
SMT Theory and DPLL(T)

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Introduction

- **Historically**, automated reasoning \equiv **uniform** proof-search procedures for **FO logic**
- **Limited success**: is FO logic the best **compromise** between **expressivity** and **efficiency**?
- **Current trend [Sha02]** focuses on:
 - addressing only (expressive enough) **decidable fragments** of a certain logic
 - incorporating **domain-specific** reasoning, e.g:
 - arithmetic reasoning
 - equality
 - data structures (arrays, lists, stacks, ...)

Introduction (2)

Examples of this recent trend:

- **SAT**: use **propositional logic** as the formalization language
 - + high degree of efficiency
 - expressive (all NP-complete) but involved encodings
- **SMT**: propositional logic + **domain-specific** reasoning
 - + improves the expressivity
 - certain (but acceptable) loss of efficiency

GOAL OF THIS TALK:
introduce **SMT**, with its main **techniques**

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The SMT problem

- Some problems are more naturally expressed in other logics than propositional logic, e.g:
 - Software verification needs reasoning about **equality**, **arithmetic**, **data structures**, ...
- **SMT** consists of deciding the satisfiability of a (**ground**) FO formula with respect to a background theory
- Example (Equality with Uninterpreted Functions – **EUUF**):
$$g(a) = c \wedge (f(g(a)) \neq f(c) \vee g(a) = d) \wedge c \neq d$$
- Wide range of **applications**:
 - Predicate abstraction [LNO06]
 - Model checking [AMP06]
 - Scheduling [BNO⁺08b]
 - Test generation [TdH08]
 - ...

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Theories of Interest - EUF [BD94, NO80, NO07]

- Equality with Uninterpreted Functions, i.e. “=” is equality
- If background logic is FO with equality, EUF is empty theory

- Consider formula

$$a * (f(b) + f(c)) = d \wedge b * (f(a) + f(c)) \neq d \wedge a = b$$

- Formula is UNSAT, but no arithmetic reasoning is needed

- If we abstract the formula into

$$h(a, g(f(b), f(c))) = d \wedge h(b, g(f(a), f(c))) \neq d \wedge a = b$$

it is still UNSAT

- EUF is used to abstract non-supported constructions, e.g:
 - Non-linear multiplication
 - ALUs in circuits

Theories of Interest - Arithmetic

- Very **useful** for **obvious** reasons
- **Restricted** fragments support **more efficient** methods:
 - **Bounds**: $x \bowtie k$ with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \leq, \geq, =\}$
 - **Difference logic**: $x - y \bowtie k$, with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \leq, \geq, =\}$
[NO05, WIGG05, SM06]
 - **UTVPI**: $\pm x \pm y \bowtie k$, with $\bowtie \in \{<, >, \leq, \geq, =\}$ [LM05]
 - **Linear arithmetic**, e.g: $2x - 3y + 4z \leq 5$ [DdM06]
 - **Non-linear arithmetic**, e.g: $2xy + 4xz^2 - 5y \leq 10$
[BLNM⁺09, ZM10]
 - Variables are either **reals** or **integers**

Th. of Interest - Bit vectors [BCF⁺07, BB09]

- Universe consists of **vectors of bits**
- Useful both for **hardware and software verification**
- Different type of operations:
 - **String**-like operations: concat, extract, ...
 - **Logical** operations: bit-wise not, or, and, ...
 - **Arithmetic** operations: add, subtract, multiply, ...
- Assume bit-vectors have size 3. Is the formula SAT?

$$a[0:1] \neq b[0:1] \wedge (a|b) = c \wedge c[0] = 0 \wedge a[1] + b[1] = 0$$

Combina. of theories [NO79, Sho84, BBC⁺05]

- In practice, theories are **not isolated**
- Software verifications needs **arithmetic, arrays, bitvectors, ...**
- Formulas of the following form usually arise:

$$a = b + 2 \wedge A = \text{write}(B, a + 1, 4) \wedge (\text{read}(A, b + 3) = 2 \vee f(a - 1) \neq f(b + 1))$$

