Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

Combining Theories

Today

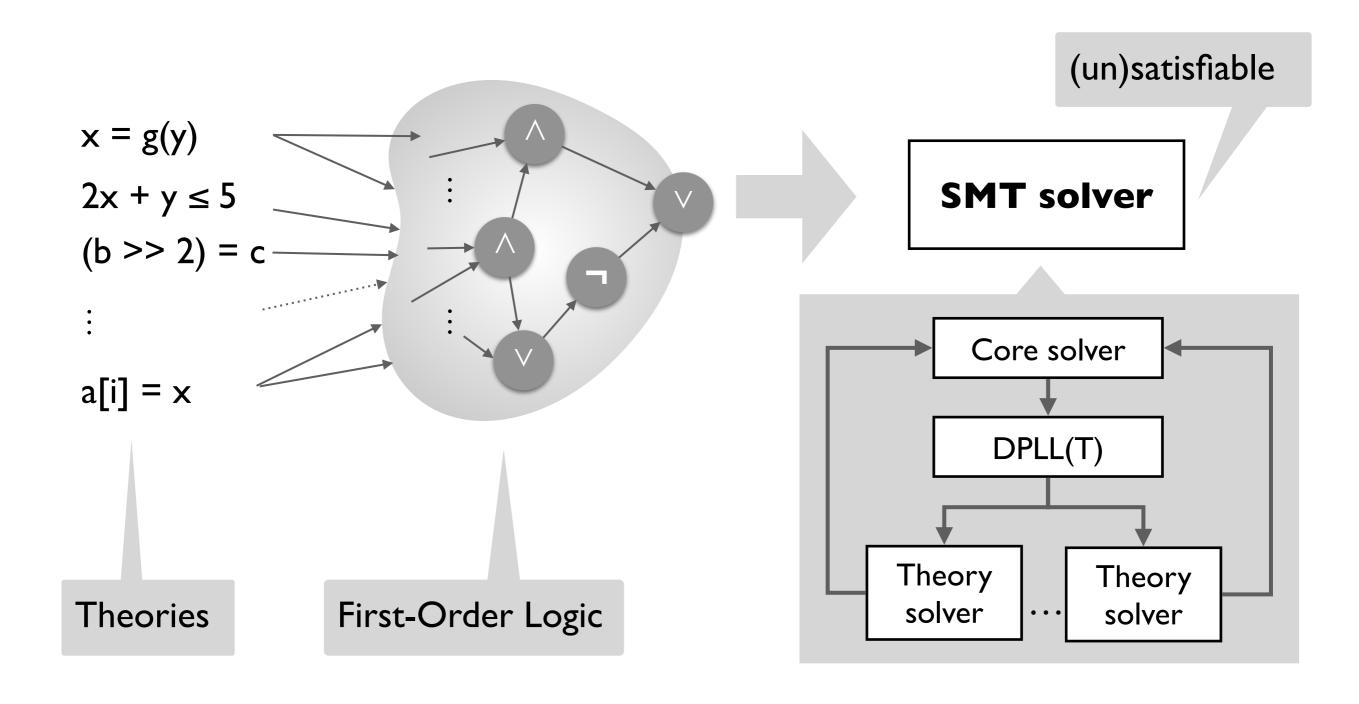
Last lecture

• A survey of theory solvers and deciding $T_{=}$ with congruence closure

Today

Deciding a combination of theories

Recall: Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)



Combining theories with Nelson-Oppen

 Σ_1 -theory T_1 with axioms A_1

Theory solver

 Σ_2 -theory T_2 with axioms A_2

Theory solver

We'll see how to combine two theories. Easy to generalize to n.

Combination solver

Theory $T_1 \cup T_2$ with signature $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ and axioms $A_1 \cup A_2$

The combination problem is undecidable for arbitrary (decidable) theories. It becomes decidable under **Nelson-Oppen restrictions**.

Nelson-Oppen restrictions

T_1 and T_2 can be combined when

- Both are decidable, quantifier-free conjunctive fragments
- Equality (=) is the only interpreted symbol in the intersection of their signatures: $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \{ = \}$
- Both are stably infinite

A theory T is stably infinite if for every satisfiable Σ_T -formula F, there is a T-model that satisfies F and that has a universe of infinite cardinality.

Examples of (non-)stably infinite theories

 Σ_T : { a, b, = }

 A_T : $\forall x . x = a \lor x = b$

Equality and uninterpreted functions (T₌)

Fixed width bit vectors (T_{bv})

