

# Satisfiability with and without Theories

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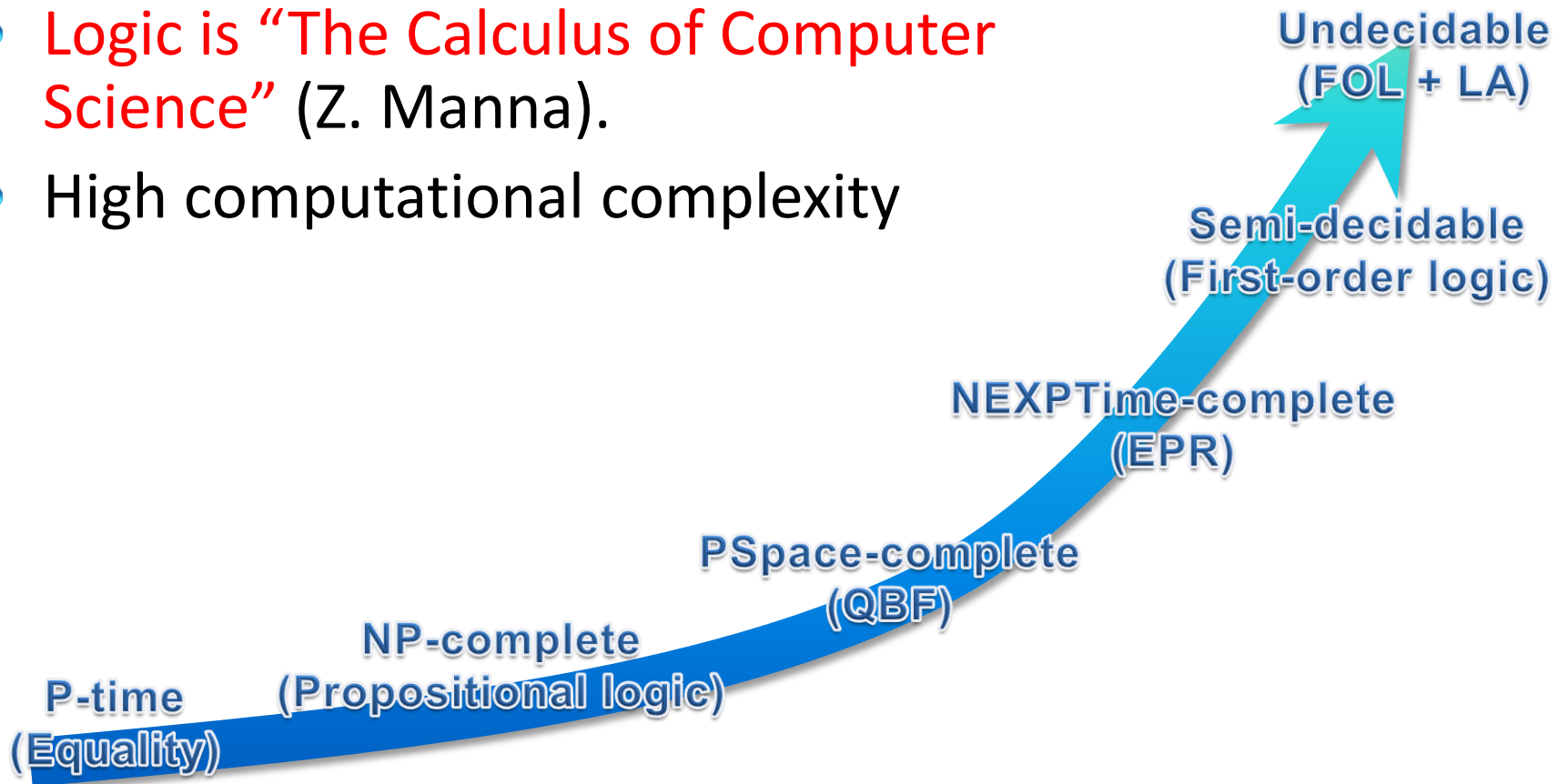
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# Symbolic Reasoning

Verification/Analysis tools  
need some form of  
**Symbolic Reasoning**

# Symbolic Reasoning

- Logic is “The Calculus of Computer Science” (Z. Manna).
- High computational complexity



# Applications

**Test case generation**

**Verifying Compilers**

**Predicate Abstraction**

**Invariant Generation**

**Type Checking**

**Model Based Testing**

# Some Applications @ Microsoft



**HAVOC**



**Hyper-V**

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**Terminator T-2**

**VCC**



**NModel**

**Vigilante**

**SpecExplorer**



**F7**

**SAGE**

# Test case generation

```
unsigned GCD(x, y) {
```

```
  requires(y > 0);
```

```
  while (true) {
```

```
    unsigned m = x % y;
```

```
    if (m == 0) return y;
```

```
    x = y;
```

```
    y = m;
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```



