

# DRMaxSAT with MaxHS: First Contact

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- Recent efforts for developing efficient implementations of stronger proof systems:
  - Extended Resolution (ExtRes)
  - DRAT
  - Cutting Planes (CP)
  - Dual-Rail Maximum Satisfiability (DRMaxSAT)

## DRMaxSAT - General Idea

- Translates a CNF formula  $\mathcal{F}$  using the Dual-Rail Encoding
- Uses a MaxSAT algorithm to obtain the cost of the encoded formula
- Determines the satisfiability of  $\mathcal{F}$  based on the cost of the encoded formula

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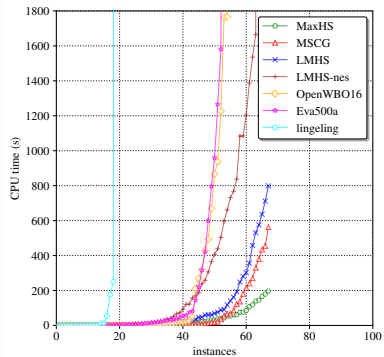
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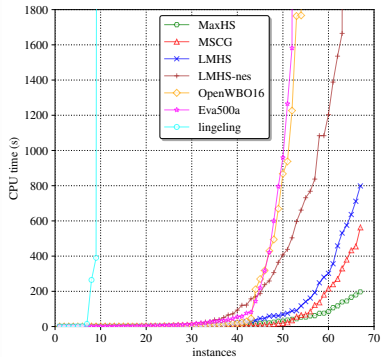
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# SAT

- $\mathcal{F}$  - CNF formula: conjunction of clauses
- Clause: disjunction of literals
- Literal: variable  $x$  or its complement  $\neg x$
- $\mathcal{A}$  - Assignment: mapping from variables to  $\{0, 1\}$
  
- **SAT problem:** Given  $\mathcal{F}$  determine if there is an assignment  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\mathcal{F}$  that satisfies all its clauses, otherwise  $\mathcal{F}$  is unsatisfiable.

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- **Cost** of an assignment: number of unsatisfied clauses in  $\mathcal{S}$

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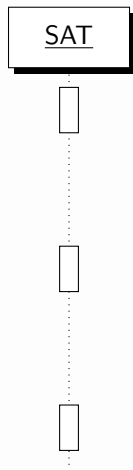
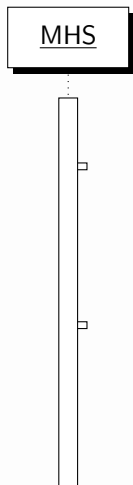
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**Input** :  $\langle \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{S} \rangle$  WCNF formula

