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1 Alethe proof

The Alethe proof trace format [1] for SMT solvers comprises two parts: the trace language based on SMT-LIB and a collection of proof rules. Traces witness proofs of unsatisfiability of a set of constraints. They are sequences $a_1 \dots a_m \ t_1 \dots t_n$ where the a_i corresponds to the constraints of the original SMT problem being refuted, each t_i is a clause inferred from previous elements of the sequence, and t_n is \bot (the empty clause). In the following, we designate the SMT-LIB problem as the *input problem*.

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1 (set-logic QF_LIA)
2 (declare-const x Int)
3 (declare-const y Int)
4 (assert (= 0 y))
5 (assert (= x 2))
6 (assert (or (< (+ x y) 1) (< 3 x)))
7 (get-proof)
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1 (assume a0 (or (< (+ x y) 1) (< 3 x)))
2 (assume a1 (= x 2))
3 (assume a2 (= 0 y))
4 (step t1 (c1 (< (+ x y) 1) (< 3 x)) :rule or :premises (a0))
5 (step t2 (c1 (not (< 3 x)) (not (= x 2))) :rule la_generic :args (1/1 1/1))
6 (step t3 (c1 (not (< 3 x))) :rule resolution :premises (a1 t2))
7 (step t4 (c1 (< (+ x y) 1)) :rule resolution :premises (t1 t3))
8 (step t5 (c1 (not (< (+ x y) 1)) (not (= x 2)) (not (= 0 y))) :rule la_generic :args (1/1 -1/1 1/1))
9 (step t6 (c1) :rule resolution :premises (t5 t4 a1 a2))
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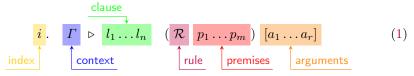
Listing 1.1. The following example is the proof for the unsatisfiability of $(x + y < 1) \lor (3 < x), x = 2$ and 0 = y.

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We will use the input problem shown in the top part of example 1 with its Alethe proof (found by cvc5) in the bottom part as a running example to provide an overview of Alethe concepts and to illustrate our reconstruction of linear arithmetic step in Lambdapi.

An Alethe proof trace inherits the declarations of its input problem. All symbols (sorts, functions, assertions, etc.) declared or defined in the input problem remain declared or defined, respectively. Furthermore, the syntax for terms, sorts, and annotations uses the syntactic rules defined in SMT-LIB [2, §3] and the SMT signature context defined in [2, §5.1 and §5.2]. In the following we will represent an Alethe step as



A step consists of an index $i \in \mathbb{I}$ where \mathbb{I} is a countable infinite set of indices (e.g. a0, t1), and a clause of formulae l_1, \ldots, l_n representing an n-ary disjunction. Steps that are not assumptions are justified by a proof rule \mathcal{R} that depends on a possibly empty set of premises $\{p_1 \ldots p_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{I}$ that only references earlier steps such that the proof forms a directed acyclic graph. A rule might also depend on a list of arguments $[a_1 \ldots a_r]$ where each argument a_i is either a term or a pair (x_i, t_i) where x_i is a variable and t_i is a term. The interpretation of the arguments is rule specific. The context Γ of a step is a list $c_1 \ldots c_l$ where each element c_j is either a variable or a variable-term tuple denoted $x_j \mapsto t_j$. Therefore, steps with a non-empty context contain variables x_j that appear in l_i and will be substituted by t_j . Proof rules R include theory lemmas and resolution, which corresponds to hyper-resolution on ground first-order clauses.

