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## Abstract

This thesis presents strategies for efficiency improvement and extensions of an SMT solver **raSAT** for polynomial constraints.

**raSAT** which initially focuses on polynomial inequalities over real numbers follows ICP methodology and adds testing to boost satisfiability detection [10]. In this work, in order to deal with exponential exploration of boxes, several heuristic measures, called *SAT likelihood*, *sensitivity*, and the number of unsolved atomic polynomial constraints, are proposed. Extensions for handling equations and handling constraints over integer number are also presented.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Polynomial Constraint Solving

*Polynomial constraint solving over real numbers* aims at computing an assignment of real values to variables that satisfies given polynomial inequalities/equations. If such an assignment exists, the constraint is said to be satisfiable (SAT) and the assignment is called SAT instance; otherwise we mention it as unsatisfiable (UNSAT).

**Example 1.1.1.** *The formula  $x^2 + y^2 < 1 \wedge xy > 1$  is an example of an unsatisfiable one. While the set of satisfiable points for the first inequality ( $x^2 + y^2 < 1$ ) is the red circle in Figure 1.1, the set for the second one is the blue area. Because these two areas do not intersect, the conjunction of two equalities is UNSAT.*

**Example 1.1.2.** *Figure 1.2 illustrates the satisfiability of the constraint:  $x^2 + y^2 < 4 \wedge xy > 1$ . Any point in the purple area is a SAT instance of the constraint, e.g. (1.5, 1).*

Solving polynomial constraints has many application in Software Verification, such as

- **Locating roundoff and overflow errors**, which is our motivation [14, 15]
- **Automatic termination proving**, which reduces termination detection to finding a suitable ordering [12], e.g.,  $\mathsf{T}\mathsf{T}_2^1$ , AProVE<sup>2</sup>.
- **Loop invariant generation**. Farkas’s lemma is a popular approach in linear loop invariant generation [3], and is reduced to degree 2 polynomials. Non-linear loop invariant [19] requires more complex polynomials.
- **Hybrid system**. Solving polynomial constraints over real numbers is often used as backend engines [18].
- **Mechanical control design**. PID control is simple but widely used, and designing parameters is reduced to polynomial constraints [1].

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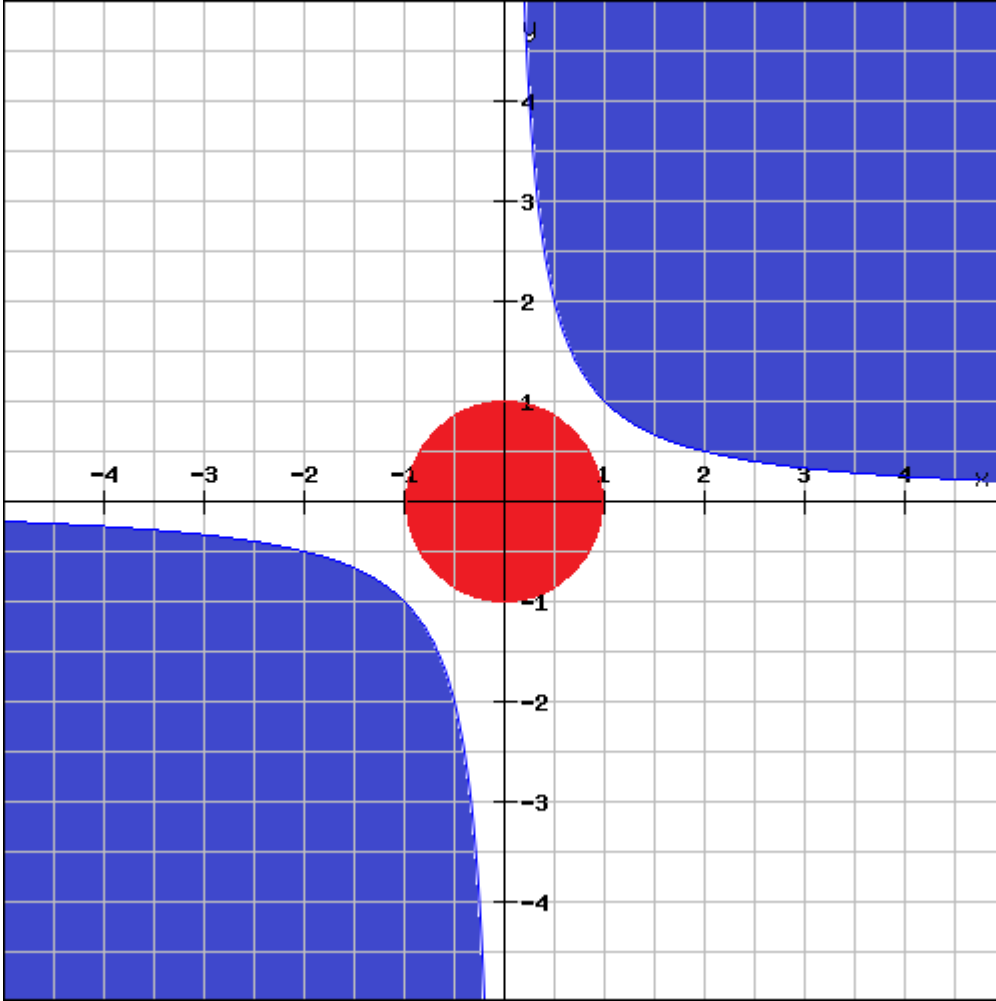


Figure 1.1: Example of UNSAT constraint

## 1.2 Existing Approaches

Although solving polynomial constraints on real numbers is decidable [21], current methodologies have their own pros and cons. They can be classified into the following categories:

1. **Quantifier elimination by cylindrical algebraic decomposition (QE-CAD)** [2] is a complete technique, and is implemented in Mathematica, Maple/SynRac, Reduce/Redlog, QEPCAD-B, and recently in Z3 4.3 (which is referred as nlsat in [9]). Although QE-CAD is precise and detects beyond SAT instances (e.g., SAT regions), scalability is still challenging, since its complexity is doubly-exponential with respect to the number of variables.
2. **Virtual substitution** eliminates an existential quantifier by substituting the corresponding quantified variable with a very small value ( $-\infty$ ), and either each root (with respect to that variable) of polynomials appearing in the constraint or each

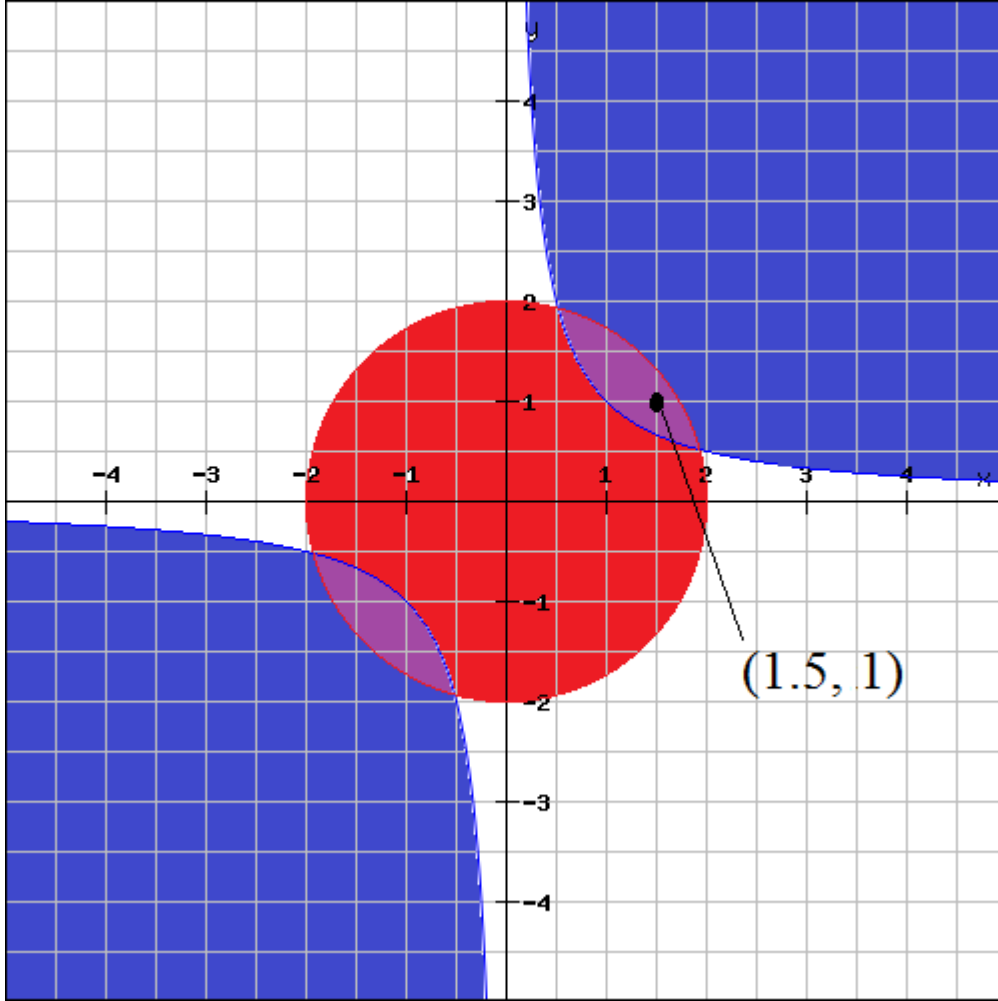


Figure 1.2: Example of SAT constraint

root plus an infinitesimal  $\epsilon$ . Disjunction of constraints after substitutions is equivalent to the original constraint. Because VS needs the formula for roots of polynomials, its application is restricted to polynomials of degree up to 4. SMT-RAT and Z3 [16] applies VS.

3. **Bit-blasting.** In this category of methodology, numerical variables are represented by a sequence of binary variables. The given constraint is converted into another constraint over the boolean variables. SAT solver is then used to find a satisfiable instance of binary variables which can be used to calculate the values of numerical variables. MiniSmt [22], the winner of QF\_NRA in SMT competition 2010, applies it for (ir)-rational numbers. It can show SAT quickly, but due to the bounded bit encoding, it cannot conclude UNSAT. In addition, high degree of polynomial results in large SAT formula which is an obstacle of bit-blasting.
4. **Linearization.** CORD [6] uses COordinate Rotation DIgital Computer (CORDIC)



for real numbers to linearizes multiplications into a sequence of linear constraints. Each time one multiplication is linearized, a number of new constraints and new variables are introduced. As a consequence, high degree polynomials in the original constraint lead to large number of linear constraints.

5. **Interval Constraint Propagation (ICP)** which are used in SMT solver community, e.g., iSAT3 [5], dReal [7], and RSOLVER [17]. ICP combines over-approximation by interval arithmetics and constraint propagation to prune out the set of unsatisfiable points. When pruning does not work, decomposition (branching) on intervals is applied. ICP which is capable of solving "multiple thousand arithmetic constraints over some thousands of variables" [5] is practically often more efficient than algebraic computation.

### 1.3 Proposed Approach and Contributions

Our aim is an SMT solver for solving polynomial constraint. We first focus on strict inequalities because of the following reasons.

1. Satisfiable inequalities allow over-approximation. An over-approximation estimates the range of a polynomial  $f$  as  $range^O(f)$  that covers all the possible values of  $f$ , i.e.  $range(f) \subseteq range^O(f)$ . For an inequality  $f > 0$ , if  $range^O(f)$  stays in the positive side, it can be concluded as SAT. On the other hand, over-approximation cannot prove the satisfiability of SAT equations.
2. Satisfiable inequalities allow under-approximation. An under-approximation computes the range of the polynomial  $f$  as  $range^U(f)$  such that  $range(f) \supseteq range^U(f)$ . If  $range^U(f)$  is on the positive side,  $f > 0$  can be said to be SAT. Due to the continuity of  $f$ , finding such an under-approximation for solving  $f > 0$  is more feasible than that for  $f = 0$ .
  - If  $f(\bar{x}) > 0$  has a real solution  $\bar{x}_0$ , there exist rational points near  $\bar{x}_0$  which also satisfy the inequality. Solving inequalities over real numbers thus can be reduced to that over rational numbers.
  - The real solution of  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$  cannot be approximated to any rational number.

