

CS:4980 Topics in Computer Science II
Introduction to Automated Reasoning

DPLL and CDCL

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Credits

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Plan

- DPLL
 - Abstract DPLL
- CDCL (DP Chapter 2)
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 - Implication graphs

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DPLL as a Proof System

To facilitate a deeper look at DPLL, we present it as a proof system: *Abstract DPLL*

The proof system is a re-elaboration of those in [1,2]

[1] Nieuwenhuis et al, "Solving SAT and SAT Modulo Theories: from an Abstract Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland Procedure to DPLL(T).", Journal of the ACM, 53(6).

[2] Krstić and Goel, "Architecting Solvers for SAT Modulo Theories: Nelson-Oppen with DPLL.", FroCos 2007.

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Note: When convenient, we treat M as a set

Provided M contains no complementary literals it determines the assignment

$$v_M(p) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } p \in M \\ \text{false} & \text{if } \neg p \in M \\ \text{undef} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Notation: If $M = M_0 \bullet M_1 \bullet \dots \bullet M_n$ where each M_i contains no decision points

- M_i is *decision level i* of M
- $M^{[i]}$ denotes the subsequence $M_0 \bullet \dots \bullet M_i$, from decision level 0 to decision level i

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Expected final states:

- UNSAT if Δ_0 is **unsatisfiable**
- $\langle M, \Delta_n \rangle$ otherwise, where Δ_n is **equisatisfiable** with Δ_0 and **satisfied** by M

Some clause terminology

Given a *partial assignment*: $v := \{p_1 \mapsto \text{true}, p_2 \mapsto \text{false}, p_4 \mapsto \text{true}\}$

- clause $\{p_1, p_3, \neg p_4\}$ is *satisfied* by v
- clause $\{\neg p_1, p_2\}$ is *conflicting* with v
- clause $\{\neg p_1, p_3, \neg p_4\}$ is *unit* in v
- clause $\{\neg p_1, p_3, p_5\}$ is *unresolved* by v
- variable p_1 is *assigned* in v
- variable p_3 is *unassigned* in v

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Conclude that clause set is unsatisfiable

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The DPLL proof system

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$$\text{PURE} \frac{l \text{ literal of } \Delta \quad \bar{l} \text{ not literal of } \Delta \quad l, \bar{l} \notin M}{M := M l}$$

$$\text{DECIDE} \frac{l \text{ or } \bar{l} \text{ occurs in } \Delta \quad l, \bar{l} \notin M}{M := M \bullet l}$$

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Transforming DPLL to Resolution

The search procedure of DPLL can be reduced a posteriori to a resolution proof (a sequence of applications of resolution rules)

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Revisits bad partial assignments leading to conflicts due to the same root cause
- **Chronological backtracking:** backtracks only one level, even if it can be concluded that the current partial assignment became doomed at a lower level
- **Naïve decisions:** picks an arbitrary variable to branch on
Fails to consider the state of the search to make heuristically better decisions

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$l \prec_M l'$ iff l occurs before l' in M

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Δ contains a clause $C' = \{l_1, \dots, l_n, \bar{l}\}$ such that

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2. l_1, \dots, l_n are all falsified by M before l

We derive a new conflict clause by **resolution** of C and C'

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(could have backtracked to $M^{[1]}$ as well)

CDCL derivation exam

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G is a *conflict graph* if it also contains

