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1. Convex Theories

The only source of non-determinism in the NO inference system is the split rule. Convex theories make this rule unnecessary because in such theories if

$$T_i \models \varphi_i \wedge \wedge E \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \vee \dots \vee x_n = y_n$$

then there is a k , $1 \leq k \leq n$ such that $T_i \models \varphi_i \wedge \wedge E \Rightarrow x_k = y_k$.

The importance of convex theories was identified by Oppen in his seminal paper, "Complexity, Convexity and Combination of Theories," TCS, (12) 291-302 (1980). Here is the general definition:

Definition. Let Σ be an OS-FO theories which, WLOG we may assume of the form $\Sigma = ((S, \leq), F, \phi)$. Let $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ be a subsignature, and $F \subseteq \wedge \text{Lit}(\Sigma)$, $G \subseteq \text{At}(\Sigma_0)$. A theory T with $\text{sig}(T) = \Sigma$ is called F/G -convex iff $\forall \varphi \in F \quad \forall u_i = v_i \in G$

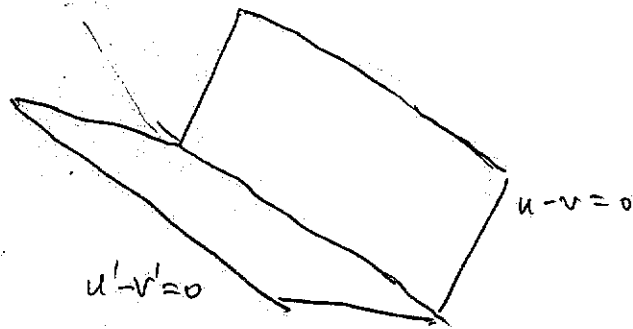
$$T \models \varphi \Rightarrow u_1 = v_1 \vee \dots \vee u_m = v_m \text{ implies } (\exists k, 1 \leq k \leq m) T \models \varphi \Rightarrow u_k = v_k.$$

When $F = \wedge \text{Lit}(\Sigma)$ and $G = \text{At}(\Sigma_0)$, T is called Σ_0 -convex.

A well-known example of a convex theory is

$(\{+, -, 0, 1, \geq\}, \{\mathbb{Q}_+, -\})$, the theory of linear arithmetic,

where "convex" has a geometrical meaning in the vector space $\mathbb{Q}^m$, where m is the number of variables in the formula, and where each linear equation $u = v$ is equivalent to the hyperplane equation $u - v = 0$, so that, geometrically, the disjunction $u = v \vee u' = v'$ denotes the union of hyperplanes:



Two well-known counterexamples are:

1. Presburger arithmetic, $(\{+, 0, 1, \geq\}, \{\mathbb{N}_{+, \geq}\})$, where for

$$\varphi \equiv 1 \leq z \wedge z \leq 2 \wedge x = 1 \wedge y = 2 \quad \text{we have}$$

$$\mathbb{N}_{+, \geq} \models \varphi \Rightarrow z = x \vee z = y$$

$$\text{but } \mathbb{N}_{+, \geq} \not\models \varphi \Rightarrow z = x, \text{ and } \mathbb{N}_{+, \geq} \not\models z = y.$$

2. The theory of extensional arrays, where if

$$\varphi \equiv A[i := v][j] = v \quad \text{we have}$$

$$T_{\text{Array}} \models \varphi \Rightarrow (i = j \vee A[j] = v), \text{ but}$$

$$T_{\text{Array}} \not\models \varphi \Rightarrow i = j, \text{ and } T_{\text{Array}} \not\models \varphi \Rightarrow A[j] = v.$$

The NO Inference System Revisited

For T_1, T_2 with signatures Σ_1, Σ_2 optimally intersecting on $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = (S_0, =_0)$ with $S_0 = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ and $s_1, \dots, s_n$ stably infinite sorts in T_1 and T_2 , if at least one of them is S_0 -convex, the non-determinism of the split rule can be reduced, and if both are S_0 -convex split can be eliminated altogether. The idea is that, instead of a pair $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$, we can keep a pair of pairs: $\{(\varphi_1, b_1), (\varphi_2, b_2)\}$, where $b_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } T_i \text{ not } S_0\text{-convex} \\ 1 & \text{if } T_i \text{ is } S_0\text{-convex} \end{cases}$

