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Deliverable 1: Context and scope of the project

Design of an environment for solving pseudo-boolean optimization problems

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Definition of the scope of the project in the context of its study for the course

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Project Formulation

1.1 Introduction

TODO There is an excellent introduction (context) that defines the terms and concepts of the subject under study. Stakeholders (target audience, users and beneficiaries) are fullyspecified.

Boolean satisfiability problems (*SAT from now on*) is the problem of finding a model¹ for a boolean formula. In other words, it is the result of evaluating the boolean formula after replacing its variables for *true* or *false*.

SAT is widely used in Computer Science because it was the first problem proved to be NP-Complete[1]². This is the reason why SAT is so popular, because a lot of NP³ problems are reduced to it.

1.1.1 What is First Order Logic?

In propositional logic, a boolean formula is defined as following[2]: Let P be a set of predicate symbols like p,q,r,...

- All predicate symbol of *P* is a formula.
- If *F* and *G* are formulae, then $(F \land G)$ and $(F \lor G)$ are formulae to.
- If *F* is a formula, then $(\neg F)$ is a formula.
- Nothing else is a formula.

This representation has some limitations because it can only express properties which are *true* or *false*.

This limitations can be overtaken using **First Order Logic** (*FOL from now on*). A FOL formula is defined as following[3]:

- text.
- text.
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¹An interpretation which satisfies the formula.

²NP and NP-hard.

³Nondeterministic polynomial time.

1.1.2 What is minimization?

Scope

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Possible Obstacles and Solutions

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Methodology

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Validation Methods

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