

# Recursive Solutions to First-Order Model Counting

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Definitions

Things I might need to explain.

- atom, (positive/negative) literal, constant, predicate, argument, arity, variable, clause, unit clause, first-order logic
- Vars,  $\text{Vars}(c) = \text{Vars}(L) \cup \text{Vars}(C)$
- Doms on both formulas and clauses.  $\text{Doms}(c) = \text{Im } \delta_c$ , and  $\text{Doms}(\phi) = \bigcup_{c \in \phi} \text{Doms}(c)$ .
- WMC,  $w$ ,  $\bar{w}$ ,  $\text{Im}$
- two parts: compilation and inference.
- During inference, there is a domain size map  $\sigma: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ .
- mention which rules are in  $\Gamma$  and which ones are in  $\Delta$  (and why tryCache has to be in  $\Delta$ ).
- FORCLIFT
- In a way, we're dividing the idea of domain recursion between the IDR and the Ref nodes, thus also generalising it. [This is good context to refer to Fig. 1.]

**Notation.**

- We write  $\rightarrow$  for functions,  $\rightarrowtail$  for partial functions,  $\rightarrowtail$  for bijections, and  $\hookrightarrow$  for set inclusion.

Most of the definitions here are adaptations/formalisations of [3] and the corresponding code.

**Definition 1.** A *domain* is a symbol for a finite set.<sup>1</sup> Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the set of all domains. Note that this set expands during the compilation.

**Definition 2.** An (*inequality*) *constraint* is a pair  $(a, b)$ , where  $a$  is a variable, and  $b$  is either a variable or a constant.

**Definition 3.** A *clause* is a triple  $c = (L, C, \delta_c)$ , where  $L$  is the set of literals,  $C$  is a set of constraints, and  $\delta_c: \text{Vars}(c) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a function that maps all variables in  $c$  to their domains such that (s.t.) if  $(x, y) \in C$  for some variables  $x$  and  $y$ , then  $\delta_c(x) = \delta_c(y)$ . Equality of clauses is defined in the usual way (i.e., all variables, domains, etc. must match). TODO: we will always use this subscript notation for the  $\delta$ 's.

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<sup>1</sup>In the context of functions, the domain of a function  $f$  retains its usual meaning and is denoted  $\text{dom}(f)$ .

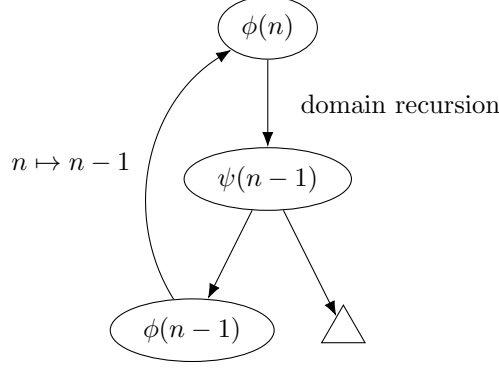


Figure 1: An illustration of the main idea. TODO: refer to this in the introduction.

TODO: implicit universal quantification.

A *formula* is a set of clauses.

We use hash codes to efficiently check whether a recursive relationship between two formulas is plausible. (It is plausible if the formulas are equal up to variables and domains.) The hash code of a clause  $c = (L, C, \delta_c)$  combines the hash codes of the sets of constants and predicates in  $c$ , the numbers of positive and negative literals, the number of inequality constraints  $|C|$ , and the number of variables  $|\text{Vars}(c)|$ . The hash code of a formula  $\phi$  combines the hash codes of all its clauses and is denoted  $\#\phi$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $\text{gr}(\cdot; \sigma)$  be the function (parameterised by the domain size function  $\sigma$ ) that takes a clause  $c = (L, C, \delta)$  and returns the number of ways the variables in  $c$  can be replaced by elements of their respective domains in a way that satisfies the inequality constraints.<sup>2</sup> Formally, for each variable  $v \in \text{Vars}(c)$ , let  $C_v = \{w \mid (u, w) \in C \setminus \text{Vars}(c)^2, u \neq v\}$  be the set of (explicitly named) constants that  $v$  is permitted to be equal to. Then

$$\text{gr}(c; \sigma) := \left| \left\{ (e_v)_{v \in \text{Vars}(c)} \in \prod_{v \in \text{Vars}(c)} C_v \sqcup [\sigma(\delta(v)) - |C_v|] \mid e_u \neq e_w \text{ for all } (u, w) \in C \cap \text{Vars}(c)^2 \right\} \right|$$

for any clause  $c$ . (Here,  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for any non-negative integer  $n$ .)

TODO: how does the algorithm prevent the number in  $[\cdot]$  from being negative?

**Notation for lists.** Let  $\langle \rangle$  and  $\langle x \rangle$  denote an empty list and a list with one element  $x$ , respectively. We write  $\in$  for (in-order) enumeration,  $+$  for concatenation, and  $|\cdot|$  for the length of a list. Let  $h : t$  denote a list with first element (a.k.a. head)  $h$  and remaining list (a.k.a. tail)  $t$ . We also use list comprehensions written equivalently to set comprehensions. For example, let  $L := \langle 1 \rangle$  and  $M := \langle 2 \rangle$  be two lists. Then  $M = \langle 2x \mid x \in L \rangle$ ,  $L + M = 1 : \langle 2 \rangle$ , and  $|M| = 1$ .

