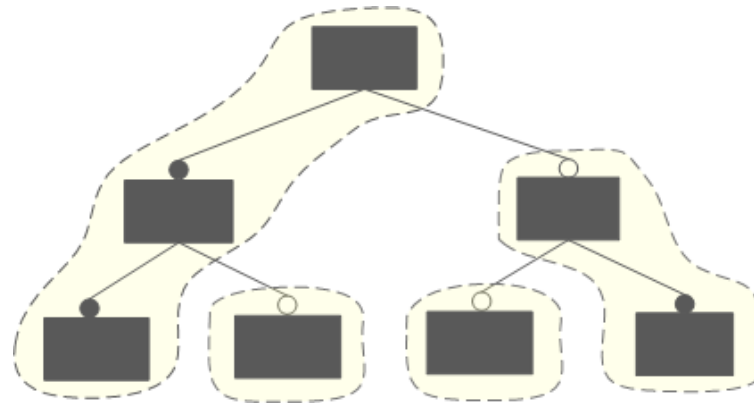


Automated Analysis of Feature Models using Atomic Sets



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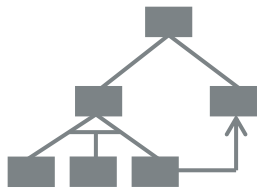
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Automated analysis of feature models: Computer-aided extraction of information from feature models



Number of products

Products list

Error detection

Error explanation

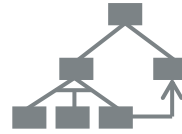
Filtering

Decision propagation

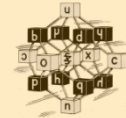
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Translation