For UNSAT constraint (both inequalities and equations) can be solved by over-approximation. Suppose  $range^O(f)$  is the result of an over-approximation for a polynomial  $f$ .

1. If  $range^O(f)$  resides on the negative side,  $f > 0$  is UNSAT.
2. If  $range^O(f)$  stays on either negative or positive side,  $f = 0$  is UNSAT.

Our approach of "iterative approximation refinement" - **raSAT** loop for solving polynomial constraint was proposed and implemented as an SMT solver named raSAT in [10]. This work improves the efficiency of the tool and extend it to handle equations. The summary of the proposed method in [10] is:

1. Over-approximation is used for both disproving and proving polynomial inequalities. In addition, under-approximation is used for boosting SAT detection. When both of these methods cannot conclude the satisfiability, the input formula is refined so that the result of approximation become more precise.
2. Interval Arithmetic (IA) and Testing are instantiated as an over-approximation and an under-approximation respectively. While IA defines the computations over the intervals, e.g.  $[1, 3] +_{IA} [3, 6] = [2, 9]$ , Testing attempts to propose a number of assignments from variables to real numbers and check each assignment against the given constraint to find a SAT instance.
3. In refinement phase, intervals of variables are decomposed into smaller ones. For example,  $x \in [0, 10]$  becomes  $x \in [0, 4] \vee x \in [4, 10]$ .
4. Khanh and Ogawa [10] also proposed a method for detecting satisfiability of equations using the Intermediate Value Theorem.

The contributions of this work are as follows:

1. Although the method of using IA is robust for large degrees of polynomial, the number of boxes (products of intervals) grows exponentially with respect to the number of variables during refinement (interval decomposition). As a result, strategies for selecting variables to decomposed and boxes to explore play a crucial role in efficiency. We introduce the following strategies:
  - A box with more possibility to be SAT is selected to explore, which is estimated by several heuristic measures, called *SAT likelihood*, and the number of unsolved atomic polynomial constraints.
  - A more influential variable is selected for multiple test cases and decomposition. This is estimated by *sensitivity* which is determined during the computation of IA.
2. Two schemes of incremental search are proposed for enhancing solving process:
  - **Incremental deepening.** raSAT follows the depth-first-search manner. In order to escape local optimums, it starts searching with a threshold that each interval will be decomposed no smaller than it. If neither SAT nor UNSAT is detected, a smaller threshold is taken and raSAT restarts.
  - **Incremental widening.** Starting with a small interval, if raSAT detects UNSAT, input intervals are enlarged and raSAT restarts. For SAT constraint, small (finite) interval allows sensitivity to be computed because Affine Interval [10] requires finite range of variables. As a consequence, our above strategies will take effects on finding SAT instance. For the UNSAT case, combination of small intervals and incremental deepening helps raSAT quickly determines the threshold in which unsatisfiability may be proved by IA.

3. SAT confirmation step by an error-bound guaranteed floating point package **iR-RAM**<sup>3</sup>, to avoid soundness bugs caused by roundoff errors.
4. This work also implement the idea of using Intermediate Value Theorem to show the satisfiability of equations which was suggested in [10].
5. We also extend raSAT to handle constraint over integer numbers. For this extension, we only generate the integer values for variables in testing phase. In addition, the threshold used for stopping decomposition is set to 1.

## 1.4 Thesis Outline

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<sup>3</sup><http://irram.uni-trier.de>

# Chapter 2

## Preliminaries

### 2.1 Abstract DPLL

#### 2.1.1 Syntax

**Definition 2.1.1.** *The signature of propositional logic has an alphabet consisting of*

1. *proposition symbols:*  $p_0, p_1, \dots$ ,
2. *logical connective:*  $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \neg, \perp$ .

**Definition 2.1.2.** *The set  $PROP$  of propositions is the set that satisfies the following properties*

1.  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \ p_i \in PROP$ ,
2.  $\perp \in PROP$ ,
3.  $\varphi, \psi \in PROP \implies \varphi \circ \psi \in PROP$  where  $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$ ,
4.  $\varphi \in PROP \implies \neg\varphi \in PROP$ .

#### 2.1.2 Semantics

**Definition 2.1.3.** *A model  $M$  is a map  $M : \{p_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$*

**Definition 2.1.4.** *Given a model  $M$  and a proposition  $\varphi \in PROP$ , the valuation of  $\varphi$  which is denoted by  $\varphi^M$  is defined recursively as:*

1. *If  $\varphi = p_i$  for some  $i$ , then  $\varphi^M = M(p_i)$ .*
2. *If  $\varphi = \perp$ , then  $\varphi^M = 0$ .*
3. *If  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ , then  $\varphi^M = \min(\varphi_1^M, \varphi_2^M)$ .*
4. *If  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ , then  $\varphi^M = \max(\varphi_1^M, \varphi_2^M)$ .*

5. If  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ , then  $\varphi^M = \max(1 - \varphi_1^M, \varphi_2^M)$ .
6. If  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2$ , then  $\varphi^M = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \varphi_1^M = \varphi_2^M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
7. If  $\varphi = \neg\varphi'$ , then  $\varphi^M = 1 - \varphi'^M$ .

## 2.2 Satisfiability Modulo Theories - SMT

### 2.2.1 Syntax

**Definition 2.2.1.** A signature  $\Sigma$  is a 4-tuple  $(S, P, F, V, \alpha)$  containing a set  $S$  of sorts, a set  $P$  of predicate symbols, a set  $F$  of function symbols, a set of variables, and a map  $\alpha$  which associates symbols to their sorts.

- $\forall p \in P; \alpha(p)$  is a  $n$ -tuple argument sorts of  $p$ .
- $\forall f \in F; \alpha(f)$  is a  $n$ -tuple of argument and returned sorts of  $f$ .
- $\forall v \in V; \alpha(v)$  represents the sort of variable  $v$ .

Followings are the definitions of terms and formulas.

**Definition 2.2.2.** The set  $TERM$  of terms is the set that satisfies the properties

1.  $v \in V \Rightarrow v \in TERM$
2.  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in TERM; f \in F \Rightarrow f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in TERM$

**Definition 2.2.3.** We only focus on quantifiers free formula, so the set  $FORM$  of formulas is the set that satisfies the properties:

1.  $\perp \in FORM$
2.  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in TERM; p \in P \Rightarrow p(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in FORM$
3.  $\varphi, \psi \in FORM \Rightarrow (\varphi \circ \psi) \in FORM$  where  $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$
4.  $\varphi \in FORM \Rightarrow \neg\varphi \in FORM$

### 2.2.2 Semantics

**Definition 2.2.4.** Let  $\Sigma$  is a signature. A model  $M$  of  $\Sigma$  is a pair  $(U, I)$  in which  $U$  is the universe and  $I$  is the interpretation of symbols.

- $\forall s \in S; I(s) \subseteq U$  specifies the possible values of sort  $s$ .
- $\forall f \in F; I(f) = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) | t_1 \in I(s_1), \dots, t_n \in I(s_{n-1})\} \mapsto I(s_n)$  with  $\alpha(f) = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$

- $\forall p \in P; I(p) = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) | t_1 \in I(s_1), \dots, t_n \in I(s_n)\} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$  with  $\alpha(p) = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$
- $\forall v \in V; I(v) \in I(\alpha(v))$

The interpretation of one predicate symbol is allowed to be not total and the symbol  $\mathring{u}$  (unknown) is used to indicate the result of undefined operations. For further convenience, we also define the following relations:  $\mathring{u} < 0, 1$  and  $\mathring{u} > 0, 1$  and the following arithmetic  $1 - \mathring{u} = \mathring{u}$  which are useful when we evaluate the values of logical connectives, i.e.  $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ , or  $\neg$ .

**Definition 2.2.5.** Let  $\Sigma$  is a signature. A  $\Sigma$ -theory  $T$  is a (infinite) set of  $\Sigma$ -models.

A theory  $T'$  is a subset of theory  $T$  iff  $T' \subseteq T$ .

**Definition 2.2.6.** Let  $\Sigma = (S, P, F, \alpha)$ ,  $t, \varphi$  and  $M = (U, I)$  are a signature, a  $\Sigma$ -term, a  $\Sigma$ -formula and a  $\Sigma$ -model respectively. The valuations of  $t$  against  $M$  which is denoted by  $t^M$  is defined recursively as:

1. If  $t = v \in V$ , then  $t^M = I(v)$ .
2. If  $t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , then  $t^M = \begin{cases} I(f)(t_1^M, \dots, t_n^M) & \text{if } (t_1^M, \dots, t_n^M) \in \text{Dom}(I(f)) \\ \mathring{u} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
for  $f \in F$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \text{TERM}$

Similarly, the valuation  $\varphi^M$  of  $\varphi$  is defined as:

1. If  $\varphi = p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , then  $\varphi^M = \begin{cases} I(p)(t_1^M, \dots, t_n^M) & \text{if } (t_1^M, \dots, t_n^M) \in \text{Dom}(I(p)) \\ \mathring{u} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
for  $p \in P$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \text{TERM}$
2. If  $\varphi = \perp, \neg\varphi', \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2$  for  $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$  and  $\varphi', \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \text{FORM}$ , then  $\varphi^M$  is defined similarly as in Definition 2.1.4.
3. If  $\varphi = \forall v \varphi'$ , then  $\varphi^M = \min_{v_i \in I(\alpha(v))} \varphi'^{(U, I < v \mapsto v_i >)}$  for  $v \in V$ ,  $\varphi' \in \text{FORM}$  and  $I < v \mapsto v_i >$  denotes the map after updating the map from  $v$  to  $v_i$  into  $I$ .
4. If  $\varphi = \exists v \varphi'$ , then  $\varphi^M = \max_{v_i \in I(\alpha(v))} \varphi'^{(U, I < v \mapsto v_i >)}$  for  $v \in V$  and  $\varphi' \in \text{FORM}$ .

We say that  $M$  satisfies  $\varphi$  which is denoted by  $\models_M \varphi$  iff  $\varphi^M = 1$ . If  $\varphi^M = 0$ ,  $\not\models_M \varphi$  is used to denote that  $M$  does not satisfy  $\varphi$ .

