Gamma$ is $(T_{\mathbb{Z}} \cup T_E)$ -unsatisfiable.

Example 3: Non-Convex Theory

$$\Gamma : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq x, \quad x \leq 3, \\ f(x) \neq f(1), \quad f(x) \neq f(3), \quad f(1) \neq f(2) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{in } T_{\mathbb{Z}} \cup T_E$$

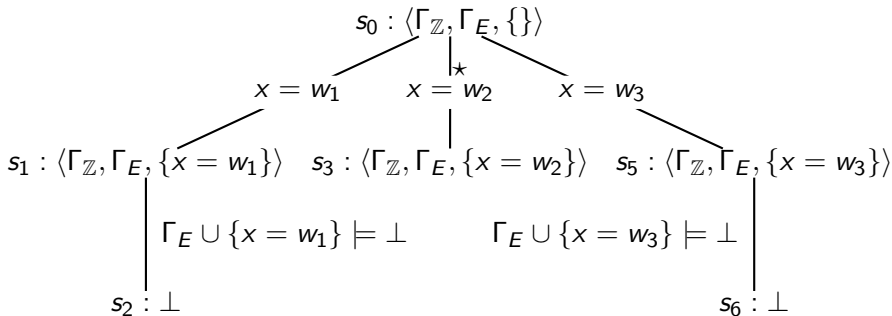
- ▶ Replace $f(1)$ by $f(w_1)$, and add $w_1 = 1$.
- ▶ Replace $f(2)$ by $f(w_2)$, and add $w_2 = 2$.
- ▶ Replace $f(3)$ by $f(w_3)$, and add $w_3 = 3$.

Result:

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq x, \\ x \leq 3, \\ w_1 = 1, \\ w_2 = 2, \\ w_3 = 3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_E = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) \neq f(w_1), \\ f(x) \neq f(w_3), \\ f(w_1) \neq f(w_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{shared}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}, \Gamma_E) = \{x, w_1, w_2, w_3\}$$

Example 3: Non-Convex Theory



$$\star : \Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} \models x = w_1 \vee x = w_2 \vee x = w_3$$

No more equations on middle leaf $\Rightarrow \Gamma$ is $(T_{\mathbb{Z}} \cup T_E)$ -satisfiable.