Solver

Result

Paradigms

SAT

BDD

CSP

Solvers

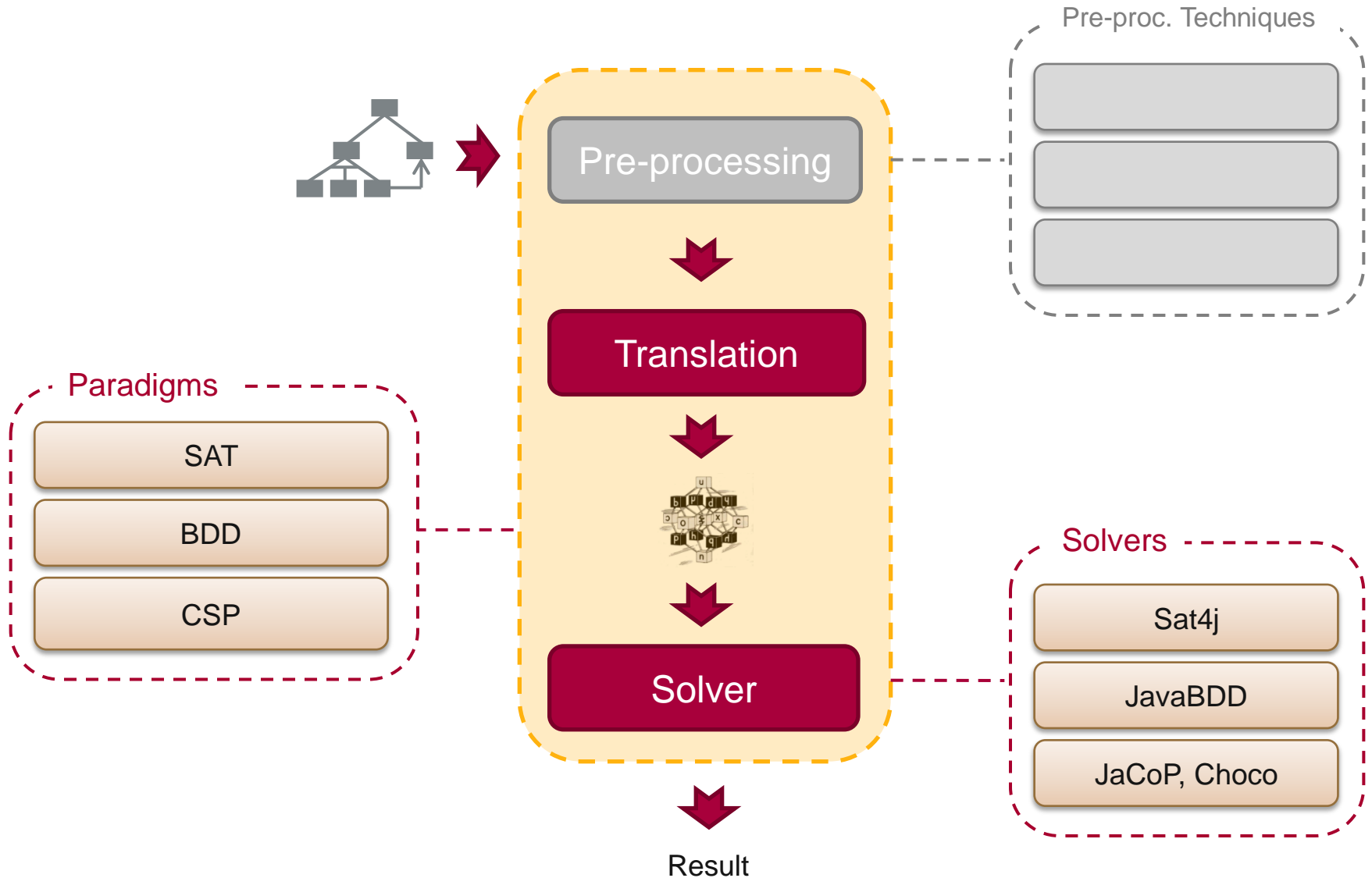
Sat4j

JavaBDD

JaCoP, Choco

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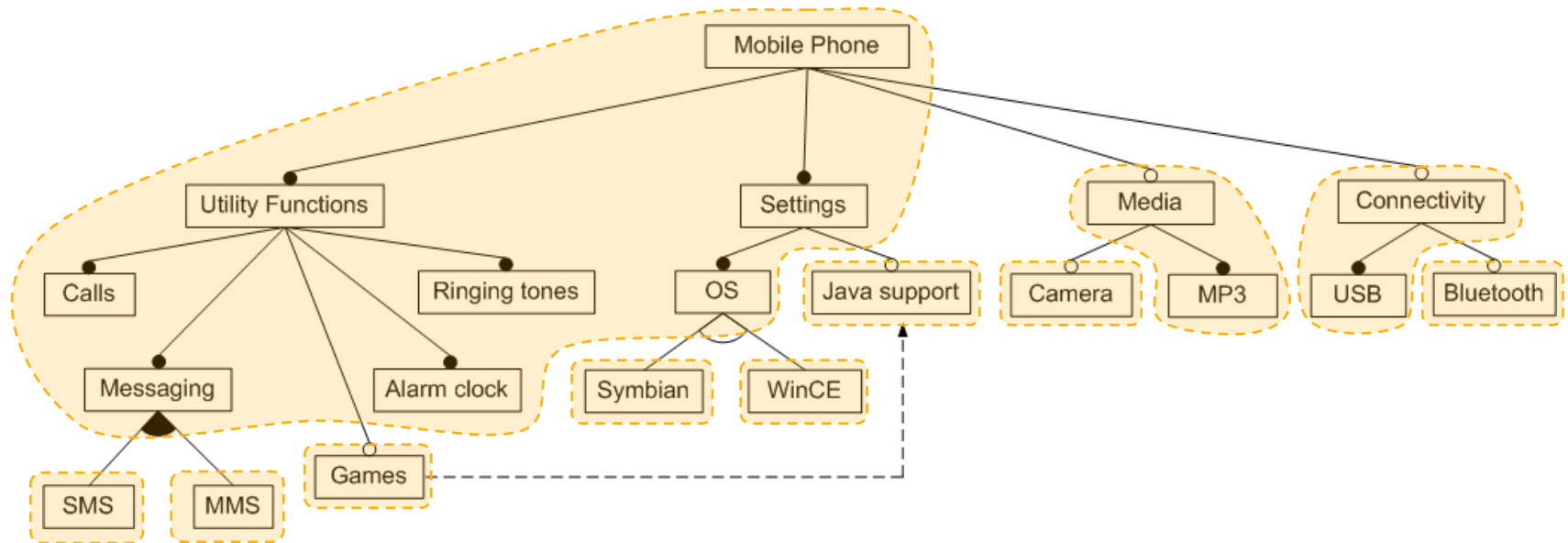
FAMA Framework