**Lemma 2.2.1.** Given any  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  and  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\varphi$ , we have  $\models_M \varphi \iff \not\models_M \neg\varphi$

*Proof.*  $\models_M \varphi \iff \varphi^M = 1 \iff 1 - \varphi^M = 0 \iff (\neg\varphi)^M = 0 \iff \not\models_M \neg\varphi$   $\square$

**Definition 2.2.7.** Let  $T$  be a  $\Sigma$ -theory. A  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\varphi$  is:

- satisfiable in  $T$  or  $T$ -SAT iff  $\exists M \in T; \models_M \varphi$

- *valid in  $T$  or  $T$ -VALID* iff  $\forall M \in T; \models_M \varphi$
- *unsatisfiable in  $T$  or  $T$ -UNSAT* iff  $\forall M \in T; \not\models_M \varphi$
- *unknown in  $T$  or  $T$ -UNKNOWN* iff  $\forall M \in T; \varphi^M = \mathring{u}$

**Lemma 2.2.2.** *If  $T$  be a  $\Sigma$ -theory, then  $\varphi$  is  $T$ -VALID  $\iff \neg\varphi$  is  $T$ -UNSAT*

*Proof.*  $\varphi$  is  $T$ -VALID  $\iff \forall M \in T; \models_M \varphi \iff \forall M \in T; \not\models_M \neg\varphi$  (Lemma 2.2.1)  
 $\iff \neg\varphi$  is  $T$ -UNSAT.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.3.** *If  $T' \subseteq T$ , then  $\varphi$  is  $T'$ -SAT  $\implies \varphi$  is  $T$ -SAT.*

*Proof.*  $\varphi$  is  $T'$ -SAT  $\implies \exists M \in T'; \models_M \varphi \implies \exists M \in T; \models_M \varphi$  (because  $T' \subseteq T$ )  
 $\implies \varphi$  is  $T$ -SAT.  $\square$

## 2.3 Polynomial Constraints over Real Numbers

### 2.3.1 Syntax

We instantiate the signature  $\Sigma^p = (S^p, P^p, F^p, V^p, \alpha^p)$  in Section 2.2.1 for polynomial constraints as following:

1.  $S^p = \{Real\}$
2.  $P^p = \{\succ, \prec, \succeq, \preceq, \approx, \not\approx\}$
3.  $F^p = \{\oplus, \ominus, \otimes, \mathbf{1}\}$
4.  $\forall p \in P^p; \alpha^p(p) = (Real, Real)$
5.  $\forall f \in F^p \setminus \{\mathbf{1}\}; \alpha^p(f) = (Real, Real, Real)$  and  $\alpha^p(\mathbf{1}) = Real$
6.  $\forall v \in V; \alpha^p(v) = Real$

A polynomial and a polynomial constraint are a  $\Sigma^p$ -term and a  $\Sigma^p$ -formula respectively. However, for simplicity, we currently focus on small portion of  $\Sigma^p$ -formulas

**Definition 2.3.1.** *Given a polynomial  $f$ , the set of its variables which is denoted as  $var(f)$  is defined recursively as following:*

1.  $var(v) = \{v\}$  for  $v \in V$ .
2.  $var(\mathbf{1}) = \emptyset$ .
3.  $var(f_1 \circ f_2) = var(f_1) \cup var(f_2)$  with  $\circ \in \{\oplus, \ominus, \otimes\}$ .

### 2.3.2 Semantics

A model  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^p = (\mathbb{R}, I_{\mathbb{R}}^p)$  over real numbers contains the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  and a map  $I$  that satisfies the following properties.

1.  $I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(Real) = \mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $\forall p \in P^p; I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(p) = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \{1, 0\}$  such that  $I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(p)(r_1, r_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_1 p_{\mathbb{R}} r_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
where  $(\succ_{\mathbb{R}}, \prec_{\mathbb{R}}, \succeq_{\mathbb{R}}, \preceq_{\mathbb{R}}, \approx_{\mathbb{R}}, \not\approx_{\mathbb{R}}) = (>, <, \geq, \leq, =, \neq)$ .
3.  $\forall f \in F^p \setminus \{1\}; I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(f) = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that  $I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(f)(r_1, r_2) = r_1 f_{\mathbb{R}} r_2$  where  $(\oplus_{\mathbb{R}}, \ominus_{\mathbb{R}}, \otimes_{\mathbb{R}}) = (+, -, *)$ .
4.  $I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(1) = 1$
5.  $\forall v \in V; I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(v) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The theory of real numbers is  $T_{\mathbb{R}}^p = \{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p | M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \text{ is a model of real numbers}\}$ . By this instantiation, each model differs to another by the mapping from variables to real numbers. As a result, an assignment of real numbers to variables can be used to represent a model  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ ; i.e.  $\{v \mapsto r \in \mathbb{R} | v \in V\}$  represents a model. Given a map  $\theta = \{v \mapsto r \in \mathbb{R} | v \in V\}$ ,  $\theta_{\mathbb{R}}^p$  denotes the model represented by  $\theta$ .

### Representing (sub-)theory of real numbers as a constraint of intervals

The signature of the first order logic is instantiated as  $\Sigma^I = (S^I, P^I, F^I, \alpha^I)$  for interval constraints:

1.  $S^I = \{Real, Interval\}$
2.  $P^I = \{\in\}$
3.  $F^I = \{c | c \text{ is a constant}\}$
4.  $\alpha^I(\in) = (Real, Interval)$  and  $\forall c \in F^I; \alpha^I(c) = Interval$
5.  $\forall c \in F^I; \alpha^I(c) = Interval$ .
6.  $\forall v \in V; \alpha^I(v) = Real$ .

We call  $\Sigma^I$ -formula is an interval constraint. A model  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^I = (\mathbb{I} \cup \mathbb{R}, I^I)$  over intervals contains the set of real numbers and real intervals  $\mathbb{I} \cup \mathbb{R}$  and a map  $I^I$  that satisfies the following properties.

1.  $I^I(Real) = \mathbb{R}$  and  $I^I(Interval) = \mathbb{I}$ .  $\mathbb{I}$  is the set of all real intervals which is defined later in Definition 3.2.2.
2.  $I^I(\in) = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I} \mapsto \{1, 0\}$  such that  $I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(p)(r, \langle a, b \rangle) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \leq r \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .



$$3. \forall c \in F^I; I^I(c) \in \mathbb{I}.$$

$$4. \forall v \in V; I^I(v) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The theory of real intervals is  $T^I = \{M^I | M^I \text{ is a model of real intervals} \}$ . By this instantiation, each model differs to another by the mapping from variables to real numbers. As a result, an assignment of real numbers to variables can be used to represent a model  $M^I$ ; i.e.  $\{v \mapsto r \in \mathbb{R} | v \in V\}$  represents a model. Given a map  $\theta = \{v \mapsto r \in \mathbb{R} | v \in V\}$ , we denote  $\theta^I$  as a model of real intervals. If  $\Pi$  is an interval constraint, the notation  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p = \{\theta_{\mathbb{R}}^p | \theta = \{v \mapsto r \in \mathbb{R} | v \in V\} \text{ and } \models_{\theta^I} \Pi\}$  represents the (sub-)theory of real numbers that each of its model (after converted into the model of intervals) satisfies the constraint  $\Pi$ .

# Chapter 3

## Over-Approximation and Under-Approximation

### 3.1 Approximation Theory

**Definition 3.1.1.** *Let  $T, T'$  be  $\Sigma$ -theories and  $\varphi$  be any  $\Sigma$ -formula.*

- *$T'$  is an over-approximation theory (of  $T$ ) iff  $T'$ -UNSAT of  $\varphi$  implies  $T$ -UNSAT of  $\varphi$ .*
- *$T'$  is an under-approximation theory (of  $T$ ) iff  $T'$ -SAT of  $\varphi$  implies  $T$ -SAT of  $\varphi$ .*

**Theorem 3.1.1.** *If  $T_O$  be an over-approximation theory of  $T$ , then for any  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is  $T_O$ -VALID  $\implies \varphi$  is  $T$ -VALID.*

*Proof.*  $\varphi$  is  $T_O$ -VALID  $\implies \neg\varphi$  is  $T_O$ -UNSAT (Lemma 2.2.2)  $\implies \neg\varphi$  is  $T$ -UNSAT (Definition 3.1.1)  $\implies \varphi$  is  $T$ -VALID (Lemma 2.2.2)  $\square$

A typical ICP applies  $O.T$  only as an interval arithmetic. Later in Section ??, we will instantiate interval arithmetic as  $O.T$ . Adding to  $O.T$ -valid, **raSAT** introduce testing as  $U.T$  to accelerate SAT detection.

### 3.2 Interval Arithmetic as an Over-Approximation Theory

#### 3.2.1 Real Intervals

We adopt the definition of real intervals from [8]:

**Definition 3.2.1.** [8] *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be reals such that  $a \leq b$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle a, b \rangle &\stackrel{def}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq x \leq b\} \\
\langle -\infty, b \rangle &\stackrel{def}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \leq b\} \\
\langle a, +\infty \rangle &\stackrel{def}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq x\} \\
\langle -\infty, +\infty \rangle &\stackrel{def}{=} \mathbb{R}
\end{aligned}$$

All intervals in this definition can be summarized by  $\langle a, b \rangle$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$  and  $a \leq b$  with the assumption that  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} -\infty < c < \infty$ . Furthermore, Hickey et al. [8] also defined arithmetic operations for  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$  which is summarized in Table .

$x + y$	$-\infty$	NR	0	PR	$+\infty$
$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$\perp$
NR		NR	NR	$\mathbb{R}$	$+\infty$
0			0	PR	$+\infty$
PR				PR	$+\infty$
$+\infty$					$+\infty$

$x - y$	$-\infty$	NR	0	PR	$+\infty$
$-\infty$	$\perp$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$
NR	$-\infty$	$\mathbb{R}$	PR	PR	$+\infty$
0	$-\infty$	NR	0	PR	$+\infty$
PR	$-\infty$	NR	NR	$\mathbb{R}$	$+\infty$
$+\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$\perp$

$x \times y$	$-\infty$	NR	0	PR	$+\infty$
$-\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$\perp$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$
NR		PR	0	NR	$-\infty$
0			0	0	$\perp$
PR				PR	$+\infty$
$+\infty$					$+\infty$

**Definition 3.2.2.** The set of all real intervals  $\mathbb{I}$  is defined as  $\mathbb{I} = \{\langle a, b \rangle | a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\} \text{ and } a \leq b\}$ .

### 3.2.2 Interval Arithmetic as an Over-Approximation Theory

A model  $M_{IA}^p = (U_{IA}^p, I_{IA}^p)$  over intervals contains a set of all intervals  $U_{IA}^p = \{\langle l, h \rangle | l, h \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\} \text{ and } l \leq h\}$  and a map  $I_{IA}^p$  that satisfies the following conditions.

1.  $I_{IA}^p(Real) = U_{IA}^p$
2.  $\forall p \in P^p; I_{IA}^p(p) = U_{IA}^p \times U_{IA}^p \mapsto \{0, 1\}$  where  $I_{IA}^p(p)(i_1, i_2) = i_1 \text{ } p_{IA} \text{ } i_2$ . The definition of  $p_{IA}$  is as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
- \langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \succ_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } l_1 > h_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } h_1 \leq l_2 \end{cases} \\
- \langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \prec_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h_1 < l_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } l_1 \geq h_2 \end{cases} \\
- i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2 &= 1 - (i_1 \prec_{IA} i_2) \\
- i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2 &= 1 - (i_1 \succ_{IA} i_2) \\
- i_1 \approx_{IA} i_2 &= \min(i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2, i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2)
\end{aligned}$$

- $i_1 \not\approx_{IA} i_2 = 1 - (i_1 \approx_{IA} i_2)$
- 3.  $\forall f \in F^p \setminus \{1\}; I_{IA}^p(f) = U_{IA}^p \times U_{IA}^p \mapsto U_{IA}^p$  such that  $I_{IA}^p(f)(i_1, i_2) = i_1 f_{IA} i_2$  where  $f_{IA}$  satisfies the following properties:
  - $i_1 \oplus_{IA} i_2 \supseteq \{r_1 + r_2 | r_1 \in i_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in i_2\}$ .
  - $i_1 \ominus_{IA} i_2 \supseteq \{r_1 - r_2 | r_1 \in i_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in i_2\}$ .
  - $i_1 \otimes_{IA} i_2 \supseteq \{r_1 * r_2 | r_1 \in i_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in i_2\}$ .
- 4.  $I_{IA}^p(\mathbf{1}) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$
- 5.  $\forall v \in V; I_{IA}^p \in U_{IA}^p$

Theory  $T_{IA}^p = \{M_{IA}^p | M_{IA}^p \text{ is a model over intervals}\}$ . Each model differs to another by the mapping from variables to intervals. As a consequence, one assignment from variables to intervals can be used to describe an model. An assignment  $\{v \mapsto i \in \mathbb{I} | v \in V\}$  and an interval constraint  $\bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in i$  are equivalent in terms of the set of assignments from variables to real numbers. So by abusing notation, for a constraint of the form  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in i$ , we denote  $\Pi_{IA}^p$  as a model of interval arithmetics for polynomial constraints. By definition,  $\{\Pi_{IA}^p\}$  represents a sub-theory of  $T_{IA}^p$ .

