Planning and Optimization

C3. General Regression

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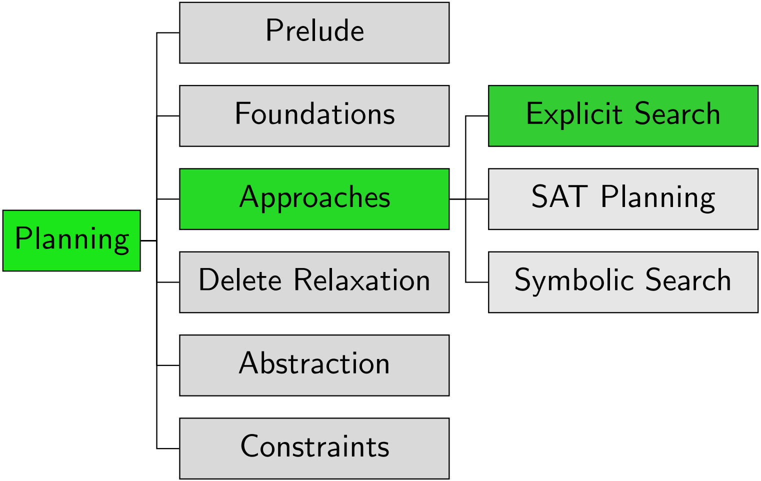

Regression for General Planning Tasks

- With disjunctions and conditional effects, things become more tricky. How to regress $a \lor (b \land c)$ with respect to $\langle q, d \rhd b \rangle$?
- In this chapter, we show how to regress general sets of states through general operators.
- We extensively use the idea of representing sets of states as formulas.

C3.1 Regressing State Variables

Regressing State Variables: Motivation

Key question for general regression:

- Assume we are applying an operator with effect e.
- What must be true in the predecessor state for propositional state variable v to be true in the successor state?

If we can answer this question, a general definition of regression is only a small additional step.

Regressing State Variables: Key Idea

Assume we are in state s and apply effect e to obtain successor state s'.

Propositional state variable v is true in s' iff

- effect e makes it true, or
- it remains true, i.e., it is true in s and not made false by e.

Regressing a State Variable Through an Effect

Definition (Regressing a State Variable Through an Effect)

Let e be an effect of a propositional planning task, and let v be a propositional state variable.

The regression of v through e, written $regr(v, e)$, is defined as the following logical formula:

$$regr(v, e) = effcond(v, e) \lor (v \land \lnot effcond(\lnot v, e)).$$

Does this capture add-after-delete semantics correctly?

Regressing State Variables: Example

Example

Let $e = (b \rhd a) \land (c \rhd \neg a) \land b \land \neg d$.

v	$regr(v, e)$
a	$b \lor (a \land \neg c)$
b	$\top \lor (b \land \neg \bot) \equiv \top$
c	$\bot \lor (c \land \neg \bot) \equiv c$
d	$\bot \lor (d \land \neg \top) \equiv \bot$

Reminder: $regr(v, e) = effcond(v, e) \lor (v \land \neg effcond(\neg v, e))$

Regressing State Variables: Correctness (1)

Lemma (Correctness of $regr(v, e)$)

Let s be a state, e be an effect and v be a state variable of a propositional planning task.

Then $s \models regr(v, e)$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models v$.

Regressing State Variables: Correctness (2)

Proof.

($\Rightarrow$): We know $s \models regr(v, e)$, and hence
$s \models effcond(v, e) \lor (v \land \neg effcond(\neg v, e))$.

Do a case analysis on the two disjuncts.

Case 1: $s \models effcond(v, e)$.
Then $s[\![e]\!] \models v$ by the first case in the definition of $s[\![e]\!]$ (Ch. B3).

Case 2: $s \models (v \land \neg effcond(\neg v, e))$.
Then $s \models v$ and $s \not\models effcond(\neg v, e)$.
We may additionally assume $s \not\models effcond(v, e)$
because otherwise we can apply Case 1 of this proof.
Then $s[\![e]\!] \models v$ by the third case in the definition of $s[\![e]\!]$. ...

Regressing State Variables: Correctness (3)

Proof (continued).

($\Leftarrow$): Proof by contraposition.