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Atomic Sets

W. Zhang et al. (2004)



20 Features

20 Variables

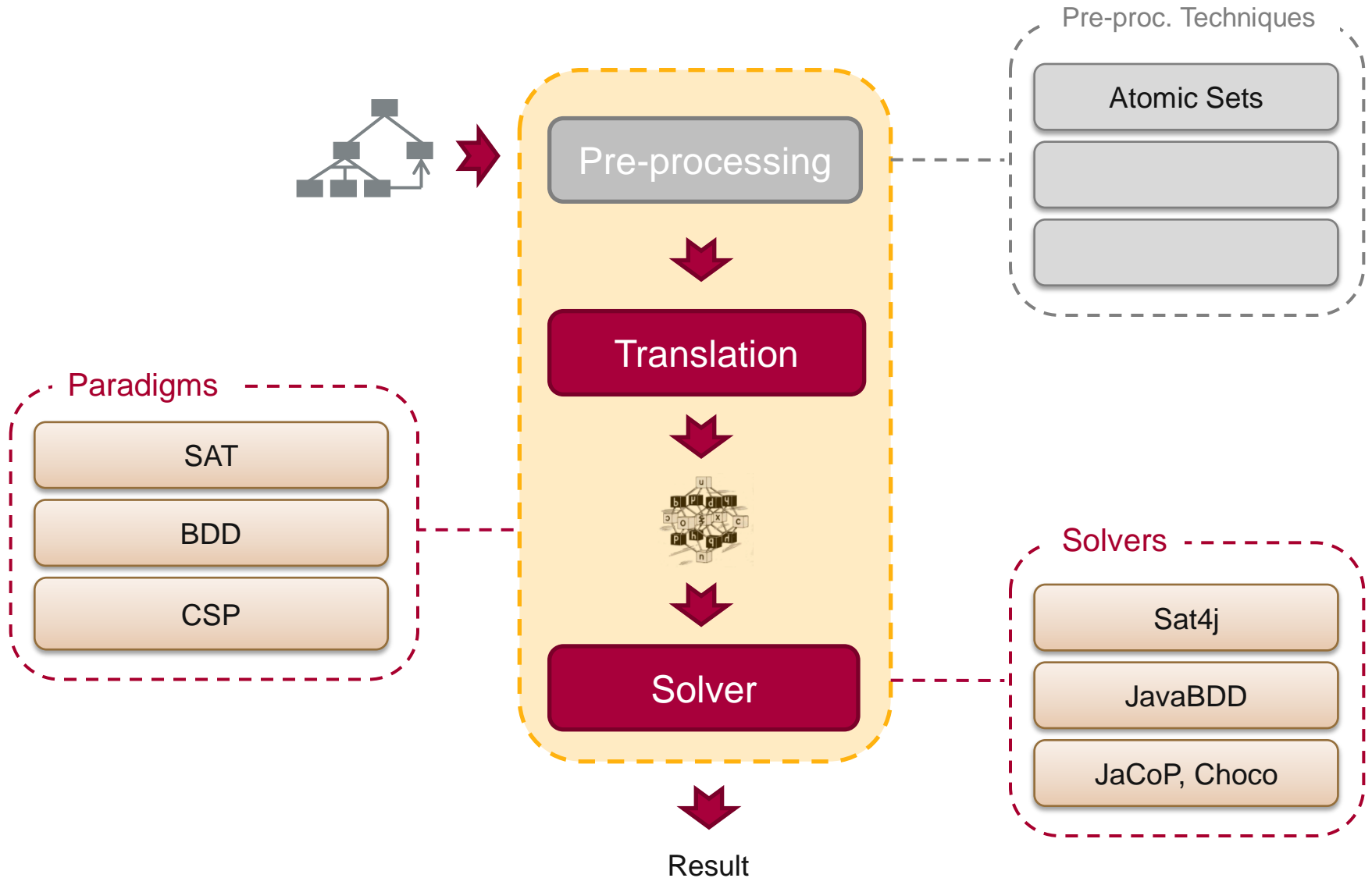


11 Atomic sets

11 Variables

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How can atomic sets be constructed?

What is the performance improvement when using ASs?



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How can atomic sets be constructed?

We propose an algorithm

What is the performance improvement when using ASs?

