

# Homework Assignment 1

## Due: April 20, 2018 at 23:00

**Total points:** 100  
**Deliverables:** `hw1.pdf` containing typeset solutions to Problems 1-12.  
`k-coloring.rkt` containing your implementation for Problem 10.  
**Sources:** <https://gitlab.cs.washington.edu/cse507/hw18sp>.

## 1 Propositional Logic and Normal Forms (30 points)

- (2 points) Decide whether each of the following formulas is valid. If the formula is valid, prove its validity using the semantic argument method. Otherwise, provide a falsifying interpretation and, if the formula is satisfiable, a satisfying interpretation.

(a)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$

(b)  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (\neg r \rightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p))$

(**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Hint:** use the [mathpartir package](#) to typeset proofs.)

- (3 points) Convert the following formula to equivalent formulas in NNF, CNF, and DNF. Write the final formula as the answer; the intermediate conversion steps need not be shown.

$$\neg(\neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow \neg r)$$

- (5 points) Convert the formula from Problem 2 to an equisatisfiable formula in CNF using Tseitin's encoding. Write the final CNF formula as the answer. Use  $a_\phi$  to denote the auxiliary variable for the formula  $\phi$ ; for example,  $a_{(p \wedge q)}$  should be used to denote the auxiliary variable for  $(p \wedge q)$ .
- (10 points) Let  $\phi$  be a propositional formula in NNF, and let  $I$  be an interpretation of  $\phi$ . Let the *positive set* of  $I$  with respect to  $\phi$ , denoted  $pos(I, \phi)$ , be the literals of  $\phi$  that are satisfied by  $I$ . As an example, for the NNF formula  $\phi = (\neg r \wedge p) \vee q$  and the interpretation  $I = [r \mapsto \perp, p \mapsto \top, q \mapsto \perp]$ , we have  $pos(I, \phi) = \{\neg r, p\}$ . Prove the following theorem about the monotonicity of NNF:

**Monotonicity of NNF:** For every interpretation  $I$  and  $I'$  such that  $pos(I, \phi) \subseteq pos(I', \phi)$ , if  $I \models \phi$ , then  $I' \models \phi$ .

(**Hint:** Use structural induction.)

- (10 points) Let  $\phi$  be an NNF formula. Let  $\hat{\phi}$  be a formula derived from  $\phi$  using a modified version of Tseitin's encoding in which the CNF constraints are derived from implications rather than bi-implications. For example, given a formula

$$a_1 \wedge (a_2 \vee \neg a_3),$$

the new encoding is the CNF equivalent of the following formula, where  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are fresh auxiliary variables:

$$\begin{aligned} &x_0 && \wedge \\ &(x_0 \rightarrow a_1 \wedge x_1) && \wedge \\ &(x_1 \rightarrow a_2 \vee x_2) && \wedge \\ &(x_2 \rightarrow \neg a_3) \end{aligned}$$

Note that Tseitin's encoding to CNF starts with the same formula, except that  $\rightarrow$  is replaced with  $\leftrightarrow$ . As a result, the new encoding has roughly half as many clauses as the Tseitin's encoding.

Prove that  $\hat{\phi}$  is satisfiable if and only if  $\phi$  is satisfiable.

(**Hint:** Use the theorem from Problem 4.)

## 2 SAT solving (10 points)

6. (10 points) Consider the following set of clauses:

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1 &: (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \\
 c_2 &: (x_1 \vee x_3) \\
 c_3 &: (\neg x_4 \vee \neg x_2) \\
 c_4 &: (\neg x_4 \vee \neg x_1 \vee x_2) \\
 c_5 &: (x_3 \vee \neg x_1) \\
 c_6 &: (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_4) \\
 c_7 &: (x_1 \vee x_4) \\
 c_8 &: (\neg x_2 \vee x_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Complete the table below to show how a modern CDCL SAT solver ([Lecture 2](#)) decides the satisfiability of these clauses. Start a new row every time the decision level changes (due to a new decision or backtracking). Show the implication graph at each decision level by listing all of its labeled edges. Keep all conflict clauses returned by ANALYZECONFLICT and assign them names  $c_9$ ,  $c_{10}$ , etc.

Use the following rules when making choices while executing the CDCL algorithm:

- For choosing the next assignment in the DECIDE step, use the Dynamic Largest Individual Sum (DLIS) heuristic. In the case of a tie between variables, pick the  $x_i$  with the lowest index  $i$ . If there is a tie between  $x_i$  and  $\neg x_i$ , pick  $x_i$ .
- When deriving conflict clauses, use the first unique implication points, and backtrack to the second highest (i.e., second largest) decision level in the derived conflict clause (which is level 0 if the clause is unit).
- When performing BCP, propagate implications in the increasing order of clause indices (i.e., if both  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are unit clauses, and  $i < j$ , propagate  $x_i$  first).