```
(y0 > 0) and
```

```
(m0 = x0 % y0) and
```

```
not (m0 = 0) and
```

```
(x1 = y0) and
```

```
(y1 = m0) and
```

```
(m1 = x1 % y1) and
```

```
(m1 = 0)
```



```
x0 = 2
```

```
y0 = 4
```

```
m0 = 2
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```
x1 = 4
```

```
y1 = 2
```

```
m1 = 0
```

We want a trace where the loop is executed twice.

# Type checking

Signature:

$\text{div} : \text{int}, \{ x : \text{int} \mid x \neq 0 \} \rightarrow \text{int}$

Call site:

if  $a \leq 1$  and  $a \leq b$  then  
    return  $\text{div}(a, b)$

Verification condition

$a \leq 1$  and  $a \leq b$  implies  $b \neq 0$



Subtype

# What is logic?

- Logic is the art and science of effective reasoning.
- How can we draw general and reliable conclusions from a collection of facts?
- **Formal logic**: Precise, syntactic characterizations of well-formed expressions and valid deductions.
- Formal logic makes it possible to calculate consequences at the symbolic level.
- Computers can be used to automate such symbolic calculations.



# What is logic?

- Logic studies the relationship between language, meaning, and (proof) method.
- A logic consists of a language in which (well-formed) sentences are expressed.
- A semantic that distinguishes the valid sentences from the refutable ones.
- A proof system for constructing arguments justifying valid sentences.
- Examples of logics include **propositional logic**, **equational logic**, **first-order logic**, higher-order logic, and modal logics.

# What is logical language?

- A language consists of logical symbols whose interpretations are fixed, and non-logical ones whose interpretations vary.
- These symbols are combined together to form well-formed formulas.
- In propositional logic PL, the connectives  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\neg$  have a fixed interpretation, whereas the constants  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$  may be interpreted at will.

# Propositional Logic

Formulas:  $\varphi := p \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \neg \varphi_1 \mid \varphi_1 \Rightarrow \varphi_2$

Examples:

$$p \vee q \Rightarrow q \vee p$$

$$p \wedge \neg q \wedge (\neg p \vee q)$$

We say  $p$  and  $q$  are propositional variables.

Exercise: Using a programming language, define a representation for formulas and a checker for well-formed formulas.

# Interpretation

An interpretation  $\mathcal{M}$  assigns truth values  $\{\top, \perp\}$  to propositional variables.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  range over  $PL$  formulas.

$\mathcal{M}[\phi]$  is the meaning of  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  and is computed using *truth tables*:

$\phi$	$A$	$B$	$\neg A$	$A \vee B$	$A \wedge \neg A$	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \Rightarrow (B \vee A)$
$\mathcal{M}_1(\phi)$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\top$
$\mathcal{M}_2(\phi)$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\top$
$\mathcal{M}_3(\phi)$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$
$\mathcal{M}_4(\phi)$	$\top$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\top$

# Satisfiability & Validity

- A formula is **satisfiable** if it has an interpretation that makes it logically true.
- In this case, we say the **interpretation** is a **model**.
- A formula is **unsatisfiable** if it does not have any model.
- A formula is **valid** if it is logically true in any interpretation.
- A propositional formula is valid if and only if its negation is unsatisfiable.

# Satisfiability & Validity: examples

$$p \vee q \Rightarrow q \vee p$$

$$p \vee q \Rightarrow q$$

$$p \wedge \neg q \wedge (\neg p \vee q)$$

$\phi$	$A$	$B$	$\neg A$	$A \vee B$	$A \wedge \neg A$	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \Rightarrow (B \vee A)$
$\mathcal{M}_1(\phi)$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\top$	$\top$
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# Satisfiability & Validity: examples

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VALID

$$p \vee q \Rightarrow q$$

SATISFIABLE

$$p \wedge \neg q \wedge (\neg p \vee q)$$

UNSATISFIABLE

$\phi$	$A$	$B$	$\neg A$	$A \vee B$	$A \wedge \neg A$	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \Rightarrow (B \vee A)$
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# Equivalence

Two formulas  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent,  $A \iff B$ , if their truth values agree in each interpretation.

**Exercise 2** *Prove that the following are equivalent*

1.  $\neg\neg A \iff A$

2.  $A \Rightarrow B \iff \neg A \vee B$

3.  $\neg(A \wedge B) \iff \neg A \vee \neg B$

4.  $\neg(A \vee B) \iff \neg A \wedge \neg B$

5.  $\neg A \Rightarrow B \iff \neg B \Rightarrow A$



# Equisatisfiable

We say formulas  $A$  and  $B$  are **equisatisfiable** if and only if  $A$  is satisfiable if and only if  $B$  is.

During this course, we will describe transformations that preserve equivalence and equisatisfiability.

# Normal Forms

A formula where negation is applied only to propositional atoms is said to be in negation normal form (NNF).

A literal is either a propositional atom or its negation.

A formula that is a multiary conjunction of multiary disjunctions of literals is in conjunctive normal form (CNF).

A formula that is a multiary disjunction of multiary conjunctions of literals is in disjunctive normal form (DNF).

**Exercise 3** *Show that every propositional formula is equivalent to one in NNF, CNF, and DNF.*

**Exercise 4** *Show that every  $n$ -ary Boolean function can be expressed using just  $\neg$  and  $\vee$ .*

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NNF?

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2.  $A \wedge (B \vee C) \Leftrightarrow (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$

# Normal Forms

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Other Rules

1.  $A \wedge \neg A \Leftrightarrow \perp$

2.  $A \vee \perp \Leftrightarrow A$

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# CNF (again)

A *CNF* formula is a conjunction of *clauses*. A *clause* is a disjunction of *literals*.

Ex: Implement a linear-time decision procedure for 2CNF (each clause has at most 2 literals).

A clause is *trivial* if it contains a *complementary* pair of literals.

Since the *order* of the *literals* in a clause is *irrelevant*, the clause can be treated as a *set*.

A set of clauses is *trivial* if it contains the *empty clause* (false).

# CNF (again)

*Equivalence rules* can be used to translate any formula to CNF.

eliminate $\Rightarrow$	$A \Rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$
reduce the scope of $\neg$	$\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B,$ $\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$
apply distributivity	$A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C),$ $A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$

# CNF (again)

The CNF translation described in the previous slide is too *expensive* (distributivity rule).

However, there is a *linear time* translation to CNF that produces an *equisatisfiable* formula. Replace the distributivity rules by the following rules:

$$\frac{\frac{F[l_i \text{ op } l_j]}{F[x], x \Leftrightarrow l_i \text{ op } l_j}^*}{x \Leftrightarrow l_i \vee l_j} \\ \frac{\neg x \vee l_i \vee l_j, \neg l_i \vee x, \neg l_j \vee x}{x \Leftrightarrow l_i \wedge l_j} \\ \frac{\neg x \vee l_i, \neg x \vee l_j, \neg l_i \vee \neg l_j \vee x}{}$$

(\*)  $x$  must be a fresh variable.

Ex: Show that the rules preserve equisatisfiability.

# CNF translation (example)

Translation of  $(p \wedge (q \vee r)) \vee t$ :

$$(p \wedge (q \vee r)) \vee t$$

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$$(p \wedge x_1) \vee t, x_1 \Leftrightarrow q \vee r$$

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$$x_2 \vee t, x_2 \Leftrightarrow p \wedge x_1, x_1 \Leftrightarrow q \vee r$$

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$$x_2 \vee t, \neg x_2 \vee p, \neg x_2 \vee x_1, \neg p \vee \neg x_1 \vee x_2, x_1 \Leftrightarrow q \vee r$$

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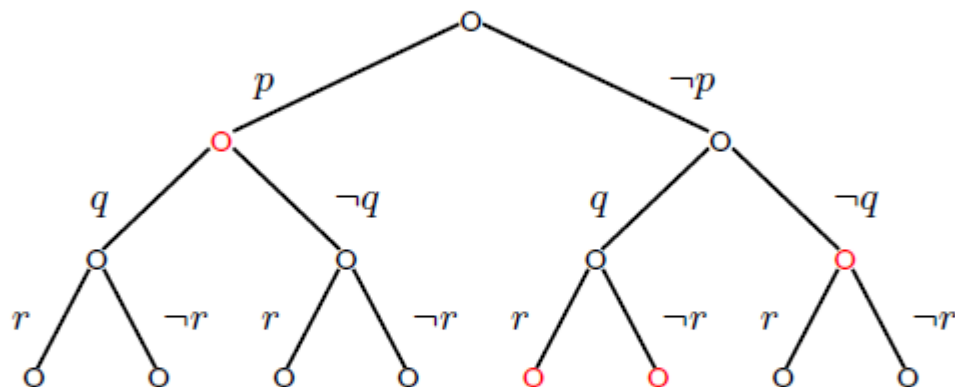
$$x_2 \vee t, \neg x_2 \vee p, \neg x_2 \vee x_1, \neg p \vee \neg x_1 \vee x_2, \neg x_1 \vee q \vee r, \neg q \vee x_1, \neg r \vee x_1$$

Ex: Implement a CNF translator.



# Semantic Trees

A *semantic tree* represents the set of partial interpretations for a set of clauses. A semantic tree for  $\{p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r, p \vee r, p \vee q, \neg p\}$ :



A node  $N$  is a **failure node** if its associated interpretation *falsifies* a clause, but its ancestor doesn't.

**Ex:** Show that the semantic tree for an unsatisfiable (non-trivial) set of clauses must contain a non failure node such that its descendants are failure nodes.

# Resolution

Formula must be in *CNF*.

*Resolution* procedure uses only *one rule*:

$$\frac{C_1 \vee p, C_2 \vee \neg p}{C_1 \vee p, C_2 \vee \neg p, C_1 \vee C_2} \text{res}$$

The result of the resolution rule is also a clause, it is called the *resolvent*. *Duplicate literals* in a clause and *trivial clauses* are *eliminated*.

There is no *branching* in the resolution procedure.

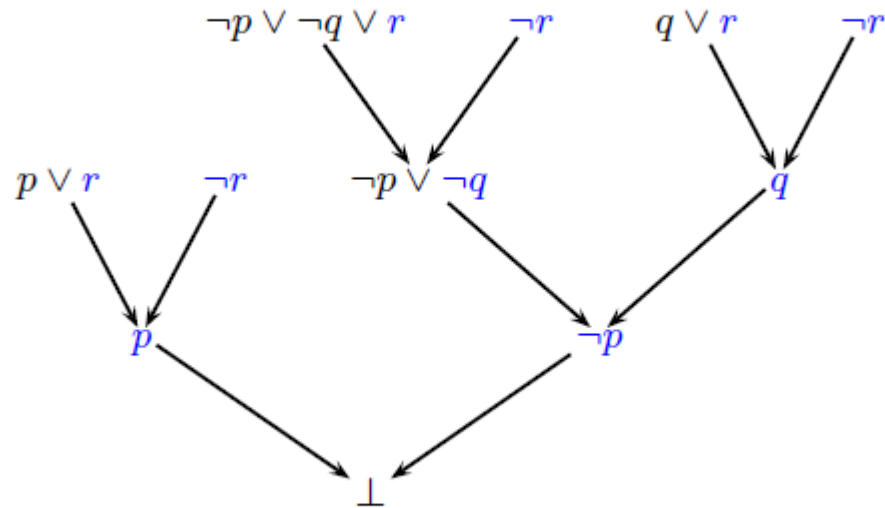
Example: The resolvent of  $p \vee q \vee r$ , and  $\neg p \vee r \vee t$  is  $q \vee r \vee t$ .

*Termination argument*: there is a *finite* number of distinct clauses over  $n$  propositional variables.

Ex: Show that the resolution rule is sound.

# Resolution (example)

A refutation of  $\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r, p \vee r, q \vee r, \neg r$ :



Ex: Implement a naïve resolution procedure.

# Completeness of Resolution

Let  $Res(S)$  be the closure of  $S$  under the resolution rule.

Completeness:  $S$  is unsatisfiable iff  $Res(S)$  contains the *empty clause*.

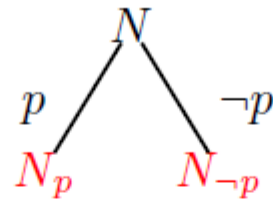
Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ ):

Assume that  $S$  is unsatisfiable, and  $Res(S)$  does not contain the *empty clause*.

Key points:  $Res(S)$  is unsatisfiable, and  $Res(S)$  is a non trivial set of clauses.

The semantic tree of  $Res(S)$  must contain a non failure node  $N$  such that its descendants  $(N_p, N_{\neg p})$  are failure nodes.

# Completeness of Resolution



There is  $C_1 \vee \neg p$  which is falsified by  $N_p$ , but not by  $N$ .

There is  $C_2 \vee p$  which is falsified by  $N_{\neg p}$ , but not by  $N$ .

$C_1 \vee C_2$  is the resolvent of  $C_1 \vee \neg p$  and  $C_2 \vee p$ .

$C_1 \vee C_2$  is in  $Res(S)$ , and it is falsified by  $N$  (*contradiction*).

Proof ( $\Leftarrow$ ):  $Res(S)$  is unsatisfiable, and equivalent to  $S$ . So,  $S$  is unsatisfiable.

# Subsumption

The *resolution* procedure may generate several *irrelevant* and *redundant clauses*.

*Subsumption* is a *clause deletion strategy* for the resolution procedure.

$$\frac{C_1, C_1 \vee C_2}{C_1} \textit{sub}$$

Example:  $p \vee \neg q$  **subsumes**  $p \vee \neg q \vee r \vee t$ .

Deletion strategy: Remove the subsumed clauses.

# Unit & Input Resolution

*Unit resolution:* one of the clauses is a unit clause.

$$\frac{C \vee \bar{l}, l}{C, l} \textit{unit}$$

Unit resolution always *decreases* the configuration *size* ( $C \vee \bar{l}$  is subsumed by  $C$ ).

*Input resolution:* one of the clauses is in  $S$ .

Ex: Show that the unit and input resolution procedures are not complete.

Ex: Show that a set of clauses  $S$  has an unit refutation iff it has an input refutation (hint: induction on the number of propositions).

# Horn Clauses

Each clause has at most one positive literal.

Rule base systems ( $\neg p_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg p_n \vee q \equiv p_1 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q$ ).

Positive unit rule:

$$\frac{C \vee \neg p, p}{C, p} \text{unit}^+$$

Horn clauses are the basis of programming languages as *Prolog*.

Ex: Show that the positive unit rule is a complete procedure for Horn clauses.

Ex: Implement a linear time algorithm for Horn clauses.



# DPLL

DPLL = Unit resolution + Split rule.

$$\frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma, p \mid \Gamma, \neg p} \textit{split} \quad p \text{ and } \neg p \text{ are not in } \Gamma.$$
$$\frac{C \vee \bar{l}, l}{C, l} \textit{unit}$$

Used in the most efficient SAT solvers.

# Pure Literals

A literal is **pure** if only occurs positively or negatively.

Example :

$$\varphi = (\neg x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_4)$$

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Pure literal rule :

Clauses containing pure literals can be removed from the formula (i.e. just satisfy those pure literals)

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# DPLL (as a procedure)

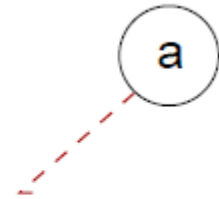
- ▶ Standard **backtrack search**
- ▶ DPLL(F) :
  - ▶ Apply unit propagation
  - ▶ If conflict identified, return **UNSAT**
  - ▶ Apply the pure literal rule
  - ▶ If F is satisfied (empty), return **SAT**
  - ▶ Select decision variable  $x$ 
    - ▶ If  $\text{DPLL}(F \wedge x) = \text{SAT}$  return **SAT**
    - ▶ return  $\text{DPLL}(F \wedge \neg x)$

# DPLL (example)

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi = & (a \vee \neg b \vee d) \wedge (a \vee \neg b \vee e) \wedge \\ & (\neg b \vee \neg d \vee \neg e) \wedge \\ & (a \vee b \vee c \vee d) \wedge (a \vee b \vee c \vee \neg d) \wedge \\ & (a \vee b \vee \neg c \vee e) \wedge (a \vee b \vee \neg c \vee \neg e)\end{aligned}$$

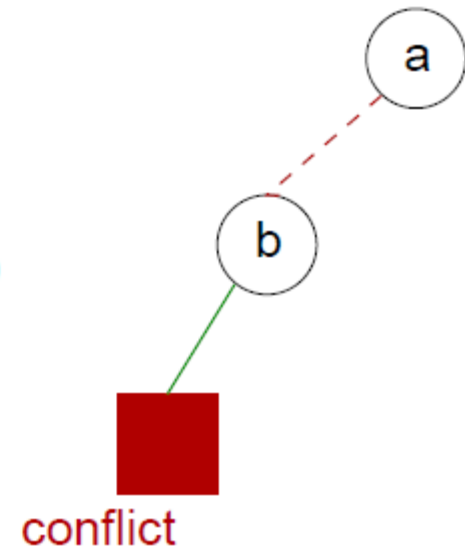
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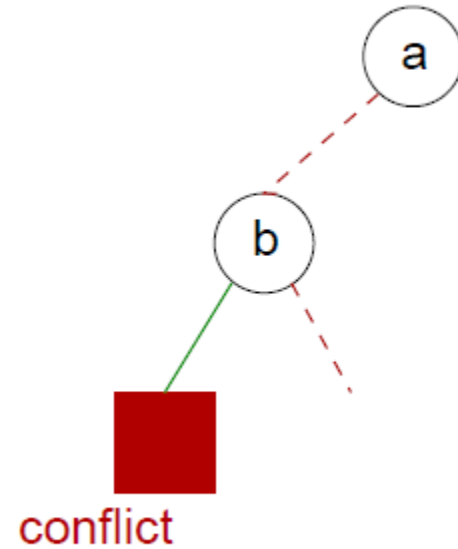
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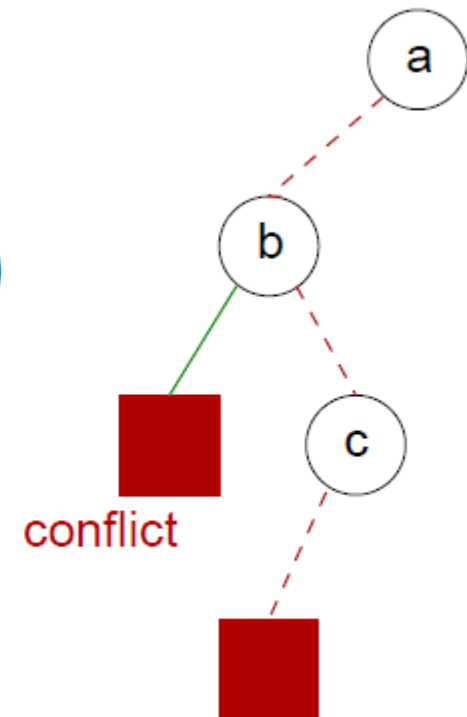
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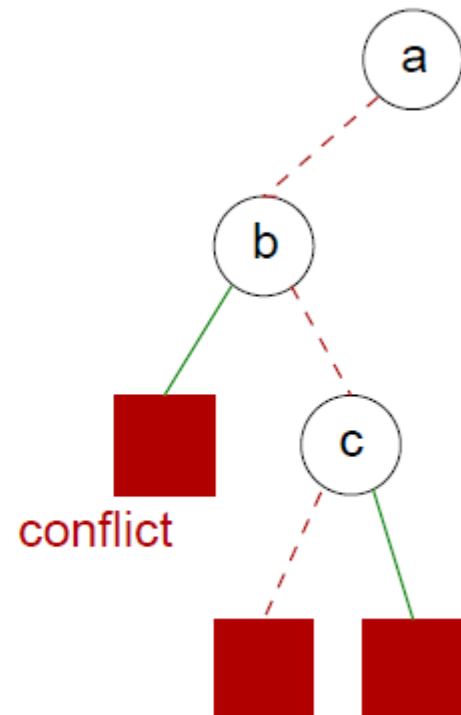
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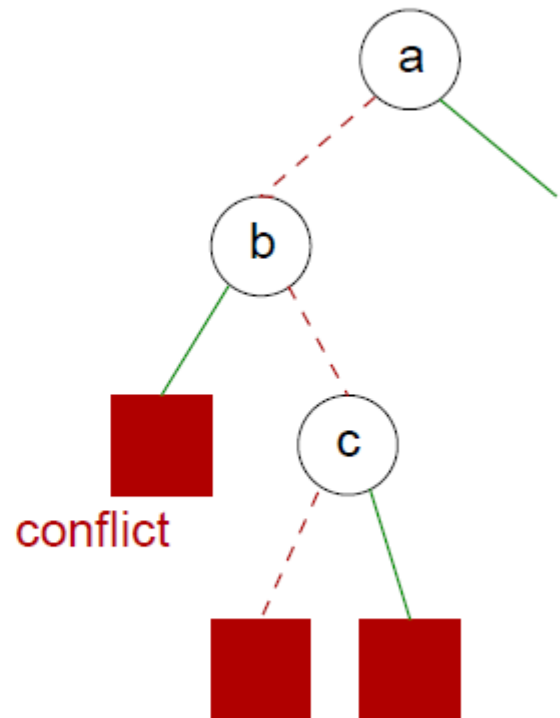
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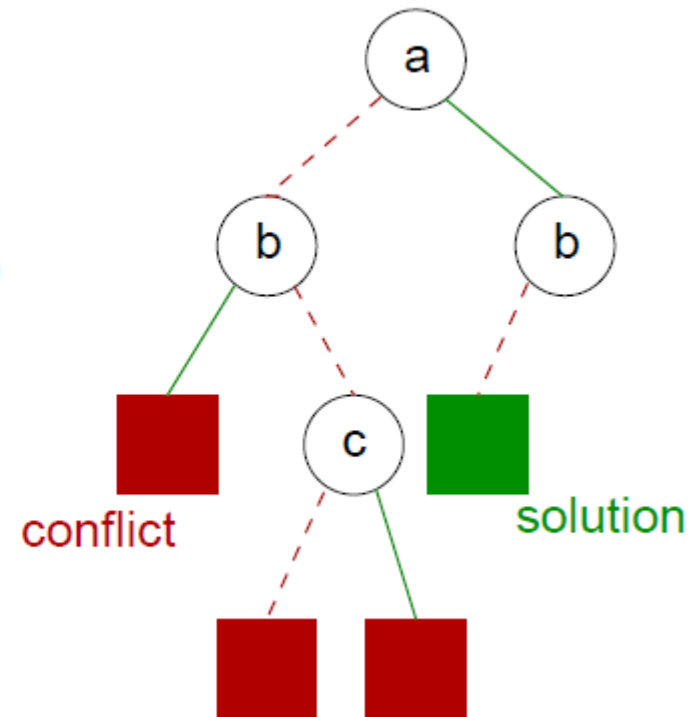
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# Some Applications

# Bit-vector / Machine arithmetic

Let  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  be 8-bit (unsigned) integers.

Is  $x > 0 \wedge y > 0 \wedge z = x + y \Rightarrow z > 0$  valid?

Is  $x > 0 \wedge y > 0 \wedge z = x + y \wedge \neg(z > 0)$  satisfiable?

# Bit-vector / Machine arithmetic

We can encode bit-vector satisfiability problems in propositional logic.

Idea 1:

Use  $n$  propositional variables to encode  $n$ -bit integers.

$$x \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Idea 2:

Encode arithmetic operations using hardware circuits.

# Encoding equality

$p \Leftrightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $(\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee p)$

The bit-vector equation  $x = y$  is encoded as:

$$(x_1 \Leftrightarrow y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (x_n \Leftrightarrow y_n)$$



# Encoding addition

We use  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  to store the result of  $x + y$

$p \text{ xor } q$  is defined as  $\neg(p \Leftrightarrow q)$

xor is the 1-bit adder

$p$	$q$	$p \text{ xor } q$	$p \wedge q$
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1



carry

# Encoding 1-bit full adder

## 1-bit full adder

Three inputs:  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $c_{in}$

Two outputs:  $r$ ,  $c_{out}$

$x$	$y$	$c_{in}$	$r = x \text{ xor } y \text{ xor } c_{in}$	$c_{out} = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge c_{in}) \vee (y \wedge c_{in})$
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
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# Encoding n-bit adder

We use  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  to store the result of  $x + y$ ,  
and  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)$

$$r_1 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \text{ xor } y_1)$$

$$c_1 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge y_1)$$

$$r_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_2 \text{ xor } y_2 \text{ xor } c_1)$$

$$c_2 \Leftrightarrow (x_2 \wedge y_2) \vee (x_2 \wedge c_1) \vee (y_2 \wedge c_1)$$

...

$$r_n \Leftrightarrow (x_n \text{ xor } y_n \text{ xor } c_{n-1})$$

$$c_n \Leftrightarrow (x_n \wedge y_n) \vee (x_n \wedge c_{n-1}) \vee (y_n \wedge c_{n-1})$$

# Test case generation (again)

```
unsigned GCD(x, y) {
```

```
  requires(y > 0);
```

```
  while (true) {
```

```
    unsigned m = x % y;
```

```
    if (m == 0) return y;
```

```
    x = y;
```

```
    y = m;
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```



$(y_0 > 0)$  and

$(m_0 = x_0 \% y_0)$  and

not  $(m_0 = 0)$  and

$(x_1 = y_0)$  and

$(y_1 = m_0)$  and

$(m_1 = x_1 \% y_1)$  and

$(m_1 = 0)$



$x_0 = 2$

$y_0 = 4$

$m_0 = 2$

$x_1 = 4$

$y_1 = 2$

$m_1 = 0$

We want a trace where the loop is executed twice.

# Experimental Exercises

- ▶ The first step is to pick up a SAT solver.
- ▶ Play with simple examples
- ▶ Translate your problem into SAT
- ▶ Experiment

# Available SAT Solvers

Several open source SAT solvers exist :

Minisat (C++) [www.minisat.se](http://www.minisat.se) Presumably the most widely used within the SAT community. Used to be the best general purpose SAT solver. A large community around the solver.

Picosat (C)/Precosat (C++)

<http://fmv.jku.at/software/index.html>  
Award winner in 2007 and 2009 of the SAT competition, industrial category.

SAT4J (Java) <http://www.sat4j.org>. For Java users. Far less efficient than the two others.

UBCSAT (C) <http://www.satlib.org/ubcsat/> Very efficient stochastic local search for SAT.

<http://www.satcompetition.org> Both the binaries and the source code of the solvers are made available for research purposes.

# Available Examples

- Satisfiability library: <http://www.satlib.org>
- The SAT competition: <http://www.satcompetition.org>
- Search the WEB: “SAT benchmarks”

# Using SAT solvers

All SAT solvers support the very simple DIMACS CNF input format :

$$(a \vee b \vee \neg c) \wedge (\neg b \vee \neg c)$$

will be translated into

```
p cnf 3 2
1 2 -3 0
-2 -3 0
```

The first line is of the form

```
p cnf <maxVarId> <numberOfClauses>
```

Each variable is represented by an integer, negative literals as negative integers, 0 is the clause separator.



# Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

**Is formula  $F$  satisfiable  
modulo theory  $T$  ?**

SMT solvers have  
specialized algorithms for  $T$

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Uninterpreted  
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Substituting  $c$  by  $b+2$

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Simplifying

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Applying array theory axiom  
forall  $a,i,v$ :  $\text{read}(\text{write}(a,i,v), i) = v$

# Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

$b + 2 = c$  and  $f(3) \neq f(3)$

**Inconsistent/Unsatisfiable**

# SMT-Lib

- Repository of Benchmarks
- <http://www.smtlib.org>
- Benchmarks are divided in “logics”:
  - QF\_UF: unquantified formulas built over a signature of uninterpreted sort, function and predicate symbols.
  - QF\_UFLIA: unquantified linear integer arithmetic with uninterpreted sort, function, and predicate symbols.
  - AUFLIA: closed linear formulas over the theory of integer arrays with free sort, function and predicate symbols.

