# NaPS: Nagoya pseudo-Boolean solver

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#### 1 Introduction

NaPS (Nagoya pseudo-Boolean solver) [7] is a pseudo-Boolean solver branched from MiniSAT+ version 1.0 [5]. NaPS accepts the DIMACS PB-instances for PB-competitions that have no non-linear constraints. The extended features of the NaPS input language are listed as follows:

- Negated Boolean variables: negations  $^{\sim}x$  of variables x are allowed in constraints.
- Each constraint may include an implication: constraints are in the following form:

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d literal implication-operator linear-constraint; where, =>, <=, and <=> are allowed as an implication-operator.
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NaPS optionally accepts the DIMACS format for CNF/WCNF and features a MaxSat mode. It has a (possibly partial) model-count facility.

# 2 Techniques

#### 2.1 NaPS

NaPS is the one with version 1.03a6, which fixes some bugs of 1.03a2 submitted to the PB'24 competition. The solver transforms PB-instances to ordinary Boolean SAT-instances mainly via reduced ordered BDDs with two-clause coding [1]. It sometimes preprocesses coefficients by a multi-based decomposition [4]. It constructs a single BDD for each PB constraint using equation [7]. In optimization, it adopts an alternative strategy [7], which combines sequential and binary strategies, where the latter has a ratio of 1:2.

It uses the following underlying SAT solvers:

- Kissat [2] version 4.0.2 for decision problems, and
- CaDiCaL [2] version 2.1.3 for others by default.

### 2.2 Scip-NaPS

Scip-NaPS version 1.00 is a combination solver that first attempts to solve using SCIP [3] and then NaPS. For optimization problems, NaPS receives a possible objective interval and a variable assignment whose values were fixed by SCIP, enabling NaPS to operate on a simplified instance.

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