

Concurrent Object Oriented Languages

Binary Decision Diagrams

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- *Explicit*: states and transitions are represented explicitly.

Drawback: the state space of interesting systems is usually too large to represent explicitly.

- *Symbolic*: (sets of) states and (sets of) transitions are represented symbolically.

Key idea: exploit the fact that the state space of most systems is not random.

We focus on one symbolic approach:

- BDD based

Cook's theorem

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- recipient of the ACM Turing award (1982)
- fellow of the Royal Society of London (1998)
- fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1984)
- member of the National Academy of Sciences (1985)
- member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1986)



Source: Jiri Janicek

Theorem

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Disjunctive normal form

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Any Boolean expression is equivalent to one in DNF.

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Conjunctive normal form

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If-then-else normal form

Notation

0 : false

1 : true

$x \rightarrow t_1, t_0$: $(x \wedge t_1) \vee (\neg x \wedge t_0)$

Definition

The set of Boolean expressions in *if-then-else normal form (INF)* is defined by

$$t ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid x \rightarrow t, t$$

Question

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$$\begin{aligned}t &= x_1 \rightarrow t_1, t_0 \\t_0 &= x_2 \rightarrow t_{01}, t_{00} \\t_1 &= x_2 \rightarrow t_{11}, t_{10} \\t_{00} &= x_3 \rightarrow 0, 0 \\t_{01} &= x_3 \rightarrow 0, 0 \\t_{10} &= x_3 \rightarrow 1, 1 \\t_{11} &= x_3 \rightarrow 1, 0\end{aligned}$$

If-then-else normal form

Shannon's expansion theorem

For every Boolean expression t and variable x ,

$$t = x \rightarrow t[1/x], t[0/x].$$

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Decision trees

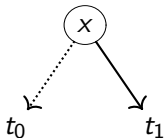
Boolean expressions in INF can be viewed as binary trees known as *decision trees*.

Two types of leaves: 0 and 1

0

1

One type of internal nodes: $x \rightarrow t_1, t_0$



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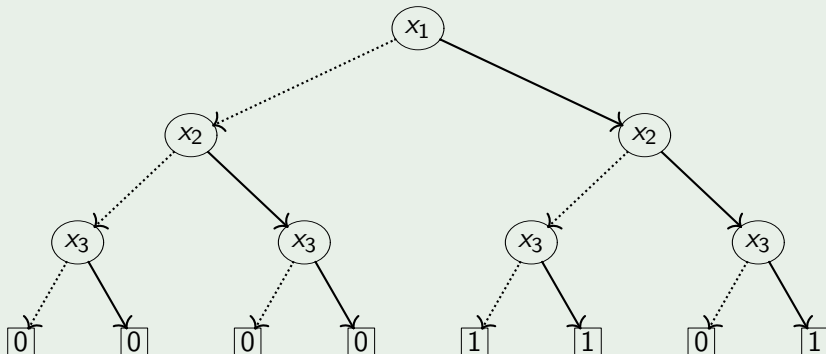
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There are multiple occurrences of 0 and 1. Furthermore, t_{00} and t_{01} are equal.

Binary decision diagram

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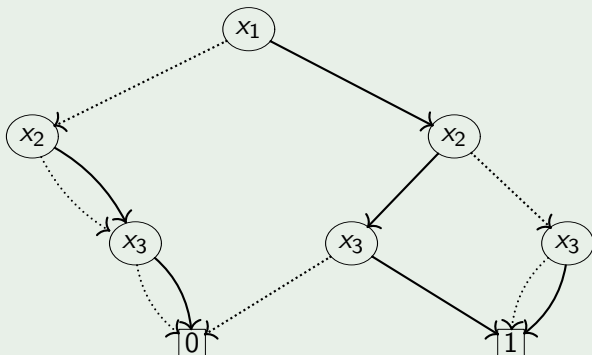
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- two (external) nodes where have out-degree zero and are labelled 0 and 1,
- and all other (internal) nodes have out-degree two, with one outgoing edge called the low edge and the other called the high edge, and are labelled with a variable.

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Notation

Let u be an internal node.

$var(u)$ denotes the variable with which node u is labelled.

$low(u)$ denotes the successor of node u along its low edge (corresponding to the case that value of $var(u)$ is low, that is, 0).

