

Encoding of SAT into congruence closure with full propagation.

Let \mathcal{C} be a set of clause. We introduce a constant v_i for each propositional variable p_i , and a function f_i for each clause c_i in \mathcal{C} , the arity of f_i being the number of literals in c_i . We furthermore introduce the constants \top and \perp .

For every clause $c_i = \{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n\} \in \mathcal{C}$, we build a literal $f_i(v_1, \dots, v_n) \neq f_i(\text{pol}(\ell_1), \dots, \text{pol}(\ell_n))$, where $\text{pol}(\ell)$ is \perp if ℓ is v , \top otherwise. We furthermore add (might be not necessary) $\top \neq \perp$.

Then \mathcal{C} is unsatisfiable if and only if $v \neq \top$ and $v \neq \perp$ are both propagated, for some v .

We'd have to precisely define the problem, but I think it is trivially encoded into propositional unsatisfiability, thus trivially in Co-NP.