

Solvers Principles and Architecture (SPA)

Part 2

SMT Solvers

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Recall that **logic** is a pair of **syntax** and **semantics**.

Syntax

- Alphabet: set of symbols
- Expressions: sequences of symbols
- Rules: identifying **well-formed** expressions

Semantics

- **Meaning**: what is meant by well-formed expressions
- Rules: infer the meaning from subexpressions

In addition to **Logical** symbols: \neg , \wedge , \longrightarrow , etc. (alphabet of propositional logic)

We will be adding:

- **variables** symbols: x , y , etc.
- **parameters**, or non-logical symbols: \exists , f , \leq , $=$, $+$, π , etc.

Quantifiers

- Exists: \exists
- Forall: \forall

Functions

- Symbol (or name)
- Output type (or kind) – (Co-domain)
- Inputs arity (or cardinality) and their respective types – (Domain)

Predicates

- Sets described by some **relations**
- n -arity functions with co-domain $\{F, T\}$ (False/True in PL)
- Predicate symbols: $=$, $<$, \in , etc.

Constants

- Functions with **arity zero**
- Usual symbols: π , 1 , \emptyset , etc.
- Predicates with arity zero are the propositional constants (F, T).

First-order means **quantifiers** are only allowed over **variables**: $Q_i x_i$.

- Each quantifier is necessarily related to a variable.
- A variable is either **free** or bound by a quantifier.

Examples

- Function $+ : (x, y) \mapsto x + y$
- Predicate: $f(x) = f(y)$ (for some function f)
- Predicate: $x \leq f(y)$

Basic Set Language

- Relationship predicate: \mathcal{R}
- Constant: \emptyset

Elementary Number Language

- Constant: 0
- Function: Succ
- Equality predicate: =

Terms

Built **inductively** from functions' symbols **applied** to constants and variables.

- A variable v is a term
- A constant 0 is a term
- The function f applied to terms t_1 and t_2 is a term named $f(t_1, t_2)$

Atomic Formulas

Built by applying **predicates on terms**.

- F/T are atomic predicates
- $\leq v 0$ is an atomic predicate (prefix notation)
- $t_1 = t_2$ is an atomic predicate (infix notation)

Built **inductively** from atomic formulas with logic connectives and quantifiers.

- $\neg\phi$ is a formula
- $\phi_1 \longrightarrow \phi_2$ is a formula
- $Q_1 v_1. Q_2 v_2. \phi(t, g(t))$ is a formula
- Terms t and $g(t)$ may or may not contain the variables v_1 and v_2

A variable in a wff is either **free** or bound to a quantifier.

- $\exists v_1. f(v_1) < v_2$: v_2 is free
- $\forall v_1. \exists v_2. P(v_1, g(v_1, v_2))$: both variables are bound

A wff with no free variables is called a **sentence**.

A **signature** (Σ) contains the parameters of the language, that is all its non-logical **symbols**: constants, functions, and predicates.

Example: Elementary Numbers Signatures

- $(0, \text{Succ}, =)$
- $(0, 1, +, -, >)$

An **interpretation** (M) of a signature is twofold:

- An underlying domain \mathcal{D}_M (e.g. natural numbers)
- An interpretation of all the symbols of Σ over \mathcal{D}_M

Example: $\Sigma := (0, 1, +, -, >)$

- \mathcal{D} is \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{Z}
- 0 and 1 are the natural numbers *zero* and *one*
- $+$: $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$, $-$: $(x, y) \mapsto x - y$
- $>$: $(x, y) \mapsto x > y$
- wff w : $\exists x. \forall y. \neg(x > y)$ (sentence)

Let \mathcal{V} denote the set of variables.

Given an interpretation M , an **assignment** is a map $\sigma : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_M$.

The assignment σ depends on the interpretation M .

The interpretation M associates

- Functions' symbols (f) of arity n to actual mathematical functions ($f_M : \mathcal{D}_M^n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_M$)
- Terms to elements in \mathcal{D}_M
- Predicates' symbols (P) of arity n to subsets P_M in \mathcal{D}_M^n

Inductive Interpretation of wff

- $\llbracket Pt_1 t_2 \rrbracket_{M, \sigma} \triangleq (\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\sigma}, \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\sigma}) \in P_M$.
- $\llbracket \forall v. w \rrbracket_{M, \sigma} \triangleq (\forall m \in \mathcal{D}_M. \llbracket w[v \setminus m] \rrbracket_{\sigma} = 1)$ (m is a fresh variable not appearing in w).

Let Σ be a signature. A Σ -**Theory** T is a set of **sentences** over Σ .
 The interpretation M is a *model* of T if M satisfies all the sentences of T .
 Let T denote a theory, and $\sigma : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_M$ an assignment.

- σ **satisfies** w w.r.t. M (model of T) if and only if $\llbracket w \rrbracket_{M,\sigma} = 1$
- w is **T -satisfiable** w.r.t. M if there exist M (model of T), σ such that σ satisfies w w.r.t. M
- w is **T -unsatisfiable** if and only if for all models M of T

$$\forall \sigma. (\llbracket w \rrbracket_{M,\sigma} = 0) .$$

- The **validity problem** for T is the problem of deciding, for each Σ -formula w , if w is T -valid.
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Proving Validity

w is T -valid if and only if $\neg w$ is T -unsatisfiable.

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- $\forall v_1. P_{v_1} \models \exists v_2. P_{v_2}$
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Quantifier free formula: $(x \leq 0 \vee x + y \leq 0) \wedge y \geq 1 \wedge x \geq 1$

Translated into a CNF: $(a \vee b) \wedge c \wedge d$

SAT gives $(a, b, c, d) = (1, 0, 1, 1)$

But $x \leq 0 \wedge x \geq 1$ is a **contradiction**:

Learn $\bar{a} \vee \bar{d}$

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The problem is UNSAT.