

# Satisfiability Modulo Theories

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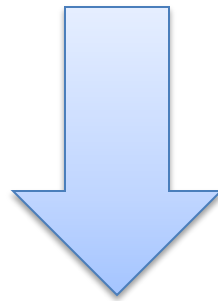
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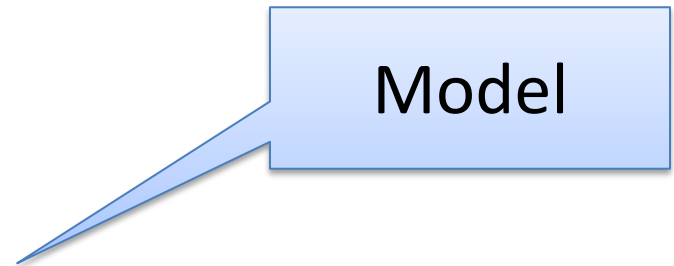
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# Satisfiability

$$a > b + 2, \quad a = 2c + 10, \quad c + b \leq 1000$$



SAT



$$a = 0, \quad b = -3, \quad c = -5$$

$$0 > -3 + 2, \quad 0 = 2(-5) + 10, \quad (-5) + (-3) \leq 1000$$

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Uninterpreted  
Functions

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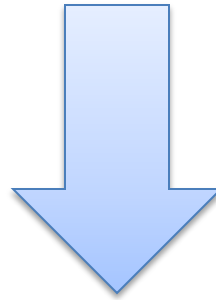
$$b + 2 = c, \quad f(\textit{read}(\textit{write}(a, b, 3), b)) \neq f(3)$$

## Array Theory Axiom

$$\forall a, i, v : \textit{read}(\textit{write}(a, i, v), i) = v$$

# Satisfiability

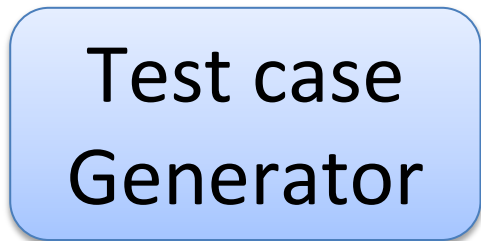
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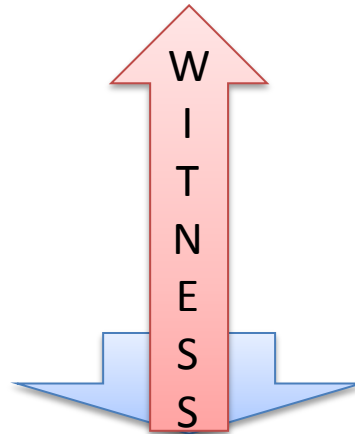
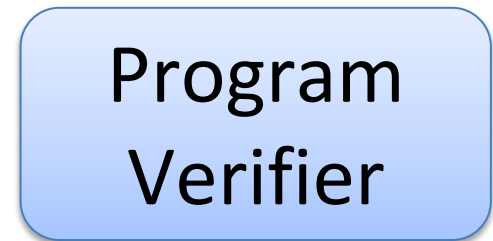
UNSAT

# Applications

Is execution path  $P$  feasible?



Is assertion  $X$  violated?



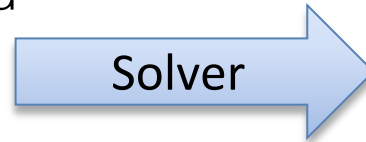
Is Formula  $F$  Satisfiable?

# Test Case Generation

```
unsigned GCD(x, y) {  
  requires(y > 0);  
  while (true) {  
    unsigned m = x % y;  
    if (m == 0) return y;  
    x = y;  
    y = m;  
  }  
}
```



$(y_0 > 0)$  and  
 $(m_0 = x_0 \% y_0)$  and  
not  $(m_0 = 0)$  and  
 $(x_1 = y_0)$  and  
 $(y_1 = m_0)$  and  
 $(m_1 = x_1 \% y_1)$  and  
 $(m_1 = 0)$



$x_0 = 2$   
 $y_0 = 4$   
 $m_0 = 2$   
 $x_1 = 4$   
 $y_1 = 2$   
 $m_1 = 0$

We want a trace where the loop is executed twice.

# More Applications

Planning

Scheduling

Constraint Solving

Systems Biology

Invariant Generation

Type Checking

Model Based Testing

Termination

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# Some Applications at Microsoft

**SAGE**

**HAVOC**



**FORMULA**

Modeling Foundations.