### 3 From Circuits to Labelled Graphs

A *first-order deterministic decomposable negation normal form computational graph* (FCG) is a (weakly connected) directed graph with a single source, vertex labels, and ordered outgoing edges.<sup>3</sup> We denote an FCG as  $G = (V, s, N^+, \tau)$ , where  $V$  is the set of vertices, and  $s \in V$  is the unique source. Also,  $N^+$  is the direct successor function that maps each vertex in  $V$  to a *list* that contains either other vertices in  $V$  or a special symbol  $\star$ . This symbol means that the target of the edge is yet to be determined.

<sup>2</sup>Note that the literals of the clause have no effect on  $\text{gr}$ .

<sup>3</sup>Note that imposing an ordering on outgoing edges is just a limited version of edge labelling.

Vertex labels consist of two parts: the *type* and the *parameters*. For the main definition, we leave the parameters implicit and let  $\tau: V \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  denote the vertex-labelling function that maps each vertex in  $V$  to its type in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Most of our list of types  $\mathcal{T} := \{\circ, \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}, \textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5}, \text{CR}, \text{DR}, \text{IE}, \text{REF}\}$  is as described in previous work [2, 3] as well as the source code of FORCLIFT<sup>4</sup> but with one new type CR and two revamped types DR and REF. For each vertex  $v \in V$ , the length of the list  $N^+(v)$  (i.e., the out-degree of  $v$ ) is determined by its type  $\tau(v)$ .

TODO: conjunctions and disjunctions should be different from set-conjunctions and set-disjunctions.

As in previous work [3], to describe individual vertices and small (sub)-FCGs, we also use notation of the form, e.g.,  $\text{REF}_\rho(v)$ . Here, the type of the vertex (e.g., REF) is ‘applied’ to its direct successors (e.g.,  $v$ ) using either function or infix notation and provided with its parameter(s) (e.g.,  $\rho$ ) in the subscript. We say that ‘ $G$  is an FCG for formula  $\phi$ ’ if two conditions are satisfied. First, the image of  $N^+$  contains no  $\star$ ’s. Second,  $G$  encodes a function that maps the sizes of the domains in  $\phi$  to the WMC of  $\phi$  (more on this in Section 8).

TODO.

- provide a short explanation of the types (emphasising which ones are new/updated).
- have an example of a simple FCG. Describe the figure from later.

## 4 Search/Compilation

**Definition 5.** A *state* (of the search for an FCG for a given formula) is a tuple  $(G, C, L)$ , where:

- $G$  is an FCG (or `null`),
- $C$  is a compilation cache that maps integers to sets of pairs  $(\phi, v)$ , where  $\phi$  is a formula, and  $v$  is a vertex of  $G$  (which is used to identify opportunities for recursion),
- and  $L$  is a list of formulas (that are yet to be compiled). (Note that the order is crucial!)

**Definition 6.** A (compilation) *rule* is a function that takes a formula and returns a set of  $(G, L)$  pairs, where  $G$  is a (potentially `null`) FCG, and  $L$  is a list of formulas. TODO: add an example showing that it’s usually an FCG with one vertex and a bunch of  $\star$ ’s marking a fixed number of outgoing edges.

We assume that if there is a pair  $(\text{null}, L)$  in the set returned by a rule, then  $|L| = 1$ , i.e., the rule transformed the formula without creating any vertices.

TODO: explain the ‘tail’ part of the algorithm, i.e., that the first formula is replaced by some vertices and some formulas. And explain why we don’t want to have REF vertices in the cache.

Note: At the end, `mergeFcgs` will never return `null` because there is going to be at least one  $\star$  in  $G$  and the function will find it.

## 5 In-Between Compilation and Inference: Smoothing

[Insert motivation for smoothing from Section 3.4. of the ForcLift paper.] Originally, smoothing was (and still is) a two-step process. First, atoms that are still accounted for in the circuit are propagated upwards. Then, at vertices of certain types, missing atoms are detected and additional sinks are created to account for them. If left unchanged, the first step of this process would result in an infinite loop whenever a cycle is encountered. Algorithm 4 outlines how the first step can be adapted to an arbitrary directed graph.

<sup>4</sup><https://dtai.cs.kuleuven.be/drupal/wfomc>

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**Algorithm 1:** The (main part of the) search algorithm

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**Input:** a formula  $\phi_0$   
**Output:** all found FCGs for  $\phi_0$  are in the set **solutions**

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1 solutions  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2  $C_0 \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
3  $(G_0, C_0, L_0) \leftarrow \text{applyGreedyRules}(\phi_0, C_0)$ ;
4 if  $L_0 = \langle \rangle$  then solutions  $\leftarrow \{G_0\}$ ;
5 else
6    $q \leftarrow$  an empty queue of states;
7    $q.\text{put}((G_0, C_0, L_0))$ ;
8   while not  $q.\text{empty}()$  do
9     foreach  $state (G, C, L) \in \text{applyAllRules}(q.\text{get}())$  do
10      if  $L = \langle \rangle$  then solutions  $\leftarrow \text{solutions} \cup \{G\}$ ;
11      else  $q.\text{put}((G, C, L))$ ;

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## 6 New Compilation Rules

### 6.1 Identifying Possibilities for Recursion

**Notation.** For any clause  $c = (L, C, \delta_c)$ , bijection  $\beta: \text{Vars}(c) \xrightarrow{\sim} V$  (for some set of variables  $V$ ) and function  $\gamma: \text{Doms}(c) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , let  $c[\beta, \gamma] = d$  be the clause  $c$  with all occurrences of any variable  $v \in \text{Vars}(c)$  in  $L$  and  $C$  replaced with  $\beta(v)$  (so  $\text{Vars}(d) = V$ ) and  $\delta_d: V \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  defined as  $\delta_d := \gamma \circ \delta_c \circ \beta^{-1}$ . In other words,  $\delta_d$  is the unique function that makes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Vars}(c) & \xrightarrow{\sim \beta} & V = \text{Vars}(d) \\
 \delta_c \downarrow & & \downarrow \exists! \delta_d \\
 \text{Doms}(c) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \mathcal{D}
 \end{array}$$

commute.

