On A "Quantum" Proof Of The Equivalence of P And NP

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Abstract

We present an algorithm, along with a correctness proof, for solving the 3 Satisfiability problem that is inspired by quantum mechanical principles and that runs in polynomial time with respect to the size of the input problem. Even though we term both our algorithm and its associated proof as quantum (for reasons which we will demonstrate), it is intended to be run on standard classical computing (Turing complete) architecture. In the article, we posit that the 3 Satisfiability problem has an intrinsic complex quantum form that can be programmed in order to build a model of the solution space for satisfiable instances or show that such a model cannot be constructed. This yields surprising results on the ability for classical systems to abstractly simulate general quantum systems.

1. Introduction

The 3 Satisfiability problem is a popular problem in the field of computer science notable for being one of the quintessential problems in the NP complete space. The full classification of the NP space as well as the question of whether P = NP had the earliest developments in the combined works of Cook [2], Levin [3] and Karp [4]. In this article, we continue that analysis by providing a definite answer to this question in the form of a "quantum" algorithm that solves the 3 Satisfiability problem in polynomial time. Our quantum dynamical approach is unique and has the closest analogue in existing literature to the holographic algorithms investigated by Valiant [1] and others. Similar to the algebraic methods (but with a more directly functional approach) used in [1], in the course of our proof, we construct "holographic" reductions to quantum valued 2 dimensional "planar" objects which form the real (directly match-able) critical points in all assignment paths

In this work, we do not treat the Satisfiability problem in its regular logical form as a conjunctive normal formula over disjunctive unit clauses. We instead cast the problem into a novel quantum computational form or "type". This treatment converts the initial propositional formula into a quantum programmable type (strengthening the propositions as types conception) whose particular type is algebro-combinatorial (an idea to be fleshed out in detail). This assumes that the reader is familiar, if needed, with the normal classically logical formulations of the problem in CNF form as well as how the maximal operational space of that formulation classifies the problem as NP complete in the literature.

The approach we present is intended to address the major source of uncoordinated exponential blow up or "drift towards infinity" in the classical approach, namely that attributable to the worst-case element of brute force search. To address this, we propose an alternative, "renormalizable" model where the original clauses are converted to a discrete solution form and the totality of potential and actual solution spaces are modelled as sets of "evolutions" of complex combinatorial species along with an associated algebra of mutation/generator functions which extend the species by operating over their interference patterns.

The algebraic species are quantum compressions or representations of partial or complete solution spectra (if any solutions exist) and the generator functions construct complex generations of this space. In the case of unsatisfiable instances and instances with just one solution, the initial generation, termed first generation, is deemed complete. For instances with more than one solution, first generations serve as a complex differentiable base case over which other generations can be computed. All successive species constructed after the initial generation are collectively termed second generation species. Actual sets of satisfying assignments to unit propositions can be regarded as output/base species (that is they are of the same type, species, as the clausal space in our formulation and are complex homeomorphic with other species – if we regard all species as quantum deformable functions, with unit assignments as invertible constant functions as will be demonstrated).

We have used the word complex in many places in a similar sense to that in other mathematical literature, that is, a complex entity (function) is capable of splitting into two or more other complex or real entities, by configuration, based on the (bounded, imaginal) action of the user. Here we associate the sense "real" to objects identifiable with lines or linear actions which for example would be the linear assignment of truth values to individual variables in our provided SAT formula.

The article is divided into 2 further sections as follows:

- 2. The Algorithm.
- 3. Conclusion.

The overall style pursued is functional in spirit as opposed to formal since our approach is directly algorithmic and relies less directly on formal numerical methods established in more rigorous mathematical literature (for example, [1]). Hence, our main instruments of proof will be functional descriptions of structures (all algebraic) and the functions that operate on these structures along with arguments to prove the correctness (soundness and completeness) of the entire procedure. A main requirement will be for the reader to be able to logically follow along and understand these (algorithmic/functional) structures, the functions/operations that change them and the (further) structures implied from applying the operations.

