

Foundations and Theoretical Aspects of Propositional Satisfiability

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Outline

Objective:

Illuminate aspects of SAT resulting in hard/easy sub-classes
Show worst/average case performance of some algorithms

Discussion:

Review various representations of Boolean functions
Review some important operations within those representations
Some algorithms have exponential time on some classes
Modifications that may lead to polynomial time solutions
Compare different operations
Probabilistic analysis to show how algorithms get “stuck,”
 identify hard problems, measure “size” of easy classes,
 and suggest new algorithms that may be counter-intuitive
Bounds on complexity

A Boolean Function

v_0	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	f
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1
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0	1	1	1	0	0
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1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0

mapping of $\{0, 1\}^n$ to $\{0, 1\}$

Shown to the left is a truth table

Values in a row to the left of |
are an input assignment

The value to the right of | in a row is
the value of the function for that
input assignment

Terms and Connectives

A **variable** looks like this: v_9 , takes a value from $\{0, 1\}$

A **positive literal**: v_9 , a **negative literal**: $\overline{v_9}$

Boolean OR: $v_x \vee v_y = 1$ iff $v_x = 1$ or $v_y = 1$

Boolean AND: $v_x \wedge v_y = 1$ iff both $v_x = 1$ and $v_y = 1$

Boolean XOR: $v_x \oplus v_y = 1$ iff one of v_x, v_y has value 1

A **clause** looks like this: $(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_5 \vee v_9)$

An **instance** of SAT looks like this (CNF):

$$(v_1 \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_7) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee v_6) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_4} \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge (v_{10}) \dots$$

Clause **width**: # literals; **k -SAT**: fixed width k

An assignment of values satisfying ψ is a **model** for ψ

Shannon's Expansion

At the dawn of the information age:

$$f(v_1, v_2, \dots, x_n) = (v_1 \wedge f(1, v_2, \dots, v_n)) \vee (\overline{v_1} \wedge f(0, v_2, \dots, v_n))$$

$$f(v_1, v_2, \dots, x_n) = (\overline{v_1} \vee f(1, v_2, \dots, v_n)) \wedge (v_1 \vee f(0, v_2, \dots, v_n))$$

normal forms:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = & (f(0, 0, \dots, 0) \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{v_n}) \vee & \text{DNF} \\ & (f(1, 0, \dots, 0) \wedge v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{v_n}) \vee \\ & (f(0, 1, \dots, 0) \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{v_n}) \vee \\ & \dots \\ & (f(1, 1, \dots, 1) \wedge v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = & (f(0, 0, \dots, 0) \vee v_1 \vee v_2 \vee \dots \vee v_n) \wedge & \text{CNF} \\ & (f(1, 0, \dots, 0) \vee \overline{v_1} \vee v_2 \vee \dots \vee v_n) \wedge \\ & \dots \\ & (f(1, 1, \dots, 1) \vee \overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \dots \vee \overline{v_n}) \end{aligned}$$

CNF and DNF Representations

v_0	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	f
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
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1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0

DNF:

$$(\overline{v_0} \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge \overline{v_3} \wedge v_4) \vee$$

$$(\overline{v_0} \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge v_3 \wedge v_4) \vee$$

$$(\overline{v_0} \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge v_2 \wedge \overline{v_3} \wedge v_4) \vee$$

$$(\overline{v_0} \wedge \overline{v_1} \wedge v_2 \wedge v_3 \wedge v_4) \vee$$

...

$$(v_0 \wedge v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \overline{v_3} \wedge v_4)$$

CNF:

$$(v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_2 \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge$$

$$(v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_2 \vee \overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \wedge$$

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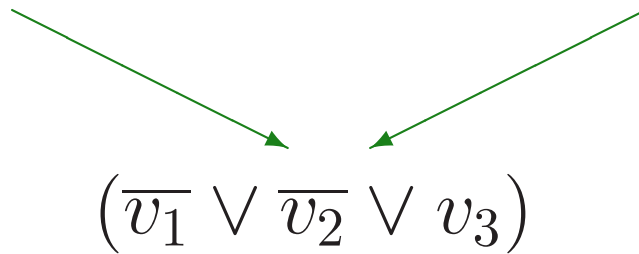
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$$(\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_4})$$

Resolution/Consensus

Resolution (CNF):

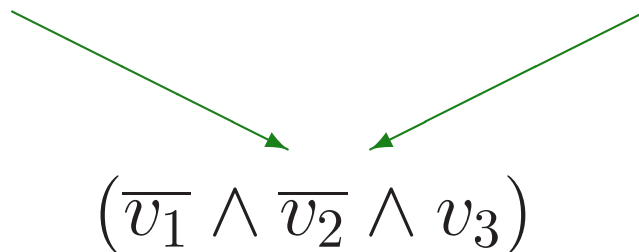
$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_i) \quad (\overline{v_1} \vee v_3 \vee \overline{v_i})$$



If resolvent = \emptyset :
formula is unsatisfiable.
If cannot generate \emptyset :
formula is satisfiable.

Consensus (DNF):

$$(\overline{v_1} \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge v_i) \quad (\overline{v_1} \wedge v_3 \wedge \overline{v_i})$$



DNF is not minimized
until consensus is no
longer possible

Subsumption:

DNF: $(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2})$ subsumes $(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2} \wedge v_3 \wedge \overline{v_4})$

CNF: $(v_1 \vee \overline{v_2})$ subsumes $(v_1 \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3 \vee \overline{v_4})$

Reduced CNF and DNF Representations

v_0	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	f
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0
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DNF:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee$$

$$(\overline{v_3} \wedge v_4) \vee$$

$$(v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee$$

$$(\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

CNF:

$$(v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_4) \wedge$$

$$(\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3}) \wedge$$

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3}) \wedge$$

$$(\overline{v_2} \vee v_4)$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

\mathcal{O}_x	Equivalent CNF Expression	Comment
0000	$(\overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow 0$
1111	(v_x)	$v_x \Leftrightarrow 1$
0011	$(v_l \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee v_x)$	
1100	$(v_l \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (\overline{v_l})$
0101	$(v_r \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee v_x)$	
1010	$(v_r \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (\overline{v_r})$
0001	$(v_l \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (v_r \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_r} \vee v_x)$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \wedge v_r)$
1110	$(v_l \vee v_x) \wedge (v_r \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x})$	
0010	$(\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (v_r \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (v_l \vee \overline{v_r} \vee v_x)$	
1101	$(v_l \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee v_r \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \rightarrow v_r)$
0100	$(v_l \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee v_r \vee v_x)$	
1011	$(\overline{v_l} \vee v_x) \wedge (v_r \vee v_x) \wedge (v_l \vee \overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \leftarrow v_r)$
1000	$(\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (v_l \vee v_r \vee v_x)$	
0111	$(\overline{v_l} \vee v_x) \wedge (\overline{v_r} \vee v_x) \wedge (v_l \vee v_r \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \vee v_r)$
1001	$(v_l \vee \overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee v_r \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge$ $(\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_r} \vee v_x) \wedge (v_l \vee v_r \vee v_x)$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \Leftrightarrow v_r)$
0110	$(\overline{v_l} \vee v_r \vee v_x) \wedge (v_l \vee \overline{v_r} \vee v_x) \wedge$ $(v_l \vee v_r \vee \overline{v_x}) \wedge (\overline{v_l} \vee \overline{v_r} \vee \overline{v_x})$	$v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \oplus v_r)$

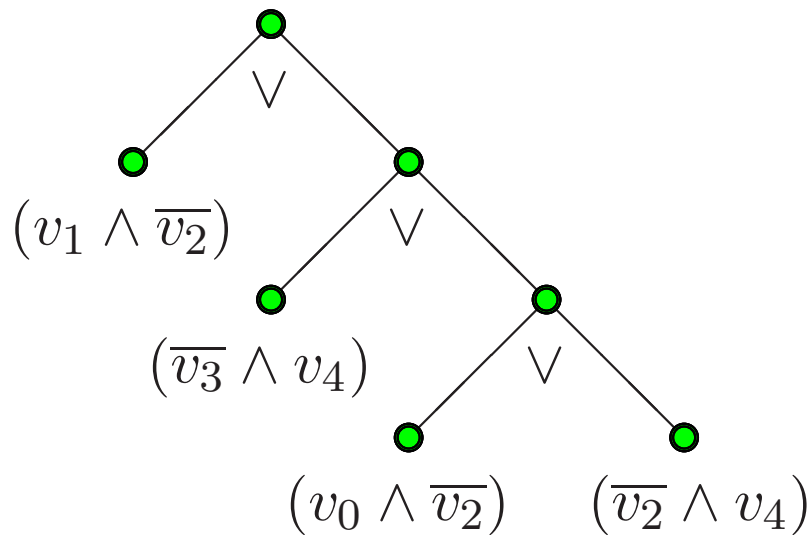
CNF expressions equivalent to $v_x \Leftrightarrow (v_l \mathcal{O}_x v_r)$ for \mathcal{O}_x as shown

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)

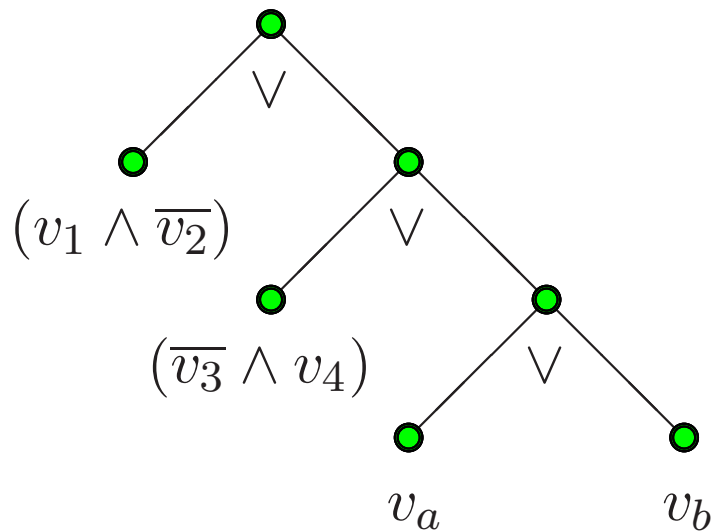


Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



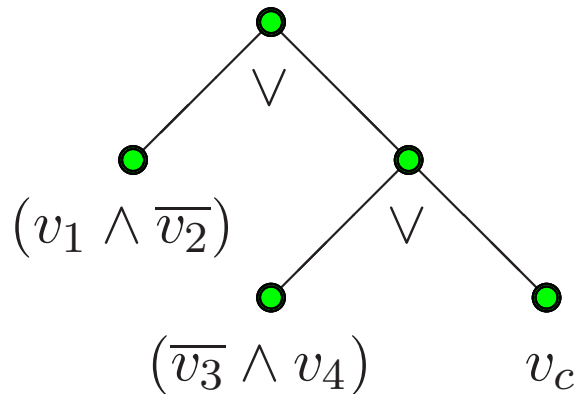
$$(v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b)$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



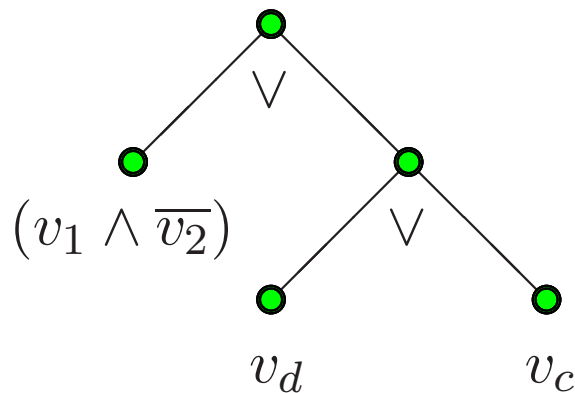
$$(v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b) \wedge (\overline{v_a} \vee v_c) \wedge (\overline{v_b} \vee v_c) \wedge (v_a \vee v_b \vee \overline{v_c})$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



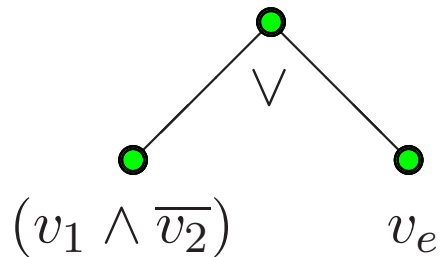
$$(v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b) \wedge (\overline{v_a} \vee v_c) \wedge (\overline{v_b} \vee v_c) \wedge (v_a \vee v_b \vee \overline{v_c}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee v_d)$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



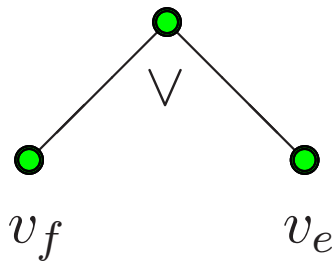
$$\begin{aligned} & (v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b) \wedge \\ & (\overline{v_a} \vee v_c) \wedge (\overline{v_b} \vee v_c) \wedge (v_a \vee v_b \vee \overline{v_c}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee v_d) \wedge \\ & (\overline{v_d} \vee v_e) \wedge (\overline{v_c} \vee v_e) \wedge (v_d \vee v_c \vee \overline{v_e}) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



$$\begin{aligned} & (v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b) \wedge \\ & (\overline{v_a} \vee v_c) \wedge (\overline{v_b} \vee v_c) \wedge (v_a \vee v_b \vee \overline{v_c}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee v_d) \wedge \\ & (\overline{v_d} \vee v_e) \wedge (\overline{v_c} \vee v_e) \wedge (v_d \vee v_c \vee \overline{v_e}) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_f}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_f}) \wedge (\overline{v_1} \vee v_2 \vee v_f) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)



v_g

$$\begin{aligned} &(v_0 \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_a}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_2 \vee v_a) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_b}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_4} \vee v_b) \wedge \\ &(\overline{v_a} \vee v_c) \wedge (\overline{v_b} \vee v_c) \wedge (v_a \vee v_b \vee \overline{v_c}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (v_4 \vee \overline{v_d}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee v_d) \wedge \\ &(\overline{v_d} \vee v_e) \wedge (\overline{v_c} \vee v_e) \wedge (v_d \vee v_c \vee \overline{v_e}) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_f}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_f}) \wedge (\overline{v_1} \vee v_2 \vee v_f) \wedge \\ &(\overline{v_f} \vee v_g) \wedge (\overline{v_e} \vee v_g) \wedge (v_f \vee v_e \vee \overline{v_g}) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$(v_1 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4) \vee (v_0 \wedge \overline{v_2}) \vee (\overline{v_2} \wedge v_4)$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)

