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Sets (of states) as formulae

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Formulae on A as sets of states

We view formulae ϕ as representing **sets of states**

$s : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

Example

Formula $a \vee b$ on the state variables a, b, c represents the **set** $\{010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$.

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Relations/actions as formulae

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Formulae on $A \cup A'$ as binary relations

Let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ represent state variables in the current state, and $A' = \{a'_1, \dots, a'_n\}$ state variables in the successor state.

Formulae ϕ on $A \cup A'$ represent **binary relations** on states: a valuation of $A \cup A' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ represents a pair of states $s : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $s' : A' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

Example

Formula $(a \rightarrow a') \wedge ((a' \vee b) \rightarrow b')$ on a, b, a', b' represents the **binary relation** $\{(00, 00), (00, 01), (00, 11), (01, 01), (01, 11), (10, 11), (11, 11)\}$.

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Matrices as formulae

Example (Formulae as relations as matrices)

Binary relation $\{(00, 00), (00, 01), (00, 11), (01, 01), (01, 11), (10, 11), (11, 11)\}$ can be represented as the adjacency matrix:

	$a'b'$	$a'b'$	$a'b'$	$a'b'$
ab	00	01	10	11
00	1	1	0	1
01	0	1	0	1
10	0	0	0	1
11	0	0	0	1

Representation of big matrices is possible

For n state variables a formula (over $2n$ variables) represents an adjacency matrix of size $2^n \times 2^n$.

For $n = 20$, matrix size is $2^{20} \times 2^{20} \sim 10^6 \times 10^6$.

Actions/relations as propositional formulae

Example

$\phi = (a_1 \leftrightarrow \neg a'_1) \wedge (a_2 \leftrightarrow \neg a'_2)$ as a matrix

$a_1 a_2$	$a'_1 a'_2$	$a'_1 a'_2$	$a'_1 a'_2$	$a'_1 a'_2$
00	0	0	0	1
01	0	0	1	0
10	0	1	0	0
11	1	0	0	0

and as a conventional truth-table:

a_1	a_2	a'_1	a'_2	ϕ
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
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$(a_1 \leftrightarrow a'_2) \wedge (a_2 \leftrightarrow a'_3) \wedge (a_3 \leftrightarrow a'_1)$ represents the matrix:

	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
001	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
010	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
011	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
100	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
101	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
110	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

This action rotates the value of the state variables a_1, a_2, a_3 one step forward.

Deterministic vs. nondeterministic actions

Expressiveness of propositional logic

- For every operator there is a corresponding formula (see next slides!)
- Our current definition of operators does not allow expressing **nondeterministic actions**.
- In the propositional logic they can be expressed.

Example (A nondeterministic action)

The formula \top describes the relation in which any state can be reached from any other state by this action.

A sufficient (but not necessary) condition for determinism

Formula has the form $(\phi_1 \leftrightarrow a'_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\phi_n \leftrightarrow a'_n)$ where $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ and ϕ_i have no occurrences of propositions in A' .

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An action that is applicable if a is false, and that randomly sets values to state variables b and c :

abc	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$	$a'b'c'$
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Corresponding formula: $\neg a \wedge \neg a'$

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Translating operators into formulae

- Any operator can be translated into a propositional formula.
- Translation takes polynomial time.
- Resulting formula has polynomial size.
- Use in planning algorithms. Two main applications are
 - 1 Planning as Satisfiability
 - 2 Progression & regression for state sets as used in symbolic state-space traversal, as typically implemented with the help of binary decision diagrams.

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Definition

Let $o = \langle c, e \rangle$ be an operator and A a set of state variables. Define $\tau_A(o)$ as the conjunction of

$$c \quad (1)$$

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} (EPC_a(e) \vee (a \wedge \neg EPC_{\neg a}(e))) \leftrightarrow a' \quad (2)$$

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} \neg (EPC_a(e) \wedge EPC_{\neg a}(e)) \quad (3)$$

(2) says that the **new value of a** , represented by a' , is 1 if the old value was 1 and it did not become 0, or it became 1.