**TERMINATOR**

**Vigilante**





# Validity

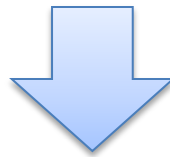
$F$  is **VALID**

iff

$\text{not } F$  is **UNSATISFIABLE**

Prove that

$$x \geq 1, y \geq 1 \Rightarrow x + y \geq 2$$



Is

$$x \geq 1, y \geq 1, \text{not}(x + y \geq 2)$$

**UNSAT?**

# Download

Yices

<http://yices.csl.sri.com>

Z3

<http://research.microsoft.com/projects/z3>

Available for Windows, OSX and Linux

# SMT-Lib

<http://www.smtlib.org>

## Online Tutorials

<http://rise4fun.com/z3/tutorial>

<http://rise4fun.com/z3py/tutorial>

# Roadmap

Lecture 1: Introduction, SAT

Lecture 2: SMT, EUF, Linear Arithmetic

Lecture 3: Quantifiers

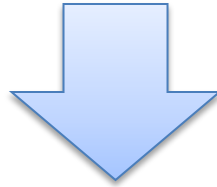
Lecture 4: Applications and Challenges

# SAT

## Propositional Logic

# CNF

$$p_1 \vee \neg p_2, \quad \neg p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3, \quad p_3$$



$$p_1 = \text{true}, \quad p_2 = \text{true}, \quad p_3 = \text{true}$$

CNF is a set (conjunction) set of clauses

Clause is a disjunction of literals

Literal is an atom or the negation of an atom

# Conversion to CNF

$$CNF(p, \Delta) = \langle p, \Delta \rangle$$

$$CNF(\neg\phi, \Delta) = \langle \neg l, \Delta' \rangle, \text{ where } \langle l, \Delta' \rangle = CNF(\phi, \Delta)$$

$$CNF(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2, \Delta) = \langle p, \Delta' \rangle, \text{ where}$$

$$\langle l_1, \Delta_1 \rangle = CNF(\phi_1, \Delta)$$

$$\langle l_2, \Delta_2 \rangle = CNF(\phi_2, \Delta_1)$$

$$p \text{ is fresh} \quad p \Leftrightarrow l_1 \vee l_2$$

$$\Delta' = \Delta_2 \cup \{ \neg p \vee l_1, \neg p \vee l_2, \neg l_1 \vee \neg l_2 \vee p \}$$

$$CNF(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2, \Delta) = \langle p, \Delta' \rangle, \text{ where } \dots$$

$$\Delta' = \Delta_2 \cup \{ \neg p \vee l_1 \vee l_2, \neg l_1 \vee p, \neg l_2 \vee p \}$$

**Theorem:**  $\phi$  and  $l \wedge \Delta$  are equisatisfiable, where  $CNF(\phi, \emptyset) = \langle l, \Delta \rangle$ .

# Conversion to CNF

$$CNF(\underbrace{\neg(q_1 \wedge \overbrace{(q_2 \vee \neg q_3)})^{p_1}}_{p_2}), \emptyset)$$



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$$CNF(q_2 \vee \neg q_3, \emptyset) = \langle p_1, \underbrace{\{\neg p_1 \vee q_2 \vee \neg q_3, \neg q_2 \vee p_1, q_3 \vee p_1\}} \rangle$$

$$p_1 \Leftrightarrow q_2 \vee \neg q_3$$

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# Conversion to CNF: Improvements

Maximize sharing & canonicity in the input formula  $F$ .

Cache  $\phi \mapsto l$ , when  $CNF(\phi, \Delta) = \langle l, \Delta' \rangle$ .

Support for multiary  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ .

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# Two procedures

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>DPLL</b>
Proof-finder	Model-finder
Saturation	Search

# Resolution

$$C \vee l, D \vee \neg l \Rightarrow C \vee D$$

$$l, \neg l \Rightarrow \mathbf{unsat}$$

## Improvements

Delete tautologies  $l \vee \neg l \vee C$

Ordered Resolution

Subsumption (delete redundant clauses)

$$C \text{ *subsumes* } C \vee D$$

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# Resolution: Example

$$\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r, \neg p \vee q, p \vee r, \neg r$$

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**unsat**

# Resolution: Correctness

**Progress:** Bounded number of clauses. Each application of resolution generates a new clause.

**Conservation:** For any model  $M$ , if  $M \models C \vee l$  and  $M \models D \vee \bar{l}$ , then  $M \models C \vee D$ .

