

Advanced Programming in Artificial Intelligence

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Introduction

No Systematic Algorithms (incomplete)

- Do not always find the solution
 - Even with a lot of time resources
- For decision problems
 - Solid, but **not complete** (cannot finish when there is no solution)
- For optimization problems
 - Solid, but **not complete** (gives you the sub-optimum)

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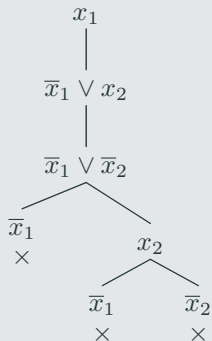
- Always find the solution
 - If they have enough resources (time)
- For decision problems
 - Solid (cannot prove wrong things, is correct) and complete (tells you if there is solution or not)
- For optimization problems
 - Solid and complete (gives you the optimum)

Complete approaches

SAT Clause Tableaux

Example

$$\{x_1, \neg x_1 \vee x_2, \neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2\}$$



Davis-Putnam (DP) algorithm

Given $F \equiv (A \vee p) \wedge (B \vee \neg p) \wedge R$

Davis Putnam Rule: $F \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge R$

The algorithm works as follows:

- for every variable in the formula
 - for every clause c containing the variable and every clause n containing the negation of the variable
 - *resolve* c and n and add the resolvent to the formula
 - remove all original clauses containing the variable or its negation

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

- Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland'62 proposed an improvement over DP
- Splitting the formula instead of applying resolution
- When a model is found, stop
- When a conflict in the search tree, backtrack
- It is a search algorithm for a model
- Best fitting algorithm: Depth First Search

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

Output: Satisfiability of ϕ

Function DavisLogemannLoveland(ϕ : CNF formula) : Boolean

UnitPropagation(ϕ)

PureLiteralRule(ϕ)

if $\phi = \emptyset$ then return true

if $\square \in \phi$ then return false

$\ell \leftarrow$ literal in $c \in \phi$

return (DavisLogemannLoveland($\phi \wedge \ell$) \vee

DavisLogemannLoveland($\phi \wedge \bar{\ell}$))

end

Algorithm 1: DavisLogemannLoveland(ϕ)

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

- Unit propagation is a **key technique**
- Pure literal detection can be eliminated
- At every level, the clause sizes are been reduced at least by one

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

Example

The search tree for the CNF formula below is displayed in Figure.

$(p_1 \vee p_5), (p_1 \vee \neg p_6), (p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee p_4), (p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \neg p_4), (\neg p_2 \vee \neg p_4),$
 $(p_2 \vee p_4), (\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2), (p_2 \vee p_3), (p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3)$

Solid lines are for splitting assignments, and dashed lines for unit propagation and monotone literal assignments. Black nodes mark whenever a conflict is found.

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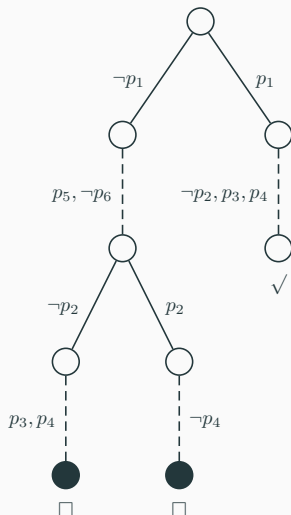
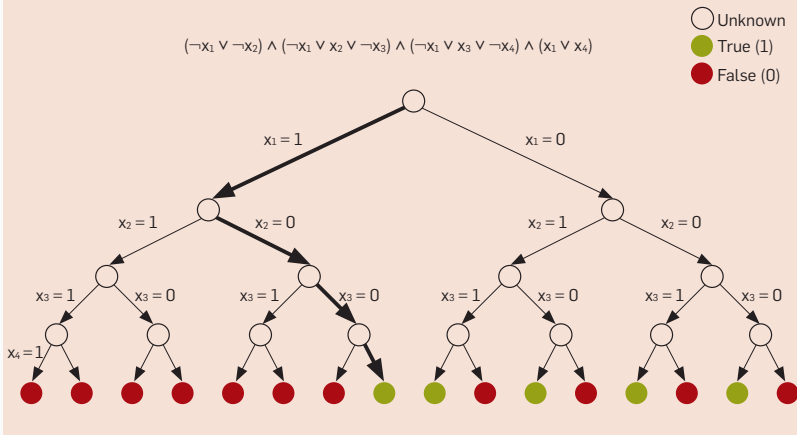


Figure 2.1: Search tree for DLL applied to Example 2.4.