The function **traceAncestors** returns **null** if domain  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  is not an ancestor of domain  $e \in \mathcal{D}$ . Otherwise, it returns **true** if the size of  $e$  is guaranteed to be strictly smaller than the size of  $d$  (i.e., there is domain created by the constraint removal rule on the path from  $d$  to  $e$ ) and **false** if their sizes will be equal at some point during inference.

Notation: For partial functions  $\alpha, \beta: A \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $\alpha|_{\text{dom}(\alpha) \cap \text{dom}(\beta)} = \beta|_{\text{dom}(\alpha) \cap \text{dom}(\beta)}$ , we write  $\alpha \cup \beta$  for the unique partial function s.t.  $\alpha \cup \beta|_{\text{dom}(\alpha)} = \alpha$ , and  $\alpha \cup \beta|_{\text{dom}(\beta)} = \beta$ . **TODO:** explain  $\sqcup$  for both sets and functions.

### TODO

- update the example to not refer to things that don't exist anymore
- introduce/describe and Algorithm 5 and describe the cache that's being used.
- explain why  $\rho \cup \gamma$  is possible
- explain what the second return statement is about and why a third one is not necessary
- explain the yield keyword
- in the example below: write down both formula using the ForcLift format

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**Algorithm 2:** Functions used in Algorithm 1 for applying compilation rules
 

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**Data:** a set of greedy rules  $\Gamma$   
**Data:** a set of non-greedy rules  $\Delta$

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1 Function applyGreedyRules( $\phi, C$ ):
2   foreach rule  $r \in \Gamma$  do
3     if  $r(\phi) \neq \emptyset$  then
4        $(G, L) \leftarrow$  any element of  $r(\phi)$ ;
5       if  $G = \text{null}$  then return applyGreedyRules(the only element of  $L, C$ );
6       else
7          $(V, s, N^+, \tau) \leftarrow G$ ;
8          $C \leftarrow \text{updateCache}(C, \phi, G)$ ;
9         return applyGreedyRulesToAllFormulas( $G, C, L$ );
10  return ( $\text{null}, C, \langle \phi \rangle$ );

11 Function applyGreedyRulesToAllFormulas( $(V, s, N^+, \tau), C, L$ ):
12  if  $L = \langle \rangle$  then return  $((V, s, N^+, \tau), C, L)$ ;
13   $N^+(s) \leftarrow \langle \rangle$ ;
14   $L' \leftarrow \langle \rangle$ ;
15  foreach formula  $\phi \in L$  do
16     $(G', C, L'') \leftarrow \text{applyGreedyRules}(\phi, C)$ ;
17     $L' \leftarrow L' \uplus L''$ ;
18    if  $G' = \text{null}$  then  $N^+(s) \leftarrow N^+(s) \uplus \langle \star \rangle$ ;
19    else
20       $(V', s', N', \tau') \leftarrow G'$ ;
21       $V \leftarrow V \sqcup V'$ ;
22       $N^+ \leftarrow N^+ \sqcup N'$ ;
23       $N^+(s) \leftarrow N^+(s) \uplus \langle s' \rangle$ ;
24       $\tau \leftarrow \tau \sqcup \tau'$ ;
25  return  $((V, s, N^+, \tau), C, L')$ ;

26 Function applyAllRules( $s$ ):
27   $(G, C, L) \leftarrow s$ ;
28   $\phi : T \leftarrow L$ ;
29   $(G', C', L') \leftarrow$  a copy of  $s$ ;
30  newStates  $\leftarrow \langle \rangle$ ;
31  foreach rule  $r \in \Delta$  do
32    foreach  $(G'', L'') \in r(\phi)$  do
33      if  $G'' = \text{null}$  then newStates  $\leftarrow$  newStates  $\uplus$  applyAllRules( $(G', C', L'')$ );
34      else
35         $(V, s, N^+, \tau) \leftarrow G''$ ;
36         $C' \leftarrow \text{updateCache}(C', \phi, G'')$ ;
37         $(G'', C', L'') \leftarrow \text{applyGreedyRulesToAllFormulas}(G'', C', L'')$ ;
38        if  $G' = \text{null}$  then newStates  $\leftarrow$  newStates  $\uplus \langle (G'', C', L'' \uplus T) \rangle$ ;
39        else newStates  $\leftarrow$  newStates  $\uplus \langle (\text{mergeFcgs}(G', G''), C', L'' \uplus T) \rangle$ ;
40   $(G', C', L') \leftarrow$  a copy of  $s$ ;
41  return newStates;

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**Algorithm 3:** Helper functions used by Algorithm 2

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1 Function updateCache( $C, \phi, (V, s, N^+, \tau)$ ):
2   if  $\tau(s) = \text{REF}$  then return  $C$ ;
3   if  $\#\phi \notin \text{dom}(C)$  then return  $C \cup \{ \#\phi \mapsto (\phi, s) \}$ ;
4   if there is no  $(\phi', v) \in C(\#\phi)$  s.t.  $v = s$  then  $C(\#\phi) \leftarrow (\phi, s) \# C(\#\phi)$ ;
5   return  $C$ ;

