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Programming 2 - SS23

Project 3 - SAT Solver

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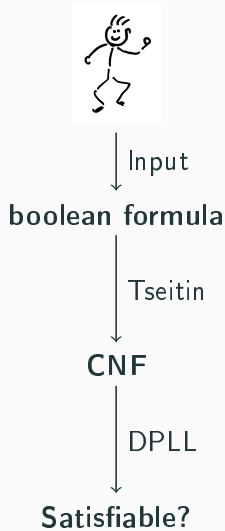
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Input

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Yes e.g. $a=0$, $b=1$.

The problem is NP-hard.

Conjunctive Normal Form CNF

formula = *clause* && *clause* && ... && *clause*

clause = (*literal* || *literal* || ... || *literal*)

literal = *variable* | !*variable*

variable = [a – z A – Z 0 – 9] +

examples

(a || b || !c) && (c || !d)

a && b && !c

Reverse Polish Notation

formula = *variable* | *formula unaryop* | *formula formula binaryop*

unaryop = !

binaryop = && | || | => | <=>

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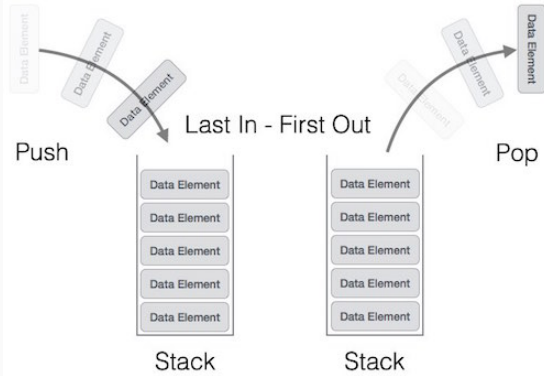
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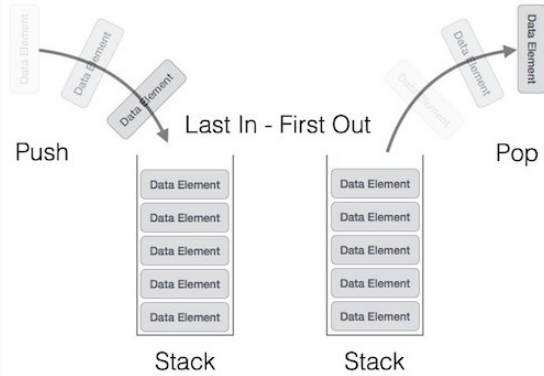


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What is a Stack?



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Linked List



www.tutorialspoint.com/data_structures_algorithms/stack_algorithm.htm

www.dreamscoder.com/viewprogram.php?id=111

a b || a ! =>

<empty>

parseFormula()

a b || a ! =>

a

parseFormula()

a b || a ! =>

b
a

parseFormula()

a b || a ! =>

a || b

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Project - Structs

```
typedef struct PropFormula {
    FormulaKind kind;

    union {
        VarIndex var;
        struct PropFormula* single_op;
        struct PropFormula* (operands[2]);
    } data;
} PropFormula;
```

```
typedef enum FormulaKind {
    VAR,

    AND,
    OR,
    IMPLIES,
    EQUIV,

    NOT,
} FormulaKind;
```

```
mkVarFormula(VarTable* vt, char* name)
```

```
mkBinaryFormula(FormulaKind kind, PropFormula* left_op,
                 PropFormula* right_op)
```

```
mkUnaryFormula(FormulaKind kind, PropFormula* operand)
```

```
FormulaKind toKind(const char* str)
```

```
parseFormula(FILE* input, VarTable* vt)
```

Tseytin

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Read in



boolean formular

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Read in → **boolean formular**

CNF $\xrightarrow{\text{DPLL}}$ **Satisfiable?**

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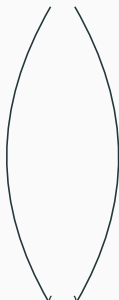


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$$\neg b \Rightarrow c \quad \rightarrow \quad x_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \Rightarrow c)$$

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$$\begin{array}{lll} a \wedge (\neg b \Rightarrow c) & \rightarrow & x_3 \Leftrightarrow (a \wedge x_2) \\ \neg b \Rightarrow c & \rightarrow & x_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \Rightarrow c) \\ \neg b & \rightarrow & x_1 \Leftrightarrow \neg b \end{array}$$

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$$a \wedge (\neg b \Rightarrow c) \rightarrow x_3 \Leftrightarrow (a \wedge x_2)$$

$$\neg b \Rightarrow c \rightarrow x_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \Rightarrow c)$$

$$\neg b \rightarrow x_1 \Leftrightarrow \neg b$$

$$(x_1 \Leftrightarrow \neg b) \wedge (x_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \Rightarrow c)) \wedge (x_3 \Leftrightarrow (a \wedge x_2)) \wedge x_3$$

Transformation of \neg

$$x_1 \Leftrightarrow \neg a$$

$$\equiv (x_1 \Rightarrow \neg a) \wedge (\neg a \Rightarrow x_1)$$

$$\equiv (\neg x_1 \vee \neg a) \wedge (a \vee x_1)$$

Transformation of \wedge

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &\Leftrightarrow (a \wedge b) \\&\equiv (x_1 \Rightarrow (a \wedge b)) \wedge ((a \wedge b) \Rightarrow x_1) \\&\equiv (\neg x_1 \vee (a \wedge b)) \wedge (\neg(a \wedge b) \vee x_1) \\&\equiv (\neg x_1 \vee (a \wedge b)) \wedge (\neg(a \wedge b) \vee x_1) \\&\equiv (\neg x_1 \vee a) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b \vee x_1)\end{aligned}$$