**Canonicity:** Given an irreducible non-**unsat** state in the atoms  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  with  $p_i \prec p_{i+1}$ , build a series of partial interpretations  $M_i$  as follows:

1. Let  $M_0 = \emptyset$
2. If  $p_{i+1}$  is not the maximal atom in some clause that is not already satisfied in  $M_i$ , then  $M_{i+1} = M_i[p_{i+1} := \text{false}]$ .
3. If some  $p_{i+1} \vee C$  is not already satisfied in  $M_i$ , then  $M_{i+1} = M_i[p_{i+1} := \text{true}]$ .

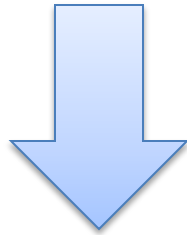
# Resolution: Correctness

Suppose  $C$  and  $D$  are **false** in  $M_i$

Let  $j = i + 1$

$p_j$  is **maximal** in

$$p_j \vee C, \quad \neg p_j \vee D$$



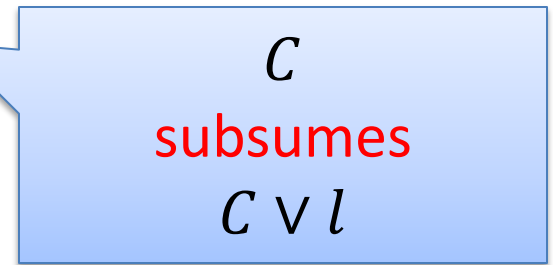
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# Resolution: Problem

Exponential time and space

# Unit Resolution

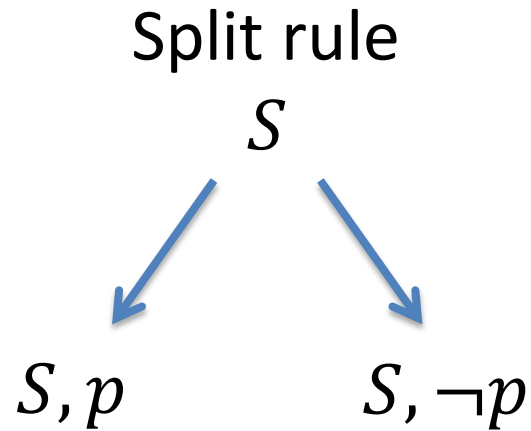
$$C \vee l, \neg l \Rightarrow C$$



Complete for Horn Clauses

$$\neg q_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg q_n \vee p$$

# DPLL



DPLL = Unit Resolution + Split rule

# Pure Literals

A literal is **pure** if only occurs positively or negatively.

Example :

$$\varphi = (\neg x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_4)$$

$\neg x_1$  and  $x_3$  are pure literals

Pure literal rule :

Clauses containing pure literals can be removed from the formula (i.e. just satisfy those pure literals)

$$\varphi_{\neg x_1, x_3} = (x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_4)$$

Preserve satisfiability, not logical equivalency !



# DPLL

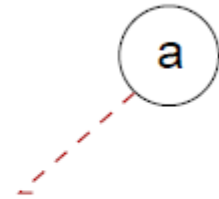
- ▶ Standard **backtrack search**
- ▶ DPLL(F) :
  - ▶ Apply unit propagation
  - ▶ If conflict identified, return **UNSAT**
  - ▶ Apply the pure literal rule
  - ▶ If F is satisfied (empty), return **SAT**
  - ▶ Select decision variable  $x$ 
    - ▶ If  $DPLL(F \wedge x) = SAT$  return **SAT**
    - ▶ return  $DPLL(F \wedge \neg x)$

# DPLL : Example

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi \equiv & (a \vee \neg b \vee d) \wedge (a \vee \neg b \vee e) \wedge \\ & (\neg b \vee \neg d \vee \neg e) \wedge \\ & (a \vee b \vee c \vee d) \wedge (a \vee b \vee c \vee \neg d) \wedge \\ & (a \vee b \vee \neg c \vee e) \wedge (a \vee b \vee \neg c \vee \neg e)\end{aligned}$$

