

# Towards Practical First-Order Model Counting

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

### Papers to cite.

- relevant theoretical work (Malhotra and Serafini 2022) (there is more, e.g., the LICS 2018 paper)
- original domain recursion (Van den Broeck 2011)
- recent overview paper (Kuzelka 2023)
- conjecturing recurrence relations (Barvíněk et al. 2021)
- algorithms
  - FORCLIFT (Van den Broeck et al. 2011)
  - CRANE (Dilkas and Belle 2023a)
  - FASTWFOMC (van Bremen and Kuzelka 2021)
  - approximate (van Bremen and Kuzelka 2020)
- liftable fragments
  - $C^2$  (Kuzelka 2021)
  - tree axioms (van Bremen and Kuzelka 2023)
  - linear order axioms (Tóth and Kuzelka 2023)
- applications
  - extensions to sampling (Wang et al. 2022; Wang et al. 2023)
  - discovery of combinatorial sequences (Svatos et al. 2023)

Disambiguate between `Compile`, `CRANE`, and `CRANE 2`

### Changes to the compilation process.

- We make the FCGs satisfy the following property. For every domain  $\Delta$ , for every directed path  $P$  without Ref nodes, the number of atom counting or (generalised) domain recursion or independent partial grounding operations on  $\Delta$  on  $P$  is at most one.
- when checking whether recursion is possible between a source and a target formula, the target formula (maybe the source formula as well?) must not include a domain

as well as its subdomain. This might be equivalent to the formula being ‘unshattered’. Such formulas could be seen as transitory, and allowing such recursive calls leads to FCGs that I cannot make sense of.

### Contributions (outdated).

- Section 3.1
- Section 3.2
- Converting the recursive equations into a C++ program, which can then be compiled and executed to obtain numerical values (see Section 5).
- Support for infinite precision integers using the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library.
- Some experiments vs FastWFOMC

Sections 3.1 and 5 deal with algebraic constructs whereas Section 3.2 deals with logic.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Logic

- What notation am I using for FOL? Introduce equality cardinality constraints, counting quantifiers, etc.
- Maybe say “structure” instead of interpretation?
- Should I say “sort” instead of domain everywhere?

### Three types of logics

- See Table 1 for a detailed comparison. The notation introduced in the table is standard for  $C^2$ , new for  $UFO^2 + EQ$ , and redefined to be more specific for FO.
- All three logics are function-free.
- Domains are always assumed to be finite.
- – FO is used as the input format for FORCLIFT<sup>1</sup> (Van den Broeck et al. 2011) and its extensions CRANE<sup>2</sup> (Dilkas and Belle 2023a) and CRANE 2.

<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/UCLA-StarAI/Forclift>

<sup>2</sup><https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8004077>

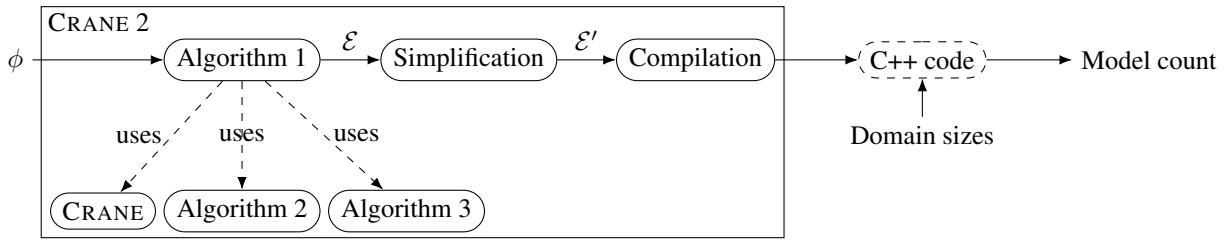


Figure 1: Using CRANE 2 to compute the model count of formula  $\phi$ . The formula is compiled into a set of equations  $\mathcal{E}$ , which are then algebraically simplified and compiled to a C++ program. This program can then be run with different command line arguments to compute the model count of  $\phi$  for various domain sizes.

