

# Reactive Synthesis

## Lecture 6

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- Basic Games
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## Recap

To solve a safety game in symbolic representation, we can compute the (Player 1) attractor of the unsafe states.

The controllable predecessor of Player 1 becomes

$$\text{CPre}_1(F) = \exists X_u \forall X_c \exists L'. F(L') \wedge T(L, X_u, X_c, L')$$

and the attractor is defined as (with  $F = \text{Unsafe}$ )

- $\text{Attr}_1^0(F) = F,$
- $\text{Attr}_1^{n+1}(F) = \text{Attr}_1^n(F) \vee \text{CPre}_1(\text{Attr}_1^n(F)),$  and
- $\text{Attr}_1(F) = \bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Attr}_1^n(F).$

**ROBDDs support (efficiently) all operations needed for attractor computation**

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How hard is it to apply operations and stay in the given representation? Is this representation usually compact?

Representation	$\forall, \wedge$	$\exists, \vee$	equivalence	compact?
arbitrary formula	easy	easy	<b>hard</b>	often
DNF	<b>hard</b>	easy	easy	sometimes
CNF	easy	medium	medium	sometimes
BDD	medium	medium	easy	often

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A quantified boolean formula (QBF) is in **prenex conjunctive normal form (PCNF)** if it consists of a quantifier prefix, followed by a propositional (quantifier-free) formula in CNF.



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We can also rewrite QBF formulas to equisatisfiable formulas in PCNF by using transformation to prenex form and the Tseitin transformation.

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- **Backtracking:** if we reach a complete variable assignment that is not satisfying, remove all literals that have been added since the last choice, and add the negation of this choice literal as a propagation literal.

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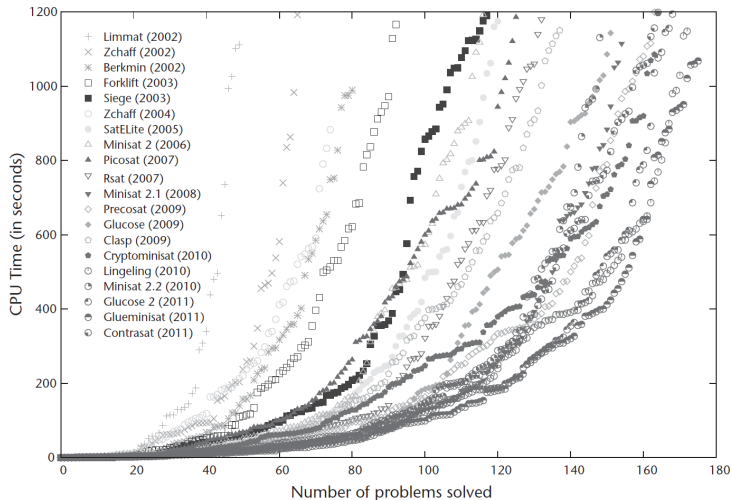
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# SAT and QBF Solving

SAT solvers can solve huge problems, big improvements in last 15 years:

Results of the SAT competition/race winners on the SAT 2009 application benchmarks, 20mn timeout



QBF solving is a much younger research field, solvers are not as mature.



# Reactive Synthesis based on QBF Solving

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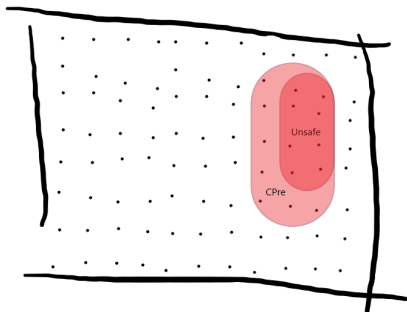
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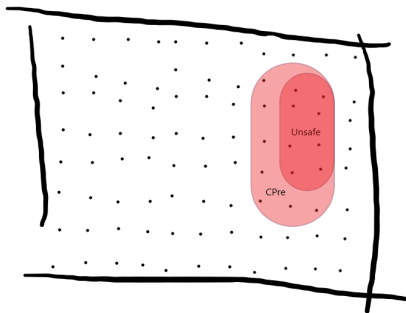
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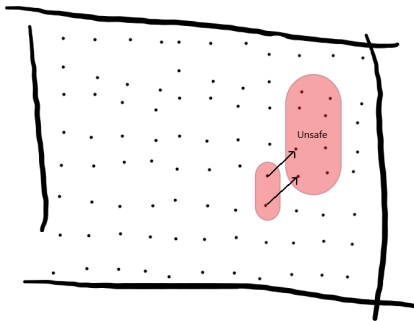
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1. let  $\mathbf{x}' := \mathbf{x} \setminus \{lit\}$
2. if  $QBFSAT(\mathbf{x}' \wedge \neg F) = \text{unsat}$ , then let  $\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x}'$

If the  $QBFSAT$  call returns unsatisfiable, then **all** completions of  $\mathbf{x}'$  satisfy  $F$ .

