

# Formal Methods in Computer Science

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Exercise Sheet 1 solutions

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# Recall the problem

The graph  $G = (V, E)$

- $V$  a set of vertices,
- $E \subseteq V \times V$  a set of directed edges

A 4-coloring of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $C : V \mapsto \{r, g, b, o\}$ , where  $r, g, b, o$  stand for the colors red, green, blue, and orange.

A 4-coloring is called a valid coloring iff it satisfies all of the following:

- No two adjacent vertices are both colored red.
- A vertex  $b$  is colored blue or green iff there is a vertex  $a$  that is colored red and disables  $b$ .
- If a vertex  $a$  disables a red colored vertex then  $a$  is colored green.
- If a vertex  $a$  is colored orange then there is another vertex  $b$  that disables  $a$  and is not colored green.

# Introduce Variables

## Variables

For each vertex  $v \in A$  we introduce the following four variables

- $x_v^R$  ...  $v$  is colored red
- $x_v^G$  ...  $v$  is colored green
- $x_v^B$  ...  $v$  is colored blue
- $x_v^O$  ...  $v$  is colored orange

Alternative:

- Use two variables  $x_v, y_v$  for each vertex  $v \in A$

Color of $v$	$x_v$	$y_v$
red	true	false
green	false	true
blue	true	true
orange	false	false

We can encode the different constraints on valid colorings separately.

# Ensure that each model is a coloring

Each vertex is colored either red, green, or blue:

- At least one of the colors

$$\varphi_1 = \bigwedge_{v \in A} (x_v^R \vee x_v^G \vee x_v^B \vee x_v^O)$$

- At most one of the colors:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2 &= \bigwedge_{v \in A} ((\neg x_v^R \vee \neg x_v^G) \vee (\neg x_v^R \vee \neg x_v^B) \vee (\neg x_v^R \vee \neg x_v^O) \vee \\ &\quad (\neg x_v^G \vee \neg x_v^B) \vee (\neg x_v^G \vee \neg x_v^O) \vee (\neg x_v^B \vee \neg x_v^O)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{v \in A} \bigwedge_{\{C_1, C_2\} \in \{R, G, B, O\}, C_1 < C_2} (\neg x_v^{C_1} \vee \neg x_v^{C_2}) \end{aligned}$$

# Encode conditions for valid colorings

- No two adjacent vertices are both colored red.

$$\varphi_3 = \bigwedge_{(v,u) \in E} \neg(x_v^R \wedge x_u^R) \equiv \bigwedge_{(v,u) \in E} (\neg x_v^R \vee \neg x_u^R)$$

# Encode conditions for valid colorings

- A vertex  $b$  is colored blue or green **iff** there is a vertex  $a$  that is colored red and disables  $b$ .
  - A vertex  $b$  is colored blue or green **if** there is a vertex  $a$  that is colored red and disables  $b$ .

$$\varphi_{4a} = \bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} (x_u^R \rightarrow (x_v^B \vee x_v^G)) \equiv \bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} (\neg x_u^R \vee x_v^B \vee x_v^G)$$

- A vertex  $b$  is colored blue or green **only if** there is a vertex  $a$  that is colored red and disables  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{4b} &= \bigwedge_{v \in V} ((x_v^B \vee x_v^G) \rightarrow \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E} x_u^R) \\ &\equiv \bigwedge_{v \in V} (\neg x_v^B \vee \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E} x_u^R) \wedge \bigwedge_{v \in V} (\neg x_v^G \vee \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E} x_u^R) \end{aligned}$$

By exploiting  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  we can also use the following:

$$\varphi'_{4b} = \bigwedge_{v \in V} (x_v^R \vee x_v^O \vee \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E} x_u^R)$$

■  $\varphi_4 = \varphi_{4a} \wedge \varphi_{4b}$

# Encode conditions for valid colorings

- If a vertex  $a$  disables a red colored vertex then  $a$  is colored green.

