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Path consistency (3-consistency):

- Check every triple of variables
- More expensive!
 k-consistency:
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 $|V|^{k}$ k-tuples to check Worst case: each iteration eliminates 1 choice

|D||V| iterations

 $|D||V|^{k+1}$ steps! (But usually not this bad)

• n-consistency: backtrack-free search

Variable and Value Selection

- Select variable with smallest domain
 - Minimize branching factor
 - Most likely to propagate: most constrained variable heuristic
- Which values to try first?
 - Most likely value for solution
 Least propagation! Least constrained value
 - Least propagation: Least constra
- Why different?
 - Every constraint must be eventually satisfied
 Not every value must be assigned to a variable!
- Tie breaking?

 In general randomized tie breaking best – less likely to get stuck on same bad pattern of choices

CSPs in the real world

- Scheduling Space Shuttle Repair
- Transportation Planning
- Computer Configuration
 - AT&T CLASSIC Configurator
 - #5ESS Switching System
 - Configuring new orders: 2 months \rightarrow 2 hours

Quasigroup Completion Problem (QCP)

Given a partial assignment of colors (10 colors in this case), can the partial quasigroup (latin square) be completed so we obtain a full quasigroup?

Example:









Backtracking with Randomized Restarts

Idea:

- If backtracking algorithm does not find solution quickly, it is like to be stuck in the wrong part of the search space
 Early decisions were bad!
- So kill the run after T seconds, and restart
 Requires randomized heuristic, so choices not always the same
- Why does it often work?
 - Many problems have a small set of "backdoor" variables guess them on a restart, and your are done! (Andrew, Selman, Gomes 2003)
- Completeness?

Demos!

- N-Queens Backtracking vs. Local Search
- Quasigroup Completion
- Randomized RestartsTravelling Salesman
- Simulated Annealing









- Initial proposition layer
- Just the initial conditions
- Action layer i
- If all of an action's preconditionss are in i-1
- Then add action to layer I
- Proposition layer i+1
- For each action at layer i
- Add all its effects at layer i+1







Dinner Date		
Initial Conditions: (:and (cleanHands) (quiet))		
Goal: (:and	d (noGarbage) (dinner) (present))	
<u>Actions:</u> (:operator carry (:operator fire (:operator cook (:operator wrap	:precondition :effect (:and (noGarbage) (:not (cleanHands))) :precondition :effect (:and (noGarbage) (:not (paper))) :precondition (cleanHands) :effect (dinner)) :precondition (paper) :effect (present))	















Truth		
Francis Bacon (1561-1626) No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.	Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) We know the truth, not only by the reason, but also by the heart.	
Thomas Henry Huxley (1825- 1895)	François Rabelais (c. 1490- 1553)	
Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors.	Speak the truth and shame the Devil.	
John Keats (1795-1821) Beauty is truth, truth beauty; that is all	Daniel Webster (1782-1852) There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so strange.	
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.	-	

Propositional Logic

Ingredients of a sentence:

1. Propositions (variables)



- Logical Connectives ¬, ∧, ∨, ⊃
 - literal = a variable or a negated variable
- A possible world assigns every proposition the value true or false
- A truth value for a sentence can be derived from the truth value of its propositions by using the truth tables of the connectives
- The meaning of a sentence is the set of possible worlds in which it is true





Satisfiability, Validity, & Entailment S is satisfiable if it is true in some world Example:

- S is unsatisfiable if it is false all worlds
- S is valid if it is true in all worlds
- S1 entails S2 if wherever S1 is true S2 is true



- Model finding
 - KB = background knowledge
 - S = description of problem
 - Show (KB \land S) is satisfiable A kind of constraint satisfaction
- Deduction
- S = question
 - Prove that KB S
 - Two approaches:
 - 1. Rules to derive new formulas from old (inference)
 - 2. Show (KB A S) is unsatisfiable