(3) says that none of the state variables is assigned both 0 and 1. This together with c determine whether the operator is applicable.

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Let the state variables be $A = \{a, b, c\}$.

Consider operator $\langle a \vee b, (b \triangleright a) \wedge (c \triangleright \neg a) \wedge (a \triangleright b) \rangle$.

The corresponding propositional formula is

$$\begin{aligned} & (a \vee b) \wedge ((b \vee (a \wedge \neg c)) \leftrightarrow a') \\ & \quad \wedge ((a \vee (b \wedge \neg \perp)) \leftrightarrow b') \\ & \quad \wedge ((\perp \vee (c \wedge \neg \perp)) \leftrightarrow c') \\ & \quad \wedge \neg(b \wedge c) \wedge \neg(a \wedge \perp) \wedge \neg(\perp \wedge \perp) \\ & \equiv \\ & (a \vee b) \wedge ((b \vee (a \wedge \neg c)) \leftrightarrow a') \\ & \quad \wedge ((a \vee b) \leftrightarrow b') \\ & \quad \wedge (c \leftrightarrow c') \\ & \quad \wedge \neg(b \wedge c) \end{aligned}$$

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Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ be the state variables.

Consider operator $\langle a \wedge b, c \wedge (d \triangleright e) \rangle$.

The formula $\tau_A(o)$ after simplifications is

$$(a \wedge b) \wedge (a \leftrightarrow a') \wedge (b \leftrightarrow b') \wedge c' \wedge (d \leftrightarrow d') \wedge ((d \vee e) \leftrightarrow e')$$

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Lemma

Let s and s' be states and o an operator. Let $v : A \cup A' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be a valuation such that

- 1 *for all $a \in A$, $v(a) = s(a)$, and*
- 2 *for all $a \in A$, $v(a') = s'(a)$.*

Then $v \models \tau_A(o)$ if and only if $s' = \text{app}_o(s)$.

Planning as satisfiability

- 1 Encode operator sequences of length 0, 1, 2, ... as formulae $\Phi_0^{seq}, \Phi_1^{seq}, \Phi_2^{seq}, \dots$ (see next slide...)
- 2 Test satisfiability of $\Phi_0^{seq}, \Phi_1^{seq}, \Phi_2^{seq}, \dots$
- 3 If a satisfying valuation v is found, a plan can be constructed from v .

Planning as satisfiability

Definition (Transition relation in CPC)

For $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$ define

$$\mathcal{R}_1(A, A') = \bigvee_{o \in O} \tau_A(o).$$

Definition (Bounded-length plans in CPC)

Existence of plans length t is represented by a formula over propositions $A^0 \cup \dots \cup A^t$ where $A^i = \{a^i \mid a \in A\}$ for all $i \in \{0, \dots, t\}$ as

$$\Phi_t^{seq} = \iota^0 \wedge \mathcal{R}_1(A^0, A^1) \wedge \mathcal{R}_1(A^1, A^2) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathcal{R}_1(A^{t-1}, A^t) \wedge G^t$$

where $\iota^0 = \bigwedge \{a^0 \mid a \in A, I(a) = 1\} \cup \{\neg a^0 \mid a \in A, I(a) = 0\}$
and G^t is G with propositions a replaced by a^t .

