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Summary

Resumo

Satisfatibilidade Módulo Teorias (SMT) é um campo em crescimento na ciência da computação e na lógica. Dado uma fórmula matemática, resolver o problema SMT significa determinar se a fórmula é satisfatível no contexto de uma teoria específica. Uma dessas teorias é a aritmética de Presburger (também conhecida como Aritmética Linear Inteira), que é a teoria de primeira ordem dos inteiros com adição. Um método para definir a satisfatibilidade de fórmulas nessa teoria envolve o uso de autômatos finitos [10]. Neste projeto, estendemos o solucionador cvc5 [2] incorporando uma ferramenta baseada em autômatos para resolver fórmulas de aritmética de Presburger, e comparamos com solucionadores do estado da arte como Lash [42] e Amaya [24]. Nossa ferramenta é baseada na biblioteca de autômatos Mata [15]. Como trabalho futuro, planejamos também adicionar as etapas de pré-processamento descritas em [24] para a construção de autômatos mais eficientes.

Palavras chave: Satisfabilidade Módulo Teorias, Aritmética de Presburger, Autômatos

Abstract

Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) is a growing field in computer science and logic. Given a mathematical formula, solving the SMT problem means determining whether the formula is satisfiable within the context of a specific theory. One such theory is Presburger arithmetic (also known as Linear Integer Arithmetic), which is the first-order theory of integers with addition. A method for defining the satisfiability of formulae in this theory involves the use of finite automata [10]. In this project, we extend the cvc5 solver [2] by incorporating an automata-based tool for solving Presburger arithmetic formulae, and compare it with state of the art solvers such as Lash [42] and Amaya [24]. Our tool is based on the Mata automata library [15]. As future work, we plan to also add the preprocessing steps described in [24] for the construction of more efficient automata.

Keywords: Satisfiability Modulo Theories, Presburger arithmetic, Automata

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1. Introduction

Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) is a growing field of study in computer science and mathematical logic [3]. In this research area, computer scientists and mathematicians aim to develop and create algorithms for automated reasoning over formulae defined over a set of theories. One of such theories is Presburger arithmetic (also know as Linear Integer Arithmetic, or LIA for short) [23, 35], which is the first-order theory of integers with addition.

The usage of LIA in SMT solvers has, besides its theorical importance, several practical applications in fields like databases [17], compiler optimizations [6] and resource allocation [25]. There are several different approaches to deal with such type of problems in the context of SMT, such as quantifier elimination, Branch and Bound, etc [28].

There are also approaches for solving LIA problems based on automata theory [10, 12, 18]. The main idea of this approach is to construct a finite automata from the original input formula in a way such that the set of words accepted by the automata will correspond to the set of solutions for the original problem. This construction allows the usage of several automata theory concepts and algorithms.

As far as the authors are aware of, there are two open source implementations of such automata-based solvers available for usage, Lash [42] and Amaya [24]. Both of them will be evaluated and studied for a better understanding of how they work.

As the main part of this monograph, a self written solver using the Mata [15] automata library as a backend shall be implemented inside the cvc5 environment. This solver will be heavily inspired by the two aforementioned solvers and will be based on the algorithms and optimizations presented in [26], which allowed for the construction of efficient automata and was able to compete with other methods of solving LIA formulae in solvers like cvc5 [2] and Z3 [16].

1.1. Objectives

This monograph has the objetive of integrating into the cvc5 theorem prover a functional and performative Presburger arithmetic solver that uses an automata theoretic approach. Both the tools Lash and Amaya shall be evaluated and studied in depth for a better understanding of the concepts around their core implementation.

As a main objective, a self written solver based on the Mata automata library will be implemented inside the cvc5 environment. The new implementation shall be compared against Lash and Amaya and also compared against other approaches used to solve LIA problems inside the cv5 solver.