**Lemma 3.2.1.** *Let  $M_{IA}^p = (U_{IA}^p, I_{IA}^p)$  be a model over intervals, we have:*

$$\forall i_1, i_2 \in U_{IA}^p; \forall r_1 \in i_1, r_2 \in i_2; \forall p \in P^p(i_1 p_{IA} i_2 = 0 \implies \text{not } (r_1 p_{\mathbb{R}} r_2))$$

*Proof.* Let  $i_1 = \langle l_1, h_1 \rangle$  and  $i_2 = \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle$  where  $l_1 \leq h_1$  and  $l_2 \leq h_2$ . We have:

- $r_1 \in i_1 \implies l_1 \leq r_1 \leq h_1$ .
- $r_2 \in i_2 \implies l_2 \leq r_2 \leq h_2$ .

Suppose that  $i_1 p_{IA} i_2 = 0$ , we need to show  $\text{not } (r_1 p_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$  by considering all the possible cases of  $p$ :

1. If  $p$  is  $\succ$ , the we have  $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \succ_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 0 \implies h_1 \leq l_2 \implies r_1 \leq r_2$  (because  $r_1 \leq h_1$  and  $l_2 \leq r_2$ )  $\implies \text{not } (r_1 > r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \succ_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .
2. If  $p$  is  $\prec$ , the we have  $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \prec_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 0 \implies l_1 \geq h_2 \implies r_1 \geq r_2$  (because  $r_1 \geq l_1$  and  $r_2 \leq h_2$ )  $\implies \text{not } (r_1 < r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \prec_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .
3. If  $p$  is  $\succeq$ , the we have  $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \succeq_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 0 \implies 1 - (\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \prec_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle) = 0 \implies \langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \prec_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 1 \implies h_1 < l_2 \implies r_1 < r_2$  (because  $r_1 \leq h_1$  and  $r_2 \geq l_2$ )  $\implies \text{not } (r_1 \geq r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \succeq_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .
4. If  $p$  is  $\preceq$ , the we have  $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \preceq_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 0 \implies 1 - (\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \succ_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle) = 0 \implies \langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \succ_{IA} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = 1 \implies l_1 > h_2 \implies r_1 > r_2$  (because  $r_1 \geq l_1$  and  $r_2 \leq h_2$ )  $\implies \text{not } (r_1 \leq r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \preceq_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .

5. If  $p$  is  $\approx$ , then we have  $i_1 \approx_{IA} i_2 = 0 \implies \min(i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2, i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2) = 0 \implies i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2 = 0$  or  $i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2 = 0 \implies r_1 < r_2$  or  $r_1 > r_2$  (as the third and fourth case of this proof)  $\implies \text{not } (r_1 = r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \approx_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .
6. If  $p$  is  $\not\approx$ , then we have  $i_1 \not\approx_{IA} i_2 = 0 \implies 1 - (i_1 \approx_{IA} i_2) = 0 \implies \min(i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2, i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2) = 1 \implies i_1 \succeq_{IA} i_2 = 1$  and  $i_1 \preceq_{IA} i_2 = 1 \implies 1 - (i_1 \prec_{IA} i_2) = 1$  and  $1 - (i_1 \succ_{IA} i_2) = 1 \implies i_1 \prec_{IA} i_2 = 0$  and  $i_1 \succ_{IA} i_2 = 0 \implies r_1 \geq r_2$  and  $r_1 \leq r_2$  (as the first and second case of this proof)  $\implies r_1 = r_2 \implies \text{not } (r_1 \neq r_2) \implies \text{not } (r_1 \not\approx_{\mathbb{R}} r_2)$ .

□

**Lemma 3.2.2.** Let  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in i$  with  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ , we have  $\forall t \in TERM^p \forall M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p t^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$ .

*Proof.* Proof is done by induction on structure of term. Let  $t \in TERM^p$  and  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^p = (\mathbb{R}, I_{\mathbb{R}}^p) \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$

1. If  $t = v \in V$ , then  $t^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} = I_{\mathbb{R}}^p(v) \in \Pi(v)$  because  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ . In addition,  $t^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ .
2. If  $t = \mathbf{1}$ , then  $t^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} = 1 \in \langle 1, 1 \rangle = t^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$
3. If  $t = t_1 f t_2$  for some  $f \in F^p \setminus \{0, 1\}$

$$t^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} = t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} f_{\mathbb{R}} t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p}$$

$$t^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p} f_{IA} t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$$

By induction hypothesis, we have  $t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$  and  $t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$ . In addition, due to the properties of  $f_{IA}$ :  $t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} f_{\mathbb{R}} t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p} f_{IA} t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$ , or  $t^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$

□

**Theorem 3.2.1.** If  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in i$  with  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  is a map from variables to intervals, then  $\{\Pi_{IA}^p\}$  is an over-approximation of  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ .

*Proof.* In order to prove Theorem 3.2.1, we need to prove that  $\forall \varphi^p (\varphi^p \text{ is } \{\Pi_{IA}^p\}\text{-UNSAT} \implies \varphi^p \text{ is } \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p\text{-UNSAT})$ .

Given an  $\Sigma^p$ -formula  $\varphi^p$  and suppose that  $\varphi^p$  is  $\{\Pi_{IA}^p\}$ -UNSAT. Suppose  $\varphi^p$  is not  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -UNSAT, that means it is either  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -SAT or  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -VALID. In either case, there exist at least a model  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$  such that  $\models_{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \varphi^p \iff (\varphi^p)^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} = \text{true}$ .

1. If  $\varphi^p = p(t_1, t_2)$  for some  $p \in P^p$ , then  $(\varphi^p)^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} = \text{true} \implies t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} p_{\mathbb{R}} t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p}$ .

On the other hand,  $\varphi^p$  is  $\{\Pi_{IA}^p\}$ -UNSAT  $\implies (\varphi^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0 \implies t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p} p_{IA} t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0$ . In addition, because  $t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$  and  $t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \in t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p}$  (Lemma 3.2.2),  $t_1^{\Pi_{IA}^p} p_{IA} t_2^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0 \implies \neg(t_1^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p} p_{\mathbb{R}} t_2^{M_{\mathbb{R}}^p})$  (Lemma 3.2.1). This is a contradiction. As the result,  $\varphi^p$  must be  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -UNSAT.

2. If  $\varphi^p = \varphi_1^p \wedge \varphi_2^p$ , then we have  $\varphi^p$  is  $\{\Pi_{IA}^p\}$ -UNSAT  $\implies \not\models_{\Pi_{IA}^p} (\varphi_1^p \wedge \varphi_2^p) \implies (\varphi_1^p \wedge \varphi_2^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0 \implies (\varphi_1^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} \wedge (\varphi_2^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0 \implies (\varphi_1^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0$  and  $(\varphi_2^p)^{\Pi_{IA}^p} = 0$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\varphi_1^p$  and  $\varphi_2^p$  are  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -UNSAT  $\implies \forall M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p \not\models_{M_{IA}^p} \varphi_1^p$  and  $\forall M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p \not\models_{M_{IA}^p} \varphi_2^p \implies \forall M_{\mathbb{R}}^p \in \Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p \not\models_{M_{IA}^p} (\varphi_1^p \wedge \varphi_2^p) \implies \varphi_1^p \wedge \varphi_2^p$  is  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -UNSAT.

□

### 3.3 Testing as an Under-Approximation Theory

**Definition 3.3.1.** Let  $T^p \subseteq T_{\mathbb{R}}^p$  be a sub-theory of real numbers. Any sub-theory  $T_T^p$  of  $T^p$ , i.e.  $T_T^p \subseteq T^p$  is call a theory of testing with respect to  $T^p$ .

**Theorem 3.3.1.** If  $T_T^p$  is a theory of testing w.r.t  $T^p$ ,  $T_T^p$  is an under-approximation of  $T^p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi^p$  is a  $\Sigma^p$ -formula and suppose it is  $T_T^p$ -SAT. We need to prove  $\varphi^p$  is  $T^p$ -SAT. We have  $\varphi^p$  is  $T_T^p$ -SAT  $\implies \exists M^p \in T_T^p \models_{M^p} \varphi^p \implies \exists M^p \in T^p \models_{M^p} \varphi^p$  (because  $T_T^p \subseteq T^p$ )  $\implies \varphi^p$  is  $T^p$ -SAT. □

Given a theory  $T^p$ , we randomly select a number of its models to form a theory of testing  $T_T^p$  w.r.t  $T^p$ .

### 3.4 raSAT Loop

In other word, each model can be represented by an assignment of one real number to each variable. State of search procedure contains  $(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau)$  where

- $\Pi$  is the interval constraint.
- $\varphi$  represents the polynomial constraint.
- $\mathring{\Pi} = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in i_i$  with  $i_i \in \mathbb{I}$  is the result of DPLL procedure on  $\Pi$ .
- $\varphi^V$  contains the constraints that are valid under over-approximation.
- $\varphi^U$  is the set of constraints which are UNKNOWN under over-approximation.
- $\varepsilon$  indicates the threshold to stop decomposing intervals.
- $\tau$  is a flag to mark whether the threshold of intervals has been reached.

The transition rules are described in Table 3.1. Figure 3.1 illustrates the transition system.

**Theorem 3.4.1.** Starting with state  $\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau$ , if  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$  and  $\{(x_1, x_2, \dots)\} \models_{\theta^I} \Pi, \theta = \{v_1 \mapsto x_1, v_2 \mapsto x_2, \dots\}$  is bounded, raSATloop terminates.

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$\frac{\Pi \models_{SAT} \perp}{(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \perp) \rightarrow UNSAT}$	$\Pi\_UNSAT\_UNSAT$
$\frac{\Pi \models_{SAT} \perp}{(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \top) \rightarrow UNKNOWN}$	$\Pi\_UNSAT\_UNKNOWN$
$\frac{\Pi \models_{SAT} \mathring{\Pi} \quad \mathring{\Pi}' = flattern(\mathring{\Pi})}{(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow (\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}', \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau)}$	$\Pi\_SAT$
$\frac{\mathring{\Pi} \neq \emptyset \quad \varphi^V \wedge \varphi^U = \varphi \quad \varphi^V \text{ is } \{\mathring{\Pi}_{IA}^p\}\text{-VALID}}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow (\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau)}$	$IA\_SAT$
$\frac{\varphi^V = \varphi}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow SAT}$	$IA\_VALID$
$\frac{\mathring{\Pi} \neq \emptyset \quad \varphi^U \neq \emptyset \quad \varphi^U \text{ is } (\mathring{\Pi}_{\mathbb{R}}^p)_T\text{-SAT}}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow SAT}$	$TEST\_SAT$
$\frac{\varphi^U \text{ is } (\mathring{\Pi}_{\mathbb{R}}^p)_T\text{-UNSAT} \quad \mathring{\Pi} = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle \quad \forall i (h_i - l_i < \varepsilon)}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow (\Pi \wedge \neg \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \top)}$	$THRESHOLD$
$\frac{\varphi^U \text{ is } (\mathring{\Pi}_{\mathbb{R}}^p)_T\text{-UNSAT} \quad \mathring{\Pi} = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle \quad \exists j (h_j - l_j > \varepsilon) \quad l_j < d \in \mathbb{R} < h_j \quad I_j = v_j \in \langle l_j, h_j \rangle \quad I_{j1} = v_j \in \langle l_j, d \rangle \quad I_{j2} = v_j \in \langle d, h_j \rangle}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow (\Pi \wedge (\neg I_j \vee I_{j1} \vee I_{j2}) \wedge (I_j \vee \neg I_{j1}) \wedge (I_j \vee \neg I_{j2}) \wedge (\neg I_{j1} \vee \neg I_{j2}), \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau)}$	$REFINE$
$\frac{\mathring{\Pi} \neq \emptyset \quad \varphi \text{ is } \{\mathring{\Pi}_{IA}^p\}\text{-UNSAT}}{(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau) \rightarrow (\Pi \wedge \neg \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \tau)}$	$IA\_UNSAT$

