

# Graphical Structure of Unsatisfiable Boolean Formulae

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## Key results

### 2GraphSAT

- a new graph decision problem
- invariant under graph homeomorphism (topological minoring)
- a complete (and finite) list of minimal obstructions (simple graphs)

### Local rewriting theorem

$$G[v] = \text{sphere}(G, v), \text{star}(G, v)[v] = \bigcup_{\substack{g_i, h_i : \text{Graph} \\ g_i, h_i = \text{link}(G, v)}} \text{sphere}(G, v), (g_i \vee h_i)$$

### 3GraphSAT

- graph rewrite/reduction rules that preserve satisfiability
- systematic computer-aided search on looped-multi-hypergraphs
- an incomplete list of minimal obstructions
- a Python package called `graphsat`

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## History

- Cook & Levin
- NP-completeness

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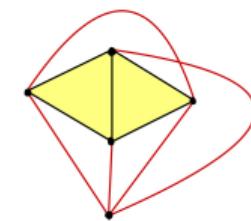
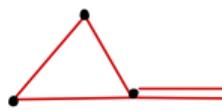
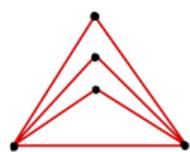
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» N. Robertson and P.D. Seymour. "Graph Minors XIII. The Disjoint Paths Problem". In: *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B* 63.1 (1995), pp. 65–110. ISSN: 0095-8956
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### Example (Some unsatisfiable graphs)

## What is $M_4$ ?

Theorem (The complete set of minimal unsatisfiable simple graphs)

Theorem (The complete set of minimal unsatisfiable looped-multi-graphs)

### Proof sketch.

Combinatorial enumeration of all graphs based on number of independent cycles.

- 0 cycles: tree graph  $\implies$  always satisfiable. 1 cycle: cycle graph  $\implies$  always satisfiable.
- 2 cycles: we show that either this is satisfiable, or has a butterfly topological minor, or a bow-tie topological minor.
- 3 cycles: we show that it always has a topological minor that is in  $M_4$
- 4 cycles: any such graph has a 3 cycle subgraph. Revert to previous case.

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$x_1$  : Variable

$$\begin{aligned}x[x_1] &= (x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_4)[x_1] \\&= (x_1 \vee \neg x_2)[x_1] \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3)[x_1] \wedge (\neg x_4)[x_1] \\&= (\top \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_4) \\&= (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_4)\end{aligned}$$

Evaluating at a variable and its negation keeps CNF-satisfiability unchanged!

## Local graph rewriting

### Theorem (Local graph rewriting)

Let  $G$  be a graph and let  $v$  be a vertex of  $G$ . Evaluating  $G$  at  $v$  yields the following set of CNFs:

$$G[v] = \text{sphere}(G, v), \text{star}(G, v)[v] = \bigcup_{\substack{g_i, h_i : \text{Graph} \\ g_i, h_i = \text{link}(G, v)}} \text{sphere}(G, v), (g_i \vee h_i)$$

## Local rewriting examples

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from mhgraph import mhgraph, MHGraph, vertex, Vertex
from graph_rewrite import local_rewrite

G : MHGraph = mhgraph([[1, 2], [1, 3], [1, 4], [1, 5]])
v : Vertex = vertex(1)

local_rewrite(G, v, True)