$high(u)$ denotes the successor of node u along its high edge (corresponding to the case that value of $var(u)$ is high, that is, 1).

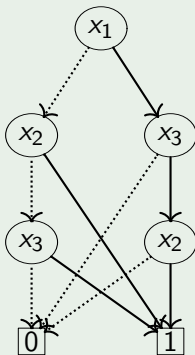
Ordered binary decision diagrams

Definition

A BDD is *ordered* if on all paths through the graph the variables respect a given linear order $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$.

Question

Is the BDD



ordered?

Definition

An ordered BDD is *reduced* if

- *unique*: no two distinct internal nodes u and v have the same variable, low- and high-successor, that is,

if $\text{var}(v) = \text{var}(u)$, $\text{low}(v) = \text{low}(u)$, and $\text{high}(v) = \text{high}(u)$ then $u = v$.

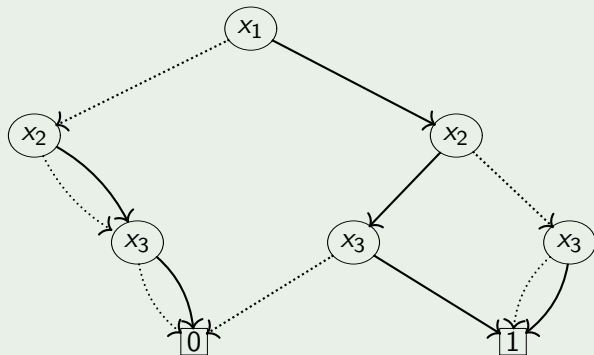
- *non-redundant*: no internal node u has identical low- and high-successor, that is,

$$\text{low}(u) \neq \text{high}(u).$$

Reduced ordered binary decision diagrams

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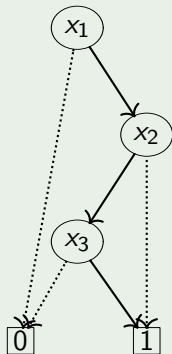
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Reduced ordered binary decision diagrams

Question

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Answer



Lemma

For a Boolean expression t with variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and a linear order $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$, there exists a unique reduced ordered BDD which is equivalent to t .

For the remainder, we restrict our attention to reduced ordered BDDs and simply call them BDDs.

Randal Bryant

- member of the National Academy of Engineering (2003),
- recipient of the Paris Kanellakis Theory and Practice Award (1997)
- recipient of the IEEE Emanuel R. Piore Award (2007)
- his paper on BDDs is one of the most cited computer science papers (more than 8000 citations)



Source: Randal Bryant

Proposition

Satisfiability checking of BDDs is constant time.

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Question

Draw the BDD corresponding to

$$(x_1 \wedge x_2) \vee (x_3 \wedge x_4) \vee (x_5 \wedge x_6)$$

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Theorem

Deciding whether a given variable order is optimal is NP-hard.

Heuristics are used to find good variable orderings. For more details, see, for example,

I. Wegener. *Branching Programs and Binary Decision Diagrams: Theory and Applications*. 2000.

Data structures for BDDs

The nodes are represented as integers $0, 1, 2, \dots$ where 0 and 1 represent the leaves labelled 0 and 1 .

Given a variable ordering $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$, the variables are represented by their indices $0, 1, \dots, n$.

The *node table* can be viewed as a partial function

$$T : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\mathbb{N}^3 \cup \mathbb{N})$$

which maps the index of a node to the indices of its variable, low- and high-successor.

$$u \mapsto (v, \ell, h)$$

Note that 0 and 1 do not have a low- and high-successor. These external vertices are assigned a variable index which is $n + 1$, where n is the number of variables. (This choice simplifies some of the algorithms to be discussed later.)

Operations on node table

$init(T)$: initializes T to contain only nodes 0 and 1.

u	$var(u)$	$low(u)$	$high(u)$
0	$n + 1$		
1	$n + 1$		

Operations on node table

$u \leftarrow \text{add}(T, i, \ell, h)$: allocate a new node u with attributes (i, ℓ, h) .

Question

Given the node table

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0	5		
1	5		

what is the resulting node table?