2. The Algorithm

2.1 Quantum Programs

We construe our algorithm as manipulating quantum programs, hence the term, quantum algorithm. These quantum programs, which we also term quantum injunctions, can be taken to be the programmatic equivalents of standard quantum computational elements, say qubits or qudits, that is, they are morphable and their morphisms can only take on standard quantum values, that is quantized. Ignore the fact that these programs themselves are the problems to be solved, that is, they extend classical quantum computation with the notion of self-solving quantum systems. This makes the programs a form of abstract quantum matter which, with some ingenuity, can be used to study other (physically concrete) quantum systems. Note that because we are dealing with a virtual form, these morphisms will always take on their desired quantum values, that is, we have no probabilistic element in the orientation or "spin" of the programs, providing an abstract and absolute form of topologically secure quantum computation. One can say, that by capturing and bounding the entire possibility space, we "encircle" the traditional probability layer of quantum mechanics. We do this by explicitly representing the space of all possible proofs (if any), thereby providing a form of continuously quantified quantization.

2.2 Unit Variables and Literals

Unit literals represent traditional propositions that can be assigned true or false. Each literal presented can be identified by a subscript (natural number) and sign (+ for unnegated literals and – for negated literals). For brevity sake, we only show signs for negated (-) literals and assume that unsigned numbers are positively signed. Every literal and its opposite (inverse) are antipodes of the same variable (simply identified by the lower letter "x" attached to their common subscript) which is their algebraic "superposition". The signed representations (literals) are the only elements directly available to functional manipulation but we will continue to use the term "variable" to refer to the abstract sense of assignment so we can talk of assigning a variable, say x₃, to one of its assignable literals, 3 or -3 , that is, we make that particular literal true and the opposite literal (same variable, opposite sign), false. The selected notation for literals is similar in spirit to the DIMACS CNF format used by many classical SAT solvers.

2.3 Basic Quantum Program Structures

Each initial disjunctive clause is represented by a Quantum Injunctive Clause, which we will call an X structure. This is a comma separated list of literal values, where the integer part represents the variable subscript and the sign is the OPPOSITE of that carried by the literal in normal CNF format, nested within opening and closing braces. For example:

Clausal form ($\neg x_1 \lor x_4 \lor \neg x_7$) is transformed to X structural form {1, -4, 7} and

Clausal form $(x_3 \lor \neg x_5 \lor x_6)$ is transformed to X structural form $\{-3, 5, -6\}$.

We will call all X structures that directly represent the clauses in the original formula, the <u>BASIS</u> X structures. We will shortly see how this basis is extended to compute the complete satisfiability model for the provided formula instance.

The entire CNF formula itself is represented by a different structure termed a Y structure which is a comma separated list of all (valid) X structures. We will shortly explain the notion of a valid X structure. This gives Y structures a richer, computationally effective (functional versus formulaic) overall structure. For example:

The formula $(\neg x_1 \lor x_4 \lor \neg x_7) \land (x_3 \lor \neg x_5 \lor x_6)$ is transformed to Y structural form {1, -4, 7}, {-3, 5, -6}.

The last class of structures, Z structures, are the actual satisfying solutions to some problem instance S, that is, a provided CNF formula. A Z structure is represented as a comma separated open list (no opening or closing braces) of assignments (literals that have been made true). For example:

The Y structure: {1, -4, 7}, {-3, 5, -6} is satisfied by the Z structure: -1, -4, 7, 3, 5, -6.

Note how in our example, only the first literal in each Y structure has its sign reversed in the Z structure and is the only assignment that satisfies the respective underlying disjunctive clause (because, as we have explained, X structures reverse the sign).

Signs are reversed in X structures for the following reason: Computationally, X structures can then be interpreted as declared conditional (functional) programs for which the following axiom must be satisfied:

<u>Axiom 1</u>: "For some X structure, X1, composed of n distinct elements and for any program P1 with an attached, partially completed Z structure, Z1, that satisfies (must satisfy) the given instance S containing X1, if n-1 of the literals in X1 have already been added to Z1, that is, these n -1 variables in Z1 have already been assigned to literals which do not satisfy the classical disjunctive clause represented by X1, the program P1 must immediately assign the nth, unassigned literal, call it k, in X1 to its opposite Thus, we extend Z1 to a new Z structure, Z2, that satisfies X1. We call Z2 a satisfying completion of X1 over k".

