Further Experimental Analysis

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1 The effect of automatically configuring PbO-CCSAT

We recall that the default configuration of PbO-CCSAT is equivalent to DC-CASat (the version used for solving structured SAT instances), which inspired much of the design of our CC-based SLS framework. As seen from the results presented so far, automatically configuring the flexible PbO-CCSAT framework leads to substantial improvements of the average performance on most of our benchmark sets, up to a factor of over 1000 in terms of PAR10 score for PTN [Test]. To further investigate these performance gains, it is instructive to look at them on a per-instance basis. As seen in Figures 1–4, configuration leads to performance improvements on the large majority of instances for 6 of our 7 satisfiable benchmark sets, including the prominent and challenging FCC, PTN and SC17-mp1-9 instances.

The remaining set, SMT-QF-BV [Test], is quite challenging, and performance improvements of more than 2 orders of magnitude are achieved for many instances; still, on a significant number of instances, optimisation of aggregate performance through automated configuration leads to performance worse than the default version of PbO-CCSAT. Since automated configuration optimises average performance (to be precise, PAR10), this kind of trade-off is not unexpected, and it is, in fact, surprising that performance improvement on the remaining, challenging benchmark set, is observed for the vast majority of instances.

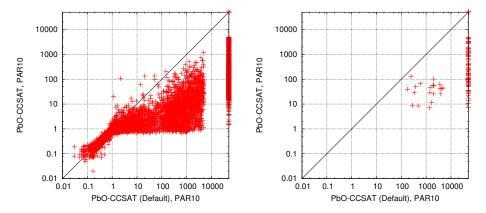


Fig. 1: Scatter plots corresponding to the performance comparison between PbO-CCSAT and PbO-CCSAT (Default) on FCC-SAT [Test] (left) and FCC-UNKNOWN (right).

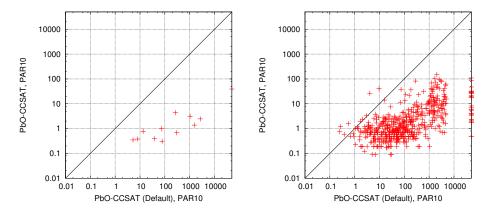


Fig. 2: Scatter plots corresponding to the performance comparison between PbO-CCSAT and PbO-CCSAT (Default) on PTN [Test] (left) and PTN-More (right).

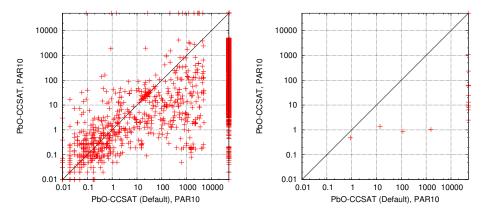


Fig. 3: Scatter plots corresponding to the performance comparison between PbO-CCSAT and PbO-CCSAT (Default) on SMT-QF-BV [Test] (left) and Community [Test] (right).

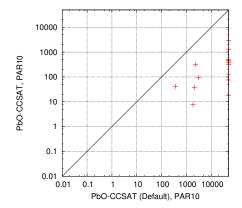


Fig. 4: Scatter plot corresponding to the performance comparison between PbO-CCSAT and PbO-CCSAT (Default) on SC17-mp1-9 [Test].