New Variable Trick

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Putting a formula in clausal form may increase its} \\ \mbox{size exponentially} \\ \mbox{But can avoid this by introducing dummy variables} \\ (a \land b \land c) \lor (d \land e \land f) \Rightarrow \{(a \lor d), (a \lor e), (a \lor f), \\ (b \lor d), (b \lor e), (b \lor f), \\ (c \lor d), (c \lor e), (c \lor f) \} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} (a \wedge b \wedge c) \vee (d \wedge e \wedge f) \Rightarrow \ \{(\textbf{g} \lor \textbf{h}), \\ (\neg a \lor \neg b \lor \neg c \lor \textbf{g}), (\neg \textbf{g} \lor a), (\neg \textbf{g} \lor b), (\neg \textbf{g} \lor c), \\ (\neg d \lor \neg e \lor \neg f \lor \textbf{h}), (\neg \textbf{h} \lor d), (\neg \textbf{h} \lor e), (\neg \textbf{h} \lor f) \} \end{array}$

Dummy variables don't change satisfiability!





Smart variable choice heuristics

inconsistency, add new clause Limited resolution (Agarwal, Kautz, Beame 2002) Randomized tie breaking & restarts • Chaff – fastest complete SAT solver

> Superscaler processor verification Al planning - Blackbox

project!

"Clause learning" – at backtrack points, determine minimum set of choices that caused

Created by 2 Princeton undergrads, for a summer

Horn Theories

Recall the special case of Horn clauses: $\{(\neg q \lor \neg r \lor s), (\neg s \lor \neg t)\}$ $\{((q \land r) \supset s), ((s \land t) \supset false)\}$

Many problems naturally take the form of such if/then rules

• If (fever) AND (vomiting) then FLU

Unit propagation is refutation complete for Horn theories • Good implementation – linear time!

DPLL
 Overloped 1962 – still the best complete algorithm for propositional reasoning
 State of the art solvers use:
 ONF for









Real-World Phase Transition Phenomena

- Many NP-hard problem distributions show phase transitions job shop scheduling problems
 TSP instances from TSPLib
 Cexam timetables @ Edinburgh
 - □ Boolean circuit synthesis
 - □Latin squares (alias sports scheduling)
- #Hot research topic: predicting hardness of a given instance, & using hardness to control search strategy (Horvitz, Kautz, Ruan 2001-3)









Relating Actions to Preconditions & Effects

Strips notation:

Action: Fly(plane, start, dest) Precondition: Airplane(plane), City(start), City(dest), At(plane, start) Effect: At(plane, dest), --- At(plane, start)

Pure strips: no negative preconditions!

Need to represent logically:

- An action requires it's predications
- An action causes it's effects
 Interfering actions do not co-occur
- Changes in the world are the result of actions.

Preconditions & Effects

 \forall plane, start, dest, s . Fly(plane, start, dest, s) \supset [At(plane, start, s) \land Airplane(plane,s) \land City(start) \land City(dest)]

Note: state indexes on predicates that never change not necessary.

 \forall plane, start, dest, s . Fly(plane, start, dest, s) \supset At(plane, dest, s+1)

- In action calculus, the logical representation of "requires" and "causes" is the same!
- Not a full blown theory of causation, but good enough...

Interfering Actions

Want to rule out: $\begin{array}{l} Fly(\ PLANE32,\ NYC,\ DETROIT,\ S4)\land\\ Fly(\ PLANE32,\ NYC,\ DETROIT,\ S4) \land\\ Fly(\ PLANE32,\ NYC,\ DETROIT,\ S4) \land\\ \end{array}$ Actions interfere if one changes a precondition or effect of the other $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{They are mutually exclusive} - ``mutex''\\ \hline\\ \forall \ p,\ c1,\ c2,\ c3,\ c4,\ s.\\ \ [Fly(p,\ c1,\ c2,\ s),\ (c1\neq c3,\ c2\neq c4)\]\supset\\ \quad \neg \ Fly(p,\ c3,\ c4,\ s) \end{array}$

(Similar for any other actions Fly is mutex with)