For example:

The Y structure: {1, -4, 7}, {-3, 5, -6} has the partially completed Z structure: -1, -4, 7, 5 at some time t and at the successive time t + 1 we extend the solution to -1, -4, 7, 5, -6 by adding -6.

Note that the second X structure is unsatisfied at the new time t + 1 and that we must immediately at what we call time t + 2, add 3 (the opposite of -3) to the Z structure, obtaining the satisfying solution: -1, -4, 7, 3, 5, -6.

At time t + 2, we can regard the previous n–1 unsatisfying literal assignments as the INPUT portion for the inclusion of the satisfying literal assignment (the OUTPUT) of the anonymous function locally defined (in space and time) on the X structure. This qualifies us to call each structure X of size n, an n-dimensional program encoding n functions of input size n-1 and output size 1.

Axiom 1 treats X structures as algebraic constraint types from which we can construct a new type via pattern matching. Since Y and Z structures vary along with X structures, they can be regarded as algebraic types (varieties) themselves. Speaking algebraically then, we think it worthwhile to make the following section closing statements by speaking of the "cycle" structure of the 3 algebraic types:

Every completed satisfying program P1 outputs a permuted/chained variation of a permutable set of assignments C (that is, the elements of C should be assignable in any order). We say each X structure carries a partial cycle on C chains.

Every X structure of size n that carries a cycle on some combination C, over some output literal j, also carries a (exactly n-1) cycles on other C structures for which the negation (contra-variation)

of j is an input assignment. Thus, every X structure is a co-cycle over its n variants, that is, every X1 structure is a partial co-cycle over its n associated C structures. We will soon see how X structures can be regarded as projective varieties.

On the other hand, Y structures must necessarily carry a total co-cycle over every possible combination (where solutions exist), at every instance. We will soon see how Y structures can be regarded as affine (parallel connection over their manifold representation) varieties.

Z structures are just particular chain realizations of some covered combination C. We will soon see how Z structures can be regarded as smooth (continuously varying real/rational entities) varieties.

2.4 Injunctive Space Completion

Here, we introduce an additional axiom and its corollary that both define a partial binary "integration" operation over X structures.

Axiom 2: "Take any 2 valid (again, we will explain invalidation rules shortly) X structures, X1 of size m and X2 of size n. If X1 and X2 share a common variable x_i, such that x_i takes on opposite signs (literals) in both structures AND X1 and X2 share no other variables, DIFFERING IN SIGN, we must generate and add to the global Y structure, a new X structure X3, composed of the m-1 elements in X1 and n-1 elements in X2, differing from x_i".

This can be read more procedurally as: "If Y is to contain only valid X structures, then it must admit only X structures that do not lead to assignment contradictions when applied in parallel since by Axiom 1, if we do not construct X3, x_i will be assigned two contradictory values if it is the last value assigned in both X1 and X2 by some arbitrary program P". Thus, Axiom 2 defines a binary parallelization/synchronization operator on our X structural programs.

Corollary 2.1: Self Contradiction/Reduction: "Take 2 structures X1 and X2 both of size n having the same set of variables and in which n-1 of the variables are the same and agree in sign (same literals) and also having an nth common variable that differs in sign (opposite literals). We must generate a new structure X3, composed of the agreeing n-1 literals. X1 and X2 are now invalid as they have been replaced/reduced by X3, a valid substructure of each.".

2.5 First-Generation Algorithm

- i. Take a given 3 SAT problem instance S, convert all of its clauses into X structures and add them to a list called "incoming". These initial set forms the basis.
- ii. Create a new list called "processed" to add structures that have been picked up from "incoming" and processed as described in step iii.
- iii. Process elements of "incoming" in a loop, and for each iteration: Remove the first "incoming" structure X1 and compare it to each applicable element in "processed" using Axiom 2.
 If we generate a new X structure during a comparison with <u>5 OR FEWER</u> elements, add it to "incoming", else discard it (NOTE THIS STEP). Add X1 to "processed.

