

Symbolic Representation

Say I need to send a list of integers

1, 2, 3, 4, ..., 100

May just send $1 \leq x \leq 100$ which is the symbolic rep. of the list. However we need to create a symbolic representation of a graph.

Can't store very large graphs in memory.

Boolean Formula

Over 4 variables (x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)

$$(x_1 \wedge \bar{y}_1) \rightarrow (x_2 \vee y_2)$$

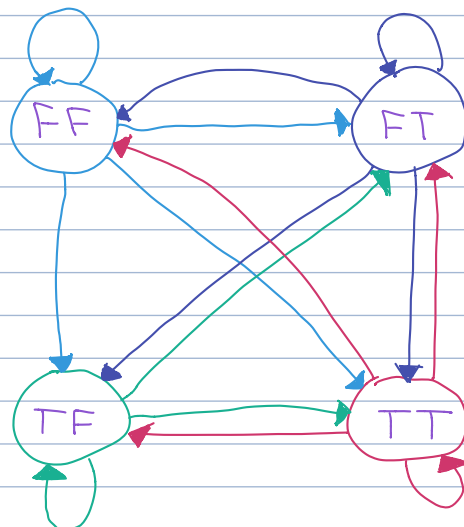


The bar is negation

x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2	$(x_1 \wedge \bar{y}_1) \rightarrow (x_2 \vee y_2)$
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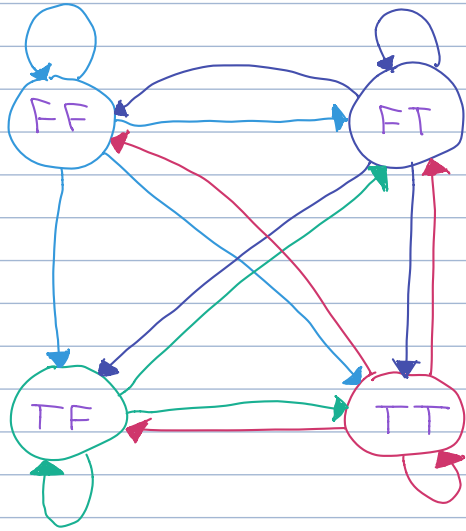
So, there are 4 nodes that are represented here:



Note: If an edge is missing, then the formula resolves to false.

Summary: A boolean formula may produce a graph with 2^k nodes using its truth table.

Suppose we have some very large graph



We have 15 edges, they are:

$$E_{FFFF} \vee \dots \vee E_{TTTT}$$

For each edge, a boolean formula is used to represent it:

$$E_{FFFT} = \bar{x}_1 \wedge \bar{x}_2 \wedge \bar{y}_1 \wedge y_2$$

In this way, all 15 edges may become a boolean formula over four variables (by anding them all).

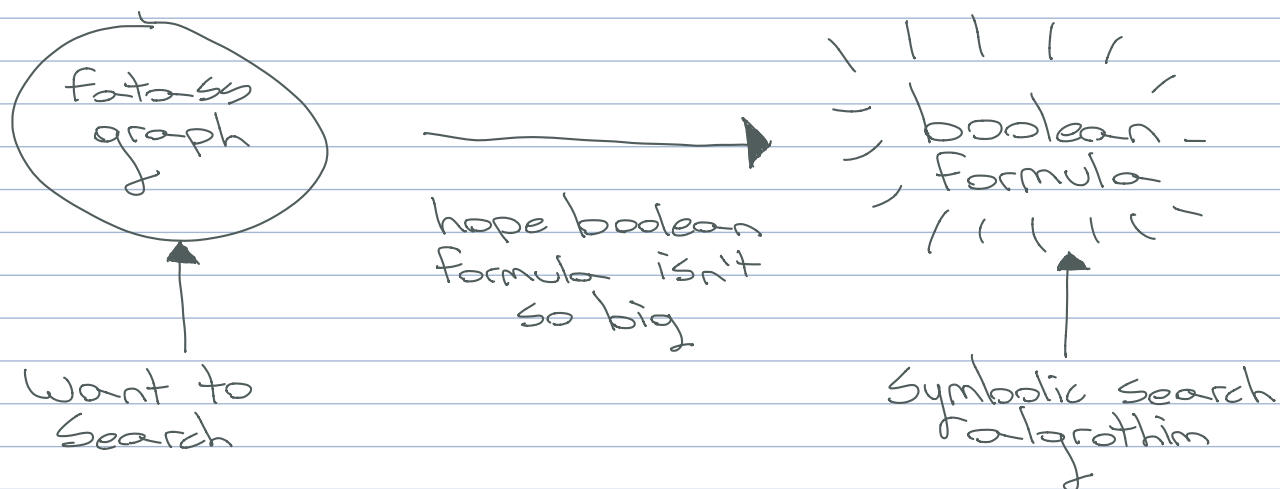
Once it is simplified, we end up with an equivalent formula.

So,

$$E_{FFFF} \vee \dots \vee E_{TTTT} \equiv (x_1 \wedge \bar{y}_1) \rightarrow (x_2 \vee y_2)$$

A graph with 2^k nodes may be symbolically represented as a boolean formula with 2^k variables.

Big Picture for Project



Symbolic Search Example

Let G , a graph be a boolean formula:

$$R(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, y_k)$$

over $2k$ boolean variables.

Note:

Boolean Formulas are closed under boolean operations $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \rightarrow, \dots$; as well as qualifiers \exists and \forall .

Define a new boolean formula s.t.

$$(R \circ R)(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k)$$

Compose

which is defined as

$$\exists z_1, \dots, z_k (R(x_1, \dots, x_k, z_1, \dots, z_k) \wedge R(z_1, \dots, z_k, y_1, \dots, y_k))$$

So we must interpret the meaning of $R \circ R$ on G

On graph G , a node = k bits. Edge = relatively on k bits.

$$(x_1, \dots, x_k \rightarrow y_1, \dots, y_k) \equiv R(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k)$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_k \rightarrow z_1, \dots, z_k) \equiv R(x_1, \dots, x_k, z_1, \dots, z_k)$$

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$$(x_1, \dots, x_k \rightarrow z_1, \dots, z_k \rightarrow y_1, \dots, y_k) \equiv R(x_1, \dots, x_k, z_1, \dots, z_k) \wedge R(z_1, \dots, z_k, y_1, \dots, y_k)$$

$$(R \circ R)(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k) \equiv$$

$$\exists z_1, \dots, z_k (R(x_1, \dots, x_k, z_1, \dots, z_k) \wedge R(z_1, \dots, z_k, y_1, \dots, y_k))$$