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Consider

$$I \models b \wedge c$$

$$G = (b \wedge \neg c) \vee (\neg b \wedge c)$$

$$o_1 = \langle \top, (c \triangleright \neg c) \wedge (\neg c \triangleright c) \rangle$$

$$o_2 = \langle \top, (b \triangleright \neg b) \wedge (\neg b \triangleright b) \rangle.$$

Formula for plans of length 3 is

$$(b^0 \wedge c^0)$$

$$\wedge(((b^0 \leftrightarrow b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow \neg c^1)) \vee ((b^0 \leftrightarrow \neg b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow c^1)))$$

$$\wedge(((b^1 \leftrightarrow b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow \neg c^2)) \vee ((b^1 \leftrightarrow \neg b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow c^2)))$$

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$$\wedge((b^3 \wedge \neg c^3) \vee (\neg b^3 \wedge c^3)).$$

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Existence of (optimal) plans

Theorem

Let Φ_t^{seq} be the formula for $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$ and plan length t .
The formula Φ_t^{seq} is satisfiable if and only if there is a sequence of states s_0, \dots, s_t and operators o_1, \dots, o_t such that $s_0 = I$, $s_t \models G$ and $s_i = \text{app}_{o_i}(s_{i-1})$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$.

Consequence

If $\Phi_0^{seq}, \Phi_1^{seq}, \dots, \Phi_{i-1}^{seq}$ are unsatisfiable and Φ_i^{seq} is satisfiable, then the length of shortest plans is i .
Satisfiability planning with Φ_i^{seq} yields **optimal plans**, like heuristic search with admissible heuristics and optimal algorithms like A* or IDA*.

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Plan extraction

All satisfiability algorithms give a valuation v that satisfies Φ_i^{seq} upon finding out that Φ_i^{seq} is satisfiable. This makes it possible to **construct a plan**.

Constructing a plan from a satisfying valuation

Let v be a valuation so that $v \models \Phi_t^{seq}$. Then define $s_i(a) = v(a^i)$ for all $a \in A$ and $i \in \{0, \dots, t\}$.

The i th operator in the plan is $o \in O$ if $app_o(s_{i-1}) = s_i$.

Notice: There may be more than one such operator, any of them may be chosen.

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One valuation that satisfies Φ_3^{seq} :

	time i			
	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1	0	0
c^i	1	0	0	1

Notice:

- 1 Also a plan of length 1 exists.
- 2 Plans of length 2 do not exist.

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Conjunctive normal form

Many satisfiability algorithms require formulas in the conjunctive normal form: transformation by repeated applications of the following equivalences.

$$\neg(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi$$

$$\neg(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv \neg\phi \vee \neg\psi$$

$$\neg\neg\phi \equiv \phi$$

$$\phi \vee (\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) \equiv (\phi \vee \psi_1) \wedge (\phi \vee \psi_2)$$

The formula is conjunction of **clauses** (disjunctions of literals).

Example

$$(A \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg B) \wedge A$$

The unit resolution rule

Unit resolution

From $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$ (here $n \geq 1$) and \bar{l}_1 infer $l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$.

Example

From $a \vee b \vee c$ and $\neg a$ infer $b \vee c$.

Unit resolution: a special case

From A and $\neg A$ we get the empty clause \perp (“**disjunction consisting of zero disjuncts**”).

Unit subsumption

The clause $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$ can be eliminated if we have the unit clause l_1 .

The Davis-Putnam procedure

- The first **efficient** decision procedure for any logic (Davis, Putnam, Logemann & Loveland, 1960/62).
- Based on binary search through the valuations of a formula.
- Unit resolution and unit subsumption help pruning the search tree.
- The currently most efficient satisfiability algorithms are variants of the Davis-Putnam procedure (Although there is currently a shift toward viewing these procedures as performing more general resolution: clause-learning.)

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Satisfiability test by the Davis-Putnam procedure

- 1 Let C be a set of clauses.
- 2 For all clauses $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n \in C$ and $\bar{l}_1 \in C$, remove $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$ from C and add $l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$ to C .
- 3 For all clauses $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n \in C$ and $l_1 \in C$, remove $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n$ from C . (UNIT SUBSUMPTION)
- 4 If $\perp \in C$, return FALSE.
- 5 If C contains only unit clauses, return TRUE.
- 6 Pick some $a \in A$ such that $\{a, \neg a\} \cap C = \emptyset$
- 7 Recursive call: if $C \cup \{a\}$ is satisfiable, return TRUE.
- 8 Recursive call: if $C \cup \{\neg a\}$ is satisfiable, return TRUE.
- 9 Return FALSE.

