## CDCL-based Abstract State Transition System for Coherent Logic

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#### Overview

- Note: this work will be presented also at CICM/Calculemus 2012 conference
- Overview of the talk:
  - Coherent logic (CL) and our motivation
  - The CDCL-based abstract transition system for CL
  - Related work
  - Conclusions and further work

### What is Coherent Logic

• CL formulae are of the form:

$$A_1(\vec{x}) \wedge \ldots \wedge A_n(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow \exists \vec{y}_1 \ B_1(\vec{x}, \vec{y}_1) \vee \ldots \vee \exists \vec{y}_m \ B_m(\vec{x}, \vec{y}_m)$$

 $A_i$  are literals,  $B_i$  are conjunctions of literals

- No function symbols of arity greater than 0
- No negation
- Intuitionistic logic
- First used by Skolem, recently popularized by Bezem et al.

#### Features of CL

- Coherent logic (also: geometric logic) is a fragment of FOL
- The problem of deciding  $\Gamma \vdash \Phi$  is semi-decidable
- Good features:
  - certain quantification allowed
  - direct, intuitive, readable proofs
  - simple generation of formal (machine verifiable) proofs...

#### Realm of CL

- A number of theories and theorems can be formulated directly and simply in CL
- Example: large fraction of Euclidean geometry belongs to CL
- Example: for any two points there is a point between them
- Conjectures in abstract algebra, confluence theory, lattice theory, and many more (Bezem et al)

### **CL Proof System**

- CL allows a simple, natural proof system (natural deduction style), based on forward ground reasoning
- Existential quantifiers are eliminated by introducing witnesses
- A conjecture is kept unchanged and proved directly (refutation, Skolemization and clausal form are not used)

### **CL** provers

- Euclid by Stevan Kordić and Predrag Janičić (1992)
- CL prover by Marc Bezem and Coquand (2005)
- ML prover by Berghofer and Bezem (2006)
- Geo by Hans de Nivelle (2008)
- ArgoCLP by Sana Stojanović, Vesna Pavlović and Predrag Janičić (2009)
- However, they are still not generally efficient

## Example: Proof Generated by ArgoCLP

Let us prove that p = r by reductio ad absurdum.

- 1. Assume that  $p \neq r$ .
  - It holds that the point A is incident to the line q or the point A is not incident to the line q (by axiom of excluded middle).
    - 3. Assume that the point A is incident to the line q.
      - From the facts that p ≠ q, and the point A is incident to the line p, and the point A is incident to the line a, it holds that the lines p and a intersect (by axiom ax\_D5).
      - 5. From the facts that the lines p and q intersect, and the lines p and q do not intersect we get a contradiction.
        - Contradiction
    - 6. Assume that the point A is not incident to the line q.
      - From the facts that the lines p and q do not intersect, it holds that the lines q and p do not intersect (by axiom ax\_nint.L.L.21).
      - 8. From the facts that the point A is not incident to the line q, and the point A is incident to the plane α, and the line q is incident to the plane α, and the point A is incident to the line p is incident to the plane α, and the lines q and p do not intersect, and the point A is incident to the line r, and the line r is incident to the plane α, and the lines q and r do not intersect, it holds that p = r (by axiom ax.E2).
      - 9. From the facts that p=r, and  $p \neq r$  we get a contradiction.

Contradiction.

Therefore, it holds that p = r.

This proves the conjecture.



#### On the Other Hand: CDCL Solvers

- SAT and SMT solvers are at rather mature stage
- The most efficient ones are CDCL solvers
- However, only universal quantification is allowed
- Producing readable and/or formal proofs is often challenging
- Goal: combine good features of CL and CDCL
- Goal: build an efficient CDCL prover for CL

### Three Pillars of Our Approach

The presented approach is motivated by:

Suitability of CL: a number of good features; potentials for obtaining readable and formal proofs

Practical advances in CDCL SAT solving: a huge progress in both high-level and low-level algorithmic techniques

Theoretical advances in CDCL SAT solving: SAT solvers described in terms of state transition systems, which enabled a deeper understanding and a rigorous analysis