# Ground formulas

*For most SMT solvers:  $F$  is a set of ground formulas*

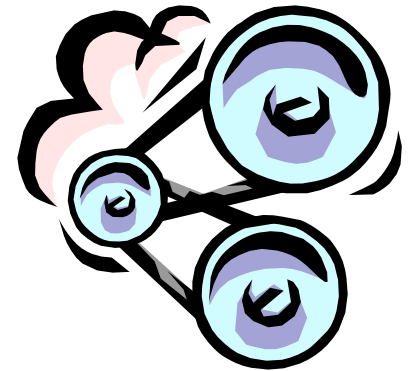
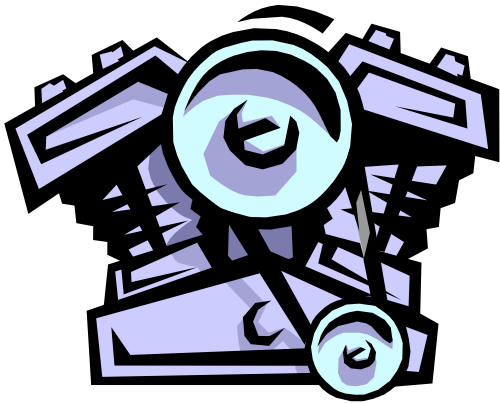
## Many Applications

Bounded Model Checking

Test-Case Generation

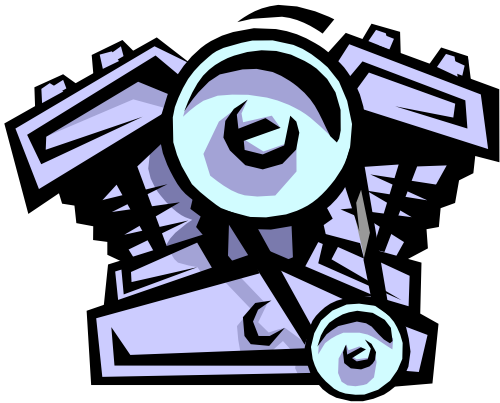
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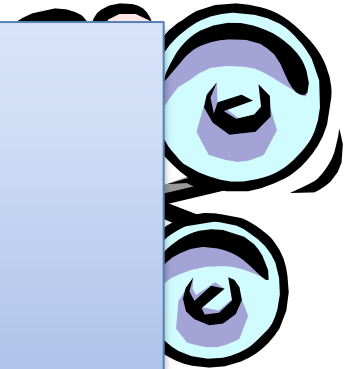


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Examples:  
SAT Solver  
Equality solver



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c

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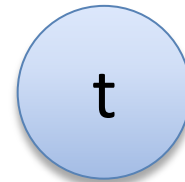
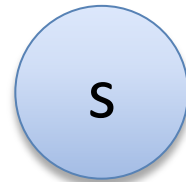
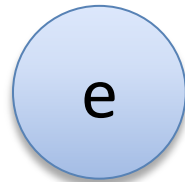
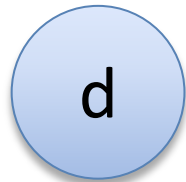
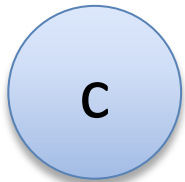
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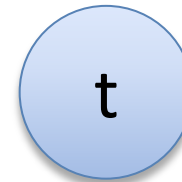
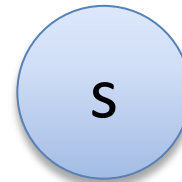
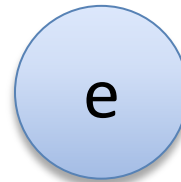
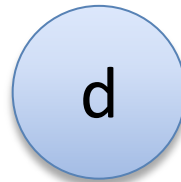
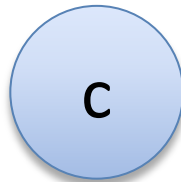
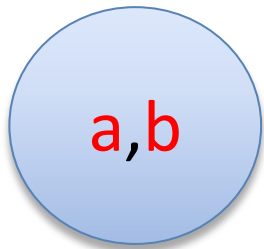
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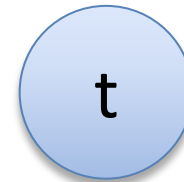
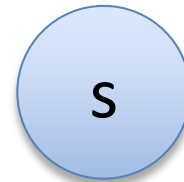
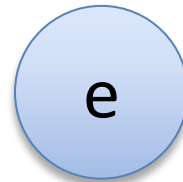
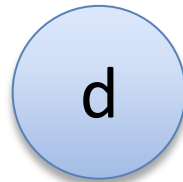
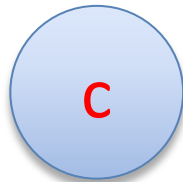
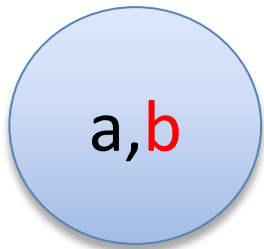
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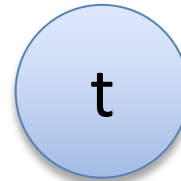
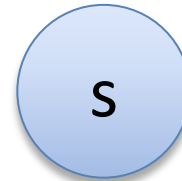
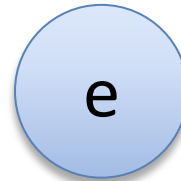
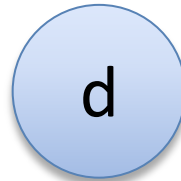
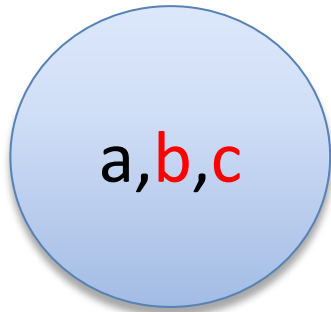
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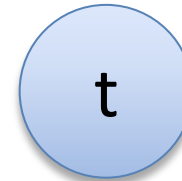
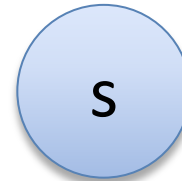
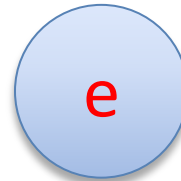
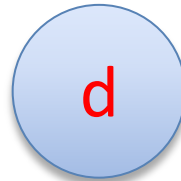
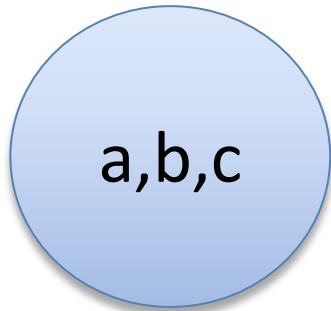
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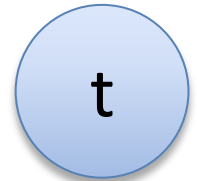
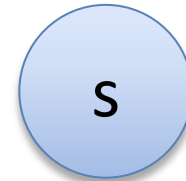
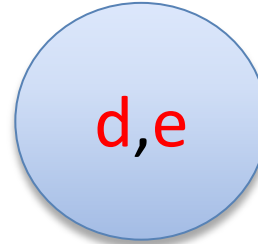
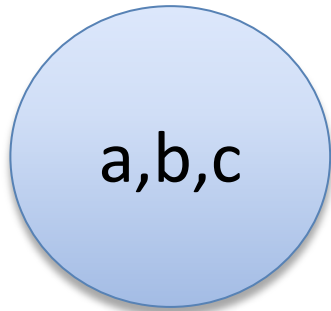
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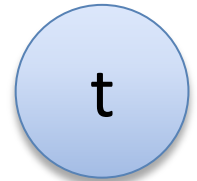
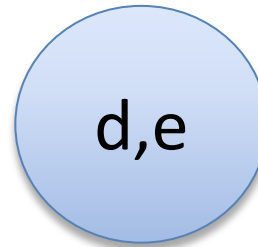
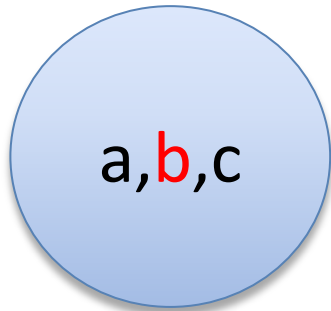
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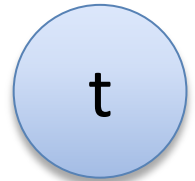
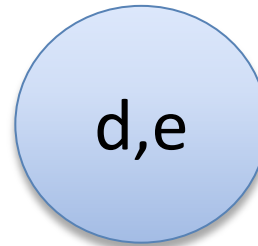
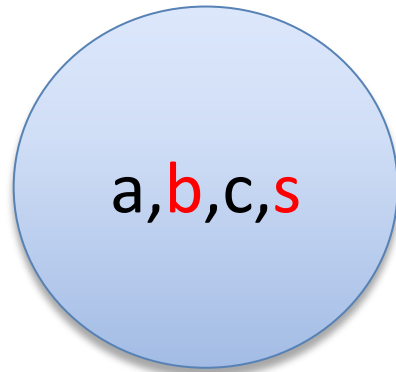
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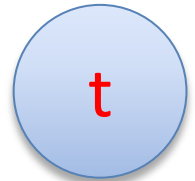
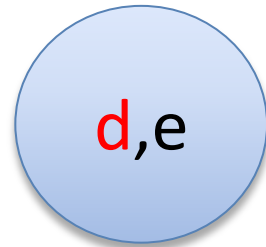
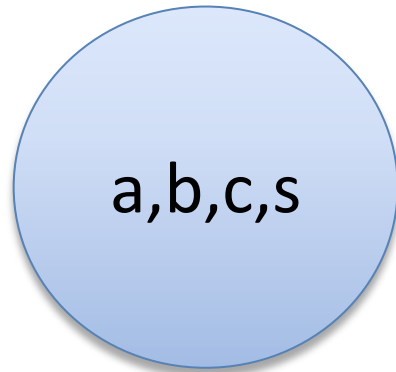
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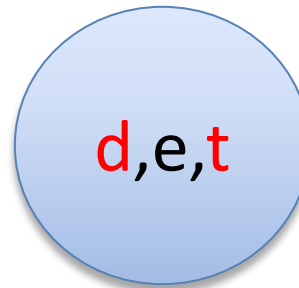
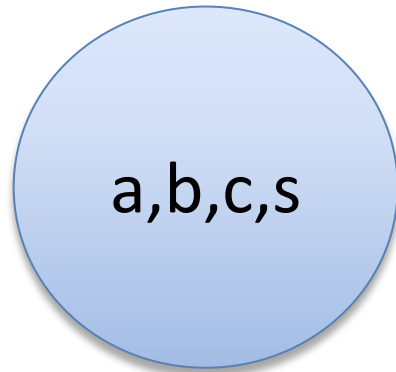
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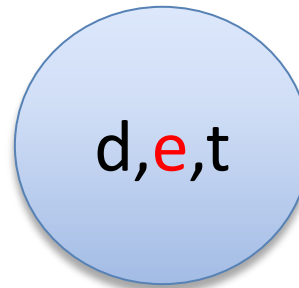
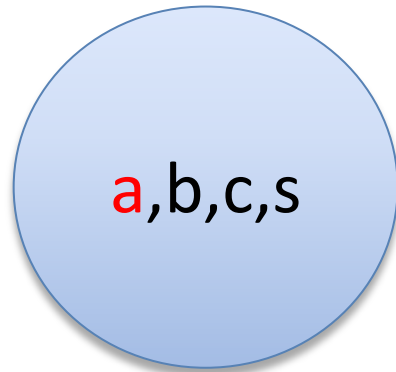
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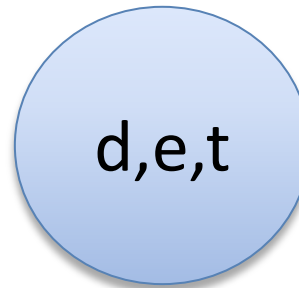
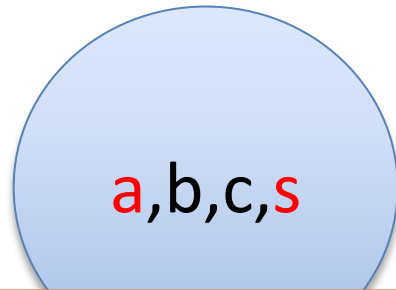
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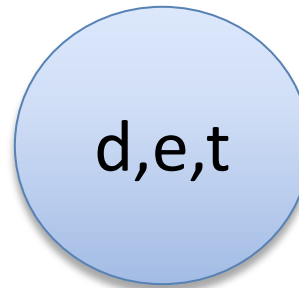
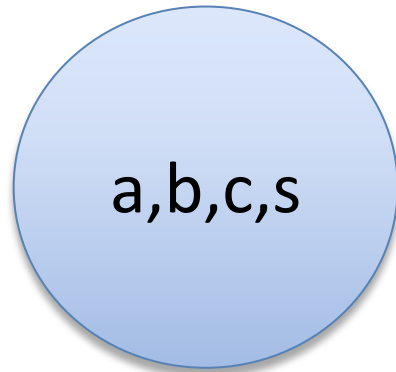
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Alternative notation:

$a^M = \diamond_1$

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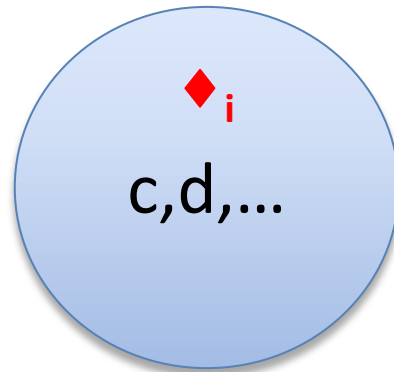
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## Termination, Soundness, Completeness

- Termination: easy
- Soundness
  - Invariant: all constants in a “ball” are known to be equal.
  - The “ball” merge operation is justified by:
    - Transitivity and Symmetry rules.
- Completeness
  - **We can build a model if an inconsistency was not detected.**
  - Proof template (by contradiction):
    - Build a candidate model.
    - Assume a literal was not satisfied.
    - Find contradiction.

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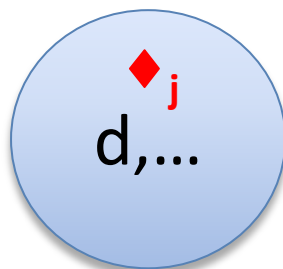
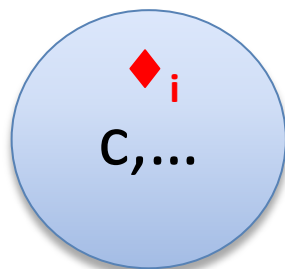


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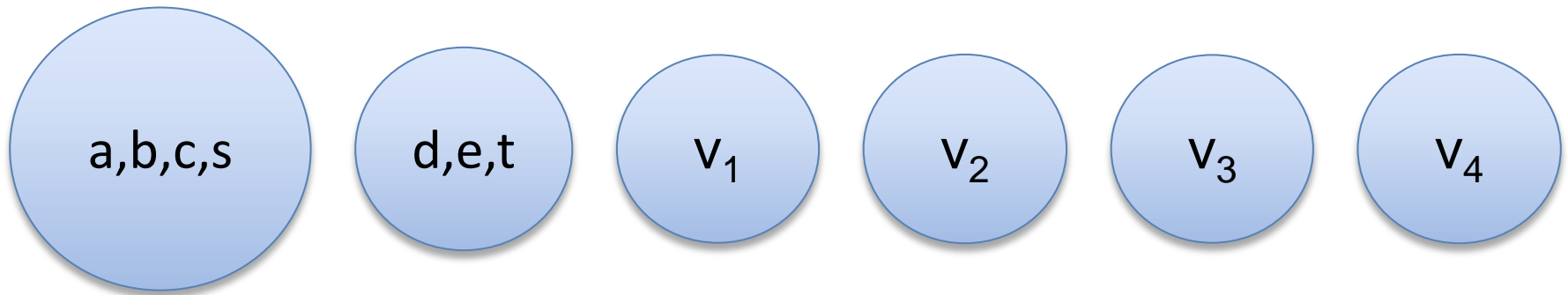
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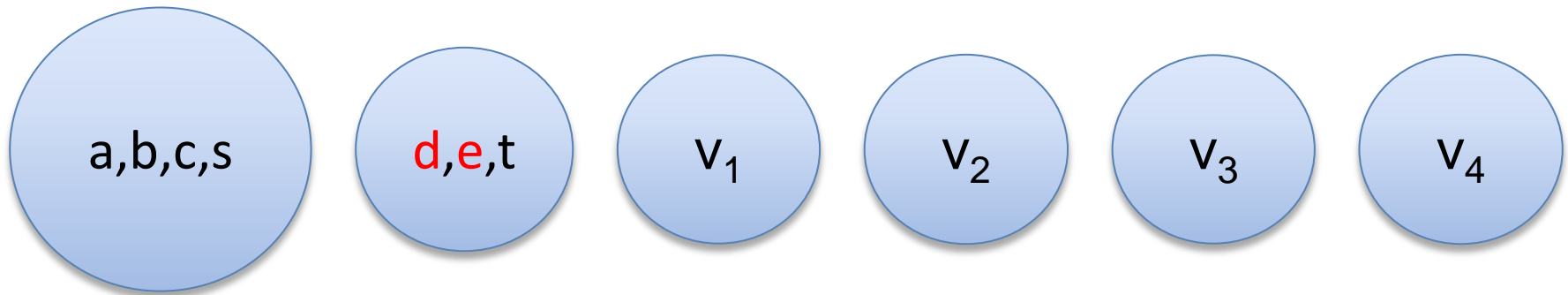


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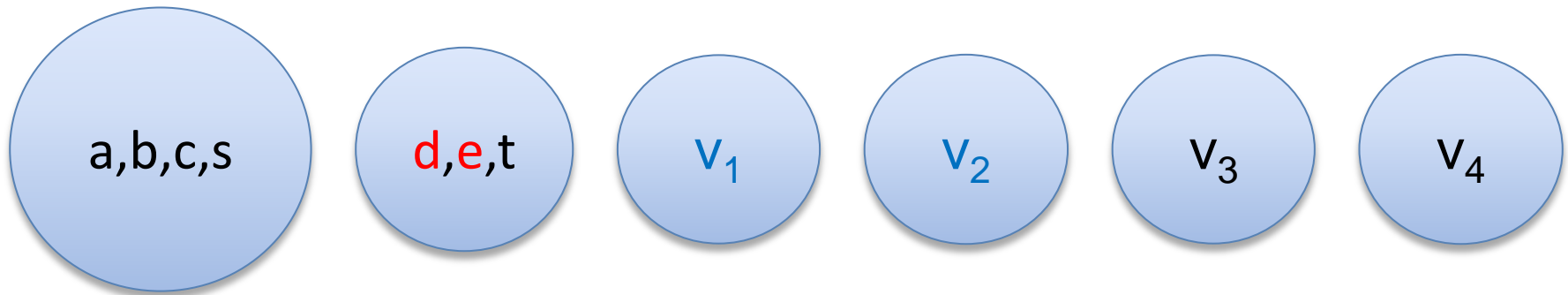
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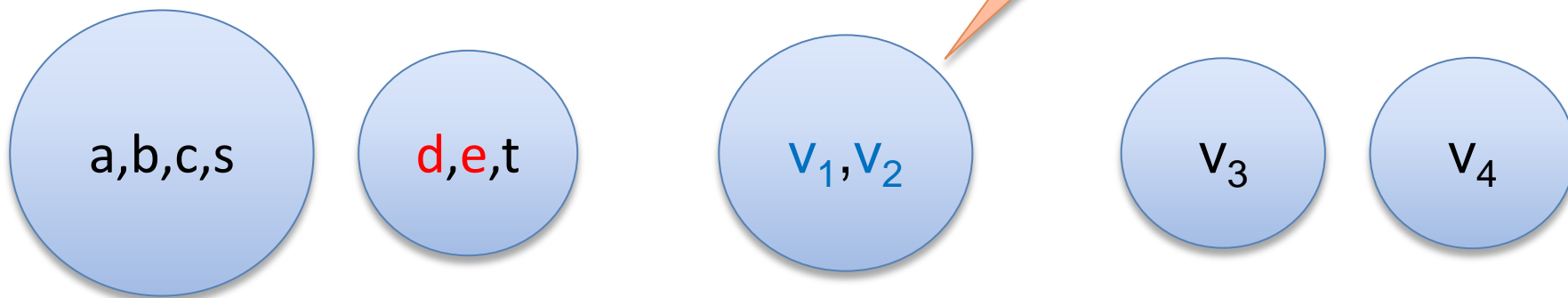
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We say:  
 $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are **congruent**.