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

Figure 2. Search space of a formula.



Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm

- It detects contradictions at internal nodes (empty clause).
- It detects models at internal nodes (empty formula).
- Empty clauses are found by unit propagation.
- Chronological backtracking.
- The algorithm is commonly known as *DPLL*.

Improving DPLL

Variable selection heuristics

Variable selection heuristics:

- MO: Variable with most occurrences
- MOMS: Most Often in Minimum Size (Pretolani '93)
- Select most equilibrated variable ($\text{len}(x) \times \text{len}(\neg x)$)
- Jeroslow-Wang $JW(x) = \sum 2^{-\text{len}(c)}$
- Satz:
 - Inspired in MOMS
 - $H(x) = w(x) \times w(\neg x) \times 2^{10} + w(x) + w(\neg x)$.
- VSIDS: later...

Variable with Most Occurrences (MO):

- We pick the variable that has most occurrences in the formula
- Easy to implement
- We can branch first on the sense that appears more (or not)
- It does not take into account the length of the clauses where the variable appears

Most Often in Minimum Size (MOMS):

- We pick the variable that occurs most often in clauses of minimum size
- As we do not have unit clauses (because UP), the best are the variables that appear in binary clauses
- Next, the variables that appear in ternary clauses and so on

Variable selection heuristics

Select most equilibrated variable:

- $occurrences(x) \times occurrences(\neg x)$
- First one that takes into account the polarization of the variable
- Most equilibrated variables have higher values
- Does not take into account the size of the clauses

Jeroslow-Wang (JW):

- $JW(x) = \sum 2^{-len(c)}$
- Occurrences of the variable in shorter clauses count more
- For instance, occurrences in binary clauses has double the value of occurrences in ternary clauses

Variable Selection Heuristic

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Solver Satz

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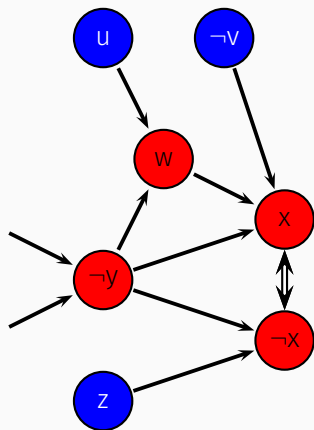
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- There are several learning schema



Implication graph

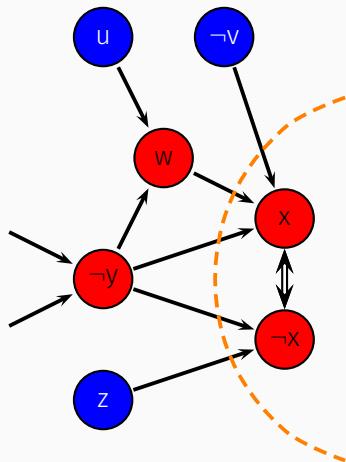
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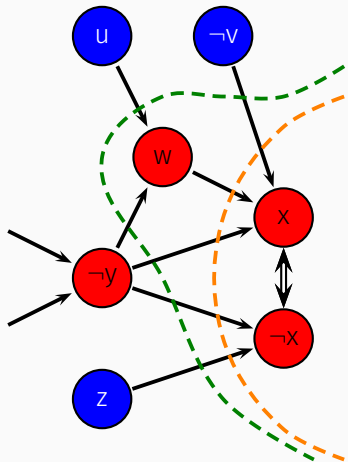
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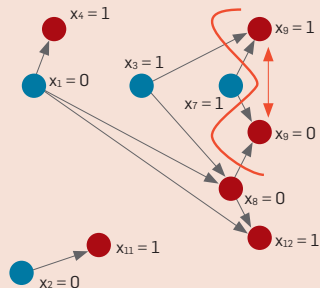
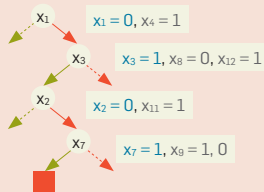
$$(v \vee \neg w \vee y \vee x)$$

conflict $(v \vee \neg w \vee y \vee \neg z)$

1-UIP $(v \vee \neg u \vee \neg z \vee y)$

Figure 3. Conflict-driven learning and non-chronological backtracking.