We provide an empirical performance comparison

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Algorithm for AS computation

```
1  function buildAS(FeatureModel fm::Collection<AtomicSet>
2    Collection<AtomicSet> atomic_sets = new Set<AtomicSet>());
3    Feature root = fm.getRoot();
4    AtomicSet as = new AtomicSet("AS-0");
5    as.addFeature(root);
6    atomic_sets.add(as);
7    computeAS(atomic_sets, root, as, 0);
8    return atomic_sets;
9  endfunction

10 procedure computeAS(Collection<AtomicSet> atomic_sets, Feature f, AtomicSet current_set, int set )
11   foreach Feature g in f.getSubfeatures()
12     if (g.getRelationType() == Feature.MANDATORY)
13       current_set.addFeature(g);
14       computeAS(atomic_sets,g,current_set, set);
15     else
16       String setname = "AS-" + (set+1);
17       AtomicSet new_as = new AtomicSet(setname);
18       new_as.addFeature(g);
19       atomic_sets.add(new_as);
20       computeAS(atomic_sets,g,new_as,set+1);
21     endif
22   endforeach
23 endprocedure
```

Contribution

Experimental results

N. of features	N. of instances	CTC
[50 – 100)	50	[0 – 25%]
[100 – 150)	50	[0 – 25%]
[150 – 200)	50	[0 – 25%]
[200 – 300]	50	[0 – 25%]

Operations

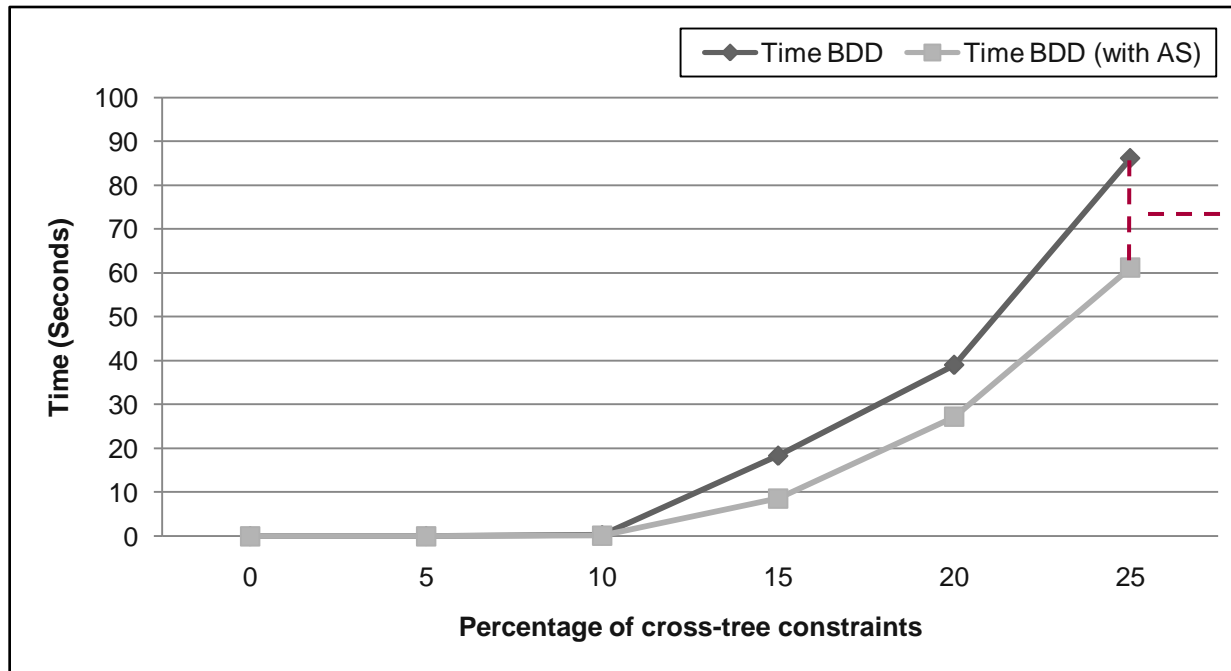
- Void FM
- Number of products

Solvers

- JaCoP (CSP)
- SAT4j (SAT)
- JavaBDD (BDD)

