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## Assignment Report

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Note on the code

This assignment is implemented in c++. Readability was prioritized over efficiency since the code needs to be easily understood by others.

## 2 Part 1

### 2.1 How the problem was tackled

#### 2.1.1 Structures

First off, the needed structures were created: 'literal\_e' in an enumerated type containing the possible variables along with their negation. An 'inv' literal was also created whose use is for error catching purposes.

Then a clause was defined as a vector of literals. Similarly, a formula was defined as a vector of clauses.

Apart from those, 'expression\_t' was also defined as an array of alphabet. Alphabet being an enumeration containing the possible alphabet characters received as input.

These structures are defined in 'formula.h'.

#### 2.1.2 Parsing

In the parsing, the string is first converted to an 'expression\_t'. Then it is translated to a formula. Since all variables are only a character long, the commas can be ignored completely when the expression is inputted. For example "(wx), (!w)" will still be parsed successfully. This will not result in an error as the input can still be successfully parse. Still, inserting "(" will still cause the program to exit since after an open parenthesis, the parser expects a literal (variable or negation followed by a variable).

### 2.2 The DPLL algorithm

The DPLL algorithm was implemented according to the pseudo code listed in the course notes. In the 'choose\_literal()' part of the algorithm, the first literal from the left is chosen.

## 2.3 Testing

For the testing of the algorithm, some expressions were tried, with the output compared. Included in this document are examples from the notes.

Listing 1: 1-literal rule test

```
$ ./part_1_binary
Hello , World!
Enter expression
(w), (!w, x)
RECEIVED INPUT: (w), (!w, x)
Checking if input is alphabetically correct
Checking if syntax is valid
Printing formula
w
!w x
Running algorithm
Starting DPLL
w
!w x
Removing trivially sat
w
!w x
Applying one lit rule
Applying pure lit rule
SAT
```

Listing 2: pure literal rule test

```
$ ./part_1_binary
Hello , World!
Enter expression
(w, x), (w, y), (!x, !y)
RECEIVED INPUT: (w, x), (w, y), (!x, !y)
Checking if input is alphabetically correct
Checking if syntax is valid
Printing formula
w x
w y
!x !y
Running algorithm
Starting DPLL
```

```

w x
w y
!x !y
Removing trivially sat
w x
w y
!x !y
Applying one lit rule
w x
w y
!x !y
Applying pure lit rule
!x !y
Starting DPLL
!x !y
!x
Removing trivially sat
!x !y
!x
Applying one lit rule
!x !y
Applying pure lit rule
SAT

```

Listing 3: DPLL recursion test

```

$ ./part_1_binary
Hello , World!
Enter expression
(x, y, z), (x, !y), (y, !z), (z, !x), (!x, !y, !z)
RECEIVED INPUT: (x, y, z), (x, !y), (y, !z), (z, !x), (!x, !y, !z)
Checking if input is alphabetically correct
Checking if syntax is valid
Printing formula
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
Running algorithm
Starting DPLL

```

```

x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
Removing trivially sat
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
Applying one lit rule
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
Applying pure lit rule
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
Starting DPLL
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
x
Removing trivially sat
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
x
Applying one lit rule
x y z
Applying pure lit rule

```

```
Starting DPLL
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
!x
Removing trivially sat
x y z
x !y
y !z
z !x
!x !y !z
!x
Applying one lit rule

z !x
!x !y
Applying pure lit rule

UNSAT
```

### 3 Part 2