6 Function mergeFcgs( $G = (V, s, N^+, \tau), G' = (V', s', N', \tau'), r = s$ ):
7   if  $\tau(r) = \text{REF}$  then return null;
8   foreach  $t \in N^+(r)$  do
9     if  $t = \star$  then
10      replace  $t$  with  $s'$  in  $N^+(r)$ ;
11      return  $(V \sqcup V', s, N^+ \sqcup N', \tau \sqcup \tau')$ ;
12       $G'' \leftarrow \text{mergeFcgs}(G, G', t)$ ;
13      if  $G'' \neq \text{null}$  then return  $G''$ ;
14   return null;

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**Algorithm 4:** Propagating atoms for smoothing across the FCG in a way that avoids infinite loops

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**Input:** FCG  $(V, s, N^+, \tau)$   
**Input:** function  $\iota$  that maps vertex types in  $\mathcal{T}$  to sets of atoms  
**Input:** functions  $\{f_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  that take a list of sets of atoms and return a set of atoms  
**Output:** function  $S$  that maps vertices in  $V$  to sets of atoms

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1  $S \leftarrow \{v \mapsto \iota(\tau(v)) \mid v \in V\}$ ;
2 changed  $\leftarrow \text{true}$ ;
3 while changed do
4   changed  $\leftarrow \text{false}$ ;
5   foreach vertex  $v \in V$  do
6      $S' \leftarrow f_{\tau(v)}(\langle S(w) \mid w \in N^+(v) \rangle)$ ;
7     if  $S' \neq S(v)$  then
8       changed  $\leftarrow \text{true}$ ;
9        $S(v) \leftarrow S'$ ;

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**Algorithm 5:** The compilation rule for REF
 

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**Input:** formula  $\phi$   
**Output:** either a singleton with the new REF vertex or  $\emptyset$

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1 foreach  $(\psi, v) \in \text{compilationCache}(\#\phi)$  do
2    $\rho \leftarrow \text{identifyRecursion}(\phi, \psi)$ ;
3   if  $\rho \neq \text{null}$  then return  $\{(\text{REF}_\rho(v), \emptyset)\}$ ;
4 return  $\emptyset$ ;
5 Function  $\text{identifyRecursion}(\phi, \psi, \rho = \emptyset)$ :
6   if  $|\phi| \neq |\psi|$  or  $\#\phi \neq \#\psi$  then return null;
7   if  $\phi = \emptyset$  then return  $\rho$ ;
8   foreach clause  $c \in \phi$  do
9     foreach clause  $d \in \psi$  s.t.  $\#d = \#c$  do
10      foreach  $(\beta, \gamma) \in \text{generateMaps}(c, d, \rho)$  s.t.  $c[\beta, \gamma] = d$  do
11         $\rho' \leftarrow \text{identifyRecursion}(\phi \setminus \{c\}, \psi \setminus \{d\}, \rho \cup \gamma)$ ;
12        if  $\rho' \neq \text{null}$  then return  $\rho'$ ;
13      return null;
14 Function  $\text{generateMaps}(c, d, \rho)$ :
15   foreach bijection  $\beta: \text{Vars}(c) \rightarrow \text{Vars}(d)$  do
16      $\gamma \leftarrow \text{constructDomainMap}(\text{Vars}(c), \delta_c, \delta_d, \beta, \rho)$ ;
17     if  $\gamma \neq \text{null}$  then yield  $(\beta, \gamma)$ ;
18 Function  $\text{constructDomainMap}(V, \delta_c, \delta_d, \beta, \rho)$ :
19    $\gamma \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
20   foreach  $v \in V$  do
21     if  $\delta_c(v) \in \text{dom}(\rho)$  and  $\rho(\delta_c(v)) \neq \delta_d(\beta(v))$  then return null;
22     if  $\delta_c(v) \notin \text{dom}(\gamma)$  then  $\gamma \leftarrow \gamma \cup \{\delta_c(v) \mapsto \delta_d(\beta(v))\}$ ;
23     else if  $\gamma(\delta_c(v)) \neq \delta_d(\beta(v))$  then return null;
24   return  $\gamma$ ;

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The algorithm could be improved in two ways:

- by constructing a domain map first and then using it to reduce the number of viable variable bijections.
- by similarly using the domain map  $\rho$ .

However, it is not clear that this would result in an overall performance improvement, since the number of variables in instances of interest never exceeds three and the identity bijection is typically the right one.

Diagrammatically, `constructDomainMap` attempts to find  $\gamma: \text{Doms}(c) \rightarrow \text{Doms}(d)$  s.t. the following diagram commutes (and returns `null` if such a function does not exist):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Vars}(c) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \text{Vars}(d) \\
 \delta_c \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_d \\
 \text{Doms}(c) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{Doms}(d) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathcal{D}.
 \end{array}$$

**Example 1.** Let  $\phi$  be the formula

$$\forall X \in a. \forall Y \in b. \forall Z \in b. Y \neq Z \implies \neg p(X, Y) \vee \neg p(X, Z) \quad (1)$$

$$\forall X \in a. \forall Y \in b. \forall Z \in a. X \neq Z \implies \neg p(X, Y) \vee \neg p(Z, Y). \quad (2)$$

and  $\psi$  be the formula

$$\forall X \in a'. \forall Y \in b^\perp. \forall Z \in b^\perp. Z \neq Y \implies \neg p(X, Y) \vee \neg p(X, Z) \quad (3)$$

$$\forall X \in a'. \forall Y \in b^\perp. \forall Z \in a'. X \neq Z \implies \neg p(X, Y) \vee \neg p(Z, Y) \quad (4)$$

The relevant domains and the definition of  $\pi$  is in ???. Since  $\# \phi = \# \psi$ , and the formulas are non-empty, the algorithm proceeds with the for-loops on Lines 8 to 10. Suppose  $c$  in the algorithm refers to Eq. (1), and  $d$  to Eq. (3). Since both clauses have three variables, in the worst case, function **generateMaps** would have  $3! = 6$  bijections to check. Suppose the identity bijection is picked first. Then **constructDomainMap** is called with the following parameters:

- $V = \{X, Y, Z\}$ ,
- $\delta_c = \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto b\}$ ,
- $\delta_d = \{X \mapsto a', Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto b^\perp\}$ ,
- $\beta = \{X \mapsto X, Y \mapsto Y, Z \mapsto Z\}$ ,
- $\rho = \emptyset$ .

