

Verification

Lecture 23

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REVIEW: Decidability of first-order theories

Theory	full	QFF
T_E Equality	no	yes
T_{PA} Peano arithmetic	no	no
$T_{\mathbb{N}}$ Presburger arithmetic	yes	yes
$T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ integers	yes	yes
$T_{\mathbb{R}}$ reals	yes	yes
$T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ rationals	yes	yes
T_{cons} lists	no	yes
T_A arrays	no	yes
T_A^- arrays with extensionality	no	yes

REVIEW: Quantifier Elimination (QE)

Algorithm for elimination of all quantifiers of formula F until quantifier-free formula G that is equivalent to F remains

Note: Could be enough to require that F is **equisatisfiable** to F' , that is F is satisfiable iff F' is satisfiable

A theory T **admits quantifier elimination** if there is an algorithm that given Σ -formula F returns a quantifier-free Σ -formula G that is T -equivalent to F .

REVIEW: $\widehat{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ admits QE (Cooper's method)

Algorithm: Given $\widehat{\Sigma}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula $\exists x. F[x]$, where F is quantifier-free, construct quantifier-free $\widehat{\Sigma}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -formula that is equivalent to $\exists x. F[x]$.

1. Put $F[x]$ into Negation Normal Form (NNF).
2. Normalize literals: $s < t, k|t$, or $\neg(k|t)$
3. Put x in $s < t$ on one side: $hx < t$ or $s < hx$
4. Replace hx with x' without a factor
5. Replace $F[x']$ by $\bigvee F[j]$ for finitely many j .

Decision Procedures for Quantifier-free Fragments

For theory T with signature Σ and axioms Σ -formulae of form

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n. F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Decide if

$$F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ or } \exists x_1, \dots, x_n. F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ is } T\text{-satisfiable}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Decide if} \\ F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ or } \forall x_1, \dots, x_n. F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ is } T\text{-valid} \end{array} \right]$$

where F is quantifier-free and $\text{free}(F) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Note: no quantifier alternations

We consider only **conjunctive** quantifier-free Σ -formulae, i.e., conjunctions of Σ -literals (Σ -atoms or negations of Σ -atoms).

For given arbitrary quantifier-free Σ -formula F , convert it into DNF Σ -formula

$$F_1 \vee \dots \vee F_k$$

where each F_i conjunctive.

F is T -satisfiable iff at least one F_i is T -satisfiable.

Preliminary Concepts

Vector

variable n -vector

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

n -vector $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Q}^n$

$$\bar{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

transpose

$$\bar{a}^T = [a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_n]$$

Matrix

$m \times n$ -matrix

$$A \in \mathbb{Q}^{m \times n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \cdots a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \cdots a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

transpose

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \cdots a_{m1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1n} \cdots a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

column

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{column} \curvearrowright \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{i1} \cdots a_{ij} \cdots a_{in} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \\ \curvearrowleft \text{row} \end{array}$$

Multiplication

vector-vector

$$\bar{a}^T \bar{b} = [a_1 \cdots a_n] \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

matrix-vector

$$A\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix-matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{ik} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{kj} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{ij} \\ \vdots \\ p_{mj} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \qquad B \qquad P$

where $p_{ij} = \bar{a}_i \bar{b}_j = [a_{i1} \cdots a_{in}] \begin{bmatrix} b_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$

Special Vectors and Matrices

$\bar{0}$ - vector (column) of 0s

$\bar{1}$ - vector of 1s

$$\text{Thus } \bar{1}^T \bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{identity matrix } (n \times n)$$

Thus $IA = AI = A$

$$\text{unit vector } e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i$$

Vector Space - set S of vectors closed under addition and scaling of vectors. That is,

$$\text{if } \bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k \in S \quad \text{then} \quad \lambda_1 \bar{v}_1 + \dots + \lambda_k \bar{v}_k \in S \\ \text{for } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Linear Equation

$F : A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$
 $m \times n$ -matrix variable n -vector m -vector
represents the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$F : (a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m)$$

Gaussian Elimination

Find \bar{x} s.t. $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ by elementary row operations

- ▶ Swap two rows.
- ▶ Multiply a row by a nonzero scalar.
- ▶ Add one row to another.

Example:

Solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Construct the augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Apply the row operations as follows:

1. Add $-2\bar{a}_1 + 4\bar{a}_2$ to \bar{a}_3

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

2. Add $-\bar{a}_1 + 2\bar{a}_2$ to \bar{a}_2

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

This augmented matrix is in **triangular** form.

