

# Principles of AI Planning

## Planning by satisfiability testing

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- 1 Represent actions (= binary relations) as propositional formulae.
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# Satisfiability testing vs. state-space search

- Like our earlier algorithms (progression and regression planning, possibly with heuristics), planning as satisfiability testing can be interpreted as a **search algorithm**.
- However, unlike these algorithms, satisfiability testing is **undirected search**:
  - As the first decision, the algorithm may decide to include a certain action as the 7th operator of the plan.
  - As the second decision, it may require a certain state variable to be true after the 5th operator of the plan.
  - ...

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# Sets (of states) as formulae

Reminder: Formulae on  $A$  as sets of states

We view formulae  $\phi$  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

## 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  $\phi$  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  $2^{20} \times 2^{20} \sim 10^6 \times 10^6$ .

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# Actions/relations as propositional formulae

## Example

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

$a_1 a_2$	$a'_1 a'_2$ 00	$a'_1 a'_2$ 01	$a'_1 a'_2$ 10	$a'_1 a'_2$ 11
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:

$a_1$	$a_2$	$a'_1$	$a'_2$	$\phi$
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
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0
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1	1	0	0	1
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# Actions/relations as propositional formulae

## Example

$(a_1 \leftrightarrow a'_2) \wedge (a_2 \leftrightarrow a'_3) \wedge (a_3 \leftrightarrow a'_1)$  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.

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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.
- Two main applications in planning algorithms are:
  - ① **planning as satisfiability** and
  - ② **progression & regression for state sets** as used in **symbolic state-space traversal**, typically implemented with the help of **binary decision diagrams**.

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# Translating operators into formulae

## Definition (operators in propositional logic)

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

$$c \quad (1)$$

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

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

Condition (1) states that the precondition of  $o$  is satisfied.

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

Condition (3) states that none of the state variables is assigned both 0 and 1. Together with (1), this encodes applicability of the operator.

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# Translating operators into formulae

## Example

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

Consider the 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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# Translating operators into formulae

## Example

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

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

After simplifications, the formula  $\tau_A(o)$  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*

- ❶ *for all  $a \in A$ ,  $v(a) = s(a)$ , and*
- ❷ *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  $v$ .

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# Planning as satisfiability

## Definition (transition relation in propositional logic)

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 propositional logic)

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

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

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

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# Planning as satisfiability

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### Example

Consider

$$I \models b \wedge c$$

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

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

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

The formula  $\Phi_3^{seq}$  for plans of length 3 is:

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

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# Planning as satisfiability

Existence of (optimal) plans

## Theorem

*Let  $\Phi_t^{seq}$  be the formula for  $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$  and plan length  $t$ .  
The formula  $\Phi_t^{seq}$  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  $s_0 = I$ ,  $s_i = app_{o_i}(s_{i-1})$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , and  $s_t \models G$ .*

## Consequence

If  $\Phi_0^{seq}, \Phi_1^{seq}, \dots, \Phi_{i-1}^{seq}$  are unsatisfiable and  $\Phi_i^{seq}$  is satisfiable, then the length of shortest plans is  $i$ .

Satisfiability planning with  $\Phi_i^{seq}$  yields **optimal plans**, like heuristic search with admissible heuristics and optimal algorithms like A\* or IDA\*.

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# Planning as satisfiability

## Plan extraction

All satisfiability algorithms give a valuation  $v$  that satisfies  $\Phi_i^{seq}$  upon finding out that  $\Phi_i^{seq}$  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  $app_o(s_{i-1}) = s_i$ .

**Note:** There may be more than one such operator, in which case any of them may be chosen.

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# Planning as satisfiability

Example, continued

## Example

One valuation that satisfies  $\Phi_3^{seq}$ :

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

Note:

- 1 There also exists a plan of length 1.
- 2 No plan of length 2 exists.

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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 a conjunction of **clauses** (disjunctions of literals).

## Example

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

**Note:** Transformation to conjunctive normal form can increase formula size exponentially. There are also polynomial translations which introduce additional variables.

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# 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  $l_1$ .

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# The Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland 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 DPLL procedure.  
(Although there is currently a shift toward viewing these procedures as performing more general reasoning: clause learning.)