Since  $\delta_i(Y) = \delta_i(Z)$  for  $i \in \{c, d\}$ , **constructDomainMap** returns  $\gamma = \{a \mapsto a', b \mapsto b^\perp\}$ . Thus, **generateMaps** yields its first pair of maps  $(\beta, \gamma)$  to Line 10. Furthermore, the pair satisfies  $c[\beta, \gamma] = d$ .

Since  $\pi(a') = a$ , and  $a' \in \mathcal{C}$ , **traceAncestors**( $a, a'$ ) returns **true**, which sets **foundConstraintRemoval'** to **true** as well. When  $e = b$ , however, **traceAncestors**( $b, b^\perp$ ) returns **false** since  $b^\perp$  is a descendant of  $b$  but not created by the constraint removal compilation rule. On Line 11, a recursive call to **identifyRecursion**( $\phi', \psi', \gamma, \mathbf{true}$ ) is made, where  $\phi'$  and  $\psi'$  are new formulas with one clause each: Eq. (2) and Eq. (4), respectively.

Again we have two non-empty formulas with equal hash codes, so **generateMaps** is called with  $c$  set to Eq. (2),  $d$  set to Eq. (4), and  $\rho = \{a \mapsto a', b \mapsto b^\perp\}$ . Suppose Line 15 picks the identity bijection first again. Then **constructDomainMap** is called with the following parameters:

- $V = \{X, Y, Z\}$ ,
- $\delta_c = \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto a\}$ ,
- $\delta_d = \{X \mapsto a', Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto a'\}$ ,
- $\beta = \{X \mapsto X, Y \mapsto Y, Z \mapsto Z\}$ ,
- $\rho = \{a \mapsto a', b \mapsto b^\perp\}$ .

Since  $\beta$  and  $\rho$  ‘commute’ (TODO: as in the diagram above), and there are no new domains in  $\text{Doms}(c)$  and  $\text{Doms}(d)$ ,  $\gamma$  exists and is equal to  $\rho$ . Again, the returned pair  $(\beta, \gamma)$  satisfies  $c[\beta, \gamma] = d$ . This  $\gamma$  passes the **traceAncestors** checks exactly the same way as the one before, and Line 11 calls **identifyRecursion**( $\emptyset, \emptyset, \rho, \mathbf{true}$ ), which immediately returns  $\rho = \{a \mapsto a', b \mapsto b^\perp\}$  as the final answer. This means that one can indeed use an FCG for  $\text{WMC}(\phi)$  to compute  $\text{WMC}(\psi)$  by replacing every mention of  $a$  with  $a'$  and every mention of  $b$  with  $b^\perp$ .



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**Algorithm 6:** The compilation rule for CR
 

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**Input:** formula  $\phi$ , set of domains  $\mathcal{D}$

**Output:** set  $S$

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1  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 foreach domain  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  and element  $e \in d$  s.t.  $e$  does not occur in any literal of any clause of  $\phi$  and
   for each clause  $c = (L, C, \delta_c) \in \phi$  and variable  $v \in \text{Vars}(c)$ , either  $\delta_c(v) \neq d$  or  $(v, e) \in C$  do
3   add a new domain  $d'$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ ;
4    $\phi' \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
5   foreach clause  $(L, C, \delta) \in \phi$  do
6      $C' \leftarrow \{(x, y) \in C \mid y \neq e\}$ ;
7      $\delta' \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
8     foreach variable  $v \in \text{Vars}(L) \cup \text{Vars}(C')$  do
9       if  $\delta(v) = d$  then  $\delta' \leftarrow \delta' \cup \{v \mapsto d'\}$ ;
10      else  $\delta' \leftarrow \delta' \cup \{v \mapsto \delta(v)\}$ ;
11    $\phi' \leftarrow \phi' \cup \{(L, C', \delta')\}$ ;
12  $S \leftarrow S \cup \{\text{CR}_{d \mapsto d'}, \phi'\}$ ;
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### 6.1.1 Evaluation

$\text{WMC}(\text{REF}_\rho(v); \sigma) = \text{WMC}(v; \sigma')$  ( $n$  is the target vertex), where  $\sigma'$  is defined as

$$\sigma'(x) = \begin{cases} \sigma(\rho(x)) & \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(\rho) \\ \sigma(x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ .

## 6.2 Constraint Removal

TODO: describe Algorithm 6 and rewrite the example below.