Explanatory Axioms

· Don't want world to change "by magic" - only actions change things If a proposition changes from true to false (or vice-versa), then some action that can change it must have occurred

∀ plane, start, s . [Airplane(plane) ∧ City(start) At(plane,start,s) ∧ ¬At(plane,city,s+1)] ⊃ ∃ dest . [City(dest) ∧ Fly(plane, start, dest, s)]

 $\begin{array}{l} \forall \ plane, \ dest, \ s \ . \ [\ Airplane(plane) \ \land \ City(start) \\ -At(plane, dest, s) \ \land \ At(plane, dest, s+1) \] \supset \\ \exists \ start \ . \ [\ City(start) \ \land \ Fly(plane, \ start, \ dest, \ s) \] \end{array}$

The Frame Problem

General form of explanatory axioms: $[p(s) \land \neg p(s+1)] \supset [A1(s) \lor A2(s) \lor ... \lor An(s)]$

As a logical consequence, if none of these actions occurs, the proposition does not change

 $[\neg A1(s) \land \neg A2(s) \land \dots \land \neg An(s)] \supset [p(s) \supset p(s+1)]$

This solves the "frame problem" – being able to deduce what does not change when an action occurs

Frame Problem in Al

- Frame problem identified by McCarthy in his first paper on the situation calculus (1969) 667 papers in researchindex
- Lead to a (misguided?) 20 year effort to develop non-standard logics where no frame axioms are required ("non-monotonic") 7039 papers!





Planning as Satisfiability

- Idea: in action calculus assert that initial state holds at time 0 and goal holds at some time (in the future):
 - Axioms ~ Initial ~ 3 s . Goal(s)
- Any model that satisfies these assertions and the axioms for actions corresponds to a plan
 - Bounded model finding, i.e. satisfiability testing: 1. Assert goal holds at a particular time K
 - 2. Ground out (instantiate) the theory up to time K
 - 3. Try to find a model; if so, done!
 - 4. Otherwise, increment K and repeat

Reachability Analysis

- · Problem: many irrelevant propositions, large formulas
- Reachability analysis: what propositions actually connect to initial state or goal in K steps?
- · Graphplan's plan graph computes reachable set!
- Blackbox (Kautz & Selman 1999)
 - Run graphplan to generate plan graph
 - Translate plan graph to CNF formula
 - Run any SAT solver

Translation of Plan Graph Act1 Act2 Fact ⊃ Act1 ∨ Act2 Act1 ⊃ Pre1 ∧ Pre2 ¬Act1 v ¬Act2





Simplified KB Knowledge Base: SignalValue& ValveAok - ValveAopen SignalValue& ValveBok - ValveBopen SignalValue& ValveBok - ValveCopen ValveAopen - EngineHasFuel ValveBopen - EngineHasOxy DaveCopen - EngineHasOxy - EngineFires Normal Assumptions: ValveAok, ValveBok, ValveCok Dieret Actions (cannot fail): SignalValveA, SignalValveB, SignalValveC Observed: - EngineFires







Diagnosis: 4		
Knowledge Base: SignalValueA ∧ ValveAok ⊃ ValveAopen SignalValueB ∧ ValveBok ⊃ ValveBopen SignalValueC ∧ ValveCok ⊃ ValveCopen ValveAopen ⊃ EngineHasFuel ValveBopen ⊃ EngineHasFuel ValveCopen ⊃ EngineHasOxy EngineHasFuel ∧ EngineHasOxy ⊃ EngineFires Normal Assumptions: ValveAok, ValveBok, ValveCok Direct Actions (cannot fail): SignalValveA		
Observed: – EngineFires	A different way to restore consistency	
	Diagnosis: Valve C broken (single fault)	



Beyond Logic

- Often you want most likely diagnosis rather than all possible diagnoses
- Can assign probabilities to sets of fault, and search for most likely way to restore consistency
- But suppose observations and model of the device are also uncertain?
- Next: Probabilistic Reasoning in Bayesian Networks