$x_1 \vee x_4$
 $x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_8$
 $x_1 \vee x_8 \vee x_{12}$
 $x_2 \vee x_{11}$
 $\neg x_7 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_9$
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Restarts

- With new clauses the formula is different, so variable selection heuristics may choose other variables
- Variable selection heuristics have more information
- Branching order can be different and can lead to better performance

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Non-Chronological Backtracking

- After learning a clause, are we already on a conflicting part of the search space?
- If so, we can backtrack directly outside the conflict

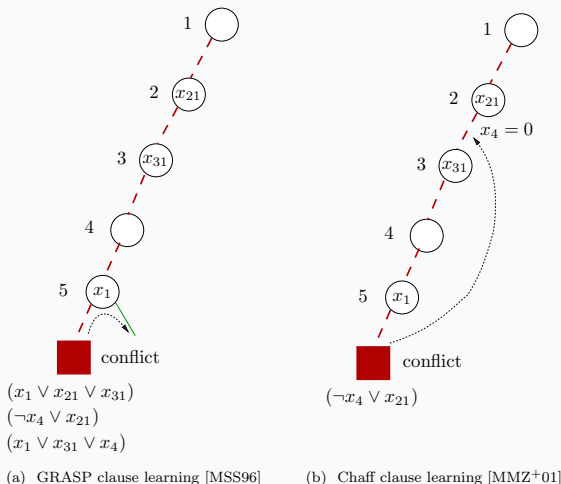


Figure 4.3. Alternative backtracking schemes

Variable State Independent Decaying Sum (VSIDS)

- Collect statistics over learned clauses to guide the direction of the search (*activity*)
- Variables in recent learned clauses are favored
- **Additive bumping**
 - When a clause c is learned, *activity* of variables in c is increased (usually by 1)
- **Multiplicative decay**
 - At regular intervals, *activities* of all variables are multiplied by a constant α , where $0 < \alpha < 1$

Pros and Cons of Clause Learning

Pros

- Cheap compared to previous methods
- Steers search towards variables that are common reasons for conflicts

Cons

- Not all the learned clauses are useful
- Memory problems

Lazy Data Structures

Some things to notice...

- Most features, like clause learning, are based on UP
- Know when you have a **unit clause** is very important
- Most solvers do not care about \geq binary clauses
- Unnecessary processing of large clauses when only few variables are instantiated

So, let's try a **lazy approach**...

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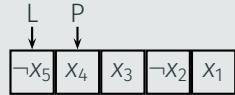
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With **dynamic variable ordering**

- Counters (until now, not lazy)
- Head and Tail
- Two-Watched Literal

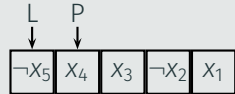
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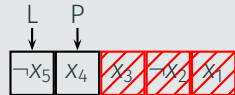


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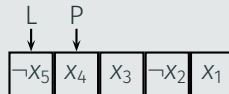
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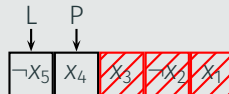
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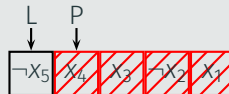
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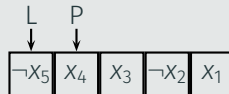


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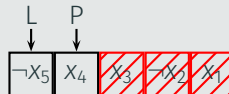


