

- Recap:

L9: Polynomial time algorithm for 2-SAT

L8: Polynomial time algorithm for Horn-SAT

L7: The Boolean satisfiability problem.

Unit propagation / DPLL

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CNF formula:

$(l_{11} \text{ or } l_{12} \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } l_{1k_1})$  and  
 $(l_{21} \text{ or } l_{22} \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } l_{2k_2})$  and  
 $\vdots$   
 $(l_{n1} \text{ or } l_{n2} \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } l_{nk_n})$

→ Clause  
→ Literal  
Either a variable  $v_{22}$   
or its complement  $\bar{v}_{22}$

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Unit propagation

Consider a clause  $(a \text{ or } b \text{ or } \bar{c})$

Partial assignment  $\{ a \mapsto \text{false}, b \mapsto \text{true} \}$

For the clause to be satisfied,  
it has to be the case that  $c \mapsto \text{false}$ .

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Might result in a domino effect.

Ex:  $a$  and  $(\bar{a} \text{ or } b)$  and  $(\bar{b} \text{ or } c)$

Repeat until fixpoint.

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DPLL (CNF formula  $\varphi$ , Partial assignment  $s$ )

-  $s := \text{Unit Propagate}(\varphi, s)$

- If  $\exists$  variable  $v$  s.t.  $v \in s$  and  $\bar{v} \in s$ ,

-  $S :=$  Unit propagate ( $\varphi \circ$ )

- If  $\exists$  variable  $v$  s.t.  $v \in S$  and  $\bar{v} \in S$ ,  
then return unsat (Check consistency)

Ex:  $a$  and  $(a \Rightarrow b)$  and  $(b \Rightarrow \bar{a})$

- If  $\forall$  variables  $v$ , either  $v \in S$  or  $\bar{v} \in S$ ,  
then: (Check completeness)

- Assert (every clause is satisfied)

- Return SAT

Ex:  $\varphi = a$  and  $(a \Rightarrow b)$  and  $(b \Rightarrow c)$   
 $S = \{a, b, c\}$

→ Assert: There has to exist a variable  
 $v$  s.t. neither  $v$  nor  $\bar{v}$  occur in  $S$ .

Ex:  $(a \wedge b \Rightarrow c)$  and  $(c \Rightarrow \bar{a})$  and  $(c \Rightarrow \bar{b})$   
 $S = \{\}$  (Empty partial assignment)

- Pick such a variable  $v$ .

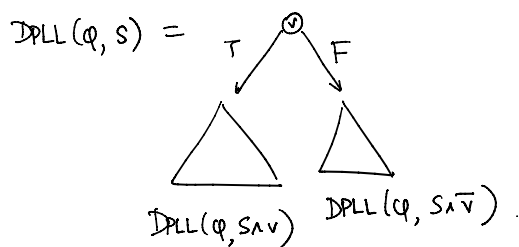
Execute  $a_+ = \text{DPLL}(\varphi \ S \wedge v)$

$a_- = \text{DPLL}(\varphi \ S \wedge \bar{v})$

If either  $a_+$  or  $a_- = \text{SAT}$ ,

then return SAT.

Else return UNSAT

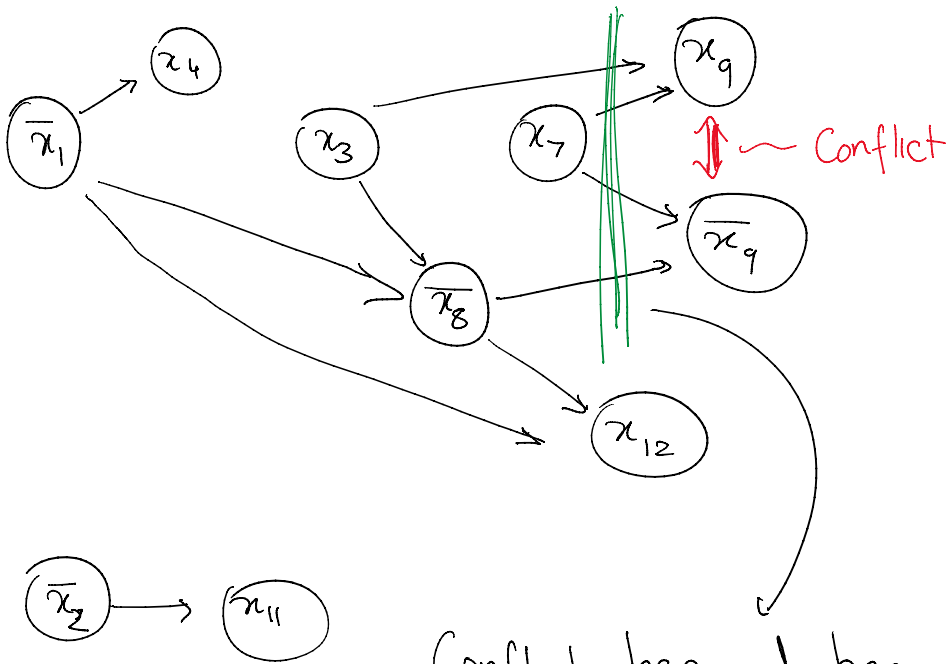
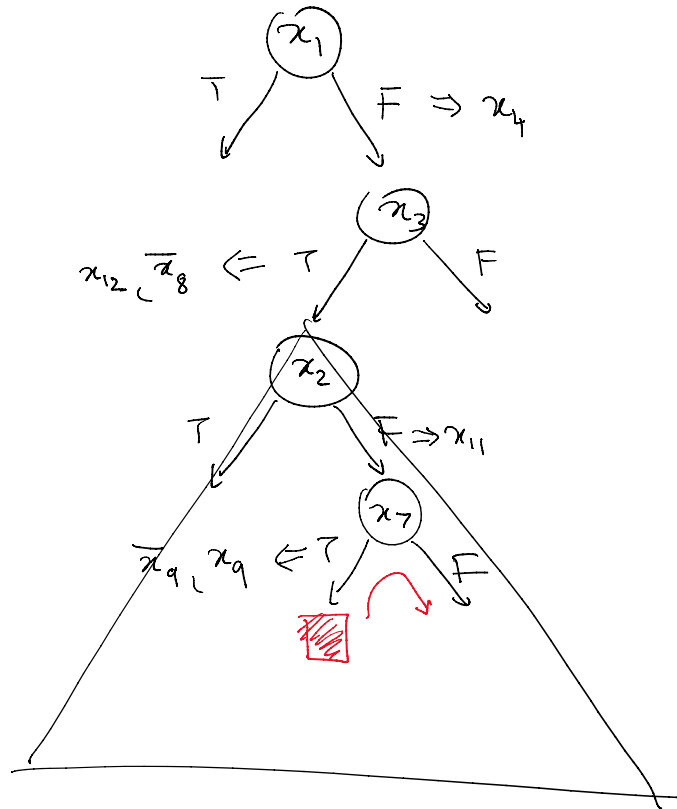