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# Satisfiability test by the DPLL procedure

## Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland Procedure

```
def DPLL( $C$ : clauses):  
    while there are clauses  $(l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_n) \in C$  and  $\overline{l_1} \in C$ :  
         $C := (C \setminus \{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_n\}) \cup \{l_2 \vee \dots \vee l_n\}$   
    while there are clauses  $(l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_n) \in C$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) and  
     $l_1 \in C$ :  
         $C := C \setminus \{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_n\}$   
    if  $\perp \in C$ :  
        return false  
    if  $C$  contains only unit clauses:  
        return true  
    Pick some variable  $a$  such that  $a \notin C$  and  $\neg a \notin C$ .  
    return DPLL( $C \cup \{a\}$ ) or DPLL( $C \cup \{\neg a\}$ )
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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.

$$b^0$$

$$c^0$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$o_1^2 \rightarrow ((b^1 \leftrightarrow b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow \neg c^2))$$

$$o_2^2 \rightarrow ((b^1 \leftrightarrow \neg b^2) \wedge (c^1 \leftrightarrow c^2))$$

$$o_1^3 \rightarrow ((b^2 \leftrightarrow b^3) \wedge (c^2 \leftrightarrow \neg c^3))$$

$$o_2^3 \rightarrow ((b^2 \leftrightarrow \neg b^3) \wedge (c^2 \leftrightarrow c^3))$$

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

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

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

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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**.

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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  $c^0$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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  $c^0$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$			
$o_2^i$			

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Example: plan search with DPLL

No unhandled **unit clauses** exist. Must **branch**.

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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  $b^1 = 1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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  $b^1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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  $\neg o_2^1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $o_1^1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0		

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

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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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No unhandled **unit clauses** exist. Must **branch** a second time.

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL 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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We branch on  $c^3$ , first trying out  $c^3 = 1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0		

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $c^3$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0		

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $\neg b^3$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0		

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Example: plan search with DPLL

No unhandled **unit clauses** exist. Must **branch** a third time.

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0		

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Example: plan search with DPLL

We branch on  $o_2^2$ , first trying out  $o_2^2 = 1$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0	1	

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $o_2^2$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0	1	

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $\neg b^2$  and  $\neg c^2$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1		
$o_2^i$	0	1	

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $\neg o_1^2$  and  $\neg o_2^3$ .

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

Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
$o_1^i$	1	0	
$o_2^i$	0	1	0

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Perform **unit resolution** and **unit subsumption** with  $o_1^3$ .

$b^0$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee b^3$
$c^0$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$o_1^1 \vee o_2^1$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee \neg c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee \neg c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee \neg c^3$
$o_1^2 \vee o_2^2$	$\neg o_1^1 \vee c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_1^2 \vee c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_1^3 \vee c^2 \vee c^3$
$o_1^3 \vee o_2^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg b^0 \vee \neg b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg b^1 \vee \neg b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg b^2 \vee \neg b^3$
$b^3 \vee c^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee b^0 \vee b^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee b^1 \vee b^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee b^2 \vee b^3$
$\neg c^3 \vee \neg b^3$	$\neg o_2^1 \vee \neg c^0 \vee c^1$	$\neg o_2^2 \vee \neg c^1 \vee c^2$	$\neg o_2^3 \vee \neg c^2 \vee c^3$
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Valuation constructed by the DPLL procedure

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

	1	2	3
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$o_2^i$	0	1	0

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# Planning as satisfiability

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The formula is **satisfiable**.

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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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## Definition attempt

Similar to relaxed planning graphs, we consider the possibility of executing **several operators simultaneously**.

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Let  $\sigma$  be a set of operators (a **plan step**) and  $s$  a state.

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

