

Interpolation in First-Order Logic with Equality

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Craig Interpolation (1/2)

Theorem ([Craig, 1957]).

Let Γ and Δ be finite sets of first-order formulas where

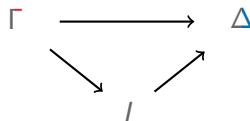
- Γ contains *red* and gray symbols and
- Δ contains *blue* and gray symbols

such that:

- $\Gamma \models \Delta$

Then there is a interpolant I containing only gray symbols such that:

- $\Gamma \models I$
- $I \models \Delta$



Craig Interpolation (2/2)

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- Let $\Gamma = \{P(a)\}$ and $\Delta = \{\forall x(P(x) \supset Q(x)), \exists y Q(y)\}$.
- Interpolant: $\exists z P(z)$

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Proof by Reduction due to Craig

Reduction to FOL without equality and function symbols:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(P(\textcolor{red}{c})\right)^* &\equiv \exists x(\textcolor{red}{C}(x) \wedge P(x)) \\ \left(P(\textcolor{blue}{f}(\textcolor{red}{c}))\right)^* &\equiv \exists x(\exists y(\textcolor{red}{C}(y) \wedge \textcolor{blue}{F}(y, x)) \wedge P(x)) \\ (s = t)^* &\equiv E(s, t)\end{aligned}$$

$$(\varphi)^* \equiv \left(\top_E \wedge \bigwedge_{f \in \text{FS}} \top_{\textcolor{red}{F}}\right) \supset \varphi^*$$

Clearly φ and φ^* are equisatisfiable.

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The Resolution Calculus

$$\text{Resolution: } \frac{C \vee I \quad D \vee \neg I'}{(C \vee D)\sigma} \text{ res} \quad \sigma = \text{mgu}(I, I')$$

$$\text{Factorization: } \frac{C \vee I \vee I'}{(C \vee I)\sigma} \text{ fac} \quad \sigma = \text{mgu}(I, I')$$

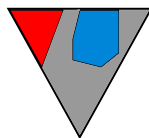
$$\text{Paramodulation: } \frac{D \vee s = t \quad E[r]_p}{(D \vee E[t]_p)\sigma} \text{ par} \quad \sigma = \text{mgu}(s, r)$$

Interpolation and Resolution

- Skolemisation and clausal form transformation do not alter the set of interpolants
- Have to use “reverse” (but equivalent) formulation of interpolation

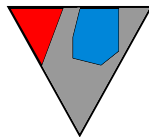
Huang's Algorithm

Proof:



Extract propositional interpolant structure from proof

Propositional Interpolant:

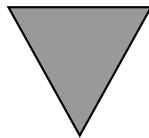


$\dots Q(\textcolor{red}{f}(\textcolor{blue}{c}), \textcolor{blue}{c}) \dots$



Replace colored function and constant symbols

Prenex First-Order Interpolant:



$\exists x_3 \forall x_5 \dots Q(x_5, x_3) \dots$

Propositional Interpolant Extraction Example

Paramodulation rule:

$$\frac{C_1 : D \vee s = t \quad C_2 : E[r]_p}{C : (D \vee E[t]_p)\sigma} \text{ par} \quad \sigma = \text{mgu}(s, r)$$

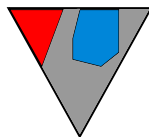
Propositional interpolant¹:

$$\text{PI}(C) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [(s = t \wedge \text{PI}(C_2)) \vee (s \neq t \wedge \text{PI}(C_1))]\sigma$$

¹Provided that r is not contained in a colored term

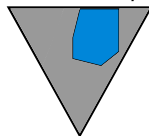
Interpolation Extraction in One Phase

Proof:



*Combined structure extraction and
replacing of colored symbols*

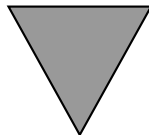
Interpolant
modulo
current clause:



$\forall x_5 \dots Q(x_5, c) \dots$

*Recursively applied to all infer-
ences of the proof results in:*

Non-Prenex
First-Order
Interpolant:



$\exists x_3 \dots \forall x_5 \dots Q(x_5, x_3) \dots$

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Semantic Proof

- Indirect proof of the interpolation theorem
- Inherently non-constructive
- Equality does not require explicit handling
- Interpolation in FOL with equality equivalent to Robinson's joint consistency theorem

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Conclusion

- Craig's and Huang's proof based interpolant extraction from proofs
⇒ but differ in practical applicability
- Craig shows that the interpolation theorem holds also in FOL with equality
- Huang shows that interpolants can efficiently be extracted in FOL with equality
 - Handling of equality does not require a different approach
 - Little attention so far in research
- Huang's two-stage approach can be adapted to a one-stage approach yielding non-prenex interpolants
- Interpolation also allows for a model theoretic approach

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