- The goal is to **combine decision procedures** for each theory

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SMT Prehistory - Late 70's and 80's

- Pioneers:
 - R. Boyer, J. Moore, G. Nelson, D. Open, R. Shostak
- Influential results:
 - Nelson-Oppen congruence closure procedure [NO80]
 - Nelson-Oppen combination method [NO79]
 - Shostak combination method [Sho84]
- Influential systems:
 - Nqthm prover [BM90] [Boyer, Moore]
 - Simplify [DNS05] [Detlefs, Nelson, Saxe]

Beginnings of SMT - Early 2000s

KEY FACT: SAT solvers improved performance

Two ways of exploiting this fact:

- **Eager approach:** encode SMT into SAT

[Bryant, Lahiri, Pnueli, Seshia, Strichman, Velev, ...]

[PRSS99, SSB02, SLB03, BGV01, BV02]

First systems: **UCLID** [LS04]

- **Lazy approach:** plug SAT solver with a decision procedure

[Armando, Barrett, Castellini, Cimatti, Dill, Giunchiglia, deMoura, Ruess, Sebastiani, Stump, ...]

[ACG00, dMR02, BDS02a, ABC⁺02]

First systems: **TSAT** [ACG00], **ICS** [FORS01], **CVC** [BDS02b],
MathSAT [ABC⁺02]

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Eager approach

- **Methodology:** translate problem into equisatisfiable propositional formula and use off-the-shelf SAT solver
- **Why “eager”?**
Search uses **all** theory information from the **beginning**
- **Characteristics:**
 - + Can use best available SAT solver
 - Sophisticated encodings are needed for each theory
- **Tools:** UCLID, Beaver, Boolector, STP, SONOLAR, Spear, SWORD

Eager approach – Example

Let us consider an EUF formula:

- **First step:** remove function/predicate symbols.

Assume we have terms $f(a)$, $f(b)$ and $f(c)$.

- **Ackermann** reduction:

- Replace them by fresh constants A , B and C

- Add clauses:

$$a = b \rightarrow A = B$$

$$a = c \rightarrow A = C$$

$$b = c \rightarrow B = C$$

- **Bryant** reduction:

- Replace $f(a)$ by A

- Replace $f(b)$ by $ite(b = a, A, B)$

- Replace $f(c)$ by $ite(c = a, A, ite(c = b, B, C))$

Now, atoms are **equalities** between **constants**

Eager approach – Example (2)

- **Second step**: encode formula into propositional logic
 - **Small-domain** encoding:
 - If there are n different constants, there is a model with size at most n
 - $\log n$ bits to encode the value of each constant
 - $a = b$ translated using the bits for a and b
 - **Per-constraint** encoding:
 - Each atom $a = b$ is replaced by var $P_{a,b}$
 - Transitivity constraints are added (e.g. $P_{a,b} \wedge P_{b,c} \rightarrow P_{a,c}$)

This is a **very rough** overview of an encoding from EUF to SAT.

See [PRSS99, SSB02, SLB03, BGV01, BV02] for details.

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- **SAT solver** detects $\{1, \bar{2} \vee 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1} \vee 2 \vee 4, \bar{1} \vee \bar{2} \vee \bar{3} \vee 4\}$
UNSATISFIABLE

Lazy approach (2)

- Why “lazy”?
Theory information used lazily when checking T -consistency of propositional models
- Characteristics:
 - + Modular and flexible
 - Theory information does not guide the search
- Tools:
Alt-Ergo, ArgoLib, Ario, Barcelogic, CVC, DTP, ICS, MathSAT, OpenSMT, Sateen, SVC, Simplify, tSAT, veriT, Yices, Z3, etc...

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- Upon a T -inconsistency, **backtrack** to some point where the assignment was still T -consistent

Lazy approach - Important points

Important and beneficial aspects of the lazy approach:
(even with the optimizations)

- Everyone **does** what he/she is **good at**:
 - **SAT solver** takes care of **Boolean information**
 - **Theory solver** takes care of **theory information**
- Theory solver **only** receives **conjunctions** of literals
- Modular approach:
 - SAT solver and T -solver **communicate** via a **simple API**
 - SMT for a **new theory** only requires **new T -solver**
 - **SAT solver** can be **embedded** in a lazy SMT system with very few new lines of code (tens)

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Lazy approach - T -propagation

- As pointed out the lazy approach has one drawback:
 - Theory information does not guide the search (too lazy)
- How can we improve that?

