§1 SAT-ERDOS-DISC INTRO 1

1. Intro. Generate SAT instances for Erdős discrepancy patterns: The sequences $(x_d, x_{2d}, \dots, x_{\lfloor n/d \rfloor d})$ are supposed to be strongly balanced, for $1 \le d \le n$, where a sequence (y_1, \dots, y_t) is "strongly balanced" if the corresponding sequence of ± 1 s defined by $z_j = 2y_j - 1$ has all partial sums satisfying $-2 \le z_1 + \dots + z_k \le 2$. It's easy to see that the latter property needs to be checked only for odd values of k with $1 \le k \le t$.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
  int n;
  (Subroutine 3)
  main(\mathbf{int} \ argc, \mathbf{char} * argv[])
     register int d;
     \langle \text{Process the command line } 2 \rangle;
     printf(\verb"""_usat-erdos-disc_u%d\n",n);
     printf("X%d\n", n < 720?360:720);
                                                      /* might as well save a factor of two */
     for (d = 1; \ 3 * d \le n; \ d ++) generate (d, n/d);
  }
2. \langle \text{Process the command line } 2 \rangle \equiv
  if (argc \neq 2 \lor sscanf(argv[1], "%d", \&n) \neq 1) {
     fprintf(stderr, "Usage: \_\%s \_n \n", argv[0]);
     exit(-1);
This code is used in section 1.
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3. Our task is to generate clauses that characterize a strongly balanced sequence, and it turns out that there's a very interesting way to do this. The subroutine generate(d, n) makes clauses for the sequence with $y_i = x_{id}$.

Sinz's cardinality clauses (see TAOCP Section 7.2.2.2) have the property that $y_1+\dots+y_{j+k-1}\geq k$ implies S_j^k ; hence we want $S_j^{j+2}=0$ for j< n/2. The dual clauses have the property that $\bar{y}_1+\dots+\bar{y}_{j+k-1}\geq k$ implies \bar{S}_k^j ; we can rewrite this to say that S_k^j implies $y_1+\dots+y_{j+k-1}\geq j$. Hence we also want $S_{k+2}^k=1$ for k< n/2. It follows that we need only deal with auxiliary variables S_j^k when $|j-k|\leq 1$. The variables S_k^{k-1} , S_k^k , and S_k^{k+1} will be denoted respectively by dAk, dBk, and dCk.

The clauses

$$(\bar{S}_t^t \vee S_{t+1}^t) \wedge (\bar{S}_t^{t+1} \vee S_{t+1}^{t+1}) \wedge (S_t^t \vee \bar{S}_t^{t+1}) \wedge (S_{t+1}^t \vee \bar{S}_{t+1}^{t+1})$$

are needed when $n \geq 2t + 3$. The clauses

$$(\bar{y}_{2t-2} \vee S_t^{t-1}) \wedge (\bar{y}_{2t-1} \vee \bar{S}_t^{t-1} \vee S_t^t) \wedge (\bar{y}_{2t} \vee \bar{S}_t^t \vee S_t^{t+1}) \wedge (\bar{y}_{2t+1} \vee \bar{S}_t^{t+1})$$

and their duals

$$(y_{2t-2} \vee \bar{S}^t_{t-1}) \wedge (y_{2t-1} \vee S^t_{t-1} \vee \bar{S}^t_t) \wedge (y_{2t} \vee S^t_t \vee \bar{S}^t_{t+1}) \wedge (y_{2t+1} \vee S^t_{t+1})$$

are needed when $n \ge 2t + 1$. (And we simplify these clauses for small t by using the facts that $S_j^0 = 1$ and $S_0^k = 0$.)

This code is used in section 1.

4. \langle Generate the first clauses $4 \rangle \equiv \{$ $printf("~%dB%d_{\square}%dA%d^{"},d,t,d,t+1); \\ printf("~%dC%d_{\square}%dB%d^{"},d,t,d,t+1); \\ printf("%dB%d_{\square}~%dC%d^{"},d,t,d,t); \\ printf("%dA%d_{\square}~%dB%d^{"},d,t+1,d,t+1); \}$

This code is used in section 3.

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