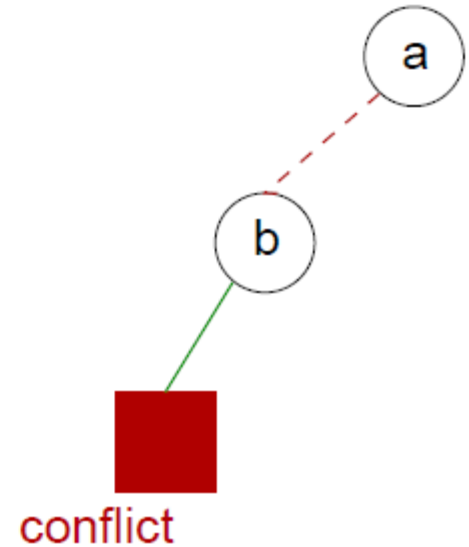
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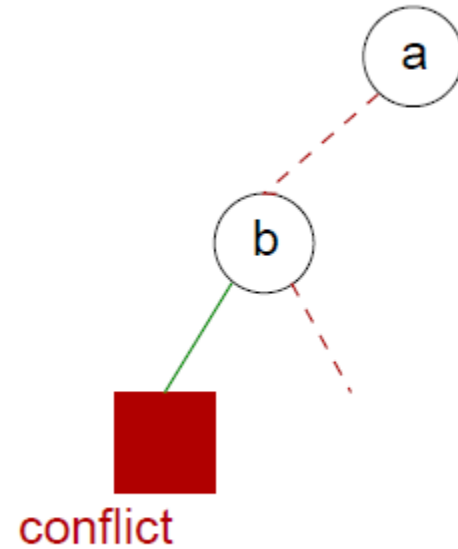
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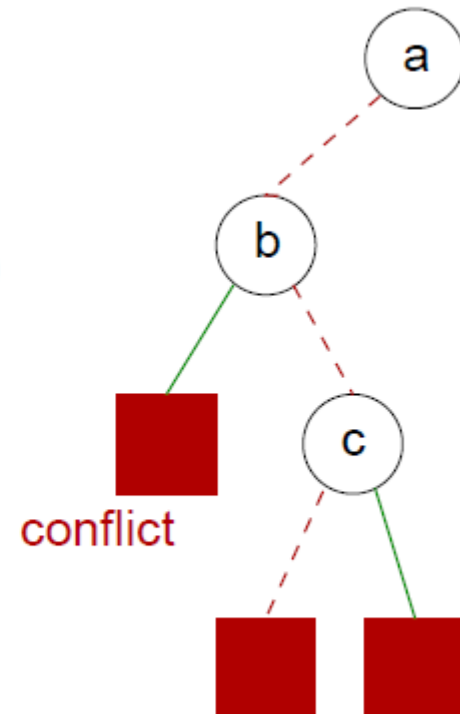
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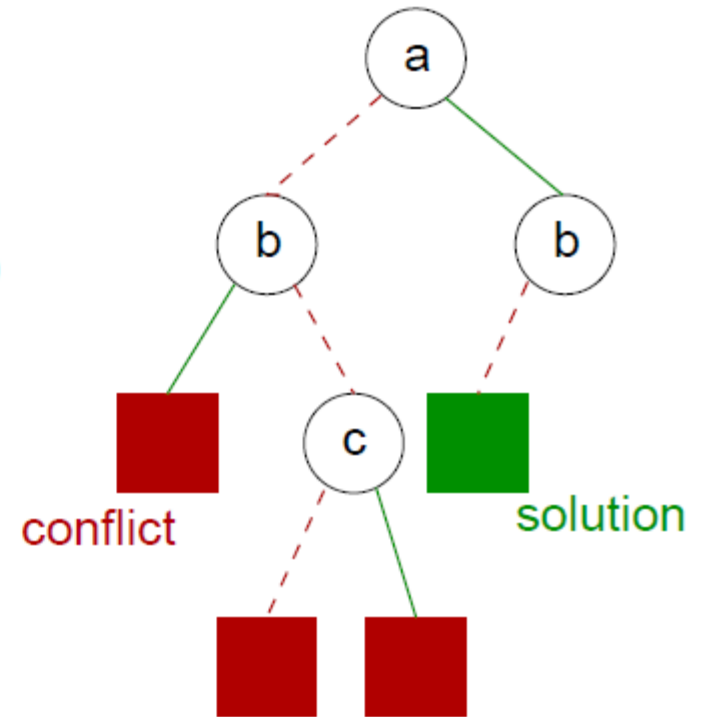
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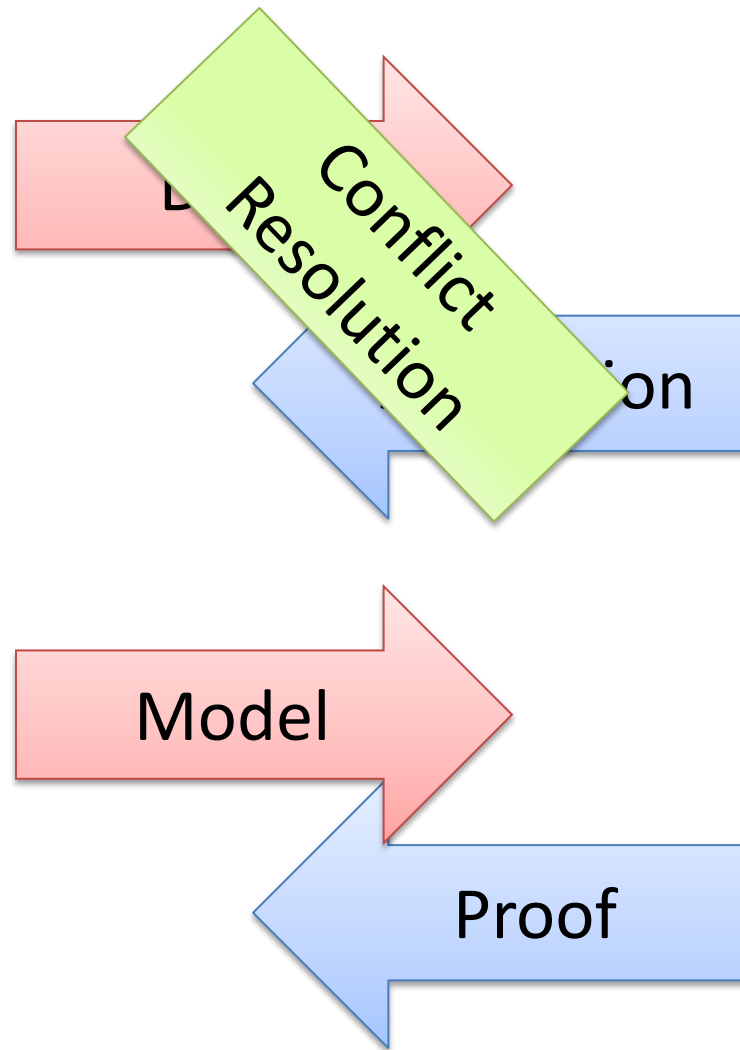