Then equality propagation and sat-check rules are slightly modified to disregard the flags b_1, b_2 , and split rule now takes the form:

$$\text{split} \quad \left[\{(\varphi_i, 0), (\varphi_j, b_j)\}, E, X^{1,2} \right] \rightarrow \left[\{(\varphi_i, 0), (\varphi_j, b_j)\}, E \cup \{x_i = y_i\}, X^{1,2} \right] \vee \dots \vee \left[\{(\varphi_i, 0), (\varphi_j, b_j)\}, E \cup \{x_i \neq y_i\}, X^{1,2} \right]$$

if $\exists s_1, \dots, s_n \in S_0, x_i = y_i \in X_{s_i}^{1,2}, 1 \leq i \leq n, x_i \neq y_i, x_i = y_i \notin E$

$$T_i \models \varphi_i \wedge \wedge E \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1, \vee \dots \vee x_n = y_n$$

This rule: (i) agrees with the original split rule when $b_1 = b_2 = 0$;

(ii) remains sound and complete if some $b_j = 1$,

since then $T_j \models \varphi_j \wedge \bigwedge E \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \vee \dots \vee x_n = y_n$

implies $T_j \models \varphi_j \wedge \bigwedge E \Rightarrow x_k = y_k$ for some $1 \leq k \leq n$,

so that equality propagation can be applied.

Note that this also means that if $[\{(\varphi_i, b_i), (\varphi_j, b_j)\}, E, X^{1,2}]$

is in canonical form by the equations equality propagation and sat-check and $b_j = 1$, we must have

$$T_j \models \varphi_j \wedge \bigwedge E \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \vee \dots \vee x_n = y_n$$

for any such disjunction of equalities between S_0 -variables,
with $x_l = y_l \notin E$, $1 \leq l \leq n$;

(iii) If $b_1 = b_2 = 1$, split never has to be applied,

so that the ^(NO) inference system consists in computing the canonical form of the original problem $[\{(\varphi_1, 1), (\varphi_2, 1)\}, \emptyset, X^{1,2}]$ with the equations equality propagation and sat-check, which can in fact be combined into a single, more efficient equation using an if-then-else operator.

It is of course of great value to identify classes of theories that are convex. I shall prove in detail convexity for two classes:

(1) Horn Theories (a result due to Tinelli (see readings))

(2) Initial Algebras of FVP Theories with OS-compact constructors (a restricted result for the constructor reduct).

For both cases, the following technical lemma, proved in the Appendix of the lecture, will be very useful:

Lemma (Substitution Elimination). Let T be an OS-FO theory with $\text{sig}(T) = \Sigma$, and

$$(\hat{\theta} \wedge \psi) \Rightarrow \eta$$

a QF Σ -formula with $\text{vars}(\psi \Rightarrow \eta) = X \dot{\cup} Y$,

$\theta = \{(x_1, t_1), \dots, (x_n, t_n)\}$ an idempotent substitution

with $\text{dom}(\theta) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = X$, and $\text{ran}(\theta) \subseteq Y$,

and $\hat{\theta}$ the conjunction of equation $\hat{\theta} = \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} x_i = t_i$, i.e.,

we regard the substitution as a conjunction.

Then

$$T \models (\hat{\theta} \wedge \psi) \Rightarrow \eta \quad \text{iff} \quad T \models (\psi \Rightarrow \eta) \theta. \quad \square$$

1.2 Horn Theories are Convex

Again, WLOG we may assume that any Horn theory is of the form $T = (\Sigma, E)$, where $\Sigma = (S, \leq, F, \phi)$, and E is a set of conditional equations. In order to prove that any such T is Σ_0 -convex for any

$\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$, we first prove a well-known lemma about Horn theories.

Lemma (McKinsey's lemma). Let $T = (\Sigma, E)$ be an OS conditional equational theory, and $\{u_i = v_i\}_{i \in I}$ a collection of Σ -^{ground} equations such that for each $A \in \text{Alg}(\Sigma, E)$ there exist an $i \in I$, such that $A \models u_i = v_i$. Then there exist $k \in I$ such that $T \models u_k = v_k$.

Proof. Pick $k \in I$ such that $T_{\Sigma/E} \models u_i = v_k$. Then

For each $A \in \text{Alg}(\Sigma, E)$ we must have $u_{k|A} = v_{k|A}$ by initiality, so that $A \models u_k = v_k$, and therefore $T \models u_k = v_k$.

