

# Validity in distributive $\ell$ -monoids

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Details can be found in [1]. For a formula

$$\bigwedge_i s_i \leq \bigvee_j t_j$$

consider the set  $\text{is}(s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_m)$  of initial subterms of the  $s_i$  and  $t_j$  (including the empty term corresponding to the identity). Let

$$\Sigma = \{u \leq v \Rightarrow ux \leq vx \mid ux \neq vx \in \text{is}(s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_m)\}.$$

Then we have  $|\Sigma| \leq N(N-1)$  where  $N = |\text{is}(s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_m)|$ . Moreover, define

$$\text{fail} = \{s_i > t_j \mid i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Then ask Z3 whether  $\Sigma \cup \text{fail}$  is satisfiable in  $\langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle$  since this is equivalent to

$$\text{DLM} \not\models \bigwedge_i s_i \leq \bigvee_j t_j.$$

As a possible optimization, consider  $\Sigma \cup \text{fail} \cup \text{bd}$  instead, where

$$\text{bd} = \{u \leq |\text{is}(s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_m)| \mid u \in \text{is}(s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_m)\}.$$

This might actually make it slower, though.

## References

- [1] Almudena Colacito, Nikolaos Galatos, George Metcalfe, and Simon Santschi, *From distributive  $\ell$ -monoids to  $\ell$ -groups, and back again*, 2021.