

**Teaching goals:** After completing, the student

- understands the relationship between propositions/theories up to  $[T]$ -equivalence and sets of models (the so-called algebra of propositions), can apply in concrete examples
- can encode a given problem as an instance of SAT
- has gained practical experience with using a SAT solver
- understands the algorithm for solving 2-SAT using the implication graph (including finding all models), and can apply it to an example
- understands the algorithm for solving Horn-SAT using unit propagation, and can apply it to an example
- understands the DPLL algorithm and can apply it to an example

#### IN-CLASS PROBLEMS

**Problem 1.** Let  $|\mathbb{P}| = n$  and let  $\varphi \in \text{VF}_{\mathbb{P}}$  be a proposition such that  $|M(\varphi)| = k$ . Determine (up to equivalence):

- the number of propositions  $\psi$  such that  $\varphi \models \psi$  or  $\psi \models \varphi$ ,
- the number of theories over  $\mathbb{P}$  in which  $\varphi$  is valid,
- the number of complete theories over  $\mathbb{P}$  in which  $\varphi$  is valid,
- the number of theories  $T$  over  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $T \cup \{\varphi\}$  is consistent.

Now, consider a contradictory theory  $\{\varphi, \psi\}$  where  $|M(\psi)| = p$ . Compute (up to equivalence):

- the number of propositions  $\chi$  such that  $\varphi \vee \psi \models \chi$ ,
- the number of theories in which  $\varphi \vee \psi$  is valid.

**Solution.** (a) The condition can be expressed in terms of sets of models:  $M(\varphi) \subseteq M(\psi)$  or  $M(\psi) \subseteq M(\varphi)$ . There are  $2^n$  total models, and  $|M(\varphi)| = k$ . We want to count possible sets  $M(\psi)$ . The condition  $M(\varphi) \subseteq M(\psi)$  holds for  $2^{2^n - k}$  sets (i.e. the number of supersets of the given  $k$ -element set inside a  $2^n$ -element universe), and the condition  $M(\psi) \subseteq M(\varphi)$  holds for  $2^k$  sets. We must subtract one to avoid double-counting the case  $M(\psi) = M(\varphi)$ . Altogether there are  $2^{2^n - k} + 2^k - 1$  possible model sets, hence that many propositions  $\psi$  up to equivalence.

- $T \models \varphi$  iff  $M(T) \subseteq M(\varphi)$ ; the number of such model sets  $M(T)$  is  $2^k$ .
- Additionally we require  $|M(T)| = 1$ ; the number of 1-element subsets of the  $k$ -element set is  $k$ .
- In terms of models the condition says  $M(T \cup \{\varphi\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $M(T \cup \{\varphi\}) = M(T) \cap M(\varphi)$ , we count how many possible sets  $M(T)$  have a nonempty intersection with the  $k$ -element set  $M(\varphi)$ . One way to express this is  $(2^k - 1) \cdot 2^{2^n - k}$ , where  $2^k - 1$  counts the nonempty possible intersections  $M(T) \cap M(\varphi)$  and  $2^{2^n - k}$  counts arbitrary choices for membership of models outside  $M(\varphi)$ .
- Since  $\{\varphi, \psi\}$  is contradictory we have  $\emptyset = M(\varphi, \psi) = M(\varphi) \cap M(\psi)$ . We count sets  $M(\chi)$  with  $M(\varphi \vee \psi) \subseteq M(\chi)$ . By the Lindenbaum–Tarski algebra  $M(\varphi \vee \psi) = M(\varphi) \cup M(\psi)$ . Disjointness gives  $|M(\varphi) \cup M(\psi)| = k + p$ , so the number of choices for  $M(\chi)$  is  $2^{2^n - (k+p)}$ .
- $M(T)$  must be a subset of the  $(k + p)$ -element set  $M(\varphi \vee \psi)$ , hence there are  $2^{k+p}$  possibilities.