T-Propagate :

$$M \parallel F \quad \Rightarrow \quad M l \parallel F \quad \mathbf{if} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \models_T l \\ l \text{ or } \neg l \text{ occurs in } F \text{ and not in } M \end{array} \right.$$

- Search **guided** by **T -Solver** by finding **T-consequences**, instead of only **validating** it as in basic lazy approach.
- **Naive implementation::**
Add $\neg l$. If T -inconsistent then infer l [ACG00]
But for efficient **Theory Propagation** we need:
 - **T -Solvers** specialized and fast in it.
 - fully exploited in conflict analysis
- This approach has been named **DPLL(T)** [NOT06]

DPLL(T)

In a nutshell:

$$\text{DPLL}(T) = \text{DPLL}(X) + T\text{-Solver}$$

- DPLL(X):
 - Very similar to a SAT solver, enumerates Boolean models
 - Not allowed: pure literal, blocked literal detection, ...
 - Desirable: partial model detection
- T -Solver:
 - Checks consistency of conjunctions of literals
 - Computes theory propagations
 - Produces explanations of inconsistency/ T -propagation
 - Should be incremental and backtrackable

DPLL(T) - Example

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UNSAT

DPLL(T) - Overall algorithm

High-level view gives the same algorithm as a CDCL SAT solver:

```
while(true){  
    while (propagate_gives_conflict()){  
        if (decision_level==0) return UNSAT;  
        else analyze_conflict();  
    }  
  
    restart_if_applicable();  
    remove_lemmas_if_applicable();  
  
    if (!decide()) returns SAT; // All vars assigned  
}
```

Differences are in:

- propagate_gives_conflict
- analyze_conflict

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DPLL(T) - Propagation

```
propagate_gives_conflict( ) returns Bool

do {

    // unit propagate
    if ( unit_prop_gives_conflict() ) then return true

    // check T-consistency of the model
    if ( solver.is_model_inconsistent() ) then return true

    // theory propagate
    solver.theory_propagate()

} while (someTheoryPropagation)

return false
```

DPLL(T) - Propagation (2)

- Three operations:
 - Unit propagation (SAT solver)
 - Consistency checks (T -solver)
 - Theory propagation (T -solver)
- Cheap operations are computed first
- If theory is expensive, calls to T -solver are sometimes skipped
- For completeness, only necessary to call T -solver at the leaves (i.e. when we have a full propositional model)
- Theory propagation is not necessary for completeness

DPLL(T) - Conflict Analysis

Remember conflict analysis in SAT solvers:

$C :=$ conflicting clause

while C contains more than one lit of last DL

$l :=$ last literal assigned in C

$C :=$ Resolution(C , reason(l))

end while

// let $C = C' \vee l$ where l is UIP

backjump(maxDL(C'))

add l to the model with reason C

learn(C)

DPLL(T) - Conflict Analysis (2)

Conflict analysis in DPLL(T):

```
if boolean conflict then  $C :=$  conflicting clause  
else  $C := \neg(\text{solver.explain\_inconsistency}())$ 
```

```
while  $C$  contains more than one lit of last DL
```

```
     $l :=$  last literal assigned in  $C$ 
```

```
     $C := \text{Resolution}(C, \text{reason}(l))$ 
```

```
end while
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```
backjump(maxDL( $C'$ ))
```

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```

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learn( $C$ )
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DPLL(T) - Conflict Analysis (3)

What does `explain_inconsistency` return?

- A (small) conjunction of literals $l_1 \wedge \dots \wedge l_n$ such that:
 - They were in the model when T -inconsistency was found
 - It is T -inconsistent

What is now `reason(l)`?

