

Computing Minimal Unsatisfiable Subsets of Constraints

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Outline

- 1 **Fundamentals**
- 2 **Algorithms for computation all MUSs**

Fundamentals

- **Propositional Logic Formula:** A well-formed propositional logic has following grammar:

$$\varphi ::= a \mid (\neg\varphi) \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi)$$

- **Literals:** A literal is a positive or negative instance of Boolean variable. For example, x or $\neg x$.
- **Clause:** It is a disjunction of literals. For example, $C = (a \vee \neg b \vee c)$.
- **Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF):** A CNF formula φ is defined as follows:

$$\varphi = \bigwedge_{i=1 \dots n} C_i$$

- **Clause-Selector Variable:** A clause-selector variable, w_i is defined as:

$$C'_i = (\neg w_i \vee C_i)$$

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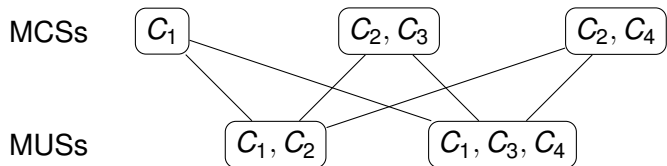
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- Additionally, each MCS is an minimal hitting set of the set of MUSs.
- So, minimal hitting sets of MUSs and MCSs provide a transformation from one collection to the other. This is the duality of MUS and MCS.



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Approach

- 1 Computing all MCSs
- 2 Computing Hitting Sets of MCSs

Algorithm: Computing all MCSs

- Augment CNF with clause selector variables

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- Find MCSs incrementally until all are found.

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Clauses

- 1 x
- 2 $\neg x$
- 3 $\neg x \vee y$
- 4 $\neg x \vee \neg y$

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- 5 w_1

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- 3 First solution : w_1 is **false**. Add blocking clause and a MCS.

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- 3 First solution : w_1 is **false**. Add blocking clause and a MCS.
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- 5 Second solution : w_2 and w_3 are **false**. Add blocking clause and another MCSs.

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- 2 Add AtMost constraint.
- 3 First solution : w1 is **false**. Add blocking clause and a MCS.
- 4 No further solutions, increment AtMost.
- 5 Second solution : w2 and w3 are **false**. Add blocking clause and another MCSs.
- 6 Third solution : w2 and w4 are **false**. Add blocking clause and another MCSs.
- 7 No further solutions, even without AtMost constraint.

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Algorithm: Computing Hitting Sets of MCSs (For a Branch)

$$MCS_1 = \{x\}$$

$$MCS_2 = \{\neg x, \neg x \vee y\}$$

$$MCS_3 = \{\neg x, \neg x \vee \neg y\}$$

- Select a clause to add to the growing set of MUS:

$$selClause = \neg x, MUS = \neg x$$

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selClause = $\neg x$, *MUS* = $\neg x$
- Select a MCS in which *selClause* appears :
selMCS = MCS_2 , *newMCSs* = $MCSs$

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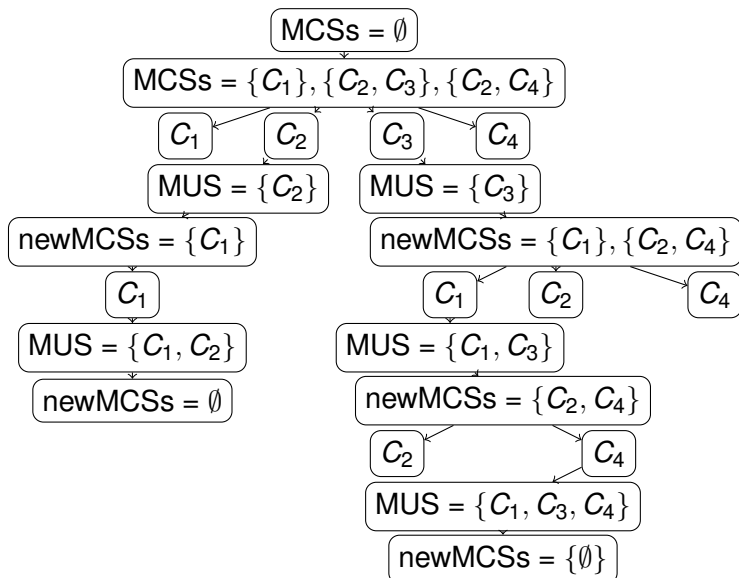
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- Remove any other clauses of $selMCS$ from each set of MCSs
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- Iterate until $newMCSs = \emptyset$, empty $newMCSs$ is found by generating a MUS $\{x, \neg x\}$

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Example: Computing Hitting Sets of MCSs



Thank You! :)