Planning as satisfiability

Example: plan search with Davis-Putnam

Consider the problem from a previous slide, with two operators each inverting the value of one state variable, for plan length 3.

$$\begin{aligned} & (b^0 \wedge c^0) \\ & \wedge (((b^0 \leftrightarrow b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow \neg c^1)) \vee ((b^0 \leftrightarrow \neg b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow c^1))) \\ & \wedge (((b^1 \leftrightarrow b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow \neg c^2)) \vee ((b^1 \leftrightarrow \neg b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow c^2))) \\ & \wedge (((b^2 \leftrightarrow b^3) \wedge (c^2 \leftrightarrow \neg c^3)) \vee ((b^2 \leftrightarrow \neg b^3) \wedge (c^2 \leftrightarrow c^3))) \\ & \wedge ((b^3 \wedge \neg c^3) \vee (\neg b^3 \wedge c^3)). \end{aligned}$$

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To obtain a short CNF formula, we introduce **auxiliary variables** o_1^i and o_2^i for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ denoting operator applications.

$$b^0$$

$$c^0$$

$$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$$

$$o_1^2 \vee o_2^2$$

$$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$$

$$(b^3 \wedge \neg c^3) \vee (\neg b^3 \wedge c^3)$$

$$o_1^1 \rightarrow ((b^0 \leftrightarrow b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow \neg c^1))$$

$$o_2^1 \rightarrow ((b^0 \leftrightarrow \neg b^1) \wedge (c^0 \leftrightarrow c^1))$$

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We rewrite the formulae for operator applications by using the equivalence $\phi \rightarrow (l \leftrightarrow l') \equiv ((\phi \wedge l \rightarrow l') \wedge (\phi \wedge \bar{l} \rightarrow \bar{l}'))$.

b^0	$o_1^1 \wedge b^0 \rightarrow b^1$	$o_1^2 \wedge b^1 \rightarrow b^2$	$o_1^3 \wedge b^2 \rightarrow b^3$
c^0	$o_1^1 \wedge \neg b^0 \rightarrow \neg b^1$	$o_1^2 \wedge \neg b^1 \rightarrow \neg b^2$	$o_1^3 \wedge \neg b^2 \rightarrow \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$o_1^1 \wedge c^0 \rightarrow \neg c^1$	$o_1^2 \wedge c^1 \rightarrow \neg c^2$	$o_1^3 \wedge c^2 \rightarrow \neg c^3$
$o_2^1 \vee o_2^2$	$o_1^1 \wedge \neg c^0 \rightarrow c^1$	$o_1^2 \wedge \neg c^1 \rightarrow c^2$	$o_1^3 \wedge \neg c^2 \rightarrow c^3$
$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$	$o_2^1 \wedge b^0 \rightarrow \neg b^1$	$o_2^2 \wedge b^1 \rightarrow \neg b^2$	$o_2^3 \wedge b^2 \rightarrow \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^2$	$o_2^1 \wedge \neg b^0 \rightarrow b^1$	$o_2^2 \wedge \neg b^1 \rightarrow b^2$	$o_2^3 \wedge \neg b^2 \rightarrow b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$o_2^1 \wedge c^0 \rightarrow c^1$	$o_2^2 \wedge c^1 \rightarrow c^2$	$o_2^3 \wedge c^2 \rightarrow c^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$o_2^1 \wedge \neg c^0 \rightarrow c^1$	$o_2^2 \wedge \neg c^1 \rightarrow c^2$	$o_2^3 \wedge \neg c^2 \rightarrow c^3$

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Eliminate implications with $((l_1 \wedge l_2) \rightarrow l_3) \equiv (\bar{l}_1 \vee \bar{l}_2 \vee l_3)$.

b^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_3^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
c^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_3^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_1^2 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
	$\neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i				
c^i				