- If l was unit propagated, reason is the clause that propagated it
- If l was T -propagated?
 - T -solver has to provide an explanation for l , i.e. a (small) set of literals l_1, \dots, l_n such that:
 - They were in the model when l was T -propagated
 - $l_1 \wedge \dots \wedge l_n \models_T l$
 - Then `reason(l)` is $\neg l_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg l_n \vee l$

DPLL(T) - Conflict Analysis (4)

Let M be of the form $\dots, c=b, \dots$ and let F contain

$$h(a) = h(c) \vee p \quad a = b \vee \neg p \vee a = d \quad a \neq d \vee a = b$$

Take the following sequence:

1. **Decide** $h(a) \neq h(c)$
2. **UnitPropagate** p (due to clause $h(a) = h(c) \vee p$)
3. **T-Propagate** $a \neq b$ (since $h(a) \neq h(c)$ and $c = b$)
4. **UnitPropagate** $a = d$ (due to clause $a = b \vee \neg p \vee a = d$)
5. **Conflicting clause** $a \neq d \vee a = b$

Explain($a \neq b$) is $\{h(a) \neq h(c), c = b\}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \{h(a) \neq h(c), c = b\} \\
 \downarrow \\
 h(a) = h(c) \vee c \neq b \vee \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b} \quad \frac{a = b \vee \neg p \vee \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{d} \quad \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{d} \vee a = b}{\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \vee \neg p} \\
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Need for combination

- In **software verification**, formulas like the following one arise:

$$a = b + 2 \wedge A = \text{write}(B, a + 1, 4) \wedge (\text{read}(A, b + 3) = 2 \vee f(a - 1) \neq f(b + 1))$$

- Here reasoning is needed over
 - The theory of linear arithmetic (\mathbb{T}_{LA})
 - The theory of arrays (\mathbb{T}_A)
 - The theory of uninterpreted functions (\mathbb{T}_{EUF})
- Remember that T -solvers only deal with **conjunctions** of lits.
- Given T -solvers for the three individual theories, can we **combine** them to obtain one for $(\mathbb{T}_{LA} \cup \mathbb{T}_A \cup \mathbb{T}_{EUF})$?
- Under certain conditions the **Nelson-Oppen** combination method gives a positive answer

Motivating example - Convex case

Consider the following set of literals:

$$\begin{aligned}f(f(x) - f(y)) &= a \\f(0) &= a + 2 \\x &= y\end{aligned}$$

There are two theories involved: $\mathbb{T}_{LA(\mathbb{R})}$ and \mathbb{T}_{EUF}

FIRST STEP: purify each literal so that it belongs to a single theory

$$\begin{aligned}f(f(x) - f(y)) = a &\implies f(e_1) = a &&\implies f(e_1) = a \\e_1 = f(x) - f(y) &&&e_1 = e_2 - e_3 \\&&&e_2 = f(x) \\&&&e_3 = f(y)\end{aligned}$$

Motivating example - Convex case

Consider the following set of literals:

$$\begin{aligned} f(f(x) - f(y)) &= a \\ f(0) &= a + 2 \\ x &= y \end{aligned}$$

There are two theories involved: $\mathbb{T}_{LA(\mathbb{R})}$ and \mathbb{T}_{EUF}

FIRST STEP: purify each literal so that it belongs to a single theory

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) = a + 2 &\implies f(e_4) = a + 2 &\implies f(e_4) = e_5 \\ e_4 = 0 & & e_4 = 0 \\ & & e_5 = a + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Motivating example - Convex case (2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>EUF</i>		<i>Arithmetic</i>	
$f(e_1)$	$=$	a	$e_2 - e_3 = e_1$
$f(x)$	$=$	e_2	$e_4 = 0$
$f(y)$	$=$	e_3	$e_5 = a + 2$
$f(e_4)$	$=$	e_5	
x	$=$	y	

The two solvers only **share constants**: $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, a$

To merge the two models into a single one, the solvers have to agree on equalities between shared constants (**interface equalities**)