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# CDCL: Conflict Driven Clause Learning





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Modern SAT solvers are based on CDCL

Backjumping

Learning

Restarts

Indexing

# Abstract CDCL/DPLL

$$M \parallel F$$

Partial model

Set of clauses

# Abstract CDCL/DPLL

$M \parallel F$	$\implies M l \parallel F$	if $\begin{cases} l \text{ or } \bar{l} \text{ occurs in } F, \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{cases}$	<b>(Decide)</b>
$M \parallel F, C \vee l$	$\implies M l_{C \vee l} \parallel F, C \vee l$	if $\begin{cases} M \models \neg C, \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{cases}$	<b>(UnitPropagate)</b>
$M \parallel F, C$	$\implies M \parallel F, C \parallel C$	if $M \models \neg C$	<b>(Conflict)</b>
$M \parallel F \parallel C \vee \bar{l}$	$\implies M \parallel F \parallel D \vee C$	if $l_{D \vee l} \in M$ ,	<b>(Resolve)</b>
$M \parallel F \parallel C$	$\implies M \parallel F, C \parallel C$	if $C \notin F$	<b>(Learn)</b>
$M l' M' \parallel F \parallel C \vee l$	$\implies M l_{C \vee l} \parallel F$	if $\begin{cases} M \models \neg C, \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{cases}$	<b>(Backjump)</b>
$M \parallel F \parallel \square$	$\implies \text{unsat}$		<b>(Unsat)</b>

