

Problem Dealt with: k -SAT. (k literals per clause), M clauses, N boolean variables
 $\alpha = \frac{M}{N}$, α_c separates region almost all formulas are SAT / all are UNSATifiable
 for $k=3$, $\alpha_c \approx 4.267$ (this paper up to 4.24). Difficulty due to \exists clustering phenomena
 when $\alpha > \alpha_c$ Two step iterates between (1) survey/message propagation which are surveys over clusters of the ordinary messages. (2) use the probabilistic info to fix var.

Experiment: 3-SAT. $N=10^7$

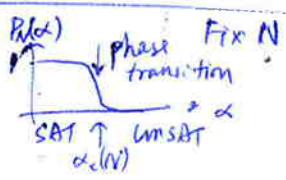
choose formula. choose k -tuples of var at random (with no repetition)
 negate var with $P_1 = 0.5$. ϵ in SP = 10^{-3} ~~is not~~ significant improve

- ① $\alpha < \alpha_c \approx 3.9$ converge to a set of trivial msg $\sum_i a_i = 0$ for all a_i edges. all var are under-constrained. (no constrained cluster, i.e. some var in the cluster is fixed)
- ② $\alpha \in (3.9, 4.3)$. converges to unique fixed-point set of non-trivial msg, independent from initial conditions, & large fraction of msg are in $(0,1)$. \exists constrained clusters outperform existing algo.
- ③ For small N ($N=1000$) often SP doesn't converge. But more converge Prob. with $N \uparrow$ (fix α)

Results. A single run of decimation, without restart.
 fail = not converge or simplified sub-formula found by SD isn't solved by SATwalkSAT
 → Performance \uparrow with $N \uparrow$, $f \downarrow$ so NOT necessarily UNSAT
 → larger α , more failure.
 → convergence time of SP basically doesn't grow with N . (like $\log N$)
 If fix one var each step. then $O(N \cdot N \cdot \log N)$

Still some small gap (4.24, 4.267) \swarrow N vars to fix sp \nearrow SP convergence steps

$P_N(\alpha)$: randomly generated formula is SAT: \downarrow with α
 define $\alpha_c(N) = \text{root of } P_N(\alpha_c(N)) = \frac{1}{2}$.



$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_c(N) = 4.27$ empirically near $\alpha_c(N)$ is difficult to solve

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_N(\alpha) = 1$ for $\alpha < \alpha_{lb}$ For 3-SAT. = 3.42
 $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_N(\alpha) = 0$ for $\alpha > \alpha_{ub}$ = 4.506

Following appears when $N \rightarrow \infty$ with α fixed:

1. \exists phase transition critical value α_c . (= 4.267 for 3-SAT)
2. α clust \searrow to, $\%$ β -SAT

cavity method, no rigorous, except k -XOR-SAT
 no rigorous proof of SP convergence

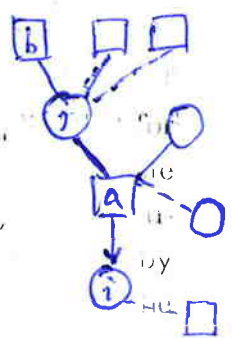


① Warning Propagation: only from ^{function nodes} factors to nodes $\square \rightarrow \circ$ Find SAT Assign or UNSAT.

A warning $U_{a \rightarrow i} = 1$ can be interpreted as a message from function node a , telling variable i that it should adopt the correct value to satisfy clause a . $\in \{0, 1\}$

So send 1 iff all neighbors of a (except i) don't want to satisfy a .

$$\text{iff } \forall j \in V(a) \setminus i, J_j^a \neq \text{sgn} \left(\frac{\sum_{b \in V(a) \setminus a} J_j^b U_{b \rightarrow j}}{\sum_{b \in V(a) \setminus a} J_j^b} \right)$$



random initialization.
tmax converge / not

average of what j 's neighbors want j to be

Ref WP Algo Page 5 & WID Algo Pg 6 (see page 3) conflicting msg

If $\sum_{b \in V(a)} U_{b \rightarrow i}^* > 0$ or $\sum_{b \in V(i)} U_{b \rightarrow i}^* > 0$ then fail (UNSAT)

between UNCONVERG SAT UNSAT

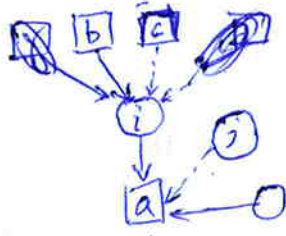
Otherwise if $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ then fix to the ϵ . $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ choose one unfixed arbitrarily assign

Thm 1. If ^{factor} graph is a tree, then WP converges to a unique set of fixed point warning msg. independent of initial warnings. If at least one of the contradiction numbers $c_i = 1$, then the problem itself is UNSAT. Otherwise, SAT.