# Clause Learning

- $(x_1 \text{ or } x_4)$  and
- $(x_1 \text{ or } \bar{x}_3 \text{ or } \bar{x}_8)$  and
- $(x_1 \text{ or } x_9 \text{ or } x_{12})$  and
- $(x_2 \text{ or } x_{11})$  and

- $C_5: (\bar{x}_7 \text{ or } \bar{x}_3 \text{ or } x_9)$  and
- $C_6: (\bar{x}_7 \text{ or } x_8 \text{ or } \bar{x}_9)$  and
- $(x_7 \text{ or } x_8 \text{ or } \bar{x}_{10})$  and
- $(x_7 \text{ or } x_{10} \text{ or } \bar{x}_{12})$

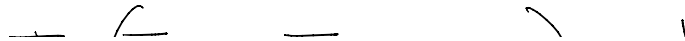
Learned clause:  
 $\bar{x}_3 \text{ or } \bar{x}_7 \text{ or } x_8$



Conflict happened because

$$t = x_3 \text{ and } x_7 \text{ and } \bar{x}_8$$

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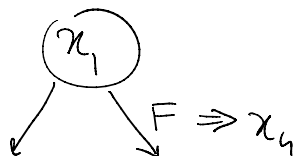
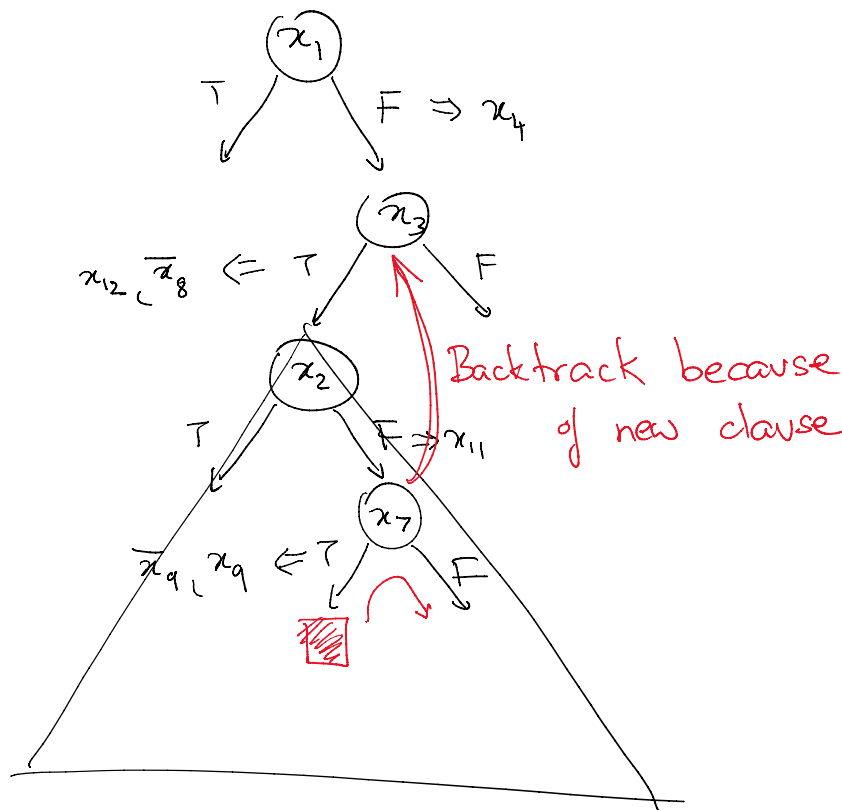
$$\text{F} = (\overline{x_3} \text{ or } \overline{x_7} \text{ or } x_8) \leftarrow \text{clause}$$