We show that if $\mathit{regr}(v, e)$ is false in s, then v is false in $s[\![e]\!]$.

- By prerequisite, $s \not\models \mathit{effcond}(v, e) \lor (v \land \neg \mathit{effcond}(\neg v, e))$.
- Hence $s \models \neg \mathit{effcond}(v, e) \land (\neg v \lor \mathit{effcond}(\neg v, e))$.
- From the first conjunct, we get $s \models \neg \mathit{effcond}(v, e)$ and hence $s \not\models \mathit{effcond}(v, e)$.
- From the second conjunct, we get $s \models \neg v \lor \mathit{effcond}(\neg v, e)$.
- Case 1: $s \models \neg v$. Then v is false before applying e and remains false, so $s[\![e]\!] \not\models v$.
- Case 2: $s \models \mathit{effcond}(\neg v, e)$. Then v is deleted by e and not simultaneously added, so $s[\![e]\!] \not\models v$.

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C3.2 Regressing Formulas Through Effects

Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Idea

- We can now generalize regression from state variables to general formulas over state variables.
- The basic idea is to replace every occurrence of every state variable v by $regr(v, e)$ as defined in the previous section.
- The following definition makes this more formal.

Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Definition

Definition (Regressing a Formula Through an Effect)

In a propositional planning task, let e be an effect,
and let φ be a formula over propositional state variables.

The regression of φ through e, written $regr(\varphi, e)$,
is defined as the following logical formula:

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\begin{aligned}
regr(\top, e) &= \top \\
regr(\bot, e) &= \bot \\
regr(v, e) &= effcond(v, e) \lor (v \land \lnot effcond(\lnot v, e)) \\
regr(\lnot\psi, e) &= \lnot regr(\psi, e) \\
regr(\psi \lor \chi, e) &= regr(\psi, e) \lor regr(\chi, e) \\
regr(\psi \land \chi, e) &= regr(\psi, e) \land regr(\chi, e).
\end{aligned}
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Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Example

Example

Let $e = (b \rhd a) \land (c \rhd \neg a) \land b \land \neg d$.

Recall:

- $\mathit{regr}(a, e) \equiv b \lor (a \land \neg c)$
- $\mathit{regr}(b, e) \equiv \top$
- $\mathit{regr}(c, e) \equiv c$
- $\mathit{regr}(d, e) \equiv \bot$

We get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{regr}((a \lor d) \land (c \lor d), e) &\equiv ((b \lor (a \land \neg c)) \lor \bot) \land (c \lor \bot) \\ &\equiv (b \lor (a \land \neg c)) \land c \\ &\equiv b \land c \end{aligned}$$

Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Correctness (1)

Lemma (Correctness of $regr(\varphi, e)$)

Let φ be a logical formula, e an effect and s a state of a propositional planning task.

Then $s \models regr(\varphi, e)$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models \varphi$.

Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Correctness (2)

Proof.

The proof is by structural induction on φ.

Induction hypothesis: $s \models \mathit{regr}(\psi, e)$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models \psi$
for all proper subformulas ψ of φ.

Base case $\varphi = \top$:

We have $\mathit{regr}(\top, e) = \top$, and $s \models \top$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models \top$ is correct.

Base case $\varphi = \bot$:

We have $\mathit{regr}(\bot, e) = \bot$, and $s \models \bot$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models \bot$ is correct.

Base case $\varphi = v$:

We have $s \models \mathit{regr}(v, e)$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models v$ from the previous lemma. ...

Regressing Formulas Through Effects: Correctness (3)

Proof (continued).

Inductive case $\varphi = \neg\psi$:

$$\begin{aligned} s \models \mathit{regr}(\neg\psi, e) &\text{ iff } s \models \neg\mathit{regr}(\psi, e) \\ &\text{ iff } s \not\models \mathit{regr}(\psi, e) \\ &\text{ iff } s[\![e]\!] \not\models \psi \\ &\text{ iff } s[\![e]\!] \models \neg\psi \end{aligned}$$

