

Davis and Putnam Meet Henkin:

Solving DQBF with Resolution

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- This formula is **false** because substituting the dependency-respecting functions $u_1 := x_1$ and $u_2 := \bar{x}_2$ (a **countermodel**) results in the unsatisfiable propositional formula

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$$\begin{aligned} \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad & (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ & (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\}) \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} \neg u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0), (\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1,$

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0), (\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto 0),$
 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

Eliminate x_2 :

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0)$, $(\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto 0)$,
 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1)$, $(\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1)$.

Eliminate x_2 :

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0), (\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto 0),$
 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

Eliminate x_2 :

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

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 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

Eliminate x_2 :

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Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0), (\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto 0),$
 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

Eliminate x_2 :

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1(x_1) \forall u_2(x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

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 $(x_2; 0 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1), (\bar{x}_2; 1 \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1).$

Eliminate x_2 :

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1 (x_1) \forall u_2 (x_2) \quad (x_1 \vee u_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{u}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee u_1) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{u}_1)$$

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$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \forall u_1 (x_1) \forall u_2 (x_2) \quad (x_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 0\}), (\bar{x}_1; \{u_1 \mapsto *, u_2 \mapsto 1\}), \\ (x_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto *\}), (\bar{x}_2; \{u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto *\})$$

Eliminate x_1 : $(x_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 0, u_2 \mapsto 0), (\bar{x}_2; * \stackrel{\bar{x}_1}{\leftarrow} u_1 \mapsto 1, u_2 \mapsto 0),$
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- next, we **eliminate existential variables** one by one in any order;
- in each step we have to resolve **all** pairs of clauses, adding the pivot if necessary (**w-resolution**);
- a resolution step is only **omitted** if it results in an **existential tautology**, or if **strategies mismatch**;
- clauses that did contain the pivot are discarded, others are carried forward;
- the resulting set $\text{DP}(\Psi)$ consists of clause-strategy pairs with **empty existential parts** and **countermodel strategies** if the formula is false; otherwise it is empty.

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