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Outline

- Ancient History: Planning as Satisfiability
- The Future: Markov Logic

Part I

- Ancient History: Planning as Satisfiability
 - Planning
 - SAT encoding
 - 3 good ideas:
 - Parallel actions
 - Plan graph pruning
 - Transition based encoding

Planning

- Find a plan that transform an initial state to a goal state
 - What is a state?
 - What is a plan?

Classic Planning

- Find a sequence of actions that transform an initial state to a goal state
 - State = complete truth assignment to a set of time-dependent propositions (fluents)
 - Action = a partial function State \rightarrow State
- Fully observed, deterministic

STRIPS

• Set of possible actions specified by parameterized operator schemas and (typed) constants

operator: Fly(a,b) precondition: At(a), Fueled effect: At(b), ~At(a), ~Fueled

constants: {NY, Boston, Seattle}

 Fluents not mentioned in effect are unchanged by action

STRIPS

- Introduced for Shakey the robot (1969)
 - Generate plan
 - Start executing
 - Sense state after
 each action, verifying
 it is as expected
 - If not, stop and replan

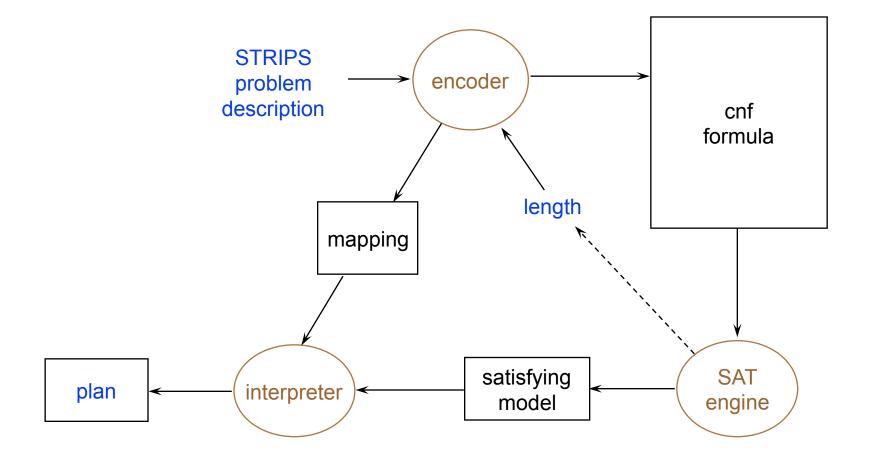


 Still a widely-used method for robot control (vs. POMDP etc)

STRIPS

- Complexity
 - Unbounded length: PSPACE-complete
 - Bounded length: NP-complete
- Algorithms
 - Backward chaining on subgoals (1969)
 - Search in space of partially-order plans (1987)
 - Planning as satisfiability (1992, 1996)
 - Graphplan (1996)
 - Forward- chaining heuristic search (1999)

SATPLAN



Clause Schemas

 $\forall x \in \{A, B, C\} P(x)$ represents $P(A) \wedge P(B) \wedge P(C)$

 $\exists x \in \{A, B, C\} P(x)$

 $P(A) \vee P(B) \vee P(C)$

represents

- Time is sequential and discrete
 - Represented by integers
 - Actions occur instantaneously at a time point
 - Each fluent is true or false at each time point
- If an action occurs at time i, then its preconditions must hold at time i
- If an action occurs at time i, then its effects must hold at time i+1
- If a fluent changes its truth value from time i to time i+1, one of the actions with the new value as an effect must have occurred at time i
- Two actions cannot occur at the same time
- The initial state holds at time 0, and the goals hold at a given final state K

• If an action occurs at time i, then its preconditions must hold at time i

 $\forall i \in Times$ $\forall p \in Planes$ $\forall a \in Cities$ $\forall b \in Cities$ $fly(p,a,b,i) \supset (at(p,a,i)) \land fuel(p,i))$

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 $fly(p,a,b,i) \supset (at(p,b,i+1)) \land \neg at(p,a,i+1) \land \neg fuel(p,i+1))$

- If a fluent changes its truth value from time i to time i+1, one of the actions with the new value as an effect must have occurred at time i
- Change from false to true

 $\forall i \in Times$ $\forall p \in Planes$ $\forall h \in Cities$ $(\neg at(p,b,i) \land at(p,b,i+1)) \supset$ $\exists a \in Cities$. fly(p,a,b,i)

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Action Mutual Exclusion

Two actions cannot occur at the same time

 $\forall i \in Times$ $\forall p1, p2 \in Planes$ $\forall a, b, c, d \in Cities$ $\neg fly(p1, a, b, i) \lor \neg fly(p2, c, d, i)$

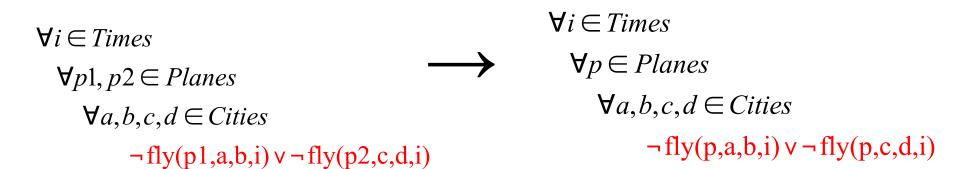
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Result