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2	4	1	0

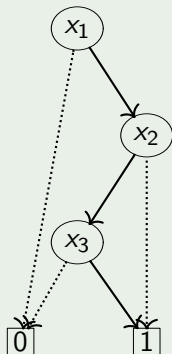
Operations on node table

$var(u)$: look up the var attribute of u in T
 $low(u)$: look up the low attribute of u in T
 $high(u)$: look up the high attribute of u in T

Example of node table

Question

Give the node table corresponding to the BDD



Example of node table

Answer

u	$var(u)$	$low(u)$	$high(u)$
0	4		
1	4		
2	3	0	1
3	2	1	2
4	1	0	3

The *inverse of the node table* can be viewed as a partial function

$$H : \mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

which maps the indices of the attributes of a node to the index of the node.

$$(v, \ell, h) \mapsto u$$

For all $u \geq 2$,

$$T(u) = (i, \ell, h) \text{ iff } H(i, \ell, h) = u.$$

Operations on inverse of node table

- $init(H)$: initializes H to be empty
- $b \leftarrow member(H, i, \ell, h)$: check if (i, ℓ, h) is in H
- $u \leftarrow lookup(H, i, \ell, h)$: find $H(i, \ell, h)$
- $insert(H, i, \ell, h, u)$: make (i, ℓ, h) map to u in H

Question

Consider the node table T and its inverse H .

- Let ℓ and h be indices of nodes u_ℓ and u_h .
- Let i be the index of variable x_i .^a

Return the index of the node of T corresponding to $x_i \rightarrow u_h, u_\ell$ and expand T and H if needed.

^aIn the variable ordering, this variable occurs before all variables occurring in the subgraphs rooted at ℓ and h .

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Mk[ $T, H$ ]( $i, \ell, h$ )  
  if  $\ell = h$  then  
    return  $\ell$   
  else if  $member(H, i, \ell, h)$  then  
    return  $lookup(H, i, \ell, h)$   
  else  
     $u \leftarrow add(T, i, \ell, h)$   
     $insert(H, i, \ell, h)$   
    return  $u$ 
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Question

Consider the node table T and its inverse H . Let t be a Boolean expression. Return the node of T corresponding to t .

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BUILD[ $T, H$ ]( $t$ )  
  return build( $t, 1$ )  
  
function build( $t, i$ )  
  if  $i > n$  then  
    if  $t$  is false then return 0 else return 1  
  else  
     $u_0 \leftarrow (t[0/x_i], i + 1)$   
     $u_1 \leftarrow (t[1/x_i], i + 1)$   
    return MK( $i, u_0, u_1$ )
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Proposition

For all Boolean binary operators \otimes ,

$$(x \rightarrow t_1, t_0) \otimes (x \rightarrow u_1, u_0) = x \rightarrow t_1 \otimes u_1, t_0 \otimes u_0.$$

Question

Consider the node table T and its inverse H .

- Let u_1 and u_2 be indices of nodes.
- Let \oplus be a Boolean binary operator.

Return the index of the node of T corresponding to $u_1 \oplus u_2$ and expand T and H if needed.

Operations on BDDs

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APPLY[ $T, H$ ]( $\oplus, u_1, u_2$ )  
  return  $app(u_1, u_2)$ 
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function  $app(u_1, u_2)$   
  if  $u_1 \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $u_2 \in \{0, 1\}$  then  
     $u \leftarrow u_1 \oplus u_2$   
  else if  $var(u_1) = var(u_2)$  then  
     $u \leftarrow MK(var(u_1), app(low(u_1), low(u_2)), app(high(u_1), high(u_2)))$   
  else if  $var(u_1) < var(u_2)$  then  
     $u \leftarrow MK(var(u_1), app(low(u_1), u_2), app(high(u_1), u_2))$   
  else  
     $u \leftarrow MK(var(u_2), app(u_1, low(u_2)), app(u_1, high(u_2)))$   
  return  $u$ 
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Operations on BDDs

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APPLY[T, H]( $\oplus$ ,  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ )  
  init( $G$ )  
  return app( $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ )
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function app( $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ )  
  if  $G(u_1, u_2) \neq \text{empty}$  then return  $G(u_1, u_2)$   
  if  $u_1 \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $u_2 \in \{0, 1\}$  then  
     $u \leftarrow u_1 \oplus u_2$   
  else if  $\text{var}(u_1) = \text{var}(u_2)$  then  
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   $G(u_1, u_2) \leftarrow u$   
  return  $u$ 
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