Solving

$$x_3 = -6$$

$$-x_2 - x_3 = -3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_2 = -3$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_1 = 7$$

The solution is $\bar{x} = [7 \ -3 \ -6]^T$

Inverse Matrix

A^{-1} is the **inverse** matrix of square matrix A if

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$$

Square matrix A is **nonsingular (invertible)** if its inverse A^{-1} exists.

How to compute A^{-1} of A ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [A | I] & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & [I | A^{-1}] \\ & \text{elementary} & \\ & \text{row operations} & \end{array}$$

How to compute k th column of A^{-1} ?

Solve $A\bar{y} = e_k$, i.e.

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{elementary} \\ \text{row operations}}} \bar{y} = \dots \quad (\text{kth column of } A^{-1})$$

Linear Inequality

$$G: A\bar{x} \leq b$$

represents the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$G: (a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m)$$

The inequality describes a **polyhedron** in \mathbb{R}^n .

For $m \times n$ -matrix A , m -vector b , variable n -vector \bar{x} where $m \geq n$:

An n -vector \bar{v} is a **vertex** of $A\bar{x} \leq b$ if there is nonsingular $n \times n$ -submatrix A_0 and corresponding n -subvector b_0 s.t.

$$A_0\bar{v} = b_0$$

Optimization Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{max} & \bar{c}^T \bar{x} \quad \dots \text{objective function} \\ \mathbf{subject\ to} & \\ & A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b} \quad \dots \text{constraints} \end{array}$$

Solution: vertex \bar{v}^* satisfying $A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}$ and maximize $\bar{c}^T \bar{x}$. That is,

$$A\bar{v}^* \leq \bar{b} \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{c}^T \bar{v}^* \text{ is maximal: } \bar{c}^T \bar{v}^* \geq \bar{c}^T \bar{u} \text{ for all } \bar{u} \text{ satisfying } A\bar{u} \leq \bar{b}$$

- ▶ If $A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}$ is unsatisfiable \Rightarrow maximum is $-\infty$
- ▶ It's possible that the maximum is unbounded
 \Rightarrow maximum is ∞

Example: Consider optimization problem:

$$\max \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{c}^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{x}}$$

subject to

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{x}} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{b}}$$

A is a 7×4 -matrix, \bar{b} is a 7-vector, and \bar{x} is a variable 4-vector representing the four variables $\{x, y, z_1, z_2\}$.

Example (cont):

The objective function is

$$(x - z_1) + (y - z_2).$$

The constraints are equivalent to the $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$\begin{aligned} x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge z_1 \geq 0 \wedge z_2 \geq 0 \\ \wedge x + y \leq 3 \wedge x - z_1 \leq 2 \wedge y - z_2 \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\bar{v} = [2 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ is a **vertex** of the constraints. For the nonsingular submatrix A_0 (rows 3, 4, 5, 6 of A), we have

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{A_0} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{b_0}$$

Duality Theorem

For $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$, $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$, $\bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$,

$$\max\{\bar{c}^T \bar{x} \mid A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}\} = \min\{\bar{y}^T \bar{b} \mid \bar{y} \geq \bar{0} \wedge \bar{y}^T A = \bar{c}^T\}$$

if the constraints are satisfiable.

That is,

maximizing the function $c^T \bar{x}$ over $A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}$
(the **primal** form of the optimization problem)

is equivalent to

minimizing the function $\bar{y}^T \bar{b}$ over all the nonnegative \bar{y}
s.t. $\bar{y}^T A = \bar{c}^T$
(the **dual** form of the optimization problem)

Outline of Algorithm

Given $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$F : a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$$

or in matrix notation

$$F : A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}$$

Note: • equations

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n = b_j$$

are allowed --- break into two inequalities

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n \leq b_j \wedge -a_{j1}x_1 - \dots - a_{jn}x_n \leq -b_j.$$

• Strict inequalities

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n < b_j .$$

excluded from our discussion - but can be added.