- 1992: can find plans with 5 actions
 Typical for planners at that time...
- 1996: finds plans with 60+ actions
- What changed?
 - Better SAT solvers
 - Two good ideas:
 - Parallel actions
 - Plan graph pruning

Parallel Actions

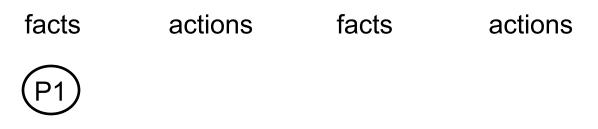
- Allow multiple actions to occur at the same time step if they are non-interfering:
 - Neither negates a precondition or effect of the other
- Can greatly reduce solution horizon in many domains



Graph Plan

- Graphplan (Blum & Furst 1996) introduced a new planning algorithm:
 - Instantiate a "plan graph" in a forward direction
 - Nodes: ground facts and actions
 - Links: supports and mutually-exclusive
 - Each level of the graph contains all the reachable propositions at that time point
 - Set of propositions, not a set of states!
 - Seach for a subset of the graph that
 - Supports all the goal propositions
 - Contains no mutually-exclusive propositions

Initial State

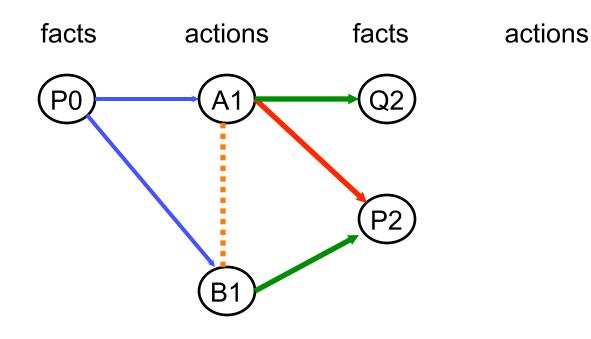


action a: pre p; effect ~p, q

action b: pre p; effect p

action c: pre p, q; effect r

Growing Next Level

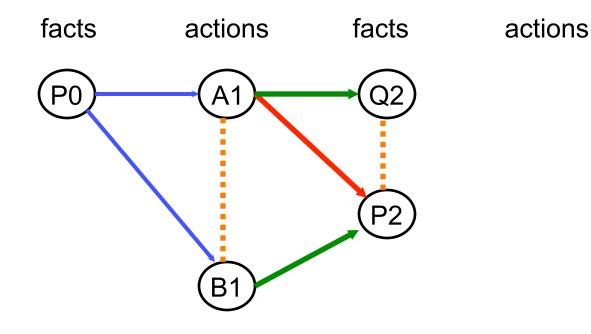


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Propagating Mutual Exclusion