Logic	Sorts	Constants	Variables	Quantifiers	Additional atomic constraints
FO	one or more	✓	unlimited	$\forall, \exists$	$s = t$
$C^2$	one	✗	two	$\forall, \exists, \exists=k, \exists \leq k, \exists \geq k$	—
$UFO^2 + EQ$	one	✗	two	$\forall$	$ p  = m$

Table 1: A comparison of the three logics used in WFOMC in terms of: (i) the number of sorts, (ii) support for constants, (iii) the maximum number of variables, (iv) allowed quantifiers, and (v) atomic constructions in addition to those of the form  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  for some predicate symbol  $p$  and terms  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ . Here: (i)  $k$  and  $m$  are non-negative integers, the latter of which can depend on the domain size, (ii)  $p$  is a predicate symbol, and (iii)  $s$  and  $t$  are terms.

- $C^2$  is discussed in the literature on FASTWFOMC (van Bremen and Kuzelka 2021) and related methods (Kuzelka 2021; Malhotra and Serafini 2022)
- $UFO^2 + EQ$  is the input format supported by a version of FASTWFOMC obtained directly from the authors. Note that the publicly available version<sup>3</sup> does not support any cardinality constraints.
- Note that, in the case of FORCLIFT and its extensions, support for a formula as valid input does not imply that the algorithm will be able to compile the formula into a circuit or graph suitable for lifted model counting. However, it is known that FORCLIFT compilation is guaranteed to succeed on any FO formula without constants and with at most two variables (Van den Broeck 2011).

Explain arity and its notation. Define ‘ground’?

A *formula* is a set of clauses. A *clause* is of the form  $\forall x_1 \in \Delta_1. \forall x_2 \in \Delta_2 \dots \forall x_n \in \Delta_n. \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $\phi$  is a disjunction of literals that only contain variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  (and any constants). A *literal* is either an atom or its negation. An *atom* is of the form  $p(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ , where  $p$  is a predicate, and  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  are terms. A *term* is either a variable or a constant. Throughout the paper, we use set-theoretic notation, interpreting a formula as a set of clauses and a clause as a set of literals.

For any clause or literal  $l$ , let  $\text{Vars}(l)$  denote the set of variables in  $l$ . For any (bound) variable  $v$ , let  $\text{Dom}(v)$  denote the domain over which  $v$  is quantified. For a literal  $l$ ,  $\text{Doms}(l) := \{ \text{Dom}(v) \mid v \in \text{Vars}(l) \}$ . Similarly, for any clause  $C$ , let  $\text{Doms}(C) = \{ \text{Dom}(v) \mid v \in \text{Vars}(C) \}$ .

**Definition 1 (Model).** Let  $\phi$  be a formula in FO. For every predicate  $p/n$  in  $\phi$ , let  $(\Delta_i^p)_{i=1}^n$  be a list of the corresponding domains (not necessarily distinct). Let  $\sigma$  be a map from the domains of  $\phi$  to their interpretations as sets such that:

- the sets are pairwise disjoint, and
- the constants in  $\phi$  are included in the corresponding domains.

Then an *interpretation* of  $\phi$  (with respect to  $\sigma$ ) is a set  $M$  of ground literals defined by adding either  $p(\mathbf{t})$  or  $\neg p(\mathbf{t})$  for every predicate  $p/n$  in  $\phi$  and  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{t} \in \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma(\Delta_i^p)$ . An interpretation is a *model* if it satisfies  $\phi$  (see Appendix A of Dilkas and Belle (2023b) for more details).

**Definition 2 (WFOMC).** Continuing from Definition 1, for every predicate  $p/n$  in  $\phi$ , let  $w^+(p), w^-(p) \in \mathbb{R}$  be its (positive and negative) *weights*. Unless explicitly specified otherwise, we assume weights to be equal to one. The (*symmetric*) *weighted first-order model count* (WFOMC) of  $\phi$  (with respect to  $\sigma, w^+$ , and  $w^-$ ) is the quantity

$$\sum_{M \models \phi} \prod_{p(\mathbf{t}) \in M} w^+(p) \prod_{\neg p(\mathbf{t}) \in M} w^-(p),$$

where the sum is over all models of  $\phi$ .