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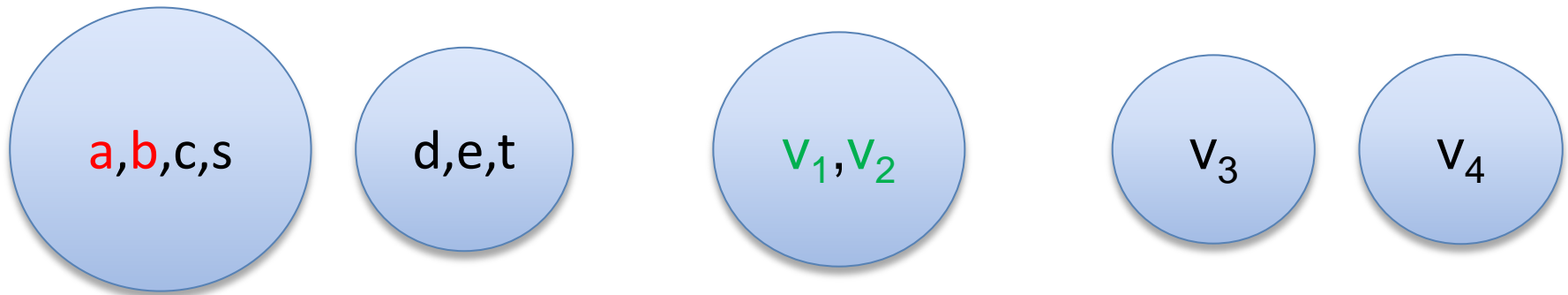
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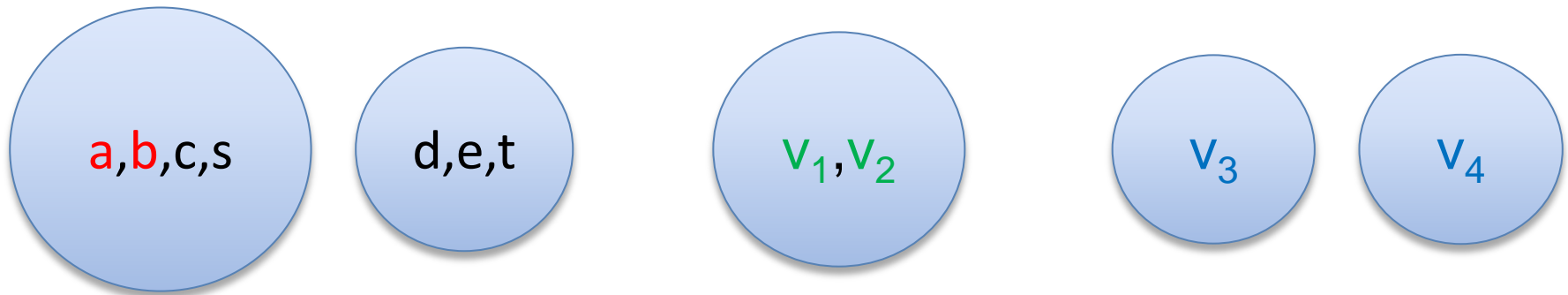


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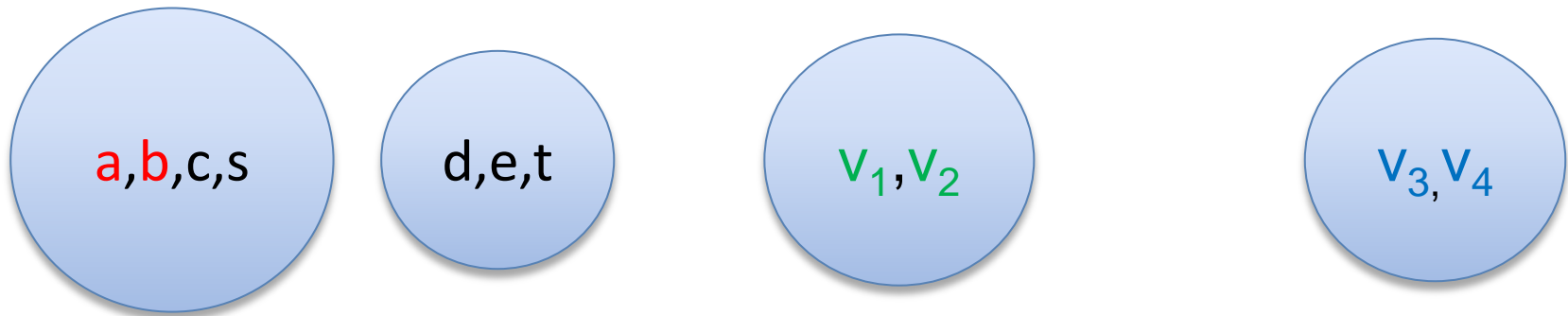


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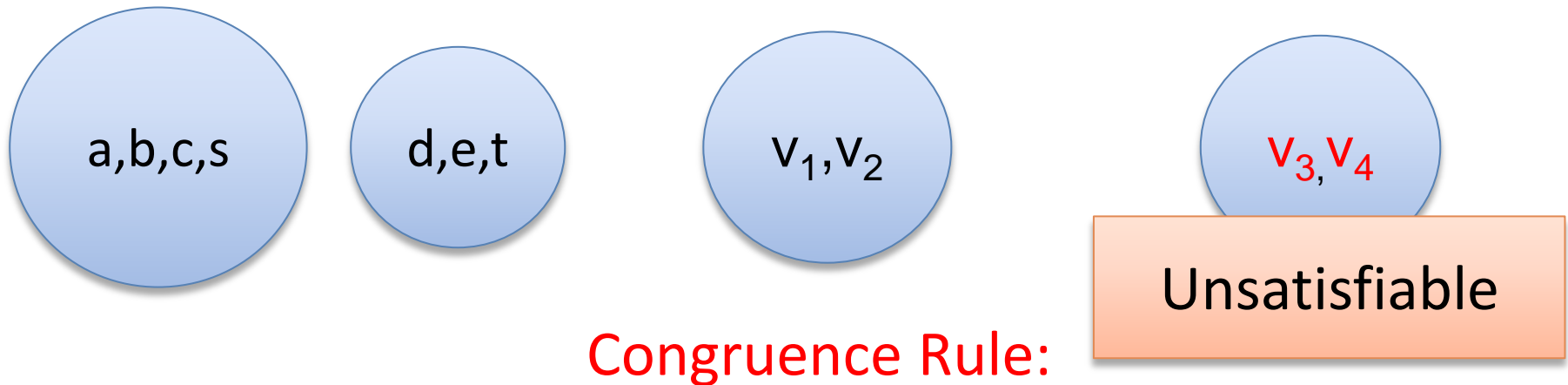
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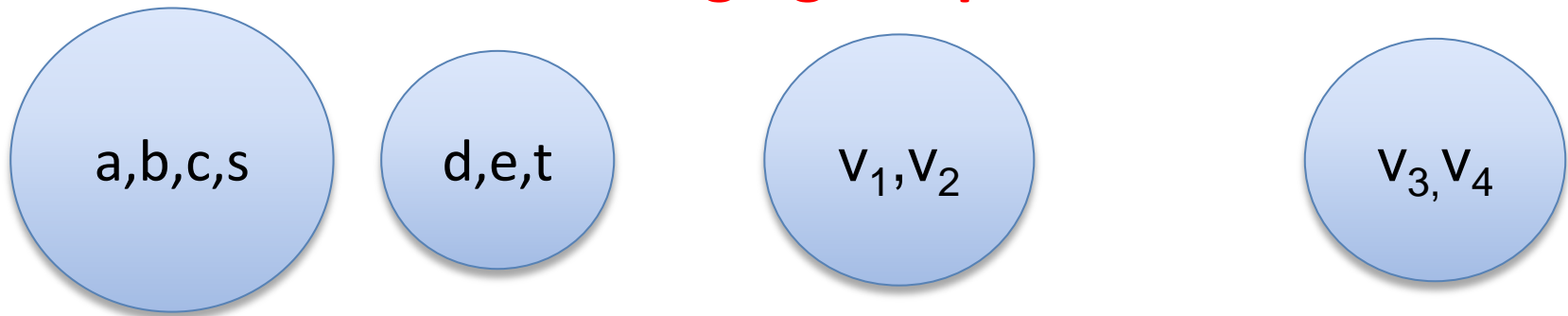


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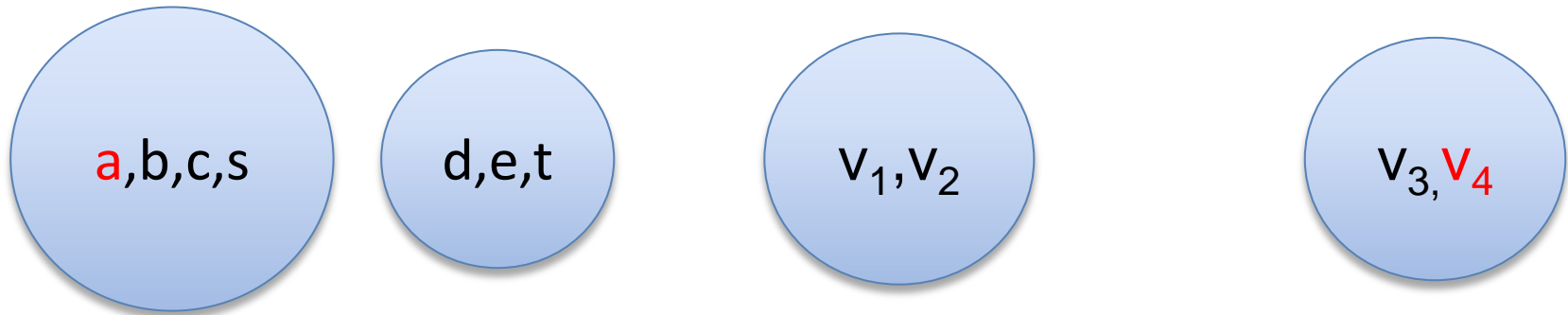


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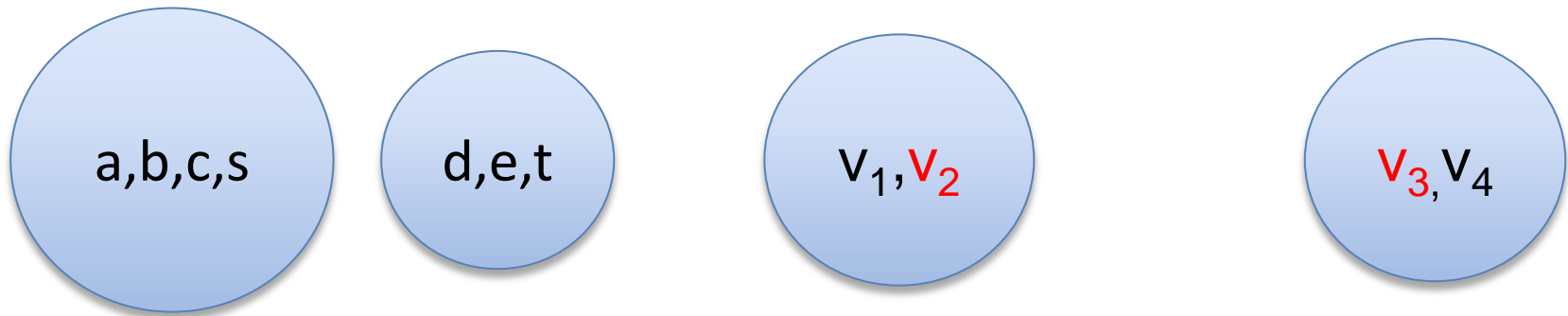


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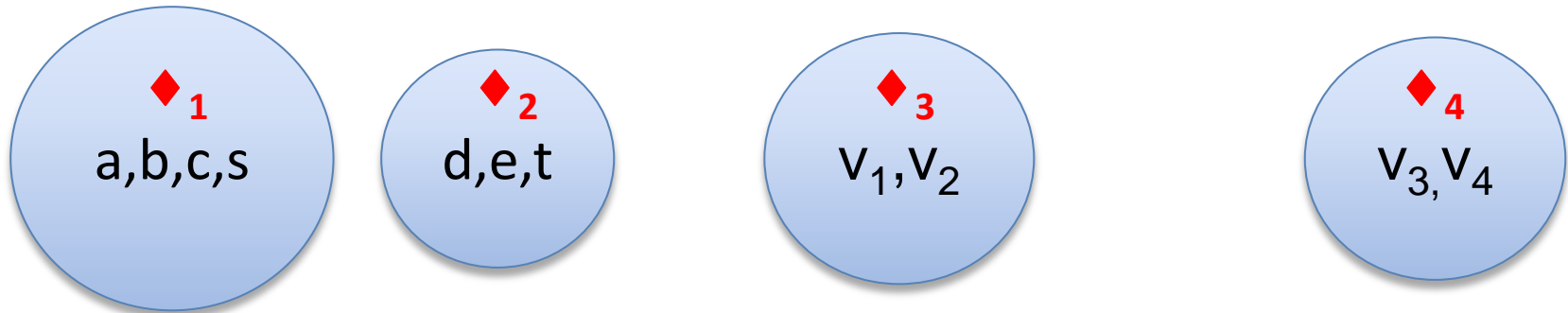


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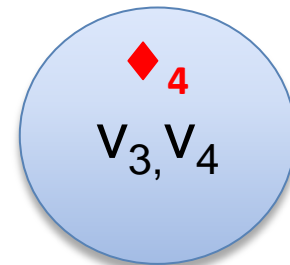
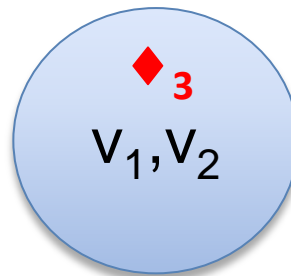
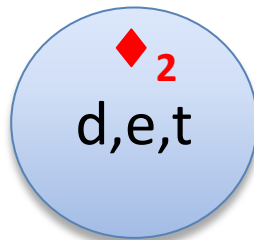
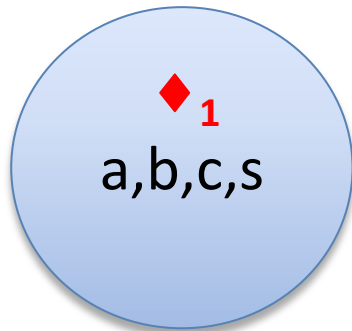
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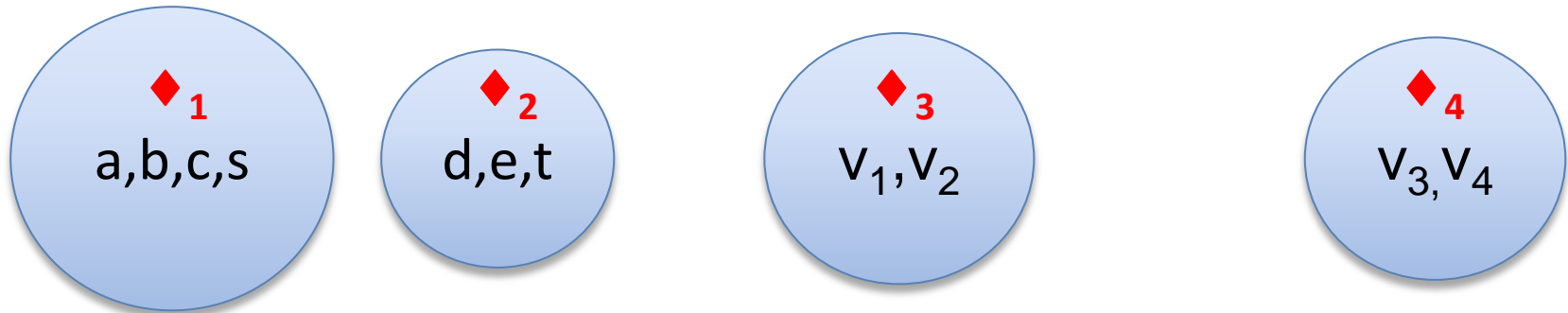
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Main Problem: quadratic blowup

