

## Homework #5

### Satisfiability

### Davis-Putnam

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FUNCTION DP(E): E is a Boolean expression in clause form
  IF E =  $\Lambda$ 
    THEN Return(TRUE)
  IF E contains an empty clause
    THEN Return(FALSE)
  IF E contains a unit clause
    THEN drop every clause which contains this literal
      and remove the complement of this literal from every clause
      Return( DP(modified E) )
  ELSE pick a variable x
    and let ET be the new expression formed by dropping each
    clause containing x and removing  $\sim x$  from every clause
    IF DP(ET)
      THEN Return(TRUE)
      ELSE let EF be E with each clause containing  $\sim x$  dropped
        and with x removed from each clause
        Return( DP(EF) )
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1. Program the Davis-Putnam procedure in your favorite programming language. Make sure that you have some method for timing your program.
2. Run some test data to verify that your program is giving the correct results.
3. **NOTE:** This for information only. You do not have to take any action.  
For 3-SAT on  $n$  variables there are  $\frac{4}{3} n(n-1)(n-2)$  possible different clauses. If an instance contains no clauses then it is satisfiable. While, if an instance contains all of these clauses, it is not satisfiable.
4. Set up a method to generate random 3-SAT instances (over  $n$  variables) with a specified density, i.e. the number of clauses divided by  $n$ .
5. Use your procedures to generate data to plot the probability of being satisfiable as a function of the density. You should do this for several values of  $n$  and compare these functions as  $n$  increases.
6. For the same test data as above plot the run time of your DP procedure as a function of density, and figure out some way for comparing this data across various values of  $n$ .