Level	Decision	Implication Graph	Conflict Clause
$j$	$literal@j$	$\{\langle literal@k, literal@m, c_i \rangle, \dots\}$	$c_n : (literal \vee \dots \vee literal)$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

### 3 Variations on SAT (20 points)

Consider the following variations on the propositional satisfiability (SAT) problem discussed in [Lecture 3](#):

**Partial Weighted MaxSAT** Given a CNF formula  $\phi_H = \bigwedge_{c \in H} c$  corresponding to a set of *hard* clauses  $H$ , and a CNF formula  $\phi_S = \bigwedge_{c \in S} c$  corresponding to a set of *soft* CNF clauses  $S$  with weights  $w : S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , the Partial Weighted MaxSAT problem is to find an assignment  $A$  to the problem variables that satisfies all the hard clauses and that maximizes the weight of the satisfied soft clauses. That is,  $A \models \bigwedge_{c \in H} c$ , and if we let  $C = \{c \in S \mid A \models c\}$ , then there is no  $C' \subseteq S$  such that  $H \cup C'$  is satisfiable and  $\sum_{c' \in C'} w(c') > \sum_{c \in C} w(c)$ .

**Pseudo-Boolean Optimization** Let  $B$  be a set of *pseudo-boolean constraints* of the form  $\sum a_{ij}x_j \geq b_i$ , where  $x_j$  is a variable over  $\{0, 1\}$  and  $a_{ij}, b_i, c_j$  are integer constants. The Pseudo-Boolean Optimization problem is to satisfy all constraints in  $B$  while minimizing a linear function  $\sum c_j \cdot x_j$ .

7. (10 points) Explain how to encode a Partial Weighted MaxSAT problem  $P$  as a Pseudo-Boolean Optimization problem  $P'$  such that (1)  $P'$  is satisfiable iff  $P$  is satisfiable, and (2) a solution to  $P$  can be extracted from a solution to  $P'$ . Show the result of your encoding (the optimization function and the pseudo-boolean constraints) on the following example, which uses the pair notation to associate weights with soft clauses:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \{(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3), (\neg x_2 \vee x_3), (\neg x_1 \vee x_3)\} \\ S &= \{\langle (\neg x_3), 6 \rangle, \langle (x_1 \vee x_2), 3 \rangle, \langle (x_1 \vee x_3), 2 \rangle\} \end{aligned}$$

8. (10 points) Explain how to encode a Pseudo-Boolean Optimization  $P$  as a Partial Weighted MaxSAT problem  $P'$  such that (1)  $P'$  is satisfiable iff  $P$  is satisfiable, and (2) a solution to  $P$  can be extracted from a solution to  $P'$ . Assume the existence of a function *toCNF* that takes as input a pseudo-boolean constraint  $\sum a_{ij}x_j \geq b_i$  and encodes it as a boolean circuit in CNF form. Show the result of your encoding (the set of hard clauses, and the set of soft clauses with their weights) on the following example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & 4x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 \geq 5 \\ & -x_1 - x_2 \geq -1 \\ & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Graph Coloring with SAT (40 points)

A graph is *k-colorable* if there is an assignment of  $k$  colors to its vertices such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color. Deciding if such a coloring exists is a classic NP-complete problem with many practical applications, such as register allocation in compilers. In this problem, you will develop a CNF encoding for graph coloring and apply them to graphs from various application domains, including course scheduling, N-queens puzzles, and register allocation for real code.

A finite graph  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  consists of vertices  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and edges  $E = \{\langle v_{i_1}, w_{i_1} \rangle, \dots, \langle v_{i_m}, w_{i_m} \rangle\}$ . Given a set of  $k$  colors  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$ , the *k-coloring* problem for  $G$  is to assign a color  $c \in C$  to each vertex  $v \in V$  such that for every edge  $\langle v, w \rangle \in E$ ,  $\text{color}(v) \neq \text{color}(w)$ .

9. (10 points) Show how to encode an instance of a  $k$ -coloring problem into a propositional formula  $F$  that is satisfiable iff a  $k$ -coloring exists.
  - (a) Describe a set of propositional constraints asserting that every vertex is colored. Use the notation  $\text{color}(v) = c$  to indicate that a vertex  $v$  has the color  $c$ . Such an assertion is encodable as a single propositional variable  $p_v^c$  (since the set of vertices and colors are both finite).
  - (b) Describe a set of propositional constraints asserting that every vertex has at most one color.
  - (c) Describe a set of propositional constraints asserting that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.
  - (d) Identify a significant optimization in this encoding that reduces its size asymptotically. (**Hint:** Can any constraints be dropped? Why?)
  - (e) Specify your constraints in CNF. For  $|V|$  vertices,  $|E|$  edges, and  $k$  colors, how many variables and clauses does your encoding require?
10. (20 points) Implement the above encoding in [Racket](#), using the provided [solution skeleton](#). See the [README](#) file for instructions on obtaining solvers and the database of graph coloring problems. Your program should generate the encoding for a given graph (see [graph.rkt](#)), call a SAT solver on it ([solver.rkt](#)), and then decode the result into an assignment of colors to vertices (see [examples.rkt](#) and [k-coloring.rkt](#)).

What is the minimum, maximum, and average solving time (“real” time if you are using Racket’s [time](#) procedure) for easy and medium instances in the provided database of problems (see [problems.rkt](#))? Can you solve any of the hard instances in 10 minutes or less?
11. (5 points) Describe a CNF encoding for  $k$ -coloring that uses  $O(|V| \log k + |E| \log k)$  variables and clauses.
12. (5 points) Most modern SAT solvers support *incremental solving*—that is, obtaining a solution to a CNF, adding more constraints, obtaining another solution, and so on. Because the solver keeps (some) learned clauses between invocations, incremental solving is generally the fastest way to solve a series of related CNFs. How would you apply incremental solving to your encoding from Problem 10 to find the smallest number of colors needed to color a graph (i.e., its chromatic number)?