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# **Design Notes:**

My solvers for this assignment are all contained in SAT.py. When initialized, this class takes a .cnf file which it uses to make a tuple of the variables, where the index of each is the translation, and a list of all the clauses, which are kept are sets. The GSAT and WalkSAT algorithms can then be called to solve the .cnf file. Finally, the write\_solution() method writes a solution (.sol) file that can be read by Display.py. Additional functionalities I added are a timer, iteration counter, and unsolved clause counter so that the runtime, iterations, and number of unsolved clauses (in the case of a failure) for GSAT and WalkSAT can be printed with the results.

## sort clauses:

In order to keep the clauses in a usable format, I read in a .cnf file line by line and split the clause into a list of variables using <code>.split("")</code>. Then for each variable in the clause, I remove the negation symbol if present then, if the variable has not already been documented, I add it to the list:

```
edit = c
if c[0] == "-":
    edit = c[1:]
    negative = True
if edit not in var:
    var.append(edit)
```

Then I make a set out of the clause using the index of the variable +1 (to eliminate 0 as a possibility) and multiplying it by -1 if necessary, finally adding the set to the list of clauses:

```
if negative:
    new_clause.add(-1 * (var.index(edit) + 1))
else:
    new_clause.add(var.index(edit) + 1)
```

## **GSAT:**

My GSAT has the option of accepting a threshhold for frequency of random flips and a premade model. If there is no premade starting model, one is made using <a href="mailto:get\_rand\_model">get\_rand\_model()</a> which essentially makes an initial guess at the solution. The frequency and model are then passed to a helper method <a href="mailto:gsat\_helper()">gsat\_helper()</a>.

If the model is correct it is returned, otherwise GSAT will flip bits. If the random number rando = random.random(), between 0 and 1, is less than the threshhold then a random bit in the model is flipped. If it is higher, every variable in the model is given a score and the bit with the highest score is flipped. In the case of a tie a random bit from the highest scoring bits list is chosen. After every flip the helper method recurses. This continues until an answer is found or a RecursionError is caught, printing for example:

```
Recursion limit reached. Solution not reachable by GSAT.

No solution found after visiting 996 states

Run time: 303.2829008102417 seconds
...
```

## WalkSAT:

My WalkSAT has the options for accepting a threshhold for frequency of random flips and a limit for the number of flips. The default numbers are .3 and 100,000 respectively. A model is made using <code>get\_rand\_model()</code> which essentially makes an initial guess at the solution. Instead of recursing however, a for-loop is utilized so that at most a certain number of flips can be made.

If the model is correct it is returned, otherwise WalkSAT will flip bits. First however, it finds a set of all the unsatisfied clauses using <code>get\_union\_set()</code> and chooses a random one from it. If the random number between 0 and 1 is less than the threshhold then a random bit in the chosen clause is flipped. If it is higher, the variables in the clause are given a score and the bit with the highest score is flipped. In the case of a tie a random bit from the highest scoring bits list is chosen:

```
for var in clause:
    model_temp = set(model)
    model_temp.remove(-1 * var)
    model_temp.add(var)

score = self.count_corr_clauses(model_temp)
# score is key for a list of bits
if score in scores:
    scores[score].append(var)
else:
    scores[score] = [var]

# Get the highest scoring bit
sort = sorted(scores.keys(), reverse=True)
highest_bit = random.choice(scores[sort[0]])

model.remove(-1 * highest_bit)
model.add(highest_bit)
```

After every flip the for loop restarts. This continues until an answer is found or the flip limit is reached in which case WalkSAT returns False.

# Scoring:

Scoring occurs in the <code>count\_corr\_clauses()</code> method by utilizing the <code>.is\_disjoint()</code> function of sets where disjoint sets indicate the clause is unfulfilled:

```
count = 0
for clause in self.clauses:
   if not clause.isdisjoint(model):
        count += 1
return count
```

# **Getting Unsatisfied Clauses:**

The method <code>get\_union\_set()</code> is passed the working model and utilizes the <code>.isdisjoint()</code> function of sets to determine whether or not a clause is unsatisfied:

```
union = []
for clause in self.clauses:
   if clause.isdisjoint(model):
        union.append(clause)
```

# **Testing:**

My first debugging issue occured when GSAT was too slow to handle all\_squares.cnf. I realized when inspecting my code that I was keeping my model and my individual clauses in lists but using them as sets, switching back and forth between the two each time. After changing my code to only keep them as sets, the code was exponentially faster and all\_squares.cnf and rows.cnf could both be solved with GSAT.

#### **Current GSAT results:**

one\_cell.cnf

all cells.cnf

#### rows.cnf

My largest issue, however, was that my scoring method was preventing my WalkSAT from working beyond rows.cnf. It would plateau around 20-30 clauses left unsolved for rows\_and\_cols.cnf until it reached the maximum amount of flips allowed. After unit testing in which every other method of my solver worked, I figured out that the <code>count\_corr\_clauses()</code> was causing the issue. Before I fixed it, the counter would skip clauses that the changed bit were not a part of by using:

```
if var not in clause:
continue
```

I found however that this caused there to be inaccurate scoring as it did not reflect the amount of clauses changed from unsolved to solved. By removing this if statement, it may take slightly longer in the counting method, but the counts became a more accurate reflection of what the best bit to flip was and ultimately sped up my code and reduced the amount of flips needed to solve each board.

#### **Current WalkSAT results with random seed of 1:**

one cell.cnf

```
Solved after visiting 4 states
Solved in: 0.0002582073211669922 seconds

3 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0
```

all\_cells.cnf

rows.cnf

#### rows\_and\_cols.cnf

rules.cnf

#### puzzle1.cnf

puzzle2.cnf

```
Solved after visiting 9604 states
Solved in: 27.181575775146484 seconds
2 3 1 | 9 5 8 | 6 4 7
584 | 176 | 392
69713421158
8 4 5 | 7 6 1 | 9 2 3
36218941571
71915231486
95816371214
47312191865
126 | 485 | 739
```

## puzzle\_bonus.cnf

My WalkSAT does have the ability to solve puzzle\_bonus.cnf in about 2 minutes, however it only works about 50% of the time when given the parameters of 100,000 flips max and a threshhold of .3. Additionally, it does not work for a random seed of 1.

Results of 10 WalkSAT attempts:

1.

No solution found after visiting 100000 states

Run time: 282.10074186325073 seconds

Clauses left unsolved: 7

2.

3.

No solution found after visiting 100000 states

Run time: 634.3941159248352 seconds

Clauses left unsolved: 5

4.

6.

7.

No solution found after visiting 100000 states Run time: 273.6039640903473 seconds

Clauses left unsolved: 1

9.

No solution found after visiting 100000 states

Run time: 248.60510110855103 seconds

Clauses left unsolved: 2

### 10. When given a seed of 1

No solution found after visiting 100000 states

Run time: 255.99513697624207 seconds

Clauses left unsolved: 1