

# Linear Arithmetic

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# Linear Arithmetic (KS Ch 5)

- Boolean combinations of linear constraints of the form:

$$a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n \leq b_1$$

- Quantifier-Free fragment of  $FO(+, -, <, 0, 1)$
- Interpretation of  $+, -, <, 0, 1$  fixed; Domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ , or  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Linear Arithmetic syntax

(Formula)  $\varphi ::= \text{Atom} \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \neg \varphi$

(Atom)  $\text{Atom} ::= \text{Term} < \text{Term} \mid \text{Term} = \text{Term}$

(Term)  $\text{Term} ::= \text{Var} \mid \text{Const} \mid \text{Term} + \text{Term} \mid \text{Term} - \text{Term}$

# Examples

## Example formula $\varphi_1$

$$\begin{aligned} & x = 19 \wedge \neg(x \leq 20) \vee \\ & x \leq 20 \wedge x \geq 10 \wedge z = -1 \wedge x' = x + z \wedge \neg(x' \leq 20) \vee \\ & x \leq 20 \wedge y = 15 \wedge \neg(x \geq 10) \wedge \neg(y \geq x') \end{aligned}$$

## Example conjunctive formula $\varphi_2$

$$\begin{aligned} & x + y < 1 \wedge \\ & 0 < x \wedge \\ & 0 < y \end{aligned}$$

Question we want to answer: Satisfiability.

# Importance of Linear Arithmetic

Many practical applications. In Verification:

- Loop invariants, polyhedral data-flow analysis of programs
- Compiler Optimization
- Analysis/Model-Checking of timed, hybrid, dynamical systems.
- Symbolic Execution/Simulation (representation of reachable states).
- Winning Strategies in 2-player Games, Controller Synthesis.

Example: Loop optimization (loop hoisting)

```
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++)           // R1 has i, R2 has j
    a[j+i] := a[j];                 // loop body
                                    1. R4 := mem[a+R2];
                                    2. R5 := R2 + R1;
                                    3. mem[a+R5] := R4;
                                    4. R1 := R1 + 1;
```

Statement 1 can be hoisted out of loop if foll constraint is unsat:

$$1 \leq i \wedge i \leq 10 \wedge i + j = j$$

# Loop Parallelization

Program:

```
for i = 1 to 100 do
  for j = 1 to 100 do
    A[i,j+i] := A[100,j];
```

Constraints on writes  $(i'_1, j'_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq i_1 \leq 100 \\ 0 &\leq j_1 \leq 100 \\ i'_1 &= i_1 \\ j'_1 &= j_1 + i_1 \end{aligned}$$

Constraints on reads  $(i'_2, j'_2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq i_2 \leq 100 \\ 0 &\leq j_2 \leq 100 \\ i'_2 &= 100 \\ j'_2 &= j_2 \end{aligned}$$

Check overlap:

$$\begin{aligned} i'_1 &= i'_2 \\ j'_1 &= j'_2 \end{aligned}$$

If constraints are UNSAT then we can parallelize the loop.

# Checking Verification Conditions

Floyd-Hoare style verification of programs:

Is the formula:  $\forall x, \forall y, \forall z, \forall x' :$

```
int x = 19;
int y = 15;
// inv: x <= 20
while (x >= 10) {
    z = -1;
    x = x + z;
}
assert(y >= x);
```

$$(x = 19 \wedge y = 15) \implies x \leq 20 \wedge$$

$$(x \leq 20 \wedge x \geq 10 \wedge z' = -1 \wedge x' = x + z') \implies x' \leq 20 \wedge$$

$$(x \leq 20 \wedge \neg(x \geq 10)) \implies y \geq x$$

valid?

# Fourier-Motzkin Elimination (KS Sec 5.4, Schrijver Sec 12.2)

- Fourier 1827, Dines 1917, Motzkin 1936.
- Works for  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  domains.
- Consider conjunctions of linear constraints
- Can check satisfiability, find a solution, eliminate variables (geometric projection,  $\exists$ -elimination)



# General form

Suppose we want to eliminate  $x_1$  from the system of ineqs (1):

$$a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \leq b_2$$

...