1.2. Organization

The rest of the work presented in this report is organized in the following manner. Section 2 contains the theoretical background needed to understand the work presented in this report. Particularly, section 2.1 contains the basics necessary to comprehend the formal definitions of Presburger arithmetic, while sections 2.2 discuss the topics behind automata theory and the formulation of a Presburger arithmetic problem using an automata theoretic approach. Section 2.3 briefly talks about the current state of the art of SMT solvers and cvc5, the solver used in this project.

Section 3 describes at a high level the architecture of the implemented solver. Section 4 exhibits the experimental evaluations made with the new implementation, showing the comparisons between it and other state of the art solvers in different sets of benchmarks. Finally, section 5 talks about the main contributions of the work done and where and how to access them, while also contains the conclusions made during the development and discussions of future work.

2. Preliminaries

The definitions and formalizations presented in this section were taken from [10, 24, 34, 37, 42]. Some definitions and examples were copied *ipsis literis*.

2.1. Presburger arithmetic

Presburger arithmetic, also know as Linear Integer Arithmetic (LIA), is the first order theory of the natural numbers with addition, formally defined as the first order theory of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq, 0, 1)$.

Scalar multiplication is allowed since it is just syntatic sugar for repetitive addition (ax is $x + \cdots + x$ a times). Moreover, by using negation, multiplication by -1, or subtraction from c by 1, any formula of the form $AX \; \mathcal{R} \; c$, for $\mathcal{R} \in \{=, \leq, \geq, <, >\}$ can be represented in Presburger arithmetic.

Mojżesz Presburger showed the theory was decidable in 1927 [35], and several improvements on his decision procedure were made along the years. However, such approaches weren't able to enumerate solutions neither give a sample vector satisfying the input formula [34]. In 1960, Büchi showed for the first time that finite automata could be used to encode and manipulate fragments of logic [12]. The application of such an idea in Presburger arithmetic was only applied in 1996 by Boudet & Comon [10].

In this project, we consider a LIA formula φ over a finite set of integer variables $\mathbb{X}$ using the following grammar:

$$\varphi_{atom} ::= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} = c \mid \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} \leq c \mid \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} \equiv_m c \mid \bot$$

$$\varphi ::= \varphi_{atom} \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists y(\varphi)$$

where $\vec{x}$ is treated as the set $\mathbb{X} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$, $\vec{a}$ is a vector of n integer coefficients $(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a constant, $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ is a modulus, and $y \in \mathbb{X}$. The other connectives such as $\top, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \forall, \ldots$ can be constructed in the standard way.

2.2. Automata Theoretic Formulation

The ideia behind this approach is to create a constructive decision procedure for problems in Presburger arithmetic.

Given a formula $\varphi(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ in the theory, generate a finite automaton $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$ that accepts the set $\{(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n : (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \models \varphi\}$. In simpler words, the goal is to construct a finite automaton $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$ that accepts exactly the set of solutions to the original formula φ.

2.2.1. Finite Automata

A *nondeterministic finite automaton* is a five-tuple $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$, where:

- $\mathcal{Q}$ is a finite set of states
- Σ is an alphabet
- $\delta \subseteq \mathcal{Q} \times \Sigma \times \mathcal{Q}$ is a transition relation
- $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ is a set of initial states
- $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ is a set of final states

We define a run of $\mathcal{A}$ over a word $w \in \Sigma^*$ as a sequence of states $\rho = q_0 q_1 \ldots q_n \in \mathcal{Q}^{n+1}$ such that for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ it holds that $(q_{i-1}, a_i, q_i) \in \delta$ and $q_0 \in \mathcal{I}$. The run is *accepting* if $n \geq 1$ and the last state of the run is belongs to $\mathcal{F}$. The language of $\mathcal{A}$, denoted as $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$, is the set of words with a accepting run in $\mathcal{A}$.

The automata $\mathcal{A}$ is *deterministic* if $|\mathcal{I}| \leq 1$ and, for all states $q \in \mathcal{Q}$ and symbols $a \in \Sigma$, if $(q, a, p) \in \delta$ and $(q, a, r) \in \delta$, then $p = r$. $\mathcal{A}$ is *complete* if $|\mathcal{I}| \geq 1$ and for all $q \in \mathcal{Q}$ and $a \in \Sigma$, there is at least one state p such that $(q, a, p) \in \delta$. A state is *unreachable* if there is no run from an initial state to it.