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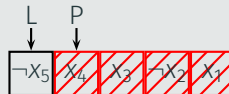
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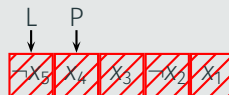
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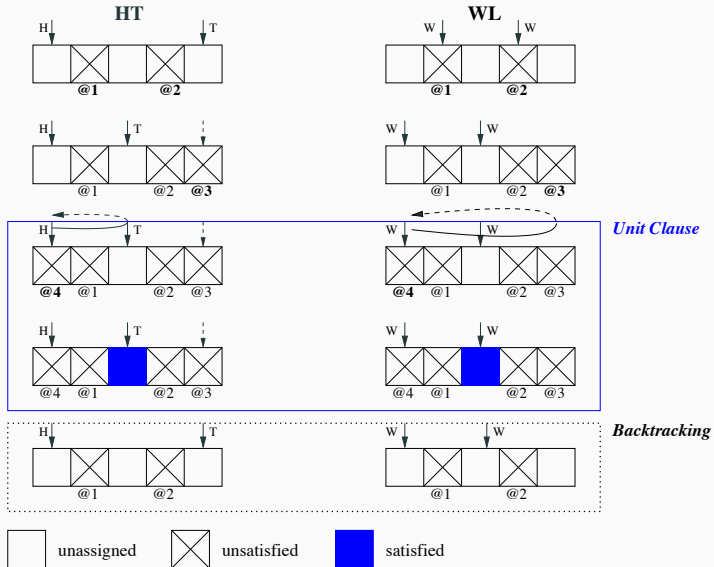
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Head and Tail vs. Two-Watched Literals



With **static variable ordering**

- One-Watched Literal: Good for static variable selection heuristics

With **dynamic variable ordering**

- Counters: Keeps track of \geq binary clauses
- Head and Tail (HT): Good for problems with large clauses
- Two-Watched Literal: Like HT but with a cheaper backtracking

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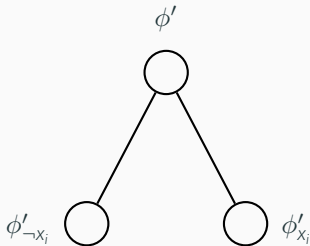
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Max-SAT branch and bound algorithms

Given a Max-SAT instance ϕ , we can represent the space of all possible assignments as a **binary search tree**



Exact Max-SAT solvers explore that search tree in a **depth-first** manner using a **BnB** schema

Basic branch and bound Max-SAT algorithm

Function Max-SAT (ϕ : CNF formula, UB : upper bound) : Natural

```
if  $\phi = \emptyset$  or  $\phi$  only contains empty clauses then  
| return EmptyClauses( $\phi$ )
```

```
end
```

```
 $LB \leftarrow$  EmptyClauses( $\phi$ )
```

```
if  $LB \geq UB$  then  
| return  $UB$ 
```

```
end
```

```
 $x \leftarrow$  SelectVariable( $\phi$ )
```

```
 $UB \leftarrow$  Min( $UB$ , Max-SAT( $\phi_{\neg x}$ ,  $UB$ ))
```

```
return Min( $UB$ , Max-SAT( $\phi_x$ ,  $UB$ ))
```

```
end
```

Basic branch and bound algorithm

Example

$$UB = 10$$

$$LB = 0$$

$$\neg X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \neg X_3$$

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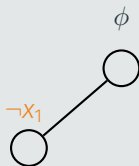
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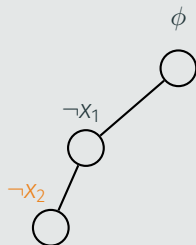
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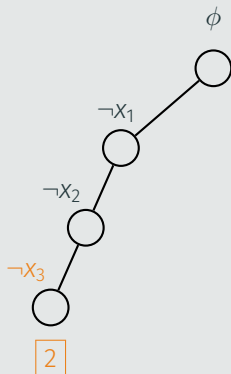
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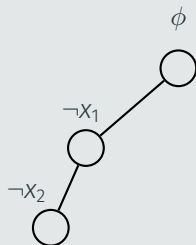
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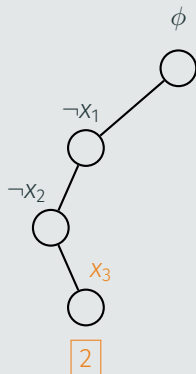
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Basic branch and bound algorithm