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$$

- ① Make coeffs of  $x_1$  1, -1, or 0, by scaling by a pos constant to get Ineq (2).
- ② Write Ineq (2) as Ineq (3):

$$x_1 \leq b'_1 - (a'_{11}x_2 + \cdots + a'_{1n}x_n) \quad (m' \text{ ineqs}) \quad (1)$$

$$-x_1 \leq b'_{m'+1} - (a'_{m'+1,1}x_2 + \cdots + a'_{m'+1,n}x_n) \quad (m'' - m' \text{ ineqs}) \quad (2)$$

$$a_{m''+1,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{m''+1,n}x_n \leq b_{m''+1} \quad (m - m'' \text{ ineqs}) \quad (3)$$

## Fourier-Motzkin contd.

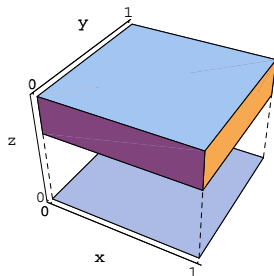
- ③ Remove constraints of type (1) and (2). Note that constraints of type (3) are retained.
- ④ Add all combinations of  $-RHS(2) \leq RHS(1)$  constraints.
- ⑤ Let Ineq (4) be obtained thus.

Claim: Ineq (4) represents the **projection** of the solution set of Ineq (1) to the dimensions  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

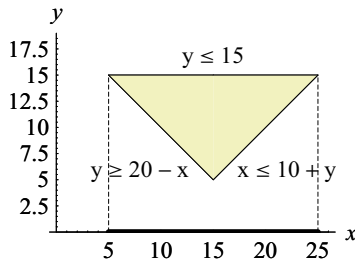
- ⑥ Repeat till we get constraints in single variable  $x_n$ . Check if the constraints are satisfiable (lower bounds  $\leq$  upper bounds). If sat, output SAT; else output UNSAT.

As a corner case, we may get an empty set of constraints after eliminating a variable. In this case the conjunction of the (empty set of) constraints is *true*. Return SAT.

# Examples illustrating projection



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq y \leq 1 \\ 0.75 &\leq z \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} y &\leq 15 \\ y &\geq 20 - x \\ x &\leq 10 + y \end{aligned}$$

# Example

Given system of ineq:

$$y \leq 15$$

$$y \geq 20 - x$$

$$x \leq 10 + y$$

Rewrite in general form: (Ineq (1))

$$y \leq 15$$

$$-x - y \leq -20$$

$$x - y \leq 10$$

Rewrite: (Ineq (2))

$$y \leq 15$$

$$-x + 20 \leq y$$

$$x - 10 \leq y$$

Eliminate  $y$ : (Ineq (3))

$$-x + 20 \leq 15$$

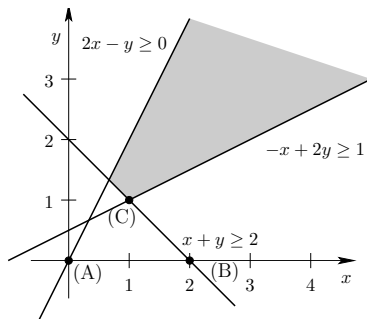
$$x - 10 \leq 15$$

That is:  $5 \leq x \leq 25$ . Hence original system of ineqs is satisfiable.

One solution is  $x \mapsto 10, y \mapsto 12$ .

# Exercise

Eliminate  $x$  from the system of inequalities:



# Correctness claims

The **projection** of a set  $S$  of  $n$ -dimension vectors to dimensions 2 to  $n$  is defined to be

$$\{(a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid \exists a_1 \text{ such that } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in S\}.$$

- Ineq (4) represents the projection of the solution set of Ineq (1).
- If Algo reports SAT, then the solution set to Ineq (1) is non-empty; else it is empty.

# Some observations on FM Elimination

- Finding a solution: substitute backwards.
- Complexity
  - Number of constraints can blow up from  $m$  to  $m^2$  in one iteration.
  - Number of constraints can be exponential in  $n$  (See Schrijver p156)
- Linear real arithmetic **admits quantifier-elimination**.
  - Given formula  $\exists x\varphi$ , there exists a formula  $\varphi'$  such that

$$\exists x\varphi \equiv \varphi' \text{ (modulo } (\mathbb{R}, +, -, <, 0, 1) \text{ structure)}$$

- Gives us a decision procedure for  $Th(\mathbb{R}, +, -, <, 0, 1)$ . Why?