## 2.2 Algebra

**Notation.** We write  $\text{expr}$  for an arbitrary algebraic expression. For any signature or clause  $C$ , argument or variable  $x$ , and number or constant  $t$ , we shall write  $C[t/x]$  for the result of substituting  $t$  for all occurrences of  $x$  in  $C$ .

- Variables in uppercase
- Domains in uppercase Greek
- Constant and predicate symbols in lowercase

<sup>3</sup><https://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~tvanbr/software/fastwfomc.tar.gz>

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**Algorithm 1:** The core part of CRANE 2 that compiles a formula...

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**Input:** formula  $\phi$   
**Output:** set  $\mathcal{E}$  of equations

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1  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{D}) \leftarrow \text{Compile}(\phi);$ 
2 foreach base case  $f(\mathbf{x}) \in \text{FindBaseCases}(\mathcal{E})$  do
3    $\psi \leftarrow \mathcal{F}(f);$ 
4   foreach  $i$  such that  $x_i$  is a constant do
5      $\psi \leftarrow \text{Propagate}(\psi, \mathcal{D}(f, i), x_i);$ 
6    $(\mathcal{E}', \_, \_) \leftarrow \text{Compile}(\psi);$ 
7    $\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{E}';$ 

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- Clauses written on separate lines are implicitly conjoined

- check if I'm still using this notation in all these cases
- explain how this works for function calls too

**Definition 3.** A *function call* is a term of the form  $f(x_1 - c_1, \dots, x_n - c_n)$  (written  $f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})$  for short), where  $f$  is an  $n$ -ary function, each  $x_i$  is a variable, and each  $c_i$  is a non-negative constant.

do I ever use this term for the case when some of the variables don't exist?

**Definition 4.** A *signature* is a term of the form  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  (written  $f(\mathbf{x})$  for short), where  $f$  is an  $n$ -ary function, and each  $x_i$  is a variable. The signature of a function call  $f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})$  is  $f(\mathbf{x})$ . For example, the signature of  $f(x - 1, y - 2)$  is  $f(x, y)$ .

**Definition 5.** An *equation* is always of the form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{expr}$ , where  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is a signature, and  $\text{expr}$  is an algebraic expression. Henceforth, we call  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\text{expr}$  the left-hand side (LHS) and the right-hand side (RHS) of the equation, respectively.

give some examples of formulas that:

- introduce new variables,
- call the function itself,
- call some other function, and
- is more nested than just a sum.

**Definition 6.** A *base case* is a function call where all arguments are either variables or constants (i.e., there is no subtraction within any argument), and there is at least one constant. We denote a base case in the same way as a signature, e.g.,  $f(\mathbf{x})$ .

### 3 Completing the Definitions of Recursive Functions

See Algorithm 1.

We write `Compile` for a slight modification of the original CRANE that compiles a formula  $\phi$  into:

- a set  $\mathcal{E}$  of equations,

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**Algorithm 2:** `FindBaseCases` ( $\mathcal{E}$ )

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**Input:** set  $\mathcal{E}$  of equations  
**Output:** set  $\mathcal{B}$  of base cases

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1  $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
2 foreach equation  $(f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{expr}) \in \mathcal{E}$  do
3   foreach function call  $f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \in \text{expr}$  do
4     foreach  $c_i \in \mathbf{c}$  do
5       for  $n \leftarrow 0$  to  $c_i - 1$  do
6          $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \cup \{f(\mathbf{x})[x_i/n]\};$ 

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- a map  $\mathcal{F}$  from function names to formulas, and
- a map  $\mathcal{D}$  from function names and parameter indices to domains.