Continue until "incoming" is empty.

iv. If at any point, we generate two X structures X1 and X2 each of size 1 and each containing the same variable but where each variable is the literal opposite of the other, X1 and X2 are invalid and S is unsatisfiable, otherwise, if we exhaust "incoming" and no such occurrences are recorded, S is satisfiable.

2.6 Proof of Correctness

It should be quite obvious from the description above that we are dealing with a polynomial time algorithm (all considered X structures are bounded by a finite size of 5) with no immediately evident linear reason why the procedure is correct. The best way to prove the correctness of this algorithm will be to examine its edge/boundary cases.

First, we must agree that if we complete our first generation such that by our criteria above, the problem instance S is satisfiable (to be proven), then all valid X structures describe necessary actions that must be taken at "boundaries" by any satisfying program P according to Axiom 1.

Secondly, during second generations, as P assigns variables to literals, any X structure can be rewritten/rescaled with a structure reflecting all completed assignments. For example:

Say we have some X structure {3, -5, -7}.

If we assign the variable x₅ to false, that is, our Z structure contains -5, we can perform the following rewrite:

{3, -5, -7} to {3, -7}.

This ensures that the X structure indicates the new exact boundary rule that satisfies the underlying disjunctive clause.

Further if we assign the variable X_3 to the literal 3 then we need to rescale the original X structure to 7 which means literally taking the negation of the literal (-7) as per axiom 1 in order that we may satisfy the underlying clause.

This is what we mean by X structures being quantum computational elements that can be reprogrammed by taking a quotient on a structure to obtain a valid (and necessary) quantum "adjoined" boundary rule.

Henceforth, we will continue to use particular X structures with clearly defined literals (1, -1, 2, and so on) to demonstrate all described operations in the proof. As the reader will see, this use is abstract enough to demonstrate all necessary points.

Next, consider any two X structures of size 2 such that $X1 = \{1, 3\}$ and $X2 = \{1, -3\}$. Clearly, the variable x_1 cannot be assigned a positive value 1 at any point in the program. If we were forced to assign the literal 1 to true, X_3 becomes unassignable. We will call this an assignment dilemma on

The main line of the proof will show that upon successful completion of a first generation on some arbitrary 3 SAT instance, we never run into a situation where we are forced to assign a literal to true which creates the assignment dilemma mentioned (in a very exact, abstract sense which we will demonstrate). This fact couples with the additional fact that because our X structures always denote only valid actions that must be taken at "boundaries", only invalid solutions are ever excluded at each point in time. The result is that our proof is able to show that we can after first generation, continuously assign values to all variables, where some assignments may be free and others bound (to the value necessitated by the boundary rule indicated by some valid X structure).

The approach taken can be used to show that our algorithm is sound and complete (at every point in time) with respect to satisfiable instances. The details are a little subtle and so we ask the reader to pay close attention to both individual steps and their combined effect in order to validate the reasoning.

Henceforth, we will convert the term first generation into a single formal word – first-generation (note the hyphen). We will also apply this compression to the associated term second generation which will be referred to as second-generation.

Before we proceed, we state the following: Only X structures with no more than 3 elements need to be considered for reduction/rescaling during our proof process and likewise for any second-generation truth assignment procedure. This is because all original clauses will have a maximum size of 3 and only the original clauses and no more need to be satisfied by the rescaling procedure. We formalize this intuition as an axiom:

<u>Axiom 3</u>: "To satisfy the original CNF formula, it is sufficient for any second-generation algorithm (single variable truth assignment) to only rescale X structures of 3 element sizes and less".

Here are the edge cases we examine to prove our approach, showing each case that we can continuously and successfully avoid dilemmas over all variable truth assignments:

Case 1:

X structures {1, 3} and {1, -3} exist as part of the first-generation completion.