Rule	Description
la_generic	Tautologous disjunction of linear inequalities.
lia_generic	Tautologous disjunction of linear integer inequalities.
la_disequality	$t_1 \approx t_2 \vee \neg (t_1 \ge t_2) \vee \neg (t_2 \ge t_1)$
la_totality	$t_1 \ge t_2 \lor t_2 \ge t_1$
$la_tautology$	A trivial linear tautology
la_rw_eq	$(t \approx u) \approx (t \ge u \land u \ge t)$
$\operatorname{div}_{\operatorname{\underline{simplify}}}$	Simplification of division.
prod_simplify	Simplification of products.
unary_minus_simplify	Simplification of the unuary minus.
minus_simplify	Simplification of the substractions.
sum_simplify	Simplification of sums.
comp_simplify	Simplification of arithmetic comparisons.
Table	e 1. Linear arithmetic rules in Alethe.

We now have the key components to explain the guiding proof in the bottom part of listing 1.1. The proofs starts with assume steps a0, a1, a2 that restate the assertions from the *input problem* (listing 1.1). Step t1 transforms disjunction into clause by using the Alethe rule or. Steps t2 and t5 are tautologies introduced by the main rule la_generic in LA logic and used also in LIA logic, where $\neg l_1, \neg l_2, \ldots, \neg l_n$ are linear inequalities. Checking the validity of this clause amounts to checking the unsatisfiability of the system of linear equations e.g. x < 3 and x = 2 in t2. A coefficient for each inequality are pass as arguments e.g. $(\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{1})$ in t2. Steps t3 (and t4) applies the resolution rule to the premises a1, t2 (respectively t1 t3). Finally, the step t6 concludes the proof by generating the empty clause \bot , concretely denoted as (c1) in listing 1.1. Notice that the contexts Γ of each step are all empty in this proof.

Proofs for linear arithmetic steps use a number of straightforward rules listed in table 1, such as la_totality $(t_1 \leq t_2 \vee t_2 \geq t_1)$ and the main rules la_generic and lia_generic. The lia_generic rule takes the same form as la_generic, without the additional coefficients. Since this rule can introduce a disjunction of arbitrary linear integer inequalities without any additional hints, proof checking can be NP-hard. Although the la_generic rule seems primarily designed for LA logic, it is also employed in LIA proofs when all variables in the (in)equalities are integer-sorted. While it can produce rational coefficients, it is rarely used in practice with CVC5 proofs.

2 Lia elaboration

Carcara considers lia_generic steps as holes in the proof, as verifying them is as difficult. Currently, Carcara relies on an external tool that generates Alethe proofs to formulate the steps by solving corresponding problems in a proof-producing manner. The proof is then imported, verified, and validated before replacing the original step. However, at present, Carcara only use cvc5 for performing this task. It is important to note that cvc5 has a limitation: its Alethe proofs may contain rewrite steps that are not yet modeled in the Alethe simplification rules, and as such, these steps are not supported by Carcara. While these steps are considered holes, they typically involve simple simplification rules and, therefore, have much less impact than the more complex lia_generic ones.

In detail, the elaboration method, when encountering a lia_generic step S concluding the negated inequalities $\neg l_1 \lor \ldots \lnot l_n$, generates an SMT-LIB problem asserting $l_1 \land \cdots \land l_n$ and invokes cvc5 on it, expecting an Alethe proof $\pi: (l_1 \land \cdots \land l_n) \to \bot$. Carcara will check each step in π and, if they are not invalid, will replace step S in the original proof by a proof of the form:

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9 (step S (cl (not 11) ... (not ln)) :rule resolution :premises (S.t_m+1 S.t_m +2))
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Listing 1.2. Elaboration of lia_generic

We decided to leverage the elaboration process of lia_generic performed by Carcara, as doing otherwise would require implementing Fourier-Motzkin elimination for integers, as demonstrated in [9, 3] - and therefore reimplementing the work done by the solver.

3 Linear Arithmetic in Alethe

All linear arithmetic tautology rules, such as la_disequalities, la_totality, and simplification rules like comp_simplify, are encoded as lemmas in our embedding of Alethe in Lambdapi, as presented in section 4. The la_generic rule, however, must be reconstructed using a different approach, as it involves following the algorithm described below.