**Problem 2.** Build the implication graph of the given 2-CNF formula. Is it satisfiable? If yes, find some solution: (a) the proposition  $\varphi$  below, (b)  $\varphi \wedge \neg p_1$ , (c)  $\varphi \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge (p_1 \vee p_2)$ .

$$\varphi = (p_1 \vee \neg p_2) \wedge (p_2 \vee p_3) \wedge (\neg p_3 \vee \neg p_1) \wedge (\neg p_3 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (p_4 \vee p_5) \wedge (\neg p_5 \vee \neg p_1)$$

**Solution.** (a) Construct the implication graph. One finds two strongly connected components:  $C = \{p_1, p_2, \neg p_3, p_4, \neg p_5\}$  and  $\bar{C} = \{\neg p_1, \neg p_2, p_3, \neg p_4, p_5\}$ , and there are no edges between them. After contracting the components we obtain a two-vertex graph  $\mathcal{G}^*$  with no edges; it has two topological orders  $(C, \bar{C})$  and  $(\bar{C}, C)$ , which correspond to the models  $(0, 0, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)$  respectively.

(b) The components are the same, but adding  $\neg p_1$  forces an edge  $C \rightarrow \bar{C}$  in  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , so the only topological order is  $(C, \bar{C})$ , yielding the model  $(0, 0, 1, 0, 1)$ .

(c) With the extra clause the implication graph becomes strongly connected; its single component contains complementary literals, so the formula is unsatisfiable.

**Problem 3.** Use unit propagation to decide whether the following Horn formula is satisfiable. If yes, find a satisfying assignment.

$$\begin{aligned} &(\neg p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \neg p_3) \wedge (\neg p_1 \vee p_2) \wedge p_1 \wedge (\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee p_3) \wedge \\ &(p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (\neg p_2 \vee \neg p_3 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (p_4 \vee \neg p_5 \vee \neg p_6) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** Perform unit propagation step by step starting over the literals  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \neg p_4$  (in order); the remaining clause will be  $\neg p_5 \vee \neg p_6$ . It suffices to assign  $p_5 = 0$  or  $p_6 = 0$  to make the whole formula true. The models are  $\{(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1)\}$ .

**Problem 4.** Use the DPLL algorithm to decide if the following CNF formula is satisfiable:

$$(\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2) \wedge (\neg p_1 \vee p_2) \wedge (p_1 \vee \neg p_2) \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_3) \wedge (p_1 \vee p_3)$$

**Solution.** The formula has no unit clauses and no pure literals, so we must branch, say on  $p_1$ :

- For  $\varphi \wedge p_1$ : unit propagation yields  $\neg p_2 \wedge p_2 \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_3)$ . Propagating  $\neg p_2$  produces  $\square \wedge \neg p_3$ , which contains the empty clause  $\square$ , so this branch is unsatisfiable.
- For  $\varphi \wedge \neg p_1$ : unit propagation yields  $\neg p_2 \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_3) \wedge p_3$ . Propagating  $\neg p_2$  gives  $\neg p_3 \wedge p_3$ , after unit propagation over  $\neg p_3$  we get the empty clause  $\square$ , so this branch is again unsatisfiable.

In both (all) branches we proved a contradiction, therefore the formula is unsatisfiable.

**Problem 5.** Given a directed graph, we want to determine whether it is acyclic and, if so, find a topological ordering. Encode this problem as SAT.

**Solution.** Sketch of a solution. Use the language  $\mathbb{P} = \{p_{uv} \mid u, v \in V\}$  where  $p_{uv}$  means “vertex  $u$  appears strictly before  $v$  in the ordering”. Enforce that this is a strict (irreflexive, antisymmetric, transitive) order by axioms:

- $\neg p_{vv}$  for all  $v \in V$ ,
- $p_{uv} \rightarrow \neg p_{vu}$  for all  $u, v \in V$ ,
- $(p_{uv} \wedge p_{vw}) \rightarrow p_{uw}$  for all  $u, v, w \in V$ .

It remains to enforce that all graph edges go forward in the topological order:

- $p_{uv}$  for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ .