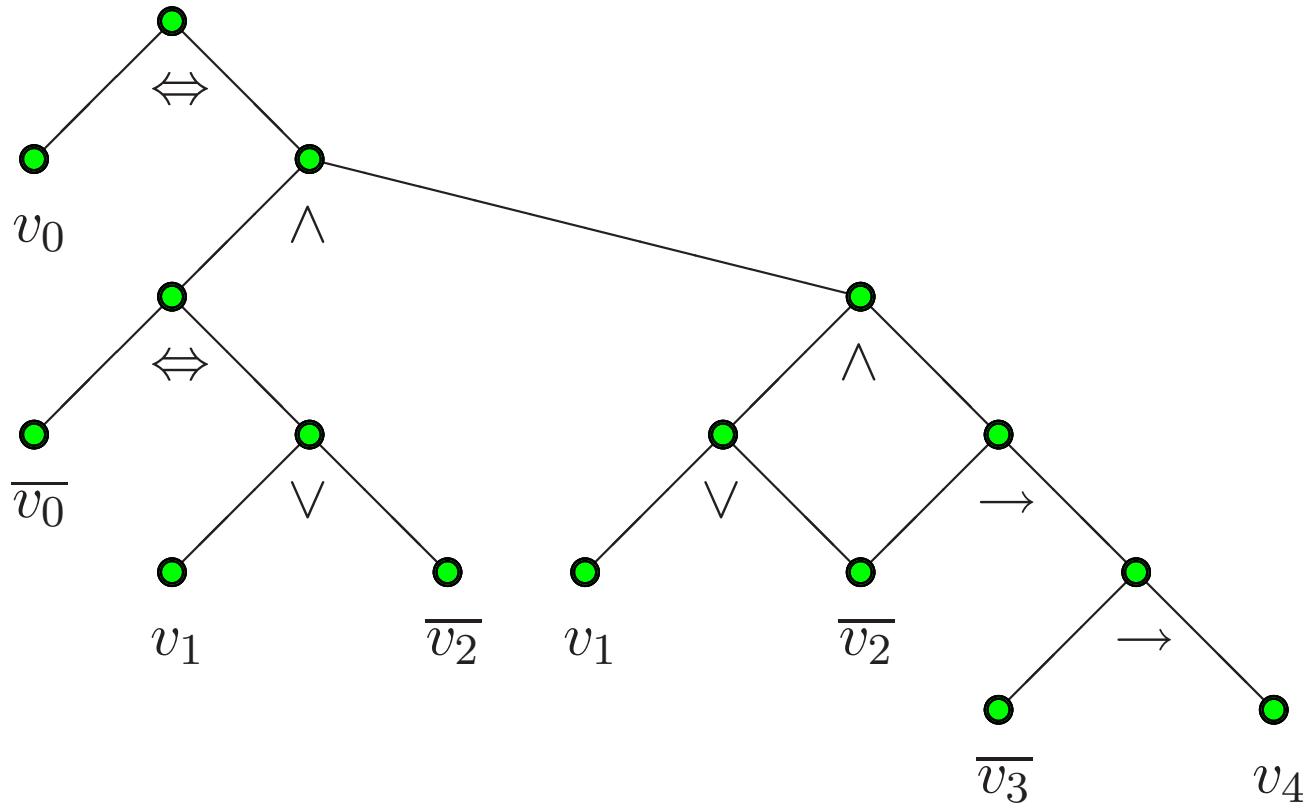
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Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$v_0 \Leftrightarrow ((\overline{v_0} \Leftrightarrow (v_1 \vee \overline{v_2})) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_2}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \rightarrow \overline{v_3} \rightarrow v_4))$$

Parse DAG:



Linear Time Translation to CNF

Example:

$$v_0 \Leftrightarrow ((\overline{v_0} \Leftrightarrow (v_1 \vee \overline{v_2})) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_2}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \rightarrow \overline{v_3} \rightarrow v_4))$$

Translation: (to obtain equi-satisfiable CNF formula)

$$\begin{aligned} & (v_0 \vee v_{x_1}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_{x_1}}) \wedge \\ & (v_2 \vee v_{x_2}) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_{x_2}}) \wedge \\ & (v_3 \vee v_{x_3}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_{x_3}}) \wedge \\ & (\overline{v_1} \vee v_{x_4}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_2}} \vee v_{x_4}) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_{x_2} \vee \overline{v_{x_4}}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_3} \vee v_{x_5}) \wedge (\overline{v_4} \vee v_{x_5}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_3}} \vee v_4 \vee \overline{v_{x_5}}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_1} \vee \overline{v_{x_4}} \vee \overline{v_{x_6}}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_1}} \vee v_{x_4} \vee \overline{v_{x_6}}) \wedge \\ & \quad (\overline{v_{x_1}} \vee \overline{v_{x_4}} \vee v_{x_6}) \wedge (v_{x_1} \vee v_{x_4} \vee v_{x_6}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_2} \vee v_{x_7}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_5}} \vee v_{x_7}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_2}} \vee v_{x_5} \vee \overline{v_{x_7}}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_4} \vee \overline{v_{x_8}}) \wedge (v_{x_7} \vee \overline{v_{x_8}}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_4}} \vee \overline{v_{x_7}} \vee v_{x_8}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_6} \vee \overline{v_{x_9}}) \wedge (v_{x_8} \vee \overline{v_{x_9}}) \wedge (\overline{v_{x_6}} \vee \overline{v_{x_8}} \vee v_{x_9}) \wedge \\ & (v_0 \vee \overline{v_{x_9}} \vee \overline{v_{x_{10}}}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee v_{x_9} \vee \overline{v_{x_{10}}}) \wedge \\ & \quad (\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_{x_9}} \vee v_{x_{10}}) \wedge (v_0 \vee v_{x_9} \vee v_{x_{10}}) \wedge \\ & (v_{x_{10}}) \end{aligned}$$

Regular Resolution

Davis-Putnam (CNF):

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_i) \wedge (\overline{v_i} \vee v_3) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee v_4) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_i}) \wedge (v_i \vee v_3)$$

collect all resolvents with v_i :

$$\begin{aligned} &(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_i) \wedge (\overline{v_i} \vee v_3) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee v_4) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_i}) \wedge (v_i \vee v_3) \wedge \\ &(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3) \wedge (v_3) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_3) \end{aligned}$$

remove all clauses with v_i :

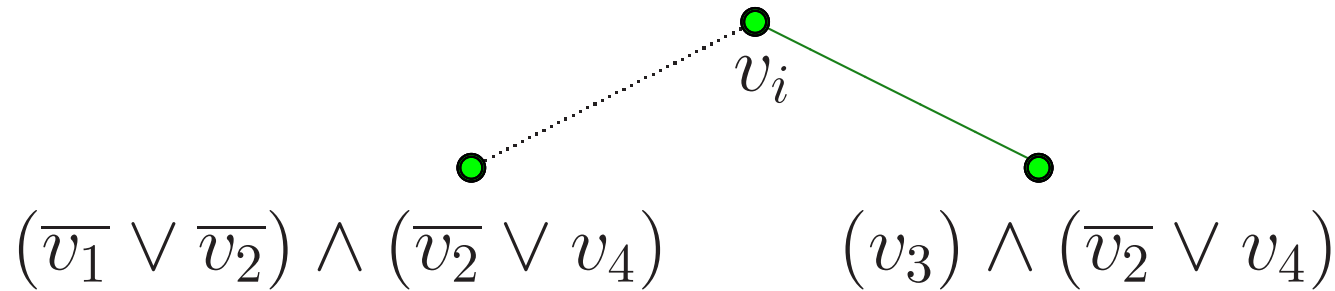
$$(\overline{v_2} \vee v_4) \wedge (\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3) \wedge (v_3) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_3)$$

A Search Procedure

Davis-Putnam-Loveland-Logemann (CNF):

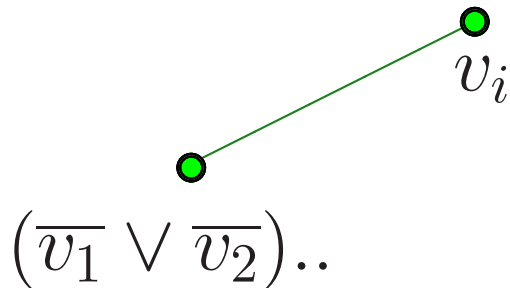
splitting rule:

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_i) \wedge (\overline{v_i} \vee v_3) \wedge (\overline{v_2} \vee v_4)$$



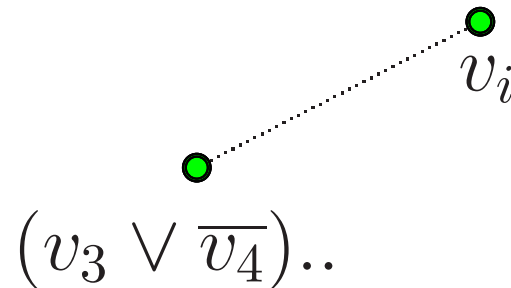
unit clause rule:

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_i}) \wedge (v_i) ..$$

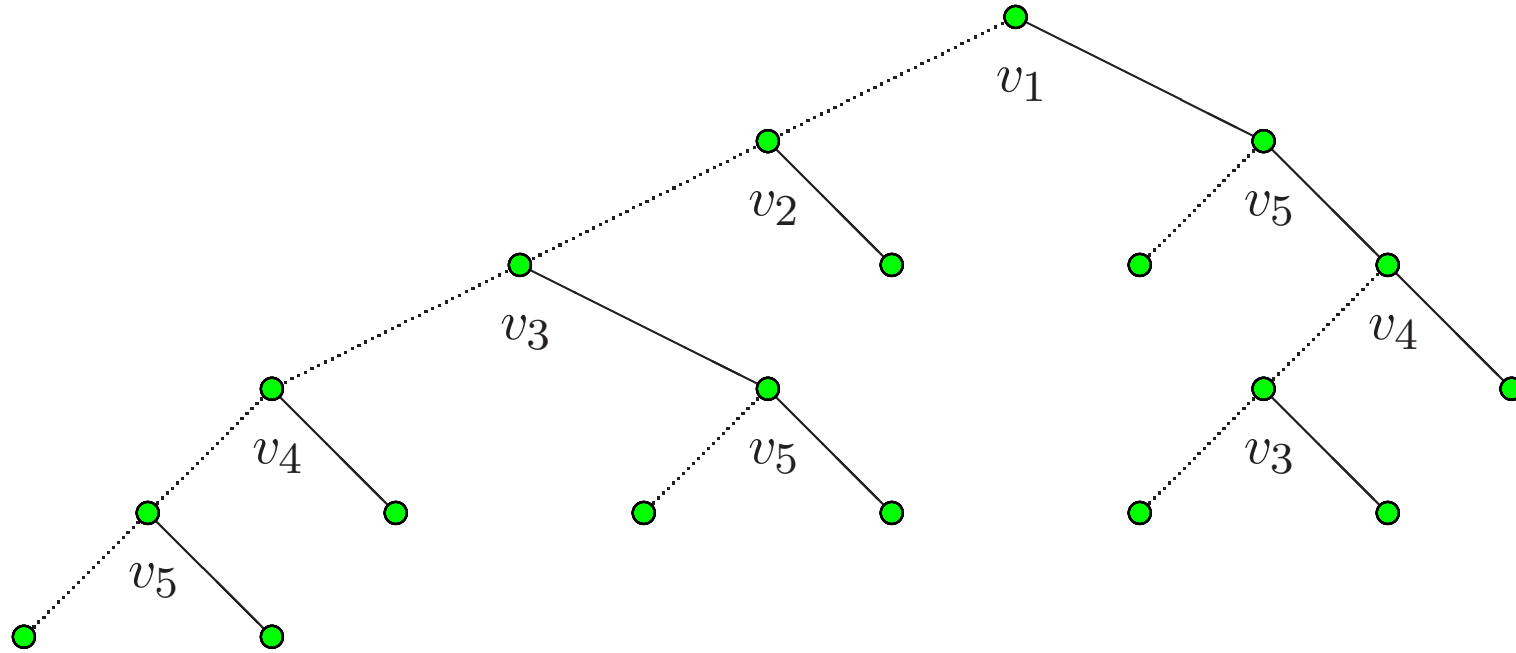


pure literal rule:

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_i}) \wedge (v_2 \vee \overline{v_i}) \wedge (v_3 \vee \overline{v_4}) ..$$