Theorem (Tiwelli). Let $T = (\Sigma, E)$ be an OS conditional equational theory. Then T is Σ_0 -convex for any $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$.

Proof. Suppose $\varphi \in \text{Lit}(\Sigma)$, i.e., $\varphi = \bigwedge G \wedge \bigwedge D$ with G Σ -equations and D Σ -inequalities, and we have

$$(*) \quad T \models \varphi \Rightarrow u_1 = v_1 \vee \dots \vee u_n = v_n$$

we then have to prove that there is a k , $1 \leq k \leq n$ such

that $T \models \varphi \Rightarrow u_k = v_k$.

But by the Theorem of constants $(*)$ is equivalent to

$$(*) \quad (\Sigma(X), E) \models \varphi \Rightarrow u_1 = v_1 \vee \dots \vee u_n = v_n$$

where $X = \text{vars}(\varphi \Rightarrow u_1 = v_1 \vee \dots \vee u_n = v_n)$, and, WLOG,

$$X \cap \text{vars}(E) = \emptyset.$$

Of course, if φ is T -unsatisfiable the theorem trivially follows. Assume, therefore, that φ is T -satisfiable.

This exactly means that $\bigwedge G \wedge \bigwedge D$ as a ground formula is $(\Sigma(X), E)$ -satisfiable. But, reasoning as in our study of OS-congruence closure (the fact that here the equations are conditional does not matter) we must

have:

$$\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma(X)/EUG} \models \bigwedge D$$

since otherwise there would be some $w_i \neq w'_i \in D$ such

that $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma(X)/EUG} \models w_i = w'_i$ and this would

make φ T -unsatisfiable by initiality.

Therefore, $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma(X)/EUG} \models u_1 = v_1 \vee \dots \vee u_n = v_n$,

and therefore we must have a k , $1 \leq k \leq n$ such

that $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma(X)/EUG} \models u_k = v_k$, so that

$$(\Sigma(X), EUG) \models u_k = v_k.$$

We will be done if we prove that for each $A \in \text{Alg}(\Sigma, E)$ and $a \in [X \rightarrow A]$ such that

$$(A, a) \models \bigwedge G \wedge \bigwedge D \text{ that } A \models u_k = v_k. \text{ But}$$

note that $(A, a) \in \text{Alg}(\Sigma(X), EUG)$. Therefore,

$$(A, a) \models u_k = v_k, \text{ as desired. } \square$$

Corollary. For $(\Sigma, \emptyset)$ and (Σ, AC_Δ) , the theories of interpreted function symbols, resp. function symbols modulo AG_Δ for $\Delta \in \Sigma$, are convex theories.

1.3 Convexity for Van Satt Theories' Constructor Part

Let $(\Sigma, E \cup B)$ have an FVP decomposition $(\Sigma, B, \vec{E})$ modeling an OS-compact constructor decomposition

$(\Sigma, B_\Sigma, \vec{E}_\Sigma)$. Recall that in the semantic theory

$(\Sigma, \{\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma/E \cup B}\})$ a conjunction $\psi = \bigwedge G \wedge \bigwedge D$ of

Σ -equations G and Σ -inequalities D is equiva-

last to the disjunction of Ω -conjunctions:

$$(*) \quad \bigvee_{\substack{\theta \in \text{Idem}^{\Omega}_{E \cup B}(\wedge G) \\ \gamma \in [\text{ran}(\theta\gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ts}(X)]}} \left(\bigwedge_{\substack{\tau \in \text{Idem}^{\Omega}_{E \cup B}(\wedge G) \\ \tau \in [\text{ran}(\theta\gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ts}(X)]}} (\theta\gamma \upharpoonright_{E \cup B} \tau) \right) \wedge D'$$

$$(\wedge D', \gamma) \in \prod_{E, B} \wedge D\theta^{\Omega}$$

in $(\Omega, E \cup B \cup B_{\Omega})$
implies Δ infinite

$(D' \upharpoonright_{E \cup B \cup B_{\Omega}})$
is
 B_{Ω} -consistent
and

where each $\theta\gamma\tau$ is an idempotent substitution, $x:1 \in \text{ran}(D')$, $D' = \text{ran}(D') \subseteq \text{ran}(\theta\gamma)$. Let $X = \text{vars}(\varphi)$. If