Finally, convert the above axioms to CNF. In set notation we get:

$$S = \{\{\neg p_{vv}\}, \{\neg p_{uv}, \neg p_{vu}\}, \{\neg p_{uv}, \neg p_{vw}, p_{uw}\} \mid u, v, w \in V\} \cup \{\{p_{uv}\} \mid (u, v) \in E\}.$$

## EXTRA PRACTICE

**Problem 6.** Consider the following propositions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  over  $\mathbb{P} = \{p, q, r, s\}$ :

$$\varphi = (\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge r)$$

$$\psi = s \rightarrow q$$

- (a) Determine the number (up to equivalence) of propositions  $\chi$  over  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $\varphi \wedge \psi \models \chi$ .
- (b) Determine the number (up to equivalence) of complete theories  $T$  over  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $T \models \varphi \wedge \psi$ .
- (c) Find an axiomatization for each (up to equivalence) complete theory  $T$  over  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $T \models \varphi \wedge \psi$ .

**Problem 7.** Using the unit propagation algorithm, find all models of:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\neg a \vee \neg b \vee c \vee \neg d) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \wedge d \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg c \vee e) \wedge \\ &(\neg c \vee \neg d) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg d \vee \neg e) \wedge (a \vee \neg b \vee \neg e) \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8.** Solve using the implication graph as in Example ??, and also using the DPLL algorithm as in Example ??:

- (a)  $(p_1 \vee \neg p_2) \wedge (p_2 \vee p_3) \wedge (\neg p_3 \vee p_1) \wedge (\neg p_3 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (p_4 \vee p_5) \wedge (\neg p_5 \vee p_1)$
- (b)  $(p_0 \vee p_2) \wedge (p_0 \vee \neg p_3) \wedge (p_1 \vee \neg p_3) \wedge (p_1 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_4) \wedge (p_0 \vee \neg p_5) \wedge (p_1 \vee \neg p_5) \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_5) \wedge (\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_6) \wedge (p_4 \vee p_6) \wedge (p_5 \vee p_6) \wedge p_1 \wedge \neg p_7$

**Problem 9.** Can the numbers 1 to  $n$  be colored with two colors so that there is no monochromatic solution of the equation  $a + b = c$  for any  $1 \leq a < b < c \leq n$ ? Construct a propositional CNF formula  $\varphi_n$  that is satisfiable iff such a coloring exists. Try  $n = 8$  first.

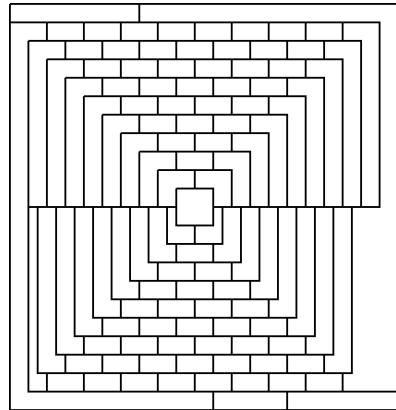
Try at home: Write a script that generates  $\varphi_n$  in DIMACS CNF format. Use a SAT solver to find the smallest  $n$  for which such a coloring does not exist (i.e., every 2-coloring contains a monochromatic triple  $a < b < c$  with  $a + b = c$ ).

**Problem 10.** The four-color theorem implies that the following maps can be colored with four colors so that no two adjacent regions share the same color. Find such a coloring using a SAT solver.

- (a) Map of regions of Czechia



- (b) A harder instance



## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

**Problem 11.** For a given proposition  $\varphi$  in CNF, find a 3-CNF formula  $\varphi'$  such that  $\varphi'$  is satisfiable if and only if  $\varphi$  is satisfiable. Describe an efficient algorithm for constructing  $\varphi'$  given  $\varphi$  (i.e., a *reduction* from the SAT problem to the 3-SAT problem).

**Problem 12.** Encode the problem of sorting a given  $n$ -tuple of integers into SAT.

**Problem 13.** Encode into SAT the well-known riddle about a farmer who needs to transport a wolf, a goat, and a cabbage across a river.