

THE SAT SOLVER FRAMEWORK

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- Can we extend the results to parallel solvers?
- We try to provide a modular solver that provides a starting point.



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The framework currently implements two solvers that can be run in parallel

- The CDCL solver riss 2.0
- The SLS solve ssa

Clauses can be shared (and filtered) based on their

- Size, e.g. less than the average since the last restart
- LBD value
- PSM value

Furthermore,

- priss 2.0 shares equivalent literals
- ssa sends pure literals
- Sending and receiving can be disabled
- Messages from specific senders can be refused

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Some features that have been requested:

- Branch on a set of variables first
- Branch on a given polarity first
- Dump and load learned clauses
- Enumerate multiple models

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Features that are provided

In riss 2.0, we provide:

- A C++ implementation with templates and library loaders
- All the above requested features
- A modular preprocessor (presentation on Sunday)
- Simplification during search (all techniques handle learned clauses)
- Several restart schemes (geometric, inner-outer, luby, dynamic)
- Removal heuristics (activity, LBD, PSM) and schedules
- Decision heuristics (VSIDS, VMTF), pick dominator
- Restricted extended resolution during learning
- Assignment shrinking
- Reused-Trail restart simulation
- ..

• Some analysis tools



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What can we share?

- Learned clauses from CDCL to SLS
- Currently, pure literals from SLS to CDCL
- There is more to come ...



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ssa can solve random SLS instances in Dimacs format

- After a preprocessor has been run
- Run alone
- ...



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- Display its help (huge)
- Solve CNF and output statistics
- Can share information with filters
- Be verbose
- Load components from libraries
- ... and more

Note: the solver is not tuned on instance sets



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Future Work

What we need to do next:

- Improving the SLS solver
- Incorporate new techniques and more features into CDCL
- Tune the systems
 - for competition instances
 - for special applications
 - as parallel portfolio solver (diverse configurations)



Conclusion

priss 2.0 provides

- a modular, easy to extend CDCL solver
- a comparable SLS solver
- many features
- many parameters
- the ability to execute solvers in parallel with sharing information



Where can you find the tool?

http://tools.computational-logic.org

We provide

- Statically linked binaries
- The source code of the current version (under GPL 2)
- We will put updates and fixes online



Thanks for your attention

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