

# **Combinatorial Decision Making and Optimization (Module 2)**

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# 1 Satisfiability modulo theory (SMT)

## 1.1 First-order logic for SMT

### 1.1.1 Syntax

**Remark.** Only quantifier-free fragments will be considered in this course.

**Functions** The set of all the functions is denoted as  $\Sigma^F = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \Sigma_k^F$  where  $\Sigma_k^F$  denotes the set of  $k$ -ary functions. Functions

**Constants**  $\Sigma_0^F$

**Predicates** The set of all the predicates is denoted as  $\Sigma^P = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \Sigma_k^P$  where  $\Sigma_k^P$  denotes the set of  $k$ -ary predicates. Predicates

**Propositional symbols**  $\Sigma_0^P$

**Signature** The set of the non-logical symbols of FOL is denoted as: Signature

$$\Sigma = \Sigma^F \cup \Sigma^P$$

**Terms** The set of terms over  $\Sigma$  is denoted as  $\mathbb{T}^\Sigma$ . Terms

**Formulas** The set of formulas over  $\Sigma$  is denoted as  $\mathbb{F}^\Sigma$ . Formulas

### 1.1.2 Semantics

**$\Sigma$ -model** Pair  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, (\cdot)^\mathcal{M} \rangle$  defined on a given  $\Sigma$  where:  $\Sigma$ -model

- $M$  is the universe of  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- $(\cdot)^\mathcal{M}$  is a mapping such that:
  - $\forall f \in \Sigma_k^F : f^\mathcal{M} \in \{\varphi \mid \varphi : M^k \rightarrow M\}$ .
  - $\forall p \in \Sigma_k^P : p^\mathcal{M} \in \{\varphi \mid \varphi : M^k \rightarrow \{\mathbf{true}, \mathbf{false}\}\}$ .

**Interpretation** Extension of the mapping function  $(\cdot)^\mathcal{M}$  to terms and formulas: Interpretation

- $\top^\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{true}$  and  $\perp^\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{false}$ .
- $(f(t_1, \dots, t_k))^\mathcal{M} = f^\mathcal{M}(t_1^\mathcal{M}, \dots, t_k^\mathcal{M})$  and  $(p(t_1, \dots, t_k))^\mathcal{M} = p^\mathcal{M}(t_1^\mathcal{M}, \dots, t_k^\mathcal{M})$ .
- $\text{ite}(\varphi, t_1, t_2)^\mathcal{M} = \begin{cases} t_1^\mathcal{M} & \text{if } \varphi^\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{true} \\ t_2^\mathcal{M} & \text{if } \varphi^\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{false} \end{cases}$

**Remark.** `ite` is an auxiliary function to capture the if-else construct.

### 1.1.3 $\Sigma$ -theory

**Satisfiability** A model  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies a formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}^\Sigma$  if  $\varphi^\mathcal{M} = \text{true}$ .

Satisfiability

**$\Sigma$ -theory** Possibly infinite set  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\Sigma$ -models.

$\Sigma$ -theory

**$\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability** A formula  $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiable if there exists a model  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{T}$  that satisfies it.

$\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability

**$\mathcal{T}$ -consistency** A set of formulas  $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -consistent iff  $\varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_k$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiable.

$\mathcal{T}$ -consistency

**$\mathcal{T}$ -entailment** A set of formulas  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$   $\mathcal{T}$ -entails a formula  $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$  ( $\Gamma \models_{\mathcal{T}} \varphi$ ) iff in every model  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{T}$  that satisfies  $\Gamma$ ,  $\varphi$  is also satisfied.

$\mathcal{T}$ -entailment

**Remark.**  $\Gamma$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -consistent iff  $\Gamma \not\models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$ .

**$\mathcal{T}$ -validity** A formula  $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -valid iff  $\emptyset \models_{\mathcal{T}} \varphi$ .

$\mathcal{T}$ -validity

**Remark.**  $\varphi$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -consistent iff  $\neg\varphi$  is not  $\mathcal{T}$ -valid.

**Theory lemma**  $\mathcal{T}$ -valid clause  $c = l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_k$ .

Theory lemma

**$\mathcal{T}$ -expansion** Given a  $\Sigma$ -model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, (\cdot)^\mathcal{M} \rangle$  and  $\Sigma' \supseteq \Sigma$ , an expansion  $\mathcal{M}' = \langle M', (\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}'} \rangle$  to  $\Sigma'$  is any  $\Sigma'$ -model such that:

$\mathcal{T}$ -expansion

- $M' = M$ .
- $\forall s \in \Sigma : s^{\mathcal{M}'} = s^\mathcal{M}$

**Remark.** Given a  $\Sigma$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$ , we implicitly consider the theory  $\mathcal{T}'$  as:

$$\mathcal{T}' = \{\mathcal{M}' \mid \mathcal{M}' \text{ is an expansion of a } \Sigma\text{-model } \mathcal{M}\}$$

**Ground  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability** Given a  $\Sigma$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$ , determine if a ground formula is  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiable over a  $\Sigma$ -expansion  $\mathcal{T}'$ .

Ground  
 $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability

**Axiomatically defined theory** Given a minimal set of formulas (axioms)  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{F}^\Sigma$ , its corresponding theory is the set of all the models of  $\Lambda$ .

Axiomatically  
defined theory

**Example.** Let  $\Sigma$  be defined as:

$$\Sigma_0^F = \{a, b, c, d\} \quad \Sigma_1^F = \{f, g\} \quad \Sigma_2^P = \{p\}$$

A  $\Sigma$ -model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle [0, 2\pi[, (\cdot)^\mathcal{M} \rangle$  can be defined as follows:

$$a^\mathcal{M} = 0 \quad b^\mathcal{M} = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad c^\mathcal{M} = \pi \quad d^\mathcal{M} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$f^\mathcal{M} = \sin \quad g^\mathcal{M} = \cos \quad p^\mathcal{M}(x, y) \iff x > y$$

To determine if  $p(g(x), f(d))$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -satisfiable, we have to expand  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \cup \{x\}$ . The expansion  $\mathcal{M}'$  such that  $x^{\mathcal{M}'} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  makes the formula satisfiable.