

1 Main idea

We initialize all literals to *False*, which naturally satisfy all "*False-must-exist*" conditions. However, at this time, there may exist some "*lead-to*" conditions not satisfied, and we only change the value of a literal when necessary. Thus it means that we turn some literals from *False* to *True* only when we don't have any other choice, and we cannot turn some literals from *True* to *False* since it will make some *lead-to* condition unsatisfied.

When a *lead-to* condition is detected to be unsatisfied, it must have the form of $True \Rightarrow False$. And since we cannot turn some literals from *True* to *False*, the only action we can take is to turn the literal at the right side of the arrow from *False* to *True*.

We iteratively check all *lead-to* conditions, and only change literals when necessary. This process must eventually terminate, because we can simply set all literals to *True*. When it terminates, all *lead-to* conditions are satisfied and all literals which are reset to *True* cannot be changed again. Then we check at this time whether all *False-must-exist* conditions are satisfied, and if so, we successfully find a satisfying solution. Otherwise, there is no satisfying solution since that we cannot change any literals to get all conditions satisfied (change some literals from *True* to *False* will make some *lead-to* condition unsatisfied, and change some literals from *False* to *True* will not make more *False-must-exist* conditions satisfied).

2 Pseudo code

Algorithm 1 Find satisfying solution

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Initialize all literals  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  to False
/* Initialize all literals  $x_j$  of form  $\Rightarrow x_j$  to True */
for  $T_i$  in  $L = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_P\}$  do
    if  $T_i$  has the form:  $\Rightarrow x_j$  then
        set  $x_j$  to True
    end if
end for
/* Iteratively satisfy all lead-to conditions */
repeat
    for  $T_i$  in  $L = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_P\}$  do
        if  $T_i$  is satisfied then
            continue
        else
            set the literal at the right side of " $\Rightarrow$ " to True
        end if
    end for
until no literal is changed
/* Check whether all False-must-exist conditions are satisfied */
for  $F_i$  in  $F = \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_Q\}$  do
    if  $F_i$  is not satisfied then
        return no satisfying solution exists
    end if
end for
return  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  as a satisfying solution

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3 Proof of correctness

We firstly prove by induction that we only change a literal from *False* to *True* when necessary, which means that if we do not turn it from *False* to *True* then some *lead-to* conditions cannot be satisfied.

To prove: For any k , if a *lead-to* condition $(x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_k}) \Rightarrow x_j$ is not satisfied, we can only change x_j from *False* to *True*.

Base case: When $k = 0$, we know that the *lead-to* condition has the form of $\Rightarrow x_j$, then we have no choice but to change x_j to *True*. Thus the case of $k = 0$ holds.

Induction hypothesis: Assume that when $k = n$, to satisfy the *lead-to* condition $(x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_k}) \Rightarrow x_j$ which is not satisfied now, we have no choice but to change x_j to *True*.

Induction step: When $k = n + 1$, if we detect a *lead-to* condition $(x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_{k+1}}) \Rightarrow x_j$ is unsatisfied, then we have $x_{i_1} = x_{i_2} = \dots x_{i_{k+1}} = \textit{True}$ and $x_j = \textit{False}$. By the hypothesis we know that we cannot change any of

$x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_{k+1}}$, so the only action we can take is to change x_j from *False* to *True*. Thus, the proposition holds for $k = n + 1$.

In conclusion, the proposition holds, which means that we only change literals from *False* to *True* when necessary and attempting to change literals from *True* to *False* will make some conditions unsatisfied.

After iteratively checking all *lead-to* conditions to make them satisfied, we start to check all *False-must-exist* conditions. If all of them are satisfied, then we have find a solution that satisfies all the $P + Q$ conditions. Otherwise, there exists a *False-must-exist* condition is not satisfied, say $\overline{x_{i_1}} \vee \overline{x_{i_2}} \vee \dots \vee \overline{x_{i_k}}$. Then we know that all literals in this condition are *True*, that is, $x_{i_1} = x_{i_2} = \dots x_{i_k} = \text{True}$. However, as proved above, we cannot change any literals that are set to *True*, thus this *False-must-exist* condition can never be satisfied, which means that there is no satisfying solution.

In summary, the literals we set to *True* can only be set to *True*, otherwise some *lead-to* conditions will fail. After doing that, if any *False-must-exist* condition fails, then we can never satisfy it, thus there is no solution. Otherwise, if each *False-must-exist* is satisfied, we find a solution.

4 Time complexity

Let n denote the number of literals, P denote the number of *lead-to* conditions, Q denote the number of *False-must-exist* conditions, k denote the maximum number of literals to the left of " \Rightarrow ", m denote the maximum number of literals involved in *False-must-exist* conditions.

To initialize all literals to *False*, it takes $O(n)$.

To set all literals x_j of form $\Rightarrow x_j$ to *True*, it takes $O(P)$.

The iterative process will perform at most $O(\min(n, P))$ times since each iteration we at least change one literal and satisfy one more condition. At each iteration, we will check all *lead-to* conditions, and there are $O(P)$ such conditions. To check each *lead-to* condition, we need check all literals in it, which costs $O(k)$. Thus the cost of iterative process is $O(\min(n, P)kP)$.

To check whether all *False-must-exist* conditions are satisfied, we need check $O(Q)$ conditions. And to check each condition, we need visit all literals involved in the condition, which costs $O(m)$. Thus it takes $O(mQ)$ to check all *False-must-exist* conditions.

In summary, the total complexity is $O(n + \min(n, P)kP + mQ)$.