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Table 3.1: Transition rules

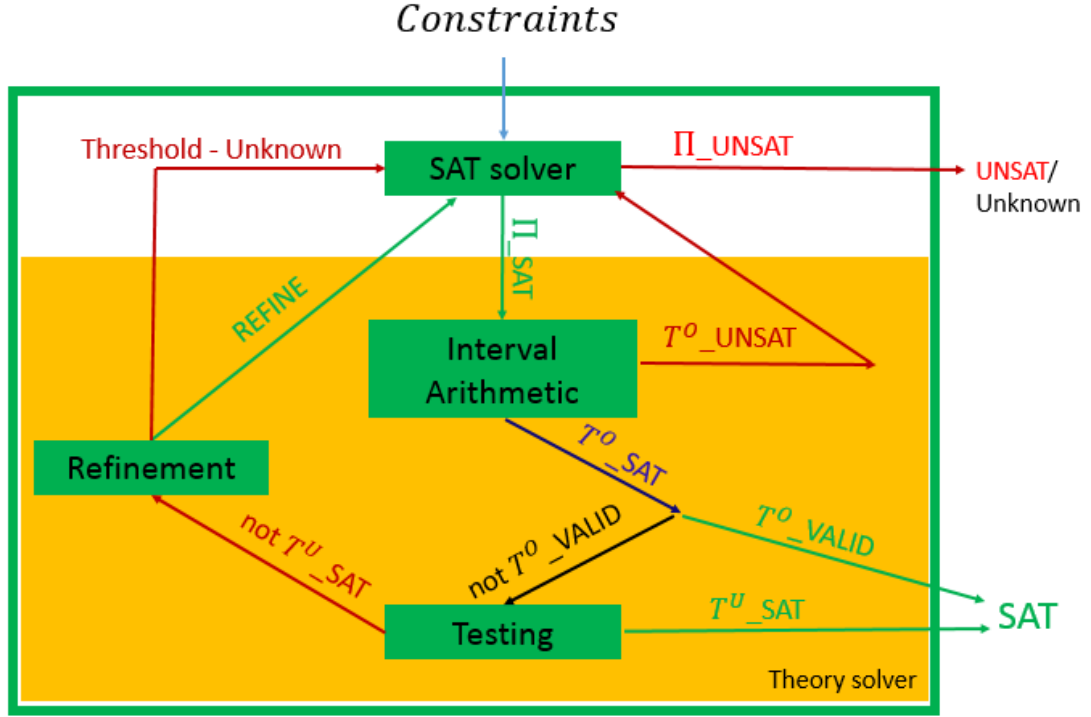
*Proof.* In the worst case, all the interval will be decomposed into smallest boxes with size of  $\varepsilon$  whose number are bounded to  $\frac{h_1 - l_1}{\varepsilon} \frac{h_2 - l_2}{\varepsilon} \dots$  (the number of variables in one polynomial constraint is also bounded). As a result, raSATloop terminates after checking all of these boxes.  $\square$

## 3.5 Soundness - Completeness

### 3.5.1 Soundness

**Theorem 3.5.1.** *Let  $(\Pi, \varphi, \mathring{\Pi}, \varphi^V, \varphi^U, \varepsilon, \tau)$  be any state of our system, then the following properties are invariants:*

1.  $\mathring{\Pi}_{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq T_{\mathbb{R}}^p$

Figure 3.1: **raSAT** design

2.  $\varphi^V$  is  $\dot{\Pi}_R$ -VALID.
3.  $\varphi^U = \emptyset \vee (\varphi = \varphi^U \wedge \varphi^V)$
4.  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}}$ -UNSAT  $\implies \varphi$  is  $T_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ -UNSAT

*Proof.* 1. Easy from the definition.

2. Easy to see.

3. Easy from the transitions.

4. The proof is done inductively:

- Initial state:  $(\bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in (-\infty, +\infty), \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset)$  and by definition,  $(\bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in (-\infty, +\infty))_{\mathbb{R}} = T_{\mathbb{R}}^p$ . Then, the invariant trivially holds.
- Each transition is considered:
  - For rules  $\Pi\_SAT$ ,  $IA\_SAT$  the interval constraint  $\Pi$  does not changed, so if the properties holds for the former state, it also does for the later one.



- For REFINE transition:  
Denote  $\Pi' = \Pi \wedge (\neg I_j \vee I_{j1} \vee I_{j2}) \wedge (I_j \vee \neg I_{j1}) \wedge (I_j \vee \neg I_{j2}) \wedge (\neg I_{j1} \vee \neg I_{j2})$ .  
We will prove that  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi'_R$ -UNSAT  $\implies$   $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_R$ -UNSAT. First suppose that  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi'_R$ -UNSAT. Let
- for IA\_UNSAT transition,

□

**Theorem 3.5.2.** *Let  $\varphi$  be the polynomial constraint to be solved. Starting with the state  $(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset)$ , if our transitional system terminates and output:*

- SAT then  $\varphi$  is  $T_R^p$ -SAT.
- UNSAT then  $\varphi$  is  $T_R^p$ -UNSAT.

*Proof.* 1. If the system output SAT, there are two possible transitions to SAT:

- In the case of IA\_VALID, we have  $\varphi^V$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -VALID (invariant 2)  $\implies \varphi^V$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -SAT  $\implies \varphi$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -SAT (because  $\varphi^V = \varphi$  is the condition of this transition). In addition, following invariant 1, we have  $\mathring{\Pi}_R \subseteq T_R^p$ , then  $\varphi$  is  $T_R^p$ -SAT (Lemma 2.2.3).
- In the case of TEST\_SAT,  $\varphi^U$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -SAT  $\implies \exists M \in \mathring{\Pi}_R \models_M \varphi^V$ . Let  $M_R^c \in \mathring{\Pi}_R$  such that  $\models_{M_R^c} \varphi^V$  which implies  $(\varphi^V)^{M_R^c} = 1$ . In addition, because  $\varphi^V$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -VALID (invariant 2) and  $M_R^c \in \mathring{\Pi}_R$ , we have  $\models_{M_R^c} \varphi^U$  or  $(\varphi^U)^{M_R^c} = 1$ . Consider the evaluation of  $\varphi$  under the model  $M_R^c$ :  $(\varphi)^{M_R^c} = (\varphi^U \wedge \varphi^V)^{M_R^c}$  (invariant 3)  $= \min((\varphi^U)^{M_R^c}, (\varphi^V)^{M_R^c}) = \min(1, 1) = 1 \implies \models_{M_R^c} \varphi \implies \varphi$  is  $\mathring{\Pi}_R$ -SAT  $\implies \varphi$  is  $T_R^p$ -SAT (because of invariant 1 and Lemma 3.2.1)

2. If the system output UNSAT, there is only one transition of rule  $\Pi$ \_UNSAT. Because  $\Pi \models_{SAT} \perp$ ,  $\Pi_R$  is empty (Lemma ?). As a result,  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_R$ -UNSAT which implies that  $\varphi$  is  $T_R^p$ -UNSAT (invariant 4).

□

### 3.5.2 Completeness

**Definition 3.5.1.** Let  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v \in V} v \in i$  with  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ , and

$\varphi = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i > 0$ . An over-approximation  $T_O^p$  of  $T_R^p$  is complete if for each open set  $O \subset \{(r_1, r_2, \dots) \mid \models_{\theta} \Pi; \theta = \{v_i \mapsto r_i \in \mathbb{R} \mid v_i \in V\}\}$ , we have  $\forall c \in O; \forall \delta > 0; \exists \gamma > 0; (\langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle \in O \text{ and } \models_{\Pi_R^p} \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (f_i(c) - \delta < f_i(x) < f_i(c) + \delta))$  where  $\Pi' = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle c_i - \gamma, c_i + \gamma \rangle$ , and  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots)$

**Lemma 3.5.1.** Let  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$  where  $\langle l_i, h_i \rangle \in \mathbb{I}$  is bounded; and  $\varphi = \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j > 0$ . Denote  $S = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) | \theta = \{v_i \mapsto x_i | v_i \in V\}; \models_{\theta^I} \Pi \text{ and } \models_{\theta_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \varphi\}$ . If  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $\{(v_1, v_2, \dots) | v_1 \in (l_1, h_1), v_2 \in (l_2, h_2) \dots\}$  is open, then  $S$  contain an open set.

*Proof.* Because  $S \neq \emptyset$ , there exist  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots) \in S$ . By definition of  $S$ ,  $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} f_j(c) > 0$ . Take  $\delta = \min_{j=1 \dots n} f_j(c)$ , then  $\delta > 0$ . Because the polynomials are continuous, there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $\forall v \in \langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle; \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j(c) - \delta < f_j(v) < f_j(c) + \delta$  which implies  $\forall v \in \langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle; \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j(v) > 0$  (because  $\delta = \min_{j=1 \dots n} f_j(c) \leq f_j(c)$ ) for any  $j$ . Now consider the open interval  $O = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) | x_1 \in \text{getIntv}(c_1, l_1, h_2, \delta), \dots\}$  where  $\text{getIntv}(c, l, h, \delta)$  is defined as following:

$$\text{getIntv}(c, l, h, \delta) =$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.3.** Let  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$  where  $\langle l_i, h_i \rangle \in \mathbb{I}$  is bounded; and  $\varphi = \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j > 0$ . Denote  $S = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) | \theta = \{v_i \mapsto x_i | v_i \in V\}; \models_{\theta^I} \Pi \text{ and } \models_{\theta_{\mathbb{R}}^p} \varphi\}$ . If  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $\{(v_1, v_2, \dots) | v_1 \in (l_1, h_1), v_2 \in (l_2, h_2) \dots\}$  is open, then *raSATloop* can detect the satisfiability of  $\varphi$  with assumption that *IA* is complete.

*Proof.* Based on Lemma 3.5.1, there exist an open box  $(l, h)$  such that  $\forall (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in (l, h); \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j > 0$ . Take any  $c \in (l, h)$  and take  $\delta = \min_{j=1 \dots n} (f_j(c))$ . Because *IA* is complete by assumption, from Definition 3.5.1 there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $\langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle \in (l, h)$  and  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j(c) - \delta < f_j(v) < f_j(c) + \delta$  is  $\bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle c_i - \gamma, c_i + \gamma \rangle^p$ -VALID. By taking this  $\gamma$  as the threshold in  $(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon, \perp)$ , *raSATloop* will terminate (Theorem 3.4.1). Furthermore,  $\langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle \in (l, h) \implies (c + \gamma) - (c - \gamma) < h - l \implies 2\gamma < h - l$ . As a consequence, decomposition eventually creates a box of size  $\gamma$  inside  $(h, l)$  which can be used to conclude the validity of the constraint by *IA*. □

**Theorem 3.5.4.** Let  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$  where  $\langle l_i, h_i \rangle \in \mathbb{I}$  is bounded; and  $\varphi = \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j > 0$ . Denote  $S_j = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) | \theta = \{v_i \mapsto x_i | v_i \in V\}; \models_{\theta^I} \Pi \text{ and } \models_{\theta_{\mathbb{R}}^p} f_j\}$ . If  $\bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{closure}(S_j) = \emptyset$ , then *raSATloop* can prove the unsatisfiability of  $\varphi$  with assumption that *IA* is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $f(v) = \min_{j=1}^n f_j(v)$ , then  $f(v)$  is continuous. Because  $D = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) | \theta = \{v_1 \mapsto x_1, v_2 \mapsto x_2, \dots\}; \models_{\theta^I} \Pi\}$  is compact,  $\delta = \max_{v \in D} f(v)$  exists. First we will prove that  $\delta > 0$ . In fact, suppose  $\delta = 0 \implies \forall c \in D; f(c) =$

$0 \implies \forall c \in D \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} f_j(c) \geq 0$ . This contradicts with the assumption that  $\bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{closure}(S_j) = \emptyset$ .