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Identify **unit clauses**.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^0 \\
 c^0 \\
 o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\
 o_2^1 \vee o_2^2 \\
 o_3^1 \vee o_2^3 \\
 b^3 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3
 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i		1		
c^i		1		

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Perform **unit resolution** with b^0 and c^0 .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^0 \\
 c^0 \\
 o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\
 o_2^1 \vee o_2^2 \\
 o_3^1 \vee o_2^3 \\
 b^3 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3
 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1			
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Perform **unit subsumption** with b^0 and c^0 .

b^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
c^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_1^2 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
	$\neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1			
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Identify **unit clauses**. None exist. Must **branch**.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^0 \\
 c^0 \\
 o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\
 o_2^1 \vee o_2^2 \\
 o_3^1 \vee o_2^3 \\
 b^3 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3
 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1			
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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We branch on b^1 , first trying out $b^1 = 1$.

b^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
c^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_2^2 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_3^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with b^1 .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^0 \\
 c^0 \\
 o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\
 o_1^2 \vee o_2^2 \\
 o_1^3 \vee o_2^3 \\
 b^3 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3
 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i			

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with $\neg o_2^1$.

b^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_3^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
c^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_3^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_2^2 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_3^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
	$\neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1			

	1	2	3
o_1^i			
o_2^i	0		

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We obtain unit clause o_1^1 and directly after it $\neg c^1$.

b^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
c^0	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_2^1 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
	$\neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1	0		

	1	2	3
o_1^i	1		
o_2^i	0		

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with $o_1^1, \neg c^1$.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^0 \\
 c^0 \\
 o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\
 o_1^2 \vee o_2^2 \\
 o_1^3 \vee o_2^3 \\
 b^3 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\
 \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\
 \neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\
 \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\
 \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\
 \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3
 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1	0		

	1	2	3
o_1^i	1		
o_2^i	0		

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Example: plan search with Davis-Putnam

Identify **unit clauses**. None exist. Must **branch** a second time.

$$\begin{array}{l} b^0 \\ c^0 \\ o_1^1 \vee o_2^1 \\ o_2^1 \vee o_2^2 \\ o_1^3 \vee o_2^3 \\ b^3 \vee c^3 \\ \neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1 \\ \neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\ \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1 \\ \neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \\ \neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1 \\ \neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1 \\ \neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1 \\ \neg o_2^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2 \\ \neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\ \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2 \\ \neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \\ \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2 \\ \neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2 \\ \neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2 \\ \neg o_2^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3 \\ \neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\ \neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3 \\ \neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \\ \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3 \\ \neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3 \\ \neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3 \\ \neg o_2^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3 \end{array}$$

Valuation constructed by the Davis-Putnam procedure

	0	1	2	3
b^i	1	1		
c^i	1	0		

	1	2	3
o_1^i	1		
o_2^i	0		

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Planning as satisfiability with parallel plans

- **Efficiency** of satisfiability planning is strongly **dependent on the plan length** because satisfiability algorithms have runtime $O(2^n)$ where n is the formula size, and formula sizes are linearly proportional to plan length.
- Formula sizes can be reduced by allowing **several operators in parallel**.
- On many problems this leads to big speed-ups.
- However **there are no guarantees of optimality**.

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Parallel operator application

Formal definition

We consider the possibility of executing **several operators simultaneously**.

Definition

Let T be a set of operators and s a state.

Define $app_T(s)$ as the state that is obtained from s by making the literals in $\bigcup_{\langle c, e \rangle \in T} [e]_s$ true.

For $app_T(s)$ to be defined, we require that $s \models c$ for all $o = \langle c, e \rangle \in T$ and $\bigcup_{\langle c, e \rangle \in T} [e]_s$ is consistent.