# Abstract CDCL : Example

$$\parallel \bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$$

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		$\bar{1} \vee 2, \bar{3} \vee 4, \bar{5} \vee \bar{6}, 6 \vee \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$	$\Rightarrow$	(Decide)
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$$\parallel \bar{5} \vee \bar{2}$$



$$\neg p_5 \vee \neg p_6$$



$$p_6 \vee \neg p_5 \vee \neg p_2$$



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# Abstract CDCL

- ▶ Support different strategies.
  - ▶ Example: learn 0 or several clauses per conflict.
- ▶ Does it terminate?
  - ▶ Each decision defines a new scope level.
  - ▶ Metric: number of assigned literals per level.

$$1 \ 2_{\bar{1}v_2} \ 3 \ 4_{\bar{3}v_4} \ 5 \ \bar{6}_{\bar{5}v_6} \mapsto (2, 2, 2)$$

$$1 \ 2_{\bar{1}v_2} \ \bar{5}_{\bar{5}v_1} \mapsto (3)$$

- ▶ **Decide**, **UnitPropagate**, and **Backjump** increase the metric.
- ▶ It can not increase forever (finite number of variables).
- ▶ Conflict resolution rules (**Conflict**, **Resolve**, **Learn**) are also terminating.

# Abstract CDCL : Strategy

- ▶ Abstract DPLL is very flexible.
- ▶ Basic Strategy:
  - ▶ Only apply **Decide** if **UnitPropagate** and **Conflict** cannot be applied.
- ▶ Conflict Resolution:
  - ▶ Learn only one clause per conflict (the clause used in **Backjump**).
  - ▶ Use **Backjump** as soon as possible (FUIP).

# Abstract CDCL : Decision Strategy

▶ Decision heuristic:

- ▶ Associate a **score** with each boolean variable.
- ▶ **Select** the variable with **highest score** when **Decide** is used.
- ▶ Increase by  $\delta$  the score of  $var(l)$  when **Resolve** is used:

$$M \parallel F \parallel C \vee \bar{l} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad M \parallel F \parallel D \vee C \quad \text{if } l_{D \vee l} \in M, \quad \text{(Resolve)}$$

- ▶ Increase the score of every variable in the clause  $C \vee l$  when **Backjump** is used:

$$M \vee M' \parallel F \parallel C \vee l \quad \Longrightarrow \quad M \parallel l_{C \vee l} \parallel F' \quad \text{if } \begin{cases} M \models \neg C, \\ l \text{ is undefined in } M \end{cases} \quad \text{(Backjump)}$$

- ▶ After each conflict: slightly increase the value of  $\delta$ .
- ▶ From time to time renormalize the scores and  $\delta$  to avoid overflows.

# Abstract CDCL : Phase Selection

- ▶ Assume  $p$  was selected by a decision strategy.

Should we assign  $p$  or  $\neg p$  in **Decide**?

**Always False** Guess  $\neg p$  (works well in practice).

**Always True** Guess  $p$ .

**Score** Associate a score with each literal instead of each variable.

Pick the phase with highest score.

**Caching** Caches the last phase of variables during conflict resolution. Improvement: except for variables in the last decision level.

**Greedy** Select the phase that satisfies most clauses.

# Abstract CDCL : Extra Rules

▶ Extra rules:

$M \parallel F, C \quad \Longrightarrow \quad M \parallel F \quad \text{if } C \text{ is a learned clause} \quad \text{(Forget)}$

$M \parallel F \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \parallel F \quad \text{(Restart)}$

▶ **Forget** in practice:

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▶ From time to time use **Forget** to delete learned clauses with low score.

# Abstract CDCL : Restart Strategies

## No restarts

**Linear** Restart after every  $k$  conflicts, update  $k := k + \delta$ .

**Geometric** Restart after every  $k$  conflicts, update  $k := k \times \delta$ .

**Inner-Out Geometric** “Two dimensional pattern” that increases in both dimensions.

- ▶ Initially  $k := x$ , the inner loop multiplies  $k$  by  $\delta$  at each restart.
- ▶ When  $k > y$ ,  $k := x$  and  $y := y \times \delta$ .

**Luby** Restarts are performed according to the following series:  
1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 4, 8, . . . , multiplied by a constant  $c$  (e.g., 100, 256, 512).

$$luby(i) = \begin{cases} 2^{k-1}, & \text{if } \exists k. i = 2^k - 1 \\ luby(i - 2^{k-1} + 1), & \text{if } \exists k. 2^{k-1} \leq i < 2^k - 1 \end{cases}$$

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▶ **Insight:**

- ▶ No need to include clause  $C$  in every set  $watch(l)$  where  $\bar{l} \in C$ .
- ▶ It suffices to include  $C$  in **at most 2** such sets.

