

PackUp: Tools for Package Upgradability Solving

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

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- Deciding whether a package can be installed or not is **NP-complete**.

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Morale

- some configurations are more **preferable** than others

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Example

```
package:  p
version:  1
depends:   q>=5, r=3
conflicts: x!=1, n
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```
-new, -removed
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where c_j is the number of clauses generated for the function f_j .

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- preferences in an analogous fashion, e.g. **p=3** should stay installed

$$(W, x_p^3)$$

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Interval Joining

$$\neg x_q^1 \vee x_z^3 \vee x_z^4 \vee \uparrow_z^5$$
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Interval Variables' Semantics Is Defined Inductively

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg i_{\uparrow p}^v \vee x_p^v \vee i_{\uparrow p}^{v+1} \\ & (\neg u_{\uparrow p}^v \vee \neg x_p^v) \wedge (\neg u_{\downarrow p}^v \vee u_{\downarrow p}^{v-1}) \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

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minimizing criterion (f_1, \dots, f_n)

- 1 **for** $i \leftarrow 1 \dots n$ **do**
- 2 $v_i \leftarrow \text{minimize}(f_i)$ in ϕ
- 3 $\phi \leftarrow \phi \wedge (f_i = v_i)$

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- OPB solver—solver invoked multiple times

```
--external-solver 'minisatp' \  
--multiplication-string ' '
```

Summary

- PackUP enables solving **package upgradability problem** with an external solver
- Instantiations `cudf2msu` and `cudf2opb` participated in the 3rd MISC Live, winning 4/5 tracks.
- The solver can be a **MaxSAT** or **OPB**.
- The use of OPB enables **iterative** approach to lexicographic optimization
- Package versions are encoded using **interval variables**.
- Released under **GPL**

`http://sat.inesc-id.pt/~mikolas/sw/packup`