

# Logic and Mechanized Reasoning

## DP & DPLL

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# Let's First Revisit Resolution

LAMR/Examples/using\_sat\_solvers/resolution.lean

```
def example0 : Proof := #[  
  .hyp clause!{-p -q r}, -- 0  
  .hyp clause!{-r},      -- 1  
  .hyp clause!{p -q},    -- 2  
  .hyp clause!{-s q},    -- 3  
  .hyp clause!{s},       -- 4  
  .res "r" 0 1,          -- 5 -p -q  
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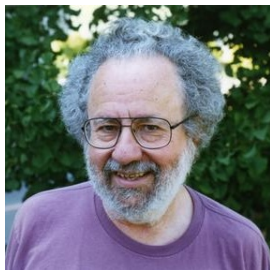
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## Martin Davis (March 8, 1928 – January 1, 2023)

Martin Davis & Hilary Putnam (1960)  
A Computing Procedure for Quantification Theory.  
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### Proof procedure [DavisPutnam60]

VE is a complete proof procedure. Applying VE until fixpoint results in either the empty formula (satisfiable) or empty clause (unsatisfiable)



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Exponential growth of clauses in general

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Proof.

True. The pure literal rule assign  $p$  to true, which has the effect that all clauses containing  $p$  are removed. Applying DP resolution on  $p$  also removes all clauses containing literal  $p$ , because  $\Gamma_p \bowtie \Gamma_{\neg p}$  is empty. □

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### Variable elimination by substitution [EenBiere07]

Let  $R_x = \Gamma_x \setminus D_x$ ;  $R_{\neg x} = \Gamma_{\neg x} \setminus D_{\neg x}$ .

Replace  $\Gamma_x \wedge \Gamma_{\neg x}$  by  $D_x \bowtie_x R_{\neg x} \wedge D_{\neg x} \bowtie_x R_x$ .

Always less than  $\Gamma_x \bowtie_x \Gamma_{\neg x}$  ! (if  $x$  is a definition)

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**Conflict-driven clause learning (CDCL):** Makes fast decisions and converts conflicts into learned clauses.

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Davis Putnam Logemann Loveland [DP60,DLL62]

Recursive procedure that in each recursive call:

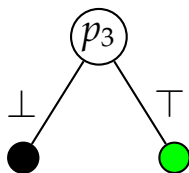
- ▶ Simplifies the formula (using unit propagation)
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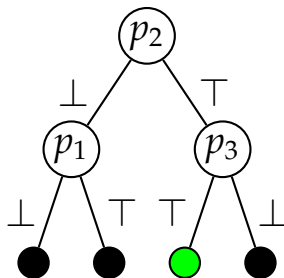
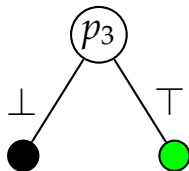
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A cheap and reasonably effective heuristic is MOMS:  
Maximum Occurrence in clauses of Minimum Size

## DPLL: Pseudocode

DPLL ( $\tau, \Gamma$ )

- 1:  $\tau' := \text{Simplify}(\tau, \Gamma)$
- 2: **if**  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_{\tau'} = \top$  **then return** satisfiable
- 3: **if**  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_{\tau'} = \perp$  **then return** unsatisfiable
- 4:  $\ell_{\text{decision}} := \text{Decide}(\tau', \Gamma)$
- 5: **if** (DPLL( $\tau' \cup \ell_{\text{decision}} := \top, \Gamma$ ) = satisfiable) **then**
- 6:     **return** satisfiable
- 7: **return** DPLL( $\tau' \cup \ell_{\text{decision}} := \perp, \Gamma$ )

# DPLL: Demo in Lean

LAMR/Examples/using\_sat\_solvers/dpll.lean

```
partial def dpllSatAux (τ : PropAssignment) (Γ : CnfForm) :
  | Option (PropAssignment × CnfForm) :=
  if Γ.isEmpty then none
  else match pickSplit? Γ with
  -- No variables left to split on, we found a solution.
  | none => some (τ, Γ)
  -- Split on `x`.
  -- `<|>` is the "or else" operator, which tries one action and if that fails
  -- tries the other.
  | some x => goWithNew x τ Γ <|> goWithNew (-x) τ Γ

where
  /-- Assigns `x` to true and continues out DPLL. -/
  goWithNew (x : Lit) (τ : PropAssignment) (Γ : CnfForm) :
    | Option (PropAssignment × CnfForm) :=
    let (τ', Γ') := propagateWithNew x τ Γ
    dpllSatAux τ' Γ'

  /-- Solve `Γ` using DPLL. Return a satisfying assignment if found, otherwise `none`. -/
  def dpllSat (Γ : CnfForm) : Option PropAssignment :=
    let (τ, Γ) := propagateUnits [] Γ
    (dpllSatAux τ Γ).map fun (τ, _) => τ
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  - ▶ Smaller clauses more important
  - ▶ Weights based on occurrences

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(local) 1-autarky resolvents to add to  $\Gamma_{\text{LEARN}}$ :

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