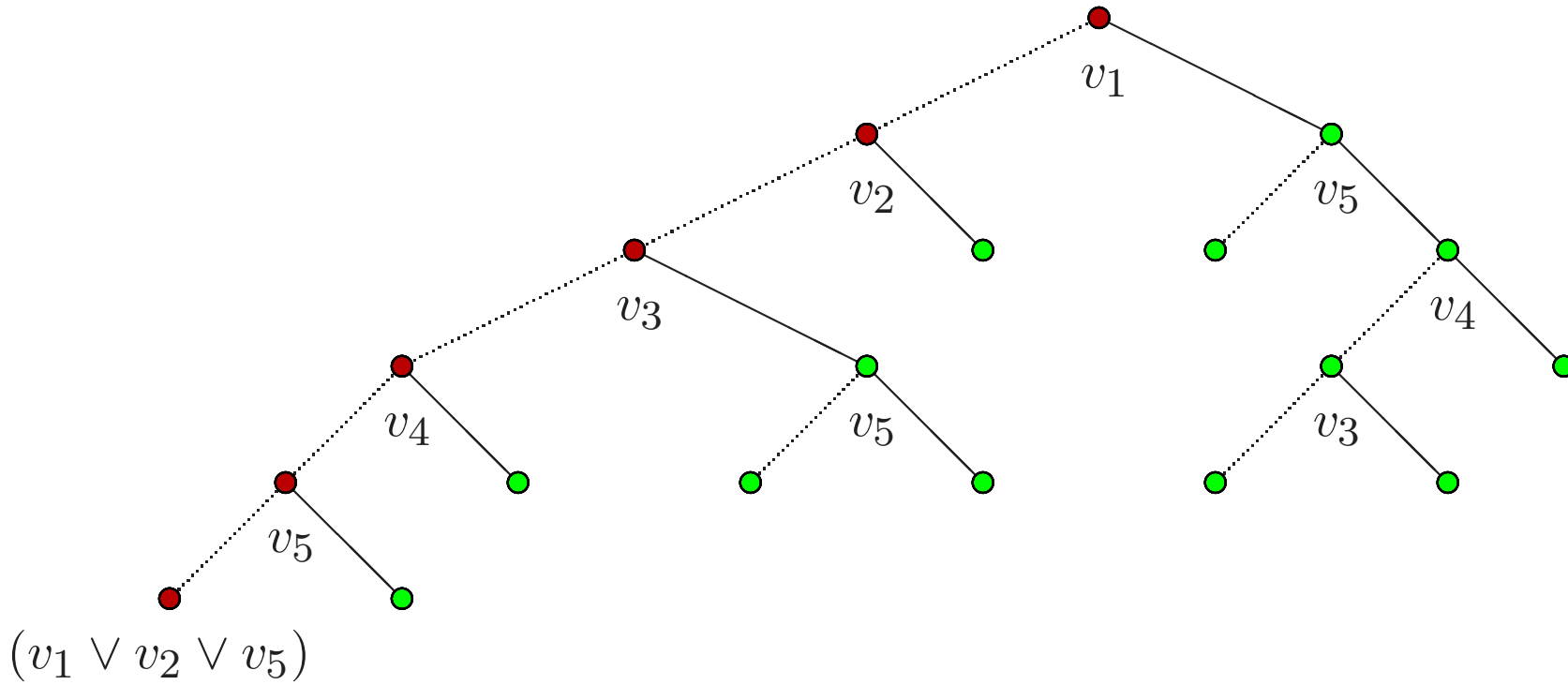


DPLL Refutation



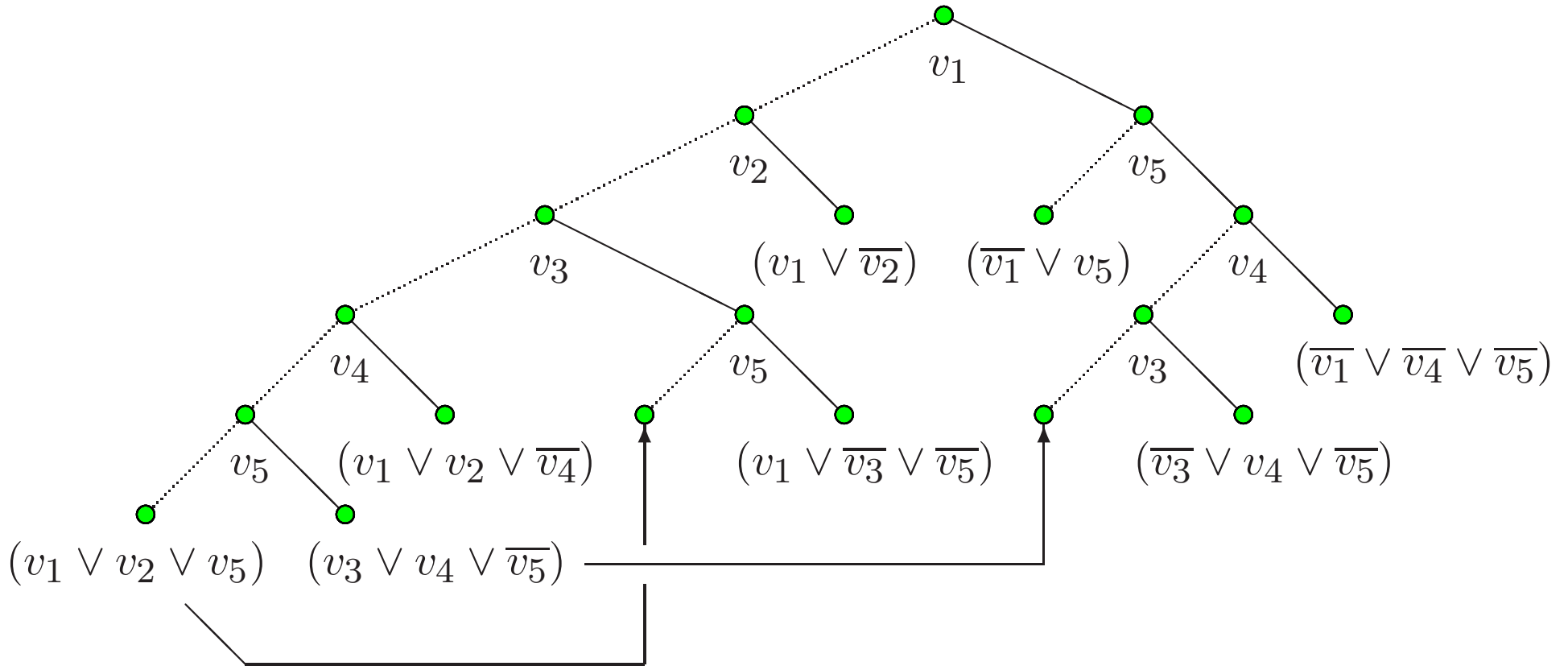
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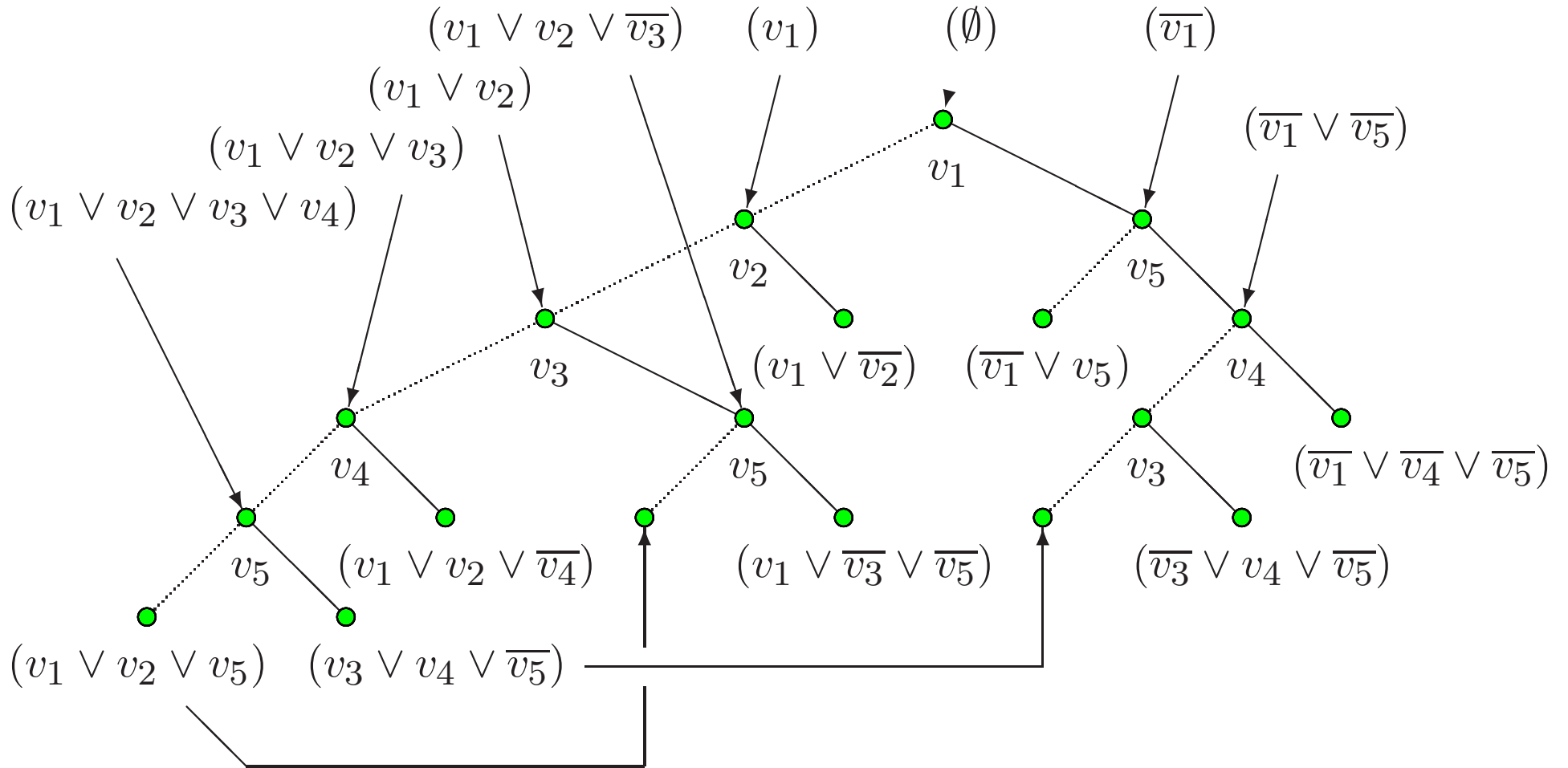
DPLL is Resolution



$$(v_1 \vee v_2 \vee v_5) \wedge (v_3 \vee v_4 \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_2 \vee \overline{v_4}) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge$$

$$(v_1 \vee \overline{v_2}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge (\overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_4} \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge (\overline{v_1} \vee v_5)$$

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Resolution vs. DPLL Complexity

Minimum size of a refutation

If there is a DPLL search involving n choicepoints for problem x then there's a resolution refutation of length $p(n)$ for problem x

By adding some components to DPLL, namely clause learning and restarts, DPLL can p-simulate resolution

By adding new variables & clauses that preserve unsatisfiability, DPLL with clause learning effectively p-simulate resolution and refute the augmented set of unsatisfiable clauses iff resolution can refute the original set of clauses.

Pool resolution is exponentially stronger than regular resolution. Pool resolution is closely related to DPLL plus clause learning. Hence DPLL success with clause learning likely can be explained.

Refutation Size and Max Clause Width

Minimum size of a refutation

$$S(\psi) = e^{\Omega\left(\frac{(w(\psi \vdash \emptyset) - w(\psi))^2}{|V|}\right)}$$

where

ψ is a CNF formula with variable set V .

$w(\psi)$ is the width of the widest clause in ψ .

$w(\psi \vdash \emptyset)$ is the minimum of the width of the widest clause over all refutations of ψ .

$S(\psi)$ is the minimum size of a resolution refutation of ψ .

when

Sparseness: few pairs of clauses have a common literal or complementary pair of literals.

Upper Bounds

Autarky

A partial assignment that satisfies all those clauses affected by it.
examples: a pure literal; $v_1 = v_2 = 1$ below.

$$(\overline{v_1} \vee v_2 \vee v_3) \wedge (v_1 \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_4}) \wedge (\overline{v_3} \vee v_4 \vee \overline{v_5}) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_4 \vee v_5)$$

A subformula obtained by applying an autarky is satisfiable if and only if the formula is.

Algorithm Idea for k -CNF formulas - $2^{0.695n}$ for 3-SAT

Choose smallest clause $c = (l_{\pi_1} \vee \dots \vee l_{\pi_i})$

Create i subproblems using the following assignments:

$$l_{\pi_1} = 1$$

$$l_{\pi_1} = 0, l_{\pi_2} = 1$$

...

$$l_{\pi_1} = 0, l_{\pi_2} = 0, \dots, l_{\pi_{i-1}} = 0, l_{\pi_i} = 1$$

If \exists subformula with width k clauses, remove and continue

Otherwise solve subformulas

Upper Bounds

A probabilistic algorithm

Repeat the following $(2 - 2/k)^n$ times:

Randomly choose an assignment M .

If M is a model for ψ return M .

Repeat the following $3n$ times:

Pick an unsatisfied clause $c \in \psi$.

Randomly choose $l \in c$.

Reverse the polarity of the variable associated with l .

If the updated M is a model for ψ return M .

Return “unsatisfiable?”

Probability a model is found in $3n$ steps is $p \geq (2/3)(2 - 2/k)^{-n}$

Hence the algorithm solves k -SAT in time $|\psi|^{O(1)}(2 - 2/k)^n$

($|\psi|^{O(1)}2^{0.42n}$ for $k = 3$) with error probability $o(1)$

Look at the SAT Handbook for more information

Resolution Can Be Bad

Prove that it is impossible to assign $n + 1$ pigeons to n holes without at least one hole containing two pigeons

<u>Variables</u>	<u>Subscript Range</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
$v_{i,k}$	$1 \leq i \leq n$ $1 \leq k \leq n + 1$	$v_{i,k} = 1$ iff the k^{th} pigeon is in hole i
<u>Clauses</u>	<u>Subscript Range</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
$(v_{1,k} \vee \dots \vee v_{n,k})$	$1 \leq k \leq n + 1$	Every pigeon in at least one hole
$(\overline{v_{i,l}} \vee \overline{v_{i,k}})$	$1 \leq l < k \leq n + 1$ $1 \leq i \leq n$	Each hole has at most one pigeon

Every resolution proof requires generating exponentially many resolvents

Extended Resolution

Just add this:

$$w \Leftrightarrow f(x, y, \dots, z)$$

where w is a variable not already in the formula and f is any Boolean function of variables that are in the formula.

Example:

$$(w \vee x) \wedge (w \vee y) \wedge (\bar{w} \vee \bar{x} \vee \bar{y})$$

This is equivalent to:

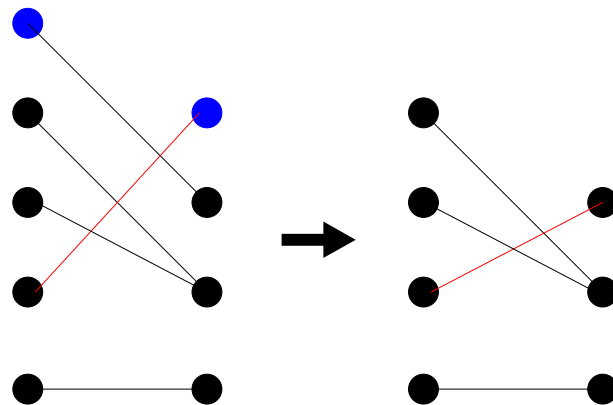
$$w \Leftrightarrow (\bar{x} \vee \bar{y})$$

which means either x and y both have value 1 (then $w = 0$) or at least one of x or y has value 0 (then $w = 1$).

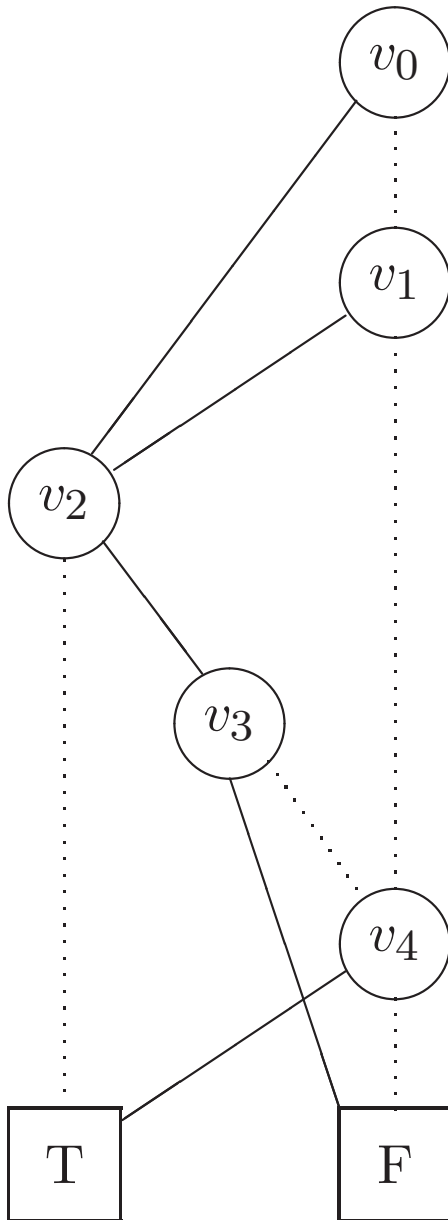
Example, Pigeon Hole Formulas

$$w_{i,j}^{n-1} \Leftrightarrow v_{i,j} \vee (v_{n,j} \wedge v_{i,n+1}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

All the $w_{i,j}^{n-1}$ act like the $v_{i,j}$ except that the maximum of i and j are reduced by 1. That is, if a unique mapping is possible and the modified formula is satisfied, one of $w_{i,1}^{n-1}, w_{i,2}^{n-1}, \dots, w_{i,n}^{n-1}$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, will have value 1 and all clauses $\overline{w_{i,j}^{n-1}} \vee \overline{w_{i,k}^{n-1}}$ will also have value 1.



Binary Decision Diagrams



Rooted binary directed acyclic graph

Two leaves labeled T and F

Other nodes are labeled with variable names

Edges are dotted indicating a value of 0

or solid indicating a value of 1 for up var

Out of each non-leaf, there is one solid and

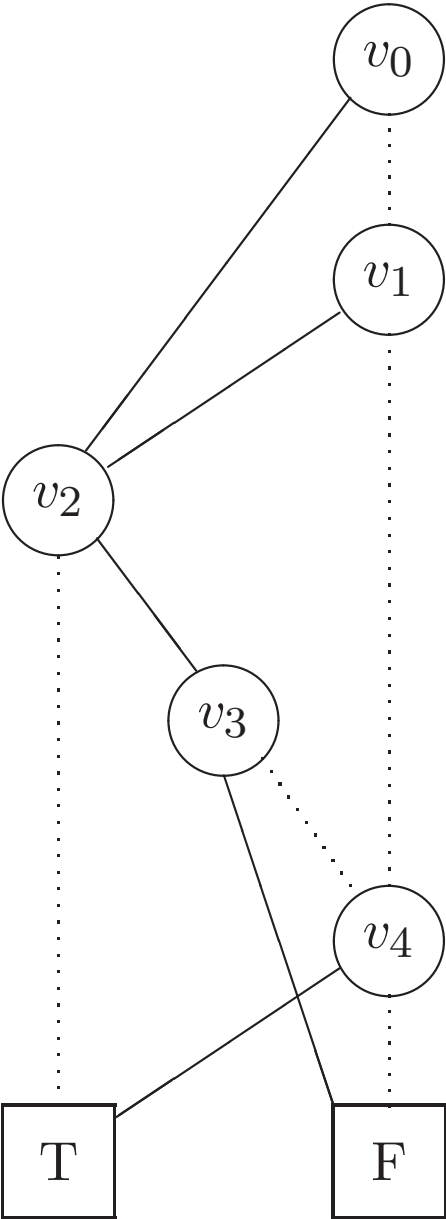
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and variables on any path obey it