A step of the rule la_generic represents a tautological clause of linear disequalities. It can be checked by showing that the conjunction of the negated disequalities is unsatisfiable. After the application of some strengthening rules, the resulting conjunction is unsatisfiable, even if integer variables are assumed to be real variables.

A linear inequality is of term of the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} c_i \times t_i + d_1 \bowtie \sum_{i=n+1}^{m} c_i \times t_i + d_2$$

where $\bowtie \in \{=, <, >, \leq, \geq\}$, where $m \geq n$, c_i, d_1, d_2 are either integer or real constants, and for each i c_i and t_i have the same sort. We will write $s_1 \bowtie s_2$.

Let l_1, \ldots, l_n be linear inequalities and a_1, \ldots, a_n rational numbers, then a la_generic step has the form

$$i. \triangleright \varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$$
 la_generic $[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$

The constants a_i are of sort Real and must be printed using one of the productions $\langle \text{rational} \rangle$ $\langle \text{decimal} \rangle$, $\langle \text{nonpositive_decimal} \rangle$.

To check the unsatisfiability of the negation of $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$ one performs the following steps for each literal. For each i, let $\varphi := \varphi_i$ and $a := a_i$.

- 1. If $\varphi = s_1 > s_2$, then let $\varphi := s_1 \le s_2$. If $\varphi = s_1 \ge s_2$, then let $\varphi := s_1 < s_2$. If $\varphi = s_1 < s_2$, then let $\varphi := s_1 \ge s_2$. If $\varphi = s_1 \le s_2$, then let $\varphi := s_1 > s_2$. This negates the literal.
- 2. If $\varphi = \neg(s_1 \bowtie s_2)$, then let $\varphi := s_1 \bowtie s_2$.
- 3. If $\varphi = s_1 < s_2$, then let $\varphi := -s_1 > -s_2$. If $\varphi = s_1 \le s_2$, then let $\varphi := s_1 \ge -s_2$.
- 4. Replace φ by $\sum_{i=0}^{n} c_i \times t_i \sum_{i=n+1}^{m} c_i \times t_i \bowtie d$ where $d := d_2 d_1$.

- 5. Now φ has the form $s_1 \bowtie d$. If all variables in s_1 are integer sorted: replace $\bowtie d$ according to the table below.
- 6. If \bowtie is = replace l by $\sum_{i=0}^{m} a \times c_i \times t_i = a \times d$, otherwise replace it by $\sum_{i=0}^{m} |a| \times c_i \times t_i = |a| \times d$. Coefficients are put on the same denominator to keep whole numbers as coefficients.

The replacements that can be performed by step 5 above are \bowtie If d is an integer Otherwise

$$\begin{array}{ll} > \geq d+1 & \geq \lfloor d \rfloor +1 \\ \geq \geq d & \geq \lfloor d \rfloor +1 \end{array}$$

Finally, the sum of the resulting literals is trivially contradictory. The sum

$$\sum_{k=1}^{o} \sum_{i=1}^{m^{o}} c_i^k * t_i^k \bowtie \sum_{k=1}^{o} d^k$$

where c_i^k is the constant c_i of literal l_k , t_i^k is the term t_i of l_k , and d^k is the constant d of l_k . The operator \bowtie is = if all operators are =, > if all are either = or >, and \ge otherwise. The a_i must be such that the sum on the left-hand side is 0 and the right-hand side is > 0 (or \ge 0 if \bowtie is >).

The step 3 has been added by our own since the following steps in the original algorithm work with > and \ge and does not mention clearly what to do with < and \le .

Example 1. Consider the la_generic step in the logic LIA:

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1 (step t11 (cl (not (<= f 0)) (<= (+ 1 (* 4 f)) 1))
2 :rule la_generic :args (1.0 1/4))
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After step 4, we get $-f>0 \land 4\times f>0$. The step 5 applied and we can strengthen this to $-f\geq 0 \land 4\times f\geq 1$ and after multiplication of the normalized coefficients we get $4\times (-f)\geq 0 \land 4\times f\geq 1$. Which sums to the contradiction $0\geq 1$.