▶ **Invariant:**

If some literal  $l$  in  $C$  is not assigned to false, then  $C \in watch(l')$  of some  $l'$  that is not assigned to false.

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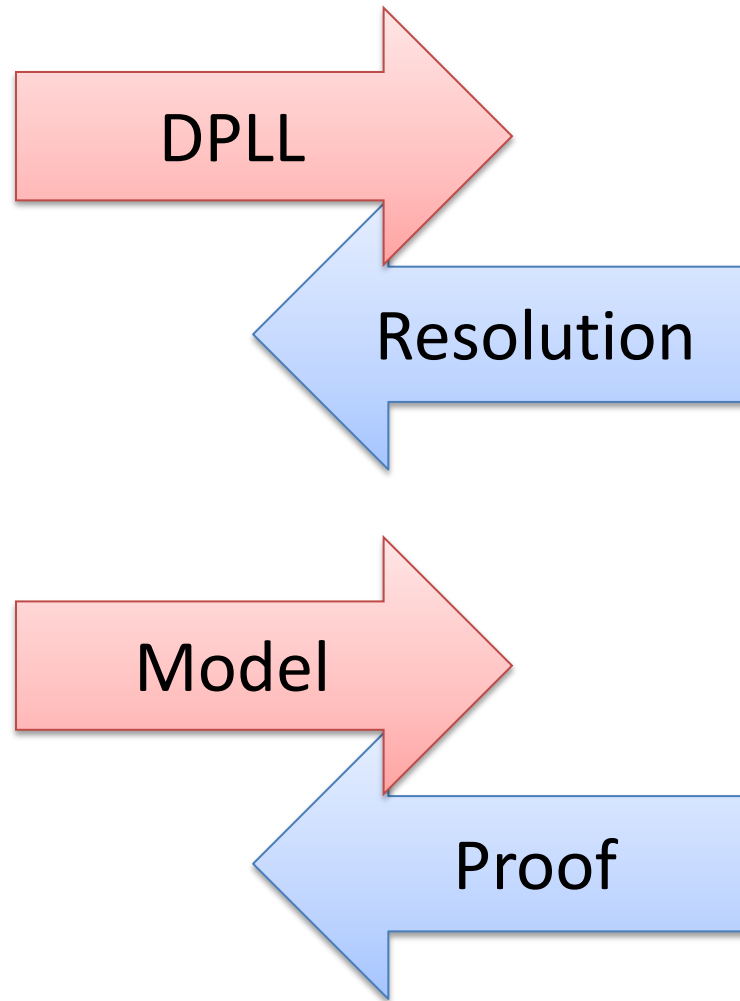
- ▶ Maintain 2-watch invariant:
  - ▶ Whenever  $l$  is assigned.
  - ▶ For each clause  $C \in \text{watch}(l)$ 
    - ▶ If the other watch literal  $l'$  ( $C \in \text{watch}(l')$ ) is assigned to true, then do nothing.
    - ▶ Else if some other literal  $l'$  is true or unassigned

$$\text{watch}(l') := \text{watch}(l') \cup \{C\}$$

$$\text{watch}(l) := \text{watch}(l) \setminus \{C\}$$

- ▶ Else if all literals in  $C$  are assigned to false, then **Backjump**.
- ▶ Else (all but one literal in  $C$  is assigned to false) **Propagate**.

# CDCL: Conflict Driven Clause Learning



# Preprocessing & Inprocessing

- ▶ Preprocessing step is very important for industrial benchmarks.
- ▶ Formula  $\rightsquigarrow$  CNF (already covered).
- ▶ Subsumption:  $C$  subsumes  $D$  if  $C \subseteq D$ .
- ▶ Resolution: eliminate cheap variables.
  - ▶  $occs(l) = \{\text{clauses that contain } l\}$
  - ▶  $|occs(p)| * |occs(\neg p)| < k$
  - ▶  $|occs(p)| = 1$  or  $|occs(\neg p)| = 1$

# Homework

Install Yices & Z3 in your notebook

<http://yices.csl.sri.com>

<http://research.microsoft.com/projects/z3>

Yices input language:

<http://yices.csl.sri.com/language.shtml>

Online tutorials:

<http://rise4fun.com/z3/tutorial>      SMT 2.0

<http://rise4fun.com/z3py/tutorial>      Python