# Integer Linear Arithmetic

Given a system of linear inequalities Ineq (1):

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How do we answer this?

Is the problem decidable (brute-force procedure)?

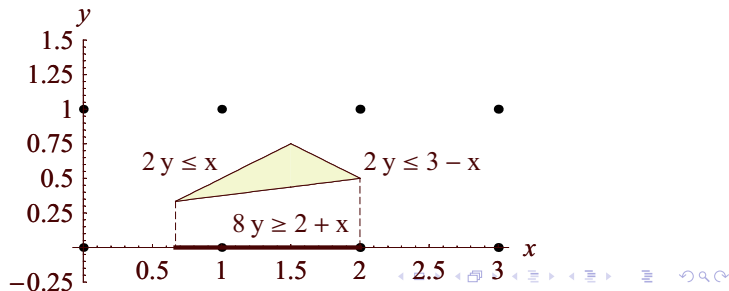
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$$2y \leq x$$

$$8y \geq 2 + x$$

$$2y \leq 3 - x$$

Eliminate  $y$ :



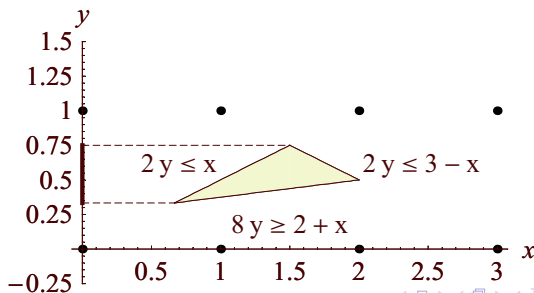
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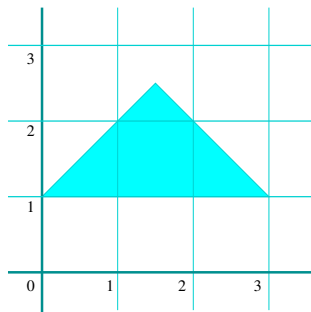


# Another example: All projections non-empty

$$y < x + 1$$

$$y > 1$$

$$y < 4 - x$$



... but no integer solution!

# Overall Idea of Omega Test (Pugh 1991)

- Given a system of linear constraints  $C$ , the Omega Test algorithm is **recursive**.
- Adaptation of Fourier-Motzkin Elimination for integer solutions.
- Handle equality constraints separately (use them to eliminate variables as long as equality constraints remain).

Basic idea:

- 1 (Base case) If  $C$  has only one variable, check it for integer solutions and return “Yes” / “No”.
- 2 Eliminate equality constraints and variables along with them.
- 3 (Recursive step) Reduce question of integer solution to  $C$  with  $n$  variables, to question of integer solution to  $C'$  with  $n - 1$  variables.

# Eliminating equality constraints

Consider following proposal:

If we have a constraint

$$a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n = b \quad (a_1 \neq 0)$$

Substitute

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{a_1}(b - a_2x_2 - \cdots - a_nx_n)$$

in remaining constraints to get projection to  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

# Eliminating equality constraints

Consider example

## Problem with equality elimination

$$x = y/2 \tag{1}$$

$$0 < x < y < 2 \tag{2}$$

Substitution of  $x = y/2$  in (1) gives

$$0 < y/2 < y < 2$$

which has an integer solution  $y \mapsto 1$ , but gives us  $x \mapsto 0.5$ .

# Preprocessing the constraints

- Make coefficients (including  $b_i$ 's) integral, by multiplying by lcm of denominators of rational coefficients.
- Normalize by dividing by gcd of variable coefficients.
- If any equality constraint RHS is **fractional**, return UNSAT.
- For inequalities with fractional RHS, replace RHS by  $\lfloor RHS \rfloor$ .

All coefficients and RHS's are integral now, and we will maintain this property.