### Abstract State Transition Systems for SAT

- Inspiration and starting point: transition systems for SAT
- First system: Nieuwenhuis, Oliveras, and Tinelli (2006)
- We build upon: the system by Krstić and Goel (2007)

### Krstić and Goel's System

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Decide:} \\ I \in L \quad I, \overline{I} \notin M \\ M := M | I \\ \hline \\ \text{UnitPropag:} \\ I \lor I_1 \lor \ldots \lor I_k \in F \quad \overline{I}_1, \ldots, \overline{I}_k \in M \quad I, \overline{I} \notin M \\ \hline \\ M := M I^I \\ \hline \\ \text{Conflict:} \\ \hline \\ C := f_1, \ldots, I_k \rbrace \quad \overline{I}_1 \lor \ldots \lor \overline{I}_k \in F \quad I_1, \ldots, I_k \in M \\ \hline \\ \text{Explain:} \\ I \in C \quad I \lor \overline{I}_1 \lor \ldots \lor \overline{I}_k \in F \quad I_1, \ldots, I_k \prec I \\ \hline \\ \text{Explain:} \\ I \in C \quad I \lor \overline{I}_1 \lor \ldots \lor \overline{I}_k \in F \quad I_1, \ldots, I_k \prec I \\ \hline \\ \text{Earn:} \\ \hline \\ C := C \cup \{I_1, \ldots, I_k\} \setminus \{I\} \\ \hline \\ \text{Earn:} \\ \hline \\ C := \{I_1, \ldots, I_k\} \quad \overline{I}_1 \lor \ldots \lor \overline{I}_k \notin F \\ \hline \\ \text{Fackjump:} \\ \hline \\ C := I_1, \ldots, I_k \rbrace \quad \overline{I}_1 \lor \overline{I}_1 \lor \ldots \lor \overline{I}_k \in F \quad \text{level } I > m \geq \text{level } I_i \\ \hline \\ \text{Forget:} \\ \hline \\ C := no\_cflct \quad M := M^m \overline{I}^i \\ \hline \\ \text{Restart:} \\ \hline \\ C := no\_cflct \\ \hline \\ M := M^{[0]} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Conclusions and further work

#### Setup

- Signature:  $\Sigma$ ; axioms:  $\mathcal{AX}$ ; conjecture:  $\forall \vec{x} (\mathcal{H}^0(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0(\vec{x}))$
- $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^0(\vec{x})\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}^0(\vec{x})\lambda$
- State:  $S(\Sigma, \Gamma, M, C_1, C_2, \ell)$
- Initial state:  $S_0(\Sigma_0, \mathcal{AX}, \mathcal{H}, \emptyset, \emptyset, |\Sigma_0|)$
- Final states: those in which no rules are applicable
- Slightly extended CL language:

$$\forall \vec{x} \ p_1(\vec{v}, \vec{x}) \land \ldots \land \forall \vec{x} \ p_n(\vec{v}, \vec{x}) \Rightarrow \exists \vec{y} \ q_1(\vec{v}, \vec{y}) \lor \ldots \lor \exists \vec{y} \ q_m(\vec{v}, \vec{y})$$

## CL state transition system (forward rules)

## CL state transition system (backward rules)

Explain left ∀: .  $\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 \Rightarrow C_2 \downarrow^m & l \in m(\mathcal{C}_1) & \mathcal{S} = m^{-1}(l) & \mathcal{S} \rightrightarrows \forall \vec{x} \rho(\vec{v}, \vec{x}') \\ \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{\rho(\vec{v}', \vec{x}')\} \in \Gamma & \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \downarrow^{m'} & m'(\mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{Q}) \prec l & \forall \vec{x} \rho(\vec{v}, \vec{x}) \times_{\lambda} \rho(\vec{v}', \vec{x}') \\ C_1 := (\forall \vec{x}' \mathcal{P} \cup (\mathcal{C}_1 \setminus \mathcal{S})) \lambda & C_2 := (\exists \vec{x}' \mathcal{Q} \cup \mathcal{C}_2) \lambda \end{array}$ Explain left ∃: Explain right ∀: Explain right ∃: Learn:  $\frac{C_2 \neq \{\text{no\_cflct}\} \quad C_1 \Rightarrow C_2 \notin \Gamma}{\Gamma := \Gamma \cap C_1 \Rightarrow C_2}$ Backiump: 