Example

$$UB = 2$$

$$LB = 1$$

$$\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

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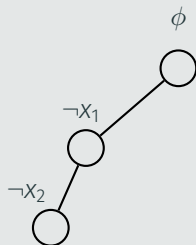
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$$UB = 2$$

$$LB = 0$$

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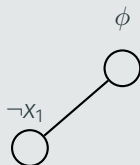
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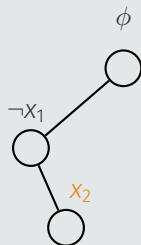
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$$LB = 0$$

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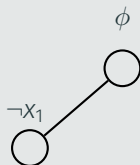
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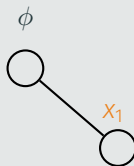
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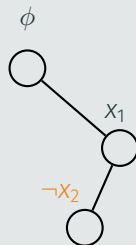
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Example

$$UB = 2$$

$$LB = 2$$

$$\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

$$\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3$$

$$x_2 \vee x_3 \rightarrow \square$$

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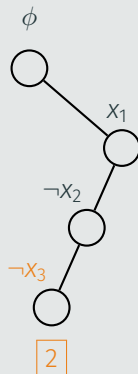
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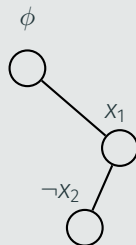
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Example

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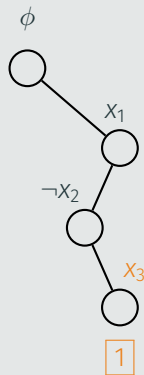
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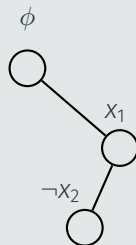
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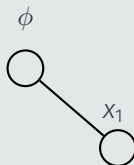
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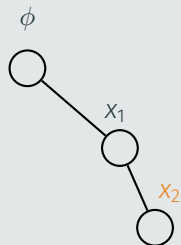
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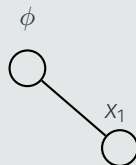
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Improved branch and bound Max-SAT algorithm

Function Max-SAT (ϕ : CNF formula, UB : upper bound) : Natural

$\phi \leftarrow \text{SimplifyFormula}(\phi)$

if $\phi = \emptyset$ or ϕ only contains empty clauses then
| return EmptyClauses(ϕ)

end

$LB \leftarrow \text{EmptyClauses}(\phi) + \text{Underestimation}(\phi)$

if $LB \geq UB$ then
| return UB

end

$x \leftarrow \text{SelectVariable}(\phi)$

$UB \leftarrow \text{Min}(UB, \text{Max-SAT}(\phi_{\neg x}, UB))$

return $\text{Min}(UB, \text{Max-SAT}(\phi_x, UB))$

end

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Inconsistency counts: $\{x_i, \neg x_i\}$

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Lower bound UP

Number of disjoint unsatisfiable subsets of clauses detected by **unit propagation**

Example

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Lower bound UP

Number of disjoint unsatisfiable subsets of clauses detected by **unit propagation**

Example

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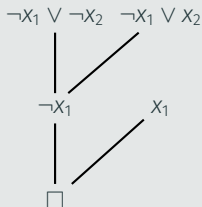
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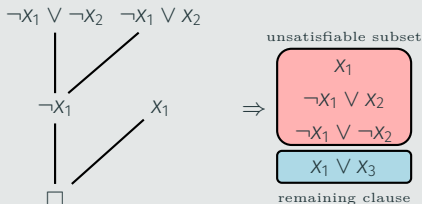


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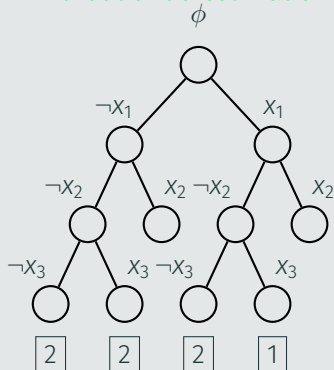
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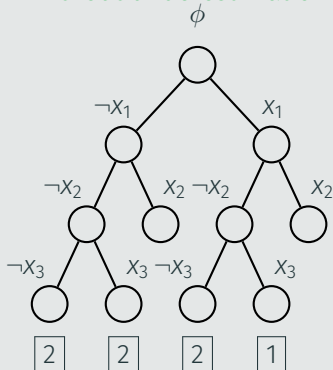
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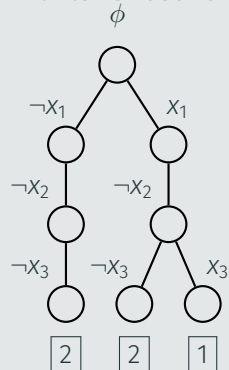