# Eliminating Equality Constraints

Suppose we are given:

$$a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n = b \quad (1)$$

(other constraints)

(2)

- ① If some  $x_i$  has coeff 1 or -1 in (1), substitute for  $x_i$  in (2) and discard (1). [Projection of solutions is preserved]
- ② If not, choose  $x_i$  with least absolute value of coefficient (say  $x_1$ ), and add constraint with new variable  $\alpha$ , where  $m = |a_1| + 1$ :

$$m\alpha = (a_1 \bmod m)x_1 + \cdots + (a_n \bmod m)x_n - (b \bmod m) \quad (3)$$

- ③ Coeff of  $x_1$  will be 1 or -1. Eliminate by substituting. Coefficients of other  $x_i$ 's reduce by  $\frac{5}{6}$  at least.
- ④ Go back to Step 1.

# Correctness

## Claim

Projection of solutions to (1,2,3) is solutions to (1,2).

Use fact that

$$\frac{a}{m} = \lfloor \frac{a}{m} \rfloor + \frac{(a \bmod m)}{m}.$$

Suppose  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  is an integer solution to (1).

$$a_1 d_1 + \dots + a_n d_n - b = 0$$

$$m \cdot \left[ \left( \lfloor \frac{a_1}{m} \rfloor d_1 + \dots + \lfloor \frac{a_n}{m} \rfloor d_n - \lfloor \frac{b}{m} \rfloor \right) \right]$$

$$+ (a_1 \bmod m) d_1 + \dots + (a_n \bmod m) d_n - (b \bmod m) = 0$$

Therefore  $e, d_1, \dots, d_n$  is an integer solution to:

$$m\alpha = (a_1 \bmod m)x_1 + \dots + (a_n \bmod m)x_n - (b \bmod m) \quad (3)$$

# Note on *mod*

Usual notion of “*mod*”: For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , find integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $a = b \cdot q + r$  and  $0 \leq r < |b|$ .

Thus  $11 \bmod 5$  is 1 and  $-11 \bmod 5$  is 4.

In Omega Test we use  $\widehat{\bmod}$ :

$$\widehat{a \bmod b} = \begin{array}{ll} (a \bmod b) & \text{if } (a \bmod b) < b/2 \\ (a \bmod b) - b & \text{otherwise.} \end{array}$$

Thus

- $11 \widehat{\bmod} 5$  is 1
- $13 \widehat{\bmod} 5$  is -2
- $-11 \widehat{\bmod} 5$  is -1.

Example<sup>1</sup>

$$7x + 12y + 31z = 17$$

$$3x + 5y + 14z = 7$$

substitution	resulting constraints
$x = -8\alpha - 4y - z - 1$	$-7\alpha - 2y + 3z = 3$ $-24\alpha - 7y + 11z = 10$
$y = \alpha + 3\beta$	$-3\alpha - 2\beta + z = 1$ $-31\alpha - 21\beta + 11z = 10$
$z = 3\alpha + 2\beta + 1$	$2\alpha + \beta = -1$
$\beta = -2\alpha - 1$	

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<sup>1</sup>from [Pugh 1991]

# Omega Test

*OmegaTest*( $C$ ):

If ( $C$  is over single var)

Return SAT/UNSAT accordingly.

$C_R = \text{Elim}(C, v)$ ;

If (*OmegaTest*( $C_R$ ) = UNSAT)

Return UNSAT;

$C_D = \text{DarkShadow}(C, v)$ ;

If (*OmegaTest*( $C_D$ ) = SAT)

Return SAT;

$C_G^1, \dots, C_G^k = \text{GreyShadow}(C, v)$ ;

If (*OmegaTest*( $C_G^i$ ) = SAT for any  $i$ )

Return SAT;

Return UNSAT;

# Revisiting Fourier-Motzkin

$$y \leq x + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$y \leq -x + 5 \quad (2)$$

$$3y \geq -x + 7 \quad (3)$$

Rewriting (to eliminate  $y$ ):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y & \leq & x + 1 \\ y & \leq & -x + 5 \\ -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{7}{3} & \leq & y \end{array}$$

Rewriting (after eliminating  $y$ ):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{7}{3} & \leq & x + 1 \\ -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{7}{3} & \leq & -x + 5 \end{array}$$

Consider solutions to  $C'$  and  $y$  on numberline.