The evaluation of base cases is done by simplifying the clauses and then using CRANE to find the base cases. A particular domain is selected, and the clauses are simplified. Then, CRANE is called on those clauses to evaluate the base cases. After that, we change the function names and variable to make it consistent with the previous domain to variable mapping, and append these base cases to the set of equations.

extend it to work with base cases that are themselves recursive

#### 3.1 Identifying a Sufficient Set of Base Cases

The algorithm is described as Algorithm 2. We know that if, say, on the RHS of all equations, the domain size appears as  $m - c_1, m - c_2, \dots, m - c_k$ , then finding  $f(0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $f(1, x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $f(m_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$  for every function  $f$ , where  $m_0 = \max(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) - 1$  forms a sufficient set of base cases. Hence, in order to do the same efficiently, we can take that domain for which  $m_0$  is the minimum, i.e.  $\text{argmin}(\max(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k))$ . Ideally, we should calculate the base cases by finding the base cases up to  $\max(c_1, c_2, \dots) - 1$ . However, currently only empty and singleton domains are supported.

First, expand the summations in each equation. Here we expand the summations of the form:  $\sum_{x=0}^{x_1} \text{expr} \cdot [a \leq x < b]$  or similar inequalities where  $x$  is bounded by constants and  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, by substituting the value of  $x$  from  $a$  to  $b - 1$ . For example, we replace  $\sum_{x=0}^{x_1} \binom{x_1}{x} f(x_1 - x) \cdot [0 \leq x < 2]$  by  $\binom{x_1}{0} f(x_1) + \binom{x_1}{1} f(x_1 - 1)$ .

- line 6 for  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(y, z)$ ,  $x_i = y$ , and  $n = 0$ , add  $f(y, z)[y/0] = f(0, z)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Theorem 1.** Under the following assumptions, Algorithm 2 is guaranteed to return a sufficient set of base cases:

- there is no mutual recursion
- each function  $f$  has exactly one equation with  $f$  on the LHS;
- in the recursive definition of function  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , the  $i$ -th argument of each call to  $f$  on the RHS is of the form  $x_i - c_i$ , where:
  - $c_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ , and

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**Algorithm 3:** Propagate ( $\phi, \Delta, n$ )

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**Input:** formula  $\phi$ , domain  $\Delta$ , domain size  $n \in \{0, 1\}$ **Output:** formula  $\phi'$ 

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1  $\phi' \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;  
2 if  $n = 0$  then  
3   foreach clause  $C \in \phi$  do  
4     if  $\Delta \notin \text{Doms}(C)$  then  $\phi' \leftarrow \phi' \cup \{C\}$ ;  
5      $C' \leftarrow \{l \in C \mid \Delta \notin \text{Doms}(l)\}$ ;  
6     if  $\Delta \in \text{Doms}(C)$  and  $C' \neq \emptyset$  then  
7        $l \leftarrow$  an arbitrary literal in  $C'$ ;  
8        $\phi' \leftarrow \phi' \cup \{C' \cup \{\neg l\}\}$ ;  
9 else  
10   $c \leftarrow$  a new constant symbol;  
11  foreach clause  $C \in \phi$  do  
12     $C' \leftarrow C$ ;  
13    foreach  $v \in \text{Vars}(C)$  with  $\text{Dom}(v) = \Delta$  do  
14       $C' \leftarrow C'[c/v]$ ;  
15     $\phi' \leftarrow \phi' \cup \{C'\}$ ;
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–  $c_i > 0$  for at least one  $i$ .

**Example 1.** For an equation  $f(m, n) = 2 \times f(m - 1, n)$ , Algorithm 2 returns  $f(0, n)$ .

### 3.2 Propagating Domain Size Assumptions

We use Algorithm 3 to find the transformed formula corresponding to each base case obtained using Algorithm 2 and call CRANE on the formula to obtain the required base cases.

- Clauses where all literals have variables quantified over the empty domain are still removed.
- $C'$  is guaranteed to be non-empty.
- Lines 7 and 8 are explained in Section 4.1.

## 4 Smoothing

Goal of smoothing: whenever rules such as unit propagation or inclusion-exclusion (maybe just these two?) eliminate the consideration of some ground atoms, smoothing nodes should be inserted ‘at the same level’ so that these ground atoms are still considered when counting. Note that conjunction nodes are irrelevant here because multiplication is associative. ‘At the same level’ means that, e.g., if some ground atoms were eliminated from consideration before/after performing independent partial grounding, then the smoothing node should also appear before/after the independent partial grounding node.

