

**Reading:** Please read Smullyan Chapter II pages 15–24.

## 1 Review

Here is our current "location" on the course map from Lecture 1

### Propositional Logic

*Syntax*(formulas) lecture 2/book Chapter 1 § 1.

Boolean valuations, interpretations, truth tables.

Value of a formula under an interpretation lecture 2,3 / book Chapter 1 § 2.

*Algebra* CNF, DNF, distributive laws lecture 2.

*Encoding* graph problems into CNF lecture 2.

*SAT Problem* lectures 2,3.

DPLL class of algorithms lecture 3,4.

SAT is NP this lecture.

Random SAT examples, phase transition, spinglass, Bart Selman's results, this lecture.

SAT and AI - encoding graph coloring this lecture.

*proofs* (Chapter II § 1)

Justifying true propositions

proofs from axioms, modus ponens, substitution proof as a record of failed

falsification (Tableaux) rules schemes especially  $X \supset Y$  rules

judgements and signed formulas  $\vdash X, \neg X$

## 2 Encoding Graph Coloring

Consider the following encoding of graph coloring into CNF formulas.

The task is to color planar graphs so that no adjacent countries have the same color. Here is an example from the map of Europe.



Let the countries with the color  $i$  be  $B_i, G_i, F_i, L_i$ . Consider only three colors, red(r), blue(b), green(g). Then the possible coloring of France is  $F_r \vee F_b \vee F_g$ .

The constraints on pairs of neighbors derived from the graph include pairs such as  $\sim (B_b \wedge L_b), \sim (B_r \wedge L_r)$ , etc. These are equivalent to  $(\sim B_b \vee \sim L_b) \wedge (\sim B_r \vee \sim L_r) \wedge$  etc.

Write down the CNF claim that red, green, and blue suffice to color this map and prove it is unsatisfiable.

### 3 SAT as an NP Problem

SAT is the first of hundreds of combinatorial problems shown to be *solvable in Nondeterministic Polynomial time (NP)*. Consider a problem to be a set  $S$  of elements from a discrete set  $U$ .  $S$  belongs to the class of NP problems if and only if there is a polynomial time algorithm  $R$  on  $U$  and on another discrete set  $T$  and a polynomial  $p$  such that

$$x \in S \text{ iff } \exists t : T. |t| \leq p(|x|) \wedge R(x, t).$$

The running time of  $R(x, t)$  is bounded by  $c \cdot (|t| + |x|)^d$  where  $|x|$  and  $|t|$  is the length of  $x$  and  $t$  (think of  $x$  and  $t$  as strings of symbols) and  $c$  and  $d$  are positive integers. We call  $t$  a *certificate* for  $x$ .

To see that SAT belongs to NP, let  $U$  be the set of propositional formulas,  $Form$ . Note,  $SAT \subseteq Form$ .

$$F \in SAT \text{ iff } \exists a : \text{Assignment}(\text{Var}(F)).\text{val}(F, a) = \text{true}$$

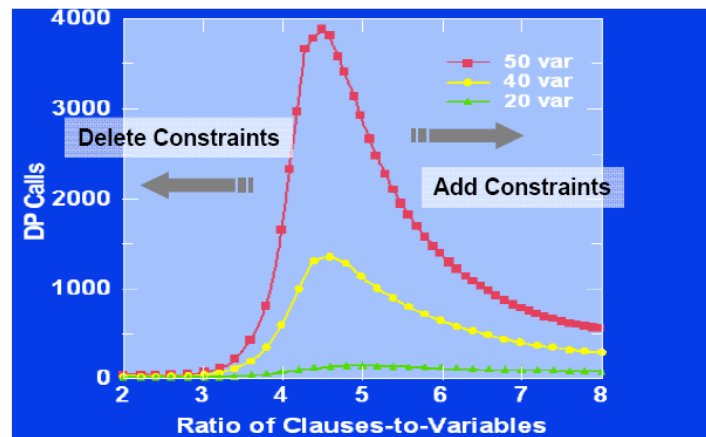
The assignment (or interpretation)  $a$  is bounded by twice the number of variables in  $F$ , and the Boolean validation  $\text{val}$  runs in time proportional to the depth of the formula  $F$ . The assignment  $a$  is the *certificate* for  $F$ .