In the next section, we first present an overview of our embedding of Alethe in Lambdapi, and then our automatic procedure to reconstruct la_generic step that appear in LIA problem.

4 Reconstruction of la_generic step

4.1 Lambdapi

Lambdapi is an implementation of $\lambda\Pi$ modulo theory $(\lambda\Pi/\equiv)$ [6], an extension of the Edinburgh Logical Framework $\lambda\Pi$ [7], a simply typed λ -calculus with dependent types. $\lambda\Pi/\equiv$ adds user-defined higher-order rewrite rules. Its syntax is given by

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Universes u ::= \texttt{TYPE} \mid \texttt{KIND} Terms t, v, A, B, C ::= c \mid x \mid u \mid \Pi \ x : A, B \mid \lambda \ x : A, t \mid t \ v Contexts \Gamma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Gamma, x : A Signatures \Sigma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Sigma, c : C \mid \Sigma, c := t : C \mid \Sigma, t \hookrightarrow v
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where c is a constant and x is a variable (ranging over disjoint sets), C is a closed term. Universes are constants used to verify if a type is well-formed – more details can be found in [7, §2.1]. $\Pi x:A.B$ is the dependent product, and we write $A \to B$ when x does not appear free in B, $\lambda x:A.t$ is an abstraction, and t v is an application. A (local) context Γ is a finite sequence of variable declarations x:A introducing variables and their types. A signature Σ representing the global context is a finite sequence of assumptions c:C, indicating that constant c is of type C, definitions c:=t:C, indicating that c has the value t and type t0, and rewrite rules $t \hookrightarrow v$ 1 such that t=c2, v3, where v6 is a constant.

The relation $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}$ is generated by β -reduction and by the rewrite rules of Σ . The relation $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}$ denotes the reflexive and transitive closure of $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}$, and the relation $\equiv_{\beta\Sigma}$ (called *conversion*) the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive closure of $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}$. The relation $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}$ must be confluent, i.e., whenever $t \hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}^* v_1$ and $t \hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}^* v_2$, there exists a term w such that $v_1 \hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}^* w$ and $v_2 \hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma}^* w$, and it must preserve typing, i.e., whenever $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t : A$ and $t \hookrightarrow_{\beta\Sigma} v$ then $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} v : A$ [4].

A Lambdapi typing judgment $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t : A$ asserts that term t has type A in the context Γ and the signature Σ . The typing rules of $\lambda \Pi / \equiv$ are the one of $\lambda \Pi$ [7, §2], except for the rule (Conv) where it use the version of fig. 1 that identifies types modulo $\equiv_{\beta\Sigma}$ instead of just modulo β -reduction.

$$\frac{\Gamma, \vdash_{\Sigma} B : u \qquad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t : A \qquad A \equiv_{\beta \Sigma} B}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t : B}$$
 (Conv)

Fig. 1. (Conv) rule in $\lambda \Pi / \equiv$

We now provide an overview of our encoding of Alethe in Lambdapi. A more comprehensive version of the encoding is available in [5].

4.2 A Prelude Encoding for Alethe

Definition 1 (Prelude Encoding). The signature Σ of our encoding contains the following definitions and rewrite rules provided by the standard library of Lambdapi that we use to encode Alethe proofs:

