

Automated Reasoning and Program Verification

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Outline

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The **theory of equality** \mathcal{T}_E is defined by

- ▶ a signature $\Sigma_E = \{a, b, \dots, f, g, \dots, =, p, \dots\}$
- ▶ the previously given five axioms, that is:

$$x = x$$

(reflexivity)

$$x = y \rightarrow y = x$$

(symmetry)

$$x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$$

(transitivity)

$$x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

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(predicate congruence)

A Satisfiability Question in the Theory of Equality

- ▶ **Deciding a conjunction of \mathcal{T}_E -literals:** How can we check whether a set of \mathcal{T}_E -literals is satisfiable?

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we use

$$f_p(x) = t \wedge f_q(y, z) = t \wedge a = b \rightarrow f_q(x, z) \neq t,$$

where f_p, f_q are fresh functions and t is a fresh constant.

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From $f(a, b) R a$ and $b R b$, by congruence we have: $f(f(a, b), b) R f(a, b)$

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This is the partition of the **congruence closure** of $\{f(a, b) = a\}$.

F contains $f(f(a, b), b) \neq a$, but we have $f(f(a, b), b) R a$ in the congruence closure. Hence, F is \mathcal{T}_E -unsatisfiable.

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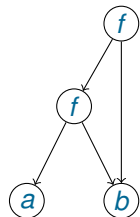
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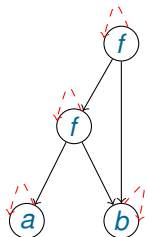
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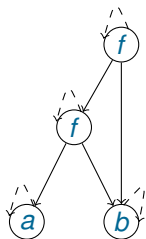


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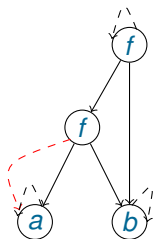
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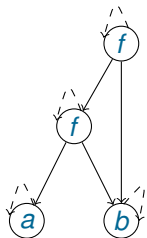
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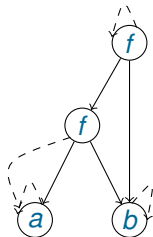
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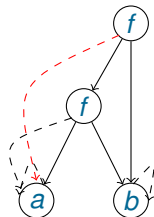
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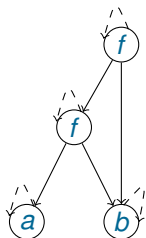
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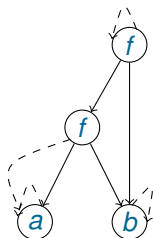
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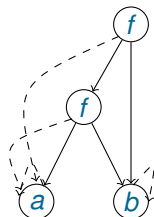
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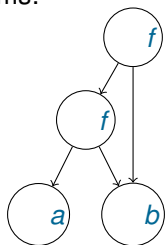
Congruence closure with DAG for a formula F in \mathcal{T}_E :

- ▶ A DAG node represents a subterm of F ;
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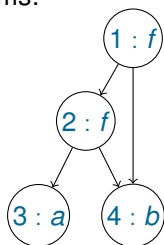
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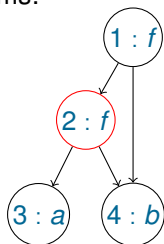
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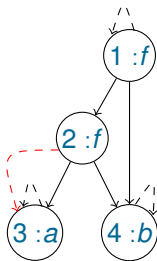
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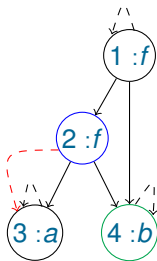


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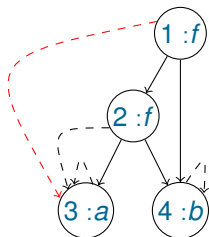
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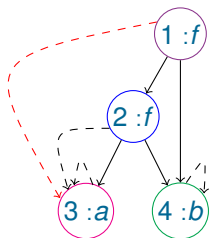


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procedure *Union*(i_1, i_2)

input: a DAG and identifiers i_1, i_2

output: **modified DAG** with the union of the equivalence classes of the nodes with id i_1 and i_2 , with updated **ccpar** and **find** for these nodes

begin

$n_1 := \text{Node}(\text{Find}(i_1))$

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$n_1.\text{find} := n_2.\text{find}$

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output: modified DAG with the union of the equivalence classes of the nodes  
with id  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ , with updated ccpar and find for these nodes  
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Union(1, 2) sets:

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procedure *CCPAR*(i)

input: a DAG and an identifier i

output: the parents of all nodes in the congruence class of the node with id i

begin

return $\text{Node}(\text{Find}(i)).\text{ccpar}$

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input: a DAG and identifiers  $i_1, i_2$   
output: True if the nodes with id  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  are congruent, otherwise False  
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Are nodes with id 1 and 2 congruent? Why?

Congruence Closure Algorithm with DAGs

procedure *Merge*(i_1, i_2)

input: a DAG and identifiers i_1, i_2

output: **modified DAG** with the merged congruence classes of the nodes with id i_1 and i_2 (union and propagation)

begin

if $Find(i_1) = Find(i_2)$ **then return**

else

$P_{i_1} := CCPAR(i_1)$

$P_{i_2} := CCPAR(i_2)$

$Union(i_1, i_2)$

for each $(t_1, t_2) \in P_{i_1} \times P_{i_2}$ **do**

if $Find(t_1) \neq Find(t_2)$ and $Congruent(t_1, t_2)$ **then Merge**(t_1, t_2)

end do

end

Deciding \mathcal{T}_E : Congruence Closure with DAGs

procedure *CongruenceClosure_wDAG*(F)

input: F is $s_1 = t_1 \wedge \dots \wedge s_n = t_n \wedge s_{n+1} \neq t_{n+1} \wedge \dots \wedge s_m \neq t_m$

output: *satisfiable* or *unsatisfiable*

parameters: procedure *Merge*

begin

Construct the initial DAG for the subterm set S_F of F

for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ **do**

Merge(s_i, t_i)

end do

if $Find(s_i) = Find(t_i)$ for some $i \in \{n+1, \dots, m\}$ **return** *unsatisfiable*

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end
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The *CongruenceClosure_wDAG*(*F*) algorithm runs in time $O(e^2)$ for $O(n)$ merges, where e is the number of edges and n the number of nodes in the initial DAG of *F*.

Computing \mathcal{T}_E -satisfiability is inexpensive.