Let $q \in Q$ and $S \subseteq Q$ be, respectively, an arbitrary state and a arbitrary subset of states of the automaton, and $\sigma \in \Sigma$ an arbitrary symbol of the automaton alphabet. We define the following functions:

- $pre_\delta(q, \sigma) = \{q' \mid (q', \sigma, q) \in \delta\}$
- $pre_\delta(S, \sigma) = \bigcup_{q \in S} pre_\delta(q), \sigma$
- $post_\delta(q, \sigma) = \{q' \mid (q, \sigma, q') \in \delta\}$
- $post_\delta(S, \sigma) = \bigcup_{q \in S} post_\delta(q, \sigma)$

2.2.2. Classical Automata Based Decision Procedure for Presburger arithmetic

The formal definitions and proofs of the classical decision procedure for LIA formulae using automata are well explained in [10, 20, 24, 34, 37, 42]. In this section, we aim only to present the reader the rough idea of how it works and the information necessary to understand what was implemented. We encourage the reader to check the cited references for more details.

Given a formula φ in Presburger arithmetic theory, a finite automaton $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$ is built that encodes all binary models of φ. This can be done inductively. First, as the base case,

a finite automaton $\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_{\text{atom}}}$ is created for each atomic formula φ_{atom} in φ. The procedure constructs an automaton with a finite number of states.

The following algorithms were taken and adapted from [20] and they describe how an automaton is created for atomic formulae with equalities or inequalities.

Algorithm 1 constructs a non-deterministic deterministic automaton for inequalities, and the lack of determinism actually allows for the encoding of solutions over the integers and not only over the naturals. We can see an example of an automaton encoding the solution space of $\varphi : x \leq 4$ over $\mathbb{Z}$ in Figure 1, taken from [26].

Algorithm 1 Construction of an NFA enconding solutions of an inequality $\varphi_{\leq}$ over $\mathbb{Z}$

Input: An inequality $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} \leq c$ over $\mathbb{Z}$
Output: NFA $\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_{\leq}} = (\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$ that encodes the solutions to $\varphi_{\leq}$

$\mathcal{Q}, \delta, \mathcal{F} \leftarrow \emptyset$
$\Sigma \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{|\vec{x}|}$
$\mathcal{I} \leftarrow \{q_c\}$
$\mathcal{W} \leftarrow \{q_c\}$
while $\mathcal{W} \neq \emptyset$ **do**
    $s_k \leftarrow$ pick and remove a state from $\mathcal{W}$
    add s_k to $\mathcal{Q}$
    for every $\sigma \in \Sigma$ **do**
        $v \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{1}{2}(k - \vec{a} \cdot \sigma) \rfloor$
        if $q_v \notin \mathcal{Q}$ **then**
            add q_v to $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{W}$
        end if
        add the transition (q_k, σ, q_v) to δ
        $v' \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(k + \vec{a} \cdot \sigma)$
        if $v' \geq 0$ **then**
            add q_f to $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{F}$
            add the transition (q_k, σ, q_f) to σ
        end if
    end for
end while
Return $(\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$

Algorithm 2, on the other hand, constructs a NFA encoding the solutions of an equality over $\mathbb{Z}$. There is an example in Figure 2 depicting the automaton for the equality $\varphi : x = 4$.