## 4 Random SAT Problems

### 4.1 Typical-Case Complexity: k-SAT

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A key hardness parameter for k-SAT: the **ratio of clauses to variables**



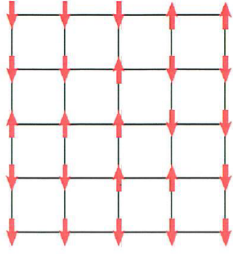
Problems that are not critically constrained tend to be much easier in practice than the relatively few critically constrained ones

Probabilistic Techniques for Combinatorial Problems from the work of Bart Selman

## 4.2 SAT and Physics

***From Physics to Computer Science***

Exploits correspondence between SAT and physical systems with many interacting particles.



e.g. spin  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  want to align :  
$$(x_i \vee \neg x_j) \wedge (\neg x_i \vee x_j)$$

Satisfied iff  $[(x_i = 1 \text{ and } x_j = 1) \text{ OR } (x_i = 0 \text{ and } x_j = 0)]$   
So, only when aligned (both up ("1") or both down ("0"))

Basic model for magnetism: The Ising model (Ising '24). Spins are "trying to align themselves". But system can be "frustrated" some pairs want to align; some want to point in the opposite direction of each other.

## 5 Proofs

### 5.1 Church's Propositional Calculus $P_2$

Here is Church's well known "Hilbert-style" axiom system for propositional logic. It is in the axiomatic style of Euclid as made rigorous by Hilbert.

#### Rules of Inference

Modus Ponens

Substitution

$x$  a propositional variable

$$\frac{A, A \supset B}{B}$$

$$\frac{A}{A[B/x]}$$

## Axioms

- (1)  $p \supset (q \supset p)$
- (2)  $(s \supset (p \supset q)) \supset ((s \supset p) \supset (s \supset q))$
- (3)  $(\sim p \supset \sim q) \supset (q \supset p)$

A proof is a finite sequence of formulas  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  such that each  $F_i$  is an axiom or follows from previous formulas by a rule of inference.

## 5.2 Tableau Proofs

### 5.3 Example of a Tableau Proof

Either price-theory implies a recession or quant-theory implies one, if the two theories is true, there will be a recession.

$$((p \supset r) \vee (q \supset r)) \supset ((p \vee q) \supset r)$$

Here is a proof attempt using tableau rules

$$\begin{array}{l} F(((p \supset r) \vee (q \supset r)) \supset ((p \vee q) \supset r)) \\ T((p \supset r) \vee (q \supset r)), F((p \vee q) \supset r)) \\ T(p \vee q), Fr \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} F(X \supset Y) \text{ case} \\ TX, FY \\ F(X \supset Y) \text{ case again} \\ T(X \vee Y) \text{ case} \\ TX | TY \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} T(p \supset r)F_r & | & T(q \supset r), F_r & \\ T_p & | & r_q & T_p & | & T_q \\ F_p & | & T_r & F_p & | & T_r & F_p & | & T_r & F_p & | & T_r \\ X & & X & & X & & X & & X & & X \end{array}$$

Consider the assignment  $F_p, T_q, F_r$

$$\begin{aligned} & ((f \supset f) \vee (t \supset f)) \supset ((f \vee t) \supset f) \\ & \quad (t \vee f) \supset (t \supset f) \\ & \quad \quad t \supset f \\ & \quad \quad \quad f \end{aligned}$$

So price theory is false, quant theory is true, there is no recession so price-theory  $\supset$  recession is vacuously true, but price theory or quant theory implies a recession is false, because quant theory implies a recession is false, even though quant theory is true.