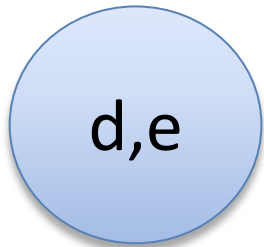
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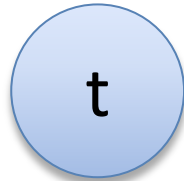
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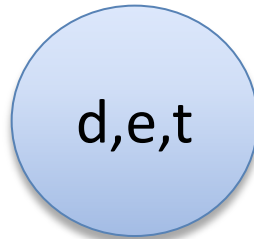
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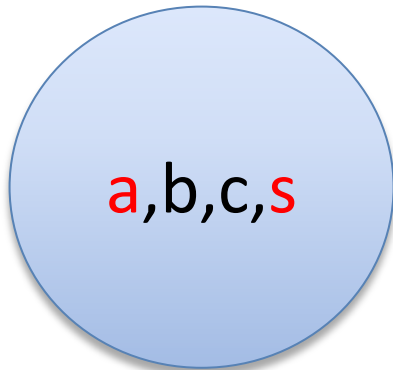
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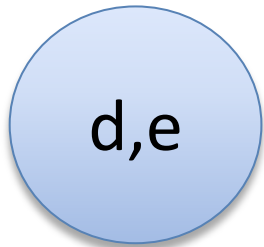


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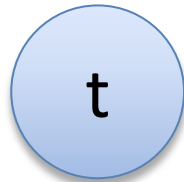


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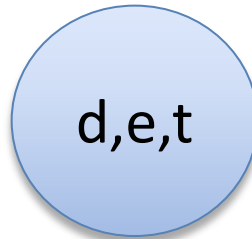
Key observation:  
**The sets are disjoint!**



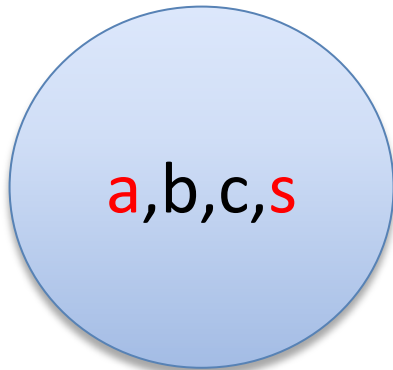
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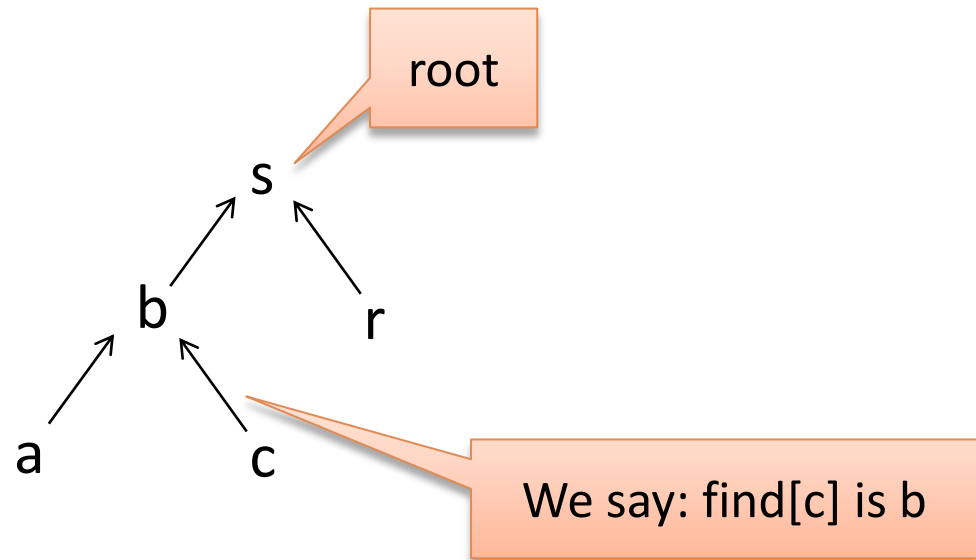
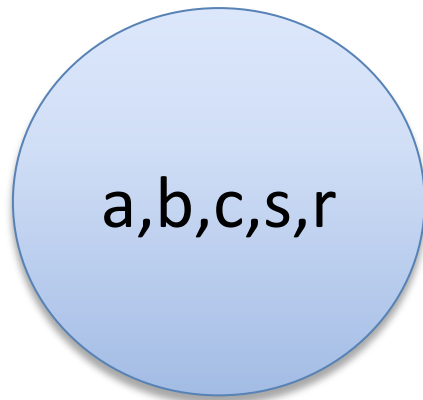
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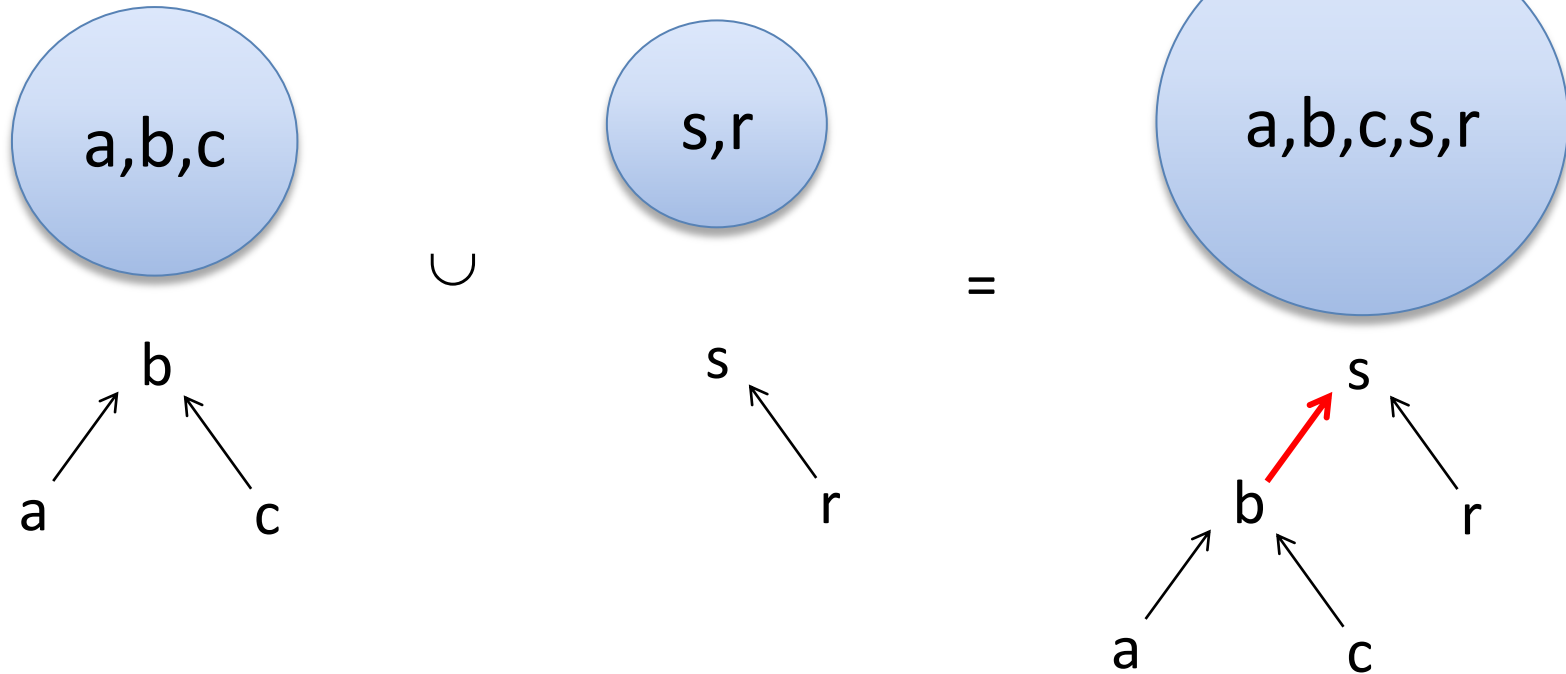
Union-Find data-structure

Every set (equivalence class) has a root element (representative).



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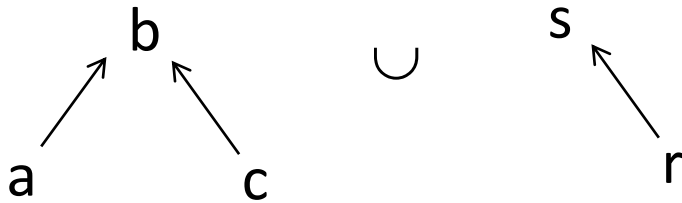
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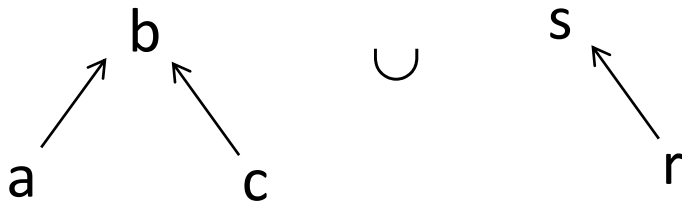
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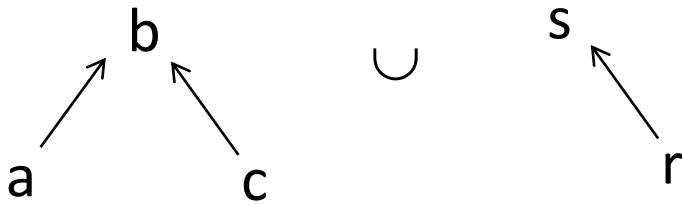
**Inefficient version:**

for each  $v$  in  $\text{occurrences}(b)$   
for each  $w$  in  $\text{occurrences}(s)$   
if  $v$  and  $w$  are congruent  
add  $(v, w)$  to  $\text{todo}$  queue

A queue of pairs that need to be merged.



# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions



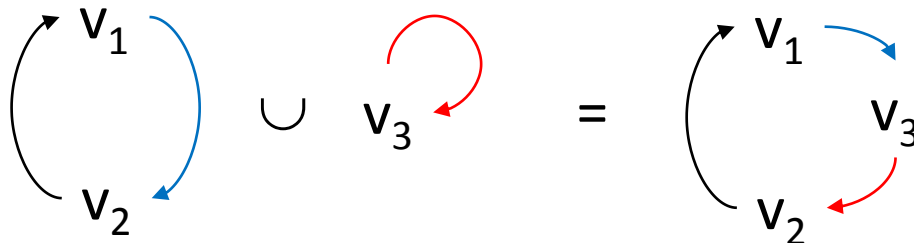
occurrences[ $b$ ] = {  $v_1 \equiv g(b)$ ,  $v_2 \equiv f(a)$  }

occurrences[ $s$ ] = {  $v_3 \equiv f(r)$  }

We also need to merge occurrences[ $b$ ] with occurrences[ $s$ ].

This can be done in **constant time**:

Use circular lists to represent the occurrences. **(More later)**



# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

Avoiding the nested loop:

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for each v in occurrences[b]
  for each w in occurrences[s]
    ...
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Use a hash table to store the elements  $v_1 \equiv f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .  
Each constant has an **identifier** (e.g., natural number).  
Compute hash code using the identifier of the (equivalence class) **roots** of the arguments.

$$\text{hash}(v_1) = \text{hash-tuple}(\text{id}(f), \text{id}(\text{root}(a_1)), \dots, \text{id}(\text{root}(a_n)))$$

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Use a hash table to store the hash-tuple can be the Jenkin's hash function for strings.  $(f, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .  
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Trick:

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**add  $v$  to occurrences( $a_1$ )**

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The efficient version is not optimal (in theory).

Problem: we may have  $v \equiv f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with “huge”  $n$ .

Solution: **currying**

Use only binary functions, and represent  $f(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$  as  $f(a_1, h(a_2, h(a_3, a_4)))$

This is not necessary in practice, since the  $n$  above is small.

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

Each constant has now three fields:

**find**, **size**, and **occurrences**.

We also has use a hash-table for implementing the congruence rule.

**We will need many more improvements!**

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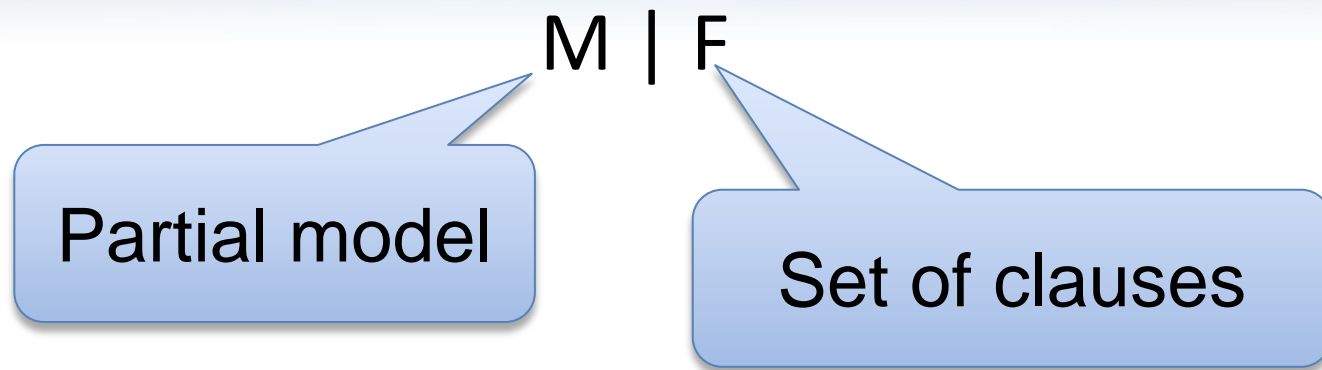
# SMT : Basic Architecture



Case Analysis

- Equality + UF
- Arithmetic
- Bit-vectors
- ...

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# Modern DPLL

- Efficient indexing (two-watch literal)
- Non-chronological backtracking (backjumping)
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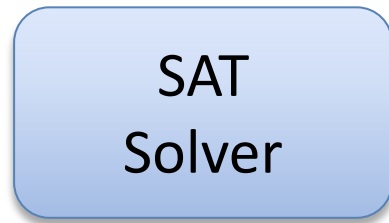


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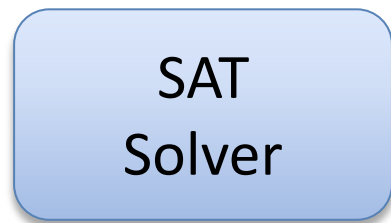