By Axiom 2, this cannot be the case at all since we will have combined both structures into the 1 element "constant" structure {1} which would yield a constant assignment of -1 to true.

Therefore, we need not consider dilemmas in this case.

Case 2:

X structures: {1, -3}, {1, 2}, {-2, 3} exist as part of first-generation completion.

Here assigning the variable x1 to 1 forces the following other assignments by virtue of Axiom 2 (X structures to the left of colon: assignment implications to right of colon):

{1, -3} :3

{1, 2}: -2

{-2, 3}: -3

But by Axiom 2, this cannot be the case as the following actions would have been taken in the firstgeneration stage:

 $\{1, 3\}$ and $\{-2, 3\}$ would have yielded $\{1, -2\}$ which would combine with $\{1, 2\}$ to yield just $\{1\}$ which would yield a constant assignment of -1 to true.

As in case 1, we need not consider dilemmas in this case.

Cases 3 and 4 will be broken down into two sections (main and extended) each.

Case 3 Main:

{1, 3} and {1, -3} exist as part of a rewrite of two independent X structures, X1 and X2 each of size 3.

This means we can't assign the literal 1 to true. We call this situation a "local" assignment blockage on assignment to the literal 1.

This can happen if say we originally had $X1 = \{1, 3, 4\}$, $X2 = \{1, -3, 5\}$ and then assigned both 4 and 5 to true.

By axiom 2 however, during first-generation, we would have constructed an extra structure $X3 = \{1, 4, 5\}$, such that on adding 4 and 5 to the Z structure of a program, we will be forced to add -1 by virtue of Axiom 1.

The question we then need to ask however is (regardless of the fact that we have stated that we only rescaling structures with size 3 or less), does the selection of 4, 5 and -1 lead to a dilemma over another variable, for example, say we have the following 2 structures:

{-1, 4, 5, 6} and {-1, 4, 5, -6}.

We know that this condition could not exist after a first-generation completion and so why this question? – This is purely in the interest of analysis (which will be fully appreciated in the next main case).

In the process of Z structure completion, we posit that we are only interested in guaranteeing continuity of local variable changes, that is, we are only interested in situations where we explicitly assign a single literal (a variable antipode) to true or are forced to assign it to true. Note that the only times we are immediately forced to assign any literal to true is at the level of literal assignments over 2-element (original or rewritten) X structures, say:

We have $\{1,2\}$ and we select 1 (assign it to true), then we immediately have to select -2 (assign it to true) in order to satisfy the underlying clause.

In the case of our example where we have {-1, 4, 5, 6} and {-1, 4, 5, -6}, the selection 4 and 5 would immediately create the structure {-1, 6} and {-1, -6} (which we will call conditionally implied 2-element structures) which would then also render us unable to assign -1 to true.

In our case however, the presence of our two offending structures: {-1, 4, 5, 6} and {-1, 4, 5, -6}, as earlier implied, would have caused the construction of a new X structure {-1, 4, 5} during first generation. This would have combined with X3, that is, {1, 4, 5} to create {4, 5} which means that 4 and 5

could not be simultaneous assignments in any valid program and we would not have caused a blockage on either 1 or -1 (no local blockages on the 2 antipodes of any variable).

We then ask a follow up question: Assuming we only had {-1, 4, 5, 6} after first generation and not {-1, 4, 5, -6}. The assignment to true of 4 and 5 will leave us with the 2-element structure {-1, 6}. Since we have stated that we will only be reducing X structures of sizes 3 and less, we will call this scenario an implicit reduction, true by the extended structure of our Y structure. This gives us a new axiom.

<u>Axiom 4</u>: "Any 4-element and 5-element forced assignment (by virtue of implicit reductions) rules will hold even if during actual variable truth assignment (second generation) we only reduce 3-element structures and lower".

The validity of this axiom should be self-evident if we consider that all injunctions can be seen as derived by necessity from the basis (original, non-completed) injunction set and that they will manifest logically (inductively and implicitly) as we assign individual variables to literal truth values.