Outline of Algorithm (cont)

To determine the satisfiability of F ,

Step 0: reformulate the satisfiability of F as an optimization problem

$$M_F : \max\{\bar{c}^T \bar{x}' \mid A' \bar{x}' \leq \bar{b}'\}$$

s.t. F is $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -satisfiable iff the optimal value of M_F is a particular value v_F (derived from the structure of F)

Step 1, Step 2, ... (until termination) execute the **simplex method**

Outline of Algorithm (cont)

The simplex method traverses the vertices of $A'\bar{x}' \leq \bar{b}'$ searching for the maximum of the objective function $\bar{c}^T\bar{x}'$:

if $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots$ are the traversed vertices in **Step 1, Step 2, ...**, then

$$\bar{c}^T\bar{v}_1 < \bar{c}^T\bar{v}_2 < \dots .$$

The simplex method terminates at some vertex \bar{v}_{j^*} where $\bar{c}^T\bar{v}_{j^*}$ is the global optimum

Final step: Compare the discovered optimal value $\bar{c}^T\bar{v}_{j^*}$ to the desired value v_F .

- ▶ if equal, then F is $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -satisfiable
- ▶ otherwise, F is $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -unsatisfiable

$T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -Satisfiability

For a generic $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$F : \bigwedge_{i=1}^m a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \leq b_i$$

the corresponding optimization problem is

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{max} & 1 \\ \mathbf{subject\ to} & \\ & \bigwedge_{i=1}^m a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \leq b_i \end{array}$$

The optimum is $-\infty$ iff the constraints are $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -unsatisfiable and 1 otherwise.

$T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -Satisfiability (cont.)

For a generic $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula

$$F: \bigwedge_{i=1}^m a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \leq b_i \\ \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^l a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n < \beta_i$$

the corresponding optimization problem is

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{max} & x_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{subject\ to} & \bigwedge_{i=1}^m a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \leq b_i \\ & \bigwedge_{i=1}^l a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n + x_{n+1} \leq \beta_i \end{array}$$

The optimum is positive iff the constraints are $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -satisfiable.

The Theory of Equality T_E

$$\Sigma_E: \{=, a, b, c, \dots, f, g, h, \dots, p, q, r, \dots\}$$

uninterpreted symbols:

- constants a, b, c, \dots
- functions f, g, h, \dots
- predicates p, q, r, \dots

Example:

$$x = y \wedge f(x) \neq f(y) \quad T_E\text{-unsatisfiable}$$

$$f(x) = f(y) \wedge x \neq y \quad T_E\text{-satisfiable}$$

$$f(f(f(a))) = a \wedge f(f(f(f(f(a)))))) = a \wedge f(a) \neq a \quad T_E\text{-unsatisfiable}$$

Axioms of T_E

1. $\forall x. x = x$ (reflexivity)
2. $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow y = x$ (symmetry)
3. $\forall x, y, z. x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$ (transitivity)

define = to be an **equivalence relation**.

Axiom schema

4. for each positive integer n and n -ary function symbol f ,
$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i$$
$$\rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$
 (congruence)

For example,

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$$

Then

$$x = g(y, z) \rightarrow f(x) = f(g(y, z))$$

is T_E -valid.

Axiom schema

5. for each positive integer n and n -ary predicate symbol p ,

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i \rightarrow (p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow p(y_1, \dots, y_n)) \quad (\text{equivalence})$$

Thus,

$$x = y \rightarrow (p(x) \leftrightarrow p(y))$$

is T_E -valid.

We discuss T_E -formulae without predicates

For example, for Σ_E -formula

$$F: p(x) \wedge q(x,y) \wedge q(y,z) \rightarrow \neg q(x,z)$$

introduce fresh constant \bullet , and fresh functions f_p and f_q , and transform F to

$$G: f_p(x) = \bullet \wedge f_q(x,y) = \bullet \wedge f_q(y,z) = \bullet \rightarrow f_q(x,z) \neq \bullet.$$

Equivalence and Congruence Relations: Basics

Binary relation R over set S

- is an **equivalence relation** if
 - ▶ reflexive: $\forall s \in S. sRs$;
 - ▶ symmetric: $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S. s_1Rs_2 \rightarrow s_2Rs_1$;
 - ▶ transitive: $\forall s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S. s_1Rs_2 \wedge s_2Rs_3 \rightarrow s_1Rs_3$.

Example:

Define the binary relation \equiv_2 over the set \mathbb{Z} of integers

$$m \equiv_2 n \quad \text{iff} \quad (m \bmod 2) = (n \bmod 2)$$

That is, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ are related iff they are both even or both odd.