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\begin{array}{lll} \texttt{Set}: \texttt{TYPE} & \texttt{Prop}: \texttt{TYPE} \\ \texttt{El}: \texttt{Set} \to \texttt{TYPE} & \texttt{Prf}: \texttt{Prop} \to \texttt{TYPE} \\ \\ \leadsto: \texttt{Set} \to \texttt{Set} \to \texttt{Set} & o: \texttt{Set} \\ \\ \texttt{El}\left(x \leadsto y\right) \hookrightarrow \texttt{El}\left(x \to \texttt{El}\left(y\right)\right) & \texttt{El}\left(x \to \texttt{Prop}\right) \end{array}
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The constants **Set** and **Prop** (lines 1 and 6) are type universes "à la Tarski" [8, §Universes] in $\lambda \Pi / \equiv$. The type **Set** represents the universe of *small types*,

i.e. a subclass of types for which we can define equality. SMT sorts are represented in $\lambda \Pi/\equiv$ as elements of type Set. Since elements of type Set are not types themselves, we also introduce a decoding function E1: Set \rightarrow TYPE that interprets SMT sorts as $\lambda \Pi/\equiv$ types. Thus, we represent the terms of sort Bool of SMT by elements of type E1 o. The constructor \leadsto is used to encode SMT functions and predicates. The type Prop represents the universe of propositions in $\lambda \Pi/\equiv$. Like Set, elements of type Prop are not types themselves but are mapped to types by the decoding function Prf: Prop \rightarrow TYPE. By analogy with the Curry-de-Brujin-Howard isomorphism, it embeds propositions into types, mapping each proposition A to the type Prf A of its proofs.

Fig. 2. The Clause type and operations on clauses.

Alethe distinguishes between clauses that appear in steps, $(\operatorname{cl} l_1 \dots l_n)$ in eq. (1), and ordinary disjunction [1, §4]. The syntax for clauses uses the clauserator, while disjunction is represented as the standard SMT-LIB or. We define the type Clause that encodes an Alethe clause as a list of propositions. The constructor \forall prepends an element to a list, and \blacksquare is the empty list. Logically, clauses are interpreted as disjunctions via the function $\mathcal F$ defined by rewriting rules. For convenience, we also introduce the predicate $\operatorname{Prf}^{\bullet}$ asserting that a clause is provable.

4.3 Classical connectives, quantifiers and facts

Since SMT solvers are based on classical logic, we use the constructive connectives and quantifiers from the Lambdapi standard library and define the classical ones from them using the double-negation translation [?] as a definition.

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\begin{split} & \operatorname{Prf}^c p \coloneqq \operatorname{Prf}(\neg \neg p) \\ & = : \Pi[a : \operatorname{Set}], \operatorname{El} a \to \operatorname{El} a \to \operatorname{Prop} \\ & p \vee^c q \coloneqq \neg \neg p \vee \neg \neg q \\ & \forall^c \coloneqq \Pi[a : \operatorname{Set}], \Pi p : (\operatorname{El} a \to \operatorname{Prop}), \forall x. \neg \neg p \, x \\ & \operatorname{classic} : \ \Pi[p : \operatorname{Prop}], \operatorname{Prf}^c(p \vee^c \neg p) \\ & \operatorname{prop\_ext} : \ \Pi[p \, q : \operatorname{Prop}], \operatorname{Prf}^c(p \Leftrightarrow^c q) \to \operatorname{Prf}^c(p = q) \end{split}
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Therefore, a step in an Alethe proof trace is represented as a proposition $\operatorname{Prf}^c p$, defined as the intuitionistic proof Prf of the doubly negated predicate. Equality over small types is parameterized over types $\operatorname{El} a$ for the type parameter $[a:\operatorname{Set}]$ (the square brackets indicate that this parameter need not be given explicitly). We also define classical connectives, quantifiers, and the choice operator ϵ ([1, §2.1]) as illustrated above. We prove the law of excluded middle and add the proposition of Boolean extensionality stating that classical equivalence coincides with equality over Booleans. SMT logic enjoys the property of propositional completeness (also referred to as propositional degeneracy) asserting that $\forall^c A$, $(A = \top) \lor^c (A = \bot)$. Moreover, propositionally equivalent formulas are equal. We thus obtain the theorems classic and $\operatorname{prop_ext}$.