#### Decide

$$\mathsf{SAT} \colon \frac{I \in L \qquad I, \bar{I} \notin M}{M := M|I}$$

CL: 
$$\frac{I \in \mathcal{QA}(\Sigma) \qquad I \not \gamma \qquad I \not \downarrow}{M := M|I \qquad \Sigma := \Sigma|}$$

CL example: 
$$\frac{\exists y P(a,y) \in \mathcal{QA}(\Sigma) \quad M = Q(a)}{M = Q(a) | \exists y P(a,y)}$$

## Generalized resolution for conflict analysis

$$\frac{\mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{\exists \vec{y} p(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\} \quad \{p(\vec{x}', \vec{y}')\} \cup \mathcal{P}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}'}{(\mathcal{P} \cup \forall \vec{y}' \mathcal{P}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \exists \vec{y}' \mathcal{Q}')\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{p(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\} \quad \{\forall \vec{x}' p(\vec{x}', \vec{y}')\} \cup \mathcal{P}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}'}{(\forall \vec{x} \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{P}' \Rightarrow \exists \vec{x} \mathcal{Q} \cup \mathcal{Q}')\sigma}$$

## Basic properties

- Sound
- Complete with additional rule for iterative deepening

## Example of system operation

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\mathsf{A}\mathsf{x}1) & p(x,y) \land q(x,y) \Rightarrow \bot \\ (\mathsf{A}\mathsf{x}2) & s(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \ q(x,y) \\ (\mathsf{A}\mathsf{x}3) & s(x) \lor q(y,y) \\ \end{array}$$
 
$$(\mathsf{Conj}) \ (\forall \mathsf{x} \forall \mathsf{y} \ p(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y})) \Rightarrow \bot$$

Rule applied	Σ	$\Gamma \setminus \mathcal{AX}$ (lemmas)	М	$C_1 \Rightarrow C_2$
	а	Ø	p(x, y)	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
Decide	a	Ø	p(x,y) s(x)	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
U.p.r. (Ax2)	a	Ø	$p(x, y) s(x), \exists y \ q(x, y)$	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
Intro	a b	Ø	$p(x,y) s(x), \exists y \ q(x,y), q(a,b)$	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
B.e. (Ax1)	a b	Ø	$p(x, y) s(x), \exists y \ q(x, y), q(a, b)$	$p(x, y) \land q(x, y) \Rightarrow \bot$
E.I. ∃ (Ax2)	a b	Ø	$p(x,y) s(x), \exists y \ q(x,y), q(a,b)$	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$
Learn	a b	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y) s(x), \exists y \ q(x, y), q(a, b)$	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$
B.j.	а	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y), \overline{s(x)}$	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
U.p.r. (Ax3)	а	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y), \overline{s(x)}, q(y, y)$	$\emptyset \Rightarrow \{ no\_cflct \}$
B.e. (Ax1)	а	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y), \overline{s(x)}, q(y, y)$	$p(x, y) \land q(x, y) \Rightarrow \bot$
E.r. (Ax3)	а	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y), \overline{s(x)}, q(y, y)$	$p(x,x) \Rightarrow s(z)$
E.r. (lemma)	a	$\forall y \ p(x,y) \land s(x) \Rightarrow \bot$	$p(x, y), \overline{s(x)}, q(y, y)$	$p(x,x) \land \forall y \ p(z,y) \Rightarrow \bot$

