

An Efficient Two-phase Method for Prime Compilation of Non-clausal Boolean Formulae

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- generate *all* prime implicants/implicants of a Boolean formula

Example 1 (Prime Compilation of Non-clausal Formulae)

Let $\varphi = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge c)$ be a non-clausal Boolean formula.

- $\neg a \wedge c$
- $a \wedge b$
- $b \wedge c$

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Developing new approaches over different paradigms remains to be an interesting research direction.

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Advantage:

- 1 dual rail (DR) encoding^[14] to handle overlap
 - x_v represents the literal v ; $x_{\neg v}$ represents the literal $\neg v$, e.g., $x_a \wedge \neg x_{\neg a}$ means $a = \text{true}$.
- 2 SAT solver to improve the performance

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We argue that:

- DR encoding is not necessary for constructing a cover.
- It is not necessary to compute the minimal cover.

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- In order to generate *all* prime implicants of φ , it is necessary to compute a cover of φ under the DR encoding^[13].
- Naturally, constructing a cover independently need not use DR encoding, which avoids enlarging the search space.
- Moreover, we can exploit the powerful polarity heuristic method for SAT solving in the first phase.

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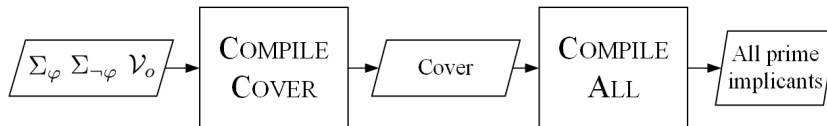


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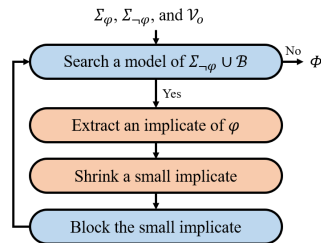


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2 impicate $a \vee \neg b \vee c$

3 small implicate $a \vee c$

Finally, a cover $\Phi = (a \vee c) \wedge (\neg a \vee b)$.

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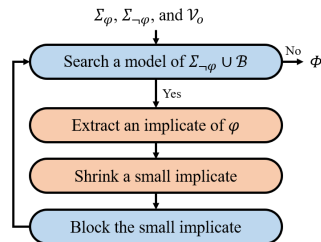


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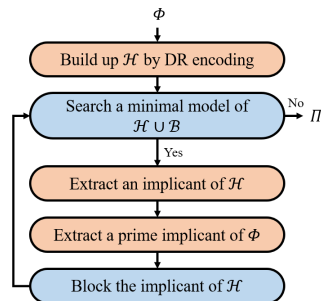


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$$\mathcal{H} = (x_a \vee x_c) \wedge (x_{\neg a} \vee x_b) \wedge (\neg x_a \vee \neg x_{\neg a}) \wedge (\neg x_b \vee \neg x_{\neg b}) \wedge (\neg x_c \vee \neg x_{\neg c})$$

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- 2 implicant of \mathcal{H} $x_{\neg a} \wedge x_c$
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Finally, $\Pi = \{\neg a \wedge c, b \wedge c, a \wedge b\}$.

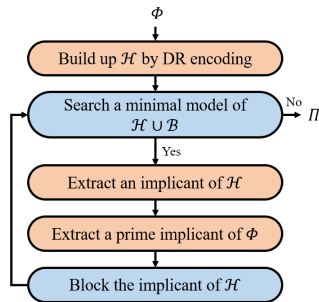


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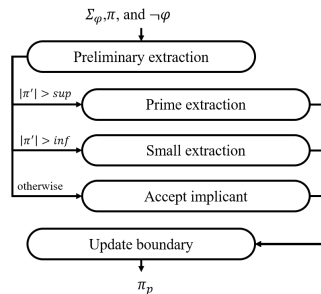


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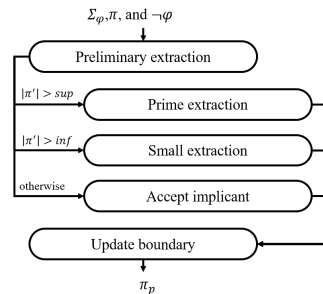


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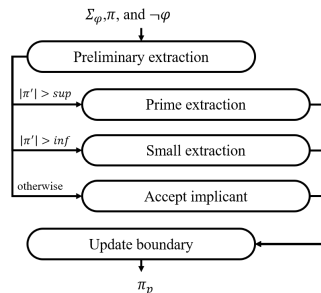


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- INTERVALEXTRACT is like QX, while avoids discussing the case where none of the partial assignments are an implicant.

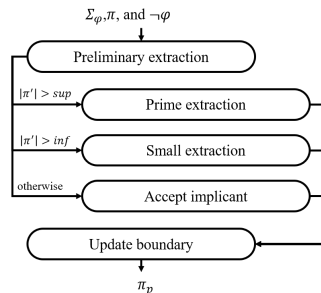


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Good Trade-off

Theorem 1

In BPE, π_p is smaller than or equal in size to the largest prime implicant of $\neg\varphi$.