The inductive cases for Boolean connectives are defined in the standard way. Given two formulae φ_1 and φ_2 , the conjunction $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ is implemented by taking the intersection of the corresponding automata, the disjunction $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ by taking their union, and the negation $\neg\varphi$ by taking the complement of the automaton. Formally, we have:

- $\mathcal{A}_{\neg\varphi}$ encodes $\mathcal{L}(\overline{\mathcal{A}_{\varphi}})$
- $\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2}$ encodes $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_1}) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_2})$
- $\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2}$ encodes $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_1}) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_2})$

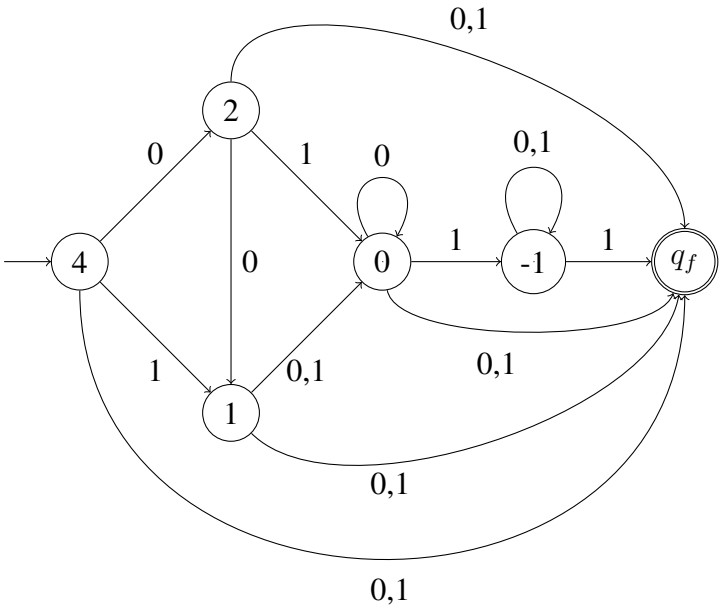


Figure 1. Automaton $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$ for the inequality $\varphi : x \leq 4$

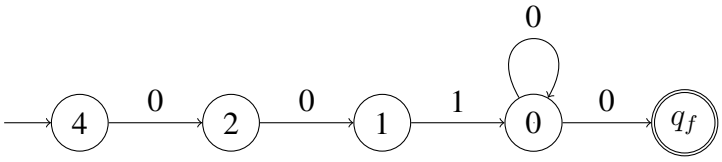


Figure 2. Automaton $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$ for the inequality $\varphi : x = 4$

Algorithm 2 Construction of an NFA enconding solutions of an inequality $\varphi_=$ over $\mathbb{Z}$

Input: An equality $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} = c$ over $\mathbb{Z}$

Output: NFA $\mathcal{A}_{\varphi_=} = (\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$ that encodes the solutions to $\varphi_=$

$\mathcal{Q}, \delta, \mathcal{F} \leftarrow \emptyset$
$\Sigma \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{|\vec{x}|}$
$\mathcal{I} \leftarrow \{q_c\}$
$\mathcal{W} \leftarrow \{q_c\}$
while $\mathcal{W} \neq \emptyset$ **do**
    $s_k \leftarrow$ pick and remove a state from $\mathcal{W}$
    add s_k to $\mathcal{Q}$
    for every $\sigma \in \Sigma$ **do**
        if $k - \vec{a} \cdot \sigma$ is odd **then**
            continue
        end if
        $v \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(k - \vec{a} \cdot \sigma)$
        if $q_v \notin \mathcal{Q}$ **then**
            add q_v to $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{W}$
        end if
        add the transition (q_k, σ, q_v) to δ
        $v' \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(k + \vec{a} \cdot \sigma)$
        if $v' = 0$ **then**
            add q_f to $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{F}$
            add the transition (q_k, σ, q_f) to σ
        end if
    end for
end while
Return $(\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$

For quantifiers, the formalization is quite straightforward. The existential quantification $\exists x(\varphi)$ can be solved by projecting away the track of variable x from the automaton. Since there is no direct construction for the universal quantification, we can solve the problem by replacing all of their appearances by the existential one using the equivalence $\forall x(\varphi) \equiv \neg\exists x(\neg\varphi)$.