Can I prove that the additions to smoothing outlined in the rest of this section ‘do the right thing’?

### 4.1 Smoothing for Base Cases

**Key point.** If there is a predicate  $p$  that has nothing to do with domain  $\Delta$ , make sure that  $p$  remains as part of the formula even if all clauses with  $p$  can be removed. Which literal is picked on line 7 of Algorithm 3 is not important

because any choice achieves the same goal: constructing a clause that mentions the same predicates as  $C'$  and is satisfied by any interpretation.

**Fact 1.** Assuming that domain  $\Delta$  is empty, any clause that contains ‘ $\forall x \in \Delta$ ’ (for any variable  $x$ ) is vacuously satisfied by all interpretations.

For example, consider the formula

$$\forall x \in \Delta \forall y, z \in \Gamma : P(x) \vee Q(y, z) \quad (1)$$

$$\forall y, z \in \Gamma' : Q(y, z) \quad (2)$$

and assume that  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$ . In this case, if we set  $|\Delta|$  to zero and remove clauses with variables quantified over  $\Delta$ , we get

$$\forall y, z \in \Gamma' : Q(y, z), \quad (3)$$

but the model count of Clause (3) is one. However, the actual model count should be  $2^{|\Gamma|^2 - |\Gamma'|^2}$ . That is,  $Q$  as a relation is a subset of  $\Gamma \times \Gamma$ . While Clause (1) becomes vacuously true, Clause (2) fixes the value of  $Q$  over  $\Gamma' \times \Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma \times \Gamma$ . Hence, the number of different values that  $Q$  can take is  $|(\Gamma \times \Gamma) \setminus (\Gamma' \times \Gamma')| = |\Gamma|^2 - |\Gamma'|^2$ .

We address this issue by converting clauses with universal quantifiers over the empty domain to tautologies, hence retaining all the predicates that have no argument assigned to the empty domain. For example, we would convert Clauses (1) and (2) to

$$\forall y, z \in \Gamma : Q(y, z) \vee \neg Q(y, z)$$

$$\forall y, z \in \Gamma' : Q(y, z).$$

The model count returned by this will also consider the truth value of  $Q$  over  $y \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma'$  or  $z \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma'$ .

### 4.2 Smoothing the FCG

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**Algorithm 4:** Propagate atoms for smoothing across the FCG

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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 map a list of sets of atoms to 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  $\leftarrow$  true;  
3 while changed do  
4   changed  $\leftarrow$  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  $\leftarrow$  true;  
9        $S(v) \leftarrow S'$ ;
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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.

### 4.3 Stage 1: Propagating Unit Clauses ‘Upwards’

**Ref.** During smoothing, when unit clauses (a.k.a. variables) are propagated in the opposite direction of the FCG arcs (i.e., ‘upwards’), when visiting a `Ref` node, these clauses are translated using the domain map of the `Ref` node. For example, if the domain map include  $\Delta \mapsto \Delta'$ , and the unit clause mentions  $\Delta$ , then replace it by  $\Delta'$ .

**Constraint removal.** Do reverse constraint removal. Assuming that domain  $\Delta$  with constraints  $X \neq c$  (for some constant  $c \in \Delta$ ) were replaced with domain  $\Delta'$ , replace each  $\forall X \in \Delta'. \phi(X)$  with  $\forall X \in \Delta. X \neq c \Rightarrow \phi(X)$ .

**Domain recursion.** Suppose the domain recursion node introduces constant  $x \in \Delta$ . For each unit clause received from the child node, replace each occurrence of  $\phi(x)$  or  $\forall X \in \Delta. X \neq x \Rightarrow \phi(X)$  with  $\forall X \in \Delta. \phi(X)$ . This can be seen as a claim about what ground atoms the domain recursion node *should* cover (or a temporary assumption). If the relevant subgraph indeed covers those ground atoms, Stage 2 will do nothing. Otherwise, smoothing nodes will be added below the domain recursion node to cover the difference between what was propagated from the domain recursion node and what was received from the child node.