This can be done by **exchanging** entailed interface equalities

Motivating example - Convex case (2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>EUF</i>		<i>Arithmetic</i>			
$f(e_1)$	$=$	a	$e_2 - e_3$	$=$	e_1
$f(x)$	$=$	e_2	e_4	$=$	0
$f(y)$	$=$	e_3	e_5	$=$	$a + 2$
$f(e_4)$	$=$	e_5	e_2	$=$	e_3
x	$=$	y			

The two solvers only **share constants**: $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, a$

- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- $EUF \models e_2 = e_3$

Motivating example - Convex case (2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>EUF</i>		<i>Arithmetic</i>			
$f(e_1)$	$=$	a	$e_2 - e_3$	$=$	e_1
$f(x)$	$=$	e_2	e_4	$=$	0
$f(y)$	$=$	e_3	e_5	$=$	$a + 2$
$f(e_4)$	$=$	e_5	e_2	$=$	e_3
x	$=$	y			
e_1	$=$	e_4			

The two solvers only share constants: $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, a$

- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- $Ari \models e_1 = e_4$

Motivating example - Convex case (2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>EUF</i>		<i>Arithmetic</i>	
$f(e_1)$	$= a$	$e_2 - e_3$	$= e_1$
$f(x)$	$= e_2$	e_4	$= 0$
$f(y)$	$= e_3$	e_5	$= a + 2$
$f(e_4)$	$= e_5$	e_2	$= e_3$
x	$= y$	a	$= e_5$
e_1	$= e_4$		

The two solvers only share constants: $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, a$

- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- $EUF \models a = e_5$

Motivating example - Convex case (2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>EUF</i>		<i>Arithmetic</i>	
$f(e_1)$	$= a$	$e_2 - e_3$	$= e_1$
$f(x)$	$= e_2$	e_4	$= 0$
$f(y)$	$= e_3$	e_5	$= a + 2$
$f(e_4)$	$= e_5$	e_2	$= e_3$
x	$= y$	a	$= e_5$
e_1	$= e_4$		

The two solvers only share constants: $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, a$

- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *Ari*-Solver says **UNSAT**
- Hence the original set of lits was **UNSAT**

Nelson-Oppen – The convex case

- A theory T is **stably-infinite** iff every T -satisfiable quantifier-free formula has an infinite model
- A theory T is **convex** iff, given a set of lits S
 $S \models_T a_1 = b_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n = b_n \implies S \models_T a_i = b_i$ for some i

Deterministic Nelson-Oppen: [NO79, TH96, MZ02]

- Given two **signature-disjoint, stably-infinite** and **convex** theories T_1 and T_2
- Given a set of literals S over the signature of $T_1 \cup T_2$
- The $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiability of S can be checked with the following algorithm:

Nelson-Oppen – The convex case (2)

Deterministic Nelson-Oppen

1. Purify S and split it into $S_1 \cup S_2$.
Let \mathcal{E} the set of interface equalities between S_1 and S_2
2. If S_1 is T_1 -unsatisfiable then **UNSAT**
3. If S_2 is T_2 -unsatisfiable then **UNSAT**
4. If $S_1 \models_{T_1} x=y$ with $x=y \in \mathcal{E} \setminus S_2$ then
 $S_2 := S_2 \cup \{x=y\}$ and **goto 3**
5. If $S_2 \models_{T_2} x=y$ with $x=y \in \mathcal{E} \setminus S_1$ then
 $S_1 := S_1 \cup \{x=y\}$ and **goto 2**
6. Report **SAT**

Motivating example – Non-convex case

Consider the following **UNSATISFIABLE** set of literals:

$$\begin{aligned}1 &\leq x \leq 2 \\ f(1) &= a \\ f(x) &= b \\ a &= b + 2 \\ f(2) &= f(1) + 3\end{aligned}$$

There are **two theories** involved: $\mathbb{T}_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}$ and \mathbb{T}_{EUF}