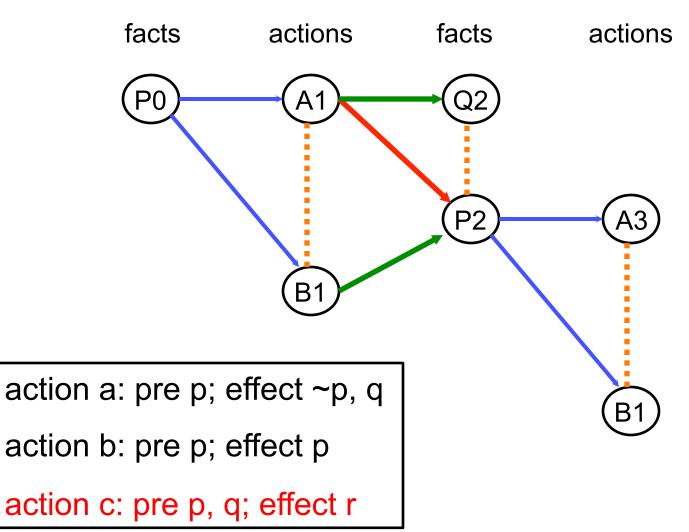


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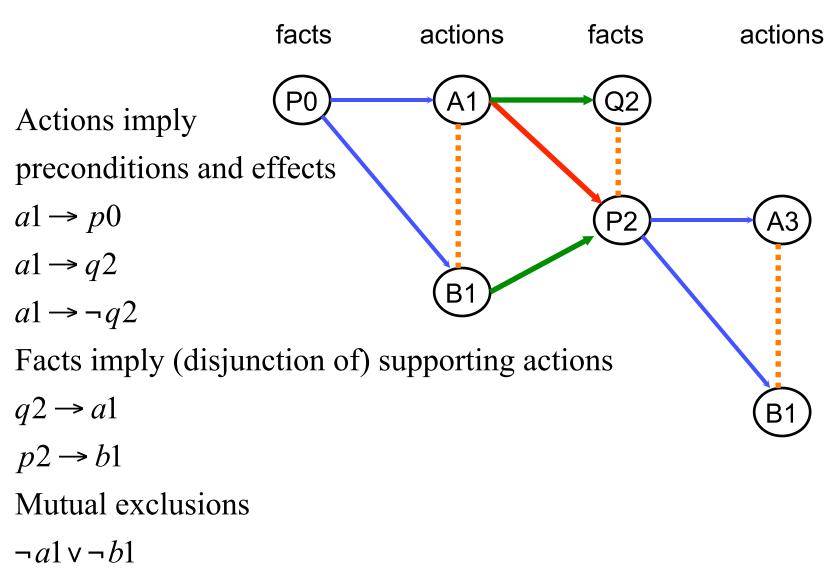
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Plan Graph Pruning

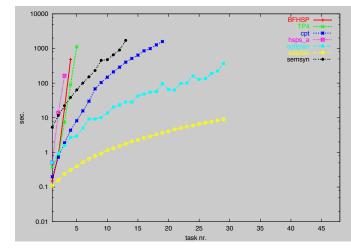
- The SATPLAN encoding (with parallel actions) can be directly created from the plan graph
- Prunes many unnecessary propositions and clauses
- "Propagated mutexes" may or may be included in the translation
 - Logically redundant
 - May help or hinder particular SAT solvers

Translation to SAT



Blast From the Past

Performance

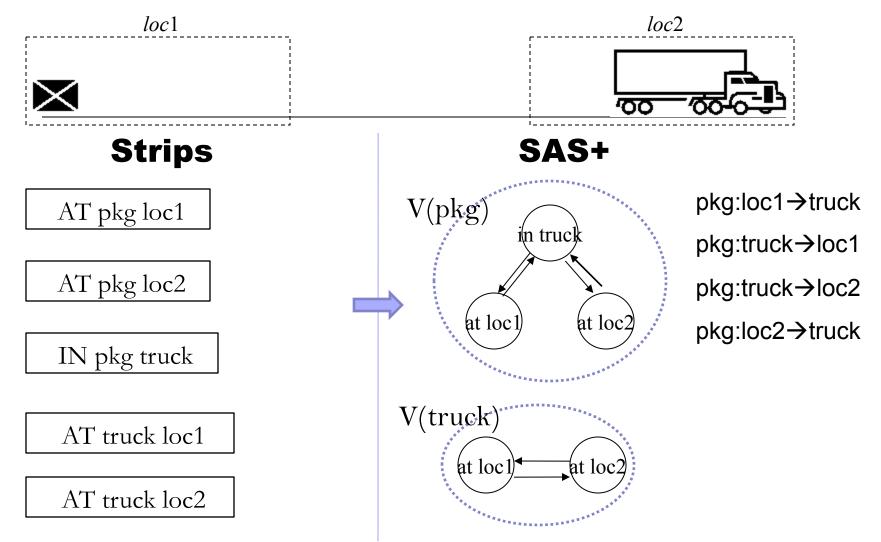


- SATPLAN and variants won optimal deterministic STRIPS tracks of International Planning Competition through 2006
 - 10 year run steady performance improvements due to SAT solvers
- 2008: Change in rules: optimality defined as function of action and resource costs, not parallel time horizon
 - Opportunity for SMT (see Hoffmann et al 2007)

Transition-Based Encodings

- Surprisingly few new ideas for encodings
- One good one: transition-based encodings (Huang, Chan, Zhang 2010)
 - Based on a double-reformulation of STRIPS:
 - Represent states in terms of *multi-valued* variables (SAS+)
 - Encode *transitions* in the state variables as the SAT propositions