So, say that the assignment to true of literals 4 and 5 leaves us with the implicit 2-element X structure {-1, 6}. Now, say we also have the following 3 element structure:

{-1, -6, 7}.

This structure implies that we could not assign 7 to true after assigning 4 and 5 to true by way of the following argument:

Assignment of 4 and 5 force -1 to true (as per our original construction)

Assignment of -1 forces -6 to true because of {-1, 6}.

Assignment of -6 forces -7 to true from {-1, -6, 7}.

However, it also easy to see that the following structure would have been generated during firstgeneration from the correct combination of all clauses:

{4, 5, 7}

Be convinced that 4 and 5 in this case need not necessarily be different literals, but by virtue of their difference, show the maximal extension of this case.

Case 3 Extended

This is to demonstrate that the assignment of 4 and 5 to true will not cause a dilemma by extension. Assume as in the main case that assignment of 4 and 5 forces -1 to true. Here we are brief and denote combinations by the + sign and results by the = sign. The purpose of the extended case is to show that the assignment of 4 and 5 to true does not lead to local assignments that contradict each other "cyclically" over the 3 element X structure space.

Say we have {-1, 4, 5, 6}, {4, 5, -8}, {4, 5, -9}, {-6, 8, 9,}.

A brief perusal will show that assignment of 4 and 5 forces 8 and 9 to true as well as -1 by our original construction, leaving a dilemma over X_6 .

But the following operations will have occurred in the first generation:

 $\{-1, 4, 5, 6\} + \{-6, 8, 9,\} = \{-1, 4, 5, 8, 9\}$

 $\{-1, 4, 5, 8, 9\} + \{4, 5, -8\} = \{-1, 4, 5, 9\}$

 $\{-1, 4, 5, 9\} + \{4, 5, -9\} = \{-1, 4, 5\}$ which then corrects our initial structures by combining with $\{1, 4, 5\}$ to yield $\{4, 5\}$, a restriction that prevents the dilemma.

We now add a new axiom as a result of our analysis of cases 3 main and extended (here we take it that dilemmas are only considered from reductions (2 element structures) over structures with a maximum size of 3 as implied by axiom 3).

<u>Axiom 5</u>: "Assignment of true to any 2 literals will not cause an assignment dilemma over any other variables.".

Case 4 Main:

We have following X structures as a result of rewriting three different 3 element structures: {1, -3}, {1, 2}, {-2, 3}.

As shown in case 2, this also generates a dilemma on X_3 if we assign x_1 to the literal 1. Let us again, use a maximally extended case in which the 3 different structures use 3 different extra variables:

X1 = {1, -3, 4}, X2 = {1, 2, 5}, X3 = {-2, 3, 6}

On first-generation, applying axiom 2, we would have generated the following X structures:

X4 = {1, -2, 4, 6}, X5 = {1, 3, 5, 6} and X6 = {1, 4, 5, 6}.

It is again clear that assigning 4, 5 and 6 will "implicitly" force us to assign x_1 to -1.

We now state introduce a new axiom:

<u>Axiom 6:</u> "If during the course or rescaling any 3 X structures of element size 3, we get an implicit dilemma over a variable, there must exist an associated 4 element X structure which corrects the dilemma by negating the blocked literal".

Again, as in case 3, the follow up question we need to ask (for local variable assignment coverage) is, if only {1, 4, 5, 6} exist and not {-1, 4, 5, 6}, combinatorial-wise, how does the selection of 4,5,6 and -1 "act" on the space. Specifically, is it possible to have the following two 5 element structures:

{-1, 4, 5, 6, 7} and {-1, 4, 5, 6, -7}?

The existence of these 2 structures would mean that we could not assign -1 as expected in addition to

4, 5 and 6 since we would then not be able to select any value for X₇ and would therefore need to generate a new structure {-1, 4, 5, 6} which would combine with {1, 4, 5, 6} to yield {4, 5, 6}. A 3-element structure.