\equiv_2 is an equivalence relation

- is a **congruence relation** if in addition

$$\forall \bar{s}, \bar{t}. \bigwedge_{i=1}^n s_i R t_i \rightarrow f(\bar{s}) R f(\bar{t}).$$

Classes

For $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ relation R over set S ,

The $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ class of $s \in S$ under R is

$$[s]_R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s' \in S : sRs'\}.$$

Example:

The equivalence class of 3 under \equiv_2 over \mathbb{Z} is

$$[3]_{\equiv_2} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \text{ is odd}\}.$$

Partitions

A **partition** P of S is a set of subsets of S that is

- ▶ **total** $\left(\bigcup_{S' \in P} S' \right) = S$
- ▶ **disjoint** $\forall S_1, S_2 \in P. S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$

Quotient

The **quotient** S/R of S by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ relation R is the set of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence} \\ \text{congruence} \end{array} \right\}$ classes

$$S/R = \{[s]_R : s \in S\}.$$

It is a partition

Example: The quotient \mathbb{Z}/\equiv_2 is a partition of \mathbb{Z} . The set of equivalence classes

$$\{\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \text{ is odd}\}, \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \text{ is even}\}\}$$

Note duality between relations and classes

Refinements

Two binary relations R_1 and R_2 over set S .

R_1 is **refinement** of R_2 , $R_1 < R_2$, if

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \in S. s_1 R_1 s_2 \rightarrow s_1 R_2 s_2 .$$

R_1 **refines** R_2 .

Examples:

- ▶ For $S = \{a, b\}$,

$$R_1 : \{a R_1 b\} \quad R_2 : \{a R_2 b, b R_2 b\}$$

Then $R_1 < R_2$

- ▶ For set S ,

$$R_1 \text{ induced by the partition } P_1 : \{\{s\} : s \in S\}$$

$$R_2 \text{ induced by the partition } P_2 : \{S\}$$

Then $R_1 < R_2$.

- ▶ For set \mathbb{Z}

$$R_1 : \{x R_1 y : x \bmod 2 = y \bmod 2\}$$

$$R_2 : \{x R_2 y : x \bmod 4 = y \bmod 4\}$$

Then $R_2 < R_1$.

Closures

Given binary relation R over S .

The **equivalence closure** R^E of R is the equivalence relation s.t.

- ▶ R refines R^E , i.e. $R < R^E$;
- ▶ for all other equivalence relations R' s.t. $R < R'$,
either $R' = R^E$ or $R^E < R'$

That is, R^E is the “smallest” equivalence relation that “covers” R .

Example: If $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $R = \{aRb, bRc, dRd\}$, then

- $aRb, bRc, dRd \in R^E$ since $R \subseteq R^E$;
- $aRa, bRb, cRc \in R^E$ by reflexivity;
- $bRa, cRb \in R^E$ by symmetry;
- $aRc \in R^E$ by transitivity;
- $cRa \in R^E$ by symmetry.

Hence,

$$R^E = \{aRb, bRa, aRa, bRb, bRc, cRb, cRc, aRc, cRa, dRd\}.$$

Similarly, the **congruence closure** R^C of R is the “smallest” congruence relation that “covers” R .

Congruence Closure Algorithm

Given Σ_E -formula

$$F : s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m \wedge s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n$$

decide if F is Σ_E -satisfiable.

Definition: For Σ_E -formula F ,
the **subterm set** S_F of F is the set that contains precisely
the subterms of F .

Example: The subterm set of

$$F : f(a, b) = a \wedge f(f(a, b), b) \neq a$$

is

$$S_F = \{a, b, f(a, b), f(f(a, b), b)\}.$$

The Algorithm

Given Σ_E -formula F

$$F: s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m \wedge s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n$$

with subterm set S_F , F is T_E -satisfiable iff there exists a congruence relation \sim over S_F such that

- ▶ for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, $s_i \sim t_i$;
- ▶ for each $i \in \{m + 1, \dots, n\}$, $s_i \not\sim t_i$.

Such congruence relation \sim defines T_E -interpretation $I: (D_I, \alpha_I)$ of F . D_I consists of $|S_F / \sim|$ elements, one for each congruence class of S_F under \sim .

