

SAT SOLVER

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Implemented an SAT solver using CDCL method using non-chronological Backtracking.

The code contains the following sections:

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 - c. Conflict Detection
 - d. Conflict Analysis
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Parsing Input:

The input file is parsed gathering formula in terms of a list of list (denoted by eq). Each object in the list is a clause which is also a list. A clause contains integers as parsed from the formula representing a literal defined by a variable. Negative values represent the negation of a particular variable. No var contains the number of variables.

Eg: $[[1,2,-3],[-1,2]]$ represents formula $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2)$

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5 #parse the file for clauses
6 def file_parse(fininput):
7     lines = open(fininput, 'r').readlines()
8     eq = []
9     firstline = lines[0].split()
10
11     #number of variables is stored
12     novar = int(firstline[2])
13
14     #append clauses as lists
15     for line in lines[1:]:
16         temp = []
17         temp = [int(x) for x in line.split()]
18         temp.pop()
19         eq.append(temp)
```

Output:

The output format is Number of Clauses, Number of Variables, Status of Assignment, Number of Learned Clauses, Number of Decisions and Number of Implications. Restart was not implementable in this idea.

```
305 #Apply the CDCL algorithm and print the output
306 output,lc_count,des_count,imp_count = CDCL(eq,novar)
307 print(f'Number of Variables: {novar}')
308 print(f'Number of Clauses: {len(eq) - lc_count}')
309 print(f'Assignment: {output}')
310 print(f'Learned Clauses: {lc_count}')
311 print(f'Descisions: {des_count}')
312 print(f'Implications: {imp_count}')
313 |
314 #end the timer and calculate the runtime
315 end = time.time()
316 print(f'Runtime: {end - start}s')
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CDCL Algorithm:

The algorithm used is Conflict driven Clause Learning, which upgrades over DPLL by applying conflict analysis and using non-chronological backtracking. We remove unnecessary branching on the variables by finding the variables which cause the conflict and learn a new clause which doesn't let the same conflict happen again. This improves the algorithm manifold over DPLL. The following stages were used in CDCL algorithm.

Notations:

v : denotes list where we'll be storing the variables, assigned value and decision level.

anc_cl : denotes the index of antecedents of the given implied literal in eq. For decision and unary clause literals, it's stored as -1.

var : is a list which contains all the decided variables and implied variables, it ensures termination of the program when all the variables are assigned.

confl_Detect: Function to detect conflict

confl_anal: Function to analyze conflict and learn a new clause

resolve: Function for resolution
backtrack: Function to implement backtracking
check: check if the given literal is in v or no append it.
update_var: number of variables assigned is stored
lit_freq: List which stores literal frequency
orig_lit_freq: List which stores the original literal frequency

Algorithm:

```
CDCL(eq):  
    v = []  
    anc_cl = {}  
    preprocessing()  
    while ( an unassigned variable exists):  
        dl = dl +1  
        decide()  
        while( confl_Detect(eq,v,dl) detects conflict):  
            b, c = confl_anal(eq,v,dl)  
            eq = eq  $\cup$  {c}  
            if(b < 0):  
                return "UNSAT"  
            v = backtrack(eq,v,b)  
    return "SAT"
```

Preprocessing:

In this, we will be adding all the unary clauses to the variable storing list (v) and remove all the clauses which contain the same literal and assignment, but not the unary clause(As It will help to find conflict later). It'll help in reducing the size of formula (eq). Literal frequency is found and stored both negated and non-negated are taken as 1 frequency. Polarity determines how many negated and how many non-negated instances of a literal are present. If polarisation of a literal is negative then it means negated literal is more common and vice versa. Also, store the original values in case we change the current literal frequency. This will help as the size of maintaining and processing a copy which we use in Conflict Detection. We also run for finding conflict as the decision level is 0. Which implies conflict at this stage leads to UNSATISFIABILITY.