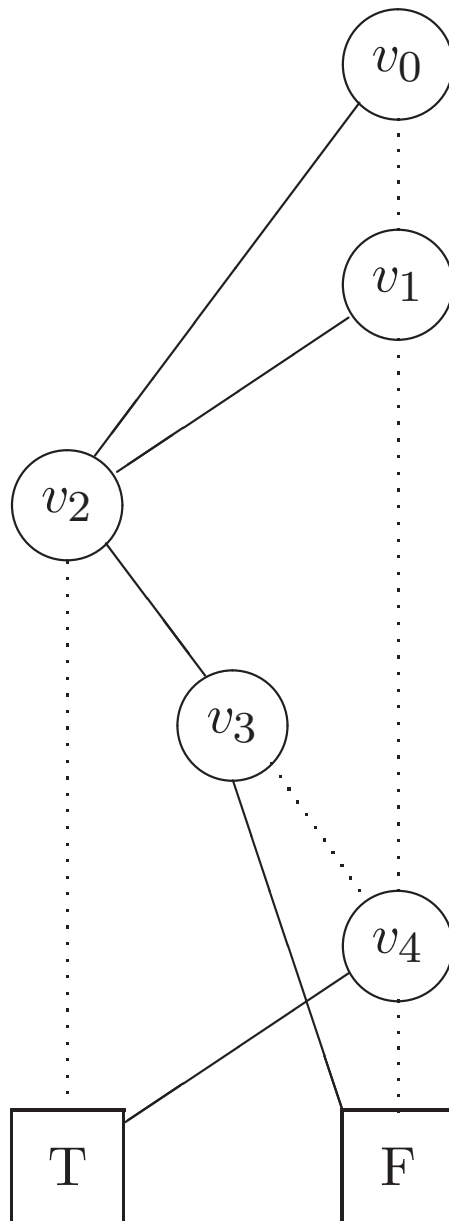
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Binary Decision Diagrams



v_0	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	f
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	0
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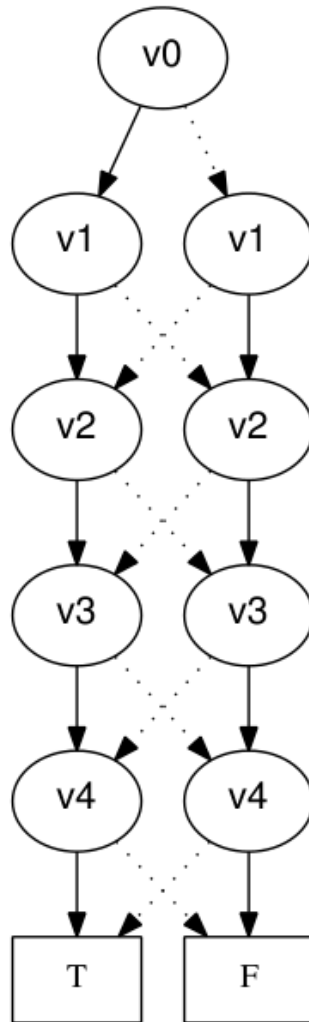
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Every path to F represents a clause, anding them gives the function

$$(v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_4) \wedge (v_0 \vee \overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge (v_0 \vee \overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3}) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge (\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3})$$

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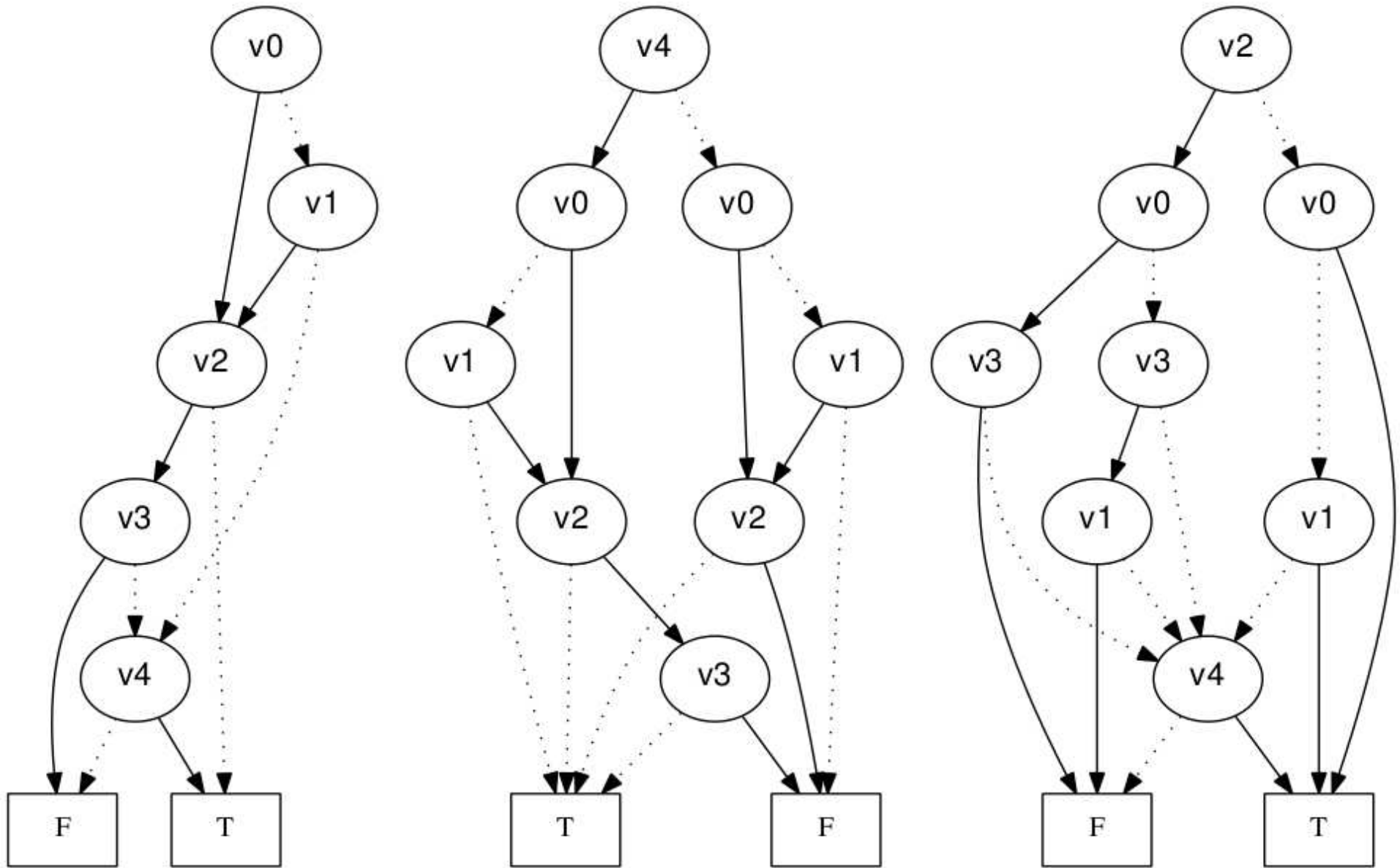


$$\begin{aligned}
 & (v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_2 \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge \\
 & (\overline{v_0} \vee \overline{v_1} \vee v_2 \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge \\
 & (\overline{v_0} \vee v_1 \vee \overline{v_2} \vee v_3 \vee v_4) \wedge \\
 & \quad \dots \wedge \\
 & (v_0 \vee v_1 \vee v_2 \vee \overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_4}) \wedge \\
 & \quad \dots \wedge \\
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 & \quad \dots \wedge \\
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 & (v_0 \vee \overline{v_1} \vee \overline{v_2} \vee \overline{v_3} \vee \overline{v_4}) \wedge
 \end{aligned}$$

XOR representations: BDDs are exponentially smaller than CNFs unless you do something like this (for parity constraint):

$$(v_1 \oplus w_1) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (v_2 \oplus w_2) \Leftrightarrow w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge (v_{n-1} \oplus w_{n-1}) \Leftrightarrow w_n \wedge v_n \Leftrightarrow w_n$$

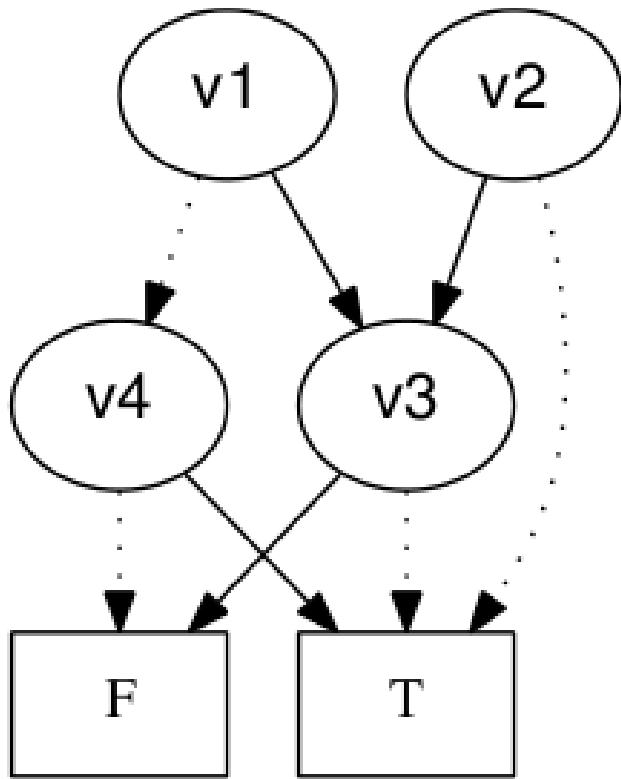
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Via the BDD-visualizer - ordering affects size