Projecting away the variable, although, does not solve the entire problem, because the resulting automaton might not encode all the formula solutions anymore. Suppose, for example, the model $\{x = 7 \wedge y = -4\}$, taken from [24]. The shortest word encoding for this model would contain 1110 for the x track and 00011 for the y track. If we remove the x track from the word, we obtain the word 0011, which encodes the model $\{y = -4\}$. However, this is not the shortest encoding of the assignment (the answer would be 001). In simpler terms, we can say that removing a variable track truncates the automaton alphabet, and it might not contain all encoding of solutions anymore.

To solve this, we can use Algorithm 3, taken from [26], which augments the automaton structure to solve the issue.

Algorithm 3 *PadClosure*

Input: NFA $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, F)$
Output: NFA $\mathcal{A}' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', \mathcal{I}, F')$ accepting all encoding of models

$\delta' \leftarrow \delta$, $W \leftarrow \emptyset$
$q_f \leftarrow$ a new state to be added to $\mathcal{A}$ such that $q_f \notin Q$
for $\sigma \in \Sigma$ **do**
    $S \leftarrow \emptyset$, $W \leftarrow pre_\delta(F, \sigma)$
    while $W \neq \emptyset$ **do**
        $q \leftarrow$ pick and remove an element from W
        add q to S
        for $q' \in pre_\delta(q, \sigma)$ **do**
            if $q' \notin S$ **then**
                add q' to W
            end if
        end for
    end while
    for $q \in S$ **do**
        if $post_\delta(q, \sigma) \cap F = \emptyset$ **then**
            add (q, σ, q_f) to δ'
        end if
    end for
end for
if $\delta = \delta'$ **then**
    return $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, \mathcal{I}, F)$
else
    return $(Q \cup \{q_f\}, \Sigma, \delta', \mathcal{I}, F \cup \{q_f\})$
end if

2.3. SMT Solvers and cvc5

SMT solvers are tools built with the goal of solving SMT problems. There are many state of the art solvers out there, each of them with their respective particularities and design choices. In this project we are goind to use the cvc5 [2] solver, which is an open-source automatic theorem prover, written in C++ and released under an open-source software license. All the code and build instructions can be found in the tool's GitHub repository.

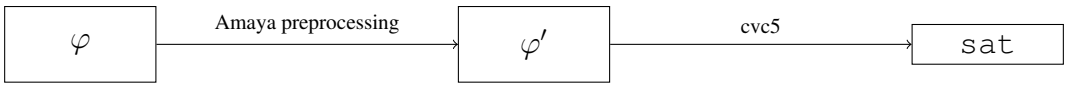
3. Architecture

As aforementioned, the solver was implemented over the cvc5 environment, making usage of several of it's utilities such as the SMT-LIB [4] language parser. For the current state of the solver, it's assumed that the input was preprocessed by the Amaya [26] tool, which applies a lot of the formula rewriting described in [24]. After preprocessing, the input formula is fed to the cvc5 binary, which will decide it's satisfiability.