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	(S), (3, 4), (3, 5), (2, 5), (2, 4)	(S), (2, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4)	(S), (3, 4), (3, 5), (2, 3)	(S), (4, 5), (3, 4), (2, 5), (2, 3)	(S), (2, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5)
0	(-S)(3,4)(3,-5)(-2,4)(-2,-5)	(-S)(2,3)(2,-5)(2,-4)	(-S)(3,4)(3,5)(-2,3)	(S)(-2,3)(3,-4)(-4,-5)(-2,-5)	(S)(4,5)(3,5)(2,5)
1	(-S)(-3,5)(-2,5)(-2,-4)(-3,-4)	(S)(2,5)(2,3)(2,-4)	(S)(3,5)(3,-4)(-2,3)	(-S)(3,4)(-2,3)(4,-5)(-2,-5)	(S)(2,-5)(3,-5)(-4,-5)
2	(S)(2,4)(2,5)(-3,4)(-3,5)	(S)(2,-5)(2,-3)(2,-4)	(-S)(3,5)(3,-4)(-2,3)	(S)(3,4)(2,3)(4,5)(2,5)	(-S)(4,5)(2,5)(-3,5)
3	(-S)(-3,4)(-3,5)(-2,5)(-2,4)	(S)(-2,5)(-2,4)(-2,-3)	(S)(3,4)(3,5)(-2,3)	(-S)(-2,3)(3,-4)(-4,-5)(-2,-5)	(-S)(4,5)(-3,5)(-2,5)
4	(-S)(3,5)(3,-4)(-2,5)(-2,-4)	(S)(-2,4)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)	(-S)(3,-5)(3,-4)(-2,3)	(S)(-4,5)(-2,5)(-3,-4)(-2,-3)	(-S)(3,5)(-4,5)(-2,5)
5	(S)(3,4)(2,4)(2,-5)(3,-5)	(-S)(2,-5)(2,-3)(2,-4)	(-S)(3,4)(2,3)(3,5)	(-S)(-3,4)(2,-3)(4,-5)(2,-5)	(S)(2,-5)(-3,-5)(-4,-5)
6	(-S)(3,5)(2,5)(3,-4)(2,-4)	(-S)(2,5)(2,3)(2,-4)	(S)(2,3)(3,5)(3,-4)	(S)(2,5)(-4,5)(2,-3)(-3,-4)	(-S)(4,-5)(-3,-5)(-2,-5)
7	(-S)(3,-5)(3,-4)(-2,-4)(-2,-5)	(S)(2,3)(2,-5)(2,-4)	(-S)(-3,4)(-3,5)(-2,-3)	(S)(-4,5)(-2,3)(3,-4)(-2,5)	(-S)(2,5)(3,5)(-4,5)
8	(S)(3,4)(2,4)(3,5)(2,5)	(-S)(2,4)(2,-5)(2,-3)	(S)(3,4)(2,3)(3,5)	(-S)(3,4)(2,3)(2,-5)(4,-5)	(S)(-4,-5)(-3,-5)(-2,-5)
9	(-S)(3,4)(3,5)(-2,5)(-2,4)	(S)(-2,3)(-2,-5)(-2,-4)	(-S)(2,3)(3,5)(3,-4)	(-S)(-4,-5)(-3,-4)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(2,-5)(-3,-5)(-4,-5)
10	(S)(-3,-5)(-2,-4)(-3,-4)(-2,-5)	(-S)(2,5)(2,-3)(2,-4)	(S)(3,4)(2,3)(3,-5)	(-S)(2,3)(2,-5)(3,-4)(-4,-5)	(S)(3,5)(-4,5)(-2,5)
11	(S)(-3,4)(-2,4)(-3,-5)(-2,-5)	(-S)(-2,3)(-2,-5)(-2,-4)	(-S)(2,3)(3,-5)(3,-4)	(S)(3,4)(2,3)(2,-5)(4,-5)	(S)(4,-5)(-3,-5)(-2,-5)
12	(-S)(2,5)(2,-4)(-3,5)(-3,-4)	(S)(-2,3)(-2,5)(-2,-4)	(-S)(-3,4)(2,-3)(-3,5)	(S)(2,3)(2,5)(-4,5)(3,-4)	(S)(3,-5)(-4,-5)(-2,-5)
13	(-S)(2,4)(-3,4)(2,-5)(-3,-5)	(S)(2,4)(2,5)(2,3)	(-S)(2,-3)(-3,-5)(-3,-4)	(S)(4,5)(2,5)(-3,4)(2,-3)	(-S)(2,-5)(4,-5)(-3,-5)
14	(-S)(3,4)(2,4)(2,-5)(3,-5)	(-S)(-2,5)(-2,-3)(-2,-4)	(S)(-3,4)(-3,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(-3,4)(2,-3)(4,-5)(2,-5)	(S)(2,5)(-4,5)(-3,5)
15	(S)(-3,4)(-3,-5)(-2,5)(-2,4)	(-S)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)(-2,-4)	(S)(-3,5)(-3,-4)(-2,-3)	(S)(4,5)(-3,4)(-2,5)(-2,-3)	(S)(4,5)(2,5)(-3,5)
16	(S)(3,5)(3,-4)(-2,5)(-2,-4)	(-S)(2,4)(2,5)(2,-3)	(-S)(-3,-5)(-3,-4)(-2,-3)	(-S)(-3,4)(4,-5)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(4,5)(3,5)(-2,5)
17	(S)(-3,5)(-2,5)(-2,-4)(-3,-4)	(S)(2,4)(2,3)(2,-5)	(S)(-3,4)(-3,5)(-2,-3)	(S)(2,-5)(2,-3)(-4,-5)(-3,-4)	(-S)(2,-5)(3,-5)(4,-5)
18	(S)(3,4)(3,-5)(-2,4)(-2,-5)	(-S)(-2,4)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(-3,-5)(-3,-4)(-2,-3)	(-S)(3,4)(2,3)(4,5)(2,5)	(-S)(2,-5)(3,-5)(-4,-5)
19	(-S)(2,4)(2,5)(-3,4)(-3,5)	(-S)(-2,5)(-2,4)(-2,-3)	(S)(2,-3)(-3,5)(-3,-4)	(S)(3,4)(-2,3)(4,-5)(-2,-5)	(-S)(4,5)(2,5)(3,5)
20	(S)(2,4)(-3,4)(2,-5)(-3,-5)	(S)(-2,3)(-2,4)(-2,-5)	(-S)(-3,4)(2,-3)(-3,-5)	(-S)(-4,5)(-2,3)(3,-4)(-2,5)	(S)(2,-5)(3,-5)(4,-5)
21	(S)(2,5)(2,-4)(-3,5)(-3,-4)	(S)(-2,3)(-2,5)(-2,4)	(-S)(-3,5)(-3,-4)(-2,-3)	(-S)(2,-5)(2,-3)(-4,-5)(-3,-4)	(-S)(4,5)(3,5)(-2,5)
22	(S)(2,-4)(-3,5)(3,-5)(3,-4)	(-S)(2,4)(2,3)(2,-5)	(-S)(-3,4)(-3,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(-3,4)(-3,-5)(-2,-5)(-2,-3)	(S)(3,-5)(4,-5)(-2,-5)