Now a variation of the follow up question we asked in case 3 becomes doubly important in this case. This question translates in this case as follows: Assuming we only had {-1, 4, 5, 6, 7} after first generation and not {-1, 4, 5, 6, -7}. The assignment to true of 4, 5 and 6 still leaves us with the 2-element structure {-1, 7} which means selecting -1 forces us to select -7. Now, say we also have the following 3 element structure:

(-1, -7, 8}.

This structure implies that we could not assign 8 to true after assigning 4, 5 and 6 to true and in this case it also easy to see that the following structure would have been generated during first-generation:

{4, 5, 6, 8}.

Here, it would seem we would have to rewrite 4-element structures to derive the fact that 8 could not be assigned to true after assigning 4, 5 and 6 to true.

So far, we have assumed that 4,5 and 6 are not in a dependent 3-element relationship so that the selection of say 4 and 5 causes us to select 6, that is, the following structure does not exist:

{4,5, -6}.

Now if such a structure did indeed exist in our Y structure, let us examine its effect on the structures originally specified at the start of the case analysis, that is:

X1 = {1, -3, 4}, X2 = {1, 2, 5}, X3 = {-2, 3, 6}

It is clear that X3 would combine with this new structure, {4,5, -6}, to give {-2, 3, 4, 5} which would combine with both X1 and X2 respectively to give {1, -2, 4, 5} and {1, 3, 4, 5}. These two 4-element structures would then each recombine with the original 3 element structures as follows:

 $\{1, -2, 4, 5\}$ combines with X2 = $\{1, 2, 5\}$ to give $\{1, 4, 5\}$ and

 $\{1, 3, 4, 5\}$ combines with X1 = $\{1, -3, 4\}$, to also give $\{1, 4, 5\}$.

Now we have an even stricter requirement on the trio of 4,5 and 6 to assign -1 to true as originally deduced.

Now if we assume that 4,5 and 6 do not exist in such a dependent relationship as construed, but we still had {-1, 4, 5, 6, 7} and {4, 5, 6, 8}, then we need only explicitly consider the case where the selection of -1 and -7 (since {-1, 7} becomes implied by the selection of 4,5 and 6) requires the selection of 8, that is, the X structure:

{-1, -7, -8}.

Now this 3-element structure combines with our provided 4 and 5 element structures as follows:

{-1, -7, -8} combines with {4, 5, 6, 8} to give {-1, 4, 5, 6, -7} which then combines with {-1, 4, 5, 6, 7} to give {-1, 4, 5, 6} which would then combine with deduced X6 structure, {1, 4, 5, 6} to give {4,5,6}.

Now we have all our valid logic in 3-element structures (which also includes the new introduction (-1, -7, 8)).

If we went ahead and negated the blocked literal 1, in our case example to -1, by virtue of Axiom 6, we preserve the desired continuity of not having any assignment dilemmas.

Case 4 Extended

As in case, this is to demonstrate that the assignment of 4, 5 and 6 to true will not cause a dilemma (will correct a potential dilemma) by extension. Assume as in the main case that assignment of 4, 5 and 6 forces -1 to true. Here again, we are brief and denote combinations by the + sign and results by the = sign. The purpose of the extended case is to show that the assignment of 4, 5 and 6 to true does not lead to local assignments that contradict each other "cyclically" over the 3 element X structure space.

Say we have {-1, 4, 5, 6, 7}, {4, 5, 6, -8}, {4, 5, 6, -9}, {-7, 8, 9,}.

A brief perusal will show that assignment of 4, 5 and 6 forces 8 and 9 to true as well as -1 by our original construction, leaving a dilemma over X_7 .

However, our combinatorial strategy generates the following results:

 $\{4, 5, 6, -8\} + \{-7, 8, 9,\} = \{4, 5, 6, -7, 9\}$

 $\{4, 5, 6, -7, 9\} + \{4, 5, 6, -9\} = \{4, 5, 6, -7\}$

 $\{4, 5, 6, -7\} + \{-1, 4, 5, 6, 7\} = \{-1, 4, 5, 6\}$

This last result combines with the original {1, 4, 5, 6} in the main case to yield {4, 5, 6} ensuring that 4, 5 and 6 could not be co-selected.