available from: <http://cs.uc.edu/~weaversa/BDD-Visualizer.html>

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```
order(v4, v3, v2, v1, v0)
ite(v4,T,F) ; BDD $1 Created
ite(v3,F,T) ; BDD $2 Created
ite(v2,$2,T) ; bdd $3 created
ite(v1,$2,$1) ; bdd $4 created
print($3,$4)
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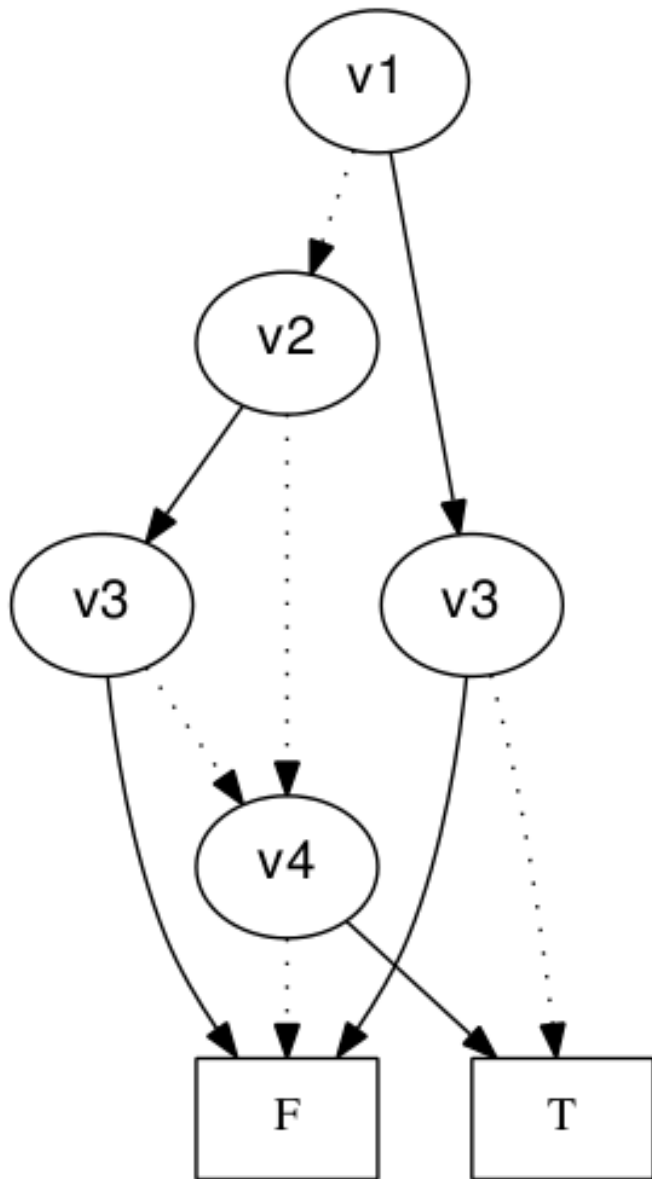
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findOrCreateNode(v,t,e) {
  if (t == e) return t;
  if ((node = lookup(<v,t,e>)) != null)
    return node;
  node = createNode(<v,t,e>);
  insertNodeDataBase(<v,t,e>,node)
  return node;
}
```

Hashtable lookup on nodes - nodes shared across BDDs

(above is an example of the language of the BDD_Visualizer)

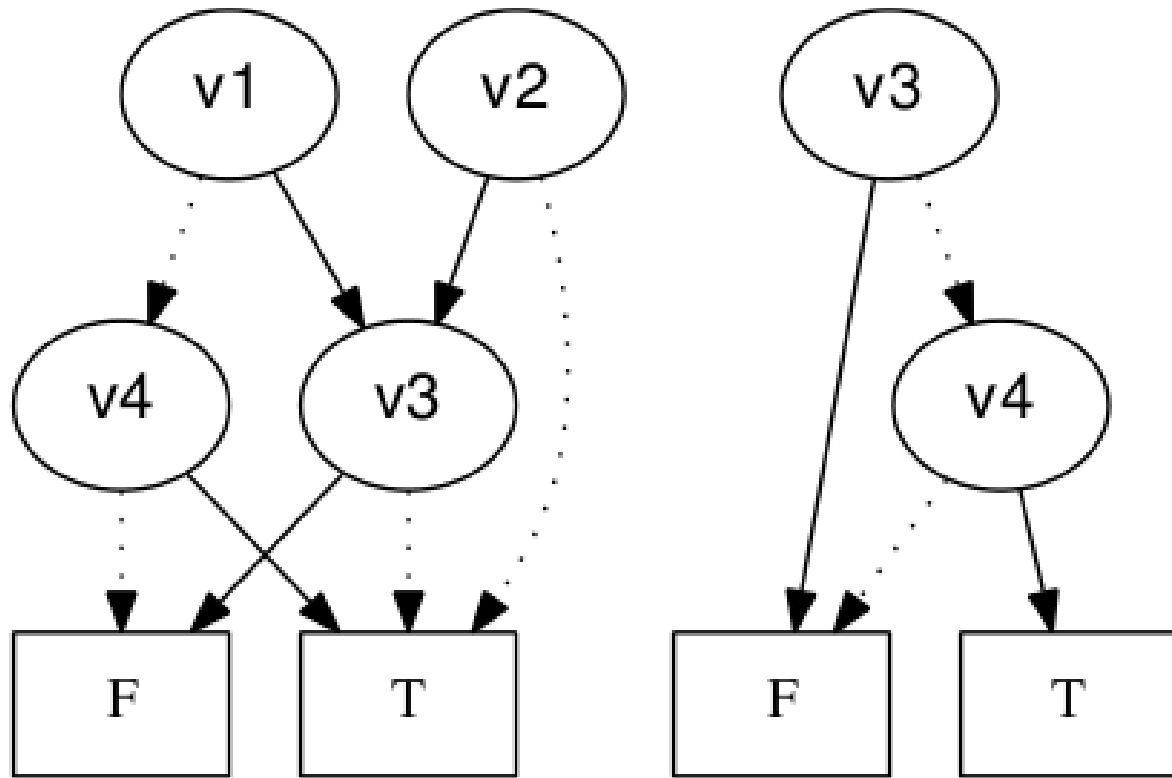
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and($3,$4) ; bdd $5 created
print($5)
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All interesting applications conjoin BDDs

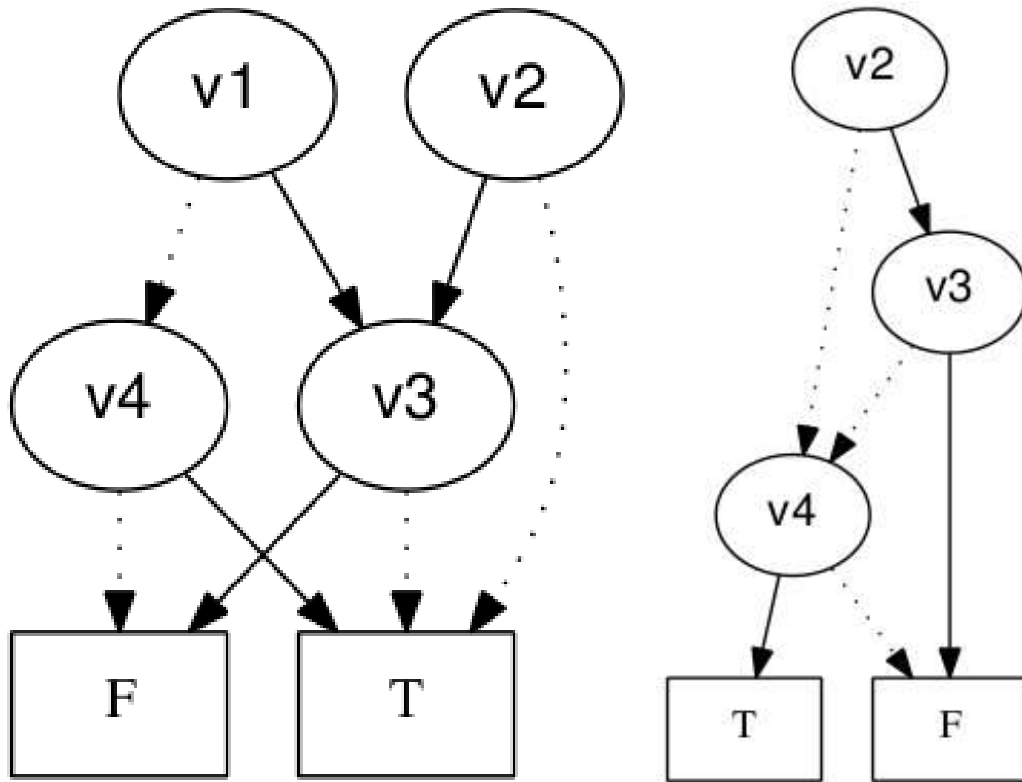
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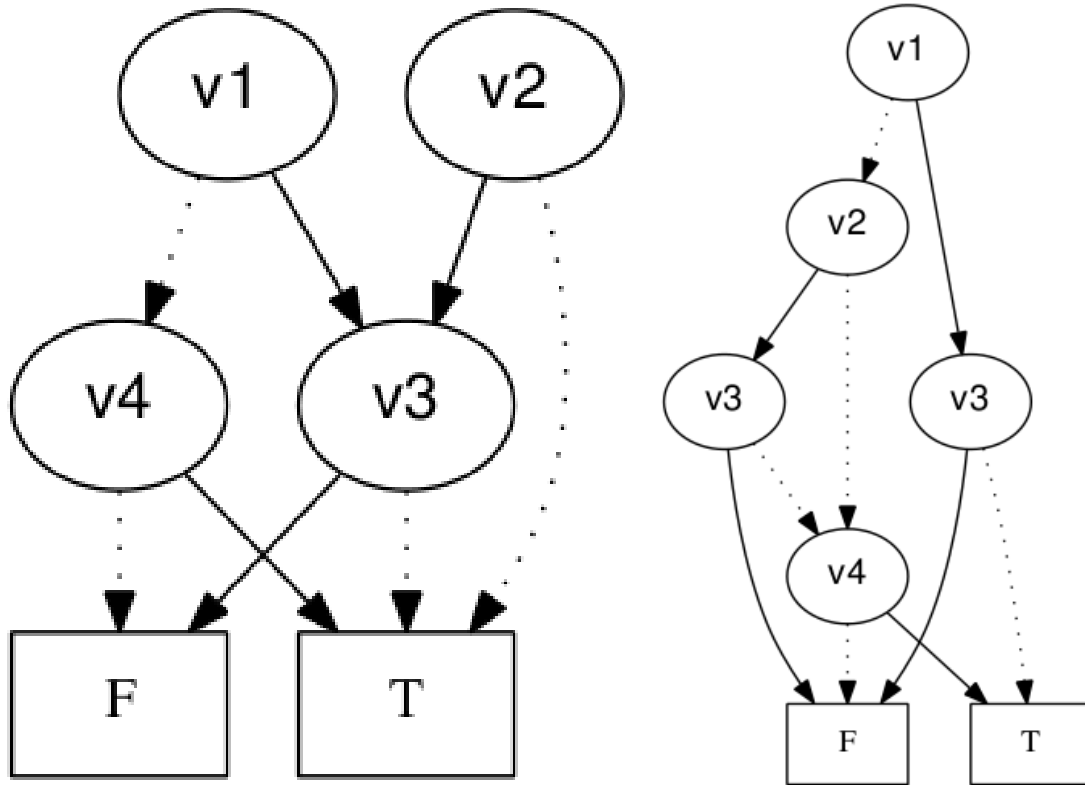


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$v_2 = 1$ goes to v_3 , no change

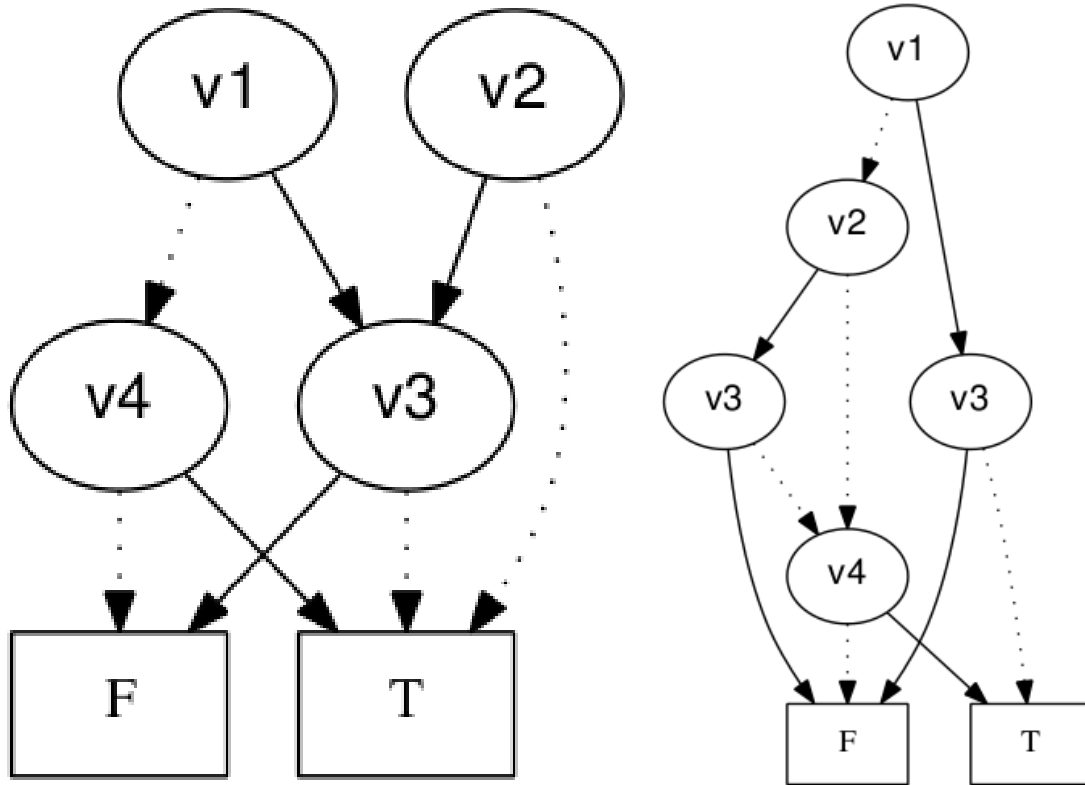
If $v_2 = 0$ then $v_4 = 1$ to get to T

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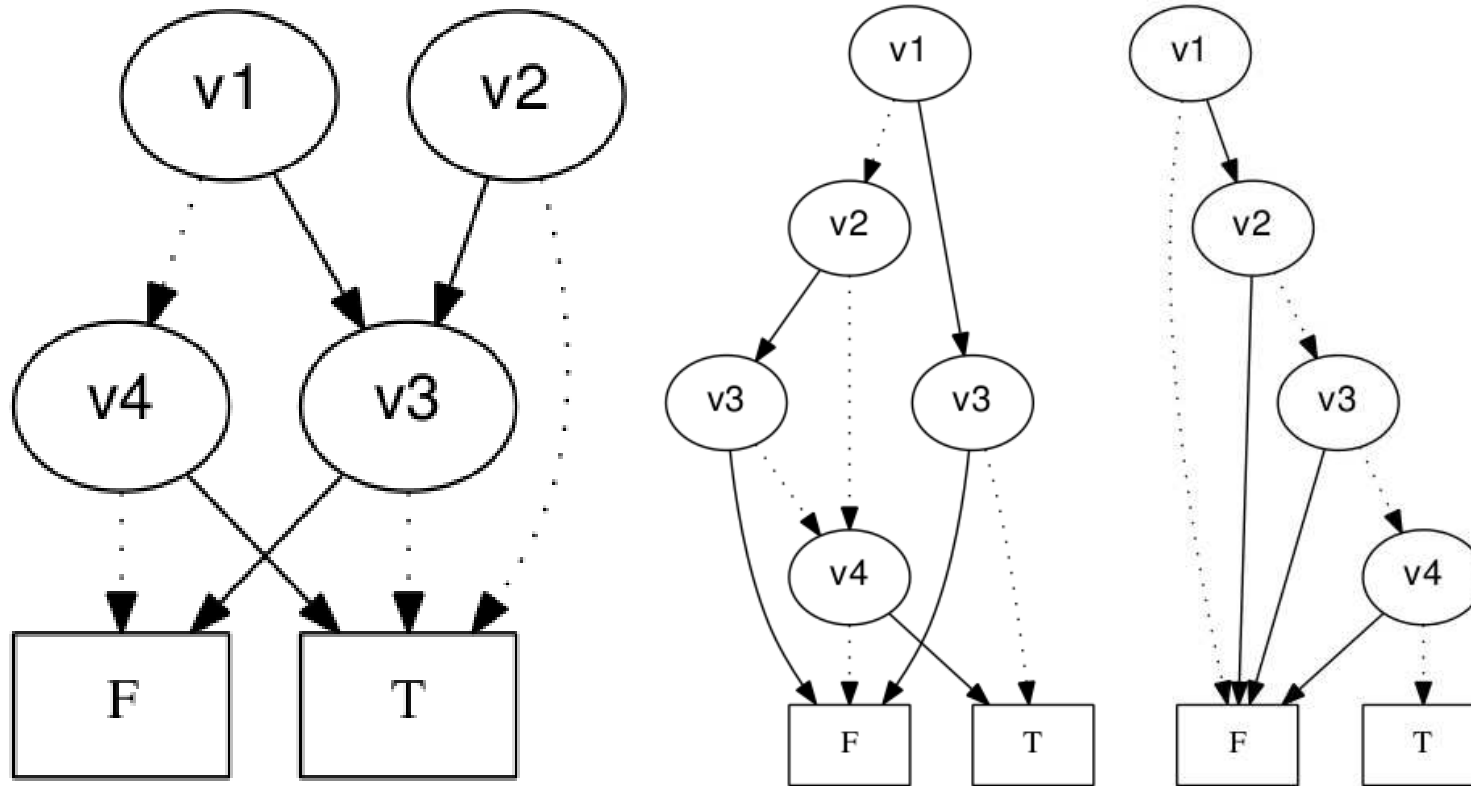
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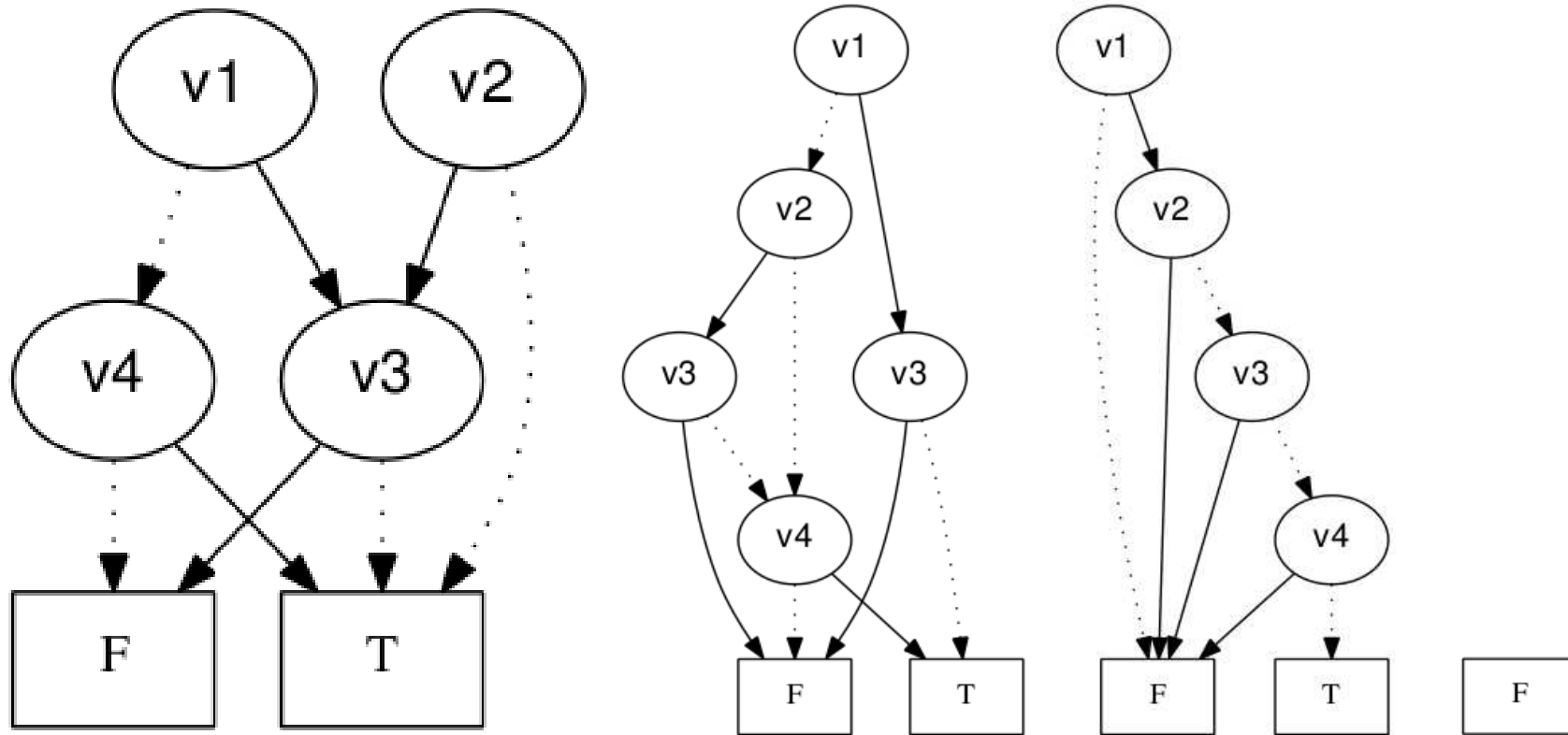
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Binary Decision Diagrams

Existential quantification:

A Boolean function which can be written

$$f(v, \vec{x}) = (v \wedge h_1(\vec{x})) \vee (\bar{v} \wedge h_2(\vec{x}))$$

can be replaced by

$$f(\vec{x}) = h_1(\vec{x}) \vee h_2(\vec{x})$$

where \vec{x} is a list of one or more variables.

There is a solution to $f(\vec{x})$ iff there is a solution to $f(v, \vec{x})$ so it is sufficient to solve $f(\vec{x})$ to get a solution to $f(v, \vec{x})$.

- a variable is eliminated!
- this is natural for BDDs

Binary Decision Diagrams

Consider the truth tables for BDDs f and c .

Build a new BDD g over variables in f and c .

On any row of c 's truth table that has value 1, let the corresponding row in g map to the same value as f .

On other rows g maps to any value.

Observe $f \wedge c$ and $g \wedge c$ are identical, so g can replace f in a collection of BDDs.

BDD g is said to be a reduction -

- BDD g can be made smaller than f .
- Inferences can be discovered.
- BDDs can be removed from the collection without loss.

inps	f	inps	c
0000	0	0000	0
0001	0	0001	1
0010	1	0010	0
0011	1	0011	1
...

inps	g
0000	1
0001	0
0010	0
0011	1
...	.

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Obvious reduction: g maps to 0 all rows that c maps to 0.

Called zero-restrict, has weaknesses - for example

$$c = (v_1 \vee \bar{v}_2) \wedge (\bar{v}_1 \vee \bar{v}_3)$$

$$f = (v_2 \vee \bar{v}_3)$$

will yield

$$g = \bar{v}_3 \wedge (v_1 \vee (\bar{v}_1 \wedge \bar{v}_2))$$

instead of the possible

$$g = (\bar{v}_3)$$

Obvious dual: g maps to 1 all rows that c maps to 0

No better.

Desired: some rows of g to map to 1, others to 0 so that

g 's truth table reflects a pattern that generates inferences.

g maps $\langle 011 \rangle$ and $\langle 111 \rangle$ to 0 and $\langle 010 \rangle$ and $\langle 101 \rangle$ to 1 to get \bar{v}_3 .

Binary Decision Diagrams

BDD g is a generalized co-factor of f and c if for any truth assignment t , $g(t)$ has the same value as $f(t')$ where t' is the nearest truth assignment to t that maps c to 1.

The notion of nearest truth assignment depends on a permutation π of the numbers $1, 2, \dots, n$ that gives the variable ordering of the input BDDs.

Represent a truth assignment to n variables as a vector in $\{0, 1\}^n$ for assignment t , let t_i denote the i^{th} bit of the vector representing t .

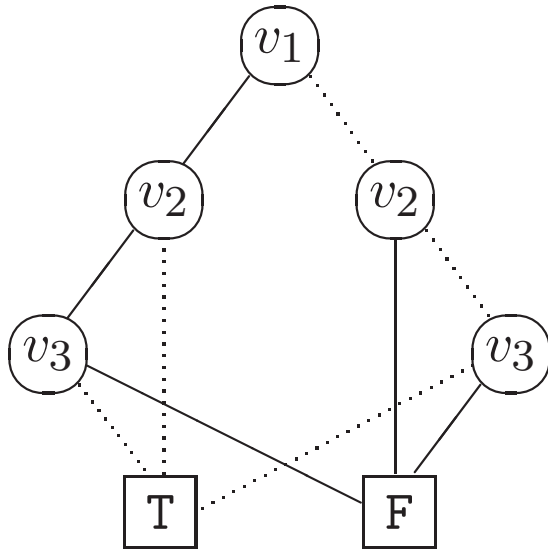
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{n-i} (t'_{\pi_i} \oplus t''_{\pi_i}).$$

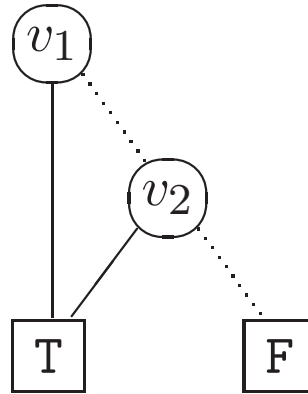
One pair of assignments is nearer to each other than another pair if the distance between that pair is less.

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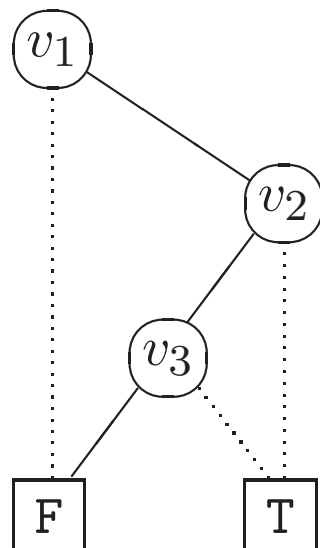


$$c = (v_1 \vee v_2)$$



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Binary Decision Diagrams

Theorem:

Given BDDs f_1, \dots, f_k , for any $1 \leq i \leq k$, $f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_k$ is satisfiable if and only if $(f_1|f_i) \wedge \dots \wedge (f_{i-1}|f_i) \wedge (f_{i+1}|f_i) \wedge \dots \wedge (f_k|f_i)$ is satisfiable. Moreover, any assignment satisfying the latter can be mapped to an assignment that satisfies $f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_k$.