SAS+ Representation



Transition: Change between values in a multi-valued variable

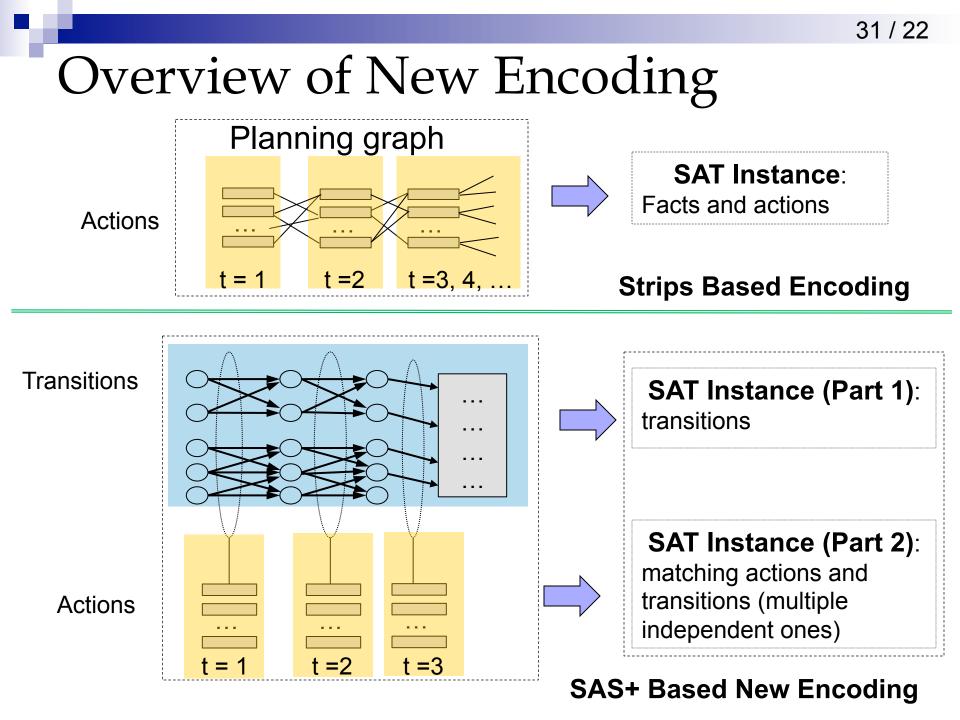
Comparison of STRIPS and SAS+

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		STRIPS	SAS+			
Definition		a set of preconditions, a set of add effects, a set of delete effects	A set of transitions			
Example	(LOAD pkg truck loc1)					
	Pre:	(at truck loc1),				
		(at pkg loc1)	pkg:(loc1→truck)			
	Del:	(at pkg loc1)	truck: (loc1→loc1)			
	Add:	(in pkg truck)				

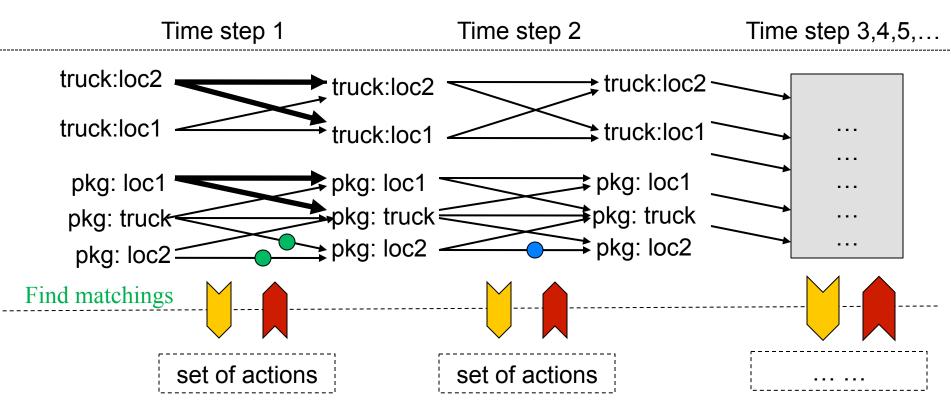
Usually there are *fewer* transitions than actions

Hierarchical relationships between actions and transitions



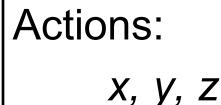
Clauses in New Encoding, Example

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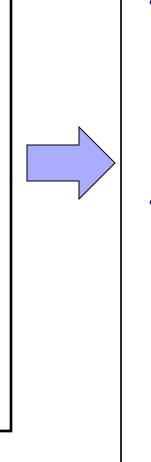
- 1. Progression of transitions over time steps (blue one implies green ones)
- 2. Initial state and goal (Bold ones)
- 3. Matching actions and transitions
- 4. Action mutual exclusions and transition mutual exclusions

Clauses for Action-Transition Matching



Transitions:

a, b, c, d x: {a, b, c} y: {b, c, d} z: {a, c, d}



• Action implies transitions: $x_t \rightarrow (a_t \wedge b_t \wedge c_t)$ $y_t \rightarrow (b_t \wedge c_t \wedge d_t)$ $z_t \rightarrow (a_t \wedge c_t \wedge d_t)$ • Transition implies actions:

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• Transition implies actions: $a_t \rightarrow (x_t \lor z_t)$ $b_t \rightarrow (x_t \lor y_t)$ $c_t \rightarrow (x_t \lor y_t \lor z_t)$ $d_t \rightarrow (y_t \lor z_t)$ • Action mutual exclusions: $x_t \rightarrow \neg y_t; y_t \rightarrow \neg z_t; z_t \rightarrow \neg x_t$

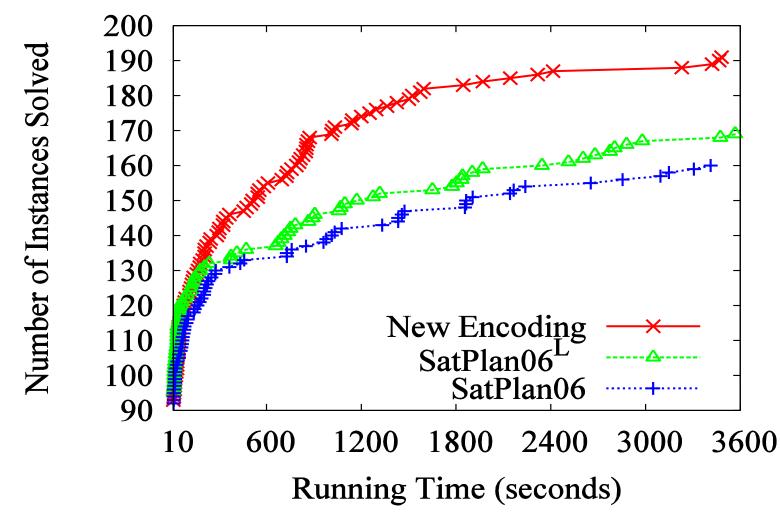
These clauses repeat in each time step *t*.