$$\varphi_5 = \bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} (x_v^R \rightarrow x_u^G) \equiv \bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} (\neg x_v^R \vee x_u^G)$$

- If a vertex  $a$  is colored orange then there is another vertex  $b$  that disables  $a$  and is not colored green.

$$\varphi_6 = \bigwedge_{v \in V} (x_v^O \rightarrow \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E, u \neq v} \neg x_u^G) \equiv \bigwedge_{v \in V} (\neg x_v^O \vee \bigvee_{(u,v) \in E, u \neq v} \neg x_u^G)$$



# Reduction - Correctness

## Theorem

- *The formula  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \varphi_3 \wedge \varphi_4 \wedge \varphi_5 \wedge \varphi_6$  is satisfiable iff  $G$  has a valid 4-Coloring.*
- *Moreover there is a one-to-one correspondence between models and 4-colorings.*

### Correctness Argument (Proof Sketch):

$\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $G = (V, E)$  has a valid 4-Coloring  $C$ .

We define the truth assignment.

$$\alpha_C(x_v^c) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } C(v) = c \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We show that  $\alpha_C$  is a model of  $\varphi$ .

# Reduction - Correctness

⇒

We sketch the proof of  $\alpha_C$  is a model of  $\varphi$ .

- $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ : As  $C(v)$  assigns exactly one color to each vertex, exactly one of the variables  $x_v^R, x_v^G, x_v^B, x_v^O$  is true.
- $\varphi_3$ : By definition if  $(u, v) \in E$  not both  $u, v$  are colored red.
- $\varphi_{4a}$ : For  $(u, v) \in E$  we have that if  $u$  is colored red then by condition 2  $v$  is either colored blue or green.
- $\varphi_{4b}$ : If a vertex is colored blue or green then all of its predecessors are colored red by condition 2.
- $\varphi_5$ : For  $(u, v) \in E$  we have that if  $v$  is colored red then, by condition 3,  $u$  is colored green.
- $\varphi_6$ : If a vertex is colored orange then one of its predecessors is colored different from green, by condition 4.

Thus  $\alpha_C$  is a model of  $\varphi$ .

# Coalition Forming - Correctness



## Correctness Argument (Proof Sketch):

$\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $\alpha$  is a model of  $\varphi$  and consider

$$C_{\alpha}(v) = \begin{cases} R & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^R) = \text{true} \\ G & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^G) = \text{true} \\ B & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^B) = \text{true} \\ O & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^O) = \text{true} \end{cases}$$

We show that  $C_{\alpha}$  is a valid 4-Coloring of  $G$ .

- $C_{\alpha}$  is well-defined (assigns exactly one color): by  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$
- Check each of the properties for  $C_{\alpha}$  being a valid coloring.
  - No two adjacent vertices are colored both red: by  $\varphi_3$
  - ...

More formally: Proof by contradiction

## Exercise 2

**Task:** Provide a reduction that takes a graph  $G$  and a set of  $S_r$  vertices as input and provides a propositional formula such that

- the models of the formula are in one-to-one correspondence with the valid colorings of  $G$  that color all vertices in  $S_r$  red, and
- one can easily obtain such a coloring from a model of the formula.

**Solution:** For graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $S_r \subseteq V$  consider the formula:

$$\psi = \varphi \wedge \bigwedge_{v \in S_r} x_v^R$$

### Theorem

*The formula  $\psi$  is satisfiable iff  $G$  has a valid 4-Coloring that colors all vertices in  $S_r$  red.*

# Identifying Maximal Valid Coloring

- Testing maximality is a co-NP problem  
     $\hookrightarrow$  can be efficiently reduced to a SAT-problem
- computing a  $\subseteq$ -maximal coloring is beyond NP/co-NP  
     $\hookrightarrow$  cannot be efficiently reduced to a single SAT-problem

We can compute a maximal valid coloring as follows:

- Compute a valid coloring  $C$
- While  $C$  changes do
  - Test whether  $C$  is maximal
  - If not update  $C$  to the larger set computed in the previous step.
- return  $C$

## Notice:

We need a procedure that returns a counter example if  $C$  is not maximal.

