

# Formale Systeme

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# Satisfiability Modulo Theories – Introduction

## Question so far in this lecture ...

**Question:** Is formula  $\phi$  valid / satisfiable / unsatisfiable  
(in all structures/models)

- $(\forall x. p(x)) \rightarrow p(f(x))$  is valid.
- $x > y \rightarrow y < x$  is not valid (uninterpreted symbols!)

## New question ...

**Question:** Is formula  $\phi$  valid / satisfiable / unsatisfiable  
in structures with certain properties  
(typically: with fixed interpretation for symbols)

- $\exists x. 2 \cdot x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \wedge x < 0$  holds in  $\mathbb{R}$ , ...
- ... but not in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Given a FOL signature  $\Sigma$

$Fml_{\Sigma}$  ... set of closed FOL-formulas over  $\Sigma$ .

## Definition: *Theory*

A theory  $T \subset Fml_{\Sigma}$  is a set of formulas such that

- ①  $T$  is **closed under consequence**: If  $T \models \phi$  then  $\phi \in T$
- ②  $T$  is **consistent**:  $T \not\models false$

Note:

$T$  consistent    iff     $T$  has a model

$T$  consistent    iff     $false \notin T$     (because  $T$  closed)

- A FOL structure  $(D, I)$  is a  **$T$ -structure** if  $D, I \models \phi$  for all  $\phi \in T$ .
- A  $T$ -structure  $(D, I)$  is a  **$T$ -model** of  $\psi \in Fml_{\Sigma}$  if  $D, I \models \psi$ .
- $\psi \in Fml_{\Sigma}$  is  **$T$ -satisfiable** if it has a  $T$ -model.
- $\psi \in Fml_{\Sigma}$  is  **$T$ -valid** if every  $T$ -structure is a  $T$ -model of  $\psi$ .  
(Note:  $T \models \psi \iff \psi \in T$ )
- $T$  is **complete** if:  $\phi \in T$  or  $\neg\phi \in T$  for all  $\phi \in Fml_{\Sigma}$
- $\models_T$  is used instead of  $T \models$ :  $S \models_T \phi$  defined as  $S \cup T \models \phi$

## Axiomatisation

A theory  $T$  may be defined by a **set**  $Ax \subset Fml_{\Sigma}$  **of axioms**.  
 $T$  is the consequential closure of  $Ax$ :

$$T = \mathcal{T}(Ax) \quad := \quad \{\phi \mid Ax \models \phi\}$$

( $T$  is “axiomatisable”)

## Fixing a structure

Theory  $T$  may be represented by one **particular structure**  $(D, I)$ .  
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(In general, two  $\mathcal{T}(D, I)$ -models are not even isomorphic)

# Free variables

When dealing with theories, formulas often have free variables.

## Open and closed (reminder)

$\phi_1 = \forall x. \exists y. p(x, y)$  is closed, has no free variables,

$\phi_2 = \exists y. p(x, y)$  is open, has free variables  $FV(\phi_2) = \{x\}$

$Fml_{\Sigma}^o \supset Fml_{\Sigma} \dots$  set of **open** formulas

## Existential closure $\exists[\cdot]$

For  $\phi \in Fml_{\Sigma}^o$  with  $FV = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  define:

$$\exists[\phi] := \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n. \phi$$

$\phi \in Fml_{\Sigma}^o$  is called **T-satisfiable** if  $\exists[\phi]$  is T-satisfiable.

**NOTE:** Therefore, free variables in T-SAT problems behave like constants. In difference to that, so far, we treated free variables mostly as being implicitly universally quantified

## Theorem

Equality can be axiomatised in first order logic.

**This means:** Given signature  $\Sigma$ , there is a set  $Eq_\Sigma \subset Fml_\Sigma$  that axiomatise equality:

$\phi^\approx$  is formula  $\phi$  with interpreted “ $\doteq$ ” replaced by uninterpreted “ $\approx$ ”.

$$S \models \phi \iff S^\approx \models_{\mathcal{T}(Eq_\Sigma)} \phi^\approx$$

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Symmetry and transitivity of  $\approx$  are consequences of  $Eq_\Sigma$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Exercise

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## Interesting questions for a theory $T$ :

- **SAT:** Is  $\phi \in Fml^o$  a  $T$ -satisfiable formula?
- **QF-SAT:** Is  $\phi \in Fml^{QF}$  a  $T$ -satisfiable formula?