So generalized co-factoring can be used to eliminate one of the BDDs among a given conjoined set of BDDs: the solver finds an assignment satisfying $\mathbf{gcf}(f_1, f_i) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{gcf}(f_k, f_i)$ and then extends the assignment to satisfy f_i , otherwise the solver reports that the instance has no solution.

Algebraic Methods

Example:

$$(v_1 \vee v_2 \vee v_3)$$

is represented by the equation

$$v_1(1 + v_2)(1 + v_3) + v_2(1 + v_3) + v_3 + 1 = 0$$

which may be rewritten

$$v_1v_2v_3 + v_1v_2 + v_1v_3 + v_2v_3 + v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + 1 = 0$$

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Algebraic Methods

Arithmetic mod 2:

New facts are derived from old facts using the following rules:

1. Any even sum of like terms in an equation may be replaced by 0.

e.g.: $v_1v_2 + v_1v_2 \Rightarrow 0$ and $1 + 1 \Rightarrow 0$.

Needed to eliminate terms when adding equations.

2. A factor v^2 may be replaced by v

Needed to ensure terms remain multi-linear after multiplication

3. An equation may be multiplied by a term,
the resulting equation may be reduced by the rule above.

e.g.: $v_3v_4(v_1 + v_3 = 0) \Rightarrow v_1v_3v_4 + v_3v_4 = 0$.

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4. Two equations may be added, using mod 2 arithmetic

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The equations corresponding to the above are shown below as equations (1), (2), and (3). All equations below the line are derived as stated on the right.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} v_1 v_2 & +v_2 & = 0 \quad (1) \\ & v_2 v_3 & +v_3 = 0 \quad (2) \\ & v_1 v_3 & +v_1 = 0 \quad (3) \end{array}$$

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From the bottom two equations, $v_1 = v_2 = v_3$.

Algebraic Methods

An Algebraic Solver (ψ, d)

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/* Input: List of equations  $\psi = \langle e_1, \dots, e_m \rangle$ , integer  $d$  */
/* Output: "satisfiable" or "unsatisfiable" */
/* Locals: Set  $B$  of equations */
Set  $B \leftarrow \emptyset$ .
Repeat while  $\psi \neq \emptyset$ :
  Pop  $e \leftarrow \psi$ .
  Repeat while  $\exists e' \in B : \text{first\_non-zero}(e) = \text{first\_non-zero}(e')$ :
    Set  $e \leftarrow \text{reduce}(e + e')$ . /* Rule 4. */
  If  $e$  is  $1 = 0$ : Output "unsatisfiable"
  If  $e$  is not  $0 = 0$ :
    Set  $B \leftarrow B \cup \{e\}$ .
    If  $\text{degree}(e) < d$ :
      Repeat for all variables  $v$ :
        If  $\text{reduce}(v \cdot e)$  has not been in  $\psi$ :
          Append  $\psi \leftarrow \text{reduce}(v \cdot e)$ . /* Rule 3. */
Output "satisfiable".
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Algebraic Methods

Arithmetic mod 2:

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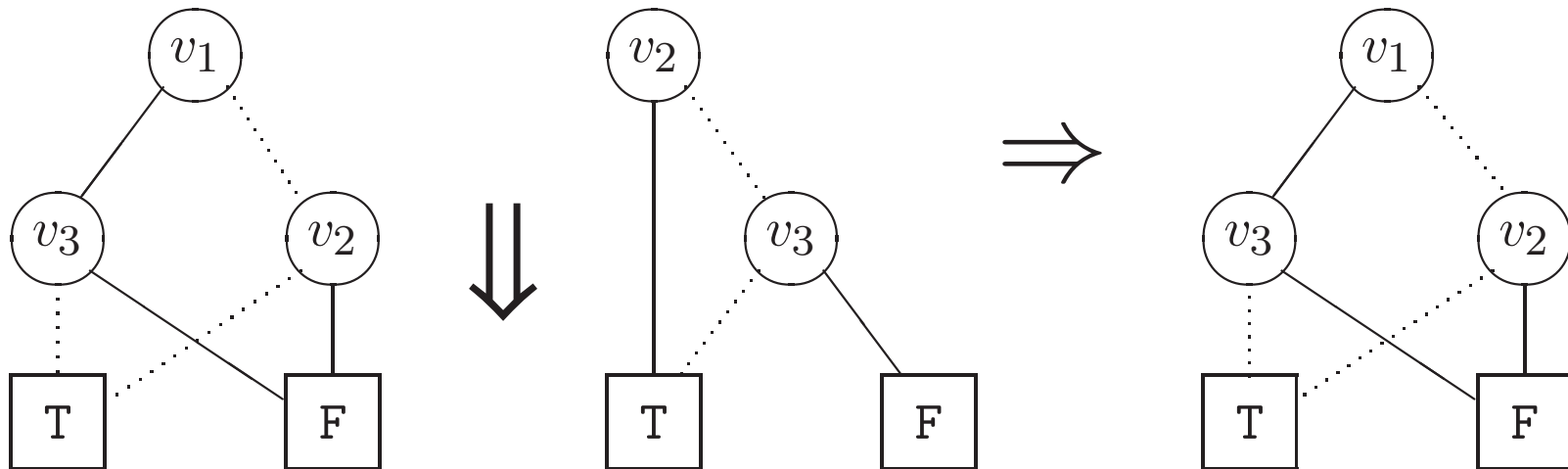
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Algebra: $f : v_1v_3 + v_2 + v_1v_2 = 0$ and $c : v_2v_3 + v_3 = 0$

$$(v_2v_3) \cdot (v_1v_3 + v_2 + v_1v_2 = 0) \Rightarrow (v_2v_3 = 0) + (v_2v_3 + v_3 = 0) \Rightarrow v_3 = 0.$$

As BDDs: (v_2v_3) means $v_2 = v_3 = 1$ rows are 0, all other rows are 1.

All 1 rows of f are 1 rows of (v_2v_3) so product can be added as a fact.

But when conjoined with c , the inference $v_3 = 0$ is obtained.

Algebraic Methods

Arithmetic mod 2:

Comparison with BDD operations ($\text{gcf}(f,c)$ and Ex. Quant.):

On BDDs, $\text{gcf}(f,c)$ depends on the variable ordering

But $\text{gcf}(f,c)$ may replace f , not so for algebra

In algebra, ex. quant. means multiply two equations

Example: consider $g = v_1v_2v_3 + v_1v_3 + v_1 + 1 = 0$.

To existentially quantify v_2 away from g : form equations:

$$v_1 + 1 = 0 \quad (v_2 = 1)$$

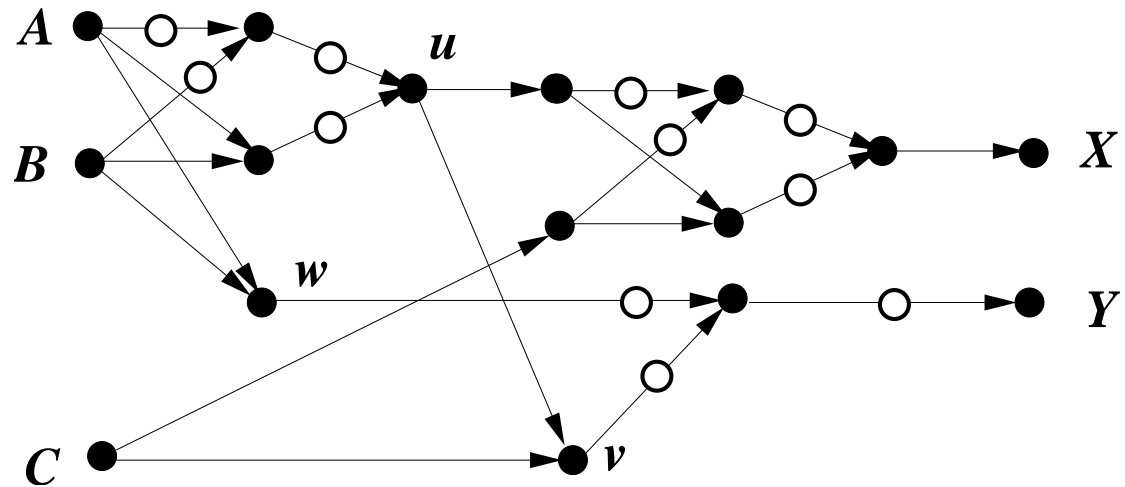
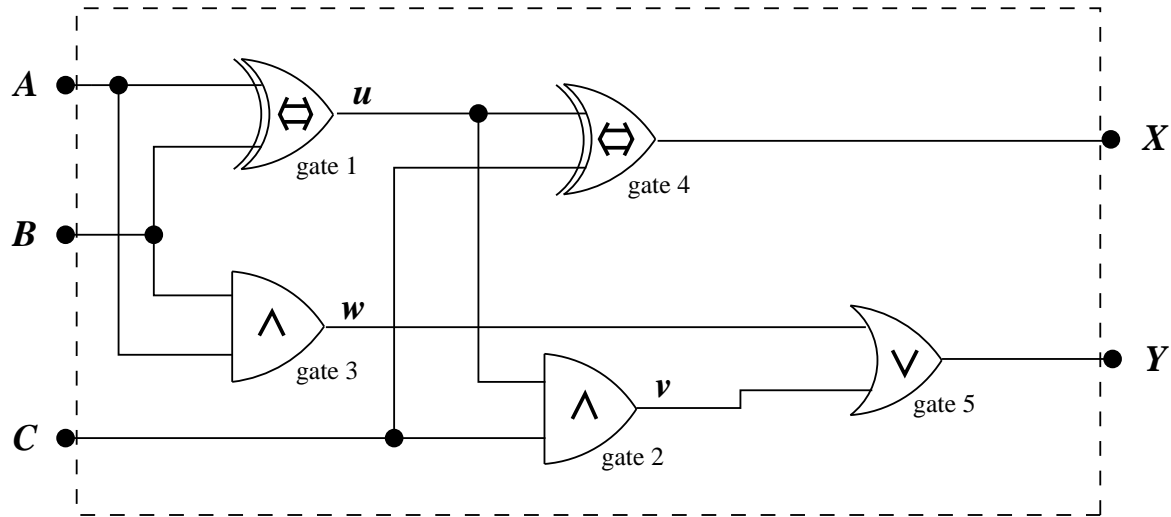
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Then multiply

$$(v_1 + 1) \cdot (v_1v_3 + v_1 + 1) = (v_1v_3 + v_1v_3 + v_1 + 1) = (v_1 + 1).$$

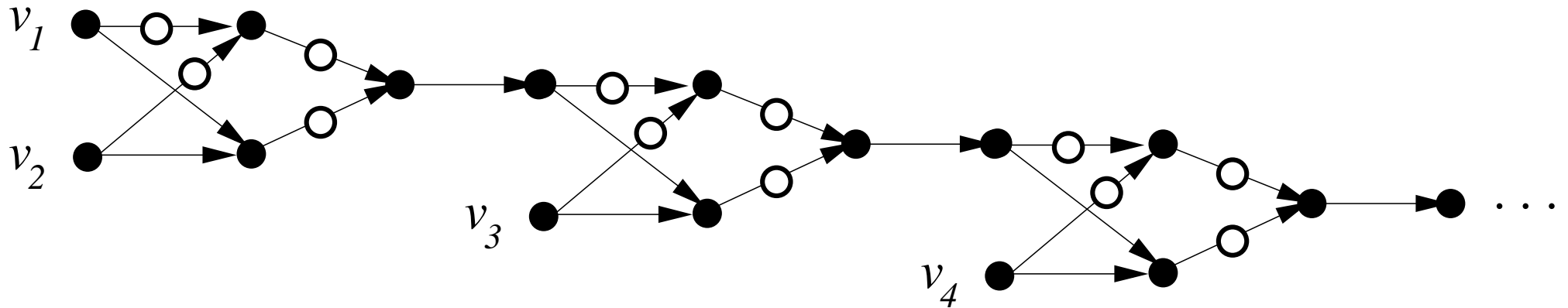
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And Inverter Graphs

Can be small vs. BDD representation:

Consider an integer multiplier for word size n
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For the Boolean function representing either the output
 $i - 1$ or $2n - i - 1$:

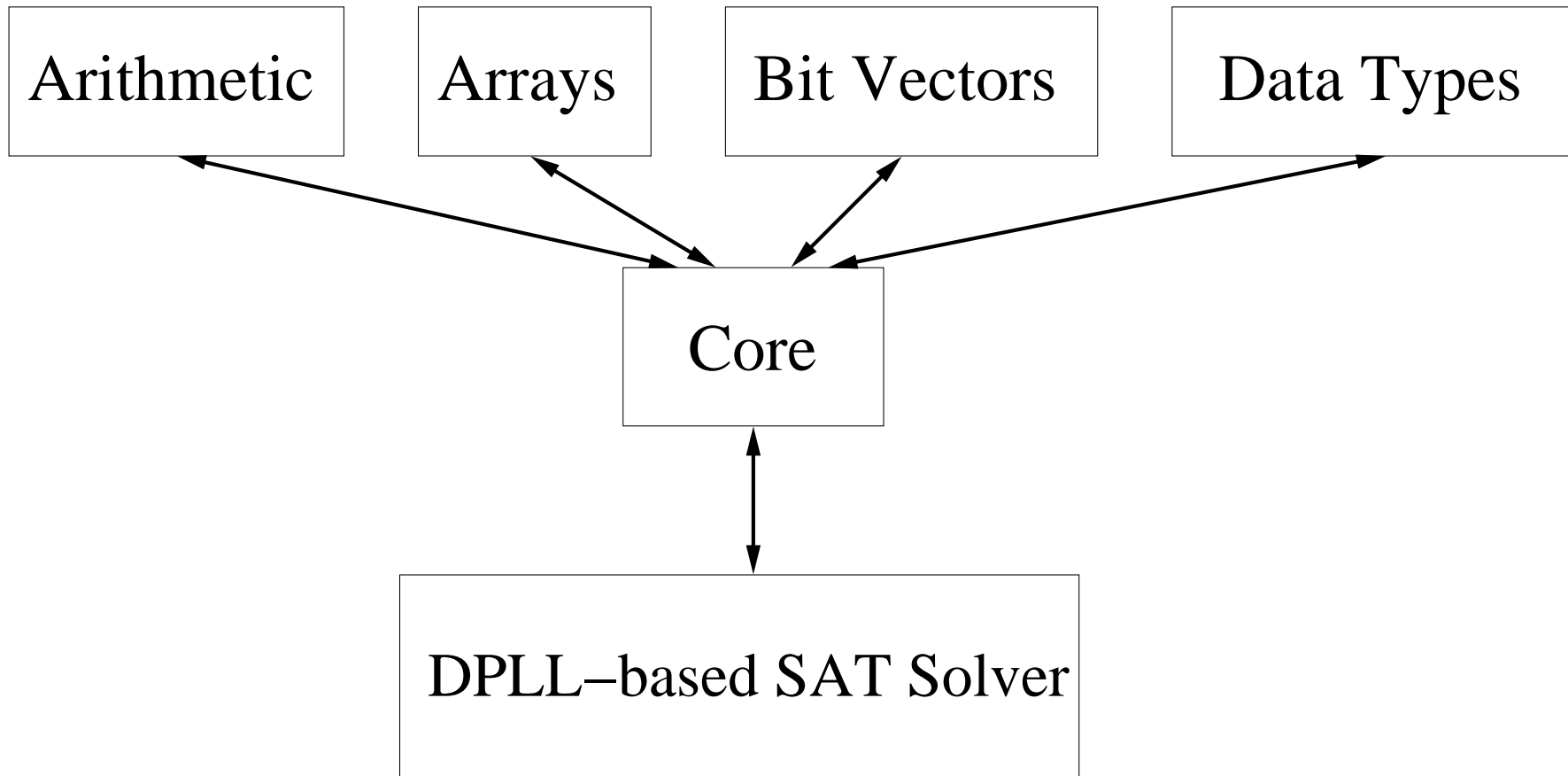
1. there is a circuit of size linear in n that implements it;
2. every BDD representing one of them has exponential size.

Satisfiability Modulo Theories

How does it work?

The SAT solver takes care of reasoning

When needed, it consults a theory solver which decides the validity of predicates.



Satisfiability Modulo Theories

What is a first order theory?

Theory of linear arithmetic ($ax + by \leq c$)

Theory of bit vectors ($\text{concat}(bv_1, bv_2) == bv_3$)