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With lower bound UP



Lower bound UP + failed literals

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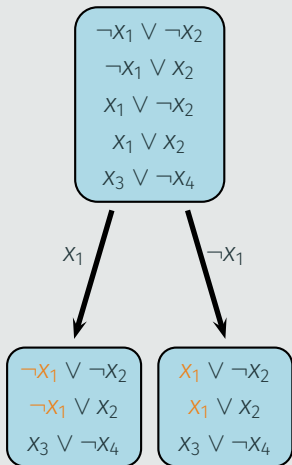
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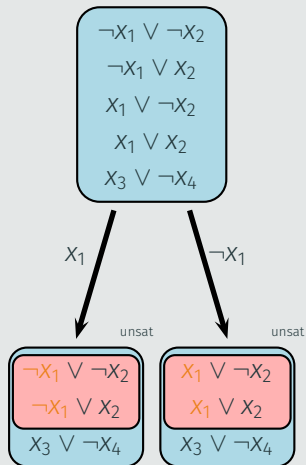
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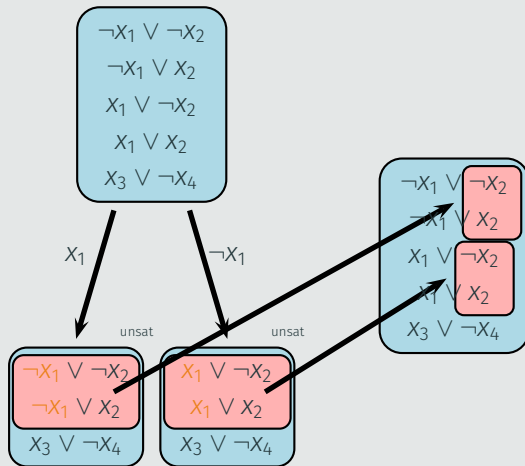
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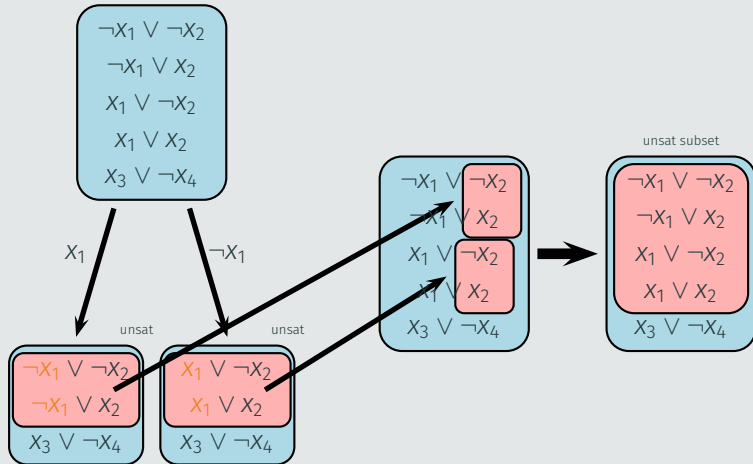
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Max-SAT resolution rule

This rule provides a
complete calculus
for Max-SAT

$$\begin{array}{c} x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_s \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \\ \hline a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_s \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_s \vee \bar{b}_1 \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_s \vee b_1 \vee \bar{b}_2 \\ \dots \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_s \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_{t-1} \vee \bar{b}_t \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee \bar{a}_1 \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee a_1 \vee \bar{a}_2 \\ \dots \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_{s-1} \vee \bar{a}_s \end{array}$$

- Max-SAT solvers use **refinements** of the Max-SAT resolution rule
- Inference rules **substitute** the premises by the conclusions