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Experimental results

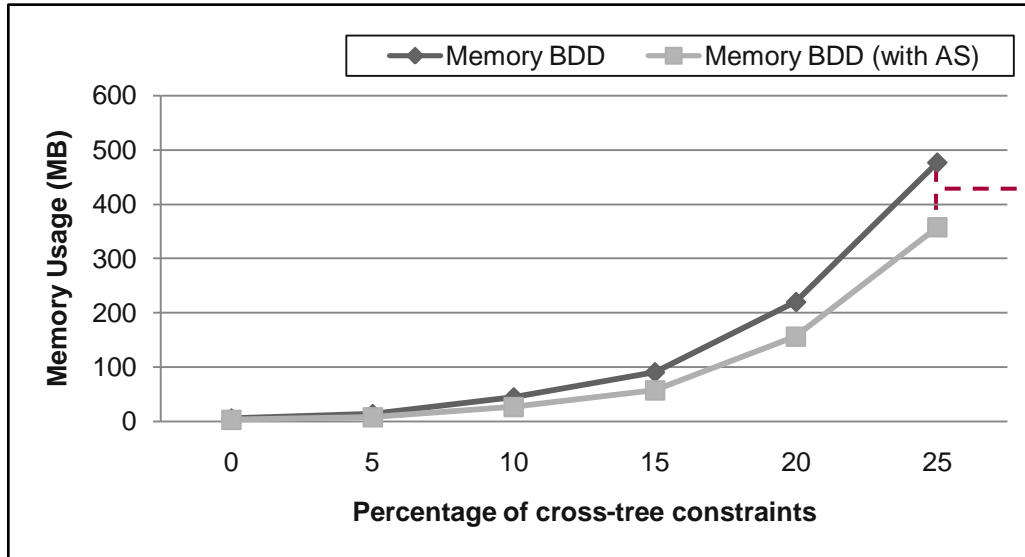


25 seconds
(28% improvement)

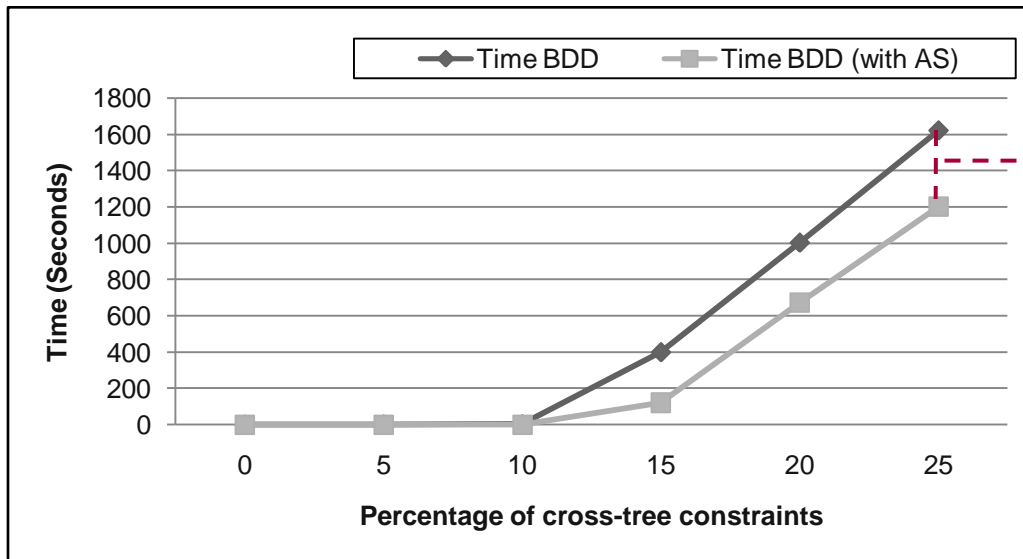
Average time to find the number of products (Range 200-300 features)

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Experimental results



119 MB
(25% improvement)



7 minutes
(26% improvement)



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Conclusions

- We set the basis for the usage of AS as a generic technique for the automated analysis of feature models.
- We propose an algorithm for the construction of AS + Empirical measurement of performance improvement.
- Improvement when using atomic sets can be notable in both time and memory.
- The cost of implementing this technique is minimum.
- These kind of techniques may be applicable to the analysis of other kind of variability models.

Thanks!



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