

Leveraging Linear and Mixed Integer Programming for SMT

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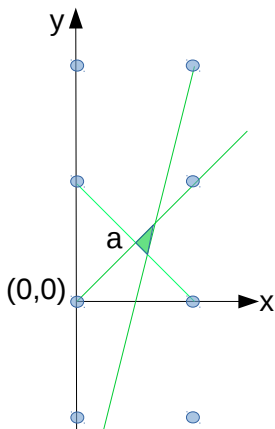
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PREPROCESSING

- ▶ Introduce a fresh s_i for each $\sum T_{i,j} \cdot x_j$
- ▶ Literals are of the form:

$$\bigwedge \left(s_i = \sum_{x_j} T_{i,j} \cdot x_j \right) \wedge \bigwedge l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i$$

and s_i appears in exactly 1 equality.

- ▶ Collect into: $T\mathcal{X} = 0$ and $l \leq \mathcal{X} \leq u$

BASIC, NONBASIC, & TABLEAU

- ▶ Every row in T is solved for a variable x_i

$$x_i = \sum_{x_j \in \mathcal{N}} T_{i,j} x_j$$

- ▶ Not solved for variables are **nonbasic** ($x_j \in \mathcal{N}$)
- ▶ Set of solved for variables are **basic** ($x_i \in \mathcal{B}$)

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Add the Invariant

The nonbasic variables satisfy their bounds.

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- ▶ Take x_i 's row

$$x_i = T_{i,j}x_j + \sum T_{i,k}x_k$$

- ▶ Solve for x_j

$$x_j = \frac{1}{T_{i,j}}x_i + \sum -\frac{T_{i,k}}{T_{i,j}}x_k$$

- ▶ Replace x_j everywhere else in T

TABLEAU EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} x & + & y & \geq & 1 \\ x & - & y & \geq & 0 \\ 4x & - & y & \leq & 2 \end{array}$$

TABLEAU EXAMPLE

$$T\mathcal{X} = 0 \quad \text{is equivalent to} \quad \begin{array}{rcl} s_1 & = & x + y \\ s_2 & = & x - y \\ s_3 & = & 4x + y \end{array}$$

$$s_1 \geq 1 \wedge s_2 \geq 0 \wedge s_3 \leq 2$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}, \mathcal{N} = \{x, y\}$$

SIMPLEX FOR DPLL(T)[DDM06]

while $\neg(l \leq a \leq u)$ **do**

for all $i \in \mathcal{B}$, row i is $x_i = \sum T_{i,f} x_j$

if $\exists i \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $a_i > u_i$, and $\sum T_{i,j} x_j$ is minimized **then**

return a row conflict from row i

else

 select some basic x_i s.t. $a_i > u_i$

 select x_j from $\sum T_{i,j} \cdot x_j$

 Update the assignment of x_j s.t. $a_i \leftarrow u_i$

 PIVOT(i, j) $\triangleright O(|T|)$

Ignoring $a_i < l_i$ cases

ROW CONFLICTS

- ▶ Suppose $\forall T_{i,j} > 0. a_j = l_j$ and $\forall T_{i,j} < 0. a_j = u_j$.
- ▶ Then
$$\sum T_{i,j} x_j \geq \sum T_{i,j} a_j \quad (\text{or minimized})$$

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- ▶ $a_i > u_i \geq x_i \geq a_i \models$ **false**

SIMPLEX FOR DPLL(\mathcal{T})

OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ Simplex searches for a 's that are against bounds
- ▶ Pivoting is expensive
- ▶ Most checks need few pivots [KBD13]

SUM-OF-INFEASIBILITIES SIMPLEX [KBD13]

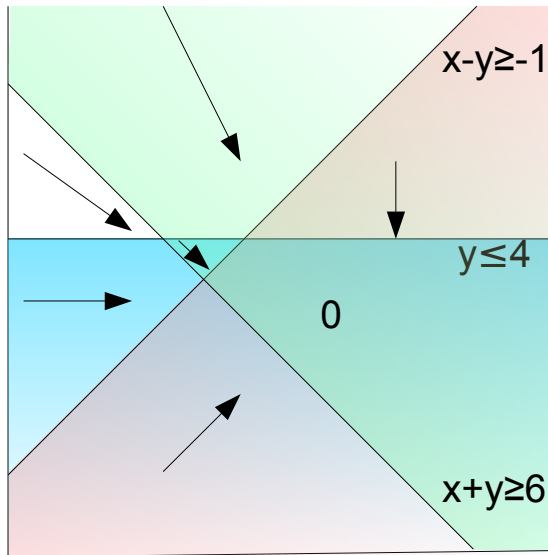


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- ▶ Tend to use floating point (FP)
- ▶ Both Sat/Unsat answers are *unsound*

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- ▶ All use LP solver as main `QF_LRA` solver

OUR APPROACH

- ▶ Call an external off-the-shelf **untrusted** Simplex LP solver
- ▶ Reseed the state of the exact precision solver
- ▶ Only when it is likely to help
- ▶ Implemented with GLPK

