# Satisfiability with Equivalences in Agreement

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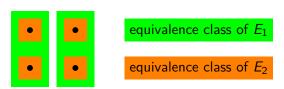


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### Goal

In this work, we investigate the *computational complexity* of the *satisfiability* for the *monadic* and the *two-variable fragment* in the presence of *equivalences in agreement*.

### Reductions

Refinement is the easiest condition to work with, so we define polynomial time reductions to its satisfiability problem:

$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{SAT}\text{-}\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{\rho} e \mathrm{E}_{\mathsf{global}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{PTIME}} \mathrm{SAT}\text{-}\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{\rho} e \mathrm{E}_{\mathsf{refine}} \\ & \mathrm{SAT}\text{-}\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{\rho} e \mathrm{E}_{\mathsf{local}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{PTIME}} \mathrm{SAT}\text{-}\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{\rho} e \mathrm{E}_{\mathsf{refine}}. \end{split}$$

Central to these reductions is the notion of *levels*.

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- for the upper bound, we use Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games to bound the size of a minimal model of a satisfiable formula
- for hardness, we reduce a version of the domino tiling problem to satisfiability

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- ▶ SAT- $\mathcal{L}^2$  is NEXPTIME-complete [Grädel, Kolaitis, Vardi, 1997]
- ▶ SAT- $\mathcal{L}^21E$  is NEXPTIME-complete [Kieroński, 2005]
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Approach: "work at the level of abstraction of types"



## **Types**

- $\blacktriangleright$  A 1-type  $\pi$  is a maximal consistent set of literals featuring only the variable  $\textbf{\textit{x}}$
- ▶ A 2-type  $\tau$  is a maximal consistent set of literals featuring the variables  $\boldsymbol{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}$  that contains  $(\boldsymbol{x} \neq \boldsymbol{y})$

$$\mathrm{tp}_{\pmb{x}}\tau \bullet \underbrace{\tau}_{\tau^{-1}} \bullet \mathrm{tp}_{\pmb{y}}\tau$$

- ▶ If  $\tau$  is a 2-type,  $tp_x\tau$  is the one-type consisting of the literals from  $\tau$  featuring only the variable x,
- ▶  $\tau^{-1}$  is the two-type obtained by swapping  ${\bf x}$  and  ${\bf y}$  in the literals of  $\tau$
- ▶ and  $tp_y \tau = tp_x \tau^{-1}$ .



# Classified signatures

A classified signature  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{\boldsymbol{m}} \rangle$  consists of a predicate signature  $\Sigma$  together with a sequence  $\bar{\boldsymbol{m}} = \boldsymbol{m}_1 \boldsymbol{m}_2 \dots \boldsymbol{m}_m$  of distinct binary predicate symbols from  $\Sigma$ .

We say that the  $\Sigma$ -structure  ${\mathfrak A}$  is a structure for  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{{\boldsymbol m}} \rangle$  if

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq m} \forall \mathbf{x} \exists \mathbf{y} (\mathbf{m}_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \land (\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}))$$

# Type instances

- ▶ A type instance T over the classified signature  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{\boldsymbol{m}} \rangle$  is a nonempty set of 2-types that is closed under inversion.
- ▶ The type instance of a structure  $\mathfrak A$  for  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{\boldsymbol m} \rangle$  is defined by

$$T = \left\{ \mathsf{tp}^{\mathfrak{A}}[a, b] \mid a \in A, b \in A \setminus \{a\} \right\}.$$

► The *type realizability problem* is: given a classified signature  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{\boldsymbol{m}} \rangle$  and a type instance T over  $\langle \Sigma, \bar{\boldsymbol{m}} \rangle$ , is T the type instance of structure?

# Approach

- reduce the satisfiability problem for  $\mathcal{L}^2e\mathrm{E}_{\mathsf{refine}}$  to an appropriate type realizability problem in nondeterministic exponential time
- show that the type realizability problem can be decided in nondeterministic polynomial time
- we do this by defining star-types to "witness the local environment" around elements in models
- collecting them in "not too big" certificates and
- constructing a model from a given certificate