Inductive case $\varphi = \psi \lor \chi$:

$$\begin{aligned} s \models \mathit{regr}(\psi \lor \chi, e) &\text{ iff } s \models \mathit{regr}(\psi, e) \lor \mathit{regr}(\chi, e) \\ &\text{ iff } s \models \mathit{regr}(\psi, e) \text{ or } s \models \mathit{regr}(\chi, e) \\ &\text{ iff } s[\![e]\!] \models \psi \text{ or } s[\![e]\!] \models \chi \\ &\text{ iff } s[\![e]\!] \models \psi \lor \chi \end{aligned}$$

Inductive case $\varphi = \psi \land \chi$:

Like previous case, replacing "$\lor$" by "$\land$"
and replacing "or" by "and". □

C3.3 Regressing Formulas Through Operators

Regressing Formulas Through Operators: Idea

- We can now regress arbitrary formulas through arbitrary effects.
- The last missing piece is a definition of regression through operators, describing exactly in which states s applying a given operator o leads to a state satisfying a given formula φ.
- There are two requirements:
  - The operator o must be applicable in the state s.
  - The resulting state $s[\![o]\!]$ must satisfy φ.

Regressing Formulas Through Operators: Definition

Definition (Regressing a Formula Through an Operator)

In a propositional planning task, let o be an operator,
and let φ be a formula over state variables.

The regression of φ through o, written $\mathit{regr}(\varphi, o)$,
is defined as the following logical formula:

$$\mathit{regr}(\varphi, o) = \mathit{pre}(o) \land \mathit{regr}(\varphi, \mathit{eff}(o)).$$

Regressing Formulas Through Operators: Correctness (1)

Theorem (Correctness of $\mathit{regr}(\varphi, o)$)

Let φ be a logical formula, o an operator and s a state of a propositional planning task.

Then $s \models \mathit{regr}(\varphi, o)$ iff o is applicable in s and $s[\![o]\!] \models \varphi$.

Regressing Formulas Through Operators: Correctness (2)

Reminder: $\mathit{regr}(\varphi, o) = \mathit{pre}(o) \land \mathit{regr}(\varphi, \mathit{eff}(o))$

Proof.

Case 1: $s \models \mathit{pre}(o)$.

Then o is applicable in s and the statement we must prove simplifies to: $s \models \mathit{regr}(\varphi, e)$ iff $s[\![e]\!] \models \varphi$, where $e = \mathit{eff}(o)$. This was proved in the previous lemma.

Case 2: $s \not\models \mathit{pre}(o)$.

Then $s \not\models \mathit{regr}(\varphi, o)$ and o is not applicable in s. Hence both statements are false and therefore equivalent. □

Regression Examples (1)

Examples: compute regression and simplify to DNF

- $regr(b, \langle a, b \rangle)$
  $\equiv a \land (\top \lor (b \land \neg\bot))$
  $\equiv a$
- $regr(b \land c \land d, \langle a, b \rangle)$
  $\equiv a \land (\top \lor (b \land \neg\bot)) \land (\bot \lor (c \land \neg\bot)) \land (\bot \lor (d \land \neg\bot))$
  $\equiv a \land c \land d$
- $regr(b \land \neg c, \langle a, b \land c \rangle)$
  $\equiv a \land (\top \lor (b \land \neg\bot)) \land \neg(\top \lor (c \land \neg\bot))$
  $\equiv a \land \top \land \bot$
  $\equiv \bot$

Regression Examples (2)

Examples: compute regression and simplify to DNF

- $regr(b, \langle a, c \rhd b\rangle)$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor (b \land \neg\bot))$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor b)$
  $\equiv (a \land c) \lor (a \land b)$
- $regr(b, \langle a, (c \rhd b) \land ((d \land \neg c) \rhd \neg b)\rangle)$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor (b \land \neg(d \land \neg c)))$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor (b \land (\neg d \lor c)))$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor (b \land \neg d) \lor (b \land c))$
  $\equiv a \land (c \lor (b \land \neg d))$
  $\equiv (a \land c) \lor (a \land b \land \neg d)$

C3.4 Summary

Summary

- Regressing a propositional state variable through an (arbitrary) operator must consider two cases:
  - state variables made true (by add effects)
  - state variables remaining true (by absence of delete effects)
- Regression of propositional state variables can be generalized to arbitrary formulas φ by replacing each occurrence of a state variable in φ by its regression.
- Regressing a formula φ through an operator involves regressing φ through the effect and enforcing the precondition.