

How do we trust the implementation of
SAT solver?

If solver says F is SAT & we have σ , then we can
verify it

But what if solver says F is UNSAT?

More SAT solver - kissat
- cryptominisat } > 20 k lines
→ ⋮ } of code

there has been cases of SAME by in more
than one solver.

[taken from GANAK (model counter repo)] <https://github.com/meelgroup/ganak/issues/8>

↳ A instance with 87 variables & 25 clauses

GANAK, sharp SAT	MiniCD2	CATCH
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GANAK

↳ proposed & developed by dual degree CS
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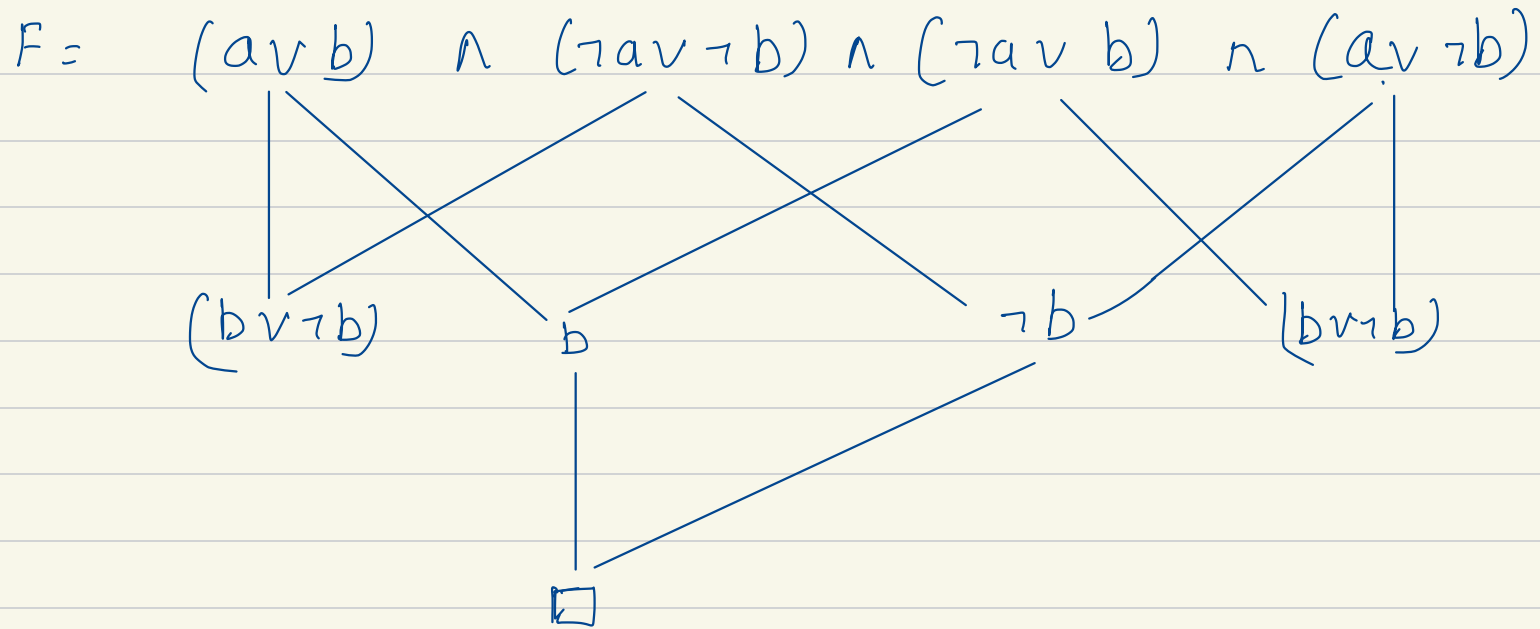
We ask SAT Solver to produce a proof
for the UNSAT results

Say!

$$F = (a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \\ \wedge (a \vee \neg b)$$

F is UNSAT, why?

How do we prove that there is no solution?