Unfortunately, the definition is **flawed**. Why?

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## Non-interleavable actions

### Example

According to the definition attempt, the operators  $\langle a, \neg b \rangle$  and  $\langle b, \neg a \rangle$  may be executed simultaneously in state  $\{a \mapsto 1, b \mapsto 1\}$ , resulting in the state  $\{a \mapsto 0, b \mapsto 0\}$ .

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

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## Comparison to relaxed planning tasks

- When discussing relaxed planning tasks, we gave a **conservative** definition of parallel operator application:
  - It is **not** guaranteed that each serialization of a plan step  $\sigma$  (or even one of them) leads to the state  $app_{\sigma}(s)$ .
  - However, the resulting state of the serialized plan is guaranteed to be **at least as good** as  $app_{\sigma}(s)$ .
- Our general definition attempt was **not** conservative – not even if we require positive normal form (as the example shows).
- A conservative definition extending the earlier one for relaxed planning tasks is possible, but complicated.
- Instead, we use a **semantic** definition based on serializations.

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## Serializations and semantics

### Definition (serialization)

A **serialization** of plan step  $\sigma = \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$  is a sequence  $o_{\pi(1)}, \dots, o_{\pi(n)}$  where  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

### Definition (semantics of plan steps)

A plan step  $\sigma = \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$  is **applicable** in a state  $s$  iff each serialization of  $\sigma$  is applicable in  $s$  and results in the same state  $s'$ .

The **result** of applying  $\sigma$  in  $s$  is then defined as  $app_{\sigma}(s) = s'$ .

**Note:** This definition does **not** extend the earlier definition for relaxed planning tasks.

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## Definition (parallel plan)

A **parallel plan** for a general planning task  $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$  is a sequence of plan steps  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  of operators in  $O$  with:

- $s_0 := I$
- For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , step  $\sigma_i$  is applicable in  $s_{i-1}$  and  $s_i := \text{app}_{\sigma_i}(s_{i-1})$ .
- $s_n \models G$

**Remark:** By ordering the operators within each single step arbitrarily, we obtain a (regular, non-parallel) plan.

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## Sufficient conditions

- Testing the condition for parallel applicability is difficult: even testing whether a set  $\sigma$  of operators is applicable in all serializations 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 **sufficient but not necessary conditions** that can be tested in **polynomial-time**.
- We use a simple **syntactic** test (which may be overly strict).

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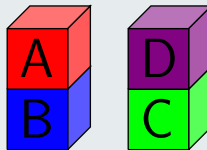
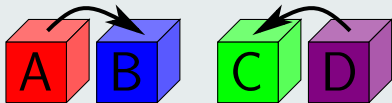
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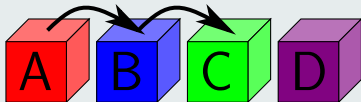
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### Actions do not interfere



Actions can be taken simultaneously.

### Actions interfere



If A is moved first, B will not 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.

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Sufficient condition for applying a plan step

## Lemma

*Let  $s$  be a state and  $\sigma$  a set of operators so that each operator in  $\sigma$  is applicable in  $s$ , no two operators in  $\sigma$  interfere, and  $\bigcup_{\langle c,e \rangle \in \sigma} [e]_s$  is consistent.*

*Then  $\sigma$  is applicable in  $s$  and results in the state that is obtained from  $s$  by making the literals in  $\bigcup_{\langle c,e \rangle \in \sigma} [e]_s$  true.*

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# Parallel operator application

We cannot simply use our current definition of  $\tau_A(o)$  within a satisfiability encoding for **parallel planning**:

- The formula  $\tau_A(o)$  **completely defines** the relationship between current state and successor state when  $o$  is applied.
- It leaves **no room** for applying another operator in sequence.

Basic idea for parallel plan encodings:

- **Decouple** the parts of the formula that describe **what changes** from parts that describe **what does not change**.

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# Parallel operator application

## Representation in propositional logic

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

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

This can be logically equivalently written as follows:

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

This separates the **changes** from **non-changes**.

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# The explanatory frame axioms

The formula states that the only explanation for  $a$  changing its value is the application of one operator:

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

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

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg a') \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n (o_i \wedge EPC_{\neg a}(e_i)))$$
$$\bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge a') \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n (o_i \wedge EPC_a(e_i)))$$

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

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Formula in propositional logic

## Definition (plan step application in propositional logic)

Let  $\sigma$  be a plan step. Let  $\tau_A(\sigma)$  denote the conjunction of formulae

$$\begin{aligned} & (o \rightarrow c) \\ & \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} (o \wedge EPC_a(e) \rightarrow a') \\ & \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in A} (o \wedge EPC_{\neg a}(e) \rightarrow \neg a') \end{aligned}$$

for all  $o = \langle c, e \rangle \in \sigma$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((a \wedge \neg a') \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n (o_i \wedge EPC_{\neg a}(e_i))) \\ & \bigwedge_{a \in A} ((\neg a \wedge a') \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n (o_i \wedge EPC_a(e_i))) \end{aligned}$$