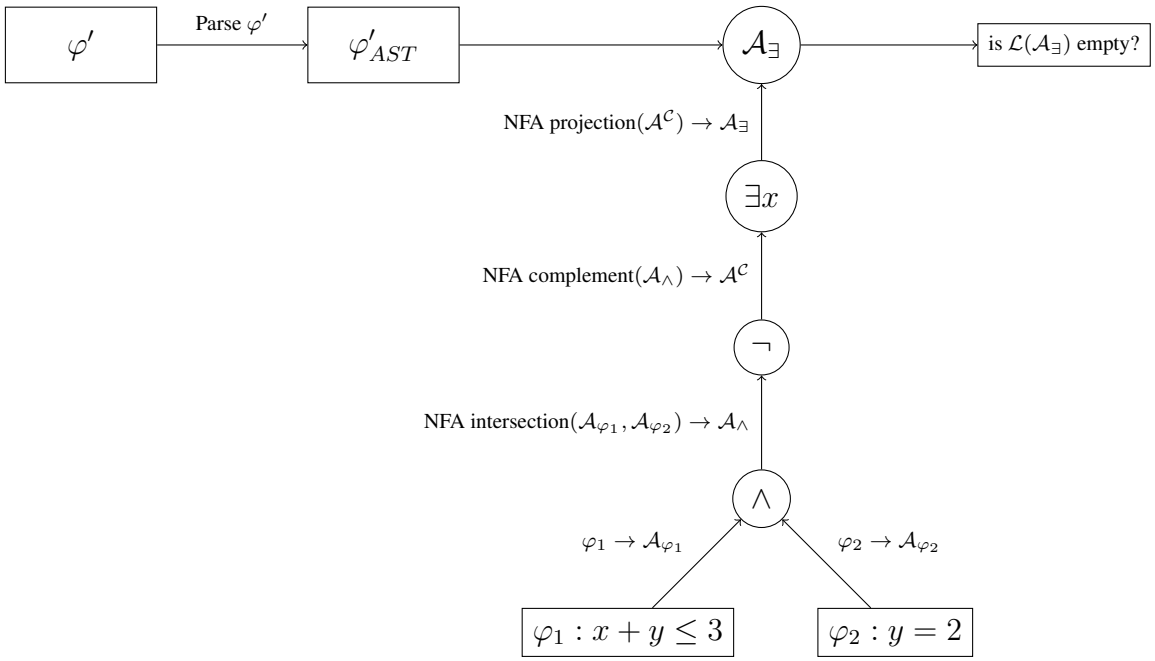
Our initial implementation can only deal with formulae following the grammar described in Section 2.1, and cvc5's internal preprocessing steps didn't include anything capable of doing that. One of the proposed future works is to implement inside cvc5 the whole set of formulae rewriting procedures Amaya is capable of. This way, the implementation would depend only on the software available in the cvc5 system.

Inside cvc5 the solver is implemented as a preprocessing step. In the step, the automaton is constructed inductively, in a bottom-up manner, as described in section 2.2.2. Then, the final automaton goes through an emptiness check. If the language of the automaton is empty, the formula is `unsat`, and `sat` otherwise. The choice of implementing it that way is mainly to make cvc5 leave quantifiers untouched, and let the automaton solver deal with the entire formula.

Below there is a diagram ilustrating the general process of how the implemented solver deals with an example Presburger arithmetic formula $\varphi : \exists x(\neg(x+y \leq 3 \wedge y = 2))$.



Inside the cvc5 procedure step, we have:



4. Benchmarks

For the evaluation of the implemented tool, two different types of benchmark were utilized, based on the benchmarks presented in [26]. The chosen benchmarks contain problems in the family of both quantifier-free and quantified Linear Integer Arithmetic. All datasets are available in the SMT-LIB format, with the exception of the benchmarks used for the Lash solver, since it could accepted only it's own input format.

First, our implementation was compared against cvc5's default linear integer arithmetic solver in a set of formulae from CAV 2009 datasets. Secondly, we compared our solver against Amaya, Lash, Z3 and cvc5 on the solving of formulae representing the Frobenius coin problem [38] with two variables, available at Amaya's GitHub repository. The choice of testing the set of automata-based decision procedures in this set of problems is due to it's quantifier heavy nature.

The experiments were made in a machine with the following configuration:

Property	**Details**
OS	Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS x86_64
Host	MS-7D20 1.0
Kernel	6.8.0-51-generic
CPU	11th Gen Intel i5-11400F (12) @ 4.400GHz
GPU	NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1660 SUPER
Memory	16GB

Table 1. System information

4.1. CAV 2009 benchmarks

CAV (International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification) is an academic conference on the theory and practice of computer-aided verification, one of the most important ones in the context of SMT solving. The 2009 conference made available a set of benchmarks for LIA problems that suit very well our needs for benchmarking. It can be found at this link, where lots of other SMT-COMP benchmarks are hosted.

The dataset contains quantifier free formulae that vary in the size of the coefficients and in the number of variables. Firstly, we tested our solver, as well other solvers based on automata, in the formulae varying the size of the coefficients. As the order of magnitude of the coefficients rises, our solver was not even able to finish before the process was terminated by the OS because of memory usage. This has a lot of reasons, one of which being the fact that out implementation doesn't yet support the optimizations needed for the construction of automata with less states than needed. We use a bottom up naive approach, unlike Amaya, who uses a top-down automaton construction that allows a automaton construction with a considerably smaller number of states created during computation [27].