## Decision Procedure

A decision procedure  $DP_T$  for a theory  $T$  is a deterministic algorithm that always terminates.

It takes a formula  $\phi$  as input and returns SAT if  $\phi$  is  $T$ -satisfiable, UNSAT otherwise.

### N.B.:

- $\phi$  is  $T$ -valid  $\iff \neg\phi$  is not  $T$ -satisfiable.
- $DP_T$  can also be used to decide validity!

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# Natural Arithmetic

## Standard model of natural numbers

Let  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}} = (\{+, *, 0, 1\}, \{<\})$ .

$\mathcal{N} = (\mathbb{N}, I_{\mathcal{N}})$  with “obvious” meaning:

$$I_{\mathcal{N}}(\begin{Bmatrix} + \\ * \\ < \end{Bmatrix})(a, b) = a \begin{Bmatrix} + \\ \cdot \\ < \end{Bmatrix} b, I_{\mathcal{N}}(0) = 0, I_{\mathcal{N}}(1) = 1$$

$\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{N})$  is the set of all sentences over  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}}$  which are true in the natural numbers.

## Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

“Any consistent formal system  $F$  within which a certain amount of elementary arithmetic can be carried out is incomplete.”

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There are artificial examples in  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{N}) \setminus \mathcal{T}(PA)$ ,  
but also actual mathematical theorems:



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<sup>1</sup> Yuri Matiyasevich. Enumerable sets are diophantine. Journal of Sovietic Mathematics, 1970.

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### Conventions:

$$3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + 1 + 1, \quad 3x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x + x + x, \quad \text{etc.}$$

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If  $T$ -ground instances in  $Fml^{QF} \cap Fml$  can be decided, QE gives us a decision procedure for  $T$ .



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**Proof:** (Easy) exercise.

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$\exists x. y = x + x \leftrightarrow 2|y$  is  $P$ -valid

Presburger Arithmetic with divisibility admits QE.

$\rightsquigarrow$  Cooper's algorithm

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Idea: *Quantifier elimination*

Find formula  $\psi$  such that  $(\exists x. \varphi(x, y)) \leftrightarrow \psi(y)$ .

Computer algebra systems do this: REDLOG, Mathematica, (Z3)

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# Combining Theories

What if we have two (or more) theories within one formula?

$$f(a) = g(a + 1) \wedge g(a + b) > f(a) \quad \textit{satisfiable?}$$

Decision procedures exist for **linear integers**, and for **uninterpreted functions**.

## Goal

Find decision procedures for combinations of theories.

## Combinations of theories

Let  $T_1 \subseteq Fml_{\Sigma_1}$  and  $T_2 \subseteq Fml_{\Sigma_2}$  be theories.

The combined theory  $T_{1,2} \in Fml_{\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2}$  is defined as:

$$T_{1,2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{T}(T_1 \cup T_2)$$

$$f(a) = g(a + 1) \wedge g(a + b) > f(a) \quad (1)$$

## Purification

Extract expressions using fresh constants and equalities.  
Make each atomic formula belong to one theory only.

$$f(a) = g(y) \wedge y = a + 1 \wedge \\ z = g(u) \wedge u = a + b \wedge w = f(a) \wedge z > w$$

is equisatisfiable to (1).

**Note:** This resembles the construction of the “short CNF”.

## Definition

A  $\Sigma$  theory  $T$  is convex if for every conjunctive  $\varphi \in Fml_{\Sigma}$

$(\varphi \rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1} x_i = y_i)$  is  $T$ -valid for some finite  $n > 1$   
implies that

$(\varphi \rightarrow x_i = y_i)$  is  $T$ -valid for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

where  $x_i, y_i$ , for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , are variables.