Instead of writing $I \models F$ for this T_E -interpretation, we abbreviate

$$\sim \models F$$

The goal of the algorithm is to construct the congruence relation of S_F , or to prove that no congruence relation exists.

$$F : \underbrace{s_1 = t_1 \wedge \dots \wedge s_m = t_m}_{\text{generate congruence closure}} \wedge \underbrace{s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \dots \wedge s_n \neq t_n}_{\text{search for contradiction}}$$

The algorithm performs the following steps:

1. Construct the congruence closure \sim of

$$\{s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_m = t_m\}$$

over the subterm set S_F . Then

$$\sim \models s_1 = t_1 \wedge \dots \wedge s_m = t_m .$$

2. If for any $i \in \{m + 1, \dots, n\}$, $s_i \sim t_i$, return unsatisfiable.
3. Otherwise, $\sim \models F$, so return satisfiable.

How do we actually construct the congruence closure in Step 1?

Initially, begin with the finest congruence relation \sim_0 given by the partition

$$\{\{s\} : s \in S_F\}.$$

That is, let each term of S_F be its own congruence class.

Then, for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, impose $s_i = t_i$ by merging the congruence classes

$$[s_i]_{\sim_{i-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad [t_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$$

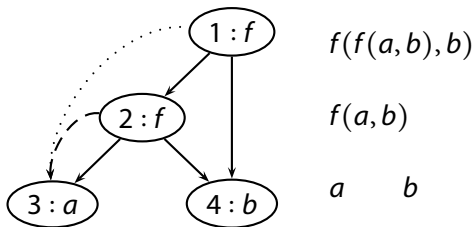
to form a new congruence relation \sim_j . To accomplish this merging,

- ▶ form the union of $[s_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$ and $[t_i]_{\sim_{i-1}}$
- ▶ propagate any new congruences that arise within this union.

The new relation \sim_j is a congruence relation in which $s_i \sim t_i$.

Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

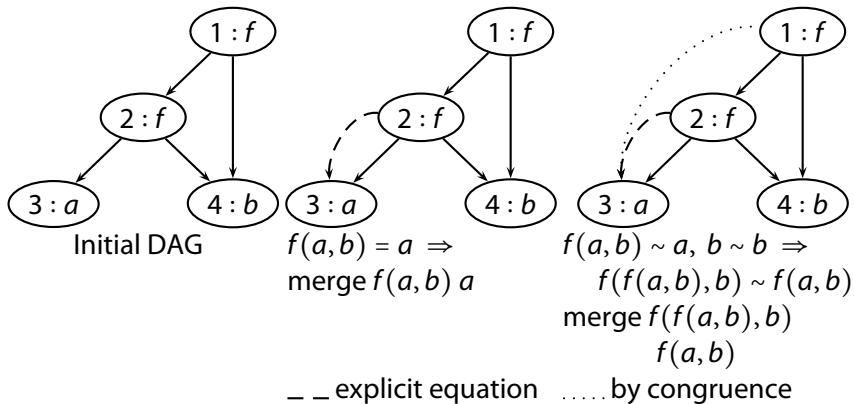
For Σ_E -formula F , graph-based data structure for representing the subterms of S_F (and congruence relation between them).



Efficient way for computing the congruence closure algorithm.

T_E -Satisfiability (Summary of idea)

$$f(a, b) = a \wedge f(f(a, b), b) \neq a$$



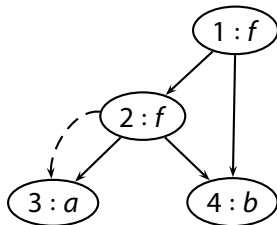
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{find } f(f(a, b), b) = a = \text{find } a \\ f(f(a, b), b) \neq a \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \textbf{Unsatisfiable}$$

DAG representation

```
type node = {  
    id           : id  
                node's unique identification number  
  
    fn          : string  
                constant or function name  
  
    args       : id list  
                list of function arguments  
  
    mutable find : id  
                the representative of the congruence class  
  
    mutable ccpair : id set  
                if the node is the representative for its  
                congruence class, then its ccpair  
                (congruence closure parents) are all  
                parents of nodes in its congruence class  
  
}
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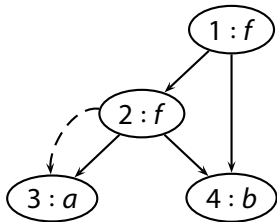
DAG Representation of node 2

```
type node = {  
    id          : id      ... 2  
    fn         : string  ... f  
    args       : idlist ... [3,4]  
    mutable find : id    ... 3  
    mutable ccpar : idset ...  $\emptyset$   
}
```



DAG Representation of node 3