- a single conflict node \perp
- \perp 's incoming edges are $\{(l, \perp) \mid \bar{l} \in C\}$ for some falsified clause C
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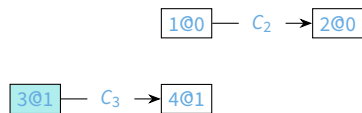
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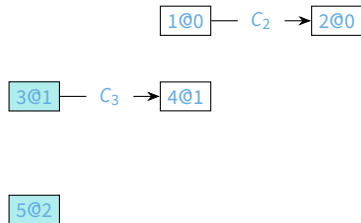
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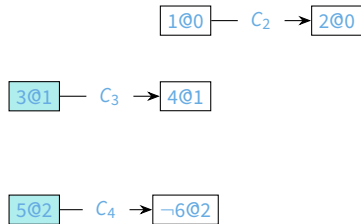
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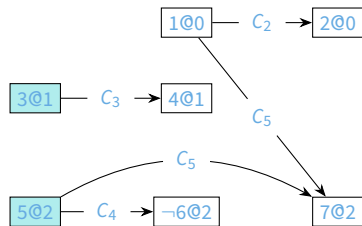
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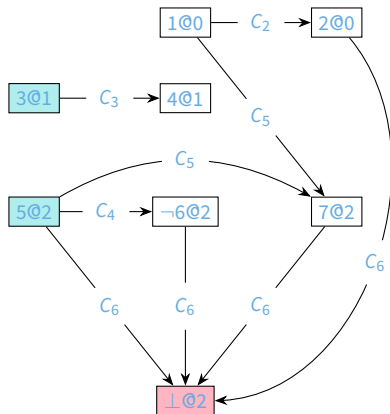
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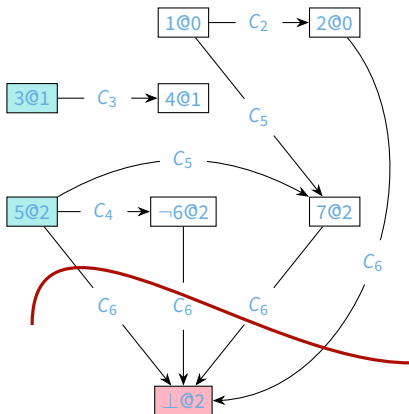


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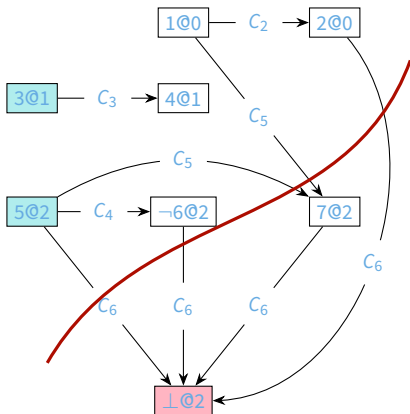
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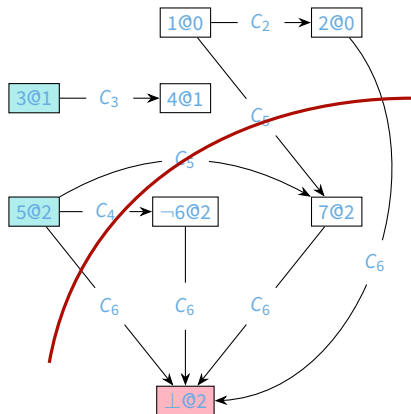
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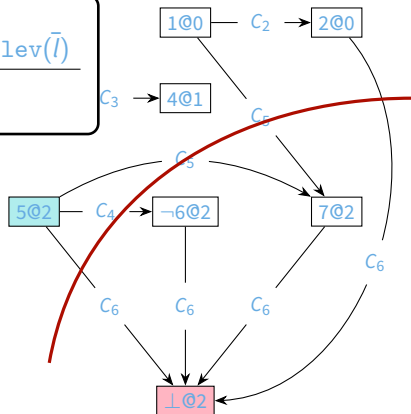


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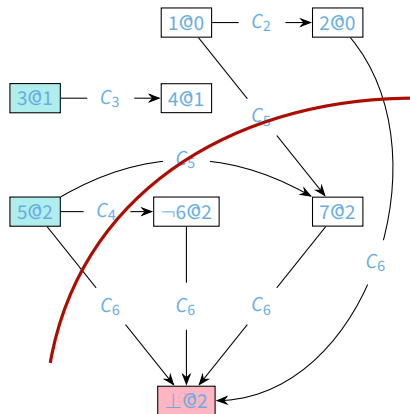
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A *Unique Implication Point (UIP)* is any node other than \perp that is on all paths from the current decision node to \perp

A *first UIP* is a UIP that is closest to the conflict node

In this case, $5@2$ is the **only UIP** and thus also the first UIP

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The learned clause D is called a *lemma*

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Learning can quickly add millions of clauses to Δ

So it is useful to be able to delete **redundant** clauses that might not be useful anymore

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RESTART $\frac{}{M := M^{[0]} \quad C := \text{no}}$

If we are stuck in a hopeless area of the search space it may be better to just restart

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Possible **explanations** for the empirical results:

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- It still backtracks to the **lowest decision level** possible

Non-chronological vs. chronological backtracking

Backjumping is **not necessarily better** than chronological backtracking

See “Chronological Backtracking” by Nadel and Ryvchin, SAT 2018.

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To **ensure termination** for the full system,

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$$\text{FAIL} \frac{C \neq \text{no} \quad \bullet \notin M}{\text{UNSAT}}$$

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