We also need to refer to the size of the coefficients, since this causes a huge impact in the number of states created during construction of the automaton [18]. The decision procedure based on automata becomes infeasible, even for simple formulae, when such types of constraints appear. This issue can be confronted by the optimizations described in [24].

In second place, we also evaluated our solver in the benchmarks where the number of variables vary. As aforementioned, the whole decision procedure has an exponential blowup regarding the number of variables in the input formula, so we expected to see this behavior in the tests, and we did. Our solver couldn't handle any of the benchmarks with more than 15 variables, while it was able to solve a big part of the formulae with 10 variables.

The results found during this step of benchmarking actually helped to confirm that the automata-based approach is not particularly efficient for handling quantifier free formulae, but instead it's advantage is in dealing with formulae with a large amount of quantifiers, as we will see in the next subsection.

4.2. Frobenius coin problem

The Frobenius coin problem is a famous algebra problem named after the German mathematician Fernidand Georg Frobenius. Although it is a problem with a notorious theoretical importance [1], it's fame also comes from a joke involving Chicken McNuggets.

The problem asks what is the largest number n you can get such that n is not the result of the sum of elements from a set $\mathcal{S}$ of coprime numbers, which we will refer as coins. Such a number is called the *Frobenius number* of set $\mathcal{S}$. If the amount of coins is 1, the problem is trivial. If there are two coin denominations, a_1 and a_2, the *Frobenius number* can be found with the formula $a_1a_2 - a_1 - a_2$, found by mathematician James Joseph Sylvester in 1882. For more than two coins the problem starts to get a little tricky, and no general formula is known. The general Frobenius coin problem, with an arbitrary number of coins, is known to be NP-Hard [7]. However, if the number of coins is fixed, there is a polynomial time algorithm for finding the solution [29].

The problem can be written using the following formula, taken from [26], where f is the Frobenius number and $\vec{w}$ is a vector of setwise coprime numbers:

$$\text{Frob}(f, \vec{w}) \triangleq \forall \vec{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{|\vec{w}|} : (f \neq \vec{w} \cdot \vec{n}) \wedge (\forall f' \in \mathbb{N} : ((\forall \vec{n'} \in \mathbb{N}^{|\vec{w}|} (f' \neq \vec{n'} \cdot \vec{w})) \rightarrow f' \leq f))$$

As we can see, the problem formulation contains a non-negligible amount of quantifiers, so it is a good way of testing the capacity of our approach for solving quantifier-heavy formulae. The benchmark used for evaluating the implemented solution with the state of the art is the same used in [26]. It consists of a set of instances of Frob$(n, \vec{w})$ with two coins with consecutive primes denominations. Figure 3 shows that our solver vastly outperforms cvc5 and Z3 when solving this set of problems. We've established a time limit of 120 seconds for the solvers.