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AKA  
Theory conflict

# SAT + Theory solvers: Main loop

```
procedure SmtSolver(F)
  (Fp, M) := Abstract(F)
  loop
    (R, A) := SAT_solver(Fp)
    if R = UNSAT then return UNSAT
    S := Concretize(A, M)
    (R, S') := Theory_solver(S)
    if R = SAT then return SAT
    L := New_Lemma(S', M)
    Add L to Fp
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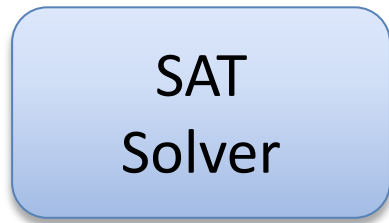
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**A:** Assignment

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**S':** Unsatisfiable

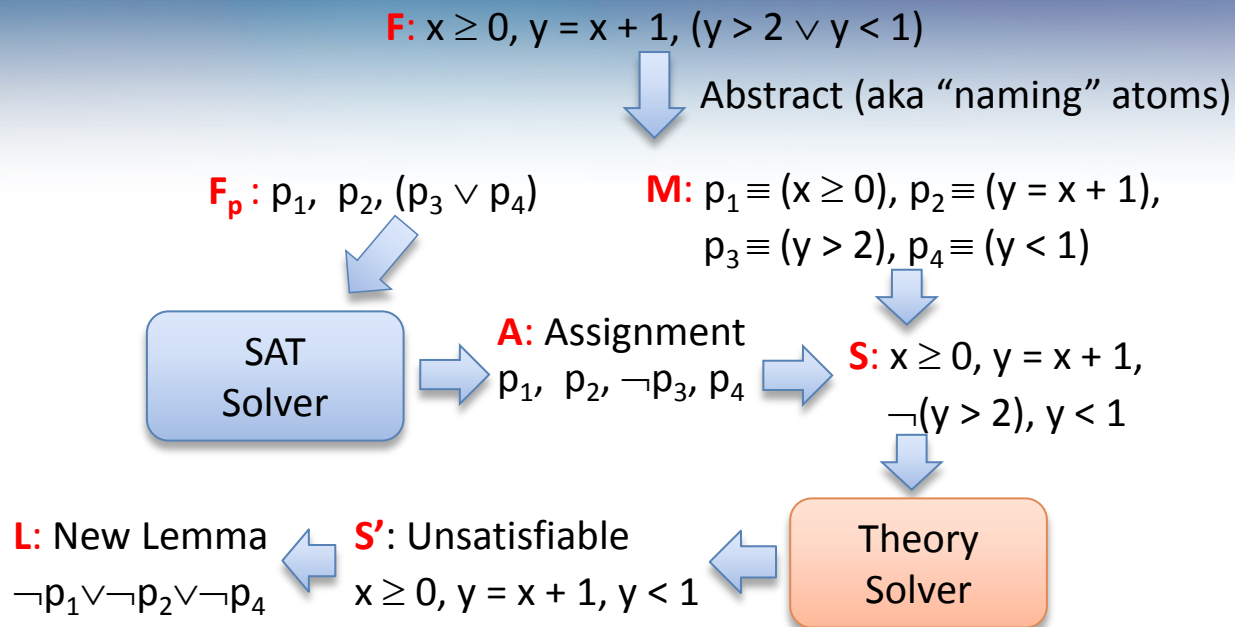
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**L:** New Lemma

$$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee \neg p_4$$

# SAT + Theory solvers



**procedure** SMT\_Solver(**F**)

(**F<sub>p</sub>**, **M**) := Abstract(**F**)

**loop**

(**R**, **A**) := SAT\_solver(**F<sub>p</sub>**)

**if** **R** = UNSAT **then return** UNSAT

**S** = Concretize(**A**, **M**)

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**L** := New\_Lemma(**S**, **M**)

Add **L** to **F<sub>p</sub>**

“Lazy translation”  
to  
DNF

# SAT + Theory solvers

**State-of-the-art SMT solvers implement many improvements.**

# SAT + Theory solvers

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Partial assignment is already  
Theory inconsistent.

# SAT + Theory solvers

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We don't want to restart from scratch after each backtracking operation.

# SAT + Theory solvers

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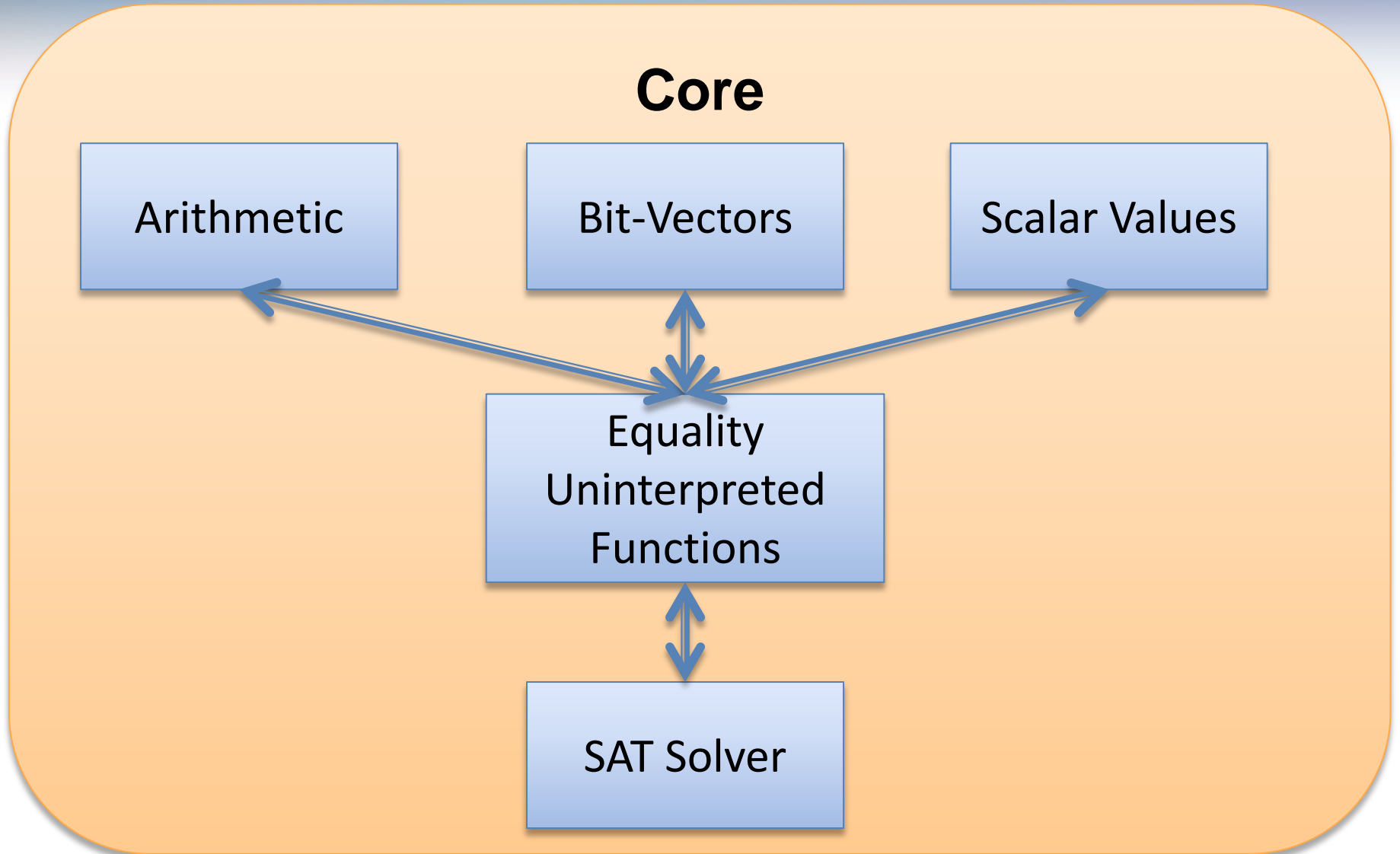
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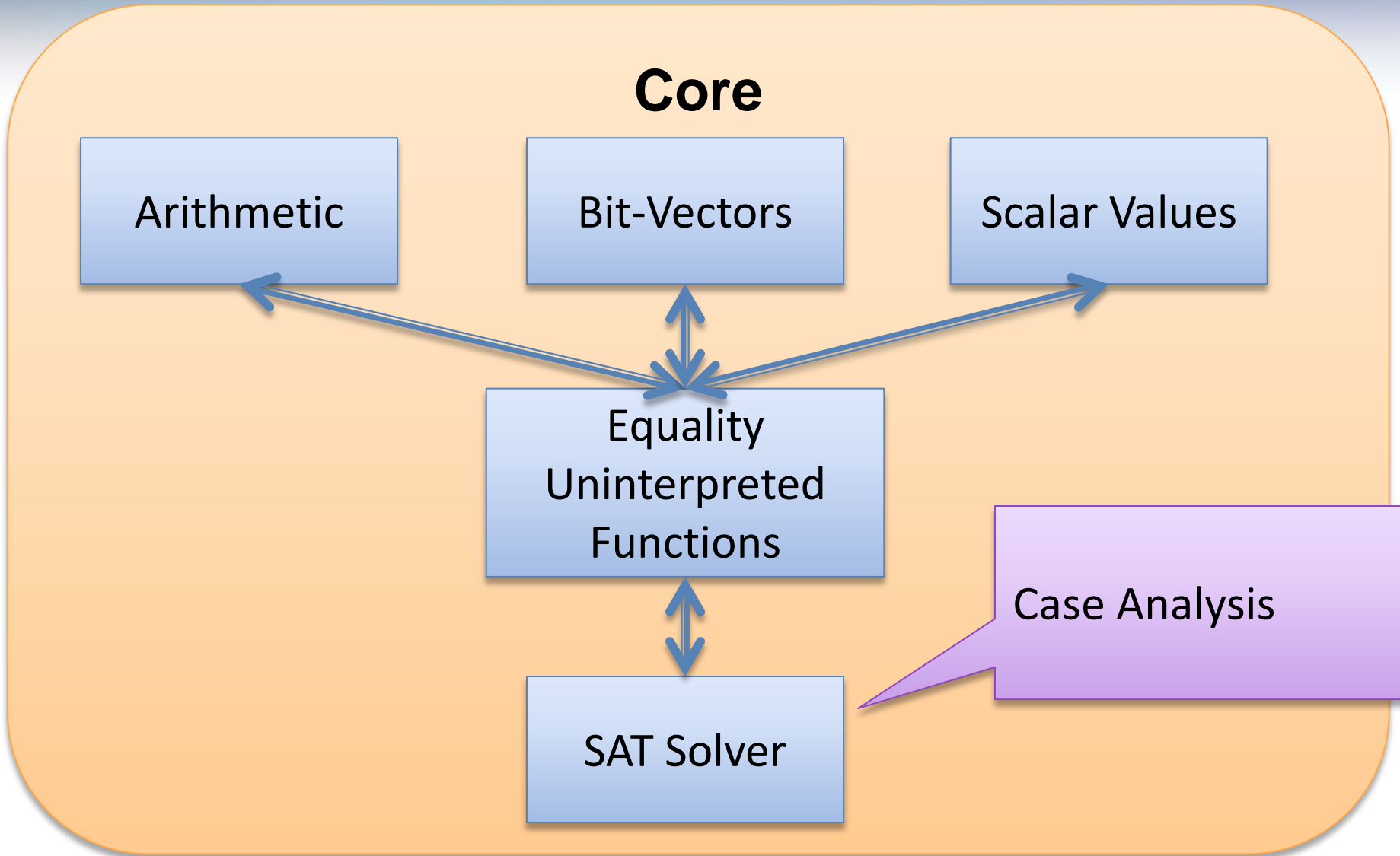
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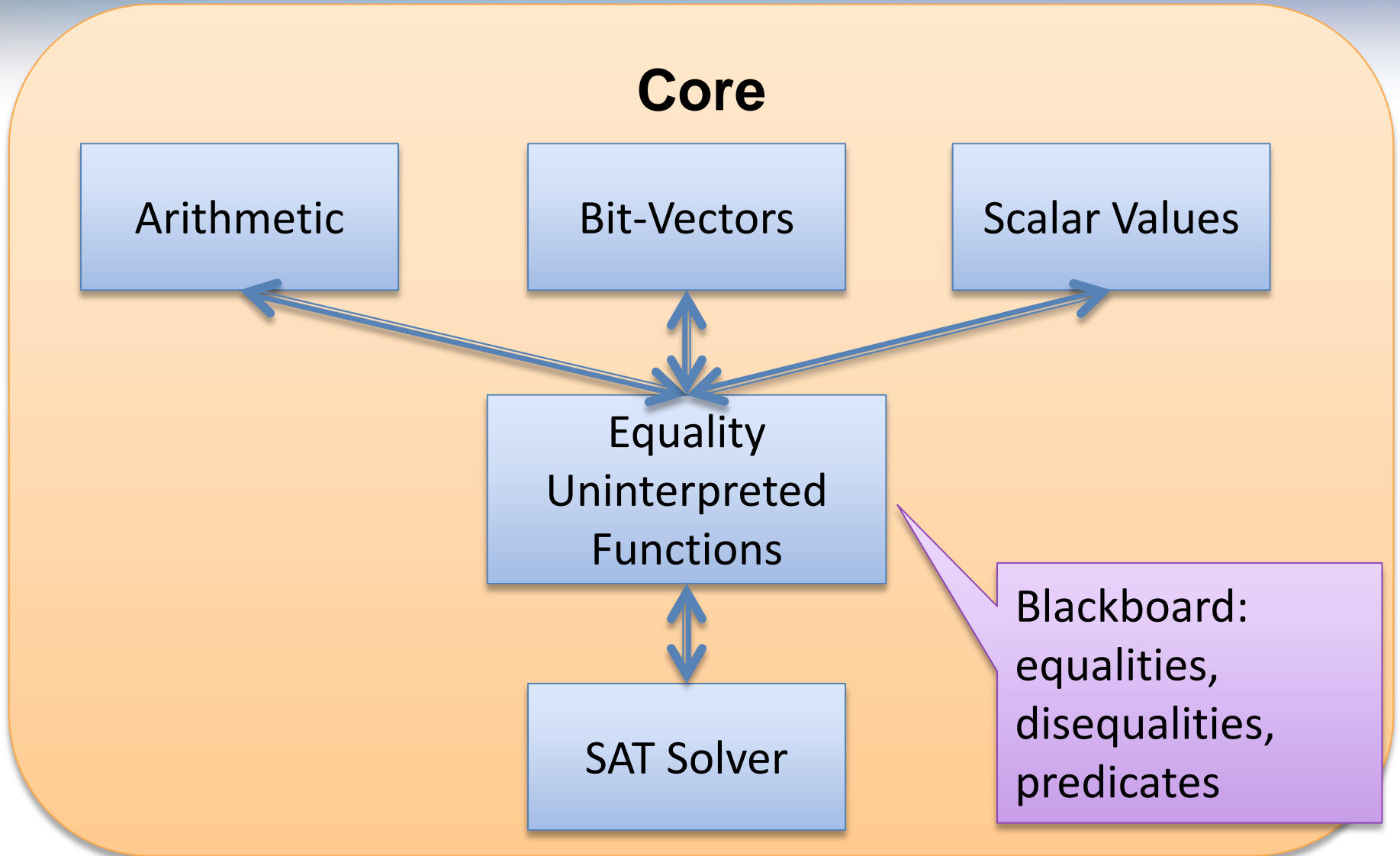
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# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

**Problem:** our procedure for Equality + UF does not support:

Incrementality

Efficient Backtracking

Theory Propagation

Lemma Learning

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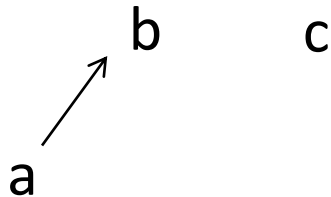
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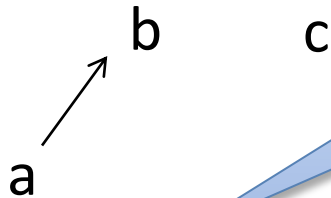
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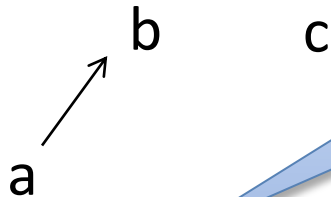
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# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## Backtracking

Option 1: functional data-structures (too slow).

Option 2: trail stack (aka undo stack, fine grain backtracking)

Associate an undo operation to each update operation.

“Log” all update operations in a stack.

During backtracking execute the associated undo operations.

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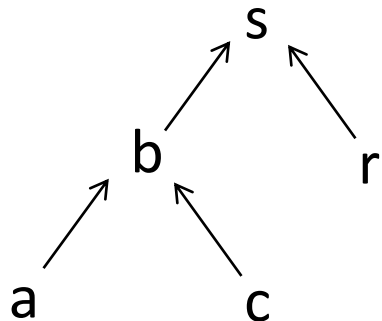
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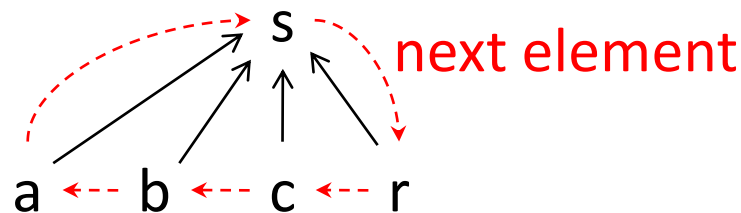
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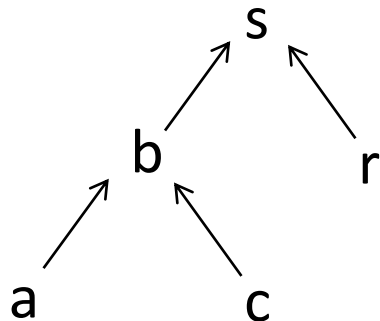
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New design possibility:

We do not need to merge occurrences and diseqs.  
We can access all occurrences and diseqs by  
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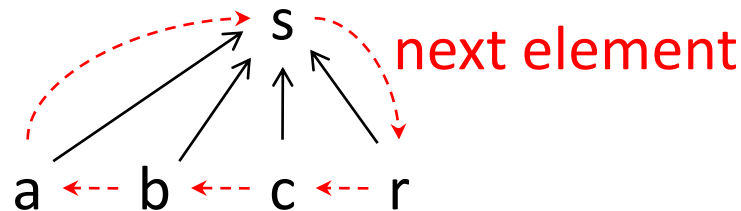
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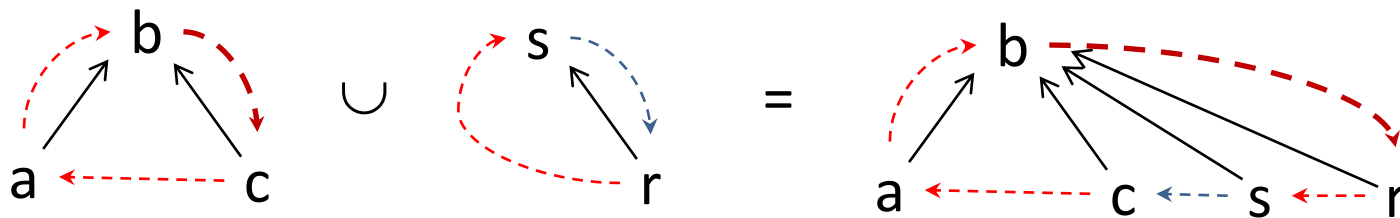
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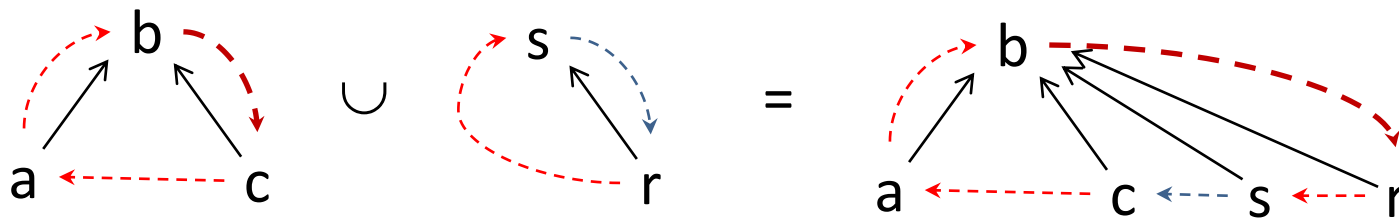
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**New union-find:**



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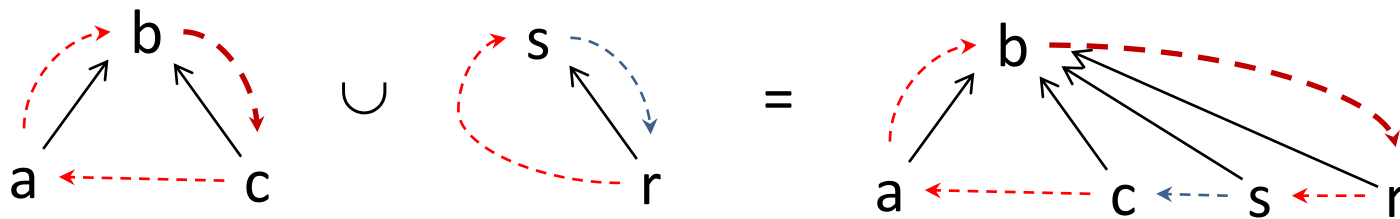
## New union-find:



What was updated?  
root[s], root[r],  
next[b], next[s],  
size[b]

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## New union-find:



We only need to store  
**s** in the undo stack!

What was updated?  
 $\text{root}[c]$ ,  $\text{root}[r]$ ,  
 $\text{next}[b]$ ,  $\text{next}[s]$ ,  
 $\text{size}[b]$



# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## What about the congruence table?

hash table used to implement the congruence rule.

Let us use an additional field **cg**.

It is only relevant for subterms:  $v_3 \equiv f(a, v_1)$

Invariant: a constant (e.g.,  $v_3$ ) is in the table iff  $cg[v_3] = v_3$

Otherwise,  $cg[v_3]$  contains the subterm congruent to  $v_3$

### Example:

$v_3 \equiv f(a, v_1)$  ,  $v_4 \equiv f(b, v_2)$

Assume  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  are congruent (i.e.,  $a = b$  and  $v_1 = v_2$ )

Moreover,  $v_3$  is in the congruence table.

Then:  $cg[v_4] = v_3$  and  $cg[v_3] = v_3$

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