Parallel operator application

Representation in CPC

Consider the formula $\tau_A(o)$ representing operator $o = \langle c, e \rangle$

$$c \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((EPC_a(e) \vee (a \wedge \neg EPC_{\neg a}(e))) \leftrightarrow a') \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} \neg (EPC_a(e) \wedge EPC_{\neg a}(e)).$$

This can be logically equivalently be written as follows.

$$c \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} (EPC_a(e) \rightarrow a') \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} (EPC_{\neg a}(e) \rightarrow \neg a') \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg EPC_{\neg a}(e)) \rightarrow a') \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge \neg EPC_a(e)) \rightarrow \neg a')$$

This separates the **changes** from **non-changes**. This is the basis of the translation for parallel actions for which we do not say that **executing a given operator** directly means that unrelated **state variables retain their old value**.

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The explanatory frame axioms

The formulae say that the only explanation for a changing its value is the application of one operator.

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg a') \rightarrow \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e))$$
$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge a') \rightarrow \mathbf{EPC}_a(e))$$

When several operators could be applied in parallel, we have to consider all operators as possible explanations.

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg a') \rightarrow ((o_1 \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e_1)) \vee \dots \vee (o_n \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e_n))))$$
$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge a') \rightarrow ((o_1 \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_a(e_1)) \vee \dots \vee (o_n \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_a(e_n))))$$

where $T = \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$ and e_1, \dots, e_n are the respective effects.

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Formula in CPC

Definition

Let T be a set of operators. Let $\tau_A(T)$ denote the conjunction of formulae

$$\begin{aligned} & (o \rightarrow c) \wedge \\ & \bigwedge_{a \in A} (o \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_a(e) \rightarrow a') \wedge \\ & \bigwedge_{a \in A} (o \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e) \rightarrow \neg a') \end{aligned}$$

for all $\langle c, e \rangle \in T$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg a') \rightarrow ((o_1 \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e_1)) \vee \dots \vee (o_n \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_{\neg a}(e_n)))) \\ & \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge a') \rightarrow ((o_1 \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_a(e_1)) \vee \dots \vee (o_n \wedge \mathbf{EPC}_a(e_n)))) \end{aligned}$$

where $T = \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$ and e_1, \dots, e_n are the respective effects.

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The formula $\tau_A(T)$ exactly matches the definition of $app_T(s)$.

Lemma

Let s and s' be states and T a set of operators. Let $v : A \cup A' \cup T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be a valuation such that

- 1 *for all $o \in T$, $v(o) = 1$,*
- 2 *for all $a \in A$, $v(a) = s(a)$, and*
- 3 *for all $a \in A$, $v(a') = s'(a)$.*

Then $v \models \tau_A(T)$ if and only if $s' = app_T(s)$.

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Meaning in terms of interleavings

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The operators $\langle a, \neg b \rangle$ and $\langle b, \neg a \rangle$ may be executed simultaneously resulting in a state satisfying $\neg a \wedge \neg b$.

But this state is not reachable by the two operators sequentially, because executing any one operator makes the precondition of the other false.

Step plans

Formal definition

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Definition (Step plans)

For a set of operators O and an initial state I , **a step plan for O and I** is a sequence $T = \langle T_0, \dots, T_{l-1} \rangle$ of sets of operators for some $l \geq 0$ such that there is a sequence of states s_0, \dots, s_l (the execution of T) such that

- 1 $s_0 = I$,
- 2 for all $i \in \{0, \dots, l-1\}$ and every total ordering o_1, \dots, o_n of T_i , $app_{o_1; \dots; o_n}(s_i)$ is defined and equals s_{i+1} .

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Step plans

Tractable subclass

- Finding arbitrary step plans is difficult: even testing whether a set T of operators is executable in all orders is **co-NP-hard**.
- Representing the executability test exactly as a propositional formula seems complicated: doing this test exactly would seem to cancel the benefits of parallel plans.
- Instead, all work on parallel plans so far has used a **sufficient but not necessary condition** that can be tested in **polynomial-time**.
- This is a simple **syntactic** test: is the result of executing o_1 and o_2 in any state both in order $o_1; o_2$ and in $o_2; o_1$ the same.

