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Citius, Maius, Potentius – Faster, Bigger, More Powerful

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SAT Competition 2014
The International SAT Competitions have been contributing to the impressive performance boost of SAT solvers since 2002.

- A relatively objective testbed for the practical importance of novel search techniques.

Highlights from the SAT Competition 2014:

- High participation: 79 participants and 137 submitted solvers.
- Many resources: 5,000 (s) timeout, in total 400,000 CPU hours.
- Validation of results: witness for SAT and proof for UNSAT.

Three categories for both sequential and parallel solvers:

- Application category with benchmarks from industry.
- Hard-combinatorial category with benchmarks to obstruct solvers.
- Random category with scientifically interesting benchmarks.
SAT Competition 2014: Tracks

1. Sequential, Application SAT
2. Sequential, Application certified UNSAT
3. Sequential, Application SAT+UNSAT
4. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial SAT
5. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial certified UNSAT
6. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial SAT+UNSAT
7. Sequential, Random SAT
8. Parallel, Hard-combinatorial SAT+UNSAT
9. Parallel, Application SAT+UNSAT
10. Parallel, Random SAT new
11. Sequential, MiniSAT Hack, Application SAT+UNSAT
SAT Competition 2014: Rules (excerpt)

1. The source code of submitted SAT solvers must be made available;
2. Full source code submissions only (no libraries);
3. Each (co-)author was limited to four sequential solvers, two parallel solvers and one MiniSAT hack track submission;
4. At most two different SAT solving engines for all runs per solver;
5. Every solver and benchmark submission needs to be accompanied with a short solver / benchmark description;
6. A wrong answer will disqualify a solver for all tracks it participates in;
7. Solvers cannot be withdrawn after the submission deadline.
SAT Competition 2014: Participation

- We had 137 solver submissions of which 70 participated
- We had 79 participants from 14 countries
Proofs were mandatory in UNSAT tracks as during SC 2013

New checker *DRAT-Trim* is able to validate all SAT techniques

Example validation of proof by cryptominisat-4.1-st while solving q_query_3_l48_lambda.cnf using 126.26 (s) CPU time:

c reading proof from stdin
c finished parsing
c detected empty clause; start verification via backward checking
c 34958 of 174528 clauses in core
c 668933 of 1332081 lemmas in core using 30685879 resolution steps
c 2766 RAT lemmas in core; 481098 redundant literals in core lemmas
Verification took 177 seconds. Checker output: s VERIFIED
Number of times a user has submitted code in EDACC.

- 313 code submissions for 137 solvers → 2.3 submissions per solver
SAT Competition 2014: Execution

- One phase competition
- Automatized testing phase for competitors to test their solvers
- No further changes possible after the testing phase
- Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)
  - 2 Hex-core Xeon 5680 processors, 3.33 GHz with 24GB RAM per node
  - Used $\sim 90.000h$ of CPU time on 12 core nodes (wasting 5/6 CPU time)
  - Blocked $\sim 400.000h$ of CPU time of resources
- Execution System: EDACC
  - Simple and transparent execution of solvers on distributed clusters
  - Automatic collection and (statistical) analysis of the results
  - Web front end provides a competition mode (with user management)
Includes all submitted solver and benchmark descriptions

Descriptions of benchmark selection and generation procedures

Permanent URL:
http://hdl.handle.net/10138/135571


Solver description and sources for each solver also available through the EDACC web front-end
SAT Competition 2014: Benchmarks

Application and Hard-Combinatorial tracks

- Submissions: 7 Application, 7 Hard-Combinatorial.
- 50% of selected Application and 50% of selected Hard-Combinatorial benchmarks are new.
- Large diversity: 23 sources (“buckets”) in Application; 29 in Hard-Combinatorial.

Random tracks

- SAT benchmarks: k-SAT for $k \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
  - “Threshold” — around the threshold, up to 13,000 vars.
  - “Huge” — under threshold, up to 1,000,000 vars.
- No UNSAT benchmarks due to lack of competitive solvers
SAT Competition 2014: MiniSAT Hack Track

MiniSAT Hack Track

1. 222; MiniSat_HACK_999ED; Chanseok Oh
2. 213; minisat_blbd; Jingchao Chen
3. 191; ROKKminisat; Takeru Yasumoto
SAT Competition 2014: Parallel Structured Tracks

Parallel Application SAT + UNSAT

1. 277; Plingeling; Armin Biere
2. 248; PeneLoPe; Gilles Audemard, Benoît Hoessen, Saïd Jabbour, Jean-Marie Lagniez, and Cédric Piette
3. 248; Treengeling, Armin Biere

Parallel Hard-Combinatorial SAT + UNSAT

1. 227; Treengeling; Armin Biere
2. 221; Plingeling; Armin Biere
3. 205; Ricardo Marques, Luís Guerra e Silva, Paulo Flores and Luś Miguel Silveira
SAT Competition 2014: Random Satisfiable Benchmarks

Sequential Random SAT

1. 115; dimementeus; Oliver Gableske
2. 101; BalancedZ, Chong Huang, Chumin Li, and Ruchu Xu
3. 98; CSCCSat2014; Chuan Luo, Shaowei Cai, Wei Wu, and Kaile Su

Parallel Random SAT

1. 108; pprobSAT; Adrian Balint and Uwe Schöning
2. 106; Plingeling; Armin Biere
3. 95; CSCCSat2014; Chuan Luo, Shaowei Cai, Wei Wu, and Kaile Su
SAT Competition 2014: Structured Satisfiable Benchmarks

Sequential Application SAT

1. 109; minisat_blbd; Jingchao Chen
2. 107; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey
3. 106; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh

Sequential Hard-combinatorial SAT

1. 107; SparrowToRiss; Adrian Balint and Norbert Manthey
2. 106; CCAnr+glucose; Shaowei Cai, Chuan Luo, and Kaile Su
3. 104; SGSeq; Chumin Li, Hua Jiang, and Ruchu Xu
SAT Competition 2014: Structured Unsatisfiable Benchmarks

Sequential Application Certified UNSAT

1. 130; Lingeling (druplig); Armin Biere
2. 123; glucose; Gilles Audemard and Laurent Simon
3. 121; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh

Sequential Hard-combinatorial Certified UNSAT

1. 105; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey
2. 96; Lingeling (druplig); Armin Biere
3. 92; glucose; Gilles Audemard and Laurent Simon
SAT Competition 2014: Structured All Benchmarks

Sequential Application SAT + UNSAT

1. 231; Lingeling; Armin Biere
2. 228; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh
3. 226; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey

Sequential Hard-Combinatorial SAT + UNSAT

1. 208; glueSplit_clasp; Jingchao Chen
2. 207; Lingeling; Armin Biere
3. 206; SparrowToRiss; Adrian Balint and Norbert Manthey
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D. These techniques are not part of MiniSAT 2.2
SAT Competition 2014: Contribution Award

In acknowledgement of their impact on SAT research through the introduction of the highly-influential MiniSAT SAT solver.

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Niklas Sörensson
SAT Competition 2014: Thanks!

Thanks to all the submitters of benchmarks and solvers!

- All results are available on the EDACC system: http://satcompetition.org
- Solver and benchmark descriptions in the proceedings: http://hdl.handle.net/10138/135571