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53     #If the equation contains unary clauses add them to v
54     for item in eq:
55         if len(item) == 1:
56             if item[0] < 0:
57                 x = -1*int(item[0])
58                 v.append([x,0,0])
59                 anc_cl[-1*x] = -1
60             else:
61                 x = int(item[0])
62                 v.append([x,1,0])
63                 anc_cl[x] = -1
64
65     #Preprocessing deletion of clauses which will be always be satisfiable
66     #except the unary clause for 0 dl vars
67     eq = pre_del(eq,v)
68     if eq == []:
69         return 'SAT',0,0,imp_count
70
71     #initialize literal frequency and literal polarizarion
72     lit_freq= [0 for x in range(1,novar+1)]
73     lit_pol=[0 for x in range(1,novar+1)]
74
75     #find the values of literal frequency
76     # and literal polarization
77     for clause in eq:
78         for literal in clause:
79             if literal > 0:
80                 lit_freq[literal-1] = lit_freq[literal-1] + 1
81                 lit_pol[literal-1] = lit_pol[literal-1] + 1
82
83             if literal < 0:
84                 lit_freq[-1*literal-1] = lit_freq[-1*literal-1] + 1
85                 lit_pol[-1*literal-1] = lit_pol[-1*literal-1] - 1
86
87     #store the original values in another list
88     orig_lit_freq = copy.deepcopy(lit_freq)
89

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Decide:

We decide what variable to brach next with an assumption, for this the implemented part just contains finding one after another value until it finds the variable unassigned. Increment the decision level by 1.

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77     #increment descision level and decide next variable
78     dl = dl+1
79     for i in range(1,novar+1):
80         L = []
81         for item in v:
82             L.append(item[0])
83         if i not in L:
84             v.append([i,1,dl])
85             anc_cl[i] = -1
86
87         # increment descisions counter
88         des_count = des_count + 1
89         break

```

Decide:

Decide is used to find the next variable which is not present in the list 'v'. This is found from the list maintained consisting of frequencies. The index value with maximum frequency is taken as the next variable. The sign i.e negated or not is decided from the polarity of the literal if polarity negative then negative value of literal is added to 'v' and vice-versa. This is because a large number of equations becomes satisfiable upon that decision.

```
161 #function to find new variable to assign
162 def decide(var,novar,lit_freq,lit_pol,orig_lit_freq,confl_count):
163
164     #assign frequency for variables in var
165     for i in var:
166         if lit_freq[i-1] != -1:
167             lit_freq[i-1] = -1
168
169     #decay the frequency as the
170     #number of conflicts reach 100
171     if confl_count > 100:
172         confl_count = confl_count%100
173         for i in range(0,novar):
174             orig_lit_freq[i] = orig_lit_freq[i]/2
175             if lit_freq[i] != -1 :
176                 lit_freq[i] = lit_freq[i]/2
177
178     #find the index with maximum frequency
179     var = lit_freq.index(max(lit_freq))
180
181     #assign sign based on polarisation value
182     if lit_pol[var] > 0:
183         sign = 1
184     else:
185         sign = 0
186
187     return var+1,sign,lit_freq,orig_lit_freq
188
```

Conflict Detection:

In conflict Detection for each variable, we apply unit propagation and find implied literals and set the antecedent for the implied variables, if we find an empty list it implies we have found a conflict. The reason for using deep copy and preparing a copy for the formula is not to alter the contents of the formula in case we need to backtrack. If a conflict is found set the antecedent value.

```

206 def confl_Detect(eq,v,anc_cl,dl,imp_count):
207
208     #copy the contents of eq
209     eq_copy = []
210     eq_copy = copy.deepcopy(eq)
211
212     for i in v:
213         # z represents the negated value of the variable in v
214         z = int(i[0])
215         if i[1] == 1:
216             z = -1*z
217         # index is used to find the index of clause which is antecedent for a new variable which will be added
218         index = -1
219         for lis in eq_copy:
220             index = index + 1
221             #if -z exists means satisfiable clauses
222             if -1*z in lis:
223                 lis = []
224                 lis.append(-1*z)
225             #if the value exists remove from lis
226             if z in lis:
227                 lis.remove(z)
228             #if a variable is implied add to v and set its antecedent clause
229             if len(lis) == 1:
230                 x = lis[0]
231                 y,v = check(x,v,dl)
232                 if y == 1 and lis[0] != -1*z:
233                     imp_count = imp_count + 1
234                     anc_cl[x] = index
235             #if a conflict is detected
236             if len(lis) == 0:
237                 anc_cl[0] = index
238                 return 0,v,anc_cl,imp_count
239
240     return 1,v,anc_cl,imp_count