Theory of arrays ($\text{arr}[i := v_1][j] = v_2$)

Theory of uninterpreted functions ($f(f(f(x))) == x$)

A sentence spanning several theories

$\phi = x \leq y;$

$y \leq x + \text{car}(\text{cons}(0, x));$

$p(h(x) - h(y));$

$\overline{p(0)};$

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 - Identify reasons for the hardness of various problems - why **lots** of instances are hard.
- Can explain the good or bad behavior of an algorithm
- Afford comparison of incomparable classes of formulas

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- Must assume an input distribution, often not reflecting reality (but sometimes we do not need to)
- Analysis can be difficult or impossible - algorithmic steps may significantly change distribution (known tools are limited)
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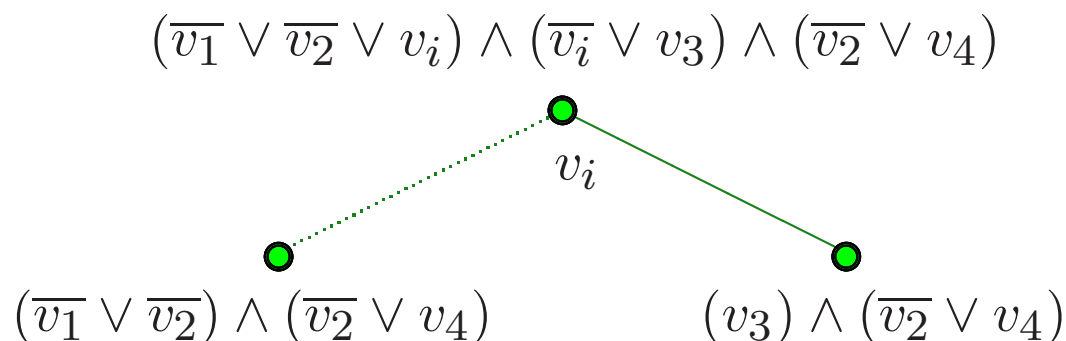
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Conclusion: *DPLL is fantastic, on the average!*

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For $k = 3$, ψ has no model w.h.p. if $\frac{m}{n} > 5.19$

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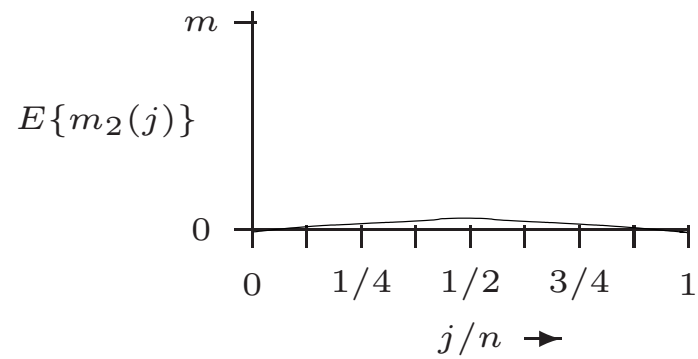
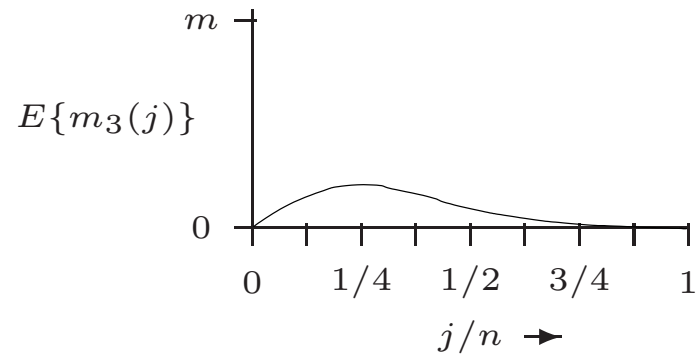
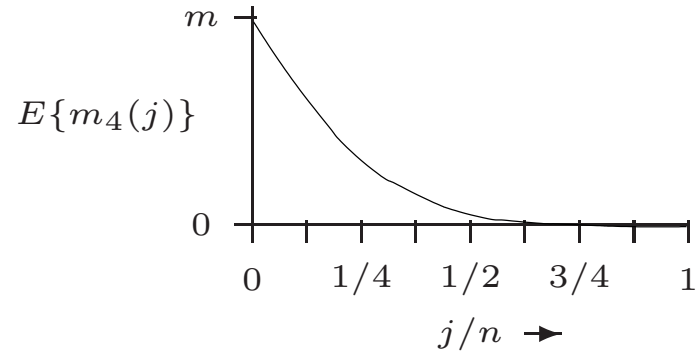
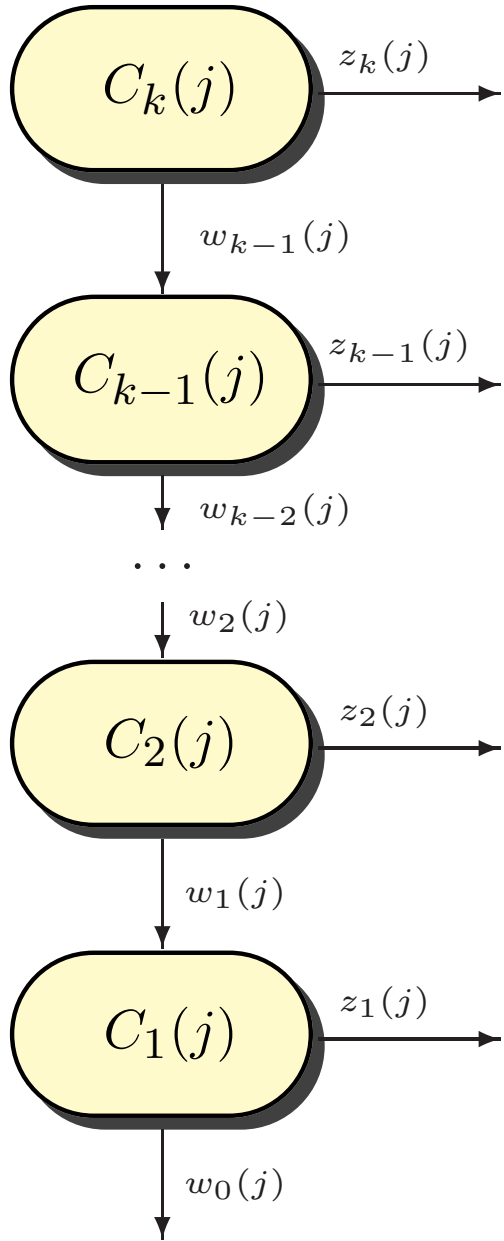
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When does this not give up with probability tending to 1?

Answer depends on the way literals are chosen

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Analysis:

Write difference equations describing flows:

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Take expectations and rearrange:

$$E\{m_i(j+1) - m_i(j)\} = E\{w_i(j)\} - E\{w_{i-1}(j)\} - E\{z_i(j)\}$$

Compute the expectations:

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Solve:

Translation:

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Conclusion: unit clause heuristic succeeds with probability bounded by a constant when $\frac{m}{n} < \frac{8}{3}$.

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What makes this work?

The clausal distribution is the same, up to parameters m and n , at each level (algorithm is **myopic** - no information is revealed)

There is pretty much never a sudden spurious flow

$$Pr(|C_i(j+1)| - |C_i(j)| > n^{0.2}) = o(n^{-3})$$

The average flow change is pretty smooth

$$E\{|C_i(j+1)| - |C_i(j)|\} = f_i(j/n, |C_0(j)|/n, \dots, |C_k(j)|/n) + o(1),$$

f_i is continuous and

$$|f_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k+2}) - f_i(v_1, \dots, v_{k+2})| \leq L \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j} |u_i - v_i|$$

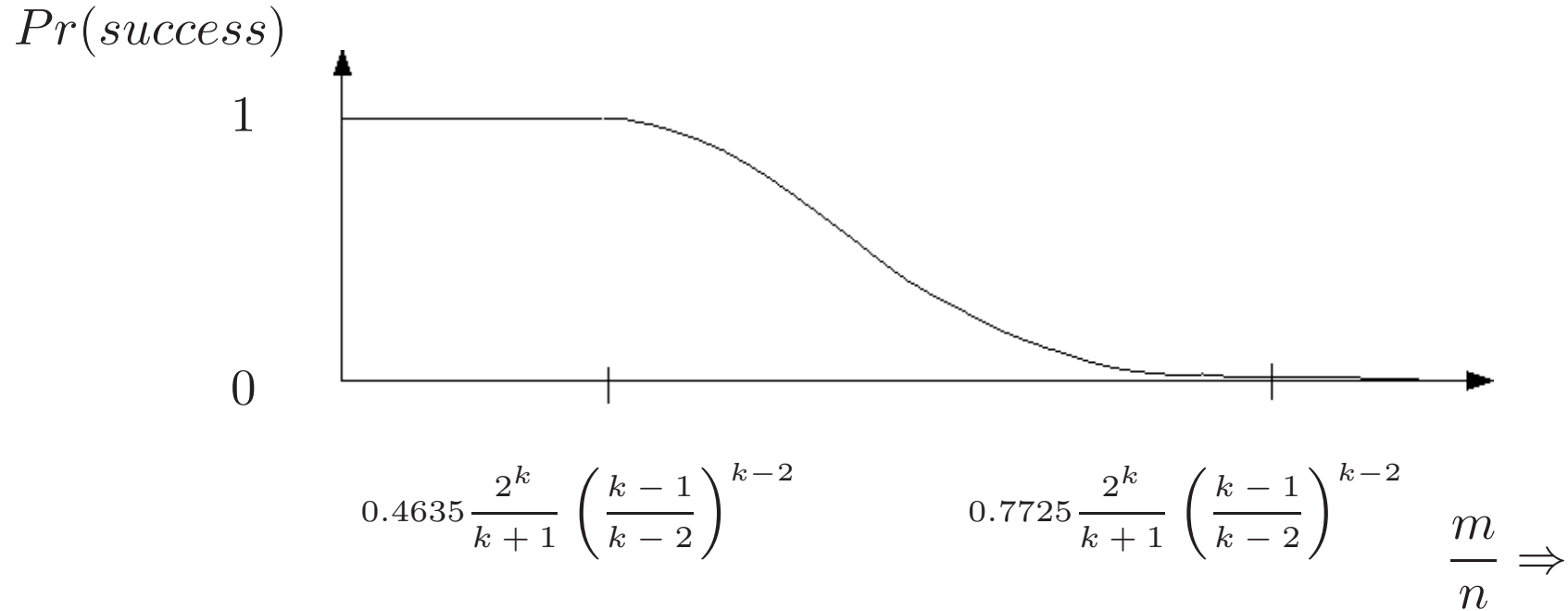
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	good when $m/n <$	
literal selection	k-SAT	3-SAT
Choose from unit clause, otherwise randomly	$2^k/k$	2.66
Choose var with maximum difference between occurrences of positive and negative lits. Set value to maximize satisfied clauses	$c \cdot 2^k/k$	3.003
Choose randomly from a clause with fewest non-falsified literals	$1.125 \cdot 2^k/k$	3.09
Best possible myopic algorithm	$c \cdot 2^k/k$	3.26

literal selection, non-myopic algorithms

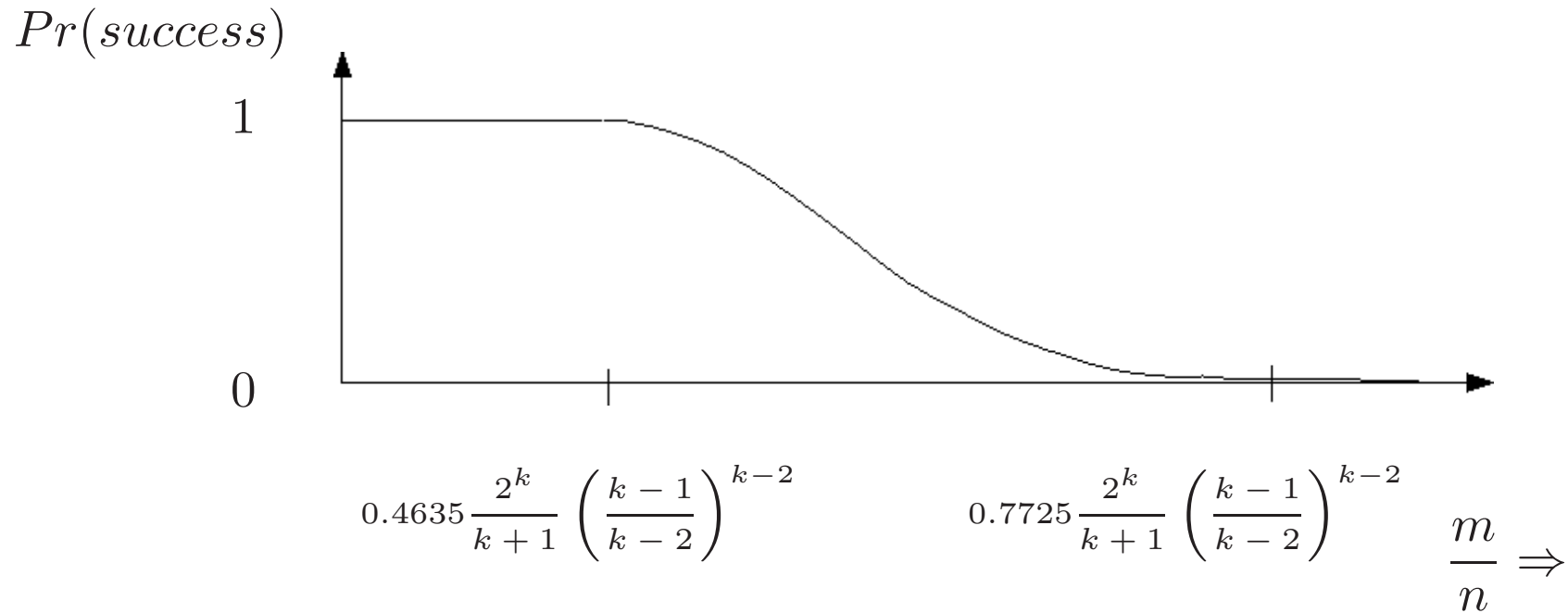
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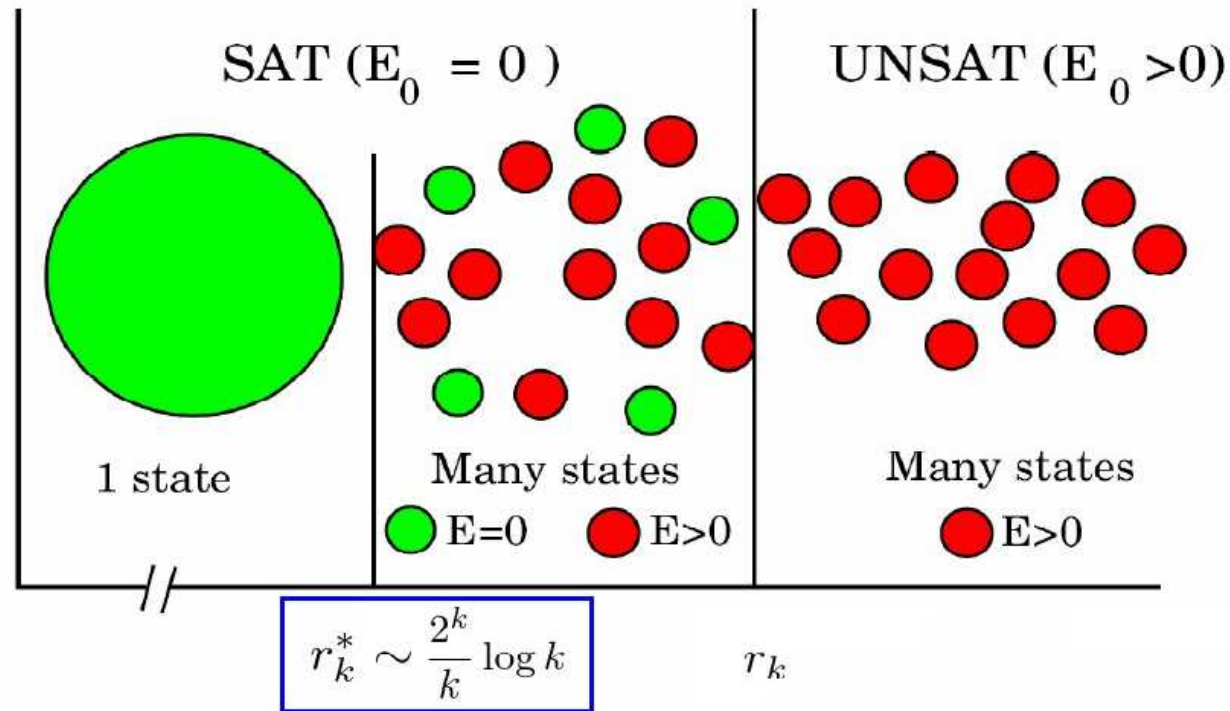
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An explanation?



Put points above a “floor” at distance = # clauses falsified
Create clusters of points around a lowest point

At $m/n = r_k^* \approx (2^k/k) \log(k)$:

Suddenly very many exponentially small clusters appear far apart from each other, surrounded by tall “mountains,” and containing mostly frozen variables

Probabilistic Toolbox

Second Moment Method: show $Pr(P) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Let P be some property of a formula

A **witness** for P : a structure whose presence in ψ implies P

Let $W = \{w : w \text{ is a witness for } P \text{ in } \psi\}$

Let $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if structure } s_i \in W \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Let $X = \sum_i X_i$ and $E\{X_i\} = q$, then $E\{X\} \triangleq \mu = q|W|$

Suppose $var(X) \triangleq \sigma^2 = o(\mu^2)$. Then, since

$$Pr(X = 0) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2}$$

we get

$$Pr(P) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

To show $\sigma^2 = o(\mu^2)$:

Start with one witness w chosen arbitrarily

Let A_w be all witnesses sharing at least one clause with w

Let D_w be all witnesses sharing no clause with w . Then

$$\sigma^2 = \mu(1 - q) + \mu \left(\sum_{z \in A_w} (Pr(z|w) - q) + \sum_{z \in D_w} (Pr(z|w) - q) \right)$$

Need $|A_w| \ll |D_w|$ or “little” overlap among witnesses since

$Pr(z|w) = Pr(z) = q$ if $z \in D_w$ so $\sum_{z \in D_w} (Pr(z|w) - q) = 0$.