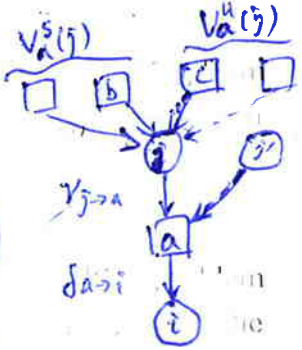
② Belief Propagation $\square \leftrightarrow \circ$

Gives, for tree factor graphs, the total # of SAT assignments. the fraction of SAT assignments when a variable $x_i = \text{true}$

$$P(x_i | a \text{ is absent}) = \frac{P(b | x_i) P(c | x_i) P(x_i)}{P(b, c)}$$



$$U_{a \rightarrow i}(x_i) = \sum_{x_j: j \neq i} f_a(x) \prod_{j \in V(a) \setminus i} U_{j \rightarrow a}(x_j)$$



$$\sum_{x_j: j \neq i} f_a(x) P(x | x_i) = \sum_{x_j: j \neq i} f_a(x) \prod_{j \in V(a) \setminus i} U_{j \rightarrow a}(x_j)$$

independence factorization

Reparameterize: $v_{j \rightarrow a} \in [0, 1] = P(x_j \text{ violates } a | a \text{ absent})$

$\delta_{a \rightarrow i} := \prod_{j \in V(a) \setminus i} v_{j \rightarrow a} \leftarrow P(\text{all var in } a \text{ violate } a)$
i.e. a should send a warning to i

$$v_{j \rightarrow a} = \frac{P(\text{no warning from } V_a^s(j))}{P(\text{no warning from } V_a^s(j)) + P(\text{no warning from } V_a^u(j))}$$

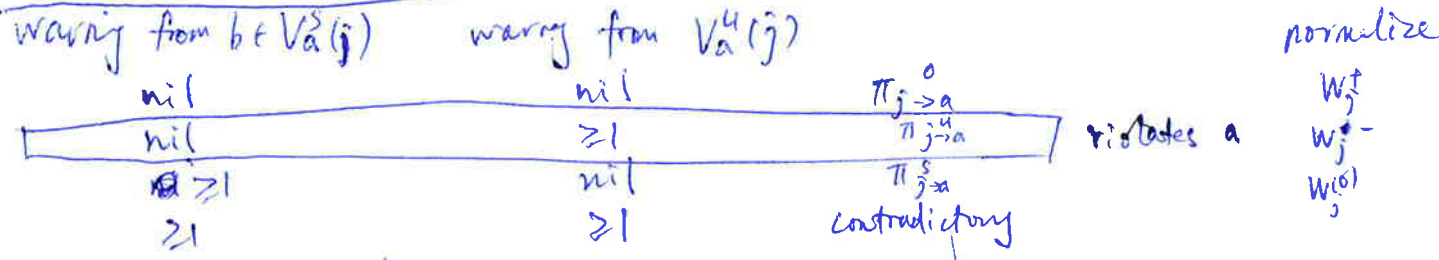
$\delta_{a \rightarrow i} = \prod_{j \in V(a) \setminus i} v_{j \rightarrow a}$ (set to 1 if a is leaf w/ single neighbor i)

$\prod_{b \in V_a^s(j)} (1 - \delta_{b \rightarrow j})$
 b sends warning to j

If $\alpha > \text{clust}$ then BP factor doesn't hold globally but holds if one restricts prob. space to given cluster α . So BP message will converge to statistical meanings under cluster α .

③ survey propagation: also heuristic to loopy graphs, no guarantee of convergence more efficient than WP, BP.