## Aside: graph disjunction

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be graphs. The disjunction of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined to be the following set of CNFs –

$$G_1 \vee G_2 = \{x_1 \vee x_2 \mid (x_1 : \text{CNF}) \in G_1, (x_2 : \text{CNF}) \in G_2\}$$

Table 3: Graph disjunctions where size of  $h_1$  + size of  $h_2$  is 2.

$h_1$	$h_2$	$h_1 \vee h_2$
$a \vee a$	$= T \cup a$	
$a \vee b$	$= ab$	
$a \vee bc$	$= abc$	
$a \vee ab$	$= T \cup ab$	
$ab \vee cd$	$= abcd$	
$ab \vee ac$	$= T \cup abc$	
$ab \vee ab$	$= T \cup ab$	

Table 4: Graph disjunctions where size of  $h_1$  + size of  $h_2$  is 3.

$h_1$	$h_2$	$h_1 \vee h_2$
$a \vee a^2$	$= a$	
$a \vee b^2$	$= a$	
$a \vee (ab)^2$	$= T \cup a \cup ab$	
$a \vee (b, ab)$	$= a \cup ab$	
$ab \vee c^2$	$= ab$	
$ab \vee (a, c)$	$= ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee a^2$	$= ab$	
$ab \vee (a, b)$	$= T \cup ab$	
$ab \vee (c, ac)$	$= ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (c, ab)$	$= ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (a, cd)$	$= ab \cup abcd$	
$ab \vee (a, ac)$	$= T \cup ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (a, bc)$	$= T \cup ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (a, ab)$	$= T \cup ab$	
$ab \vee (ab, cd)$	$= ab \cup abcd$	
$ab \vee (ab, ac)$	$= T \cup ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (ac)^2$	$= T \cup ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (ac, bc)$	$= T \cup ab \cup abc$	
$ab \vee (ab)^2$	$= T \cup ab$	

Table 5: Subset-superset pairs for graph disjunctions where size of  $h_1$  + size of  $h_2$  is at most 3.