We now add the axioms in succession based on our case analysis:

<u>Axiom 7</u>: "After rewriting any three 3-element X structures, if we derive from these rewrites, a blockage on assignment to a literal x, our program can assign the negation of x to true, that is, add the negation of x, which has no local blockage, to the current Z structure, as follows from axiom 6".

NOTE: The negation of the blocked literal immediately satisfies the underlying SAT clause as per axiom 1.

Axiom 8: "Assignment of true to any 3 literals will not cause an assignment dilemma over any other variables.".

Case 5 (terminality case):

To continue, the reader should be convinced that 3 is the maximal number of 3-element structures than can cause a dilemma over any variable, as originally demonstrated in case 2. Hence, we need not consider more than the successive assignment of 3 literals to true, which is covered by axiom 8. Here the reader must then intuitively grasp the notion of continuity of satisfying assignment of all variables over all BASIS X structures (clauses in original formula).

If we then agree that all our axioms are sound, we can also likewise conclude that since all structures only exclude invalid assignments at any point in time, then our algorithm is (always) complete as well as sound, and indeed we need no more than structures of a maximum of 5 elements to be constructed during first-generation to fully determine the satisfiability of our original clause. One last set of non-crucial points to observe:

- 1. Freely assignable variables not bound to a represented structure may occur at any point during the course of running the algorithm. We will call these structures radicals and
- 1 element structures (constants) may occur during first-generation prior to second-generation selections and that in fact all variables over the instance signature may collapse into just one assignable literal each, generating only a single combination instance, in which case there are no possibilities for second-generation modifications. This is a closed loop.
- 3. If we accept that our algorithm is sound and complete, assignments need not perform an actual reduction on any 3-element structures but simply treat all such structures as "concurrent" functional programs that always agree on their combined outputs. In this case, we can simply match up the Z structure to each valid X structure of size 3 and less, adding each required output to the Z structure as we progress.

Combining all said proof points, we conclude that if we can't construct a first-generation model (dilemma over some arbitrary variable), our instance S is unsatisfiable, otherwise it is satisfiable and we can generate a sound and complete exact model of its solution space.

2.7 Runtime Analysis

This analysis is straightforward and does not take into consideration the many ways that the algorithm could be made more efficient in practice such as both parallel computation (possible with classical and actual quantum systems) and data partition strategies that reduce the number of structures that would be compared with each other.

Since X structures cannot have more (width) than 5 elements, we can have no more than n⁵ distinct X structures overall. If we compare each X structure to every other X structure during first-generation we get a worst case scenario of n⁵ by n⁵ total comparisons giving us a total of n¹⁰ comparisons. All modifications are constant time and so our runtime cannot exceed that needed to make individual comparisons, giving us a maximum of n¹⁰ total number of operations in the worst case.

For second generation, if we use only the recommended basis set, similarly, we get no more than n³ possible X structures in the worst case. Here, we do not compare structures but instead loop over their collection for a possible maximum of n times to derive a solution. This gives us a possibility for no more than n⁴ possible operations in the worst case.

Considering the totality of all possible operations, we can see that our algorithm has a maximal runtime complexity of $O(n^{10})$ in the worst case.

3. Conclusion

We have introduced a quantum algorithm that runs on classical computers, a first from what we know. We hope that this would prove useful to mathematicians and physicists who aim to study quantum systems and their related mathematical structures and properties. We feel that the greatest contribution we would be able to make in addition to being able to solve the class of problems currently

known as NP in the computing literature efficiently (and we hope to have successfully proved is P is equal to NP) is in the scalable and iterative modelling of quantum systems.

We conjecture that problems with existing rational order – mathematical and physical, would be particularly tractable using our algorithm as they would already have some intrinsic quantum computational/algorithmic patterns embedded in their structure. In particular, this should help us better understand quantum systems and their efficient design and improvement. We hope that this spurs a new era in work on both quantum and classical algorithms and systems as we better understand their properties and possibilities on all possible computing platforms.

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