# Identifying Maximal Valid Colorings

**Problem:** Identifying valid colorings that color certain vertices red and the set of red colored vertices is maximal among all valid colorings.

- Given: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a valid coloring  $C$  for  $G$ ,
- Goal: a propositional formula such that the formula  $C$  is unsatisfiable if and only if  $C$  maximal among the valid colorings.  
This reduction should be such that one can easily obtain a coloring from a model of the formula, i.e., a counter-example  $C'$  for the minimality of  $C$ .

# Maximal Valid Coloring

Idea:

- Start from  $\varphi$  s.t.
- add clauses ensuring all vertices colored red in  $C$  are colored red
- add a clause such that at least one new vertex is colored red

Additional clauses:

- If a vertex is red in  $C$  then it is also red in  $C'$

$$\delta_1 = \bigwedge_{v: C(v)=R} x_v^R$$

- There is at least one additional red vertex in  $C'$

$$\delta_2 = \bigvee_{v: C(v) \neq R} x_v^R$$

# Maximal Valid Coloring - Correctness

## Theorem

$\delta = \varphi \wedge \delta_1 \wedge \delta_2$  is unsatisfiable iff  $C$  is a maximal coloring in  $G$ .

### Correctness Argument (Proof Sketch):

$\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $G = (V, E)$  has a valid 4-Coloring  $C'$  with  $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \subset \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$ .

We define the truth assignment.

$$\alpha_{C'}(x_v^c) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } C'(v) = c \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We show that  $\alpha_{C'}$  is a model of  $\delta$ .

- It is a model of  $\varphi$  by the proof of Exercise 1
- It is a model of  $\delta_1$  by  $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \subseteq \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$
- It is a model of  $\delta_2$  by  $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \not\supseteq \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$



# Maximal Valid Coloring - Correctness

## Correctness Argument (Proof Sketch):

$\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $\alpha$  is a model of  $\delta$  and consider

$$C'_\alpha(v) = \begin{cases} R & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^R) = \text{true} \\ G & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^G) = \text{true} \\ B & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^B) = \text{true} \\ O & \text{if } \alpha(x_v^O) = \text{true} \end{cases}$$

We show that  $C'_\alpha$  is a valid coloring of  $G$  such that  $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \subset \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$ . As  $\alpha$  is a model of  $\varphi$  we have that  $C'_\alpha$  is a valid coloring of  $G$ .

- $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \subseteq \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$  by  $\delta_1$
- $\{v \mid C(v) = R\} \not\supseteq \{v \mid C'(v) = R\}$  by  $\delta_2$

More formally: Proof by contradiction

# Code Snippets - Encoding of variables

To use the sat solver we have to encode our variables as integers.  
We can assume  $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$ :

Variable	Encoding
$x_v^R$	$4 \cdot (v - 1) + 1$
$x_v^G$	$4 \cdot (v - 1) + 2$
$x_v^B$	$4 \cdot (v - 1) + 3$
$x_v^O$	$4 \cdot (v - 1) + 4$

A lot of alternative ways to do that.

Pros of the above:

- Easy to compute (encoding and decoding)
- No need to store the mapping
- Starts with 1 and uses consecutive integers

# Code Snippets - Encoding of variables

```
public int getVariable (Integer vertex, Color color) {  
    int variable=-1;  
    switch(color) {  
        case RED: variable=1; break;  
        case GREEN: variable=2; break;  
        case BLUE: variable=3; break;  
        case ORANGE: variable=4; break;  
    }  
    return 4*(vertex-1)+ variable;  
}
```