Strips v.s. SAS+ Based Encodings

	Strips	SAS+		
Variables	Actions and Facts	Actions and Transitions		
Clauses	□ Logics of actions across time steps, subject to initial state and goal (O((2 ^A) ^N))	 Logics of transitions across time steps, subject to initial state and goal (O((2^T)^N)) <u><i>T</i> is much smaller than A</u> Logics of finding a matching action set for transitions, in each time step t (K) <u><i>N</i> small independent matching problems</u> <u>Exact Cover problem[Karp72]</u> 		
	Worst case state space size: O((2 ^A) ^N)	Worst case state space size: O((2 ^T) ^N NK)		

N, T, A: number of time steps, transitions and actions

Number of Solvable Instances versus Time Limits



Better performances in 10 domains out of 11 tested (from IPC3,4,5)

Detailed Results

	SatPlan06				New Encoding			
Instances	Time (sec)	#Variables	#Clauses	Size (MB)	Time	#Variables	#Clauses	Size
Airport40	2239.4	327,515	13,206,595	807	583.3	396,212	3,339,914	208
Driverslog17	2164.8	61,915	2,752,787	183	544.1	74,680	812,312	56
Freecell4	364.3	17582	6,114,100	392	158.4	26,009	371,207	25
Openstack4	212.1	3,709	66,744	5	33.6	4,889	20,022	2
Pipesworld12	3147.3	30,078	13,562,157	854	543.7	43,528	634,873	44
TPP30	3589.7	97,155	7,431,062	462	1844.8	136,106	997,177	70
Trucks7	1076.0	21,745	396,581	27	245.7	35,065	255,020	18
Zeno14	728.4	26,201	6,632,923	421	58.7	17,459	315,719	18

Conclusions

- A new transition based encoding
 Recent planning formulation SAS+
- Smaller size and faster problem solving
- New encoding can be used to improve other SAT-based planning methods
 - □ Planning with uncertainty [Castellini et al. 2003]
 - □ Planning with preferences [Giunchiglia et al. 2007]
 - □ Planning with numeric [Hoffmann et al. 2007]
 - □ Temporal planning [Huang et al. 2009]

End Part I

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Part II

- The Future: Markov Logic
 - From random fields to Max-SAT
 - Finite first-order theories
 - 3 good ideas:
 - Lazy inference
 - Query-based instantiation
 - Domain pruning

Slides borrowed freely from Pedro Domingos



Take Away Messages

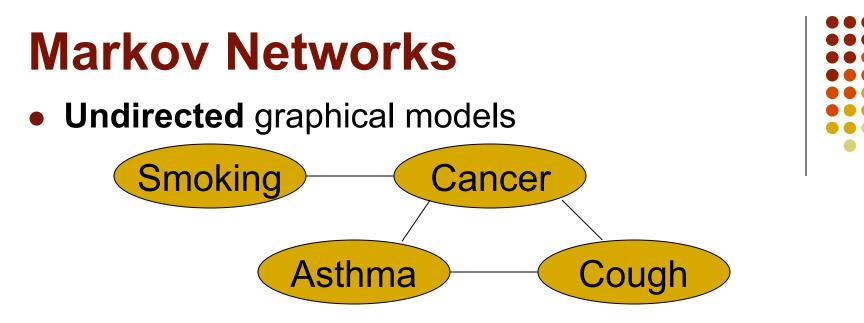


- SAT technology is useful for probabilistic reasoning in graphical models
 - MLE (most like explanation) == MAXSAT
 - Marginal inference == model counting
- Markov Logic is a formalism for graphical models that makes the connection to logic particular clear
- Potential application for SMT

Graphical Models



- Compact (sparse) representation of a joint probability distribution
 - Leverages conditional independencies
 - Graph + associated local numeric constraints
- Bayesian Network
 - Directed graph
 - Conditional probabilities of variable given parents
- Markov Network
 - Undirected graph
 - Un-normalized probabilities (potentials) over cliques