## Examples:

- Linear arithmetic over  $\mathbb{R}$  is convex.
- Linear arithmetic over  $\mathbb{N}$  is **not** convex:

$$x_1 = 1 \wedge x_2 = 2 \wedge 1 \leq x_3 \wedge x_3 \leq 2 \rightarrow (x_3 = x_1 \vee x_3 = x_2)$$

In order for the Nelson–Oppen procedure to be applicable, the theories  $T_1, T_2$  must comply with the following restrictions:

- ①  $T_1, T_2$  are quantifier-free first-order theories with equality.
- ② There is a decision procedure for each of the theories
- ③ The signatures are disjoint, i.e., for all  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$
- ④  $T_1, T_2$  are theories are *stably infinite*: Every  $T$ -satisfiable formula has an infinite model (e.g., linear arithmetic over  $\mathbb{R}$ , but not the theory of finite-width bit vectors).

(Generalisation to more than two theories: simple, see literature)

**Example 10.7.** Consider the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & (f(x_1, 0) \geq x_3) \wedge (f(x_2, 0) \leq x_3) \wedge \\ & (x_1 \geq x_2) \wedge (x_2 \geq x_1) \wedge \\ & (x_3 - f(x_1, 0) \geq 1) , \end{aligned} \tag{10.12}$$

which mixes linear arithmetic and uninterpreted functions. Purification results in

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_1 \geq x_3) \wedge (a_2 \leq x_3) \wedge (x_1 \geq x_2) \wedge (x_2 \geq x_1) \wedge (x_3 - a_1 \geq 1) \wedge \\ & (a_0 = 0) \wedge \\ & (a_1 = f(x_1, a_0)) \wedge \\ & (a_2 = f(x_2, a_0)) . \end{aligned} \tag{10.13}$$

from: D. Kröning, O.Strichman: *Decision Procedures*, Springer Verlag



# Example

$F_1$ (arithmetic over $\mathbb{R}$ )	$F_2$ (EUF)
$a_1 \geq x_3$ $a_2 \leq x_3$ $x_1 \geq x_2$ $x_2 \geq x_1$ $x_3 - a_1 \geq 1$ $a_0 = 0$	$a_1 = f(x_1, a_0)$ $a_2 = f(x_2, a_0)$
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# Nelsson-Oppen Algorithm – convex case

$T_1, T_2$  convex theories with the Nelsson-Oppen properties.  
Assume convex (conjunctive) problem.

$\tau$  bridges between  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and is a conjunction of equalities over variables

After purification:  $\varphi_1 \in Fml_1, \quad \varphi_2 \in Fml_2, \quad \tau \subseteq Fml_=_$

① If  $\varphi_1 \wedge \bigwedge \tau$  is  $T_1$ -unsatisfiable, return **UNSAT**

② If  $\varphi_2 \wedge \bigwedge \tau$  is  $T_2$ -unsatisfiable, return **UNSAT**

③ “learn” new equalities:

$$\tau := \tau \cup \bigcup \{x = y \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \tau \rightarrow x = y \text{ is } T_1\text{-valid}\} \\ \cup \bigcup \{x = y \mid \varphi_2 \wedge \tau \rightarrow x = y \text{ is } T_2\text{-valid}\}$$

④ If nothing was “learnt”, return **SAT**

⑤ Go to 1

This algorithm is a decision procedure for  $T_{1/2}$ .

To show:  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$  is satisfiable  $\iff$  algorithm returns **SAT** .

**Proof** sketch on blackboard

see also: D. Kröning, O. Strichman: *Decision Procedures*, Springer Verlag. Section 10.3.3.

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- ③ “learn” new equalities:  
$$\tau := \tau \wedge \bigwedge \{x = y \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \tau \rightarrow x = y \text{ is } T_1\text{-valid}\}$$
$$\quad \wedge \bigwedge \{x = y \mid \varphi_2 \wedge \tau \rightarrow x = y \text{ is } T_2\text{-valid}\}$$
- ④ If nothing was “learnt”, **split**: If there exists  $i$  such that
  - $\varphi_i \rightarrow (x_1 = y_1 \vee \dots \vee x_k = y_k)$  and
  - $\varphi_i \not\vdash (x_j = y_j)$

then apply Nelson–Oppen recursively to adding  $x_i = y_i$  to the different  $\tau$ .

If any of these subproblems is satisfiable, return “Satisfiable”.  
Otherwise, return “Unsatisfiable”.