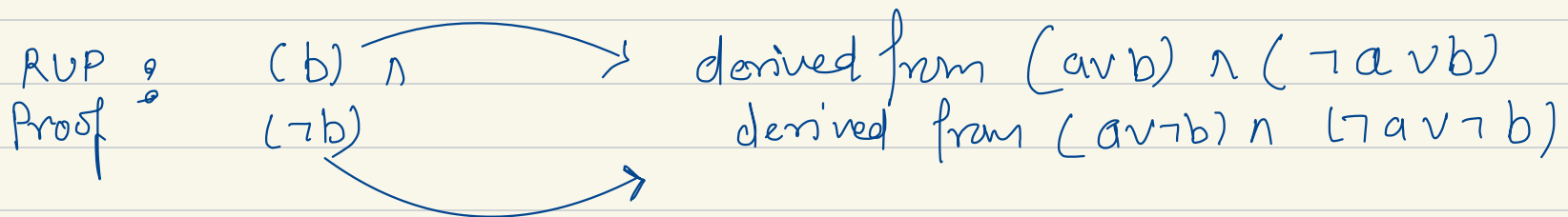


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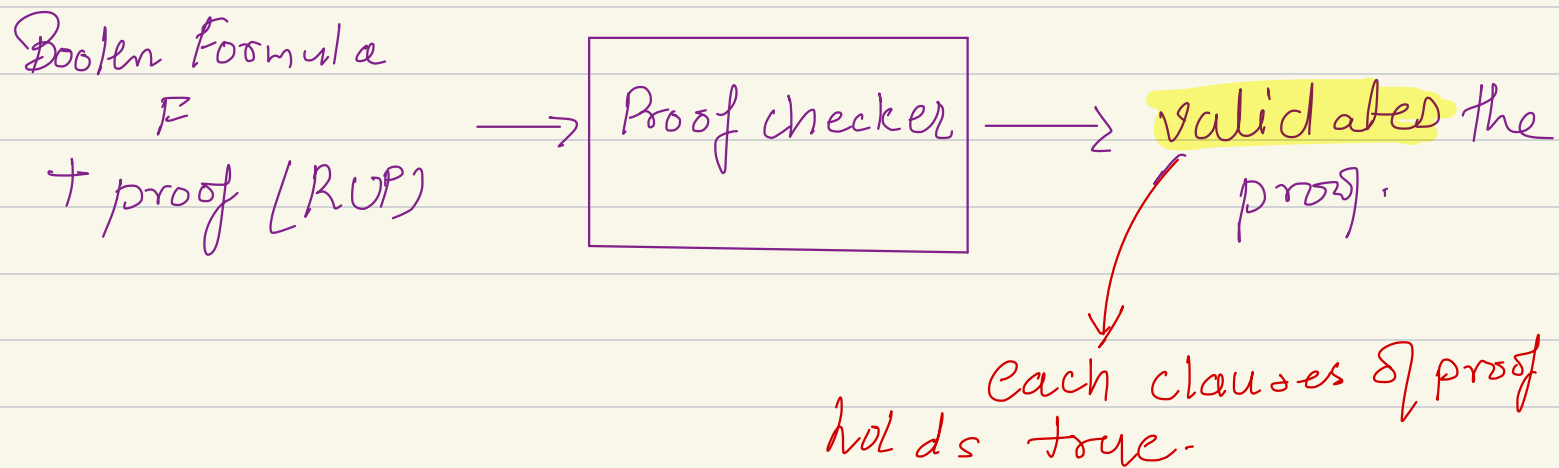
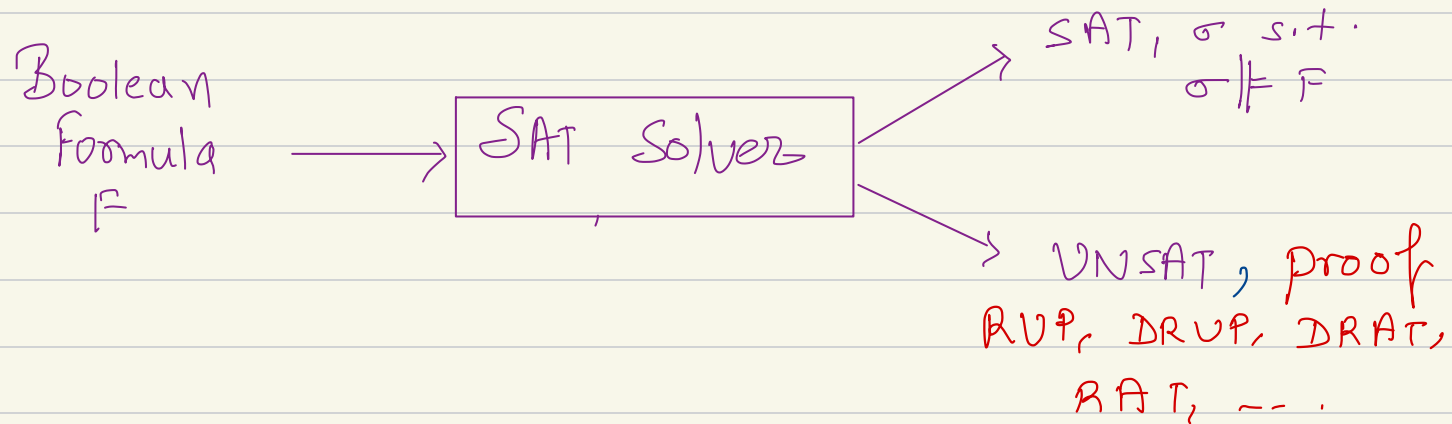
RUP (Reverse Unit Propagation)

↳ write each derived clauses one after the other.

$$F = (a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee \neg b)$$



The idea is that the clauses in RUP proof must hold & they together leads to a conflict.



* To validate given RUP proof, you need to prove that i^{th} clauses in RUP holds true under all clauses of formula & upto $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ clauses of RUP.

how to proof that C must holds true:

if $F \wedge C \rightarrow \text{UNSAT}$
then C must hold true.