**Example 2.** Let  $\phi = \{c_1, c_2, c_e\}$  be a formula with clauses (constants lowercase, variables uppercase)

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= (\emptyset, \{(Y, X)\}, \{X \mapsto b^\top, Y \mapsto b^\top\}), \\
c_2 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(X, Z)\}, \{(X, x), (Y, Z)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto b^\perp\}), \\
c_3 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(Z, Y)\}, \{(X, x), (Z, X), (Z, x)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto a\}).
\end{aligned}$$

Domain  $a$  and with its element  $x \in a$  satisfy the preconditions for constraint removal. The operator introduces a new domain  $a'$  and transforms  $\phi$  to  $\phi' = (c'_1, c'_2, c'_3)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
c'_1 &= c_1 \\
c'_2 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(X, Z)\}, \{(Y, Z)\}, \{X \mapsto a', Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto b^\perp\}) \\
c'_3 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(Z, Y)\}, \{(Z, X)\}, \{X \mapsto a', Y \mapsto b^\perp, Z \mapsto a'\}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Evaluation.**

$$\text{WMC}(\text{CR}_{d \mapsto d'}(n); \sigma) = \begin{cases} \text{WMC}(n; \sigma \cup \{d' \mapsto \sigma(d) - 1\}) & \text{if } \sigma(d) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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**Algorithm 7:** The compilation rule for DR

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**Input:** formula  $\phi$   
**Output:** set  $S$

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1  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 foreach domain  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  s.t. there is a clause  $c \in \phi$  and a variable  $v \in \text{Vars}(L_c)$  s.t.  $\delta_c(v) = d$  do
3    $\phi' \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
4    $x \leftarrow$  a new constant associated with domain  $d$ ;
5   foreach clause  $c = (L, C, \delta) \in \phi$  do
6      $V \leftarrow \{v \in \text{Vars}(L) \mid \delta(v) = d\}$ ;
7     foreach subset  $W \subseteq V$  s.t.  $W^2 \cap C = \emptyset$  and
8        $W \cap \{v \in \text{Vars}(C) \mid (v, y) \in C \text{ for some constant } y\} = \emptyset$  do
9         /* Here,  $\delta'$  is the restriction of  $\delta$  to the new set of variables */
           $\phi' \leftarrow \phi' \cup \{(L[x/W], C[x/W] \cup \{(v, x) \mid (v \in V \setminus W)\}, \delta')\}$ ;
9    $S \leftarrow S \cup \{(\text{DR}_{d \leftarrow d \setminus \{x\}}, \phi')\}$ ;

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### 6.3 A Generalisation of Domain Recursion

**The algorithm uses this notation for substitution.** Let  $S$  be a set of constraints or literals,  $V$  a set of variables, and  $x$  either a variable or a constant. Then we write  $S[x/V]$  to denote  $S$  with all occurrences of all variables in  $V$  replaced with  $x$ .<sup>5</sup>

TODO: Compare with the original [2].

The reason for this precondition is the same as in the initial version of domain recursion: there must be a variable with that domain featured among the literals because it needs to be replaced by a constant. TODO: expand this.

TODO: describe Algorithm 7.

**Example 3.** Let  $\phi = \{c_1, c_2\}$  be a formula, where

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(X, Z)\}, \{(Z, Y)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto b\}), \\
c_2 &= (\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(Z, Y)\}, \{(Z, X)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto a\}).
\end{aligned}$$

While domain recursion is possible on both domains, here we illustrate how it works on  $a$ .

Suppose Line 5 picks  $c = c_1$  first. Then  $V = \{X\}$ . Both subsets of  $V$  satisfy the conditions on Line 7 and generate new clauses

$$(\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(X, Z)\}, \{(Z, Y), (X, x)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto b\}),$$

(from  $W = \emptyset$ ) and

$$(\{\neg p(x, Y), \neg p(x, Z)\}, \{(Z, Y)\}, \{Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto b\})$$

(from  $W = V$ ).

When  $c = c_2$ , then  $V = \{X, Z\}$ . The subset  $W = V$  fails to satisfy the first condition because of the  $Z \neq X$  constraint; without this condition, the resulting clause would have an unsatisfiable constraint  $x \neq x$ . The other three subsets of  $V$  all generate clauses for  $\phi'$ :

$$(\{\neg p(X, Y), \neg p(Z, Y)\}, \{(Z, X), (X, x), (Z, x)\}, \{X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto a\})$$

(from  $W = \emptyset$ ),

$$(\{\neg p(x, Y), \neg p(Z, Y)\}, \{(Z, x)\}, \{Y \mapsto b, Z \mapsto a\})$$

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<sup>5</sup>Note that if  $(v, w)$  is a two-variable constraint, substituting a constant  $c$  for  $v$  would result in  $(c, w)$ , which would have to be rewritten as  $(w, c)$  to fit the definition of a constraint.

(from  $W = \{ X \}$ ), and

$$(\{ \neg p(X, Y), \neg p(x, Y) \}, \{ (X, x) \}, \{ X \mapsto a, Y \mapsto b, \})$$

(from  $W = \{ Z \}$ ).

**Evaluation.**

$$\text{WMC}(\text{DR}_{d \leftarrow d \setminus \{ x \}}(n); \sigma) = \begin{cases} \text{WMC}(n; \sigma) & \text{if } \sigma(d) > 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

One is picked as the multiplicative identity.

## 7 Other Topics

- new rules that don't create vertices (e.g., duplicate removal, unconditional contradiction detection, etc.)
- some notes on halting
  - Search is infinite. Some rules increase the size of the formula(s), but most reduce it.
  - Inference is guaranteed to terminate if at least one domain shrinks by at least one. But note that allowing recursive calls with the same domain sizes (e.g.,  $f(n) = f(n) + \dots$ ) could be useful because these problematic terms might cancel out.
  - It's impossible for  $n \leftarrow n - 1$  and **for**  $n \in \dots$  to combine in a way that results in an infinite loop.
- care should be taken when cloning to preserve the validity of the cache and avoid infinite cycles (we use a separate (node  $\rightarrow$  node) cache for this)
- another change: one rule can return more than one 'continuation of the graph'

## 8 How to Evaluate an FCG

Along with the three vertex types described above, here are all the other ones. This section is mostly just taken from [3] but with some changes in notation.

TODO: explain that  $x, y, z$  refer to vertices,  $c$  refers to a clause, and describe each vertex type in a bit more detail.