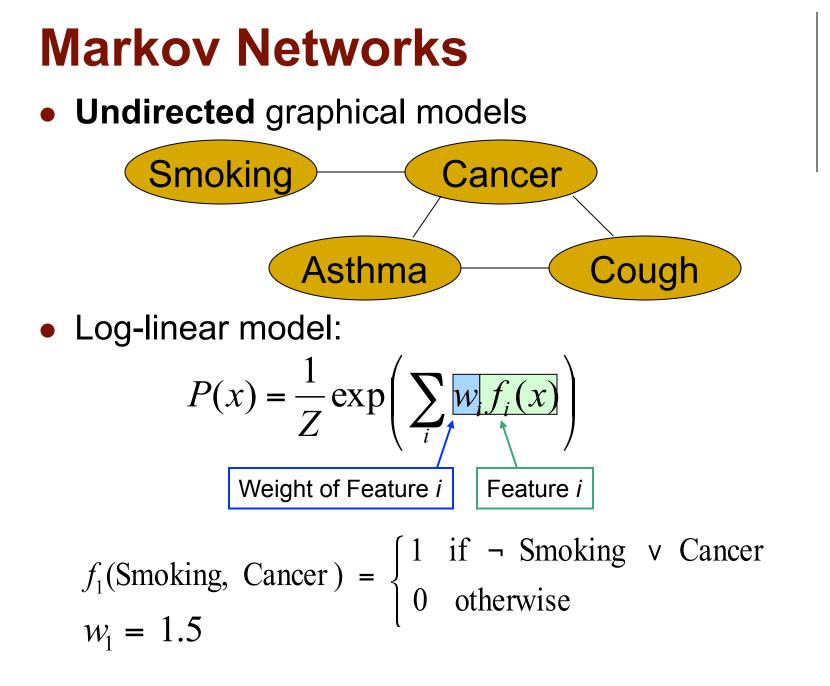


• Potential functions defined over cliques

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c} \Phi_{c}(x_{c})$$

$$Z = \sum_{x} \prod_{c} \Phi_{c}(x_{c})$$

Smoking	Cancer	Φ(S,C)	
False	False	4.5	
False	True	4.5	
True	False	2.7	
True	True	4.5	





Markov Logic: Intuition



- A logical KB is a set of hard constraints on the set of possible worlds
- Let's make them soft constraints: When a world violates a formula, It becomes less probable, not impossible
- Give each formula a weight
 (Higher weight ⇒ Stronger constraint)

 $P(\text{world}) \propto \exp(\sum \text{weights of formulas it satisfies})$

Markov Logic: Definition



- A Markov Logic Network (MLN) is a set of pairs (F, w) where
 - F is a formula in first-order logic
 - w is a real number
- Together with a set of constants, it defines a Markov network with
 - One node for each grounding of each predicate in the MLN
 - One feature for each grounding of each formula F in the MLN, with the corresponding weight w

Smoking causes cancer.

Friends have similar smoking habits.



 $\forall x \ Smokes(x) \Rightarrow Cancer(x)$ $\forall x, y \ Friends(x, y) \Rightarrow \left(Smokes(x) \Leftrightarrow Smokes(y)\right)$



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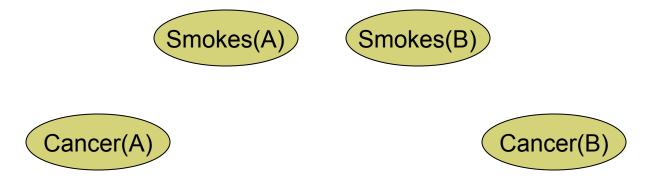
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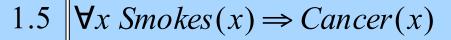
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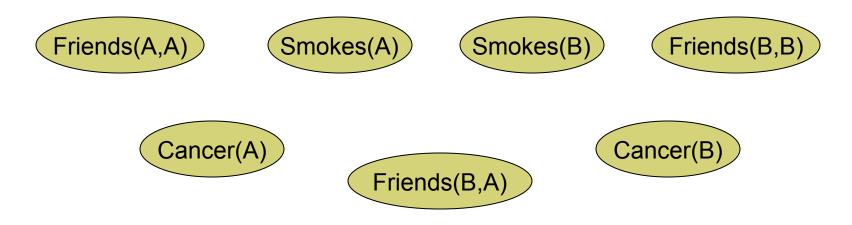




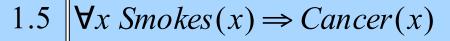
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Friends(A,B)



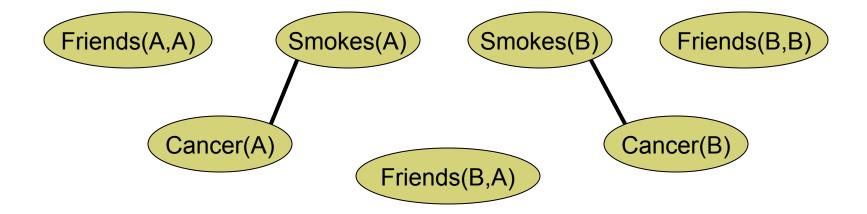




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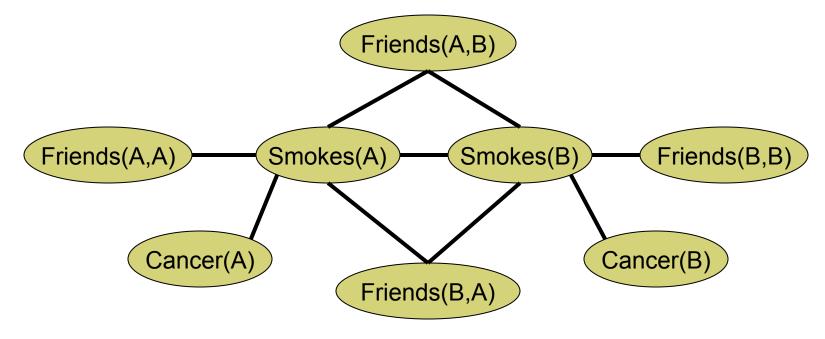