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Transformation of \Leftrightarrow

$$x_1 \Leftrightarrow (a \Leftrightarrow b)$$

$$\equiv (\neg x_1 \vee \neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg b \vee a) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (x_1 \vee a \vee b)$$

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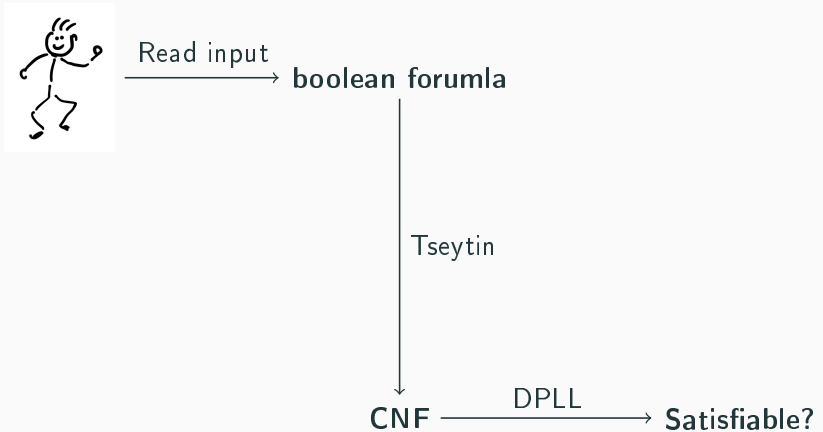
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In the Project

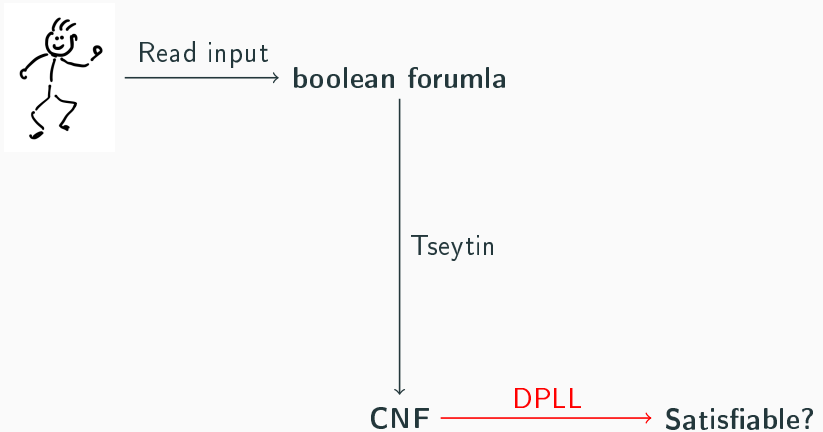
`addClauses()`

DPLL

DPLL - What is it?



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- Termination:
The algorithm stops.
- Backtracking:
The last iterations of the algorithm are undone until a variable is found, which can be assigned a new value.

Terminology

- Unit Clause

A unit clause is a clause in which all literals except one are already set.

Example

Under this assignment both of these clauses are unit clauses:

$$(a \vee b \vee v) \wedge (d), \text{ where } a = \text{false}, b = \text{false}$$

- Unit-Propagation:

The next unit clause is satisfied and the algorithm is continued.

Algorithm

Algorithm: DPLL

```
while not terminated do  
  if all clauses are fulfilled then  
    abort(sat)  
  end  
  if one clause is false then  
    if reset possible then  
      reset  
      end iteration  
    else  
      abort(unsat)  
    end  
  end  
  if unit clause exists then  
    fulfill any unit clause  
    end iteration  
  end  
  select next free variable and set to true  
end
```

Example

Consider the following example:

$$(A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (\neg A \vee B) \wedge (\neg C)$$

1. C is a unit clause \rightarrow set C to *false*
2. No unit clause left, choose $A \rightarrow$ set A to *true*
3. $(\neg A \vee B)$ is a unit clause \rightarrow set B to *true*

Backtracking Implementation

- Use the stack from part 1 to track assignments
- Store both the variable and a Reason
- A reason can be CHOOSSEN or IMPLIED
 - CHOOSSEN: value was freely chosen → alternative value possible
 - IMPLIED: no alternative value possible
- When backtracking, the stack is popped until a CHOOSSEN variable is found

→ set to implied value

Backtracking Pseudocode

Algorithm: Backtracking

```
while ! isEmpty(Stack) do  
  |  
  temp = peek(Stack)  
  if temp->reason == CHOSEN then  
    |  
    updateVariable(temp)  
    return  
  else  
    |  
    updateVariable(temp)  
    pop(Stack)  
  end  
end
```


DPLL Example with Backtracking

Example

In the following example backtracking is required:

$$(B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg B \vee D) \wedge (C \vee \neg D) \wedge (A)$$

Stack before and after backtracking:

D IMPLIED
C IMPLIED
B CHOSEN
A IMPLIED

Backtracking

→

B IMPLIED
A IMPLIED

continue DPLL

→

D IMPLIED
C IMPLIED
B IMPLIED
A IMPLIED

Implementation details

- Relevant files:
 - `dp11.c`
 - `dp11.h`
- Implement the function `iterate()` in `dp11.c`
- The struct `Assignment` provides a data structure for a variable and a reason

Attention!

Many functions are already implemented (e.g. `pushAssignment`). Understand and use them!

Technical notes

Questions?