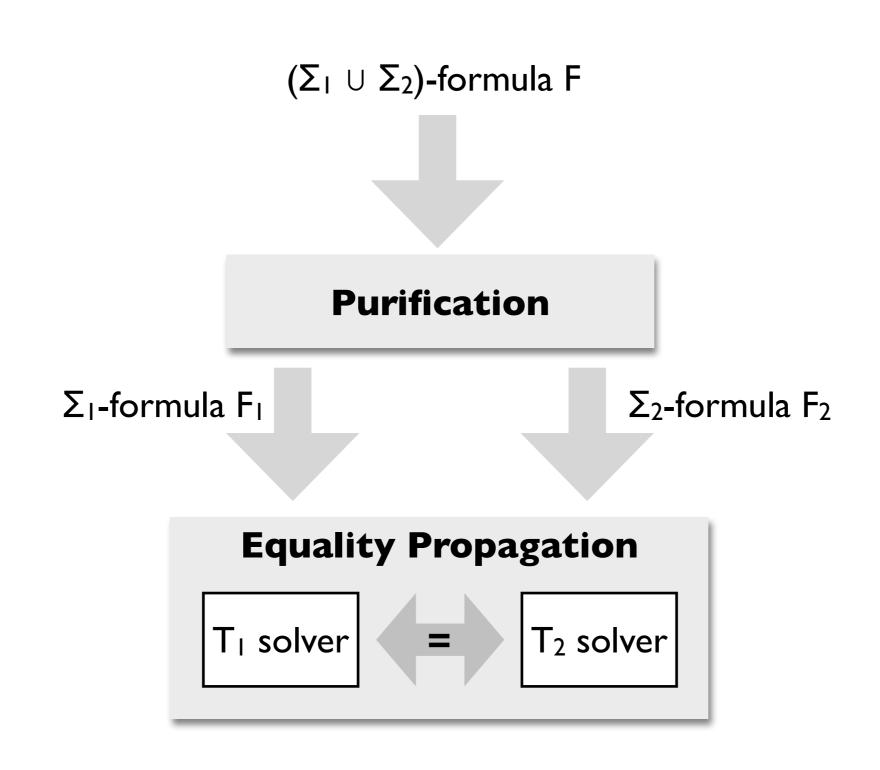
Linear real arithmetic (T_R)

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Linear integer

Arrays (T_A)

Overview of Nelson-Oppen



Overview of purification

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 $\Sigma_{R}\,$

Σ=

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$$f(x + g(y)) \leq g(a) + f(b)$$

Purification

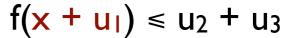
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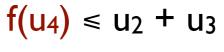
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Purification

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 $u_5 \le u_2 + u_3$

$$u_1 = g(y)$$

 $u_2 = g(a)$

$$u_3 = f(b)$$

$$u_5 = f(u_4)$$

Shared and local constants

A constant is *shared* if it occurs in both F_1 and F_2 , and it is *local* otherwise.

Shared: $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5\}$

Local: $\{x, y, a, b\}$



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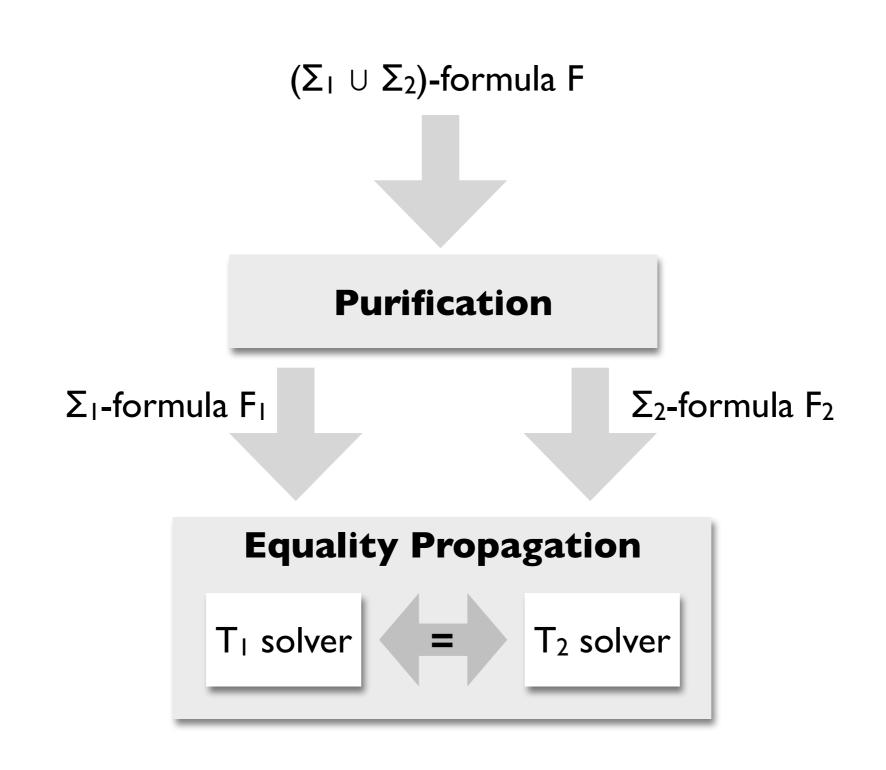
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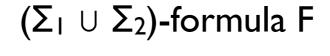
$$u_3 = f(b)$$

$$u_5 = f(u_4)$$

Overview of Nelson-Oppen



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Purification

 Σ_1 -formula F_1

 Σ_2 -formula F_2

Equality Propagation

- Convex theories
- Non-convex theories

Convex theories

A theory T is *convex* if for every conjunctive formula F, the following holds:

If
$$F \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \lor ... \lor x_n = y_n$$
 for a finite $n > 1$,
then $F \Rightarrow x_i = y_i$ for some $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$.