```
type node = {  
    id          : id      ... 3  
    fn         : string  ... a  
    args       : idlist  ... []  
    mutable find : id    ... 3  
    mutable cpar : idset  ... {1,2}  
}
```

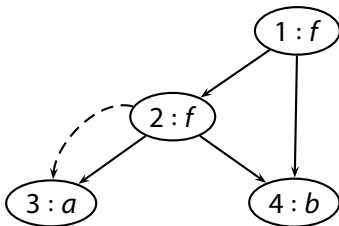


The Implementation

find function

returns the representative of node's congruence class

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let rec find i =  
  let n = node i in  
  if n.find = i then i else find n.find
```



Example: find 2 = 3

find 3 = 3

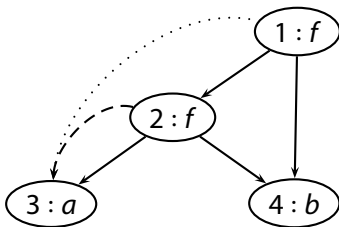
3 is the representative of 2.

union function

```
let union  $i_1$   $i_2$  =  
  let  $n_1$  = node (find  $i_1$ ) in  
  let  $n_2$  = node (find  $i_2$ ) in  
   $n_1$ .find  $\leftarrow$   $n_2$ .find;  
   $n_2$ .ccpar  $\leftarrow$   $n_1$ .ccpar  $\cup$   $n_2$ .ccpar;  
   $n_1$ .ccpar  $\leftarrow$   $\emptyset$ 
```

n_2 is the representative of the union class

Example



union 1 2 $n_1 = 1$ $n_2 = 3$

1.find $\leftarrow 3$

3.ccpair $\leftarrow \{1, 2\}$

1.ccpair $\leftarrow \emptyset$

ccpar function

Returns parents of all nodes in i 's congruence class

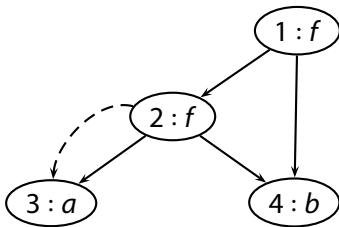
```
let ccpar  $i$  =  
  (node (find  $i$ )).ccpar
```

congruent predicate

Test whether i_1 and i_2 are congruent

```
let congruent  $i_1$   $i_2$  =  
  let  $n_1$  = node  $i_1$  in  
  let  $n_2$  = node  $i_2$  in  
   $n_1$ .fn =  $n_2$ .fn  
   $\wedge$   $|n_1$ .args| =  $|n_2$ .args|  
   $\wedge \forall i \in \{1, \dots, |n_1$ .args|\}. find  $n_1$ .args[ $i$ ] = find  $n_2$ .args[ $i$ ]
```

Example:



Are 1 and 2 congruent?

fn fields

--- both f

of arguments

--- same

left arguments $f(a, b)$ and a --- both congruent to 3

right arguments b and b --- both 4 (congruent)

Therefore 1 and 2 are congruent.

merge function

```
let rec merge  $i_1$   $i_2$  =  
  if find  $i_1$   $\neq$  find  $i_2$  then begin  
    let  $P_{i_1}$  = cpar  $i_1$  in  
    let  $P_{i_2}$  = cpar  $i_2$  in  
    union  $i_1$   $i_2$ ;  
    foreach  $t_1, t_2 \in P_{i_1} \times P_{i_2}$  do  
      if find  $t_1$   $\neq$  find  $t_2$   $\wedge$  congruent  $t_1$   $t_2$   
      then merge  $t_1$   $t_2$   
    done  
  end
```

P_{i_1} and P_{i_2} store the current values of cpar i_1 and cpar i_2 .

Decision Procedure: T_E -satisfiability

Given Σ_E -formula

$$F : s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m \wedge s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n ,$$

with subterm set S_F , perform the following steps:

1. Construct the initial DAG for the subterm set S_F .
2. For $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, merge s_i t_i .
3. If find $s_i = \text{find } t_i$ for some $i \in \{m + 1, \dots, n\}$, return unsatisfiable.
4. Otherwise (if find $s_i \neq \text{find } t_i$ for all $i \in \{m + 1, \dots, n\}$) return satisfiable.

Theorem (Sound and Complete)

Quantifier-free conjunctive Σ_E -formula F is T_E -satisfiable iff the congruence closure algorithm returns satisfiable.