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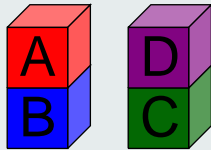
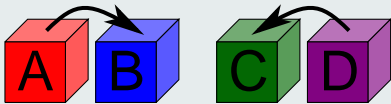
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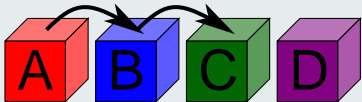
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Actions do not interfere



Actions can be taken simultaneously.

Actions interfere



If A is moved first, B won't be clear and cannot be moved.

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Auxiliary definition: affects

Definition (Affect)

Let A be a set of state variables and $o = \langle c, e \rangle$ and $o' = \langle c', e' \rangle$ operators over A . Then o **affects** o' if there is $a \in A$ such that

- 1 a is an atomic effect in e and a occurs in a formula in e' or it occurs negatively in c' , or
- 2 $\neg a$ is an atomic effect in e and a occurs in a formula in e' or it occurs positively in c' .

Example

$\langle c, d \rangle$ affects $\langle \neg d, e \rangle$ and $\langle e, d \triangleright f \rangle$.

$\langle c, d \rangle$ does not affect $\langle d, e \rangle$ nor $\langle e, \neg c \rangle$.

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Definition (Interference)

Operators o and o' **interfere** if o affects o' or o' affects o .

Example

$\langle c, d \rangle$ and $\langle \neg d, e \rangle$ interfere.

$\langle c, d \rangle$ and $\langle e, f \rangle$ do not interfere.

Lemma

Let s be a state and T a set of operators so that $app_T(s)$ is defined and no two operators interfere.

Then $app_T(s) = app_{o_1; \dots; o_n}(s)$ for any total ordering o_1, \dots, o_n of T .

The translation for parallel plans in CPC

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Definition

Define $\mathcal{R}_2(A, A', O)$ as the conjunction of $\tau_A(O)$ and

$$\neg(o \wedge o')$$

for all $o \in O$ and $o' \in O$ such that o and o' interfere and $o \neq o'$.

Planning as satisfiability

Existence of plans

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Definition (Bounded-length plans in CPC)

Existence of parallel plans length t is represented by a formula over propositions $A^0 \cup \dots \cup A^t \cup O^1 \cup \dots \cup O^t$ where $A^i = \{a^i | a \in A\}$ for all $i \in \{0, \dots, t\}$ and $O^i = \{o^i | o \in O\}$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ as

$$\Phi_t^{par} = \iota^0 \wedge \mathcal{R}_2(A^0, A^1, O^1) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathcal{R}_2(A^{t-1}, A^t, O^t) \wedge G^t$$

where $\iota^0 = \bigwedge \{a^0 | a \in A, I(a) = 1\} \cup \{\neg a^0 | a \in A, I(a) = 0\}$ and G^t is G with propositions a replaced by a^t .

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Theorem

Let Φ_t^{par} be the formula for $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$ and plan length t .
The formula Φ_t^{par} is satisfiable if and only if there is a sequence of states s_0, \dots, s_t and sets O_1, \dots, O_t of non-interfering operators such that $s_0 = I$, $s_t \models G$ and $s_i = \text{app}_{O_i}(s_{i-1})$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$.

Why is optimality lost?

For parallel plans there is no guarantee for smallest number of operators

That a plan has the **smallest number of time points** does not guarantee that it has the **smallest number of actions**.

- Satisfiability algorithms return **any** satisfying valuation of Φ_i^{par} , and this does not have to be the one with the smallest number of operators.
- There could be better solutions with **more** time points.

Why is optimality lost?

Example

Let I be a state such that $s \models \neg c \wedge \neg d \wedge \neg e \wedge \neg f$.

Let $G = c \wedge d \wedge e$.