Subset	$h_1$	$h_2$	Superset
$ab$	$a \vee (b, c)$	$\subset$	$(ab, ac)$
$ab \subset$	$a \vee (a, b)$	$\subset$	$ab \cup (a, ab)$
$abc \subset$	$a \vee (b, cd)$	$\subset$	$(ab, acd)$
$ab \subset$	$a \vee (a, bc)$	$\subset$	$abc \cup (a, abc)$
$T \cup a \cup ab \subset$	$a \vee (b, ac)$	$\subset$	$ab \cup (ab, ac)$
$a \vee (b, bc)$	$\subset$		$(ab, abc)$
$a \vee (bc, de) \subset$	$a \vee (bc, de)$	$\subset$	$(abc, ade)$
$a \vee (bc, bd) \subset$	$a \vee (bc, bd)$	$\subset$	$(abc, abd)$
$a \vee (bc)^2 \subset$	$a \vee (bc)^2$	$\subset$	$(abc)^2$
$acd \subset$	$a \vee (ab, cd)$	$\subset$	$acd \cup (ab, acd)$
$ab \cup abc \subset$	$a \vee (ab, bc)$	$\subset$	$ab \cup abc \cup (ab, abc)$
$T \cup ab \cup ac \subset$	$a \vee (ab, ac)$	$\subset$	$T \cup ab \cup ac \cup (ab, ac)$
$ab \vee (c, d) \subset$	$ab \vee (c, d)$	$\subset$	$(abc, abd)$
$ab \vee (c, de) \subset$	$ab \vee (c, de)$	$\subset$	$(abc, abe)$
$abc \subset$	$ab \vee (c, cd)$	$\subset$	$abc \cup (abc, abcd)$
$abc \subset$	$ab \vee (c, ad)$	$\subset$	$abc \cup (abc, abd)$
$ab \vee (cd, ef) \subset$	$ab \vee (cd, ef)$	$\subset$	$(abcd, abef)$
$ab \vee (cd, ce) \subset$	$ab \vee (cd, ce)$	$\subset$	$(abcd, abce)$
$ab \vee (cd)^2 \subset$	$ab \vee (cd)^2$	$\subset$	$(abcd)^2$
$abcd \subset$	$ab \vee (cd, ac)$	$\subset$	$abcd \cup (abc, abcd)$
$T \cup abc \cup abd \subset$	$ab \vee (ac, ad)$	$\subset$	$T \cup abc \cup abd \cup (abc, abd)$
$T \cup abc \cup abd \subset$	$ab \vee (ac, bd)$	$\subset$	$T \cup abc \cup abd \cup (abc, abd)$
$abcd \subset$	$ab \vee (ac, cd)$	$\subset$	$abcd \cup (abc, abcd)$

## GraphSAT strategies

Given a looped-multi-hypergraph, we wish to ascertain its satisfiability status.

### Strategy: Bruteforce

For a given graph  $G$ , check every CNF  $x_i$  supported on  $G$ . For every  $x_i$ , check every truth-assignment.

$$G \text{ is sat} \iff \forall x_i \in G, x_i \text{ is sat.}$$

G	CNF count
$v_1 v_2$	4
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	8
$(v_1 v_2 v_3), (v_1 v_3 v_4), (v_1 v_2 v_4)$	512
$(v_1 v_2 v_3), (v_1 v_3 v_4), (v_1 v_2 v_4), (v_3 v_4 v_5), (v_3 v_5 v_6), (v_4 v_5 v_6)$	262,144

## GraphSAT strategies

### Strategy: Apply reduction rules

Idea: simplify the graph before subjecting it to the bruteforce strategy.

For example, assume that we are given the following reduction rule:

$$X, (v_1 v_2 v_3), (v_1 v_2 v_4) \longmapsto X, (v_2 v_3 v_4)$$

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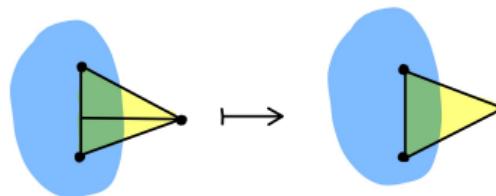
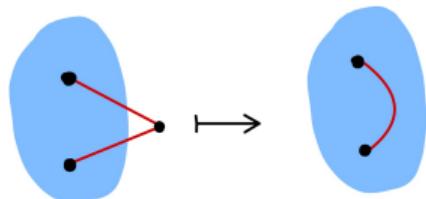
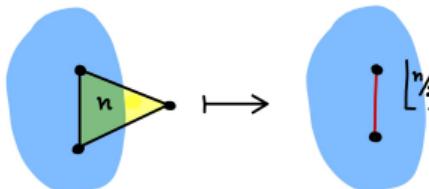
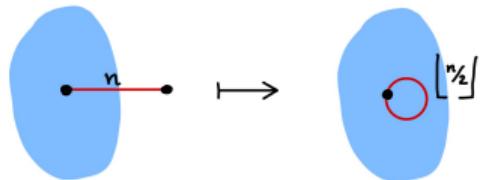
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### Proof sketch of reduction rule.