# Code Snippets - Decoding of variables

```
public void getColoringFromModel(Coloring coloring, int[] model){  
    for(int modelEntry: model) {  
        if (modelEntry > 0) {  
  
            if ((modelEntry % 4) == 1)  
                coloring.setColor(modelEntry/4+1, Color.RED);  
            else if ((modelEntry % 4) == 2)  
                coloring.setColor(modelEntry/4+1, Color.GREEN);  
            else if ((modelEntry % 4) == 3)  
                coloring.setColor(modelEntry/4+1, Color.BLUE);  
            else if ((modelEntry % 4) == 0)  
  
                coloring.setColor(modelEntry/4, Color.ORANGE);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Code Snippets - Building the CNF

```
public IVec<IVecInt> fourColoring(
    DefaultDirectedGraph<Integer, DefaultEdge> graph) {

    IVec<IVecInt> cnf = new Vec<IVecInt>();
    IVecInt clause, clause1, clause2, clause3;
    int i,j;

    [...]

    return cnf;
}
```

# Code Snippets - Building the CNF

```
[...]
for(int vertex : graph.vertexSet()) {

    // Each vertex has at least one color
    clause = new VecInt();
    clause.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.RED));
    clause.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.GREEN));
    clause.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.BLUE));
    clause.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.ORANGE));
    cnf.push(clause);

    // Each vertex has at most one color
    Color colors[] = Color.values();
    for(i=0; i<colors.length; i++) {
        for(j=i+1; j<colors.length; j++) {
            clause = new VecInt();
            clause.push(-getVariable(vertex,colors[i]));
            clause.push(-getVariable(vertex,colors[j]));
            cnf.push(clause);
        }
    }
}
```

# Code Snippets - Building the CNF

```
[...]
for(int vertex : graph.vertexSet()) {

    for (DefaultEdge edge : graph.incomingEdgesOf(vertex)) {
        int s = graph.getEdgeSource(edge);
        int t = graph.getEdgeTarget(edge);

        // No two adjacent vertices are both colored red
        cnf.push(new VecInt(new int[]{-getVariable(s,Color.RED),
                                         -getVariable(t,Color.RED)}));

        // If a is colored RED then its successors are colored GREEN
        or BLUE
        cnf.push(new VecInt(new int[]{-getVariable(s,Color.RED),
                                         getVariable(t,Color.GREEN), getVariable(t,Color.BLUE)}));

        // If a vertex $a$ disables a red colored vertex then $a$ is
        colored green.
        cnf.push(new VecInt(new int[]{getVariable(s,Color.GREEN),
                                         -getVariable(t,Color.RED)}));
    }
}
[...]
```

## Code Snippets - Building the CNF

```
[...]
for(int vertex : graph.vertexSet()) {
    // If a vertex is colored GREEN then one of its successors
    // is colored RED
    clause1 = new VecInt();
    clause1.push(-getVariable(vertex, Color.GREEN));
    // If a vertex a is colored orange then there is another vertex
    // b that disables a and is not colored green.
    clause3 = new VecInt();
    clause3.push(-getVariable(vertex, Color.ORANGE));

    for (DefaultEdge edge : graph.incomingEdgesOf(vertex)) {
        int s = graph.getEdgeSource(edge);
        clause1.push(getVariable(s, Color.RED));

        if (s != vertex) {
            clause3.push(-getVariable(s, Color.GREEN));
        }
    }
    cnf.push(clause1);
    cnf.push(clause3);
}
[...]
```



# Code Snippets - Building the CNF

```
public IVec<IVecInt> maxColoring( DefaultDirectedGraph<Integer,
                                DefaultEdge> graph, Coloring coloring)
{
    IVec<IVecInt> cnf = fourColoring(graph);
    IVecInt clause1, clause2;

    clause2 = new VecInt();

    for(int vertex: graph.vertexSet()) {
        if(coloring.getColor(vertex)==Color.RED) {
            clause1 = new VecInt();
            clause1.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.RED));
            cnf.push(clause1);
        } else {
            clause2.push(getVariable(vertex,Color.RED));
        }
    }
    cnf.push(clause2);

    return cnf;
}
```

Questions?

Feedback?