$\text{var}(G) \subsetneq X$ we may add to G the trivial equations $x=x$ for each $x \in X - \text{var}(G)$ to make sure

$\text{dom}(\theta\gamma) = X$. We now need a technical

condition:

the Ω -compact theory

Definition. An infinite sort Δ in $(\Omega, E \cup B \cup B_{\Omega})$ is called a hereditarily infinite (H^{∞}) sort iff for each $t \in \text{Ts}(X)$, and each $x:s' \in \text{ran}(t)$, s' is an infinite sort in $(\Omega, E \cup B \cup B_{\Omega})$.

Let $\bigwedge H^{\infty}(\Omega)$ denote the conjunctions $\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j \neq w_j$

such that $l_s(v_j)$ and $l_s(w_j)$ are H^{∞} sorts, and

let $H^{\infty} \text{At}(\Omega)$ be the set of all $u=v$ such that $l_s(u)$ and $l_s(v)$ are H^{∞} sorts.

Here is the main theorem:

Theorem. Under the above assumptions on the OS-compact theory $(\Omega, \{\mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega}\})$, $(\Omega, \{\mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega}\})$ is $\bigwedge \neg H^\infty(\Omega) / A^\infty \vdash At(\Omega)$ -convex.

Proof. Suppose

$$(*) \quad (\Omega, \{\mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega}\}) \not\models \left(\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j \neq w_j \right) \Rightarrow \bigvee_{i \in I} u_i = v_i$$

with $\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j \neq w_j \in \bigwedge \neg H^\infty(\Omega)$, and $u_i = v_i \in H^\infty At(\Omega)$, $i \in I$.

If $\left(\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j \neq w_j \right) \upharpoonright_{E\Omega, B\Omega}$ is not $B\Omega$ -consistent,

the compactness result follows trivially. Therefore, we may assume all $v_j \neq w_j$ in $E\Omega, B\Omega$ -canonical form and $B\Omega$ -consistent. But $(*)$ is equivalent to

$$\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j \neq w_j \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in I} u_i \neq v_i \quad \mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega} \text{ - unsatisfiable,}$$

by OS-compactness which can only happen if for some $k \in I$ we have

$$u_k \upharpoonright_{E\Omega, B\Omega} = v_k \upharpoonright_{E\Omega, B\Omega}, \text{ i.e., if } \mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega} \not\models u_k = v_k$$

and, a fortiori,

$$(\Omega, \{\mathcal{T}_{\Omega/E\Omega \cup B\Omega}\}) \not\models \left(\bigwedge_{j \in J} v_j = w_j \right) \Rightarrow u_k = v_k. \quad \square$$

A Modified NO Inference System Supporting Var Sat (Sketch)

Because of the Prestinger arithmetic example, even though an OS-compact $(\Sigma, \{T_{\Sigma/E \cup B_n}\})$ is convex in the above H^∞ sense, $(\Sigma, T_{\Sigma/E \cup B})$ is not convex for the corresponding FVP data type. However, the NO inference system can be modified to take full advantage of the convexity of $(\Sigma, \{T_{\Sigma/E \cup B_n}\})$ as follows:

1. Instead of configurations $[\{(\psi_1, b_1), (\psi_2, b_2)\}, E_0, X^{1,2}]$ we can keep configurations $[\{(\psi'_1, b_1), (\psi'_2, b_2)\}, \emptyset, X^{1,2}]$

where $\psi'_i = \psi_i \wedge 1E_0$.

2. If the FVP theory is $(\Sigma_1, E \cup B)$ with OS-compact constructor subsignature $(\Sigma, E_n \cup B_n)$ and $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = (S_0, =_{S_0})$ with each $s \in S_0$ an H^∞ -sort, what we can do is to keep ψ'_1 in its " Σ -normal form" $\circledast$ (pp. 9), i.e.,

$$\psi'_1 = \bigvee_{i \in I} \hat{\mu}_i \wedge \bigwedge D_i \quad \text{where } \mu_i = \mu_i|_{E_n \cup B_n} \text{ is } \Sigma\text{-subst.}$$

and $\bigwedge D_i = (\bigwedge D_i)!_{E_\Omega, B_\Omega} \in \Lambda \Gamma H^\infty(\Omega)$ is

B_Ω -consistent

3. Then, ⁱⁿ each application of equality propagation to

$(\varphi'_1, 0)$ observe that $\bigvee_{\Sigma \in V_B} \models \varphi'_1 \Rightarrow x=y$

iff $\forall i \in I \quad M_i(x) =_{E_\Omega} M_i(y)$, since otherwise

$\hat{M}_i \wedge \bigwedge D_i \wedge M_i(x) \neq M_i(y)$ would become $\bigvee_{\Sigma \in V_B}$ -satisfiable, so that $\bigvee_{\Sigma \in V_B} \not\models \varphi'_1 \Rightarrow x=y$.