Add examples of both cases, with figures.

### 4.4 Stage 2: Adding Smoothing Nodes

We never need to add smoothing nodes after `Ref` or constraint removal nodes. However, for domain recursion we must do the following.

1. Whenever the set of unit clauses of the child node contains two formulas  $\phi(x)$  and  $\forall X \in \Delta. X \neq x \Rightarrow \phi(X)$  (i.e., the only difference between the two formulas is that one has the constant  $x$  whereas the other one has a variable  $X \neq x$ ), merge them into  $\forall X \in \Delta. \phi(X)$ .
2. Add smoothing nodes below the domain recursion node for the difference between the unit clauses assigned to the domain recursion node during Stage 1 and the unit clauses of the child node post-processed by the step above. For example, if the child node ‘covers’ only  $p(x)$ , then Stage 1 assigns  $\forall X \in \Delta. p(X)$  to the domain recursion node. The smoothing node below the domain recursion node then has the clause  $\forall X \in \Delta. X \neq x \Rightarrow p(X)$ .

Can I formally define what is meant by ‘difference’?

## 5 Generating C++ Code

The target is to generate C++ code that can evaluate numerical values of the model counts based on the equations generated

by CRANE. We achieve this by parsing the equations generated by CRANE, simplifying them, and then generating C++ code. This approach can be done in linear time in the length of the formula using the Shunting Yard Algorithm.

The translation of a set  $\mathcal{E}$  of equations into a C++ program works as follows.

First, we create a cache for each function in  $\mathcal{E}$ . This is implemented as a multi-dimensional vector containing objects of `class cache_elem` defined as shown in the example code. The default initialization of this object is to  $-1$  which is useful for recognizing unevaluated cases.

Next, we create a function definition for the LHS of each equation in  $\mathcal{E}$ , including all functions and base cases. The signatures of these functions is decided as follows. A function call containing only variable arguments is named as the function itself, and ones with constants in their arguments are suffixed with a string that contains ‘ $x$ ’ at the  $i$ th place if the  $i$ th argument is variable and the  $i$ th argument if that argument is a constant. For example,  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is declared as `int f(int x1, int x2, int x3);` and  $f(1, x_2, x_3)$  is declared as `int f_1xx(int x2, int x3);` (the constant arguments are removed from the signature).

The RHS of each equation in  $\mathcal{E}$  is used to define the body of the equation corresponding to the LHS of that equation. The function body (for a function `func` corresponding to equation  $e$ ) is formed as follows.

First, we check if the evaluation is already present in the cache. If so, then we return the cache element. The cache accesses are done using the `get_elem` function (definition given in the example), which resizes the cache if the accessed index is out of range.

Second, if the element is absent, then we decide if the arguments corresponding to  $e$  or one of the functions corresponding to the base cases, based on the value of the arguments. If it corresponds to the base cases, then we directly call the base case function and return its value. Else, we evaluate the value using the RHS, store the evaluated value in the cache and return the evaluated value. Note that in this step, we only call the base case function with one more constant argument than `func`. For example,  $f_0(x, y)$  would call `f_0_0x(y)` if  $x = 0$  and `f_0_x0(x)` if  $y = 0$ .

Third, to translate the RHS, we convert  $\sum_{x=a}^b \text{expr}$  to

```
([y,z,...])() {
    int sum = 0;
    for(int x = a; x <= b; x++)
        sum += expr;
    return sum;
}()
```

where  $y, z, \dots$  are the free variables present in `expr`.

## 6 Experimental Evaluation

Comparing CRANE and FASTWFOMC on a larger set of benchmarks is challenging because there is no automated way to translate a formula in FO or  $C^2$  into  $UFO^2 + EQ$  (or even check if such an encoding is possible).

