

by choosing a literal
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Q. To implement a SAT solver

We will implement the SAT solver using DPLL algorithm.

DPLL is a complete, backtracking-based search algorithm for deciding the satisfiability of propositional logic formulae in CNF form.

The basic backtracking algorithm runs

- by choosing a literal
- assigning a truth value to it.
- simplifying the formula and then
- recursively checking if the simplified formula is satisfied

↳ If this is case then original formula is satisfied

Else the same recursive check is done assuming the opposite truth value.

PseudoCode

Algorithm DPLL

Input: A formula in DIMACS representation ϕ

Output: Interpretation of ϕ if Satisfiable
of Proposition
otherwise "Unsatisfiable".

function DPLL(ϕ)

while (there is a unit clause $\{l\}$ in ϕ) \leftarrow

$\phi = \text{unit-propagation}(l, \phi);$

while (there is a literal l that occurs pure
in ϕ) \leftarrow

$\phi = \text{pure-literal-assign}(l, \phi);$

if (ϕ is empty) then
return True;

if (ϕ contains an empty clause) then
return false;

$l = \text{choose-literal}(\phi);$

return DPLL($\phi \wedge l$) or DPLL($\phi \wedge \text{not}(l)$);

unit propagation: unit propagation consists in removing every clause containing a unit clause's literal and discarding the complement of a unit clause's literal from every clause containing complement.

Pure literal elimination: A pure literal can always be assigned in a way that makes all clauses containing it true. Thus, when it is assigned such way, these clauses do not constrain the search anymore and can be deleted.