Theorem 2

In BPE, if $|\pi'| > sup$, BPE requires $\mathcal{O}(|\pi'|)$ SAT queries; if $inf < |\pi'| \leq sup$, requires $\mathcal{O}(\lg \frac{|\pi'|}{|\pi_p|})$; otherwise requires $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

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Tasks

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Table 1: The number of instances computed (task (i) / task (ii)).

	<i>QG6</i> (83)	<i>Geffe gen.</i> (600)	<i>F+PHP</i> (30)	<i>F+GT</i> (30)	<i>Total</i> (743)
primer-a	30 / 68	577 / 596	30 / 30	28 / 30	665 / 724
primer-b	30 / 67	578 / 596	30 / 30	28 / 30	666 / 723
CoAPI-qx	30 / 73	589 / 593	30 / 30	26 / 30	675 / 726
CoAPI	30 / 82	589 / 595	30 / 30	30 / 30	679 / 737

- CoAPI-qx, primer-a, and primer-b are comparable.
- CoAPI successfully computes more instances than primer-a and primer-b.
- Particularly, CoAPI increases the number of instances in *QG6* for the task (ii) and in *Geffe gen.* for the task (i).

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- CoAPI computes much faster than primer-a (*resp.* primer-b) in 664 (*resp.* 666) instances – it is at least one order of magnitude faster than primer-a (*resp.* primer-b) in 214 (*resp.* 215) instances.
- It is in 85% (*resp.* 86%) instances that CoAPI-qx beats primer-a (*resp.* primer-b).
- CoAPI is greatly better than CoAPI-qx.

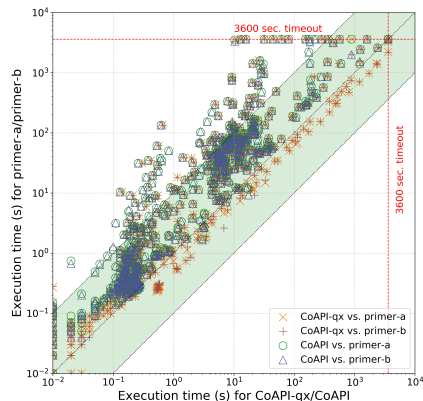


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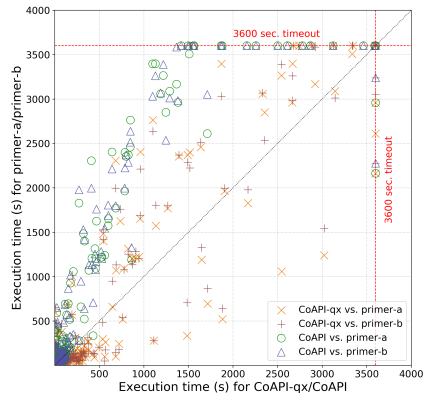


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Answer for RQ1:

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- The better performance of CoAPI-qx than the SOTA approaches confirms that the two-phase framework is efficient.

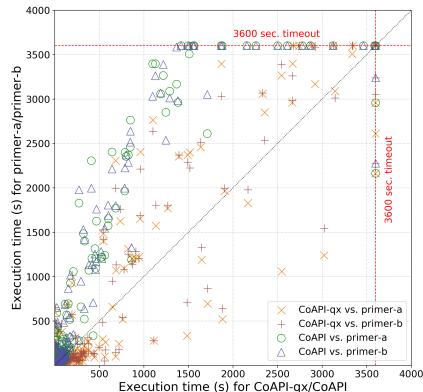


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das9202	62.69	60.21	28.68	28.62
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das9205	0.25	0.29	0.02	0.03
das9206	256.08	331.06	44.78	72.56
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edf9201	1,164.51	1,100.92	830.85	742.67
edf9205	86.82	43.57	46.68	53.16
edfpa15p	N/A	N/A	1,061.29	1,012.33
edfpa15r	2,755.73	2,872.39	1,087.08	967.62
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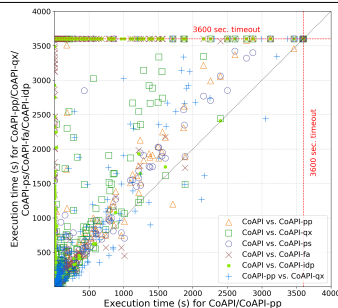


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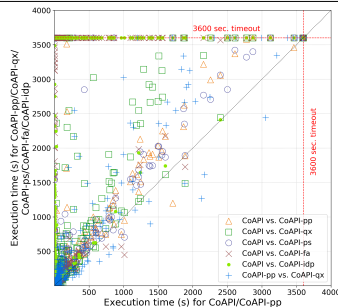


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Conclusion:

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- 2 To improve the performance, we have designed a bounded prime extraction method (BPE) to dynamically extract small implicants or a prime implicants to construct a succinct cover.
- 3 Our experimental results show that CoAPI has dramatically pushed the limits of the performance of the state-of-the-art approaches on the classic and industrial benchmarks.
- 4 The results confirm that BPE provides a good trade-off between having an efficient algorithm and constructing a succinct cover.

Future work:

- We will develop optimization techniques to improve performance for the industrial benchmark.

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