4.4 Encoding of Integers in Lambdapi

The definition we use of integers in Lambdapi follows a common encoding found in many other theories, such as Rocq. First, the type \mathbb{P} is an inductive type representing strictly positive integers in binary form. Starting from 1 (represented by constructor H), one can add a new least significant digit via the constructor \mathbb{Q} (digit 0) or constructor \mathbb{Q} (digit 1). The type \mathbb{Q} is an inductive type representing integers in binary form. An integer is either zero (with constructor \mathbb{Q} 0) or a strictly positive number \mathbb{Q} 1 (coded as a \mathbb{P} 1) or a strictly negative number \mathbb{Q} 2 (whose opposite is stored as a \mathbb{P} 3 value).

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\begin{tabular}{llll} $\mathbb{Z}: TYPE$ & $\mathbb{P}: TYPE$ \\ $| \ Z0: \mathbb{Z}$ & $| \ H: \mathbb{P}$ \\ $| \ ZPos: \mathbb{P} \to \mathbb{Z}$ & $| \ 0: \mathbb{P} \to \mathbb{P}$ \\ $| \ ZNeg: \mathbb{P} \to \mathbb{Z}$ & $| \ I: \mathbb{P} \to \mathbb{P}$ \\ $| \ int: Set$ & pos: Set$ \\ $E1$ int $\hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ & $E1$ pos $\hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}$ \\ \end{tabular}
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4.5 Functions used in the translation

We now provide an overview of how input problems expressed in a given SMT-LIB signature [2, §5.2.1] are encoded. In order to avoid a notational clash with the Lambdapi signature Σ , we denote the set of SMT-LIB sorts as $\Theta^{\mathcal{S}}$, the set of function symbols $\Theta^{\mathcal{F}}$, and the set of variables $\Theta^{\mathcal{X}}$. Alethe does not support the sorts Array and String. Moreover, we do not yet provide support for Bitvector and Real. Our translation is based on the following functions:

- $-\mathcal{D}$ translates declarations of sorts and functions in $\Theta^{\mathcal{S}}$ and $\Theta^{\mathcal{F}}$ into constants,
- $-\mathcal{S}$ maps sorts to Σ types,

- \mathcal{E} translates SMT expression to $\lambda \Pi / \equiv$ terms,
- $-\mathcal{C}$ translates a list of commands $c_1 \dots c_n$ of the form $i. \Gamma \triangleright \varphi (\mathcal{R} P)[A]$ to typing judgments $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} i := M : N$.

Definition 2 (Function \mathcal{D} translating SMT sort and function symbol declarations). For each sort symbol s with arity n in $\Theta^{\mathcal{S}}$ we create a constant $s: \mathbf{Set} \to \cdots \to \mathbf{Set}$. For each function symbol $f \sigma^+$ in $\Theta^{\mathcal{F}}$ we create a constant $f: \mathcal{S}(\sigma^+)$.

In other words, all SMT sorts used in the Alethe proof trace will be defined as constants that inhabit the type Set in the signature context Σ . For every function declared in the SMT prelude, we define a constant whose arity follows the sort declared in the SMT prelude. The translation of sorts is formally defined as follows.

Definition 3 (Function S translating sorts of expression). The definition of S(s) is as follows.

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- Case s = Bool, then S(s) = Elo,
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- Case
$$s = Int$$
, then $S(s) = El$ int,

- Case
$$s = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n$$
 then $S(s) = \mathbf{El}(S(\sigma_1) \leadsto \cdots \leadsto S(\sigma_n)),$

- otherwise
$$S(s) = \text{El } \mathcal{D}(s)$$
.

Definition 4 (Function \mathcal{E} translating SMT expressions). The definition of $\mathcal{E}(e)$ is as follows.