FIRST STEP: **purify** each literal so that it belongs to a single theory

$$\begin{aligned}f(1) = a &\implies f(e_1) = a \\ &e_1 = 1\end{aligned}$$

Motivating example – Non-convex case

Consider the following **UNSATISFIABLE** set of literals:

$$\begin{aligned}1 &\leq x \leq 2 \\ f(1) &= a \\ f(x) &= b \\ a &= b + 2 \\ f(2) &= f(1) + 3\end{aligned}$$

There are **two theories** involved: $\mathbb{T}_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}$ and \mathbb{T}_{EUF}

FIRST STEP: **purify** each literal so that it belongs to a single theory

$$\begin{aligned}f(2) = f(1) + 3 &\implies e_2 = 2 \\ f(e_2) &= e_3 \\ f(e_1) &= e_4 \\ e_3 &= e_4 + 3\end{aligned}$$

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2			
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			

The two solvers only share constants: $x, e_1, a, b, e_2, e_3, e_4$

- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- $EUF \models a = e_4$

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2			
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			

The two solvers only share constants: $x, e_1, a, b, e_2, e_3, e_4$

- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- No theory entails any other interface equality, but...

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2			
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			

The two solvers only share constants: $x, e_1, a, b, e_2, e_3, e_4$

- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- $Ari \models_T x = e_1 \vee x = e_2$. Let's consider both cases.

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2	x	$=$	e_1
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			
x	$=$	e_1			

- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF* $\models_T a = b$, that when sent to *Ari* makes it **UNSAT**

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2			
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			

Let's try now with $x = e_2$

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2	x	$=$	e_2
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			
x	$=$	e_2			

- *Ari*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF*-Solver says SAT
- *EUF* $\models_T e_3 = b$, that when sent to *Ari* makes it **UNSAT**
(since we had $e_3 = e_4 + 3 = a + 3 = b + 5$)

Motivating example – Non-convex case(2)

SECOND STEP: check satisfiability and exchange entailed equalities

<i>Arithmetic</i>			<i>EUF</i>		
1	\leq	x	$f(e_1)$	$=$	a
x	\leq	2	$f(x)$	$=$	b
e_1	$=$	1	$f(e_2)$	$=$	e_3
a	$=$	$b + 2$	$f(e_1)$	$=$	e_4
e_2	$=$	2	x	$=$	e_2
e_3	$=$	$e_4 + 3$			
a	$=$	e_4			
x	$=$	e_2			

Since both $x = e_1$ and $x = e_2$ are **UNSAT**, the set of literals is **UNSAT**

Nelson-Oppen - The non-convex case

- In the previous example Deterministic NO does not work

- This was because $T_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}$ is not convex:

$$S_{LA(\mathbb{Z})} \models_{T_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}} x = e_1 \vee x = e_2, \text{ but}$$

$$S_{LA(\mathbb{Z})} \not\models_{T_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}} x = e_1 \text{ and}$$

$$S_{LA(\mathbb{Z})} \not\models_{T_{LA(\mathbb{Z})}} x = e_2$$

- However, there is a version of NO for non-convex theories

- Given a set constants \mathcal{C} , an **arrangement** \mathcal{A} over \mathcal{C} is:

- A set of equalities and disequalites between constants in \mathcal{C}
- For each $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$ either $x = y \in \mathcal{A}$ or $x \neq y \in \mathcal{A}$

Nelson-Oppen – The non-convex case (2)

Non-deterministic Nelson-Oppen: [NO79, TH96, MZ02]

- Given two **signature-disjoint, stably-infinite** theories T_1 and T_2
- Given a set of literals S over the signature of $T_1 \cup T_2$
- The $(T_1 \cup T_2)$ -satisfiability of S can be checked via:
 1. **Purify** S and split it into $S_1 \cup S_2$
Let C be the set of shared constants
 2. **For every** arrangement \mathcal{A} over C **do**
If $(S_1 \cup \mathcal{A})$ is T_1 -satisfiable and $(S_2 \cup \mathcal{A})$ is T_2 -satisfiable
report **SAT**
 3. Report **UNSAT**

Conclusions

- SMT incorporates domain-specific reasoning into SAT...
- ...but SMT is much more than that
- Lots of applications and a lot more to appear
- See references for more depth

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