RESEEDING THE SIMPLEX STATE

WHEN \mathbb{R} -RELAXATION IS HARD

1. Construct a FP problem from exact

$$T\mathcal{X} = 0, l \leq \mathcal{X} \leq u \implies \tilde{T}\mathcal{X} = 0, \tilde{l} \leq \mathcal{X} \leq \tilde{u}$$

2. Call *untrusted* LP Simplex solver on $\tilde{T}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{u}$
3. Get back FP \tilde{a} and $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$
4. Convert $(\tilde{a} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{F})$ into $(a^{message} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q})$
5. RESEED($a^{message}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$) to get a new a and T
6. Call SMT's *trusted* \mathbb{Q} Simplex solver

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- ▶ Fix it with Simplex?
- ▶ Flipping coins on tightly satisfied inequalities
- ▶ Simplex generates tight solutions

MESSAGING ASSIGNMENTS

FLOATS TO RATIONALS

$r \leftarrow \text{DIOAPPROX}(\tilde{a}_i, D)$

if $|r - a_i| \leq \epsilon$ **then** $r \leftarrow a_i$

if $x \in \mathcal{X}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $|r - \lfloor r \rfloor| \leq \epsilon$ **then** $r \leftarrow \lfloor r \rfloor$

if $r > u_i$ or $|r - u_i| \leq \epsilon$ **then** $r \leftarrow u_i$

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for all  $j \in \mathcal{N}$  do UPDATE  $x_j$  s.t.  $a_j \leftarrow a_j^{message}$ 
repeat
  if any row conflict then return Unsat
  if  $l \leq a \leq u$  then return Sat
  select  $i, k$  s.t.  $k \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}, i \notin \tilde{\mathcal{B}}, T_{i,k} \neq 0$ , and  $a_i > u_i$  (...)
  if found  $x_i$  and  $x_k$  then
    PIVOT( $i, k$ ) and UPDATE( $i, \cdot$ ) s.t.  $a_i \leftarrow a_i^{message}$ 
  else
    return Unknown    ▷  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is not valid basis
until  $\mathcal{N} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{B}} = \emptyset$ 
return Unknown    ▷ Call SMT's simplex solver

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Pull in $a^{message}$ on \mathcal{N}

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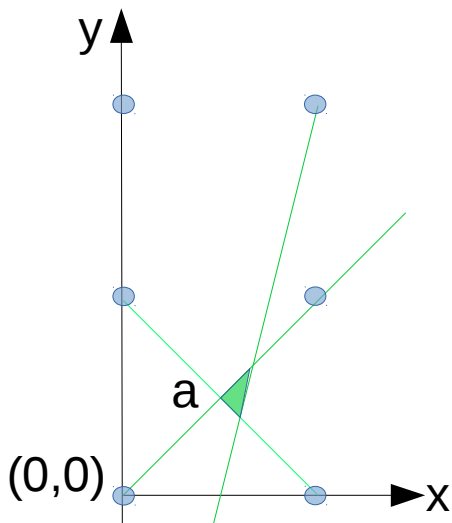
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REFINING \mathbb{Z} -INFEASIBLE ASSIGNMENTS

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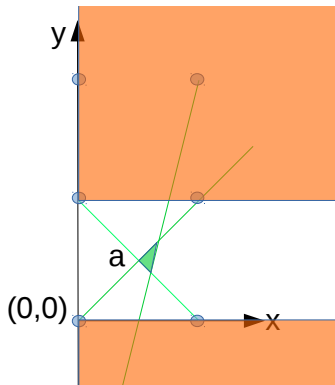
$$\frac{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_{\mathbb{Z}} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}}{x_i \leq \lfloor \alpha \rfloor \vee x_i \geq \lceil \alpha \rceil}$$

- ▶ Cut: $\sum c_j x_j \geq d$ such that
 - ▶ $\{l_i\} \models_{\mathbb{RZ}} \sum c_j x_j \geq d$
 - ▶ $\{l_i\} \not\models_{\mathbb{R}} \sum c_j x_j \geq d$
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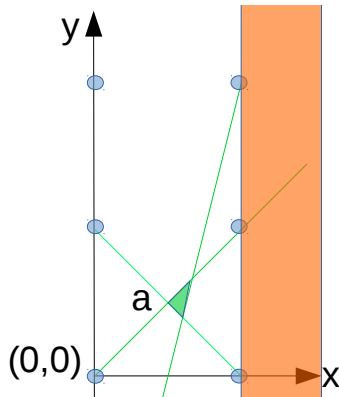
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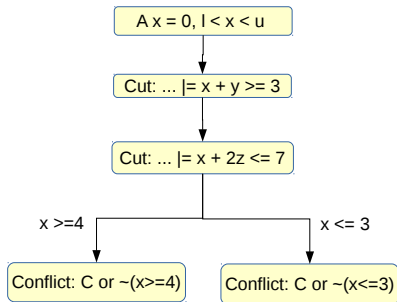
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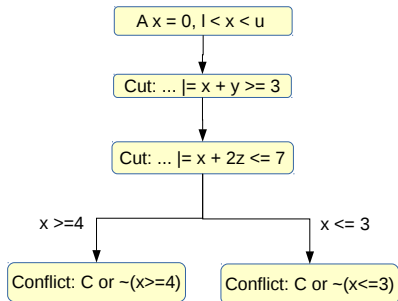
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CUTTING PLANES