**tautology**  $\text{WMC}(\top; \sigma) = 1$

**contradiction**  $\text{WMC}(\perp; \sigma) = 0^{\text{gr}(c; \sigma)}$

**unit clause**

$$\text{WMC}(\top c; \sigma) = \begin{cases} w(p)^{\text{gr}(c; \sigma)} & \text{if the literal is positive} \\ \overline{w}(p)^{\text{gr}(c; \sigma)} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $p$  is the predicate of the literal.

**smoothing**  $\text{WMC}(\bigcirc c; \sigma) = (w(p) + \overline{w}(p))^{\text{gr}(c; \sigma)}$ , where  $p$  is the predicate of the literal.

**decomposable conjunction**  $\text{WMC}(x \oslash y; \sigma) = \text{WMC}(x; \sigma) \times \text{WMC}(y; \sigma)$

**deterministic disjunction**  $\text{WMC}(x \vee y; \sigma) = \text{WMC}(x; \sigma) + \text{WMC}(y; \sigma)$

**decomposable set-conjunction**  $\text{WMC}(\bigwedge_D x; \sigma) = \text{WMC}(x; \sigma)^{\sigma(D)}$

**deterministic set-disjunction**  $\text{WMC}(\bigvee_{D \subseteq S} x; \sigma) = \sum_{d=0}^{\sigma(S)} \binom{\sigma(S)}{d} \text{WMC}(x; \sigma \cup \{ D \mapsto d \})$

**inclusion-exclusion**  $\text{WMC}(\text{IE}(x, y, z); \sigma) = \text{WMC}(x; \sigma) + \text{WMC}(y; \sigma) - \text{WMC}(z; \sigma)$

Function Class			Complexity		
Partial	Endo	Class	Best Known	With Circuits	With Graphs
✓/✗	✓/✗	Functions	$\lg m$	$m$	$m$
✗	✗	Surjections	$n \lg m [1]$	?	?
✗	✓		$n \lg m [1]$	?	?
✓	✗		Same as injections from $b$ to $a$		
✓	✓		Same as endo-injections		
✗	✗	Injections	$\lg m$	-	$mn$
✗	✓		$\lg m$	-	$m^3$
✓	✗		$\min\{m, n\}^2$	-	$n^2$
✓	✓		$m^2$	-	-
✗	✗	Bijections	$\lg m$	-	$m$
✗	✓		Same as (partial) (endo-)injections		
✓	✓/✗				

Table 1: Here,  $m$  is the size of  $a$ , and  $n$  is the size of  $b$ . All asymptotic complexities are in  $\Theta(\cdot)$ . Logarithm with base two. This is for unweighted counting. A hyphen means that no solution was found. TODO: add shaded rows. TODO: explain assumptions for the counts to not be zero. TODO: double check. TODO: maybe combine more rows/columns.

## 9 Examples of Newly Domain-Liftable Formulas

TODO.

- $b^\perp$  should be part of the notation for counting.
- Formulas for partial injections, how to add totality, surjectivity.
- Describe Fig. 2 and connect it to the algebraic formula.
- Explain the algebraic notation that I'm using here (e.g., that  $f$  is always the main function)
- Explain the importance of comparing domain sizes to 2. FCGs that compare the size of a domain to an integer can be constructed automatically using compilation rules, although  $n$  is upper bounded by the maximum number of variables in any clause of the input formula since there is no rule that would introduce new variables.
- Maybe a big table: name, optimal solution and its complexity, best found solution, its depth, its complexity. Also mention that it only takes a few seconds to find these solutions.
- Going beyond depth 6 (or sometimes even completing depth 6) is computationally infeasible with the current implementation, but depth at most 5 can be searched within at most a few seconds.
- Combine the tikz and the algebraic notation into one, so I don't need to have two versions. But how? Maybe associate a symbol with each type and only to the types that I use?
- Partial bijection is the same as partial injection.
- the exponential solutions can be computed in quadratic time with dynamic programming!
- Can't explain how formulas are translated into (my definition of) clauses without explaining Skolemization, which is out of scope.
- Note that in some cases different descriptions of the same problem lead to different solutions (with different complexities).