## Forward chaining proofs

$$\frac{s(x) \vee q(y,y) \quad p(x,y) \wedge q(x,y) \Rightarrow \bot}{p(x,x) \Rightarrow s(z)} \qquad \frac{s(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \ q(x,y) \quad p(x,y) \wedge q(x,y) \Rightarrow \bot}{\forall y \ p(x,y) \wedge s(x) \Rightarrow \bot}$$

$$\frac{p(x,x) \wedge \forall y \ p(z,y) \Rightarrow \bot}{p(x,x) \wedge \forall y \ p(z,y) \Rightarrow \bot} \qquad \frac{\frac{\bot \vdash \bot}{q(a,b) \vdash \bot} \Rightarrow (Ax1)}{\exists y \ q(a,y) \vdash \bot} \xrightarrow{\exists} (Ax2)$$

$$\frac{s(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \ q(x,y) \quad p(x,y) \wedge s(x) \Rightarrow \bot}{\forall y \ p(x,y) \wedge s(x) \Rightarrow \bot} \qquad \frac{\frac{\bot \vdash \bot}{q(a,b) \vdash \bot} \Rightarrow (Ax2)}{AX, \ p(a,y), s(a) \vdash \bot} \Rightarrow (Ax2)$$

$$\frac{s(x) \vee q(y,y) \quad p(x,y) \wedge q(x,y) \Rightarrow \bot}{p(x,x) \Rightarrow s(z)} \qquad \frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{s(x) \vdash s(b)} \qquad \frac{\bot}{q(x,y) \vdash s(b)} \Rightarrow (Ax1)$$

$$\frac{s(x) \vee q(y,y) \quad p(x,y) \wedge q(x,y) \Rightarrow \bot}{p(x,x) \Rightarrow s(z)} \qquad \frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{AX, \ p(a,a) \vdash s(b)} \qquad \frac{J \vdash s(b)}{q(y,y) \vdash s(b)} \qquad \frac{J \vdash s(b)}{V(Ax3)}$$

### Forward chaining proofs

$$\frac{\frac{\bot \vdash \bot}{q(a,b) \vdash \bot} \Rightarrow (Ax1)}{\frac{\exists y \ q(a,y) \vdash \bot}{A\mathcal{X}, \ p(a,y), \ s(a) \vdash \bot}} \Rightarrow (Ax2)$$

$$\frac{\frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{s(x) \vdash s(b)} \ lnst}{\frac{(a,a) \vdash s(b)}{q(y,y) \vdash s(b)}} \Rightarrow (Ax1)$$

$$\frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{A\mathcal{X}, \ p(a,a) \vdash s(b)} \ lnst}{\frac{A\mathcal{X}, \ p(a,a) \vdash s(b)}{A\mathcal{X}, \ p(a,a) \vdash s(b)}} \Rightarrow (Ax1)$$

$$\frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{s(x) \vdash s(b)} \quad lnst \quad \frac{\bot \vdash s(b)}{q(a, a) \vdash s(b)} \quad \Rightarrow (Ax1)$$

$$\frac{s(b) \vdash s(b)}{s(x) \vdash s(b)} \quad lnst$$

$$\frac{AX}{AX}, p(a, a) \vdash s(b) \quad \lor (Ax3)$$



$$\frac{\frac{\bot \vdash \bot}{p(a,b)\vdash \bot}}{\frac{q(a,b)\vdash \bot}{q(a,b)\vdash \bot}} \xrightarrow[lnst]{lnst} \exists \begin{cases} \frac{\bot \vdash \bot}{p(a,a)\vdash \bot} \Rightarrow (Ax1) \\ \frac{s(a)\vdash \bot}{s(x)\vdash \bot} \\ \frac{s(x)\vdash \bot}{s(x)\vdash \bot} \\ \frac{AX}{s}, p(x,y)\vdash \bot \end{cases} \xrightarrow[lnst]{} \xrightarrow[lnst]{} (Ax3)$$

## Readable proof

- Assume  $\forall x \forall y \ p(x, y)$ .
- By (Ax3), it holds  $\forall x \ s(x)$  or  $\forall y \ q(y,y)$ .
- Assume  $\forall x \ s(x)$ .
  - From  $\forall x \ s(x)$ , it holds s(a).
  - By (Ax2), it holds  $\exists y \ q(a, y)$ .
  - From  $\exists y \ q(a,y)$ , there is b such that q(a,b).
  - From  $\forall x \forall y \ p(x,y)$ , it holds p(a,b).
  - By (Ax1), this leads to contradiction.
- Assume  $\forall y \ q(y,y)$ .
  - From  $\forall y \ q(y, y)$ , it holds q(a, a).
  - From  $\forall x \forall y \ p(x,y)$ , it holds p(a,a).
  - By (Ax1), this leads to contradiction.

