# Resolution-Based Certificate Extraction for QBF (Tool Presentation) 

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## Our Work

- solver-independent framework for
- resolution-based certificate extraction and validation
- for true and false QBF


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$$
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## Extracted Herbrand Functions

$\left.\begin{array}{l}f_{y_{1}}\left(x_{1}\right)=\neg x_{1} \\ f_{y_{2}}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)=\neg x_{2} \vee \neg x_{3}\end{array}\right\}$ Certificate

## Certification by Example

## Extracted Certificate: AIG Representation



$$
f_{y_{1}}\left(x_{1}\right)=\neg x_{1}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
f_{y_{2}}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right) & =\neg x_{2} \vee \neg x_{3} \\
& =\neg\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{3}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Certification by Example

Herbrandization


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(4) Certificate Validation
- out of 337 skolemized/herbrandized formulas, 275 checked successfully
- 45 (17) certificates not validated due to memory (time) out
$\rightarrow$ out of these 62, 57 instances were satisfiable
- $>70 \%$ of the total runtime


## Conclusion

## Summary

- complete and solver-independent framework
- certification and validation of true and false QBF
- certificates for over $90 \%$ of solved instances extracted
$\rightarrow 100 \%$ if memory limit is lifted
- over $80 \%$ of all extracted certificates validated
- certificate validation is still challenging


## Future Work

- optimize certificate validation process
$\rightarrow$ employ incremental SAT-checking
- support for advanced dependency schemes (key feature of DepQBF)


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Runtime Overview

|  | Instances |  |  |  | Total Time [s] |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | sv | ch | ex | va | DepQBF | QRPcheck | QRPcert | PicoSAT |
| sat | 157 | 153 | 143 | 86 | 701.8 | 80.1 | 30.9 | 3247.0 |
| unsat | 205 | 195 | 194 | 189 | 4241.9 | 1011.5 | 86.8 | 1090.0 |
| total | $\mathbf{3 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 4 3 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9 1 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 7 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 3 7 . 0}$ |

Comparison of Proof, Certificate, Prop. Formula Sizes

|  | Proof |  |  |  | Certificate |  |  | Prop. Formula |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | vertices |  | literals |  | AND-Gates |  | variables |  | clauses |  |
|  | avg | med | avg | med | avg | med | avg | med | avg | med |
|  | 308 k | 1 k | 117 M | 626 k | 20 M | 24 k | 20 M | 62 k | 59 M | 183 k |
| unsat | 135 k | 2 k | 14 M | 146 k | 170 k | 193 | 336 k | 23 k | 846 k | 55 k |
| total | 211 k | 2 k | $\mathbf{6 0 M}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 5 k}$ | $\mathbf{8 M}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{8 M}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 k}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 M}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 k}$ |

Certificate Statistics

|  | In | Out | AND-Gates |  |  | AND-Gates (shared) [\%] |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | avg. | avg. | max. | avg. | med. | max. | avg. | med. |
| sat | 125 | $3 k$ | 147 M | 20 M | 24 k | 98.1 | 65.2 | 66.8 |
| unsat | 20 k | 95 | 10 M | 170 k | 193 | 49.5 | 23.0 | 23.7 |
| total | 12k | 1k | 147M | $\mathbf{8 M}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 8 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 . 6}$ |

