

Example of the DP Algorithm

Set of clauses

$$\Sigma = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{p, q\}, \\ \{r, \neg p, q\}, \\ \{\neg q, \neg p\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

Σ is not empty, $\{\}$ $\notin \Sigma$ and there is no unit clauses. We can only apply the split rule.

Case 1): Split Rule, Test for true We chose to make p **true**.

$$\Sigma' = \Sigma[p := T] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{T, q\}, \\ \{r, \neg T, q\}, \\ \{\neg q, \neg T\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

We simplify Σ'

$$\Sigma' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{\cancel{T}, q\}, \\ \{r, \cancel{\neg T}, q\}, \\ \{\neg q, \cancel{\neg T}\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

Obtaining:

$$\Sigma' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{r, q\}, \\ \{\neg q\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

As there is a unit clause, we apply unit propagation and set $\neg q$ **true**, that is q **false**.

$$\Sigma'' = \Sigma'[\neg q := T] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{r, F\}, \\ \{T\}, \\ \{\neg r, F\} \end{array} \}$$

We simplify Σ''

$$\Sigma'' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{r, \cancel{F}\}, \\ \{\cancel{T}\}, \\ \{\neg r, \cancel{F}\} \end{array} \}$$

Obtaining $\Sigma'' = \{\{r\}, \{\neg r\}\}$

As there is a unit clause, we apply unit propagation and set r **true**.

$$\Sigma''' = \Sigma''[r := T] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{T\}, \{\neg T\} \end{array} \}$$

We simplify Σ'''

$$\Sigma''' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{\cancel{T}\}, \{\cancel{\neg T}\} \end{array} \}$$

Obtaining $\Sigma''' = \{\{\}\}$.

As $\{\} \in \Sigma$ we return UNSAT for this case (but remember that we started with a split, so we have to check the other possibility)

Case 2): Split Rule, Test for false We chose to make p **false** (that is, we make $\neg p$ **true**).

$$\Sigma' = \Sigma[p := F] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{F, q\}, \\ \{r, T, q\}, \\ \{\neg q, T\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

We simplify Σ'

$$\Sigma' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{\cancel{F}, q\}, \\ \{\cancel{r}, \cancel{T}, \cancel{q}\}, \\ \{\cancel{r}, \cancel{q}, \cancel{T}\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

Obtaining:

$$\Sigma' = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{q\}, \\ \{\neg r, q\} \end{array} \}$$

As there is a unit clause, we apply unit propagation and set q **true**

$$\Sigma'' = \Sigma'[q := T] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{T\}, \\ \{\neg r, T\} \end{array} \}$$

We simplify Σ''

$$\Sigma'' = \Sigma'[q := T] = \{ \begin{array}{l} \{\cancel{T}\}, \\ \{\cancel{T}, \cancel{r}, \cancel{T}\} \end{array} \}$$

Obtaining $\Sigma = \{\}$, and we return SAT.

Some Remarks:

- Notice that we **cannot stop the algorithm** in the first case of the Split. We should try the other option. Otherwise we would have answered UNSAT when the clause set is actually SAT.
- Notice that if we would have chosen to explore first the second case of the Split **we could have stopped**. If we find a SAT answer then we are done.
- Can you list which is the valuation making the clause set true?
- Can you imagine a heuristic (a strategy) that help us decide whether we explore case 1 or case 2 of the Split first?
- Can we do, if we want to get **all** the models that satisfy certain clause set?