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- Case e = (p \ t_1 \ t_2 \dots t_n) and p a logical operator, then \mathcal{E}(e) = \mathcal{E}(t_1) \ p^c \dots p^c \ \mathcal{E}(t_n).
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- Case
$$e = (g \ t_1 \dots t_n)$$
 with $g \in \Theta^{\mathcal{F}}$, then $\mathcal{E}(e) = (\mathcal{D}(g) \ \mathcal{E}(t_1) \dots \mathcal{E}(t_n))$.
- Case $e = (\approx t_1 \ t_2)$ then $\mathcal{E}(e) = (\mathcal{E}(t_1) = \mathcal{E}(t_2))$.

- Case $e = (Q \ x_1 : \sigma_1 \dots x_n : \sigma_n \ t)$ where $Q \in \{\text{forall}, \text{exists}\}, \ then \ \mathcal{E}(e) = \{\text{forall}, \text{exists}\}$

 $Q^c x_1 : \mathcal{S}(\sigma_1), \dots, Q^c x_n : \mathcal{S}(\sigma_n), \mathcal{E}(t).$

- Case $e = (x : \sigma)$ with $x \in \Theta^{\mathcal{X}}$ a sorted variable, then $\mathcal{E}(e) = x : \mathcal{S}(\sigma)$.

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$$reify(t_1) =_{\mathcal{R}} reify(t_2) \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{R} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow_{AC}} \mathcal{R} & t_1 \downarrow_{AC} =_{\mathcal{R}} t_2 \downarrow_{AC} \\ & \downarrow \\ t_1 =_{\mathbb{Z}} t_2 & \mathbb{Z} \iff \mathbb{Z} & denote(t_1 \downarrow_{AC}) =_{\mathbb{Z}} denote(t_2 \downarrow_{AC}) \end{array}$$

Definition 5 (\mathcal{R}) .

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c_1) \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c_2) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{var} \; x \; (c_1 + c_2) \\ \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c_1) \; (\operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c_2) \; y) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c_1 + c_2) \; y \\ \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c_1) \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c_2) \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{cst} \; c_1 + c_2) \\ \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c_1) \; (\operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c_2) \; y) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c_1 + c_2) \; y \\ \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; 0) \; x \hookrightarrow x \\ \operatorname{add} \; x \; (\operatorname{cst} \; 0) \hookrightarrow x \\ \operatorname{sopp} \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c) \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{var} \; x \; (-c)) \\ \operatorname{opp} \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c) \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{cst} \; (-c)) \\ \operatorname{opp} \; \operatorname{opp} \; x \hookrightarrow x \\ \operatorname{opp} \; \operatorname{add} \; x \; y \hookrightarrow \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{opp} \; x) \; (\operatorname{opp} \; y) \\ \operatorname{mul} \; k \; (\operatorname{var} \; x \; c) \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{var} \; x \; (k \times c)) \\ \operatorname{mul} \; k \; (\operatorname{opp} \; x \hookrightarrow \operatorname{mul} \; (-k) \; x \\ \operatorname{mul} \; k \; (\operatorname{add} \; x \; y) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{add} \; (\operatorname{mul} \; k \; x) \; (\operatorname{mul} \; k \; y) \\ \operatorname{mul} \; k \; (\operatorname{cst} \; c) \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{cst} \; k \times c) \\ \operatorname{mul} \; c_1 \; (\operatorname{mul} \; c_2 \; x) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{mul} \; (c_1 \times c_2) \; x \\ \end{array}$$

Definition 6 (reify).

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{reify} \ 0 \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{cst} \ 0) \\ \operatorname{reify} \ (-x) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{opp} \ \operatorname{reify} \ x \\ \operatorname{reify} \ (x+y) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{add} \ \operatorname{reify} \ x \ \operatorname{reify} \ y \\ \operatorname{reify} \ x \hookrightarrow (\operatorname{var} \ x \ 1) \end{array}$$

Definition 7 (denote).

$$\begin{split} & \text{den } (\text{var } c \; x) \hookrightarrow c \times x \\ & \text{den } (\text{cst } c) \hookrightarrow c \\ & \text{den } \text{opp } x \hookrightarrow -(\text{den } x) \\ & \text{den } \text{mul } c \; x \hookrightarrow c \times \text{den } x \\ & \text{den } \text{add } x \; y \hookrightarrow \text{den } x + \text{den } y \end{split}$$

Definition 8. Let $aliens_{\sqcup}: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}^+$ be the function mapping every term in \mathcal{C} to a non-empty list of terms such that $aliens_{\sqcup}(t) = aliens_{\sqcup}(u) \circ aliens_{\sqcup}(v)$ if $t = u \sqcup v$, and $aliens_{\sqcup}(t) = [t]$ otherwise.