Let

$$o_1 = \langle \top, c \rangle$$

$$o_2 = \langle \top, d \rangle$$

$$o_3 = \langle \top, e \rangle$$

$$o_4 = \langle \top, f \rangle$$

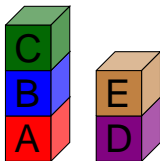
$$o_5 = \langle f, c \wedge d \wedge e \rangle$$

Now $\{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$ is a plan with one step, and $\{o_4\}; \{o_5\}$ is a plan with two steps. The first one has less time steps and corresponds to a satisfying valuation of both Φ_1^{par} and Φ_2^{par} .

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initial state



goal state



The Davis-Putnam procedure solves the problem quickly:

- Formulae for lengths 1 to 4 shown unsatisfiable without any search.
- Formula for plan length 5 is satisfiable: 3 nodes in the search tree.
- Plans have 5 to 7 operators, optimal plan has 5.

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Example

```
v0.9 13/08/1997 19:32:47
30 propositions 100 operators
Length 1
Length 2
Length 3
Length 4
Length 5
branch on -clear(b)[1] depth 0
branch on clear(a)[3] depth 1
Found a plan.
  0 totable(e,d)
  1 totable(c,b) fromtable(d,e)
  2 totable(b,a) fromtable(c,d)
  3 fromtable(b,c)
  4 fromtable(a,b)
Branches 2 last 2 failed 0; time 0.0
```

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Example: valuations after unit propagation, after branching

```
      ON              ON
CLEARaaaabbbbccccdddeeeeTABLE
abcdebcdeacdeabdeabceabcdabcde
```

```
0 FFFTFFFFFFFTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
1 F TTTTTTTTTTTTT FFFFFFFTTTT TT
2   TTTTTT FFF FFFFFFFTTTT FT
3   FF FFF FFFTTTTTTTTTTTT FTT
4   FFF FFFTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT FFFT
5  FFFFTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
```

```
0 FFFTFFFFFFFTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
1 FTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
2 F TTTTTTTTTTTTT FFFFFFFTTTT FT
3  TTTTTTTTT FFFFFFFTTTTTTTT FTT
4 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
5 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
```

```
0 FFFTFFFFFFFTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
1 FTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
2 FTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
3 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
4 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
5 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
```

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	012345	012345	012345
clear(a)	FF	FFF TT	FFFTTT
clear(b)	F F	FF TTF	FFTTTF
clear(c)	TT FF	TTTTFF	TTTTFF
clear(d)	FTTTTT	FTTTTT	FTTTTT
clear(e)	TTTTFF	TTTTFF	TTTTFF
on(a,b)	FFF T	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(a,c)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(a,d)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(a,e)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(b,a)	TT FF	TT FF	TTFFF
on(b,c)	FF TT	FFFTT	FFFTT
on(b,d)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(b,e)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(c,a)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(c,b)	T FFF	TT FFF	TTTTFF
on(c,d)	FFTTT	FFTTT	FFTTT
on(c,e)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(d,a)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(d,b)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(d,c)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(d,e)	FFTTT	FFTTT	FFTTT
on(e,a)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(e,b)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(e,c)	FFFFFF	FFFFFF	FFFFFF
on(e,d)	TTTTFF	TTTTFF	TTTTFF
ontable(a)	TTT F	TTTTTF	TTTTTF
ontable(b)	FF FF	FFF FF	FFFTFF
ontable(c)	F FFF	FF FFF	FFTTFF
ontable(d)	TTTTFF	TTTTFF	TTTTFF
ontable(e)	FTTTT	FTTTT	FTTTT

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Example: valuation for operators after plan has been found

```
                                01234
fromtable(a,b)  ....T
fromtable(b,c)  ...T.
fromtable(c,d)  ..T..
fromtable(d,e)  .T...
  totable(b,a)  ..T..
  totable(c,b)  .T...
  totable(e,d)  T....
```

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