The algorithms use a more general form of this idea, where only part of the formula is negated (not negated is the part that defines the pre-states and the transition relation, negated is whether or not Player 1 can force the game into  $F$  in the next step).

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    do
4.      $s_g := s$
5.     for each literal  $lit$  in  $s$  do // **generalize s**
6.          $s_t := s_g \setminus \{lit\}$
7.         if  $\neg QBFSAT(\forall X_u \exists X_c \exists L'. s_t \wedge F(L) \wedge T(L, X_u, X_c, L') \wedge F(L'))$   
           then  $s_g := s_t$
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An unsatisfiable core  $\mathbf{x}'$  is **minimal** if no proper subset  $\mathbf{x}''$  of  $\mathbf{x}'$  makes  $\mathbf{x}'' \wedge F$  unsatisfiable.

A call to a SAT solver for an unsatisfiable core of  $\mathbf{x}$  with respect to  $F$  will be denoted  $UNSATCORE(\mathbf{x}, F)$ .

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# Algorithm SATWin

(Input, Output as before)

## SATWin(G)

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12. else // it is not; refine U
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# Performance Comparison of BDD-based and QBF/SAT-based Algorithms

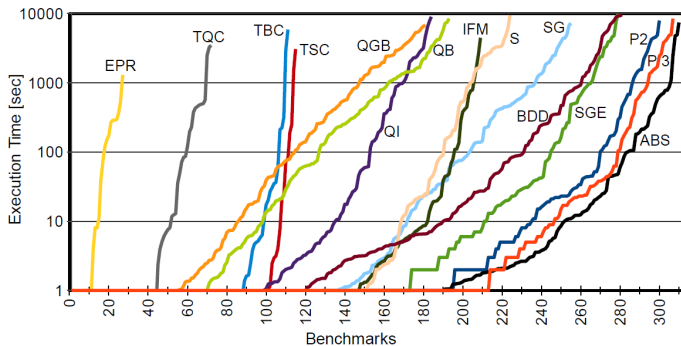


Figure 17: A cactus plot summarizing the execution times for computing a winning strategy with different methods and configurations.

BDD: basic BDD-based algorithm

ABS: state of the art BDD-based tool

Q\*: QBF-based algorithms (with different optimizations)

S\*: SAT-based algorithms (with different optimizations)

P\*: Parallel execution of different QBF/SAT-based algorithms

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- all tools run on a large set of challenging benchmarks
- we compare number of benchmarks solved and solution sizes
- competition results do not enter grading  
(but winners will get a prize)

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Space:

- determine **initial variable order**?
- can BDDs that are not needed anymore be **de-allocated**?
- can we **avoid** building the transition relation (and using the primed variables) at all?
- what is the best dynamic **reordering strategy**?
- (when) does it make sense to **trigger reorderings directly**?

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Size of Solution:

- use **reachability analysis** to further improve(?) the computed strategy
- strategy extraction: see Section 2.2, Fig.3 in Bloem et al., “Specify, Compile, Run: Hardware from PSL”
- does the order of variables in strategy extraction make a difference?

## Project Phase II: Evaluation

We will provide additional benchmarks and a benchmarking framework.

You will:

- determine which of your optimizations improve performance
- choose a combination of optimizations that should run in the competition

# Engineering Notebook

## Keep recording your work on the program:

- Which part of the program did you work on?
- What was the goal?
- What was the result?

**Record project meetings**, including discussion items and action items that result from the meeting.

**Record related work** that influenced you, including books, research papers, webpages, source code, etc.  
(be inspired, but do not copy code!)

**Obtain a timestamp**: Upload notebook to rcms at the end of the workday, **at least once a week**.

**Format**: simple textfile or pdf; **only add, never delete**.

# Organization

**No tutorial next week**

**Important dates:**

December 19: no tutorial

December 20: lecture

January 2, 2018: no tutorial

from January 3, 2018: regular lecture and tutorial schedule

January 14, 2018: final tool submission

January 30, 2018 (tutorial slot): tool competition results

January 31, 2018 (lecture slot): final exam