If F implies a disjunction of equalities, then it also implies at least one of the equalities.

Examples of (non-)convex theories

Linear arithmetic over integers (T_Z)

$$1 \le x \land x \le 2 \Rightarrow x = 1 \lor x = 2$$
 but
not $1 \le x \land x \le 2 \Rightarrow x = 1$
not $1 \le x \land x \le 2 \Rightarrow x = 2$

Equality and uninterpreted functions (T₌)

Linear real arithmetic (T_R)

Nelson-Oppen for convex theories

Nelson-Oppen-Convex(F)

- I. Purify F into $F_1 \wedge F_2$
- 2. Run T_1 -solver on F_1 and T_2 -solver on F_2 and return UNSAT if either is unsatisfiable
- 3. If there are shared constants x and y such that $F_i \Rightarrow x = y$ but F_j does not

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- 2. Go to step 2.
- 4. Return SAT

Is F satisfiable if both F_1 and F_2 are satisfiable?

No: $x = I \wedge 2 = x + y \wedge f(x) \neq f(y)$

Nelson-Oppen for convex theories: example

Nelson-Oppen-Convex(F)

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$$f(f(x) - f(y)) \neq f(z) \land x \leq y \land y + z \leq x \land 0 \leq z$$

$$x \leq y \land \qquad f(w) \neq f(z) \land y + z \leq x \land 0 \qquad u = f(x) \land \land v = f(y)$$

$$x = y \land \qquad v = f(y)$$

$$x = y \land \qquad u = y \land \qquad u = y \land \land u = y \land UNSAT$$

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$ \leq x \land x \leq 2 \land f(x) \neq f(1) \land f(x) \neq f(2)$	
I ≤ x ∧	$f(x) \neq f(z_1) \wedge$
x ≤ 2 ∧	$f(x) \neq f(z_2)$
$z_1 = I \wedge$	
$z_2 = 2$	
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If T is non-convex, it may imply a disjunction of equalities without implying any single equality.

We have to propagate disjunctions as well as individual equalities. Which disjunctions? How do we propagate disjunctions to theory solvers which reason only about conjunctions?

Nelson-Oppen for non-convex theories

Nelson-Oppen(F)

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 - $I. F_j \leftarrow F_j \land x = y$
 - 2. Go to step 2.
- 4. If $F_i \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \lor ... \lor x_n = y_n$ but F_j does not, then if Nelson-Oppen($F_i \land F_j \land x_k = y_k$) outputs SAT for any k, return SAT. Otherwise, return UNSAT.
- 5. Return SAT

Propagate a *minimal* disjunction.

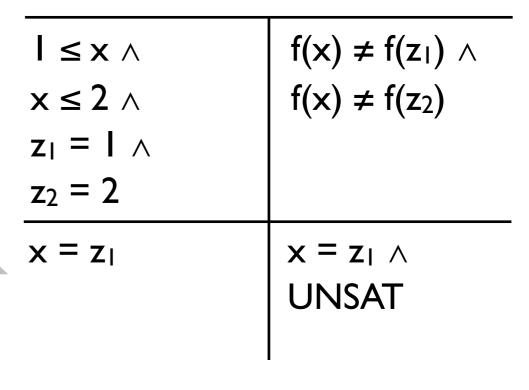
Nelson-Oppen for non-convex theories: example

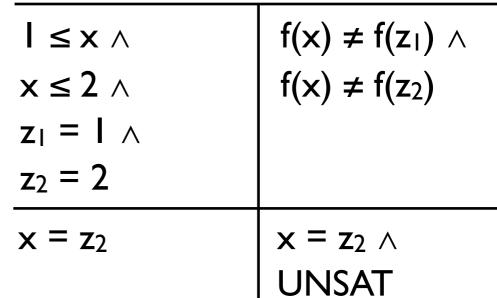
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x ≤ 2 ∧	$f(x) \neq f(z_1) \land f(x) \neq f(z_2)$
$z_1 = I \wedge$	
$z_2 = 2$	

$$(x=z_1 \lor x=z_2) \land \Sigma_Z$$

$$\Sigma_{=}$$





Soundness and completeness of Nelson-Oppen

If the theories T_1 and T_2 satisfy Nelson-Open restrictions, then the combination procedure returns UNSAT for a formula F in $T_1 \cup T_2$ iff F is unsatisfiable modulo $T_1 \cup T_2$.

Complexity of Nelson-Oppen

If decision procedures for convex theories T_1 and T_2 have polynomial time complexity, so does their Nelson-Oppen combination.

If decision procedures for non-convex theories T_1 and T_2 have NP time complexity, so does their Nelson-Oppen combination.

Summary

Today

- Sound and complete procedure for a combination of restricted theories
- Stably infinite, conjunctive, quantifier-free with signatures that are disjoint except for =

Next lecture

 Deciding satisfiability of arbitrary boolean combinations of quantifier-free first-order formulas