# Illustrating shadow regions

$$y \leq x + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$y \leq -x + 5 \quad (2)$$

$$3y \geq -x + 7 \quad (3)$$

Real shadow (Eliminate  $y$ ):

$$\frac{1}{3}(7 - x) \leq x + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(7 - x) \leq -x + 5$$

This gives us  $1 \leq x \leq 4$ .

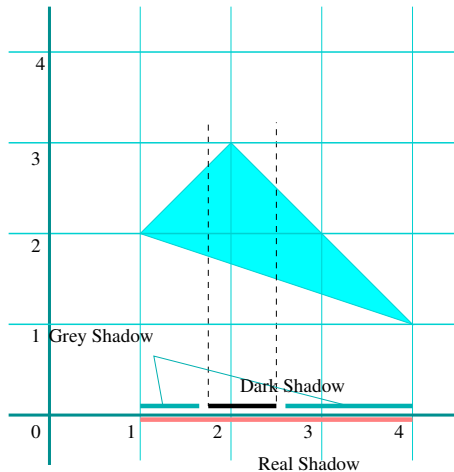
Dark shadow:

$$\frac{1}{3}(7 - x) + 1 \leq x + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(7 - x) + 1 \leq -x + 5$$

This gives us  $1.75 \leq x \leq 2.5$ .

Grey shadow (real - dark):



# Checking the Grey Shadow

Suppose the variable we are trying to eliminate is  $z$ . Consider any “lower bound” constraint  $c$  on  $z$ , say:

$$ax + by + d \leq cz.$$

Look for a solution in which the value of  $z$  is within a distance of 1 from the lower bound:

$$ax + by + d \leq cz < ax + by + d + c \quad (4)$$

Replace above constraint by each of the equality constraints:

$$ax + by + d = cz \quad (1)$$

$$ax + by + d + 1 = cz \quad (2)$$

...

$$ax + by + d + (c - 1) = cz \quad (3)$$

Call the resulting system of constraints  $C_G^0, \dots, C_G^{c-1}$ . Check each one of them separately for integer solutions. Note that  $z$  now has an equality constraint, and we can use equality elimination to eliminate  $z$ .

Do this for each lower bound constraint till a solution is found.



# Observations

- Checking the grey shadow for integer solutions is a complete test on its own.
- What about **projection** of integer solutions, for the purpose of quantifier elimination?

# Example<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &\leq 11x + 13y \leq 21 \\ -8 &\leq 7x - 9y \leq 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 - 13y &\leq 11x \leq 21 - 13y \\ 9y - 8 &\leq 7x \leq 9y + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$P'$

lower bound

$$\begin{aligned} 33 - 143y &\leq 121x \\ 21 - 91y &\leq 77x \\ 63y - 56 &\leq 49x \\ 99y - 88 &\leq 77x \end{aligned}$$

upper bound

$$\begin{aligned} 121x &\leq 231 - 143y \\ 77x &\leq 99y + 66 \\ 49x &\leq 63y + 42 \\ 77x &\leq 147 - 91y \end{aligned}$$

unnormalized  
combination

$$\begin{aligned} 198 &\geq 0 \\ 190y + 45 &\geq 0 \\ 98 &\geq 0 \\ 235 &\geq 190y \end{aligned}$$

$P''$

lower bound

$$\begin{aligned} (33 - 143y) + 100 &\leq 121x \\ (21 - 91y) + 60 &\leq 77x \\ (63y - 56) + 36 &\leq 49x \\ (99y - 88) + 60 &\leq 77x \end{aligned}$$

upper bound

$$\begin{aligned} 121x &\leq 231 - 143y \\ 77x &\leq 99y + 66 \\ 49x &\leq 63y + 42 \\ 77x &\leq 147 - 91y \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 98 &\geq 0 \\ 190y &\geq 15 \\ 62 &\geq 0 \\ 175 &\geq 190y \end{aligned}$$

<sup>2</sup>from [Pugh 1991]