Recursive Data Structures

Quantifier-free Theory of Lists T_{cons}

$\Sigma_{\text{cons}} : \{\text{cons}, \text{car}, \text{cdr}, \text{atom}, =\}$

- **constructor** cons : $\text{cons}(a, b)$ list constructed by prepending a to b
- **left projector** car : $\text{car}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = a$
- **right projector** cdr : $\text{cdr}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = b$
- **atom** : unary predicate

Axioms of T_{cons}

- ▶ reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity
- ▶ congruence axioms:

$$\forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2. x_1 = x_2 \wedge y_1 = y_2 \rightarrow \text{cons}(x_1, y_1) = \text{cons}(x_2, y_2)$$

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{car}(x) = \text{car}(y)$$

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{cdr}(x) = \text{cdr}(y)$$

- ▶ equivalence axiom:

$$\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow (\text{atom}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{atom}(y))$$

▶

$$(A1) \forall x, y. \text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = x \quad (\text{left projection})$$

$$(A2) \forall x, y. \text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = y \quad (\text{right projection})$$

$$(A3) \forall x. \neg \text{atom}(x) \rightarrow \text{cons}(\text{car}(x), \text{cdr}(x)) = x \quad (\text{construction})$$

$$(A4) \forall x, y. \neg \text{atom}(\text{cons}(x, y)) \quad (\text{atom})$$

Simplifications

- ▶ Consider only quantifier-free conjunctive Σ_{cons} -formulae. Convert non-conjunctive formula to DNF and check each disjunct.
- ▶ $\neg\text{atom}(u_i)$ literals are removed:

replace $\neg\text{atom}(u_i)$ with $u_i = \text{cons}(u_i^1, u_i^2)$

by the (construction) axiom.

- ▶ Because of similarity to Σ_E , we sometimes combine $\Sigma_{\text{cons}} \cup \Sigma_E$.

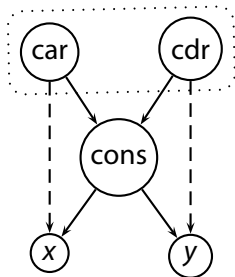
Algorithm: T_{cons} -Satisfiability (the idea)

$$\begin{aligned} F : & \quad \underbrace{s_1 = t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge s_m = t_m}_{\text{generate congruence closure}} \\ & \wedge \underbrace{s_{m+1} \neq t_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge s_n \neq t_n}_{\text{search for contradiction}} \\ & \wedge \underbrace{\text{atom}(u_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{atom}(u_l)}_{\text{search for contradiction}} \end{aligned}$$

where s_i , t_i , and u_i are T_{cons} -terms

Algorithm: T_{cons} -Satisfiability

1. Construct the initial DAG for S_F
2. for each node n with $n.\text{fn} = \text{cons}$
 - ▶ add $\text{car}(n)$ and merge $\text{car}(n)$ $n.\text{args}[1]$
 - ▶ add $\text{cdr}(n)$ and merge $\text{cdr}(n)$ $n.\text{args}[2]$by axioms (A1), (A2)
3. for $1 \leq i \leq m$, merge s_i t_i
4. for $m + 1 \leq i \leq n$, if $\text{find } s_i = \text{find } t_i$, return **unsatisfiable**
5. for $1 \leq i \leq l$, if $\exists v. \text{find } v = \text{find } u_i \wedge v.\text{fn} = \text{cons}$, return **unsatisfiable**
6. Otherwise, return **satisfiable**



Example:

Given $(\Sigma_{\text{cons}} \cup \Sigma_E)$ -formula

$$F : \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{car}(x) = \text{car}(y) \wedge \text{cdr}(x) = \text{cdr}(y) \\ & \wedge \neg \text{atom}(x) \wedge \neg \text{atom}(y) \wedge f(x) \neq f(y) \end{aligned}$$

where the function symbol f is in Σ_E

$$\text{car}(x) = \text{car}(y) \quad \wedge \quad (1)$$

$$\text{cdr}(x) = \text{cdr}(y) \quad \wedge \quad (2)$$

$$F' : \quad x = \text{cons}(u_1, v_1) \quad \wedge \quad (3)$$

$$y = \text{cons}(u_2, v_2) \quad \wedge \quad (4)$$

$$f(x) \neq f(y) \quad (5)$$

Recall the projection axioms:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y. \text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = x$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y. \text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = y$$

Example(cont): congruence