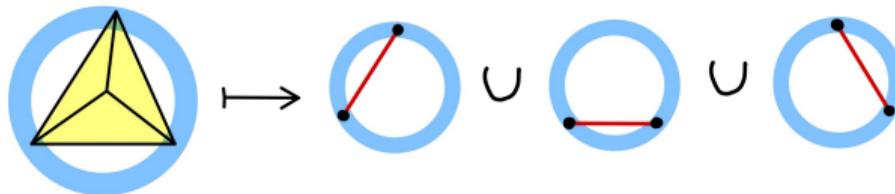
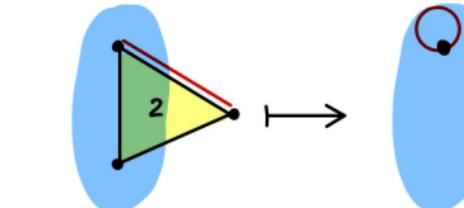
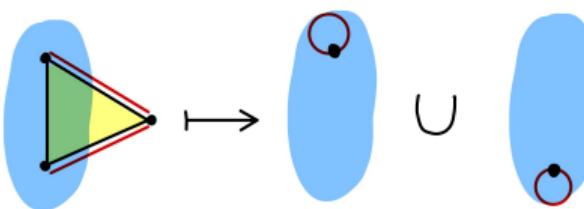
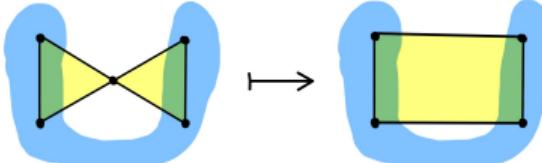
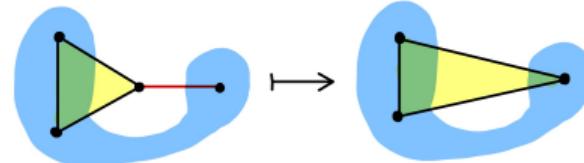
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$$\begin{aligned} (X, 123, 124)[1] &= X, (23 \vee 24) \\ &\sim X, (\top \cup 234) \\ &= X \cup X, 234 \\ &\sim X, 234 \end{aligned}$$

## Graph reduction rules



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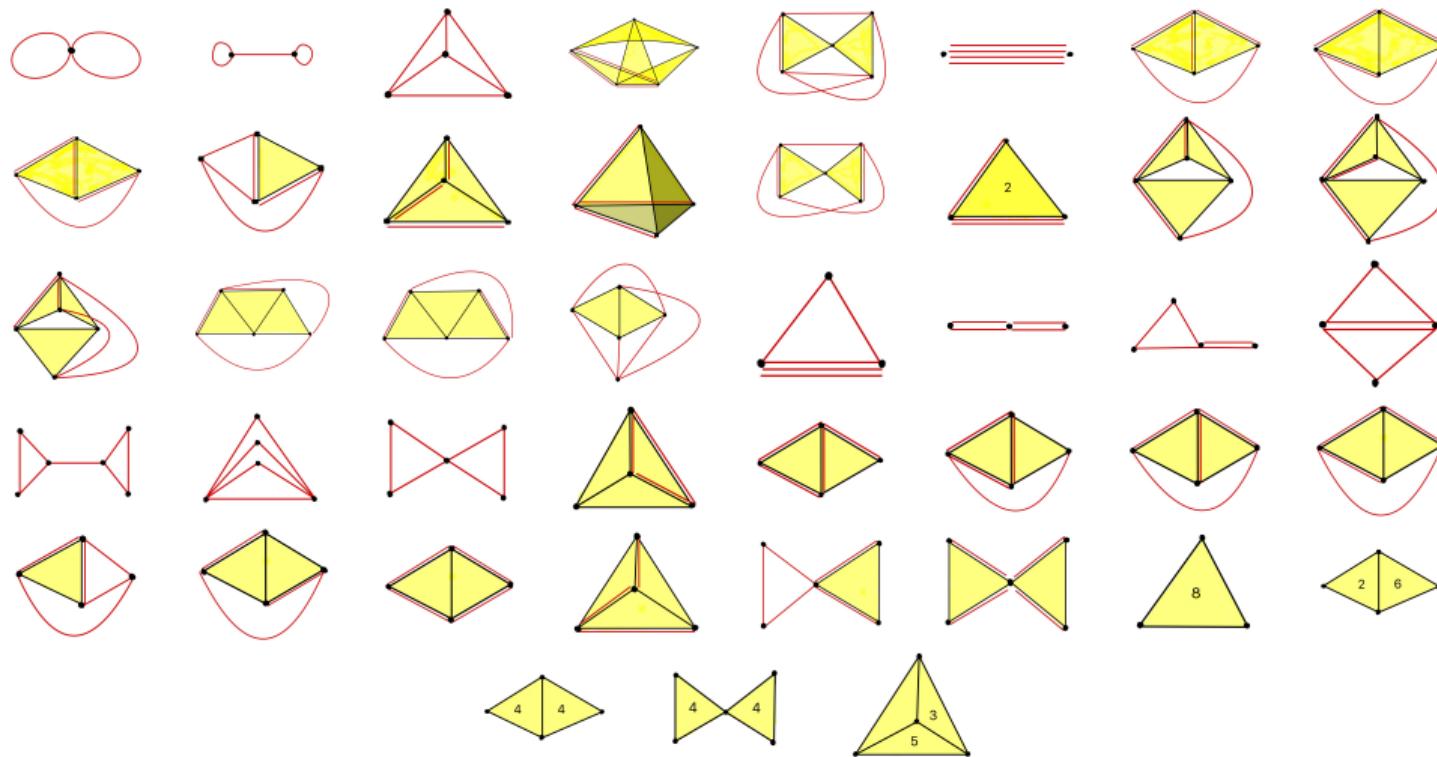