Because IA is complete, by Definition 3.5.1, for any point  $c \in D$ , there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $\langle c - \gamma, c + \gamma \rangle \in D$  and  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j(c) - \delta < f_j(v) < f_j(c) + \delta$  is  $\bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle c_i - \gamma, c_i + \gamma \rangle^p$  - IA

VALID. Consider  $f_k(c) = \min_{j=1}^n f_j(c)$  then  $f_k(c) < 0$  otherwise a contradiction with the assumption that  $\bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{closure}(S_j) = \emptyset$  exists. In addition by definition of  $f(v)$  we have

$f_k(c) = f(c) \leq \max_{v \in D} f(v) \implies f_k(c) + \delta < 0 \implies \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j(v) > 0$  is UNSAT over

$\bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle c_i - \gamma, c_i + \gamma \rangle$ . For any point in  $D$ , we can find a small box so that the constraint is unsatisfiable. If  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, the unsatisfiability can be detected by raSATloop. □

# Chapter 4

## Interval Arithmetic

Interval Arithmetic is defined formally in Section 3.2 of Chapter 3. This chapter is going to present two instances of Interval Arithmetic which are used in raSAT: Classical Interval and Affine Interval. These two kinds differ to each other in the way they represent intervals and interpret function symbols.

### 4.1 Classical Interval

A model  $M_{CI}^p = (U_{CI}^p, I_{CI}^p)$  over intervals contains a set of all intervals  $U_{CI}^p = U_{IA}^p$  and a map  $I_{CI}^p$  that satisfies the following conditions.

1.  $I_{CI}^p(Real) = I_{IA}^p(Real)$
2.  $\forall p \in P^p; I_{CI}^p(p) = I_{IA}^p(p)$
3.  $\forall f \in F^p \setminus \{\mathbf{1}\}; I_{CI}^p(f) = U_{CI}^p \times U_{CI}^p \mapsto U_{CI}^p$  such that  $I_{CI}^p(f)(i_1, i_2) = i_1 \ f_{CI} \ i_2$  where the definition of  $f_{CI}$  is:
  - $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \oplus_{CI} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = \langle l_1 + l_2, h_1 + h_2 \rangle$ .
  - $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \ominus_{CI} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle = \langle l_1 - h_2, h_1 - l_2 \rangle$ .
  - Operation  $i_1 \otimes_{CI} i_2$  is defined using case analysis on the types of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ . First, the intervals are classified into the following:
    - $P = \{\langle a, b \rangle | a \geq 0 \wedge b > 0\}$
    - $N = \{\langle a, b \rangle | b \leq 0 \wedge a < 0\}$
    - $M = \{\langle a, b \rangle | a < 0 < b\}$
    - $Z = \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$  The definition of  $\otimes_{CI}$  is given in Table

Class of $\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle$	Class of $\langle l_2, h_2 \rangle$	$\langle l_1, h_1 \rangle \otimes_{CI} \langle l_2, h_2 \rangle$
P	P	$\langle l_1 \times l_2, h_1 \times h_2 \rangle$
P	M	$\langle h_1 \times l_2, h_1 \times h_2 \rangle$
P	N	$\langle h_1 \times l_2, l_1 \times h_2 \rangle$
M	P	$\langle l_1 \times h_2, h_1 \times h_2 \rangle$
M	M	$\langle \min(l_1 \times h_2, h_1 \times l_2), \max(l_1 \times l_2, h_1 \times h_2) \rangle$
M	N	$\langle h_1 \times l_2, l_1 \times l_2 \rangle$
N	P	$\langle l_1 \times h_2, h_1 \times l_2 \rangle$
N	M	$\langle l_1 \times h_2, l_1 \times l_2 \rangle$
N	N	$\langle h_1 \times h_2, l_1 \times l_2 \rangle$
Z	P, N, M, Z	$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$
P, N, M	Z	$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$

4.  $I_{CI}^p(\mathbf{1}) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$

5.  $\forall v \in V; I_{CI}^p \in U_{CI}^p$

Theory  $T_{CI}^p = \{M_{CI}^p | M_{CI}^p \text{ is a model over intervals}\}$ . Each model differs to another by the mapping from variables to intervals. As a consequence, one assignment from variables to intervals can be used to describe an model. We denote  $\Pi_{CI}^p$  as the model represented by  $\Pi = \{x \in \langle l, h \rangle | v \in V\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.1.** *CI is an IA.*

*Proof.* Easy. □

## 4.2 Affine Interval

Affine Interval use the formula  $a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \epsilon_i$  to represent the interval  $\langle a_0 - \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|, a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| \rangle$  with  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots$ . For example, the affine interval form of  $(x \in) \langle 2, 4 \rangle$  and  $(y \in) \langle 0, 2 \rangle$  is  $3 + \epsilon_1$  and  $1 + \epsilon_2$  respectively, thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - x \times y &= (3 + \epsilon_1)^2 - (3 + \epsilon_1) \times (1 + \epsilon_2) \\
 &= 9 + 6\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_1^2 - (3 + 3\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_2) \\
 &= 6 + 5\epsilon_1 - 3\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Types of affine interval vary by choices of estimating multiplications  $\epsilon_1^2$  and  $\epsilon_1\epsilon_2$ :

1. AA [4, 20] replaces  $\epsilon_1\epsilon_2$  by a fresh noise symbol.
2. AF1 and AF2 [13] prepares a fixed noise symbol for any  $\epsilon_1\epsilon_2$ .
3. EAI [14] replaces  $\epsilon_1\epsilon_2$  by  $\langle -1, 1 \rangle \epsilon_1$  or  $\langle -1, 1 \rangle \epsilon_2$ .
4. AF2 [13] replaces  $\epsilon_1^2$  by the fixed noise symbols  $\epsilon_+$  or  $\epsilon_-$ .

A model  $M_{AF2}^p = (U_{AF2}^p, I_{AF2}^p)$  over intervals contains a set of all intervals  $U_{AF2}^p = \{a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \epsilon_i + a_{n+1} \epsilon_+ + a_{n+2} \epsilon_- + a_{n+3} \epsilon_{\pm} | \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n+3\}; a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and a map  $I_{AF2}^p$  that satisfies the following conditions.

1.  $I_{AF2}^p(Real) = U_{AF2}^p$
2.  $\forall p \in P^p; I_{AF2}^p(p) = U_{AF2}^p \times U_{AF2}^p \mapsto \{true, false\}$  such that  $I_{AF2}^p(p)(a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \epsilon_i + a_{n+1} \epsilon_+ + a_{n+2} \epsilon_- + a_{n+3} \epsilon_{\pm}, b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \epsilon_i + b_{n+1} \epsilon_+ + b_{n+2} \epsilon_- + b_{n+3} \epsilon_{\pm}) = I_{AI}^p(p)(\langle a_0 - \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| - a_{n+2} - a_{n+3}, a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + a_{n+1} + a_{n+3} \rangle, \langle b_0 - \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i| - b_{n+2} - b_{n+3}, b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i| + b_{n+1} + b_{n+3} \rangle)$
3.  $\forall f \in F^p \setminus \{\mathbf{1}\}; I_{AF2}^p(f) = U_{AF2}^p \times U_{AF2}^p \mapsto U_{AF2}^p$  such that  $I_{AF2}^p(f)(i_1, i_2) = i_1 f_{AF2} i_2$  where the definition of  $f_{AF2}$  is as following. Let  $i_1 = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \epsilon_i + a_{n+1} \epsilon_+ + a_{n+2} \epsilon_- + a_{n+3} \epsilon_{\pm}$  and  $i_2 = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \epsilon_i + b_{n+1} \epsilon_+ + b_{n+2} \epsilon_- + b_{n+3} \epsilon_{\pm}$ , then:
  - $i_1 \oplus_{AF2} i_2 = a_0 + b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) \epsilon_i + (a_{n+1} + b_{n+1}) \epsilon_+ + (a_{n+2} + b_{n+2}) \epsilon_- + (a_{n+3} + b_{n+3}) \epsilon_{\pm}.$
  - $i_1 \ominus_{AF2} i_2 = a_0 - b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i) \epsilon_i + (a_{n+1} + b_{n+1}) \epsilon_+ + (a_{n+2} + b_{n+2}) \epsilon_- + (a_{n+3} + b_{n+3}) \epsilon_{\pm}.$
  - $i_1 \otimes_{AF2} i_2 = a_0 b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_0 b_i + a_i b_0) \epsilon_i + K_1 \epsilon_+ + K_2 \epsilon_- + K_3 \epsilon_{\pm}$ , where:
 
$$K_1 = \sum_{i=1, a_i b_i > 0}^{n+3} a_i b_i + \begin{cases} a_0 b_{n+1} + a_{n+1} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } b_0 \geq 0 \\ a_0 b_{n+1} - a_{n+2} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } b_0 < 0 \\ -a_0 b_{n+2} + a_{n+1} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 < 0 \text{ and } b_0 \geq 0 \\ -a_0 b_{n+2} - a_{n+2} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 < 0 \text{ and } b_0 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$K_2 = \sum_{i=1, a_i b_i < 0}^{n+3} a_i b_i + \begin{cases} a_0 b_{n+2} + a_{n+2} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } b_0 \geq 0 \\ a_0 b_{n+2} - a_{n+1} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } b_0 < 0 \\ -a_0 b_{n+1} + a_{n+2} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 < 0 \text{ and } b_0 \geq 0 \\ -a_0 b_{n+1} - a_{n+1} b_0 & \text{if } a_0 < 0 \text{ and } b_0 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$K_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+3} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{n+3} |a_i b_j| + |a_0| b_{n+3} + a_{n+3} |b_0|$$
4.  $I_{AF2}^p(\mathbf{1}) = 1$
5.  $\forall v \in V; I_{AF2}^p \in U_{AF2}^p$

Theory  $T_{AF2}^p = \{M_{AF2}^p | M_{AF2}^p \text{ is a model over intervals}\}$ . Each model differs to another by the mapping from variables to intervals. As a consequence, one assignment from variables to intervals can be used to describe an model. We denote  $\Pi_{CI}^p$  as the model represented by  $\Pi = \{x \in \langle l, h \rangle | v \in V\}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.1.** *AF2 is an IA.*

*Proof.* Easy. □

# Chapter 5

## Design Strategies

We implemented a number of strategies for improving efficiency of raSAT: incremental search and refinement heuristics.

### 5.1 Incremental search

raSAT applies three incremental strategies, (1) *incremental widening*, (2) *incremental deepening* and (3) *incremental testing*. Let  $\varphi = \bigwedge_{j=1}^m f_j > 0$  be the constraint to be solved.

#### 5.1.1 Incremental Widening and Deepening

Given  $0 < \gamma_0 < \gamma_1 < \dots$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > \varepsilon_1 > \dots > 0$  raSAT's algorithm design with incremental widening and deepening is described in Algorithm 5.1.1. The idea here is that raSAT starts searching within small interval and large value of threshold. If SAT is detected, the result can be safely returned. If the current intervals cannot satisfy the constraint, larger intervals are consider. In the case of UNKNOWN, the threshold is not small enough to detect either SAT or UNSAT. As the result, raSAT decrease it and restart the search. In Theorem 3.5.3 and Theorem 3.5.4, the threshold  $\gamma$  is not easy to calculate, but by incremental deepening, such threshold can be eventually reached because it exists.

#### 5.1.2 Incremental Testing

One obstacle in testing is the exponentially large number of test instances (number of selected models). If 2 values are generated for each of  $n$  variables,  $2^n$  test cases (combinations of generated values) will present.

**Example 5.1.1.** Suppose  $\{x, y\}$  is the set of variables which appears in the input constraint and let  $\{2, 9\}$  and  $\{5, 8\}$  are generated values for  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. In total 4 test cases arise:  $(x, y) = (2, 5), (2, 8), (9, 5), (9, 8)$ .