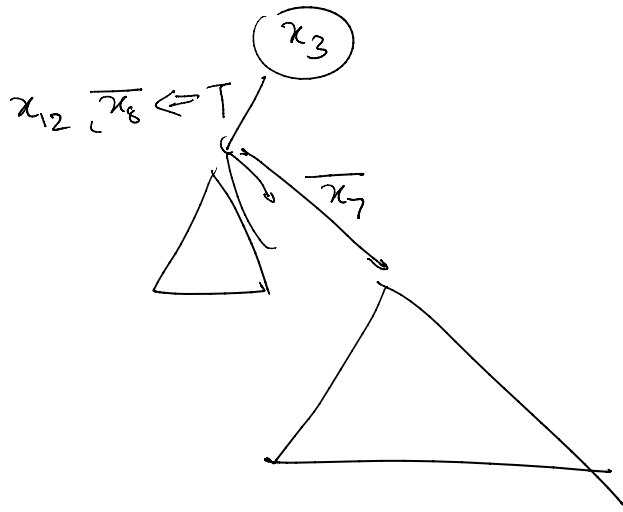
has to be true.

Idea 1: Learn new clauses by

analysing conflict.  $\text{F} = (\overline{x_3} \text{ or } \overline{x_7} \text{ or } x_8)$

Idea 2: Non-chronological backtracking






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Restarts : Gomes et al; AAAI 1998

Boosting combinatorial search through randomization.

- Keep learned clauses
- Restart from last truth assignment

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Restart after

- 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... conflicts (geometric progression)
- 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, ... conflicts (Luby sequence)
- 128, 128, 128, ... conflicts (uniform sequence)

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- Restarts work very well in practice.

Unclear theoretical basis.

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## Decision heuristics

- Dynamic Largest Individual Sum

Choose variable which satisfies most unsatisfied clauses.

- Jeroslow-Wang method

For each literal  $l$ ,

$$J(l) = \sum_{\substack{\text{clauses in which} \\ l \text{ appears, } \omega}} 2^{-|\omega|}$$

- Variable State Independent Decaying Sum

VSDS

$c_v = \#$  of clauses in which  $v$  occurs positively

$c_{\bar{v}} = \#$  of clauses in which  $v$  occurs negatively.

- Make decisions to maximize this score

- Periodically divide all counters by a constant.

# Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

Ex:  $x_1 \neq x_2$  and  $x_2 = x_3$  and  $x_3 = x_1$

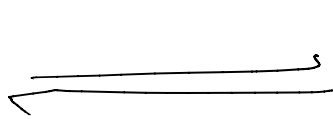


$\underbrace{\text{not } (x_1 = x_2)}_a$  and  $\underbrace{(x_2 = x_3)}_b$  and  $\underbrace{(x_3 = x_1)}_c$

SMT: Level 1: Propositional core

Level 2: Each atomic proposition is interpreted over some theory

SAT solver  
core



Theory solver

Equality

Equality with uninterpreted fns

Linear integer arithmetic

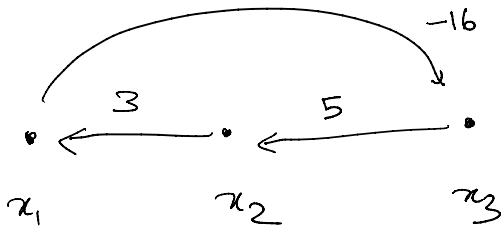
Difference logic

Arrays  
Bit vectors  
Strings

Difference logic

$\exists x_1, x_2, x_3$  s.t.  $\underbrace{x_1 - x_2 \leq 3}$  and  $\underbrace{x_2 - x_3 \leq 5}$  and  $x_3 - x_1 \leq -16$

Difference between two integer-valued variables  
Difference  $\leq$  constant



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_2 \leq x_3 + 5 \\ x_1 \leq x_2 + 3 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow x_1 \leq x_3 + 8$$
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 \leq x_3 + 8 \\ x_3 \leq x_1 - 16 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

$$x_3 \leq x_3 - 8$$

Absurd. Therefore unsat.

$\exists x_1, x_2, x_3$  s.t.  $x_1 - x_2 \geq 3$  and  
 $x_2 - x_3 \leq 5$  and



$\rightarrow x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad \dots \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots$

$$x_2 - x_3 \leq 5 \quad \text{and}$$

$$x_3 - x_1 \leq 16$$



Constraints of the form  $x \leq x + c$  (positive constant)  
trivially satisfiable

Constraints of the form  $x \leq x - c$  (positive constant)  
obviously absurd.

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Conjunction of propositions in difference logic  
is satisfiable iff no negative weight cycle  
exists in the graph.