4. If, instead the theory T_2 justed an equality $x=y$ after equality propagation and we have a configuration

$$[\{(\varphi'_1, 0)\}, (\varphi'_2, b_2)\}, x=y, X^{1,2}]$$

the way sat check is performed in to compute

$$\varphi''_1 = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{\gamma \in \text{Unif}_{E_\Omega \cup B_\Omega} (M_i(x) = M_i(y))} (\hat{M}_i \gamma)!_{E_\Omega, B_\Omega} \wedge (D_i \gamma)!$$

and test whether $\varphi''_1 = \perp$ by checking the Ω -normal form

of φ''_1 . The resulting conf. is then $[\{(\varphi''_1, 0), (\varphi'_2, b_2)\}, \emptyset, X^{1,2}]$.

$$4. \quad \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma/E \cup B} \models \varphi'_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \vee \dots \vee x_n = y_n$$

iff for each $V_i \in \mathcal{I}$ there is a k_i , $1 \leq k_i \leq n$ such that $\mu_i(x_{k_i}) =_{E \cup B} \mu_i(y_{k_i})$.

If this test succeeds, then the split rule takes the form:

$$[\{(\varphi'_1, 0), (\varphi'_2, b_2)\}, \phi, X^{1,2}] \\ \rightarrow [\{[(\varphi'_1, 0)], [(\varphi'_2, b_2)]\}, x_1 = y_1, X^{1,2}] \vee \dots \vee [[(\varphi_1, 0)], [(\varphi_2, b_2)], x_n = y_n, X^{1,2}]$$

where now sat-check has to be applied twice before

removing $x_i = y_i$, and, if successful, in both cases,

will replace each φ'_1 by $\varphi''_1^{(i)}$ as explained in (3).

Appendix : Proof of the Substitution Elimination Lemma

Proof. Let $M = (M, -_M) \in \text{mod}(T)$.

Note that, since the restriction function

$$[X \dot{\cup} Y \rightarrow M] \ni a \mapsto a|_Y \in [Y \rightarrow M]$$

is surjective and, furthermore, for θ idempotent with

$\text{dom}(\theta) = X$ and $\text{ran}(\theta) = Y$ we have

$$(\theta; -b)|_Y = b \text{ for each } b \in [Y \rightarrow M]. \text{ Furthermore,}$$

$$\{a \in [X \dot{\cup} Y \rightarrow M] \mid a = \theta; -a|_Y\} =$$

$$= \{\theta; -b \in [X \dot{\cup} Y \rightarrow M] \mid b \in [Y \rightarrow M]\}.$$

We then use these facts as follows:

$$T \vdash (\hat{\theta} \wedge \psi) \Rightarrow \eta$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$T \vdash \hat{\theta} \Rightarrow (\psi \Rightarrow \eta)$$

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$$\forall M \in \text{mod}(T) \quad \forall a \in [X \dot{\cup} Y \rightarrow M] \quad M, a \models \hat{\theta} \Rightarrow M, a \models (\psi \Rightarrow \eta)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\forall M \in \text{mod}(T) \quad \forall a \in [X \dot{\cup} Y \rightarrow M] \quad a = \theta; -a|_Y \Rightarrow M, a \models (\psi \Rightarrow \eta)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\forall M \in \text{mod}(T) \quad \forall b \in [Y \rightarrow M] \quad \theta; -b = \theta; -b \Rightarrow M, \theta; -b \models \psi \Rightarrow \eta$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\forall M \in \text{mod}(T) \quad \forall b \in [Y \rightarrow M] \quad M, b \models (\psi \Rightarrow \eta) \theta$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$T \vdash (\psi \Rightarrow \eta) \theta, \text{ as desired. } \square$$