A proof-theoretic perspective on SMT-solving for intuitionistic propositional logic

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SAT Modulo Intuitionistic Implications

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Abstract. We present a new method for solving problems in intuitionistic propositional logic, which involves the use of an incremental SATsolver. The method scales to very large problems, and fits well into an SMT-based framework for interaction with other theories.

1 Introduction

Let us take a look at *intuitionistic propositional logic*. Its syntax looks just like classical propositional logic:

A ::= a b c q	- atoms
$ A_1 \wedge A_2 $	conjunction
$A_1 \lor A_2$	disjunction
$A_1 \rightarrow A_2$	implication
⊥ T	false/true

However, its definition of truth is considerably weaker than for classical logic. In Fig. 1, we show a Hilbert-style proof system for intuitionistic propositional

$\Gamma \vdash A \Gamma \vdash B$	$\Gamma \vdash A$	$\Gamma \vdash B$	Г, А⊢ В
$\Gamma \vdash A \land B$	$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B}$	$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B}$	Γ⊢ <i>A</i> ⇒B
	$A,B,\Gamma\vdash C$	$A, \Gamma \vdash C$	$B,\Gamma\vdash C$
⊥, Γ ⊢ <i>С</i>	$(A \land B), \Gamma \vdash C$	(<i>A</i> ∨ <i>B</i>)	, Γ ⊢ <i>С</i>
	$(C' \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash C'$	$C, \Gamma \vdash D$	
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а, Г ⊢ а

Variant: atom a can be generalised as formula A (still sound)

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	a, Γ ⊢ a	-	

Variant: atom *a* can be generalised as formula *A* (still sound)

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 $\frac{?}{(C' \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}$

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 $\frac{\Gamma \vdash D}{(\bot \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}$

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<u>⊥,Γ⊢C</u>	$\overline{(A \land B), \Gamma \vdash C}$	(A∨B)	, Γ ⊢ <i>С</i>
$\Gamma \vdash D$	(<i>A</i> ⇒(<i>B</i> ⇒ <i>C</i>)), Γ ⊢	D	
$\overline{(\bot \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}$	$((A \land B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash$	D	

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$\Gamma \vdash D$	$(A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)), \Gamma \vdash$	$-D (A \Rightarrow C)$), (<i>B</i> ⇒ <i>C</i>), Г ⊢ <i>D</i>
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(⊥⇒C),Γ⊢D	((A∧B)⇒C), Γ ⊢	D ((A \	B)⇒C), Γ ⊢ D
<i>С, а</i> , Г	⊢ D		
$(a \Rightarrow C), a$	а, Г <i>⊢ D</i>		

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ΓΗD	(<i>A</i> ⇒(<i>B</i> ⇒ <i>C</i>)), Γ	$\vdash D (A \Rightarrow C)$), (<i>B</i> ⇒ <i>C</i>), Γ ⊢ <i>D</i>
$(\perp \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$	((<i>A</i> ∧ <i>B</i>)⇒ <i>C</i>),ГН	-D ((AV	B)⇒C), Γ ⊢ D
<i>C</i> , <i>a</i> , I	$-\vdash D$ $A, (B)$	⇒ <i>C</i>), Γ ⊢ <i>B</i>	С, Г ⊢ D
(<i>a</i> ⇒ <i>C</i>),	a, Γ ⊢ <i>D</i> (($(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), I$	⁻⊢D

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	$A,B,\Gamma\vdash C$	<i>A</i> , Γ ⊢ <i>C</i>	$B, \Gamma \vdash C$
<u>⊥,Γ⊢<i>C</i></u>	$\overline{(A \land B), \Gamma \vdash C}$	(<i>A</i> ∨ <i>B</i>)	, Г ⊢ <i>С</i>
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<i>С, а</i> , Г	$\vdash D$ $A, (B =$	<i>⇒С</i>),Г⊢ <i>В</i>	$C, \Gamma \vdash D$
$(a \Rightarrow C), a$	$a, \Gamma \vdash D$ ((.	$A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), I$	⁻⊢D

а, Г ⊢ а

· Obviously sound

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$C, a, \Gamma \vdash D$ $A, (B \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash B$ $C, \Gamma \vdash D$				
$\overline{(a \Rightarrow C), a, \Gamma \vdash D} \qquad \overline{((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}$			⁻⊢D	

- · Obviously sound
- Complete?

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$C, a, \Gamma \vdash D$ $A, ($		⇒ <i>С</i>), Г ⊢ <i>В</i>	С, Г ⊢ D	
$(a \Rightarrow C), a$	$a, \Gamma \vdash D$ (($((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$		



- Obviously sound
- Complete? rule permutation argument (Dyckhoff'92,'17), cut-elimination (Dyckhoff-Negri'00, Dyckhoff-SGL-Kesner'06)
- Connection with focused seq. calculus LJQ (Dyckhoff-SGL'06)

Good properties

- In each rule, each premiss is "smaller" than the conclusion (for the multiset order on the formulae present in the sequent)
 - \Rightarrow The height (aka depth) of proof-trees (for sequent $\Gamma \vdash A$) is bounded: it is a "depth-bounded sequent calculus".

 \Rightarrow "Root-first proof-search" (Roy's preferred terminology) terminates and constitutes decision procedure for provability of IPL (only finitely many trees of height \leq bound)

• Each rule is invertible (if the conclusion is provable then so are the premisses), except (the ∨-right rules and)

 $A, (B \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash B \quad C, \Gamma \vdash D$

 $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

which is *semi-invertible*: if the conclusion is provable, then so is the right premiss (the left premiss can be considered the side-condition of an invertible 1-premiss rule)

$$A, (B \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash B$$
 $C, \Gamma \vdash D$

 $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

 $a_1,\ldots,a_n,A,(B\Rightarrow C),\Gamma \vdash B$

 $(a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

 $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

Still sound.

 $\frac{a_{1}, \dots, a_{n}, A, (B \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash B}{((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D} \qquad (a_{1} \land \dots \land a_{n} \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$ Still sound. Derivable with a cut: $\frac{a_{1}, \dots, a_{n}, A, (B \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash B}{(A_{1}, \dots, A_{n}, C)} \qquad (a_{1}, \dots, a_{n}, (A_{n} \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D) \qquad (a_{1} \land \dots \land a_{n} \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

 $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D$

 $\underbrace{\begin{array}{c}
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Remarks:

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\underbrace{\frac{a_{1}, \dots, a_{n}, ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash A_{1} \land \dots \land A_{n} \Rightarrow C}{((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), (a_{1} \land \dots \land a_{n} \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}}_{((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C), \Gamma \vdash D}$

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Roy Dyckhoff's 1992 paper

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