* RUP :- each line of the proof must be checkable by simple propagation.

UNSAT CORE

Given an unsatisfiable Boolean formula in CNF F , a subset of clauses of F whose conjunction is still unsatisfiable is called UNSAT CORE of the formula F .

Minimal Unsatisfiable Subset.

MUS: Consider $M \subseteq C$, where C is the set of all clauses of Formula F . M is a MUS of F if and only if M is unsatisfiable & all proper subsets of M is satisfiable.

$$F = (a \wedge \neg a) \wedge (b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b)$$

Compute MUS

$\{a, \neg a\}$

$\{a, b, \neg a, \neg b\}$

A MUS is an unsatisfiable set that can't be reduced without causing it to become satisfiable.

Minimal Correction Set



MCS : Consider $M' \subseteq C$, where C is the set of all clauses of Formula F . M' is called MCS if and only if C/M' is satisfiable & $\forall m \in M', C \setminus \{m\}$ is unsatisfiable.

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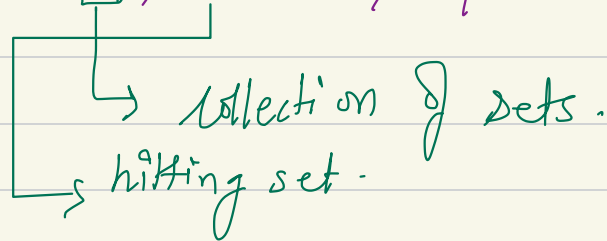
Compute MCS

MCS is a minimal set of removals from F that causes F to become satisfiable.

What is the relation b/w MCS & MVS ?

Hitting Set

A hitting set H of a collection of sets C is a set that "hits" every set in C , in the sense that it has non empty intersection with each such set: $\forall c \in C, H \cap c \neq \emptyset$.



Knowing this, how do you see the relation b/w
MCS & MUS?

All MUSes : Set containing all MUSes of formula F .

All MCSes : Set containing all MCSes of formula F .

→ $M \in \text{All MUSes}$, if and only if M is a minimal hitting set of All MCSes.

→ Dually, $C \in \text{All MCSes}$ if and only if C is a minimal hitting set of All MUSes.

$$F = (a \wedge (\neg a) \wedge (b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b))$$

All MVses: $\{ \{ a, (\neg a) \}, \{ a \wedge (b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \}$

All MCSes: $\{ \{ a \}, \{ (\neg a), (b) \}, \{ (\neg a), (\neg a \vee \neg b) \} \}$

Minimal hitting set of All MVses: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ a \} \\ \{ \neg a, b \} \\ \{ \neg a, (\neg a \vee \neg b) \} \end{array} \right\}$

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Let C be the collection of clauses, such that $C \subseteq F$.

C is said to be **critical** for formula F if:

→ C must be contained in every MUS of F .

→ C is an MCS of F .

↳ Removal of C from F , causes F to become satisfiable.

Note: every clause in an MUS is critical for it.

Can we come up with algorithm to
find MUS?!

To compute MUS

Input: Unsatisfiable formula F , as set of clauses.

Critical_clauses $\leftarrow \emptyset$
Unknown_status $\leftarrow F$.

choose one clause from unknown_status,
check if that is a "critical" clause or not?
if yes, add to critical_clauses
if not, ignore?

what else
can be done?

Q: How do we check if a clause 'c' is "critical"?

$$\text{Let } F' = \{F \setminus c\} \wedge (\neg c)$$

if F' is SAT
↳

if F' is UNSAT
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if F' is SAT
↳ c is critical

if F' is UNSAT
↳ c is not critical, but we can
work with UNSAT CORE of F' .

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while (unknown_status $\neq \emptyset$) do

{ $c \leftarrow$ choose $c \in$ unknown_status.

unknown_status \leftarrow unknown_status $\setminus c$

(sat?, σ , UC) \leftarrow SATSolver(critical_clauses \cup unknown_status \cup { c })

if sat then

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Let us try to understand this via an example

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Let c be $(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$

To check if c is critical :-

$$F' = (F \setminus \{\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2\}) \wedge x_1 \wedge x_2$$

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Question is given C & σ , can we find other critical clauses?

Note that $\sigma \not\models C$.

Let us consider another assignment σ' , such that

$$\sigma' = \sigma \upharpoonright_{\{x_2\}} \leftarrow \sigma' = \langle x_1 \vdash 0, x_2 \vdash 1, x_3 \vdash 1 \rangle$$

where $x \in C$.

Now notice that : $\sigma' \models C$, but of course $\sigma' \not\models F$
there has to be at least one $C' \in F \setminus C$ such that $\sigma' \not\models C'$.

In this example = $(x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$

→ this a critical clause too.

To compute MUS (input unsatisfiable formula F)

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if sat then

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More_critical_cls \leftarrow RMR(σ , c , critical_clauses, unknown_clauses)

critical_clauses \leftarrow critical_clauses \cup more_critical_cls.

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