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1  $K \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2 while true do
3    $h \leftarrow \text{MinimumHS}(K)$ 
4    $(st, \mu) \leftarrow \text{SAT}(\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{S} \setminus h)$ 
5   if  $st$  then return  $\mu$ 
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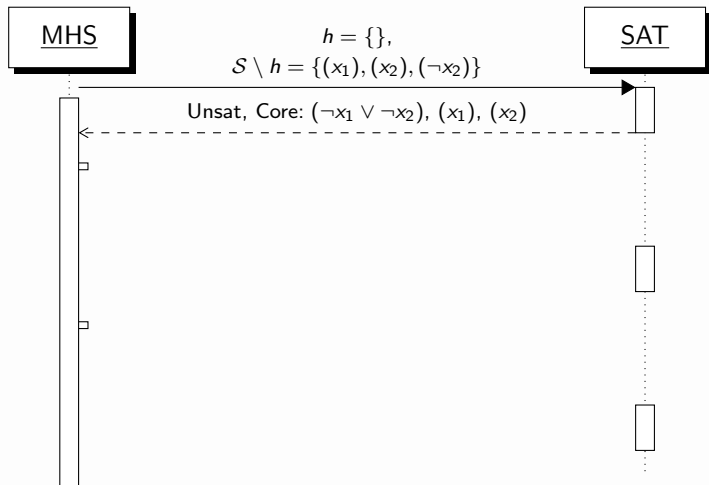
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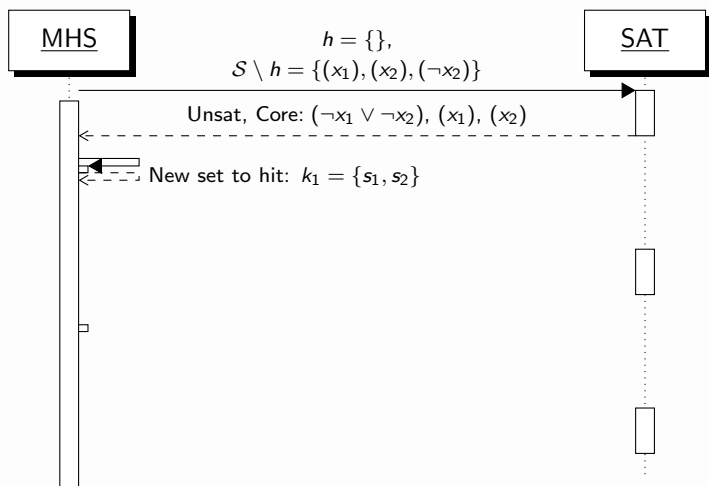
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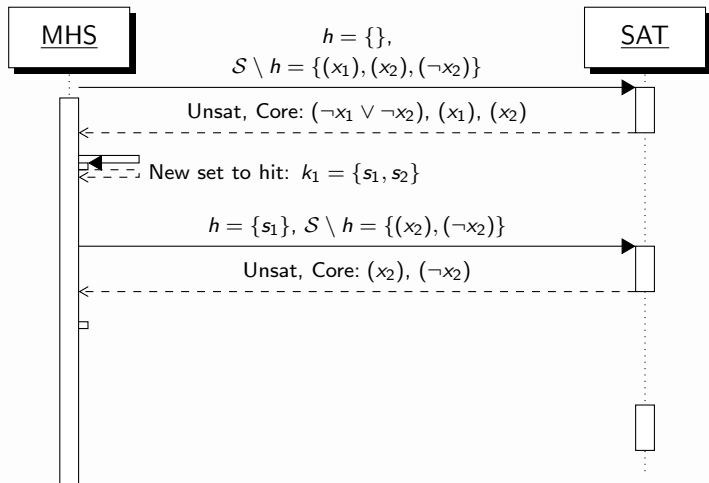
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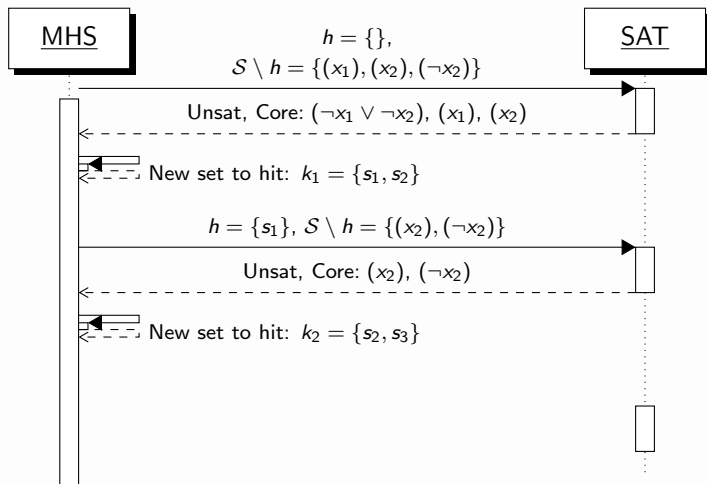
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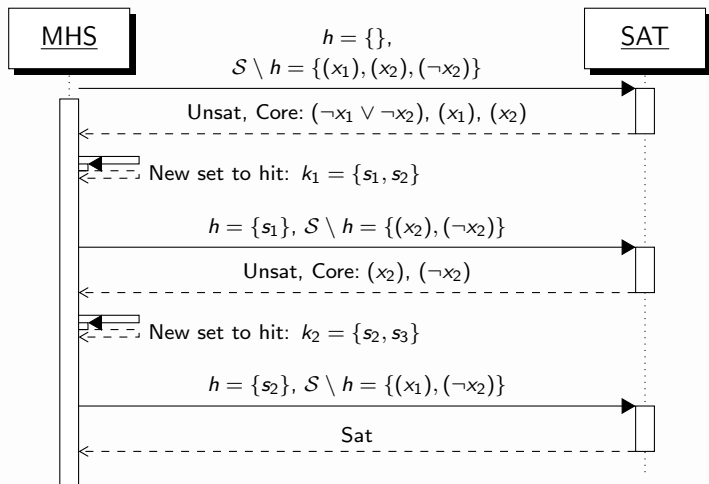
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MaxSAT Cost: 3

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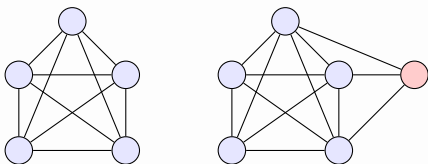
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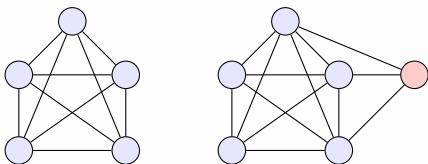
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Proof Idea:

- Order the clauses in the SAT solver (via an ordering of the variables)
- Cores induce sets to hit in MHS that correspond to a known structure (a set of all triplets, or a set of all triplets plus some triplets containing an additional element)
- Last iteration corresponds to a minimum hitting set of size  $2m - 1$  (cost)

# Outline

Basic MaxHS Algorithm

DRMaxSAT

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- MaxHS-like MaxSAT algorithms show good performance on dual-rail encoded families of benchmarks
- Showed that DRMaxSAT using Basic MaxHS Algorithm can refute in polynomial time:
  - Pigeonhole Principle
  - Doubled Pigeonhole Principle
- Future work will seek to :
  - understand how MaxHS-like algorithms compare with core-guided algorithms
  - search for other principles (hard for resolution) for which DRMaxSAT may be beneficial