If $\mu \rightarrow \infty$ and $\sum_{z \in A_w} Pr(z|W) \rightarrow o(\mu)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then

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$$\sum_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \binom{n}{\alpha n} \left(1 - \frac{1 - \alpha^k - (1 - \alpha)^k}{2^{k-1} - 1}\right)^m \approx \frac{2^n (1 - 2^{1-k})^m}{\sqrt{n}} \approx o(\mu)$$

$$Pr(X_{NAE} = 0) < \frac{1}{\mu_{NAE}} \approx \frac{1}{2^n (1 - 2^{k-1})^m} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } \frac{m}{n} > \frac{1}{\lg(1 - 2^{k-1})} \approx 2^{k-1}$$

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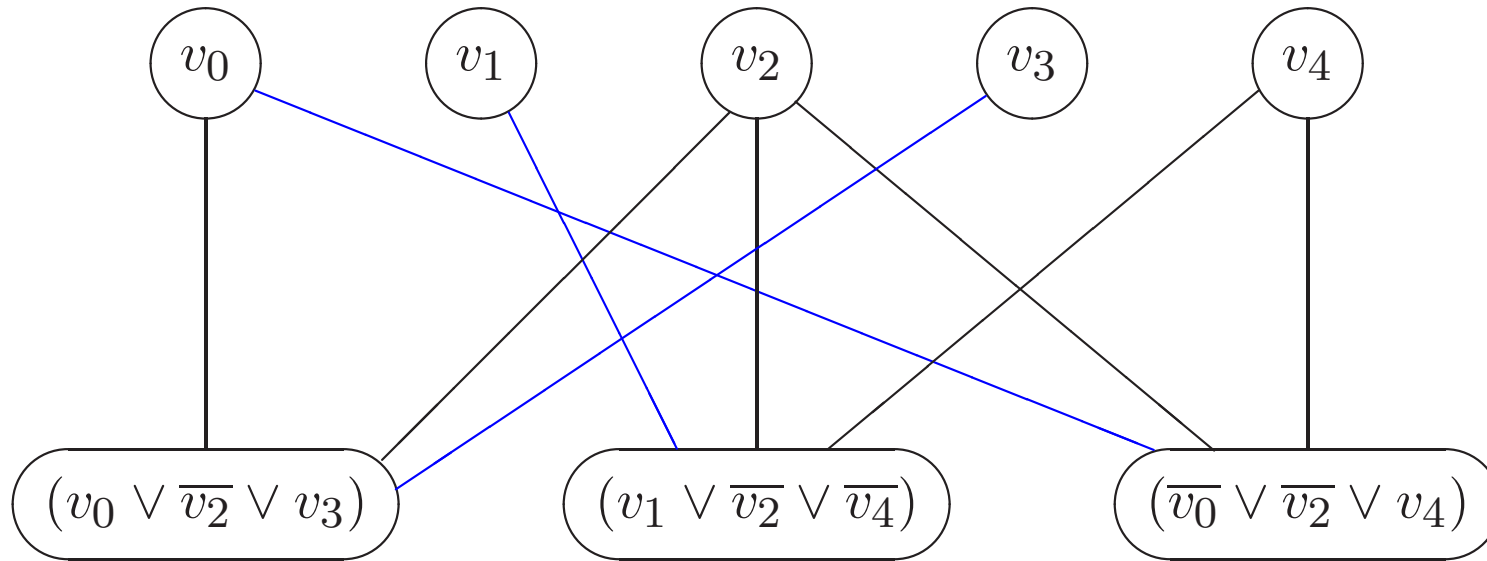
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Probabilistic analysis of polytime solvable classes can reveal:

- What critically distinguishes an easy class from more difficult classes
- Whether one class is much larger than another incomparable class in a probabilistic sense

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Horn Solver (ψ)

Set $M \leftarrow \emptyset$.

Repeat the following until ψ has no positive unit clauses:

Choose variable v from a positive unit clause in ψ .

Set $M \leftarrow M \cup \{v\}$.

Remove clauses containing literal v from ψ .

Remove all literals \overline{v} from ψ .

If ψ has an empty clause, output ‘unsatisfiable.’

Output M .

Unique minimum satisfying assignment w.r.t. 1

All assignments satisfying above include $v_2 = v_4 = 1$

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If the **satisfiability index** of a given formula is no greater than 1, then the formula is q-Horn.

The class of formulas with a satisfiability index greater than $1 + n^{-\epsilon}$, for any ϵ , is NP-complete.

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One possibility: Hitting Set

Focus attention on clauses which are all positive or negative

Let n^+ = min number of 1 valued variables to satisfy positives

Let n^- = min number of 0 valued variables to satisfy negatives

If $n^+ + n^- > n$ then some variable must be set to 1 AND 0

That is impossible, conclude the formula is unsatisfiable

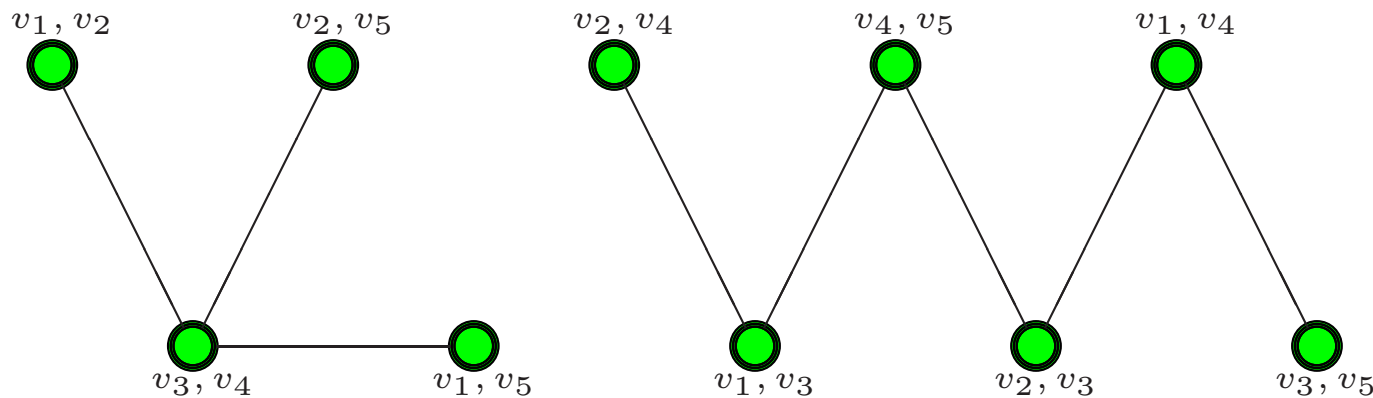
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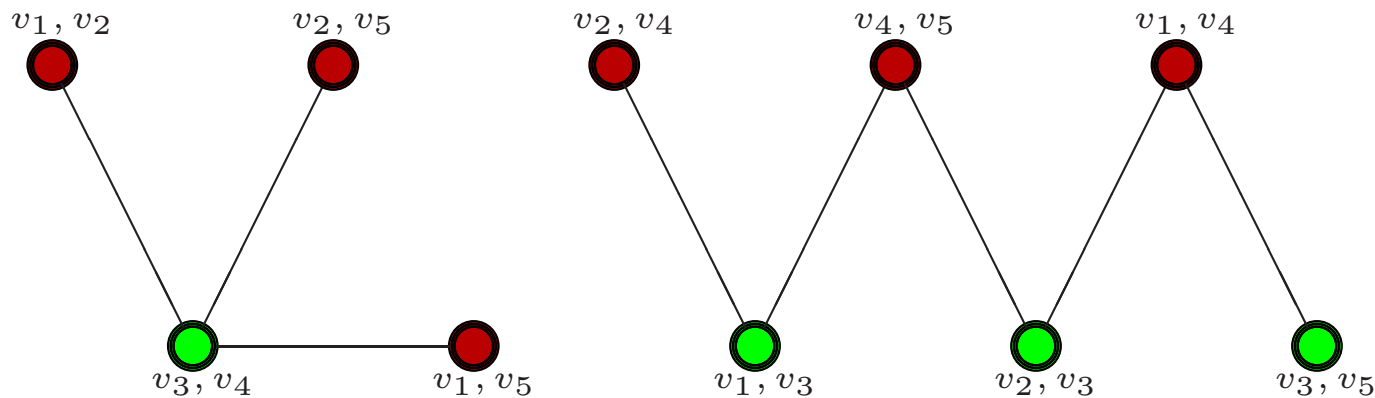
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$$\text{If } p = \frac{\ln^7(n')}{n'} \text{ then } \max_i \{|\lambda_i(M)|\} = \frac{2n'}{\ln^{3.5}(n')} (1 + o(1)) \quad \text{w.h.p.}$$

This leads to $Pr(\text{HS does well}) \rightarrow 1$ if $\frac{m}{n} > n^{(k-2)/2}$

Recall $Pr(\text{resolution does well}) \rightarrow 1$ only if $\frac{m}{n} > n^{k-2}$.

A De-randomized Algorithm for MAXSAT

MAX k -SAT

Given: A CNF formula ψ with k literals per clause

Find: An assignment to the variables of ψ that satisfies a maximum number of its clauses.

Suppose ψ has variables v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Define indicators

$$A_{t_1, \dots, t_j}^i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if clause } i \text{ satisfied given } v_1 = t_1, \dots, v_j = t_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is the probability that $A_{t_1, \dots, t_j}^i = 1$ for random t_{j+1}, \dots, t_n ?

for example: $Pr((\overline{v_1} \vee v_3 \vee \overline{v_5}) = 1 \mid t_1 = 1, t_2 = 0) = Pr(A_{1,0}^i) = 3/4$

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Let N be the number of satisfied clauses in ψ . Then

$$E\{N\} = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A^i) = (1 - 2^{-k})m$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}}^i) &= (Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}, 1}^i) + Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}, 0}^i))/2 \\ &\leq \max \{Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_j}^i)\} \end{aligned}$$

so keep choosing a value t_j , for $j = 1, 2, \dots$ that maximizes $Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_j}^i)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} E\{N\} &= (1 - 2^{-k})m = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A^i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \max \{Pr(A_{t_1}^i)\} \dots \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \max \{Pr(A_{t_1, \dots, t_n}^i)\} = \# \text{ clauses satisfied given } t_1, \dots, t_n \end{aligned}$$

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MAX k -SAT approximation algorithm uses this:

```
bool chooseValue (Variable *var) {
    double sum_pos=0.0, sum_neg=0.0, prob=0.5;
    for (int sz=1 ; sz <= k ; sz++) {
        sum_pos += var->no_clauses_as_pos_lit[sz]*prob;
        sum_neg += var->no_clauses_as_neg_lit[sz]*prob;
        prob *= 0.5;
    }
    return (sum_pos >= sum_neg) ? true : false;
}
```

and will always find an assignment that satisfies at least $(1 - 2^{-k})m$ clauses - for any input formula!