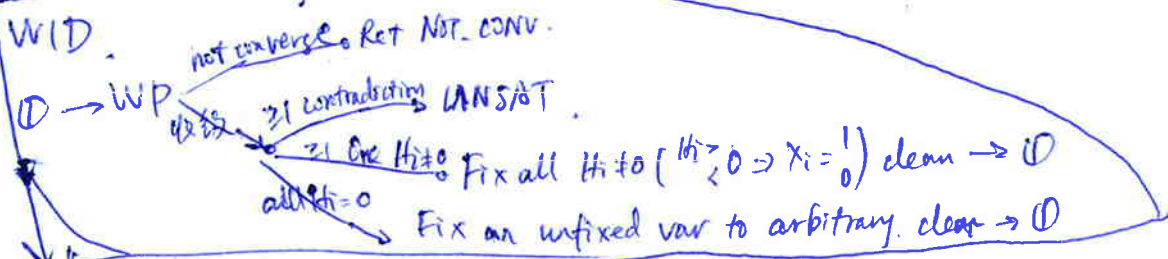
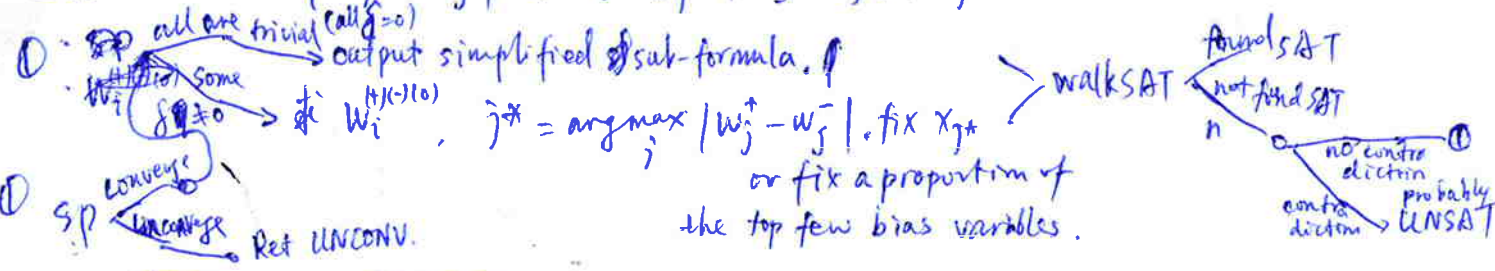
In a cluster a : some var constrained to 0, some to 1, some unconstrained $*$
 so describe a cluster by N -dim vect $\chi^a \in \{0, 1, *\}^N$. It discards a lot of info. e.g.
 $\chi_i^a = *$ lost the info on the fraction of assignments in the cluster a where $x_i = 0$
 see Eq 34-37, Page 15. change i to j



So $\chi_{j \rightarrow a} = \pi_{j \rightarrow a}^u / (\pi_{j \rightarrow a}^0 + \pi_{j \rightarrow a}^u + \pi_{j \rightarrow a}^s)$. $\delta_{a \rightarrow i} = \prod_{j \in V(a) \setminus i} \chi_{j \rightarrow a}$

$P(x_j \text{ violates } a | a \text{ absent})$

SID: check $|W_j^+ - W_j^-|$ pick $j^* = \arg \max_j |W_j^+ - W_j^-|$. $x_{j^*} \leftarrow 1$ if $W_{j^*}^{(+)} > W_{j^*}^{(-)}$



message passing protocol
 update simultaneously all j belonging to the same clause, ~~in~~
 order of clause is a random permutation chosen at each iteration step

Distance between two assignments $x_i, y_i = \frac{1}{2} (x_i - y_i)^2$. e.g., then disconnected, path connected nodes form a clus

SP msg ~~is~~ meaning:
 $U_{a \rightarrow i}^a = 1$ is passed $a \rightarrow i$. The SP message along this edge is the survey of these warnings.
 when one picks up a cluster a at random $\delta_{a \rightarrow i} = \sum_a U_{a \rightarrow i}^a / |\# \text{cluster}|$. So SP msg gives prob. that there's a warning from $a \rightarrow i$ in a random cluster. also $W_i^{(+)}(1|10)$ has meaning

② complexity $\log \#$ constrained clusters of SAT assignments fraction of constrained clusters
 when x_i is frozen ^{pos} neg / unconstrained (Pg 17)
 underconstrained, biased