#### Related work

- Euclid (Janičić, Kordić) CL-geometry, simple backtracking, ground reasoning, iterative deepening
- Bezem's CL prover (Bezem) CL, simple backtracking, ground reasoning, breadth first search
- Geometric resolution and Geo (de Nivelle) CL-like, backtracking with lemma learning, ground reasoning
- ArgoCLP (Stojanović, Pavlović, Janičić) CL, simple backtracking, ground reasoning, iterative deepening
- Model evolution calculus and Darwin (Baumgartner, Tinelli, Fuchs, Pelzer) — clausal fragment, CDCL-style procedure
- EPR (Piskač, de Moura, Bjorner) clausal fragment without function symbols, CDCL-style procedure



#### Conclusions and future work

- Hopefully, efficient CDCL-based CL prover
- Applications in geometry (and education)
- Applications in program synthesis

### Setup

• Signature:  $\Sigma^{\infty} = \{c^1, c^2, \ldots\}, \ \Pi$ 

Axioms: AX

• Conjecture:  $\forall \vec{x} (\mathcal{H}^0(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0(\vec{x}))$ 

• 
$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^0(\vec{x})\lambda$$
,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}^0(\vec{x})\lambda$ 

### Quantified literals

- Quantified atoms
  - P(a, b)√
  - $\forall x P(x,b) \checkmark$
  - ∃yP(a, y)√
  - $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$
- Negative quantified literals w.r.t.  $\mathcal{G} = \exists y Q(a, y) \lor R(b, c)$ 
  - $P(a,b) \Rightarrow \bot$
  - $\forall \vec{x}(P(\vec{x},b) \Rightarrow R(b,c))$
  - $P(a,b) \Rightarrow Q(a,b) \vee R(b,c)$

## Relation $\models$ (entailment of atoms)

• 
$$P(x, y) \models P(a, y)$$

• 
$$P(x, y) \models P(a, b)$$

• 
$$P(a,b) \models \exists y \ P(a,y)$$

• 
$$\{P(x,y), Q(x), R(b)\} \models P(a,b)$$

# Relation $\perp_{\sigma}^{S}$ (conflict)

• 
$$G = \exists y Q(a, y) \lor R(b, c)$$

• 
$$S = \{P(a), \forall x(T(x,b) \Rightarrow \bot)\}$$

• 
$$\sigma = [x \mapsto a, z \mapsto b]$$

• If  $S \subset M$ , it holds

$$P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y T(y, z) \perp_{\sigma}^{S} M$$
  
 $P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y T(y, z) \lor Q(x, b) \perp_{\sigma}^{S} M$ 

#### **States**

- State:  $S(\Sigma, \Gamma, M, C_1, C_2, \ell)$
- $\Sigma_0 = consts(\mathcal{AX} \cup \mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{G})$
- Initial state:  $S_0(\Sigma_0, \mathcal{AX}, \mathcal{H}, \emptyset, \emptyset, |\Sigma_0|)$
- Accepting state: S such that literals that make  $C_1 \Rightarrow C_2$  conflicting are implied by  $\mathcal{AX}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  (at level 0).
- Rejecting state: S such that it is not an accepting state and no rules are applicable.
- State can be changed by application of the rules of the system

## Forward chaining proofs

- Extraction enabled by
  - Preservation of coherent form
  - Avoiding refutation and Skolemization
- Proof extraction from conflict analysis

### ArgoCLP Prover

- Developed by Sana Stojanović, Vesna Pavlović, Predrag Janičić (2009), based on the prover Euclid (developed by Stevan Kordić and Predrag Janičić, 1995)
- Sound and complete
- A number of techniques that increase efficiency (some of them sacrificing completeness)
- Both formal (Isabelle) and natural language proofs can be exported
- Applied primarily in geometry, proved tens of theorems