```
procedure Merge(a, b)
  ar := root[a]; br := root[b]
  if ar = br then return
  if not CheckDiseqs(ar, br) then return
  if size[a] < size[b] then swap a, b; swap ar, br
  AddToTrailStack(MERGE, br)
  RemoveParentsFromHashTable(br)
  c := br
  do
    root[c] := ar
    c := next[c]
  while c ≠ br
  ReinsertParentsToHashTable(br)
  swap next[ar], next[br]
  size[ar] := size[ar] + size[br]
```

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

```
procedure UndoMerge( $b_r$ )  
   $a_r := \text{root}[b_r]$   
   $\text{size}[a_r] := \text{size}[a_r] - \text{size}[b_r]$   
  swap  $\text{next}[a_r], \text{next}[b_r]$   
  RemoveParentsFromHashTable( $b_r$ )  
   $c := b_r$   
  do  
     $\text{root}[c] := b_r$   
     $c := \text{next}[c]$   
  while  $c \neq b_r$   
  for each parent  $p$  of  $b_r$   
    if  $p = \text{cg}[p]$  or not congruent( $p, \text{cg}[p]$ )  
      add  $p$  to hash table  
       $\text{cg}[p] := p$ 
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# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

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  swap  $\text{next}[a_r], \text{next}[b_r]$ 
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  Remove  $\text{RemoveFromHashTable}$ 
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p was in the hash table  
before and after the merge

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before but not after the  
merge.