## Minimal unsatisfiable looped-multi-hypergraphs

1. Start with all looped-multi-hypergraphs sorted smallest to largest.
2. Pick one and apply all known reduction rules to it.
3. Sat-check the reduced core of the graph.
4. If satisfiable, then pick the next one.
5. If unsatisfiable, then add to list of “minimal criminals”.

Number of connected graphs with less than 7 vertices	143
Number of minimal unsatisfiable irreducible simple graphs	4
Number of connected graphs with less than 6 vertices	10080
Number of minimal unsatisfiable irreducible L-M-H-graphs	202
Number of connected graphs with less than 7 vertices	48,364,386
Number of minimal unsatisfiable irreducible L-M-H-graphs	??

## A selection of unsatisfiable looped-multi-hypergraphs

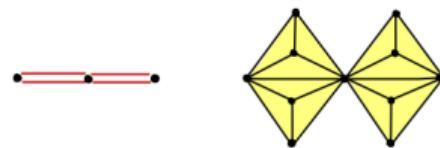
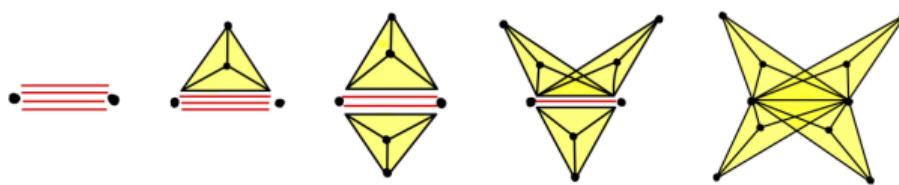


## Thickening of edges

One of the reduction rules is  $X, (v_1 v_2 v_3), (v_1 v_2 v_4), (v_2 v_3 v_4) \mapsto X, (v_3 v_4)$ ,

where  $X$  is a graph having no edges incident on the vertices  $v_1$  and/or  $v_2$ .

Applying this rule in reverse yields an easy way of creating (un)satisfiable hypergraphs.

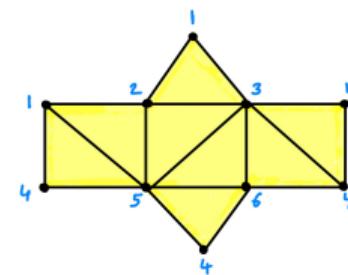
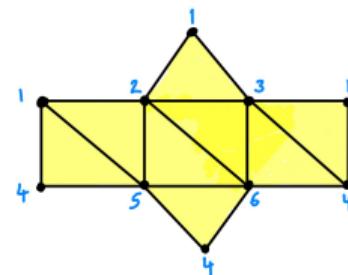


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2. Triangulation of a triangular prism –



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import mhgraph as mhg
import graph_rewrite as grw

prism1: mhg.MHGraph
prism1 = mhg.mhgraph([[1,2,3], [1,2,5], [1,3,4], [1,4,5], [2,3,6], [2,5,6], [3,4,6], [4,5,6]])
grw.decompose(prism1)

prism2: mhg.MHGraph
prism2 = mhg.mhgraph([[1,2,3], [1,2,5], [1,3,6], [1,4,5], [1,4,6], [2,3,6], [2,5,6], [4,5,6]])
grw.decompose(prism2)
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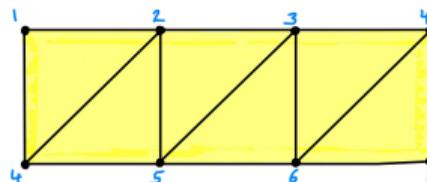
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Output:

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(1, 2, 3),(1, 2, 5),(1, 3, 4),(1, 4, 5),(2, 3, 6),(2, 5, 6),(3, 4, 6),(4, 5, 6) is SAT
(1, 2, 3),(1, 2, 5),(1, 3, 6),(1, 4, 5),(1, 4, 6),(2, 3, 6),(2, 5, 6),(4, 5, 6) is SAT
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## (Un)satisfiable triangulations

### 3. Triangulation of a Möbius strip



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import mhgraph as mhg
import graph_rewrite as grw

mobius_strip: mhg.MHGraph
mobius_strip = mhg.mhgraph([[1, 2, 4], [1, 4, 6], [2, 3, 5], [2, 4, 5], [3, 4, 6], [3, 5, 6]])
grw.decompose(mobius_strip)
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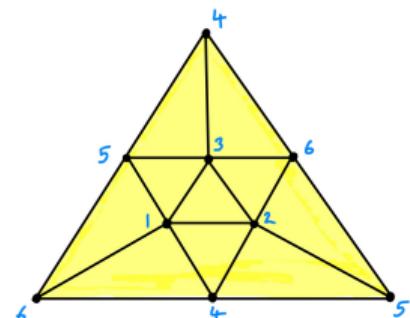
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Output:

(1, 2, 4),(1, 4, 6),(2, 3, 5),(2, 4, 5),(3, 4, 6),(3, 5, 6) is SAT

## (Un)satisfiable triangulations

### 4. Triangulation of a Real projective plane ( $\mathbb{RP}^2$ )



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import mhgraph as mhg
import graph_rewrite as grw

rp2: mhg.MHGraph
rp2 = mhg.mhgraph([[1, 2, 3], [3, 2, 6], [4, 6, 1], [4, 1, 2], [5, 2, 6],
                   [5, 6, 1], [1, 5, 3], [3, 6, 4], [4, 2, 5], [5, 3, 4]])
grw.decompose(rp2)
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Output:

(1, 2, 3), (3, 2, 6), (4, 6, 1), (4, 1, 2), (5, 2, 6), (5, 6, 1), (1, 5, 3), (3, 6, 4), (4, 2, 5), (5, 3, 4) is SAT

## (Un)satisfiable triangulations

### 5. Triangulation of a Klein bottle

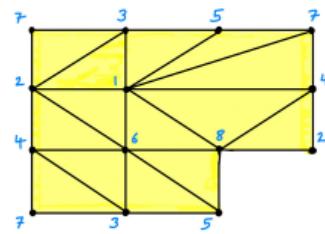
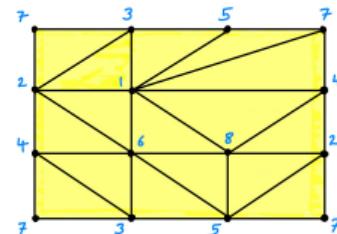


Figure: The "242 triangulation" of a Klein bottle and its unsatisfiable subgraph.

### 6. Triangulation of a Torus

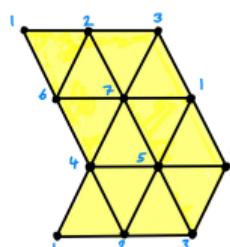
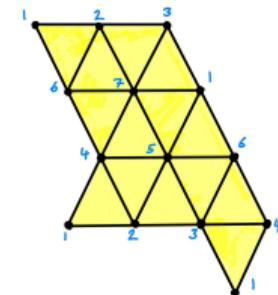
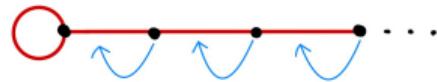
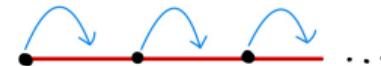
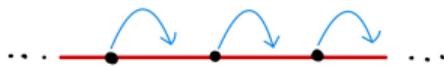


Figure: Minimal triangulation of a torus and its unsatisfiable subgraph.

