

# 形式化方法导引

## 第 4 章 逻辑问题求解

### 4.2 理论 - (1) SAT 求解

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回顾: 定义: Propositional Logic in *BNF*

$$\phi ::= p \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid (\phi \vee \phi) \mid (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$$

where  $p$  stands for any atomic proposition and each occurrence of  $\phi$  to the right of  $::=$  stands for any already constructed formula.

Provable equivalence:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \neg(p \wedge q) \dashv\vdash \neg q \vee \neg p & \neg(p \vee q) \dashv\vdash \neg q \wedge \neg p \\ p \rightarrow q \dashv\vdash \neg q \rightarrow \neg p & p \rightarrow q \dashv\vdash \neg p \vee q \\ p \wedge q \rightarrow p \dashv\vdash r \vee \neg r & p \wedge q \rightarrow r \dashv\vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r). \end{array}$$

回顾: rules 太多: 推演过于复杂, 符号也有冗余

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Start with  $M$  being empty and apply the rules as long as possible always ends in either

- *fail*, proving that the CNF is *unsatisfiable*, or
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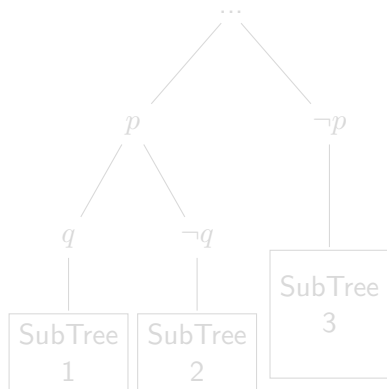
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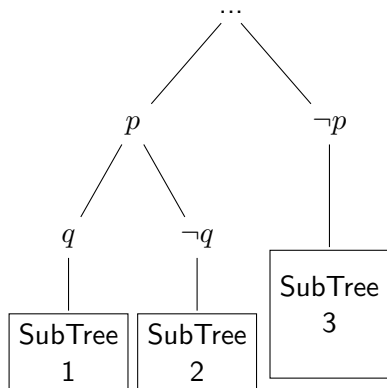
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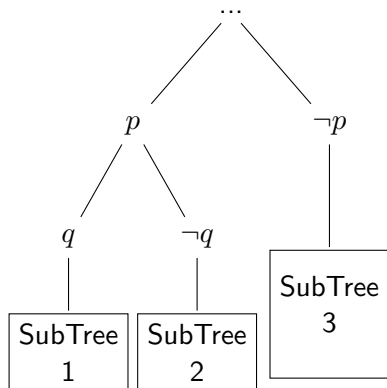
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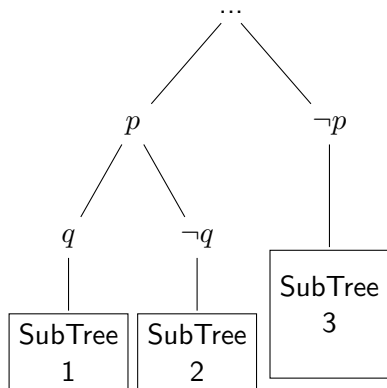
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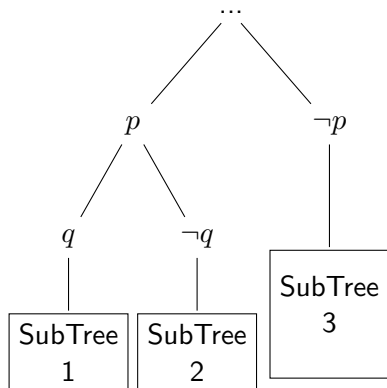
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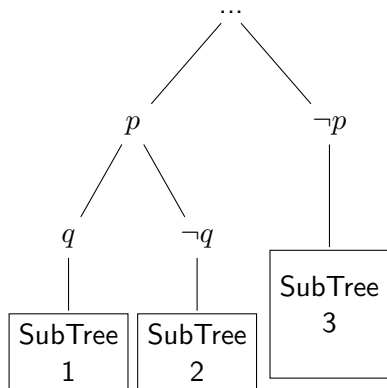
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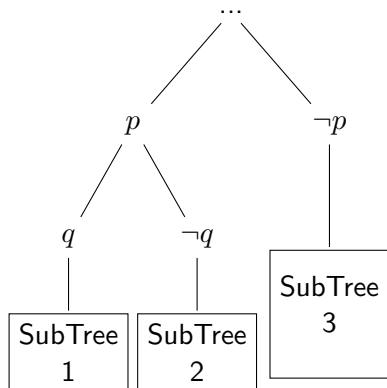
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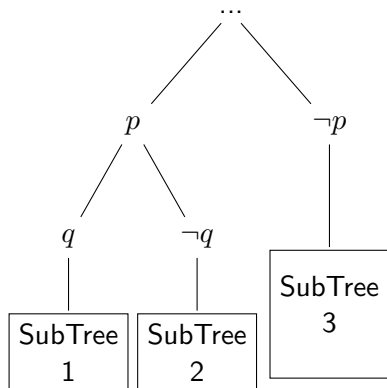
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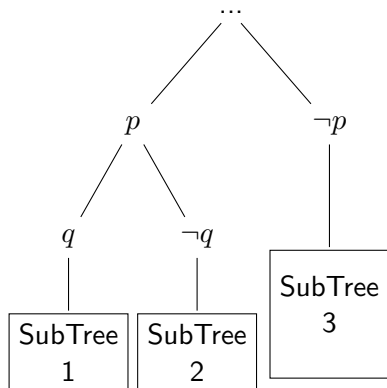
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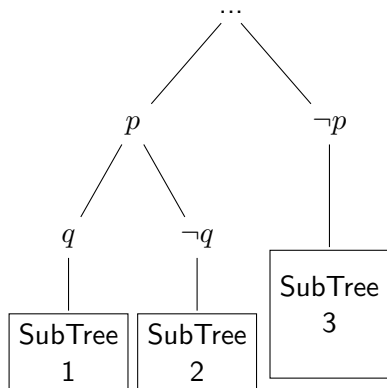
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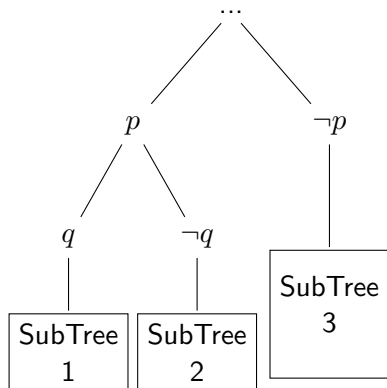
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- Then it helps to **Restart**: start with empty  $M$  using the adjusted CNF

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$$\neg x_1^d x_4 x_3^d \neg x_8 x_{12} \neg x_2^d x_{11} x_7^d$$

Contradiction ( $x_9, \neg x_9$ )

$$\text{CNF} = \text{CNF} \cup \{ \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_7 \vee x_8 \}$$

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实验大作业 (可选): 自行设计 CNF 的 SAT 求解算法, 要求:

- 可以使用现有算法 (如 DPLL, CDCL), 也可以自行设计其他算法
- 可以独立设计可执行程序, 也可以修改现有开源程序的核心算法 (选取后者分数更高)
- 自己构建测试集 (可网上查找测试集)
- 附上详细的文档: 包括实现过程, 算法解释, 与现有工具 (如 Z3) 等的性能对比