- ▶ Instantiate a cutting plane procedure from a hint
- ▶ Derivation must tightly match to get the “same” cut
- ▶ White-box knowledge and detailed hints
- ▶ Support for Gomory (easy) and MIR (hard) cuts

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			solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)
QF_LRA	634	634	627	6199	618	7721	620	5265	612	10814	615	5696
latendresse	18	18	18	129	10	44	12	85	10	99	0	0
miplib	42	37	30	1530	21	3037	23	2730	17	5682	18	2435
total	-	41	34	1534	25	3041	27	2330	21	5684	22	2436

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			SOI+MIP	CVC4	mathsat5	Z3	altergo
set	# inst.	# sel.	solved time (s)	solved time (s)	solved time (s)	solved time (s)	solved time (s)
everything							
QF_LIA	5882	5882	5738 97K	5540 117K	5697 88K	5513 94K	5188 264K
conjuncts	1303	1303	1249 11K	1068 31K	1154 33K	1039 19K	1232 2055
(AR) \neg conjunctive							
convert	319	282	208 9646	193 9343	274 1876	282 118	166 272
bofill-*	652	460	460 5401	458 4490	460 1519	460 2060	67 55
CIRC	51	11	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
calypto	37	37	37 3	37 3	37 6	36 5	35 24
nec-smt	2780	207	207 17K	207 18K	207 17K	201 7209	184 23K
wisa	5	1	1 0	1 0	1 1	1 0	1 0
total	-	998	924 32K	907 31K	990 21K	991 9392	464 24K

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AltErgo is using [BCC⁺12]

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miplib2003	16	8	4	307	4	1283	5	354	5	1089	0	0
prime-cone	37	37	37	2	37	2	37	1	37	2	37	1
slacks	233	188	166	61	93	2003	119	4741	90	1994	188	84
CAV_2009	591	424	424	69	346	10K	421	10K	354	2759	423	323
cut_lem.	93	74	62	9581	64	6865	45	9472	38	5858	74	267
total	-	920	882	10K	701	30K	815	31K	690	12K	911	680

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COMPARISON WITH CONJUNCTIVE SOLVERS

			SOI+MIP		cutsat		scip		glpk	
set	# inst.	# sel.	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)
conjuncts	1303	1303	1249	11130	1018	35330	1255	7164	1173	8895
(AR) conjunctive										
dillig	233	189	189	49	166	5840	189	42	189	3
miplib2003	16	8	4	307	6	146	7	17	6	295
prime-cone	37	37	37	2	37	4	37	1	37	0
slacks	233	188	166	61	96	6324	161	2361	101	11
CAV_2009	591	424	424	69	377	17015	424	105	424	6
cut_lemmas	93	74	62	9581	15	1887	72	1757	71	760
total	-	920	882	10069	697	31216	890	4283	828	1075

(AR) = Applied either RESEED or REPLAY, $K = 1000$, & SOI+MIP is CVC4 1.4 with options

cutsat is using [JdM11]

QF_LIA RESEED AND REPLAY SUCCESS RATES

set	# inst.	solve int calls	RESEED		REPLAY	
			attempts	successes	attempts	successes
QF_LIA	1806	3873	2559	1058	652	425
convert	208	2130	1356	1	178	3
bofill-scheduling	460	254	245	245	0	0
CIRC	11	85	6	5	79	77
calypto	37	375	77	23	293	278
wisa	1	1	1	1	0	0
dillig	189	228	225	185	3	2
miplib2003	4	10	3	3	5	4
prime-cone	37	37	19	19	18	18
slacks	166	195	168	162	3	3
CAV_2009	424	469	459	414	8	7
cut_lemmas	62	89	0	0	65	33

Only includes solved instances

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- ▶ k -precision FP Simplex solver for SMT [CKSW13]

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Thank you for your attention!



WHAT HAPPENED ON THE CONVERT FAMILY?

- ▶ MIP solver is wrong about feasibility too often
- ▶ Variables are in bounds up to a “dual gap”
 - ▶ Intuitively: Let a_i violate u_i by a little where little is scaled by the size of the numbers
 - ▶ Numerically stability of floating points
- ▶ Gap is too large for QF_LIA bit-extracts for $\sim m + n > 40$




$$x = 2^m y + z \wedge z \in [0, 2^m), y \in [0, 2^n), x \in [0, 2^{m+n})$$

- ▶ Decreasing the maximum gap leads \implies cycling
- ▶ Need bigger floating point numbers or more pre-processing




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APPENDIX

RESOLUTION PHASE

The proof reconstruction phase uses the following heuristics:

- ▶ All up-branch conflicts are resolved with all down-branch conflicts
(DP-style)
- ▶ Performed eager subsumption checking
Pays for itself by keeping the set of conflicts small
- ▶ Non-chronological backtracks when possible
(One branch has a conflict not involving its branch literal)