**Benchmarks (probably for supplementary material).**

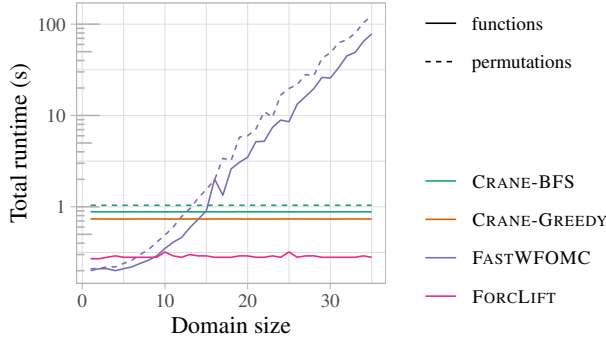


Figure 2: The runtime data of WFOMC algorithms on permutation- and function-counting problems on domains of sizes 1, 2, . . . , 35. Note that the  $y$  axis is on a logarithmic scale.

- Functions

- In  $C^2$ :  $\forall X \in \Delta. \exists^{-1} Y \in \Delta. p(X, Y)$
- In  $UFO^2 + EQ$ :

$$\forall X, Y \in \Delta. s(X) \vee \neg p(X, Y) \\ |p| = |\Delta|$$

- In FO:

$$\forall X \in \Delta. \exists Y \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \\ \forall X, Y, Z \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \wedge p(X, Z) \Rightarrow Y = Z$$

- Permutations

- In  $C^2$ :

$$\forall X \in \Delta. \exists^{-1} Y \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \\ \forall Y \in \Delta. \exists^{-1} X \in \Delta. p(X, Y)$$

- In  $UFO^2 + EQ$ :

$$\forall X, Y \in \Delta. r(X) \vee \neg p(X, Y) \\ \forall X, Y \in \Delta. s(X) \vee \neg p(Y, X) \\ |p| = |\Delta|$$

with weights  $w^-(r) = w^-(s) = -1$

- In FO:

$$\forall X \in \Delta. \exists Y \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \\ \forall Y \in \Delta. \exists X \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \\ \forall X, Y, Z \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \wedge p(X, Z) \Rightarrow Y = Z \\ \forall X, Y, Z \in \Delta. p(X, Y) \wedge p(Z, Y) \Rightarrow X = Z$$

### Setup.

- The experiments were run on an AMD Ryzen 7 5800H processor with 16 GiB of memory and Arch Linux 6.8.2-arch2-1 operating system. FASTWFOMC was run using Python 3.8.19 with Python-FLINT 0.5.0.

### Results.

- As shown in Figure 2, the runtimes of all compilation-based algorithms remain practically constant in contrast to the rapidly increasing runtimes of FASTWFOMC.
- Note that CRANE-BFS is able to handle more instances than FORCLIFT (e.g., the permutation-counting problem in our experiments and other problems in my previous work).
- Although the search/compilation part is slower in CRANE than in FORCLIFT, the difference is negligible.
- The runtimes of three out of four WFOMC algorithms appear constant because—for these counting problems and domain sizes—compilation time dominates inference time (recall that compilation time is independent of domain sizes). Indeed, the maximum inference time of both CRANE-BFS and CRANE-GREEDY across these experiments is only 4 ms.
- The runtimes of CRANE have lower variation than those of FORCLIFT because with FORCLIFT we compile the formula anew for each domain size whereas with CRANE we compile it once and reuse the resulting C++ program for all domain sizes.
- As another point of comparison,—in at most 41 s—CRANE scales up to domains of sizes  $10^4$  and  $3 \times 10^5$  in permutation- and function-counting problems, respectively (whereas FASTWFOMC already takes longer with domains of sizes...)

Some reproducibility requirements to keep in mind:

- A motivation is given for why the experiments are conducted on the selected datasets.
- All novel datasets introduced in this paper are included in a data appendix.
- All datasets drawn from the existing literature (potentially including authors' own previously published work) are accompanied by appropriate citations. (mention the counting quantifier paper and my KR paper)
- All source code implementing new methods have comments detailing the implementation, with references to the paper where each step comes from.
- This paper formally describes evaluation metrics used and explains the motivation for choosing these metrics.
- This paper states the number of algorithm runs used to compute each reported result.

## 7 Conclusion

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