In order to tackle the problem, the following strategies are proposed:



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**Algorithm 5.1.1** Incremental Widening and Deepening

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 $i \leftarrow 0$ 
 $j \leftarrow 0$ 
while true do
   $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle -\gamma_i, \gamma_i \rangle$ 
  if  $(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon_j, \perp) \rightarrow SAT$  then
    return SAT
  else if  $(\Pi, \varphi, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \varepsilon_j, \perp) \rightarrow UNSAT$  then
    if  $\gamma_i = +\infty$  then
      return UNSAT
    else
       $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
    end if
  else
     $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
  end if
end while

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1. Restrict the number of test cases to  $2^{10}$  by choosing most 10 influential variables which are decided by the following procedures for generating multiple (2) test values.
  - Select 10 inequalities by SAT-likelihood.
  - Select 1 variable of each selected API using sensitivity.
2. Incrementally generate test values for variables to prune test cases that do not satisfy an inequality. This was proposed by Khanh and Ogawa in [11]:
  - Dynamically sort the IA-SAT inequalities by SAT-likelihood such that the inequality which is less likely to be satisfiable will be prioritized.
  - Generate the test values for variables of selected inequalities.

**Example 5.1.2.** Let  $x^2 > 4$  and  $x * y > 0$  are two IA-VALID APIs to be tested and somehow they are sorted in that order, i.e.  $x^2 > 4$  is selected before  $x * y > 0$ . Suppose  $\{1, 3\}$  are generated as test values for  $x$  which are enough to test the first selected API, i.e.  $x^2 > 4$ . As a result of testing,  $x = 1$  is excluded from the satisfiable test cases whilst  $x = 3$  is not. Next, when  $x * y > 0$  is considered,  $y$  needs to be generated 2 values, e.g.  $\{-3, 4\}$  and two test cases  $(x, y) = (3, -3), (3, 4)$  come out to be checked. In this example,  $(x, y) = (1, -3)$  and  $(x, y) = (1, 4)$  are early pruned by only testing  $x = 1$  against  $x^2 > 4$ .

**Definition 5.1.1.** Given an assignment from variables to intervals  $\theta = \{v \mapsto i \mid v \in V\}$  in which  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  and an inequality  $f > 0$ . Let  $\langle l, h \rangle = f^{\theta^I}$ , then the SAT-likelihood of  $f > 0$  is  $|\langle l, h \rangle \cap \langle l, h \rangle| / (h - l)$  which is denoted as  $\varpi(f > 0, \theta)$ .

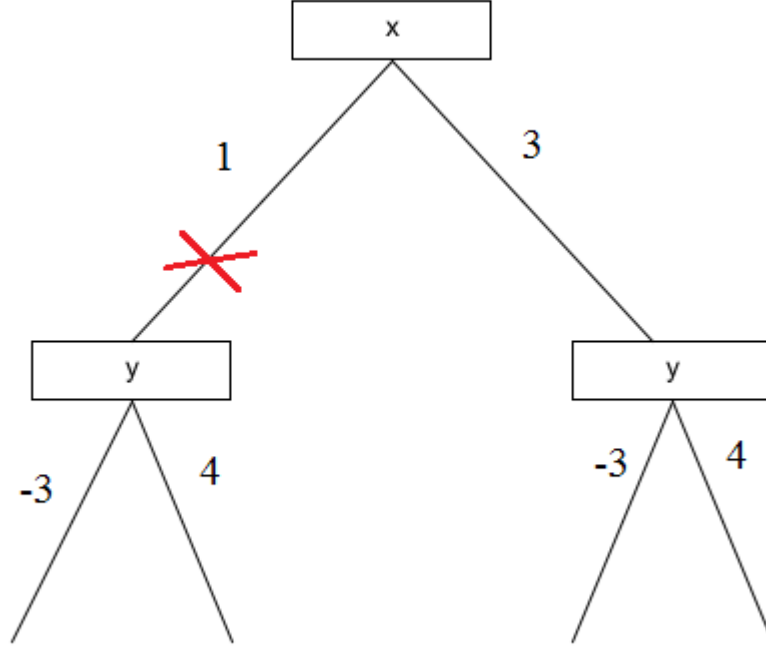


Figure 5.1: Incremental Testing Example

**Definition 5.1.2.** *Given an assignment from variables to intervals in the form of affine interval  $\theta = \{v_i \mapsto a_{0i} + a_{1i}\epsilon_i | v_i \in V\}$  and a polynomial  $f$ . Let  $a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \epsilon_j = f^{\theta^I}$ , then we define sensitivity of variable  $v_i \in V$  by the value of  $a_i$ .*

## 5.2 Refinement Heuristics

Suppose the number of variable is  $nVar$  and initially the intervals assignment is represented by  $\Pi = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$ . If the interval of each variable is decomposed into two smaller ones, the new interval constraint becomes  $\Pi' = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} (v_i \in \langle l_i, c_i \rangle \vee v_i \in \langle c_i, h_i \rangle)$  where  $c_i$  is the decomposed point such that  $l_i < c_i < h_i$ . The number of boxes becomes  $2^{nVar}$ . The exponentially increase in the number of boxes affect the scalability of raSAT. To this point, raSAT applies two strategies for boosting SAT detection:

1. In `REFINE` transition, the interval of one variable is selected for decomposition, raSAT chooses such variables through the following steps:
  - Choose the inequality  $f > 0$  in  $\varphi^U$  with the least value of SAT-likelihood.
  - Within  $f$ , choose the variable  $v_k$  with the largest value of sensitivity.

2. After the interval of  $v_k$  is decomposed, basically the box represented by  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = \bigwedge_{v_i \in V} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_i \rangle$  will become two boxes which are represented by  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_1 = v_0 \in \langle l_0, h_0 \rangle \wedge \dots \wedge v_k \in \langle l_k, c_k \rangle \wedge \dots \wedge v_{nVar} \in \langle l_{nVar}, h_{nVar} \rangle$  and  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_2 = v_0 \in \langle l_0, h_0 \rangle \wedge \dots \wedge v_k \in \langle c_k, h_k \rangle \wedge \dots \wedge v_{nVar} \in \langle l_{nVar}, h_{nVar} \rangle$ . raSAT choose the box with higher value of SAT-likelihood to explore in the next iteration, i.e. the result of SAT operation in  $\Pi\_SAT$  is controlled so that the desired box will be selected.

**Definition 5.2.1.** *Given an assignment from variables to intervals  $\theta = \{v \mapsto i | v \in V\}$  in which  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  and a constraint  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i > 0$ . The SAT-likelihood of  $\theta$  is defined as  $\min_{i=1}^n \varpi(f_i > 0, \theta)$ .*

# Chapter 6

## Experiments

This chapter is going to present the experiments results which reflect how effective our designed strategies are. In addition, comparison between raSAT, Z3 and iSAT3 will be also shown. The experiments were done on a system with Intel Xeon E5-2680v2 2.80GHz and 4 GB of RAM. In the experiments, we exclude the problems which contain equalities because currently raSAT focuses on inequalities only.

### 6.1 Experiments on Strategy Combinations

We perform experiments only on Zankl, and Meti-Tarski families.

Our combinations of strategies mentioned in Section ?? are,

Selecting a test-UNSAT API	Selecting a box (to explore):	Selecting a variable:
(1) Least SAT-likelihood.	(3) Largest number of SAT APIs.	(8) Largest sensitivity.
(2) Largest SAT-likelihood.	(4) Least number of SAT APIs.	
	(5) Largest SAT-likelihood.	
	(6) Least SAT-likelihood.	
(10) Random.	(7) Random.	(9) Random.

Table 6.1 shows the experimental results of above mentioned combination. The timeout is set to 500s, and each time is the total of successful cases (either SAT or UNSAT).

Note that (10)-(7)-(9) means all random selection. Generally speaking, the combination of (5) and (8) show the best results, though the choice of (1),(2), and (10) shows different behavior on benchmarks. We tentatively prefer (1) or (10), but it needs to be investigated further.

Other than heuristics mentioned in Section ??, there are lots of heuristic choices. For instance,

- how to generate test instances (in  $U.T$ ),
- how to decompose an interval,

and so on.

Benchmark	(1)-(5)-(8)			(1)-(5)-(9)			(1)-(6)-(8)			(1)-(6)-(9)			(10)-(5)-(8)			(10)-(6)-(8)		
Matrix-1 (SAT)	20	132.72	(s)	21	21.48		19	526.76		18	562.19		21	462.57		19	155.77	
Matrix-1 (UNSAT)	2	0.00		<b>3</b>	0.00		<b>3</b>	0.00		<b>3</b>	0		<b>3</b>	0.00		<b>3</b>	0.00	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (SAT)	<b>11</b>	632.37		1	4.83		0	0.00		1	22.50		9	943.08		1	30.48	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (UNSAT)	8	0.37		8	0.39		8	0.37		8	0.38		8	0.38		8	0.38	
Benchmark	(2)-(5)-(8)			(2)-(5)-(9)			(2)-(6)-(8)			(2)-(6)-(9)			(2)-(7)-(8)			(10)-(7)-(9)		
Matrix-1 (SAT)	<b>22</b>	163.47	(s)	19	736.17		20	324.97		18	1068.40		21	799.79		21	933.39	
Matrix-1 (UNSAT)	2	0		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (SAT)	5	202.37		1	350.84		1	138.86		0	0.00		0	0.00		0	0.00	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (UNSAT)	8	0.43		8	0.37		8	0.40		8	0.38		8	0.37		8	0.38	
Benchmark	(1)-(3)-(8)			(1)-(4)-(8)			(2)-(3)-(8)			(2)-(4)-(8)			(10)-(3)-(8)			(10)-(4)-(8)		
Matrix-1 (SAT)	20	738.26	(s)	21	1537.9		18	479.60		21	867.99		20	588.78		19	196.21	
Matrix-1 (UNSAT)	2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00		2	0.00	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (SAT)	0	0.00		2	289.17		1	467.12		1	328.03		1	195.18		2	354.94	
Matrix-2,3,4,5 (UNSAT)	8	0.36		8	0.36		8	0.34		8	0.37		8	0.37		8	0.39	
Benchmark	(1)-(5)-(8)			(1)-(5)-(9)			(10)-(5)-(8)			(10)-(7)-(9)								
Meti-Tarski (SAT, 3528)	3322	369.60	(s)	3303	425.37		<b>3325</b>	653.87		3322	642.04							
Meti-Tarski (UNSAT, 1573)	1052	383.40		1064	1141.67		<b>1100</b>	842.73		1076	829.43							

Table 6.1: Combinations of **raSAT** strategies on NRA/Zankl, Meti-Tarski benchmark

Experiments in Table 6.1 are performed with random generation ( $k$ -random tick) for the former and the blanced decomposition (dividing at the exact middle) for the latter. Further investigation is left for future.

## 6.2 Comparison with other SMT Solvers

We compare **raSAT** with other SMT solvers on NRA benchmarks, Zankl and Meti-Tarski. The timeouts for Zankl and Meti-tarski are 500s and 60s, respectively. For **iSAT3**, ranges of all variables are uniformly set to be in the range  $[-1000, 1000]$  (otherwise, it often causes segmentation fault). Thus, UNSAT detection of **iSAT3** means UNSAT in the range  $[-1000, 1000]$ , while that of **raSAT** and **Z3 4.3** means UNSAT over  $[-\infty, \infty]$ .