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The formula  $\tau_A(\sigma)$  exactly matches the definition of  $app_\sigma(s)$  **provided that no actions in  $\sigma$  interfere.**

## Lemma

*Let  $s$  and  $s'$  be states and  $\sigma$  a set of operators. Let  $v : A \cup A' \cup \sigma \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a valuation such that*

- ❶ *for all  $o \in \sigma$ ,  $v(o) = 1$ ,*
- ❷ *for all  $a \in A$ ,  $v(a) = s(a)$ , and*
- ❸ *for all  $a \in A$ ,  $v(a') = s'(a)$ .*

*If  $\sigma$  is applicable in  $s$ , then:*

*$v \models \tau_A(\sigma)$  if and only if  $s' = app_\sigma(s)$ .*

# Translation of parallel plans into propositional logic

## 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  $o \neq o'$ .

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# Planning as satisfiability

## Existence of plans

### Definition (bounded step number plans in propositional logic)

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

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

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

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### Theorem

*Let  $\Phi_t^{par}$  be the formula for  $\langle A, I, O, G \rangle$  and plan length  $t$ .  
The formula  $\Phi_t^{par}$  is satisfiable if and only if there is a sequence of states  $s_0, \dots, s_t$  and plan steps  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$ , each consisting of non-interfering operators, such that  $s_0 = I$ ,  $s_i = app_{\sigma_i}(s_{i-1})$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , and  $s_t \models G$ .*

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# Why is optimality lost?

## Minimal step count does not imply minimal length

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

- Satisfiability algorithms return **any** satisfying valuation of  $\Phi_i^{par}$ , and this does not have to be the one with the smallest number of operators.
- There could be better solutions with **more** time points.
- Moreover, even optimality in the number of time steps is not guaranteed because the non-interference requirement is only sufficient, but not necessary, for parallel applicability.

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### Example

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

Let  $G = c \wedge d \wedge e$ , and 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  $\pi_1 = \{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$  is a plan with one step, and

$\pi_2 = \{o_4\}; \{o_5\}$  is a plan with two steps.

Plan  $\pi_1$  is optimal with respect to the number of steps, but not with respect to the number of actions, where  $\pi_2$  is optimal.

There is **no plan** which minimizes **both** measures.

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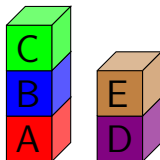
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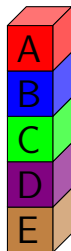
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## Example

initial state



goal state



The DPLL procedure solves the problem quickly:

- Formulae for lengths 0 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 0
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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	0	1	2	3	4	5
clear(a)	0	0				
clear(b)	0		0			
clear(c)	1	1		0		
clear(d)	0	1	1	0	0	
clear(e)	1	1	0	0	0	
on(a,b)	0	0	0	1		
on(a,c)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(a,d)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(a,e)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(b,a)	1	1		0		
on(b,c)	0	0	1			
on(b,d)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(b,e)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(c,a)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(c,b)	1		0	0		
on(c,d)	0	0	0	1	1	
on(c,e)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(d,a)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(d,b)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(d,c)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(d,e)	0	0	1	1	1	
on(e,a)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(e,b)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(e,c)	0	0	0	0	0	
on(e,d)	1	0	0	0	0	
ontable(a)	1	1	1		0	
ontable(b)	0	0		0	0	
ontable(c)	0		0	0	0	
ontable(d)	1	1	0	0	0	
ontable(e)	0	1	1	1	1	

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② Branch:  $\neg \text{clear}(b)[1]$ .

③ Branch:  $\text{clear}(a)[3]$ .

④ Plan found:

	0	1	2	3	4
fromtable(a,b)	.	.	.	.	1
fromtable(b,c)	.	.	.	1	.
fromtable(c,d)	.	.	1	.	.
fromtable(d,e)	.	1	.	.	.
totable(b,a)	.	.	1	.	.
totable(c,b)	.	1	.	.	.
totable(e,d)	1	.	.	.	.

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clear(b)	0 0	00 110	001110
clear(c)	11 00	111100	111100
clear(d)	011000	011000	011000
clear(e)	110000	110000	110000
on(a,b)	000 1	000001	000001
on(a,c)	000000	000000	000000
on(a,d)	000000	000000	000000
on(a,e)	000000	000000	000000
on(b,a)	11 00	111 00	111000
on(b,c)	00 11	000011	000011
on(b,d)	000000	000000	000000
on(b,e)	000000	000000	000000
on(c,a)	000000	000000	000000
on(c,b)	1 000	11 000	110000
on(c,d)	000111	000111	000111
on(c,e)	000000	000000	000000
on(d,a)	000000	000000	000000
on(d,b)	000000	000000	000000
on(d,c)	000000	000000	000000
on(d,e)	001111	001111	001111
on(e,a)	000000	000000	000000
on(e,b)	000000	000000	000000
on(e,c)	000000	000000	000000
on(e,d)	100000	100000	100000
ontable(a)	111 0	111110	111110
ontable(b)	00 00	000 00	000100
ontable(c)	0 000	00 000	001000
ontable(d)	110000	110000	110000
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	01234
fromtable(a,b)	... 1
fromtable(b,c)	... 1
fromtable(c,d)	.. 1 ..
fromtable(d,e)	. 1 ...
totable(b,a)	.. 1 ..
totable(c,b)	. 1 ...
totable(e,d)	1 ....

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# Final remarks

- All successful satisfiability-based planners use some kind of **parallel encoding**.
- Sequential encodings are not regarded as competitive with (admissible) heuristic search planners.
- In practice, the presented encoding is further refined to be able to rule out bad variable assignments early in the SAT solving procedure.
- The state-of-the-art **SATPLAN06** (formerly SATPLAN04, formerly Blackbox) planner supports a number of different encodings.
- The ones that typically perform best are based on (non-relaxed) **planning graphs**.

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