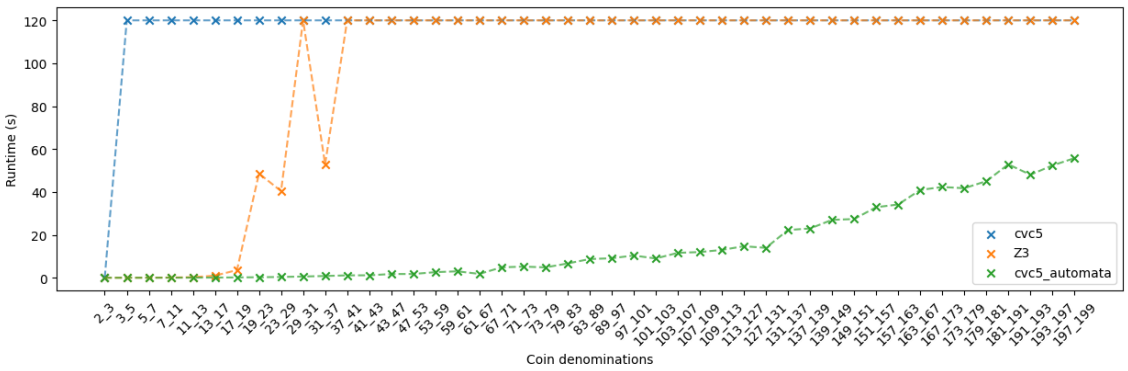


Figure 3. Frobenius Coin problem benchmark

Against other automata-based decision procedures, we can see, in Figure 4, that out solver keeps up with Amaya in the first half, but it gets slower as the coin denominations value increases. The reason is because, as discussed before, the size of the automaton is directly impacted by the values of the coefficients present in the formula. Amaya implements heuristics and optimizations already thought to mitigate this kind of problem and our implementation doesn't yet.

Lash on the other hand starts faster than any other solver but as the coin denominations values starts to increase, it's behavior begins to be very slow and fraught. The "ziggy-zaggying" we see is quite curious, but there is no evident explanation for it to happen specifically with Lash. A further deeper analysis is required to understand the core of the tool and why it's behavior is not as predictable as with the other solvers.

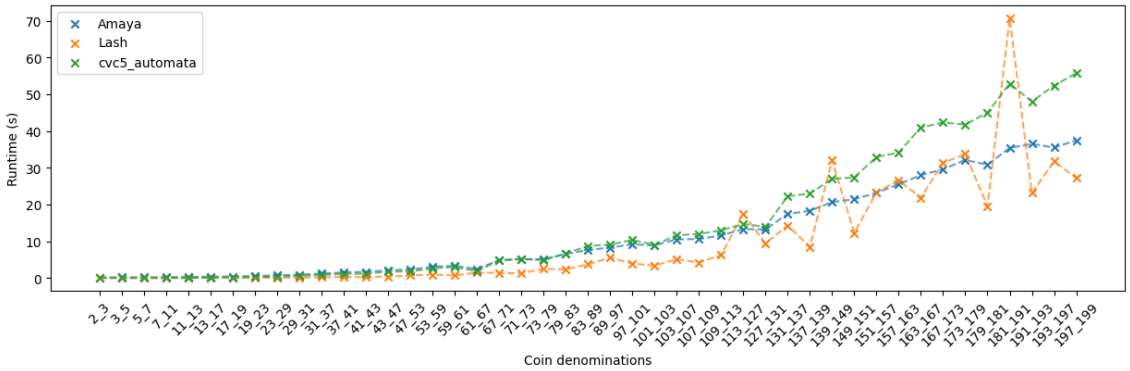


Figure 4. Frobenius Coin problem benchmark

5. Conclusion and future work

In this project, we managed to add to the cvc5 environment an automata based approach for solving Presburger arithmetic formulae. The implementation used the Mata automata library as a backend for handling automata operations such as the intersection and union, for example. The fork of cvc5 with the implementation of the new approach can be found in this GitHub repository, with instructions on how to build the project and where to find the benchmarks used. Since the time available for the implementation of the project was short, the main focus was to create a working MVP, which was accomplished, but it's performance is not up to the level of Amaya, as shown in 4. For future work, we aim to study in more depth the core of Amaya's source code to understand how can we improved our code to match up with the state of the art solvers in the usage of automata theory for solving LIA problems.

In addition to the LIA solver implemented, another contribution of this monograph was the integration of the Mata library in the cvc5 ecossystem. Mata is an automata library that offers a combination of speed and simplicity. Handling finite automata is a hard task and Mata can be used to mitigate this problem. It can be used by cvc5 for solving other types of problems, such as string theory formulae, the same way it was used in Z3-Noodler [14], for example.

The implemented tool opens a range of possibilities of optimizations, like the ones described in [24]. The preprocessing passes, for example, shall be implemented in cvc5 and evaluated in future work, in order to not rely on Amaya's formulae rewriting implementation.

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