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Markov Logic Networks

- MLN is template for ground Markov nets
- Probability of a world *x*:

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{i} w_{i} n_{i}(x)\right)$$

Weight of formula *i* No. of true groundings of formula *i* in *x*

- Typed variables and constants greatly reduce size of ground Markov net
- Functions, existential quantifiers, etc.
- Infinite and continuous domains



Relation to Statistical Models



- Special cases:
 - Markov networks
 - Markov random fields
 - Bayesian networks
 - Log-linear models
 - Exponential models
 - Max. entropy models
 - Gibbs distributions
 - Boltzmann machines
 - Logistic regression
 - Hidden Markov models
 - Conditional random fields

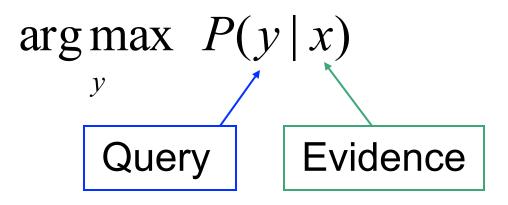
- Obtained by making all predicates zero-arity
- Markov logic allows objects to be interdependent (non-i.i.d.)

Relation to First-Order Logic

- Infinite weights ⇒ First-order logic
- Satisfiable KB, positive weights ⇒
 Satisfying assignments = Modes of distribution
- Markov logic allows contradictions between formulas



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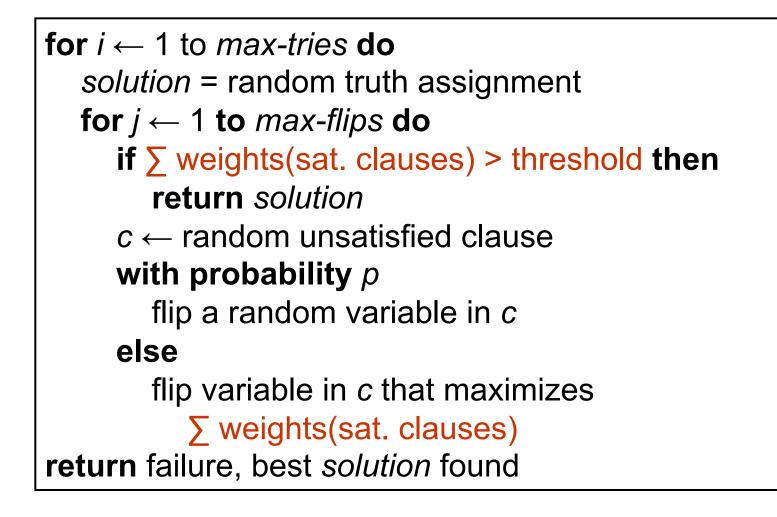


• **Problem:** Find most likely state of world given evidence

$$\underset{y}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \ \sum_{i} w_{i} n_{i}(x, y)$$

- This is just the weighted MaxSAT problem
- Use weighted SAT solver
 (e.g., MaxWalkSAT [Kautz et al., 1997])
- Potentially faster than logical inference (!)

The MaxWalkSAT Algorithm







But ... Memory Explosion

• Problem:

If there are **n** constants and the highest clause arity is **c**, the ground network requires **O(n)** greemory

• Solution:

- Exploit sparseness; ground clauses lazily
- → LazySAT algorithm [Singla & Domingos, 2006]
- Idea: only true literals and unsat clauses need to be kept in memory

Computing Probabilities



- P(Formula|MLN,C) = ?
- MCMC: Sample worlds, check formula holds
- P(Formula1|Formula2,MLN,C) = ?
- If Formula2 = Conjunction of ground atoms
 - First construct min subset of network necessary to answer query (generalization of Knowledge-Based Model Construction)
 - Then apply MCMC (or other)

Ground Network Construction

```
network \leftarrow \emptyset
queue \leftarrow query nodes
repeat
  node \leftarrow front(queue)
  remove node from queue
  add node to network
   if node not in evidence then
     add neighbors(node) to queue
until queue = \emptyset
```



Challenge: Hard Constraints



• Problem:

Deterministic dependencies break MCMC Near-deterministic ones make it **very** slow

• Solutions:

Combine MCMC and WalkSAT

 \rightarrow MC-SAT algorithm [Poon & Domingos, 2006]