Among these SMT solvers, **Z3 4.3** shows the best performance. However, if we closely observe, there are certain tendency. **Z3 4.3** is very quick for small constraints, i.e., with short APIs (up to 5) and a small number of variables (up to 10). **raSAT** shows comparable performance on SAT detection with longer APIs (larger than 5) and a larger number of variables (more than 10), and sometimes outforms for SAT detection on vary long constraints (APIs longer than 40 and/or more than 20 variables). Such examples appear in Zankl/matrix-3-all-\*, matrix-4-all-\*, and matrix-5-all-\* (total 74 problems), and **raSAT** solely solves

- *matrix-3-all-2* (47 variables, 87 APIs, and max length of an API is 27),
- *matrix-3-all-5* (81 variables, 142 APIs, and max length of an API is 20),
- *matrix-4-all-3* (139 variables, 244 APIs, and max length of an API is 73), and

Benchmark	raSAT				Z3 4.3				iSAT3			
	SAT		UNSAT		SAT		UNSAT		SAT		UNSAT	
Zankl/matrix-1 (53)	20	132.72 (s)	2	0.00	41	2.17	12	0.00	11	4.68	3	0.00
Zankl/matrix-2,3,4,5 (98)	11	632.37	8	0.37	13	1031.68	11	0.57	3	196.40	12	8.06
Meti-Tarski (3528/1573)	3322	369.60	1052	383.40	3528	51.22	1568	78.56	2916	811.53	1225	73.83

Table 6.2: Comparison among SMT solvers

- *matrix-5-all-01* (132 variables, 276 APIs, and max length of an API is 47).

Note that, for Zankl, when UNSAT is detected, it is detected very quickly. This is because SMT solvers detect UNSAT only when they find small UNSAT cores, without tracing all APIs. However, for SAT detection with large problems, SMT solvers need to trace all problems. Thus, it takes much longer time.

# Chapter 7

## Extension: Equality Handling and Polynomial Constraint over Integers

### 7.1 SAT on Equality by Intermediate Value Theorem

For solving polynomial constraints with single equality ( $g = 0$ ), we apply *Intermediate Value Theorem*. That is, if existing 2 test cases such that  $g > 0$  and  $g < 0$ , then  $g = 0$  is SAT somewhere in between, as in Fig. ??.

**Lemma 7.1.1.** For  $F = \exists x_1 \in (a_1, b_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n \in (a_n, b_n). \bigwedge_j^m f_j > 0 \wedge g = 0$ ,  $F$  is SAT, if there is a box  $(l_1, h_1) \times \cdots \times (l_n, h_n)$  with  $(l_i, h_i) \subseteq (a_i, b_i)$  such that

(i)  $\bigwedge_j^m f_j > 0$  is IA-VALID in the box, and

(ii) there are two instances  $\vec{t}, \vec{t}'$  in the box with  $g(\vec{t}) > 0$  and  $g(\vec{t}') < 0$ .

**raSAT** first tries to find an IA-VALID box for  $\bigwedge_j^m f_j > 0$  by refinements. If such a box is found, it tries to find 2 instances for  $g > 0$  and  $g < 0$  by testing. Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees the existence of an SAT instance in between. Note that this method works for single equality and does not find an exact SAT instance. If multiple equalities do not share variables each other, we can apply Intermediate Value Theorem repeatedly to decide SAT. In Zankl benchmarks in SMT-lib, there are 15 gen-\*.smt2 that contain equality (among 166 problems), and each of them satisfy this condition.

In Table 7.1 we show preliminary experiment for 15 problems that contain polynomial equalities in Zankl family. **raSAT** works well for these SAT problems and it can detect all SAT problems (11 among 15). At the current implementation, raSAT reports *unknown* for UNSAT problems. The first 4 columns indicate *name of problems*, *the number of variables*, *the number of polynomial equalities* and *the number of inequalities* in each problem, respectively. The last 2 columns show comparison results of **Z3 4.3** and **raSAT**.

Problem Name	No. Variables	No. Equalities	No. Inequalities	<b>Z3 4.3</b> (15/15)		<b>raSAT</b> (11/15)	
				Result	Time(s)	Result	Time(s)
gen-03	1	1	0	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.015
gen-04	1	1	0	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.015
gen-05	2	2	0	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.046
gen-06	2	2	1	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.062
gen-07	2	2	0	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.062
gen-08	2	2	1	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.062
gen-09	2	2	1	SAT	0.03	SAT	0.062
gen-10	1	1	0	SAT	0.02	SAT	0.031
gen-13	1	1	0	UNSAT	0.05	unknown	0.015
gen-14	1	1	0	UNSAT	0.01	unknown	0.015
gen-15	2	3	0	UNSAT	0.01	unknown	0.015
gen-16	2	2	1	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.062
gen-17	2	3	0	UNSAT	0.01	unknown	0.031
gen-18	2	2	1	SAT	0.01	SAT	0.078
gen-19	2	2	1	SAT	0.05	SAT	0.046

Table 7.1: Experimental results for 15 equality problems of Zankl family

We also apply the same idea for multiple equalities  $\bigwedge_i g_i = 0$  such that  $Var(g_k) \cap Var(g_{k'}) = \emptyset$  where  $Var(g_k)$  is denoted for the set of variables in the polynomial  $g_k$ . In the next section we will present idea for solving general cases of multiple equalities.

## 7.2 Equality Handling using Grobner Basis

Coming soon...

## 7.3 Polynomial Constraints over Integers

**raSAT** loop is easily modified to NIA (nonlinear arithmetic over integers) from NRA, by setting  $\gamma_0 = 1$  in incremental deepening in Section 5.1 and restricting testdata generation on intergers. We also compare **raSAT** (combination (1)-(5)-(8)) with **Z3 4.3** on NIA/AProVE benchmark. **AProVE** contains 6850 inequalities among 8829. Some has several hundred variables, but each API has few variables (mostly just 2 variables).

The results are,

- **raSAT** detects 6764 SAT in 1230.54s, and 0 UNSAT.
- **Z3 4.3** detects 6784 SAT in 103.70s, and 36 UNSAT in 36.08s.

where the timeout is 60s. **raSAT** does not successfully detect UNSAT, since UNSAT problems have quite large coefficients which lead exhaustive search on quite large area.



# Chapter 8

## Further Strategies

### 8.1 UNSAT Core

In  $IA\_UNSAT$  rule, the negation of  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$  is added into the interval constraint so that  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$  will not be explore again later because it make the constraint unsatisfiable. If we can find  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}'$  such that  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = \overset{\circ}{\Pi}' \wedge \overset{\circ}{\Pi}''$  and  $\varphi$  is  $\{\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_{IA}^p\}$ -UNSAT, we can add  $\neg\overset{\circ}{\Pi}'$  into interval constraint instead of  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$  to reduce the search space.

**Example 8.1.1.** Consider the constraint  $\varphi = x^2 + y^2 < 1$ . Suppose in the  $IA\_UNSAT$  rule, we have  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = (x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle \vee x \in \langle 0, 2 \rangle) \wedge (y \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle y \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle)$  and  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle \wedge y \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ . The conditions of  $IA\_UNSAT$  are satisfied,  $\neg\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$  is added into the interval constraint which becomes  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} \wedge \neg\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ . The new interval constraint contains  $\{x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle, y \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle\}$  as one of its solution. However, with  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}' = x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle$ , we have  $\varphi$  is  $\{\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_{IA}^p\}$ -UNSAT and by adding  $\neg\overset{\circ}{\Pi}'$  to the interval constraint,  $\{x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle, y \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle\}$  is also removed from the search space.

The constraint  $\varphi = \bigwedge_{j=1}^n f_j > 0$  is  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT when  $f_k > 0$  is  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT with some  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . We have two ideas for computing UNSAT core.

1. *UNSAT core 1:* A sub-polynomial  $f'_k$  of  $f_k$  such that

- $f'_k > 0$  is  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT implies that  $f_k$  is  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT, and
- $f'_k$  is in fact  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT.

In this case, we just take  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}' = \bigwedge_{v_i \in \text{var}(f_k)} v_i \in \langle l_i, h_j \rangle$ .

2. *UNSAT core 2:* Check all the possible cases if  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}'$ .

**Example 8.1.2.** Consider again the constraint  $\varphi = x^2 + y^2 < 1$  or  $1 - x^2 - y^2 > 0$ . In the  $IA\_UNSAT$  rule, we also have  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = (x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle \vee x \in \langle 0, 2 \rangle) \wedge (y \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle y \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle)$  and  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi} = x \in \langle 2, 3 \rangle \wedge y \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ . Here,  $\varphi$  is  $\overset{\circ}{\Pi}$ -UNSAT. In addition,  $1 - x^2$  is the UNSAT core of  $1 - x^2 - y^2$  because

Problem	No UNSAT core		UNSAT core 1		UNSAT core 2	
	Time (s)	Result	Time (s)	Result	Time (s)	Result
hong_1	0	UNSAT	0	UNSAT	0.004	UNSAT
hong_2	0.00838	UNSAT	0.016	UNSAT	0.016	UNSAT
hong_3	0.007441	UNSAT	0.016	UNSAT	0.016	UNSAT
hong_4	0.114857	UNSAT	0.124	UNSAT	0.016	UNSAT
hong_5	0.27588	UNSAT	0.272	UNSAT	0.028	UNSAT
hong_6	1.20687	UNSAT	1.288	UNSAT	0.052	UNSAT
hong_7	9.29289	UNSAT	9.996	UNSAT	0.112	UNSAT
hong_8	153.619	UNSAT	164.288	UNSAT	0.68	UNSAT
hong_9	117.937	UNSAT	129.044	UNSAT	0.08	UNSAT
hong_10	307.208	UNSAT	281.696	UNSAT	0.152	UNSAT
hong_11	478.605	UNSAT	412.028	UNSAT	0.236	UNSAT
hong_12	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	0.456	UNSAT
hong_13	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	0.752	UNSAT
hong_14	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	1.572	UNSAT
hong_15	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	2.756	UNSAT
hong_16	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	5.98	UNSAT
hong_17	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	10.864	UNSAT
hong_18	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	24.352	UNSAT
hong_19	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	47.968	UNSAT
hong_20	500	Timeout	500	Timeout	103.484	UNSAT

Table 8.1: Experiments on UNSAT core computations

- $1 - x^2$  is  $\Pi_{IA}^p$ -UNSAT implies that  $1 - x^2 - y^2$  is  $\Pi_{IA}^p$ -UNSAT, and
- The constraint  $1 - x^2 > 0$  is in fact  $\Pi_{IA}^p$ -UNSAT.

## Preliminary Experiments

### 8.2 Test Case Generation

### 8.3 Box Decomposition

# Chapter 9

## Conclusion

This paper presented **raSAT** loop, which mutually refines over and under-approximation theories. For polynomial inequality, we adopted interval arithmetic and testing for over and under-approximation theories, respectively. **raSAT** loop is implemented as an SMT **raSAT**. The result of Experiments on QF\_NRA in SMT-lib is encouraging, and **raSAT** shows comparable and sometimes outperforming to existing SMTs, e.g., Z3 4.3, HySAT, and dReal. For instance, `*****` which has `**` variables and degree `**` was solved by **raSAT**, whereas none of above mentioned SMTs can.

### 9.1 Observation and Discussion

From experimental results in Section ?? and ??, we observe the followings.

- The degree of polynomials will not affect much.
- The number of variables are matters, but also for Z3 4.3. The experimental results do not show exponential growth, and we expect the strategy of selection of an API in which related intervals are decomposed seems effective in practice. By observing Zankl examples, we think the maximum number of variables of each API seems a dominant factor.
- Effects of the number of APIs are not clear at the moment. In simple benchmarks, **raSAT** is faster than Z3 4.3, however we admit that we have set small degree  $n = 6$  for each API.

For instance, *matrix-2-all-5,8,11,12* in Zankl contain a long monomial (e.g., 60) with the max degree 6, and relatively many variables (e.g., 14), which cannot be solved by Z3 4.3, but **raSAT** does. As a general feeling, if an API contains more than  $30 \sim 40$  variables, **raSAT** seems saturating. We expect that, adding to a strategy to select an API (Section ??), we need a strategy to select variables in the focus. We expect this can be designed with sensitivity (Example ??) and would work in practice. Note that sensitivity can be used only with noise symbols in Affine intervals. Thus, iSAT and RSOLVER cannot use this strategy, though they are based on IA, too.

## 9.2 Future Work

### UNSAT core

**Exact confirmation.** Currently, **raSAT** uses iRRAM to verify SAT instances only. We are planning to implement confirmation phase to UNSAT cases.

**Further strategy refinement.** Test data generation, blanced box decomposition

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