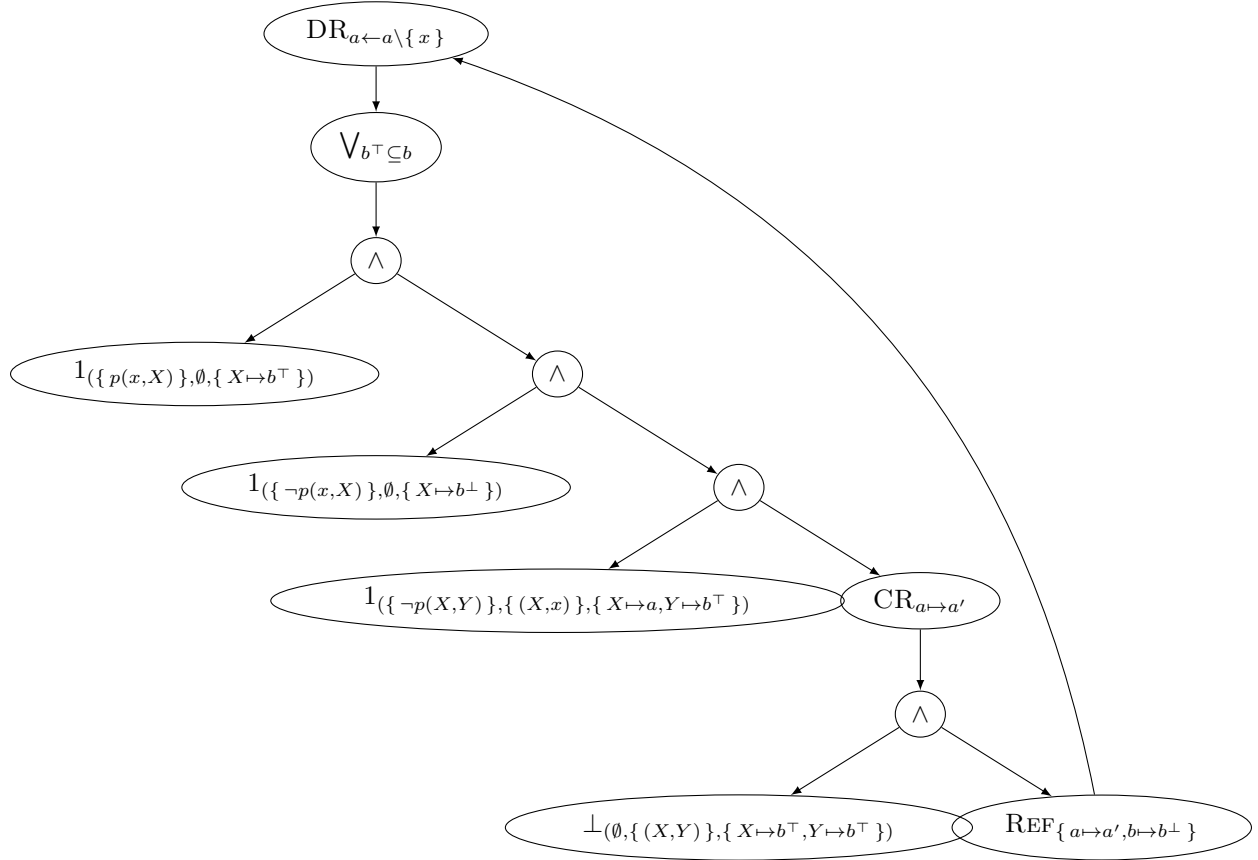


Figure 2: A graphical representation of an FCG for injections and partial injections between two domains.  
 TODO: add a reference to a formula?

- Maybe we are actually guaranteed that the solution is always polynomial-time.

Let  $p$  be a predicate of arity two s.t. the first argument is associated with domain  $a$ , and the second argument is associated with domain  $b$  (i.e.,  $p$  represents a relation between sets  $a$  and  $b$ ). Then, to restrict all relations representable by  $p$  to just functions from  $a$  to  $b$ , in first-order logic one might write

$$\forall X \in a. \forall Y \in b. \forall Z \in b. p(X, Y) \wedge p(X, Z) \implies Y = Z \quad (5)$$

$$\forall X \in a. \exists Y \in b. p(X, Y). \quad (6)$$

The former says that one element of  $a$  can map to at *most* one element of  $b$ , and the latter says that each element of  $a$  must map to at *least* one element of  $b$ . One might add

$$\forall W \in a. \forall X \in a. \forall Y \in b. p(W, Y) \wedge p(X, Y) \implies W = X \quad (7)$$

to restrict  $p$  to injections or

$$\forall Y \in b. \exists X \in a. p(X, Y) \quad (8)$$

to ensure surjectivity or remove Eq. (6) to consider partial functions. Lastly, one can replace all occurrences of  $b$  with  $a$  so as to model endofunctions instead.

#### Notes.

- FORCLIFT fails on all of these.
- Functions, surjections, and their partial counterparts are/were already liftable. It seems like lifting injectivity (which is a fairly general property) is the main accomplishment. (But this is just the one I noticed. There may be many others as well.)
- Here,  $[\cdot]$  is the Iverson bracket.

#### Results.

- 1d bijections and 1d injections (note that it's the same problem). Depth 3 solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (-1)^{n-m} g(n, m) \\ g(n, m) &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [l < 2] g(n-l, m-1) \\ &= g(n, m-1) + n g(n-1, m-1), \end{aligned}$$

which works with base case  $g(n, 0) = 1$ .

- 1d partial injections. 2 solutions at depth 6, but they're too complicated to check by hand. A contradiction with  $X \neq x$  constraints makes things complicated.
- 2d bijections. Depth 3:

$$\begin{aligned} f(m, n) &= \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} [l < 2] (1 - [l < 1]) f(m-l, n-1) \\ &= m f(m-1, n-1), \end{aligned}$$

which works with base cases  $f(0, 0) = 1$ ,  $f(0, n) = 0$ ,  $f(m, 0) = 0$ .

- 2d injections. Depth 2:

$$\begin{aligned} f(m, n) &= \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} [l < 2] f(m-l, n-1) \\ &= f(m, n-1) + m f(m-1, n-1), \end{aligned}$$

which works with base cases  $f(0, 0) = 1$  and  $f(m, 0) = 0$ .

- 2d partial injections, depth 2. Exactly the same circuit as above but with base case  $f(m, 0) = 1$ .

## 10 Conclusions and Future Work

### Conclusions and observations.

- CR must be separate from DR because initially the requirement to not have the newly introduced constant in the literals is not satisfied.

### Future work.

- Transform FCGs to definitions of (possibly recursive) functions on integers. Use a computer algebra system to simplify them.
- Design an algorithm to infer the necessary base cases. (Note that there can be an infinite amount of them when functions have more than one parameter.)
- Observation: -1 (and powers thereof) appear in every solution to a formula if and only if the formula has existential quantification. That's not very smart! By putting unit propagation into  $\Gamma$ , these powers are pushed to the outer layers of the solution (i.e., 'early' in the FCG). It's likely that removing this restriction would enable the algorithm to find asymptotically optimal solutions.

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