- Compilation to arithmetic circuits [Lowd & Domingos 2011]
- Model counting [Sang & Kautz 2005]



Challenge: Quantifier Degree

• Problem:

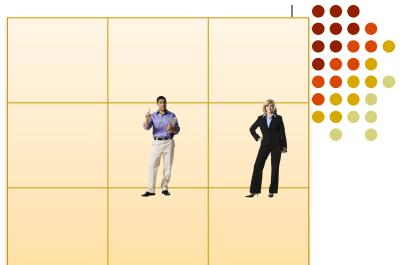
Size of instantiated network increases exponentially with quantifier nesting

• Solution:

- Often, most clauses are trivially satisfiable for most entities
- Preprocess entire theory to infer smaller domains for quantified variables
- Approach: local consistency (constraint propagation) [Papai, Singla, Kautz 2011]

Example

∀Cell1,Cell2,Agent1,Agent2.
 talk(Agent1,Agent2)&
 location(Agent1,Cell1)&
 location(Agent2,Cell2) → near(Cell1,Cell2)



 $near(Cell1,Cell2) \rightarrow Cell1 = Cell2 \lor adjacent(Cell1,Cell2)$

- 1000 x 1000 grid = 1,000,000 cells
- Previous approach: graphical model is quadratic in number of cells (10¹² nodes)
- New approach: *linear* in number of cells

Details



- Enforce generalized arc consistency using "hard" constraints
- Efficient implementation using database Join and Project operators
- Reduces total inference time by factor of 2 to 8 on benchmark domains

Domain	Time (in mins)				Ground Tuples (in 1000's)			
	Const. Propagation		Prob. Inference		Const. Propagation		Prob. Inference	
	Stand.	CPI	Stand.	CPI	Stand.	CPI	Stand.	CPI
CTF	0	0.37	1536.6	528.0	0	585.5	2107.8	1308.7
Cora	0	0.07	181.1	26.2	0	153.6	488.2	81.4
Library	0	0.20	286.4	23.0	0	462.7	366.2	45.9

"Constraint Propagation for Efficient Inference in Markov Logic", T. Papai, P. Singla, & H. Kautz, CP 2011.

Alchemy



Open-source software including:

- Full first-order logic syntax
- Generative & discriminative weight learning
- Structure learning
- Weighted satisfiability and MCMC
- Programming language features

alchemy.cs.washington.edu

Capture the Flag Domain

- Rich but controlled domain of interactive activities
 - o Very similar to strategic applications

Rules

- o Two teams, each has a territory
- o A player can be captured when on the opponents' territory
- o A captured player cannot move until freed by a teammate
- o Game ends when a player captures the opponents' flag

Game Video



Hard Rules for Capturing

- H6. A player can only be captured by an enemy.
- H7. A player can be captured only when standing on enemy territory.
- H9. A player transitions from an uncaptured state to a captured state only via a capture event.

 $\forall a_1, a_2, t: \operatorname{capturing}(a_1, a_2, t) \Rightarrow (\operatorname{enemies}(a_1, a_2) \land \\ \operatorname{onEnemyTer}(a_2, t) \land \neg \operatorname{onEnemyTer}(a_1, t) \\ \land \operatorname{samePlace}(a_1, a_2, t))$ (H6, H7)

 $\forall a, t : (\neg isCaptured(a, t) \land isCaptured(a, t+1)) \Rightarrow$ $(\exists a_1 : capturing(a_1, a, t))$ (H9)

Soft Rules for Capturing

- S4. If players *a* and *b* are enemies, *a* is on enemy territory, *b* is not captured already, and they are snapped to the same location, then *a probably* captures *b*.
- S5. Capture events are generally rare, i.e., there are typically only a few captures within a game.

 $\forall a_1, a_2, t : [(enemies(a_1, a_2) \land onEnemyTer(a_2, t) \land (S4) \\ \neg onEnemyTer(a_1, t) \land samePlace(a_1, a_2, t) \land \\ \neg isCaptured(a_2, t)) \Rightarrow capturing(a_1, a_2, t)] \cdot w_c$

$$\forall a, c, t : [capturing(a, c, t)] \cdot w_{cb}$$
(S5)

Results for Recognizing Captures

	# GPS Readings	# Actual Captures	Baseline	Baseline + States	2-Step ML	Unified ML
Game 1	13,412	2				
Precision	,		0.006	0.065	1.000	1.000
Recall	.		1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
F1			0.012	0.122	1.000	1.000
Game 2	14,400	2				
Precision	,		0.006	0.011	1.000	1.000
Recall	.		0.500	0.500	0.833	1.000
F1			0.013	0.022	0.909	1.000
Game 3	3,472	6				
Precision	,		0.041	0.238	1.000	1.000
Recall	.		0.833	0.833	0.833	0.833
F1	!		0.079	0.317	0.909	0.909

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End Part II

• The Future: Markov Logic

- From random fields to Max-SAT
- Finite first-order theories
- 3 good ideas:
 - Lazy inference
 - Query-based instantiation
 - Domain pruning