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Conflict Analysis:

For conflict analysis, we first need to find the level of conflict. From the decision variable in order to reach the conflict, we can think of a path constructed from the implied variables. The point through which we definitely need to pass is called Unique Implication Point. We can take note that the decision variable is also a UIP. We start at the conflict for which we know the antecedent from which we can construct the corresponding clause, for each of the variables in the antecedent at the same decision level we find the antecedent. For these two antecedents, we can apply binary resolution rule and find a clause without the selected variable from the first antecedent. We take this as the new list and find a new variable at the same decision level to repeat the process again until we reach the UIP (i.e decision variable). The new clause will contain only the decision variable at this level and literals from previous decisions. This will be added to the formula as learned clause and this prevents the condition for conflict.

We return two things, one is the asserting level for which we need to backtrack and another the new learnt clause. The asserting level determines the level at which the

decision before the current decision takes place in the learnt clause. The deletion was not used if there is a unary learned clause because removal from original equation would lead to storing inaccurate indexes in anc_lc{}

```
185     # store number of literals found from same descision level
186     count = 0
187     while(1):
188         count = 0
189
190         #iterate over all the literals to find UIP
191         for i in lis:
192             for j in v:
193                 if j[0] == abs(i) and j[2] == conf_l:
194                     count = count+1
195                 #ancedent of resol will be used to resolve and find UIP
196                 for j in v:
197                     if j[0] == abs(i) and j[2] == conf_l and anc_cl[-1*i] != -1:
198                         resol = i
199
200         # implies there is only the descision variable and its the UIP
201         if count == 1:
202             break
203
204         #store the antecedent and resolve
205         ante = eq[anc_cl[-1*resol]]
206         lis = resolve(ante,lis,resol)
```

Resolution:

We apply resolution rule to remove an unwanted variable from a set of two clauses in one we need to have the literal and in another a negated literal, we remove the literals and join them by conjunction. ex: $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3$ and $\neg x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_3$ can be joined as $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_4 \vee x_5$ as at least one of $x_3, \neg x_3$ must be true. for either of the assignment we the resolved clause must be true.


```

247 #function to perform resolve
248 def resolve(ante,lis,x):
249
250     #copy the two lists into new lists
251     new_lis = copy.deepcopy(ante)
252     temp = copy.deepcopy(lis)
253
254     #create new list and apply binary resolution rule
255     merge = []
256
257     for i in new_lis:
258         merge.append(i)
259     for i in temp:
260         merge.append(i)
261     merge.remove(x)
262     merge.remove(-1*x)
263
264     # remove duplicates from the list
265     res = []
266     for i in merge:
267         if i not in res:
268             res.append(i)
269
270     return res
271

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Backtrack:

We backtrack to the level we get from conflict analysis by undoing all the antecedents, decision assigned variable and implied variables.

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273 #function to implement backtrack
274 def backtrack(v,b,anc_cl):
275
276     # create a list to store all the
277     # variables which needs to be removed
278     rem = []
279
280     #iterate over v to find all the variables
281     #with dl greater than b and also remove antecedent
282     for i in v:
283         x = i[0]
284         if i[1] == 0:
285             x = -1*x
286         if i[2] >= b:
287             rem.append(i)
288             if x in anc_cl.keys():
289                 del anc_cl[x]
290
291     #remove literals
292     for j in rem:
293         v.remove(j)
294
295     #remove the antecedent of the conflict
296     del anc_cl[0]
297
298     return v,anc_cl,b
299

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