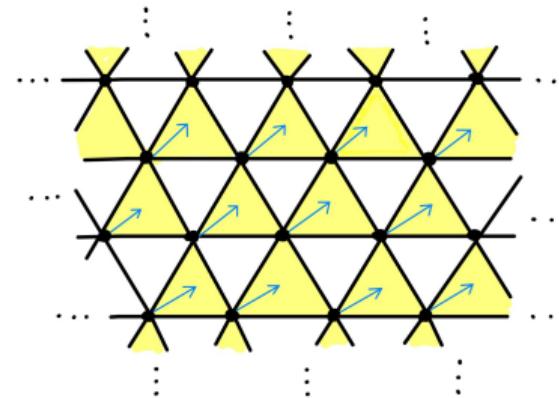
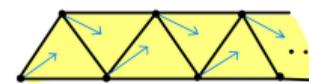
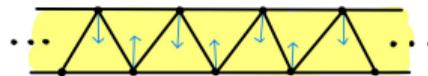
## Satisfiable infinite graphs

Recall,

- Vertex  $\equiv$  an element of a countably infinite set, i.e. points/nodes.
- Edge  $\equiv$  a nonempty set of vertices, i.e. loops, simple connections, hyperedges.
- Graph  $\equiv$  a nonempty set of edges, i.e. a looped-multi-hypergraph.



## Satisfiable infinite graphs



## Key results

1. Set of all satisfiable simple graphs  
= Graphs forbidding  $\{K_4$ , butterfly graph, bow-tie graph,  $K_{1,1,3}\}$  as topological minors.
2. Set of all satisfiable looped-multi-graphs  
= Language of 2GraphSAT decision problem  
= Graphs forbidding  $\{K_4$ , double-loop graph, dumbbell graph,  $ab^4\}$  as topological minors.
3. There is a P-time algorithm for 2GraphSAT.
4. A list of graph reduction rules that preserve graph satisfiability.
5. The graph local rewriting theorem –

$$g[v] = \text{sphere}(g, v), \text{star}(g, v)[v] = \bigcup_{\substack{g_i, h_i : \text{Graph} \\ g_i, h_i = \text{link}(g, v)}} \text{sphere}(g, v), (g_i \vee h_i)$$

6. An incomplete list of known unsatisfiable looped-multi-hypergraphs.
7. A Python package called `graphsat`.
  - GitHub: [vaibhavkarve/graphsat](https://github.com/vaibhavkarve/graphsat)
  - Supports Python version 3.9+, released under the GNU-GPL-v3.0 open license.
  - Functional-style, test-driven, literate programming, static type-checked.
  - Algorithms for SAT, GraphSAT, local rewriting, reduction of graphs under known rules, and searching for minimal unsatisfiable hypergraphs.

## Conjectures and future work

1. We showed that the complexity class of 2GraphSAT is P. The complexity class for 3GraphSAT is not known. Moreover, the effect of local graph rewriting on 3GraphSAT is not known. Does local rewriting make the problem easier, or does it leave the complexity unchanged?
2. We have an incomplete list of unsatisfiable looped-multi-hypergraph.
  - **Conjecture 1:** The number of essential sat-invariant graph reduction rules is finite.
  - **Conjecture 2:** Each sat-invariant reduction rule is searchable in polynomial time.
  - **Conjecture 3:** The number of minimal unsatisfiable graphs under these reduction rules is also finite.

If conjectures 1, 2, and 3 hold then we can conclude that 3GraphSAT is in P. This would give us an easy P-time heuristic check for 3SAT, simplifying some 3SAT cases. However, this will not affect the complexity class of 3SAT.

3. All unsatisfiable infinite graphs known so far have a finite unsatisfiable subgraph. Is there an unsatisfiable infinite graph whose every finite subgraph is satisfiable?

**Conjecture:** No.

## Conjectures and future work

4. Let  $G_{a,b}$  denote the complete  $a$ -uniform hypergraph on  $b$  vertices. We can also think of this as the  $(a-1)$ -skeleton of a  $(b-1)$ -simplex.

For example, we know that  $G_{2,4} = K_4$  is unsatisfiable, while  $G_{2,3} = C_3$  is satisfiable.

	b = 1	b = 2	b = 3	b = 4	b = 5	b = 6	b = 7	...
a = 1	sat							
a = 2	-	sat	sat	unsat	unsat	unsat	unsat	
a = 3	-	-	sat	sat	unsat	unsat	unsat	
a = 4	-	-	-	sat	sat	sat	??	
a = 5	-	-	-	-	sat	sat	??	
a = 6	-	-	-	-	-	sat		
a = 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	sat	
...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

5. The generalized rule for  $n$  triangular hyperedges meeting at a common free vertex is not known. We know the reduction rule only for  $n = 3$ .

$$X, 123, 124, 134 \mapsto X, 23 \cup X, 24 \cup X, 34$$

6. We have not explored random instances of GraphSAT, or graph analogues of random SAT.

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