Conversely, let $comb_{\sqcup} : \mathcal{C}^+ \to \mathcal{C}$ be the function mapping a non-empty list of \mathcal{C} -terms to a term such that $comb_{\sqcup}[t] = t$ and for all $n \geq 2$, $comb_{\sqcup}[t_1, \ldots, t_n] = t_1 \sqcup comb_{\sqcup}[t_2, \ldots, t_n]$.

For example $aliens_{\sqcup}((x \sqcup y) \sqcup z) = [x, y, z]$ and $comb_{\sqcup}[x, y, z] = ((x \sqcup y) \sqcup z)$.

Definition 9 (AC-canonical form). Let \leq be any total order on C-terms with ϵ the least element such that for all x and b we have $\epsilon <$ (var b x), and (var b x) \leq (var b' y) iff x < y or else x = y and $b \leq b'$ with the order false < true. The AC-canonization of a term t of C is defined as $[t]_{AC} = comb_{\sqcup}[sort(aliens_{\sqcup}(t))]$, where sort(l) is the list of the elements of l in increasing order with respect to \leq . The relation associating every term t with its AC-canonization $[t]_{AC}$ is denoted \Rightarrow AC. Two terms t and t' are AC-equivalent if $[t]_{AC} = [t']_{AC}$. The term t is in AC-canonical form if $t = [t]_{AC}$ and if every strict subterm of t is in AC-canonical form.

Example 2. Assuming that the terms x and y are ordered x < y, the AC-canonical form of XXX is XXX.

Definition 10 (Rewriting modulo AC-canonization). Let $\longrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^{AC} = \twoheadrightarrow^{AC} \longrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$, where \mathcal{R} is defined by the rewrite rules of ??.

An $\longrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^{AC}$ step is an AC-canonization followed by a standard $\longrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$ step with syntactic matching.

6 Evaluation

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A Alethe

A.1 The Syntax

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\langle proof \rangle = \langle proof\_command \rangle^*
           \langle proof\_command \rangle = (assume \langle symbol \rangle \langle proof\_term \rangle)
                                         | (step \(\symbol\) \(\langle clause \rangle : rule \(\symbol\)
                                                ⟨premises_annotation⟩?
                                                \langle {	t context\_annotation} 
angle^? \langle {	t attribute} 
angle^* )
                                         | (anchor :step (symbol)
                                                \langle args\_annotation \rangle? \langle attribute \rangle*)
                                         | (define-fun \( function_def \) )
                         \langle clause \rangle = (cl \langle proof_term \rangle^*)
                 \langle \texttt{proof\_term} \rangle = \langle \texttt{term} \rangle \text{ extended with }
                                            (choice (\langle sorted\_var \rangle) \langle proof\_term \rangle)
\langle premises\_annotation \rangle = :premises (\langle symbol \rangle^+)
       \langle args\_annotation \rangle = :args (\langle step\_arg \rangle^+)
                     \langle \text{step\_arg} \rangle = \langle \text{symbol} \rangle | (\langle \text{symbol} \rangle \langle \text{proof\_term} \rangle)
 \langle context\_annotation \rangle = :args(\langle context\_assignment \rangle^+)
 \langle context\_assignment \rangle = (\langle sorted\_var \rangle)
                                        | (:= \langle symbol \rangle \langle proof_term \rangle )
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Fig. 3. Alethe grammar