- Inference without underestimation (Toolbar)
- Inference guided by UP (MaxSatz)
- Limited resolution guided by UP (MiniMaxSat)

Inference without underestimation (Toolbar)

Chain resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (l_1, w_1), \\ (\bar{l}_i \vee l_{i+1}, w_{i+1})_{1 \leq i < k}, \\ (\bar{l}_k, w_{k+1}) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (l_i, m_i - m_{i+1})_{1 \leq i \leq k}, \\ (\bar{l}_i \vee l_{i+1}, w_{i+1} - m_{i+1})_{1 \leq i < k}, \\ (l_i \vee \bar{l}_{i+1}, m_{i+1})_{1 \leq i < k}, \\ (\bar{l}_k, w_{k+1} - m_{k+1}), \\ (\square, m_{k+1}) \end{array} \right\}$$

Cycle resolution (restricted to $k = 3$)

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Cycle resolution (restricted to $k = 3$)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{l}_i \vee l_{i+1}, w_i)_{1 \leq i < k}, \\ (\bar{l}_1 \vee \bar{l}_k, w_k) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{l}_1 \vee l_i, m_{i-1} - m_i)_{2 \leq i \leq k}, \\ (\bar{l}_i \vee l_{i+1}, w_i - m_i)_{2 \leq i < k}, \\ (\bar{l}_1 \vee l_i \vee \bar{l}_{i+1}, m_i)_{2 \leq i < k}, \\ (l_1 \vee \bar{l}_i \vee l_{i+1}, m_i)_{2 \leq i < k}, \\ (\bar{l}_1 \vee \bar{l}_k, w_k - m_k), \\ (\bar{l}_1, m_k) \end{array} \right\}$$

Inference guided by UP (MaxSatz)

Inference rules in MaxSatz

$$\frac{l_1 \quad \neg l_1}{\square}$$

$$\frac{l_1 \vee l_2 \quad \neg l_1 \vee l_2}{l_2}$$

$$\frac{l_1 \quad l_2 \quad \neg l_1 \vee \neg l_2}{\square} \quad l_1 \vee l_2$$

$$\frac{l_1 \quad \neg l_1 \vee l_2 \quad \neg l_1 \vee l_3 \quad \neg l_2 \vee \neg l_3}{\square} \quad l_1 \vee \neg l_2 \vee \neg l_3 \quad \neg l_1 \vee l_2 \vee l_3$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} l_1 & & \square \\ \neg l_1 \vee l_2 & & l_1 \vee \neg l_2 \\ \neg l_2 \vee l_3 & \Rightarrow & l_2 \vee \neg l_3 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \neg l_k \vee l_{k+1} & & l_k \vee \neg l_{k+1} \\ \neg l_{k+1} & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} l_1 & & \square \\ \neg l_1 \vee l_2 & & l_1 \vee \neg l_2 \\ \neg l_2 \vee l_3 & & l_2 \vee \neg l_3 \\ \vdots & \Rightarrow & \vdots \\ \neg l_k \vee l_{k+1} & & l_k \vee \neg l_{k+1} \\ \neg l_{k+1} \vee l_{k+2} & & l_{k+1} \vee \neg l_{k+2} \vee \neg l_{k+3} \\ \neg l_{k+1} \vee l_{k+3} & & l_{k+1} \vee l_{k+2} \vee l_{k+3} \\ \neg l_{k+2} \vee \neg l_{k+3} & & \end{array}$$

Limited resolution guided by UP (MiniMaxSat)

Once UP derives a contradiction, it builds a refutation:

if all the resolvents have size less than 4 **then** apply

Max-SAT resolution rule

$$\begin{array}{l} x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_5 \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \\ \hline a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_5 \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_5 \vee \bar{b}_1 \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_5 \vee b_1 \vee \bar{b}_2 \\ \dots \\ x \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_5 \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_{t-1} \vee \bar{b}_t \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee \bar{a}_1 \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee a_1 \vee \bar{a}_2 \\ \dots \\ \bar{x} \vee b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_t \vee a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_{5-1} \vee \bar{a}_5 \end{array}$$

else

increment the underestimation

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