

# Dualizing Projected Model Counting

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# Our Dual Approach Facilitates the Detection of Partial Models

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ALL SATISFYING ASSIGNMENTS
s
r !s
!r !s
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NUMBER SATISFYING ASSIGNMENTS
8
```

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$ dualiza -r p,r,s clause.form -l | grep RULE
c LOG 1 RULE UNX 1 -4
c LOG 1 RULE UNX 2 -4
c LOG 1 RULE BNOF 1 -4
c LOG 2 RULE UNX 3 -3
c LOG 2 RULE BNOF 2 -3
c LOG 3 RULE UNY 1 -2
c LOG 3 RULE ENO 1
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# Dual Representation of $F(X, Y)$

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$$\exists S.P(X, Y, S)$$

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# The General Case — Duality with Projection onto Relevant Input Variables

$$\exists Y, S. P(X, Y, S)$$

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1	UNXY	$s$	$\emptyset$	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q) \wedge (\neg r) \wedge ()$	0	
2	BN0F	$\neg s$	$(p \vee q \vee r)$	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q) \wedge (\neg r)$	4	$s$
3	UNXY	$\neg sr$	$\emptyset$	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q) \wedge ()$	4	
4	BN0F	$\neg s \neg r$	$(p \vee q)$	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$	6	$\neg sr$
5	UNXY	$\neg s \neg rq$	$\emptyset$	$(\neg p) \wedge ()$	6	
6	EN0	$\neg s \neg rq$	$\emptyset$	$(\neg p) \wedge ()$	8	$\neg s \neg r$

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2	DX	$sr$	$\emptyset$	0	
3	DX	$srp$	$\emptyset$	0	
4	DYS	$srpq$	$\emptyset$	0	
5	BP1F	$sr \neg p$	$\emptyset$	1	$srp$
6	DYS	$sr \neg pq$	$\emptyset$	1	
7	BP1F	$s \neg r$	$\emptyset$	2	$sr\bar{p}$
8	DX	$s \neg rp$	$\emptyset$	2	
9	DYS	$s \neg rpq$	$\emptyset$	2	
10	BP1F	$s \neg r \neg p$	$\emptyset$	3	$s \neg rp$
11	DYS	$s \neg r \neg pq$	$\emptyset$	3	
12	BP1F	$\neg s$	$(p \vee q \vee r)$	4	$s \neg r \neg p$
$\vdots$					



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20	block	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$9 \cdot 10^{-1}$
	flip	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-1}$
30	block	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4 \cdot 10^4$
	flip	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2 \cdot 10^2$
100	dual	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$
1000	dual	$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$
10000	dual	$1 \cdot 10^1$	$2 \cdot 10^{-1}$

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22	dual	*	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$
100	dual	*	$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$
1000	dual	*	$1 \cdot 10^1$
5000	dual	*	$2 \cdot 10^2$

# Our Contribution — the First Dual Calculus for Exact Projected Model Counting

$$\text{EP0: } (P, N, I, M) \rightsquigarrow_{\text{EP0}} M \text{ if } \emptyset \in P|_I \text{ and } \text{decs}(I) = \emptyset$$

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$$\text{JP0: } (P, N, II', M) \rightsquigarrow_{\text{JP0}} (P \wedge C^r, N, I\ell', M - m') \text{ if } \emptyset \in P|_{II'} \text{ and } P \models C \text{ and } C|_I = \{\ell'\} \text{ and } m' = \sum \{m \mid \ell^{f(m)} \in I'\}$$

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UNT:  $(P, N, I, M) \rightsquigarrow_{\text{UNT}} (P, N, I\ell, M)$  if  $\{\ell\} \in N|_I$  and  $\text{var}(\ell) \in T$  and  $\emptyset \notin P|_I$  and  $\text{units}(P|_I) = \emptyset$

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FP:  $(P \wedge C^r, N, I, M) \rightsquigarrow_{\text{FP}} (P, N, I, M)$  if  $\emptyset \notin P|_I$

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- ▶ robust and carefully tested implementation: DUALIZA

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In the near future, we plan to

- ▶ incorporate dual conflict analysis with backjumping and redundant clause learning,
- ▶ drop decision restrictions,
- ▶ capture component reasoning and
- ▶ weighted projected model counting for Bayesian reasoning,
- ▶ optimize circuit representation to improve CNF encoding, and
- ▶ explore dual preprocessing techniques.