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  while  $c \neq \text{empty}$ 
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    for each element  $p$  of  $b_r$ 
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         $\text{cg}[p] := p$ 
```

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## Propagating equalities (and disequalities)

Store the atom occurrences of a constant.

$$p_1 \equiv a = b, p_2 \equiv b = c,$$
$$p_3 \equiv d = e, p_4 \equiv a = c$$

$$\text{atom\_occs}[a] = \{ p_1, p_4 \}$$
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$$\text{atom\_occs}[c] = \{ p_2, p_4 \}$$
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When merging or adding new disequalities traverse these sets.

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## Propagating disequalities (hard case)

$$v_1 \equiv f(a, b), v_2 \equiv f(c, d)$$

Assume we know that

$$v_1 \neq v_2$$

$$a = c$$

Then,  $b \neq d$

**More about that later.**

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## Efficient Lemma Generation (computing a small $S'$ )

In EUF (equality + UF) a minimal unsatisfiable set is composed on:

n equalities

1 disequality

It is easy to find the disequality  $a \neq b$ .

So, our problem consists in finding the minimal set of equalities that implies  $a = b$ .

# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

## Efficient Lemma Generation (computing a small $S'$ )

First idea:

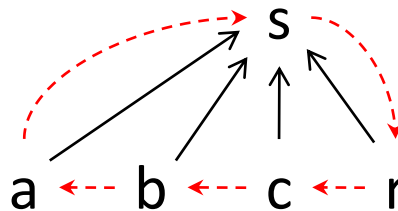
If  $a = b$  is implied by a set of equalities, then  $a$  and  $b$  are in the same equivalence class.

Store all equalities used to “create” the equivalence class.

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$$p_3 \equiv (s = r), p_4 \equiv (c = r)$$

$$p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots \mid \dots$$



Too imprecise for justifying  $a = b$ .  
We need only  $p_1, p_2$ .

The equivalence class was “created”  
using  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$



# Deciding Equality + (uninterpreted) Functions

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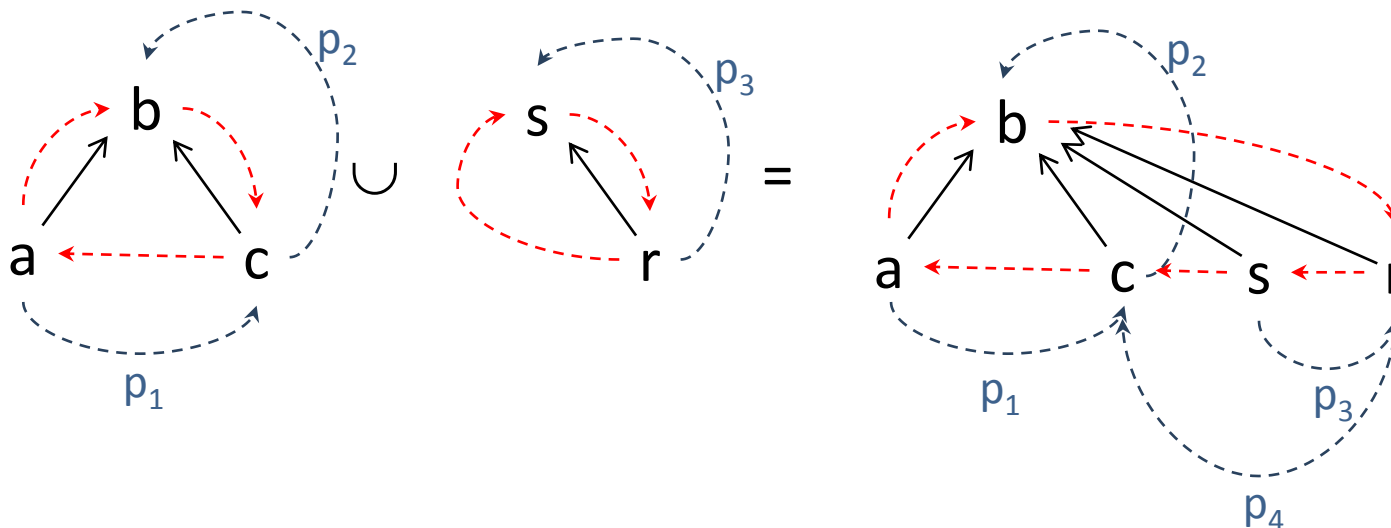
Second idea: Store a “proof tree”.

Each constant  $c$  has a non-redundant “proof” for  $c = \text{root}[c]$ .

The proof is a path from  $c$  to  $\text{root}[c]$

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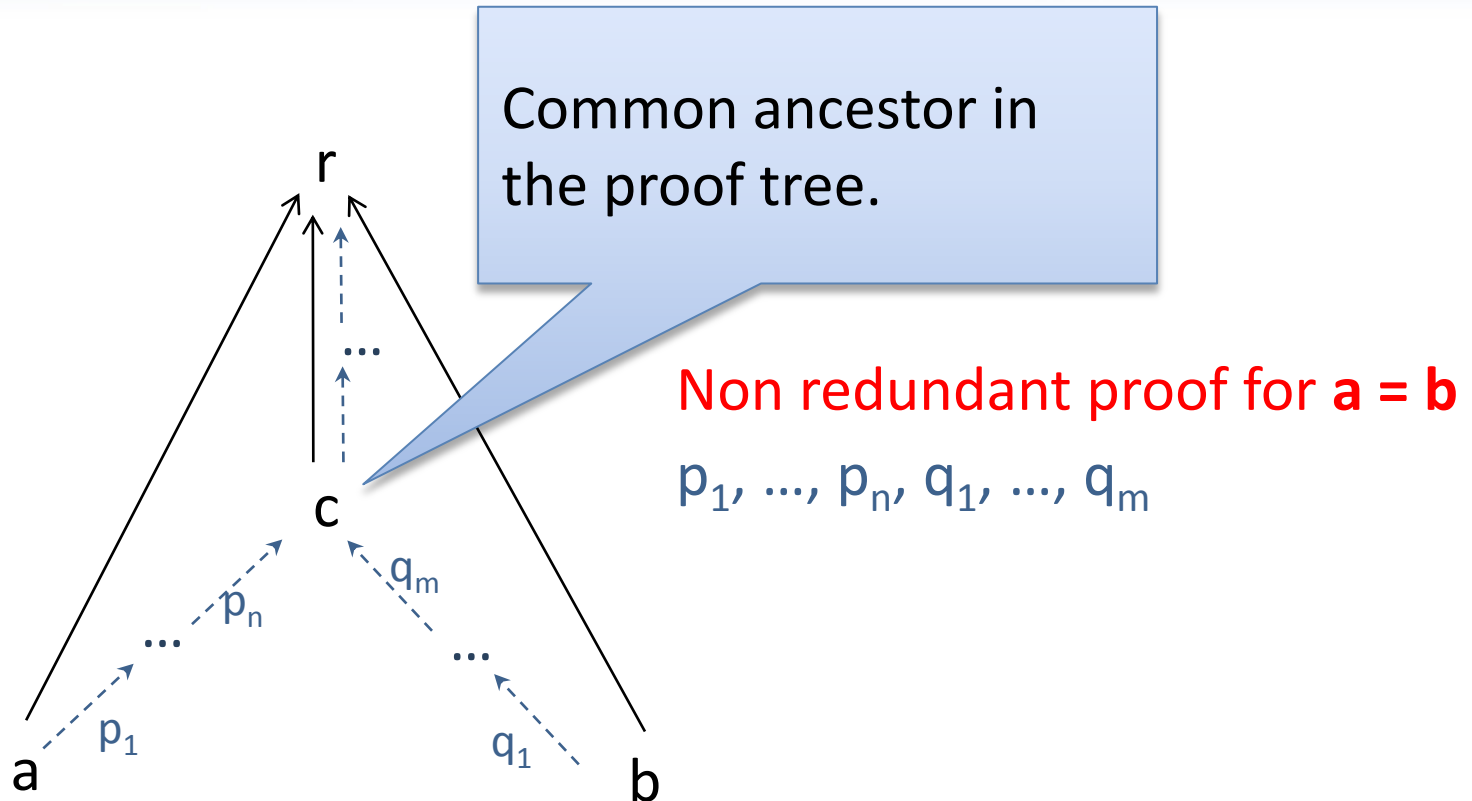
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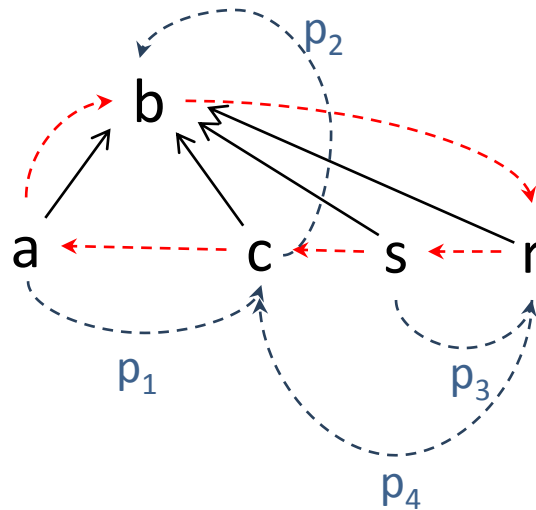
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  if size[a] < size[b] then swap a, b; swap  $a_r$ ,  $b_r$   
  InvertPathFrom(b,  $b_r$ ); AddProofEdge(b, a,  $p_i$ )  
  AddToTrailStack(MERGE,  $b_r$ , b)  
  ...
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Extract a non redundant proof for  $a = r$ ,  $a = b$  and  $a = s$ .

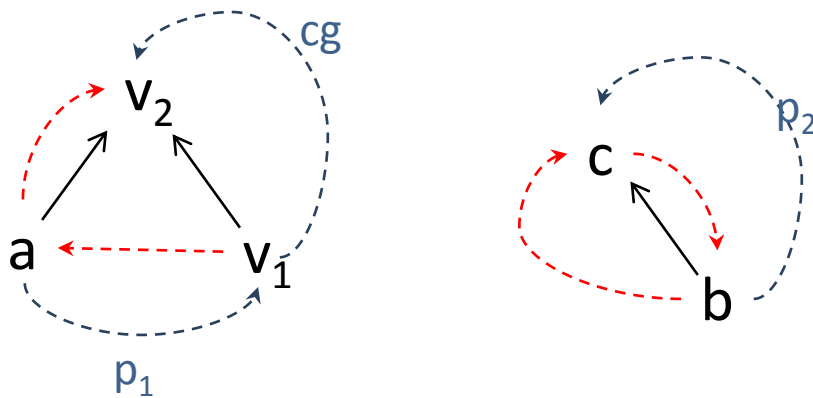


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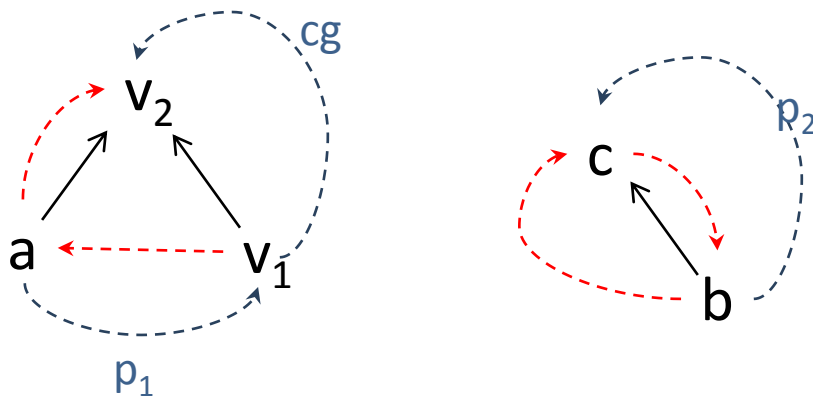


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When computing the “proof” for  $a = v_2$

Recursive call for computing the proof for  $v_1 = v_2$

Result:  $\{p_1, p_2\}$

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So there are 16 proofs for

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The only non redundant is  $\{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$

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**Solution: congruence rule suggests which new atoms must be created.**

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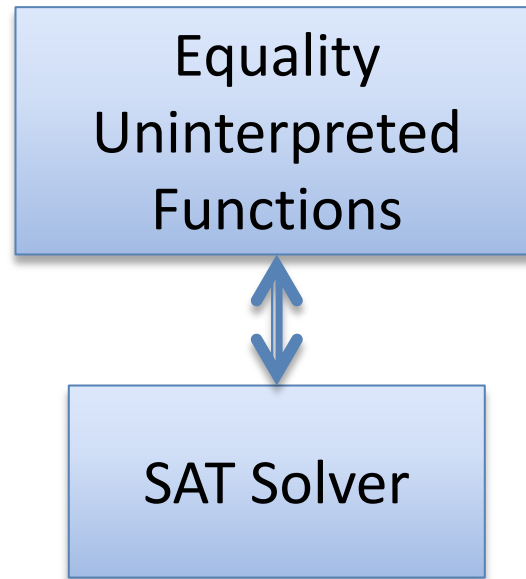
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“Dynamic Ackermannization”

It allows the solver to perform the missing disequality propagation.

# Summary



We can solve the QF\_UF SMT-Lib benchmarks!

# Linear Arithmetic

- Many approaches
  - Graph-based for difference logic:  $a - b \leq 3$
  - Fourier-Motzkin elimination:
$$t_1 \leq ax, bx \leq t_2 \Rightarrow bt_1 \leq at_2$$
  - Standard Simplex
  - **General Form Simplex**



# Difference Logic: $a - b \leq 5$

Very useful in practice!

Most arithmetical constraints in software verification/analysis are in this fragment.

$$x := x + 1$$



$$x_1 = x_0 + 1$$



$$x_1 - x_0 \leq 1, x_0 - x_1 \leq -1$$

# Job shop scheduling

$d_{i,j}$	Machine 1	Machine 2
Job 1	2	1
Job 2	3	1
Job 3	2	3

$max = 8$

## Solution

$t_{1,1} = 5, t_{1,2} = 7, t_{2,1} = 2,$   
 $t_{2,2} = 6, t_{3,1} = 0, t_{3,2} = 3$

## Encoding

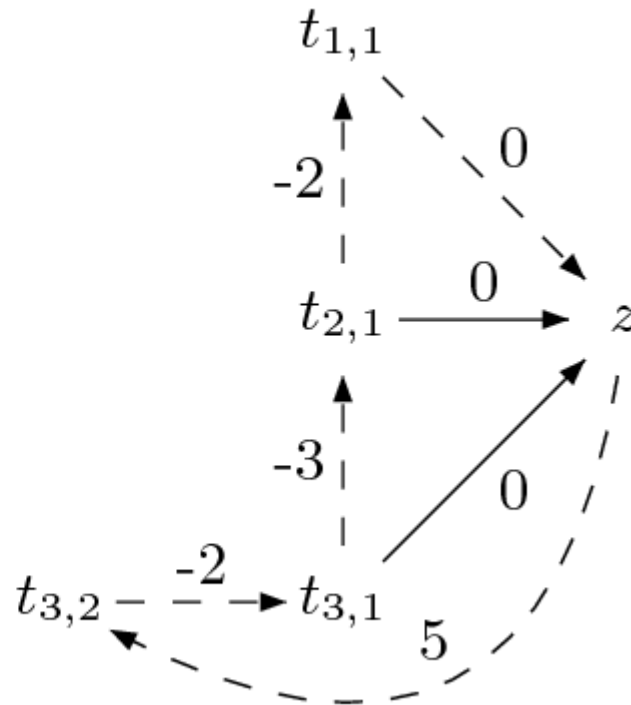
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# Difference Logic

Chasing negative cycles!

Algorithms based on Bellman-Ford ( $O(mn)$ ).

$$\begin{array}{rcll} z & - & t_{1,1} & \leq 0 \\ z & - & t_{2,1} & \leq 0 \\ z & - & t_{3,1} & \leq 0 \\ t_{3,2} & - & z & \leq 5 \\ t_{3,1} & - & t_{3,2} & \leq -2 \\ t_{2,1} & - & t_{3,1} & \leq -3 \\ t_{1,1} & - & t_{2,1} & \leq -2 \end{array}$$



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# Standard Simplex

- Incrementality: add/remove equations
- Slow backtracking
- No theory propagation



# Fast Linear Arithmetic

- Simplex General Form
- Algorithm based on the dual simplex
- Non redundant proofs
- Efficient backtracking
- Efficient theory propagation
- Support for string inequalities:  $t > 0$
- Preprocessing step
- Integer problems:
  - Gomory cuts, Branch & Bound, GCD test

# General Form

**General Form:**  $Ax = 0$  and  $l_j \leq x_j \leq u_j$

Example:

$$x \geq 0, (x + y \leq 2 \vee x + 2y \geq 6), (x + y = 2 \vee x + 2y > 4)$$

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$s_1 \equiv x + y, s_2 \equiv x + 2y,$$

$$x \geq 0, (s_1 \leq 2 \vee s_2 \geq 6), (s_1 = 2 \vee s_2 > 4)$$

Only **bounds** (e.g.,  $s_1 \leq 2$ ) are asserted during the search.

**Unconstrained variables** can be **eliminated** before the beginning of the search.

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$s_1, s_2$  are basic (dependent)

$x, y$  are non-basic

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## Example:

$$M(x) = 1$$

$$M(y) = 1$$

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# Equations + Bounds + Assignment

An **assignment** (model) is a mapping from variables to values.

We maintain an **assignment** that satisfies all **equations** and **bounds**.

The assignment of non dependent variables implies the assignment of dependent variables.

**Equations + Bounds** can be used to derive **new bounds**.

Example:  $x = y - z, y \leq 2, z \geq 3 \rightsquigarrow x \leq -1$ .

The **new bound** may be inconsistent with the already known bounds.

Example:  $x \leq -1, x \geq 0$ .

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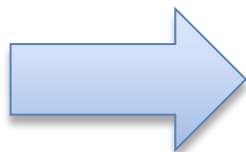
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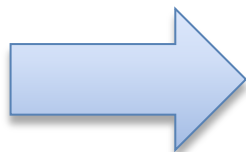
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# “Repairing Models”

Sometimes, a model cannot be repaired. It is pointless to pivot.

$$a = b - c$$

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$$M(a) = 1$$

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The value of  $M(a)$  is too big. We can reduce it by:

- reducing  $M(b)$

  - not possible  $b$  is at lower bound

- increasing  $M(c)$

  - not possible  $c$  is at upper bound

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# Strict Inequalities

The method described only handles non-strict inequalities (e.g.,  $x \leq 2$ ).

For integer problems, strict inequalities can be converted into non-strict inequalities.  $x < 1 \rightsquigarrow x \leq 0$ .

For rational/real problems, strict inequalities can be converted into non-strict inequalities using a small  $\delta$ .  $x < 1 \rightsquigarrow x \leq 1 - \delta$ .

We do not compute a  $\delta$ , **we treat it symbolically**.

**$\delta$  is an infinitesimal parameter:**  $(c, k) = c + k\delta$

# Example

► Initial state

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

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$M(s)$	$= 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u)$	$= 2 + \delta$		
$M(v)$	$= -1 - 2\delta$		

# Example

► Bound violation

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

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$M(s)$	$= 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u)$	$= 2 + \delta$		
$M(v)$	$= -1 - 2\delta$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation pivot  $x$  and  $s$  ( $x$  is a dependent variables).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

	Model	Equations	Bounds
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$M(s)$	$= 1$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u)$	$= 2 + \delta$		
$M(v)$	$= -1 - 2\delta$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation update assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

	Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x)$	$= 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y)$	$= 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s)$	$= 1$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u)$	$= 2 + \delta$		
$M(v)$	$= -1 - 2\delta$		



# Example

- ▶ Bound violation update dependent variables assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Theory propagation  $x \geq 0, y > 1 \rightsquigarrow u > 2$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Theory propagation  $u > 2 \rightsquigarrow \neg u \leq -1$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		$u > 2$
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Boolean propagation  $\neg y \leq 1 \rightsquigarrow v \geq 2$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		$u > 2$
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Theory propagation  $v \geq 2 \rightsquigarrow \neg v \leq -2$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		$u > 2$
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Conflict empty clause

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y > 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		$u > 2$
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

## ► Backtracking

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/>
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

► Asserting  $y \leq 1$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

	Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x)$	$= 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y)$	$= 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s)$	$= 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/>
$M(u)$	$= 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v)$	$= -1 - \delta$		



# Example

- ▶ Asserting  $y \leq 1$  assignment does not satisfy new bound.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1 + \delta$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

- ▶ Asserting  $y \leq 1$  update assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1 + \delta$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2 + 2\delta$		
$M(v) = -1 - \delta$		

# Example

- ▶ Asserting  $y \leq 1$  update dependent variables assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$s = x + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = x + 2y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = x - y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

► Theory propagation  $s \geq 1, y \leq 1 \rightsquigarrow v \geq -1$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

► Theory propagation  $v \geq -1 \rightsquigarrow \neg v \leq -2$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq -1$
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

► Boolean propagation  $\neg v \leq -2 \rightsquigarrow v \geq 0$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq -1$
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation assignment does not satisfy new bound.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
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$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation pivot  $u$  and  $s$  ( $u$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = s - 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = -1$		



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Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = s - y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = s + y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq 0$
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$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = v + 3y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = -1$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation    update assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 0$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
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$M(s) = 1$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 2$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation    update dependent variables assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = v + 3y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 3$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		

# Example

► Boolean propagation  $\neg v \leq -2 \rightsquigarrow u \leq -1$

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = v + 3y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 3$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation assignment does not satisfy new bound.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$u = v + 3y$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 3$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation pivot  $u$  and  $y$  ( $u$  is a dependent variable).

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$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

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- ▶ Bound violation pivot  $u$  and  $y$  ( $u$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = v + y$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = v + 2y$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = 3$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$



# Example

- ▶ Bound violation pivot  $u$  and  $y$  ( $u$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v$	<hr/>
$M(u) = 3$		$y \leq 1$
$M(v) = 0$		$v \geq 0$
		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation    update assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 1$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = 1$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 2$	$s = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v$	<hr/>
$M(u) = -1$		$y \leq 1$
$M(v) = 0$		$v \geq 0$
		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violation    update dependent variables assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = -\frac{2}{3}$	$s = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

► Bound violations

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = -\frac{2}{3}$	$s = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violations pivot  $s$  and  $v$  ( $s$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = -\frac{2}{3}$	$s = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violations pivot  $s$  and  $v$  ( $s$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{2}{3}v$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{1}{3}v$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = -\frac{2}{3}$	$v = 3s - 2u$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violations pivot  $s$  and  $v$  ( $s$  is a dependent variable).

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = 2s - u$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = -s + u$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = -\frac{2}{3}$	$v = 3s - 2u$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Bound violations update assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$x = 2s - u$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -\frac{1}{3}$	$y = -s + u$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = 3s - 2u$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 0$		$u \leq -1$



# Example

- ▶ Bound violations update dependent variables assignment.

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 3$	$x = 2s - u$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -2$	$y = -s + u$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = 3s - 2u$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 5$		$u \leq -1$

# Example

- ▶ Found satisfying assignment

$$s \geq 1, x \geq 0$$

$$(y \leq 1 \vee v \geq 2), (v \leq -2 \vee v \geq 0), (v \leq -2 \vee u \leq -1)$$

Model	Equations	Bounds
$M(x) = 3$	$x = 2s - u$	$s \geq 1$
$M(y) = -2$	$y = -s + u$	$x \geq 0$
$M(s) = 1$	$v = 3s - 2u$	<hr/> $y \leq 1$
$M(u) = -1$		$v \geq 0$
$M(v) = 5$		$u \leq -1$

# Correctness

**Completeness:** trivial

**Soundness:** also trivial

**Termination:** non trivial.

We cannot choose arbitrary variable to pivot.

Assume the variables are ordered.

Bland's rule: select the smallest basic variable **c** that does not satisfy its bounds, then select the smallest non-basic in the row of **c** that can be used for pivoting.

**Too technical.**

Uses the fact that a tableau has a finite number of configurations. Then, any infinite trace will have cycles.

# Combining Theories

In practice, we need a combination of theories.

$b + 2 = c$  and  $f(\text{read}(\text{write}(a,b,3), c-2)) \neq f(c-b+1)$

A theory is a set (potentially infinite) of first-order sentences.

**Main questions:**

Is the union of two theories  $T1 \cup T2$  consistent?

Given a solvers for  $T1$  and  $T2$ , how can we build a solver for  $T1 \cup T2$ ?

# Disjoint Theories

Two theories are disjoint if they do not share function/constant and predicate symbols.

= is the only exception.

Example:

The theories of arithmetic and arrays are disjoint.

Arithmetic symbols:  $\{0, -1, 1, -2, 2, \dots, +, -, *, >, <, \geq, \leq\}$

Array symbols:  $\{\text{read}, \text{write}\}$

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# Stably Infinite Theories

A theory is stably infinite if every satisfiable QFF is satisfiable in an infinite model.

EUF and arithmetic are stably infinite.

Bit-vectors are not.



# Important Result

**The union of two consistent, disjoint, stably infinite theories is consistent.**

# Convexity

A theory  $T$  is **convex** iff

for all finite sets  $S$  of literals and

for all  $a_1 = b_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n = b_n$

$S$  implies  $a_1 = b_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n = b_n$

iff

$S$  implies  $a_i = b_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$

# Convexity: Results

Every convex theory with non trivial models is stably infinite.

All **Horn equational** theories are convex.

formulas of the form  $s_1 \neq r_1 \vee \dots \vee s_n \neq r_n \vee t = t'$

**Linear rational arithmetic** is convex.

# Convexity: Negative Results

Linear integer arithmetic is not convex

$$1 \leq a \leq 2, b = 1, c = 2 \text{ implies } a = b \vee a = c$$

Nonlinear arithmetic

$$a^2 = 1, b = 1, c = -1 \text{ implies } a = b \vee a = c$$

Theory of bit-vectors

Theory of arrays

$$c_1 = \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, c_2), j), c_3 = \text{read}(a, j) \\ \text{implies } c_1 = c_2 \vee c_1 = c_3$$

# Combination of non-convex theories

EUF is convex ( $O(n \log n)$ )

IDL is non-convex ( $O(nm)$ )

**EUF  $\cup$  IDL is NP-Complete**

Reduce 3CNF to **EUF  $\cup$  IDL**

For each boolean variable  $p_i$  add  $0 \leq a_i \leq 1$

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$$f(a_1, a_2, a_3) \neq f(0, 1, 0)$$

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implies

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# Nelson-Oppen Combination

Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  be consistent, stably infinite theories over disjoint (countable) signatures. Assume satisfiability of conjunction of literals can be decided in  $O(T_1(n))$  and  $O(T_2(n))$  time respectively. Then,

1. The combined theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is consistent and stably infinite.
2. Satisfiability of quantifier free conjunction of literals in  $\mathcal{T}$  can be decided in  $O(2^{n^2} \times (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$ .
3. If  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are convex, then so is  $\mathcal{T}$  and satisfiability in  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $O(n^3 \times (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$ .

# Nelson-Oppen Combination

The combination procedure:

**Initial State:**  $\phi$  is a conjunction of literals over  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ .

**Purification:** Preserving satisfiability transform  $\phi$  into  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ ,  
such that,  $\phi_i \in \Sigma_i$ .

**Interaction:** Guess a partition of  $\mathcal{V}(\phi_1) \cap \mathcal{V}(\phi_2)$  into disjoint  
subsets. Express it as conjunction of literals  $\psi$ .

Example. The partition  $\{x_1\}, \{x_2, x_3\}, \{x_4\}$  is represented  
as  $x_1 \neq x_2, x_1 \neq x_4, x_2 \neq x_4, x_2 = x_3$ .

**Component Procedures** : Use individual procedures to decide  
whether  $\phi_i \wedge \psi$  is satisfiable.

**Return:** If both return yes, return yes. No, otherwise.



# Soundness

Each step is satisfiability preserving.

Say  $\phi$  is satisfiable (in the combination).

- ▶ Purification:  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  is satisfiable.
- ▶ Iteration: for some partition  $\psi$ ,  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge \psi$  is satisfiable.
- ▶ Component procedures:  $\phi_1 \wedge \psi$  and  $\phi_2 \wedge \psi$  are both satisfiable in component theories.
- ▶ Therefore, if the procedure return unsatisfiable, then  $\phi$  is unsatisfiable.

# Completeness

Suppose the procedure returns satisfiable.

- ▶ Let  $\psi$  be the partition and  $A$  and  $B$  be models of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \wedge \phi_1 \wedge \psi$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge \psi$ .
- ▶ The component theories are stably infinite. So, assume the models are infinite (of same cardinality).
- ▶ Let  $h$  be a bijection between  $|A|$  and  $|B|$  such that  $h(A(x)) = B(x)$  for each shared variable.
- ▶ Extend  $B$  to  $\bar{B}$  by interpretations of symbols in  $\Sigma_1$ :  
$$\bar{B}(f)(b_1, \dots, b_n) = h(A(f)(h^{-1}(b_1), \dots, h^{-1}(b_n)))$$
- ▶  $\bar{B}$  is a model of:  
$$\mathcal{T}_1 \wedge \phi_1 \wedge \mathcal{T}_2 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge \psi$$

# NO deterministic procedure (for convex theories)

Instead of **guessing**, we can **deduce** the equalities to be shared.

**Purification:** no changes.

**Interaction:** Deduce an equality  $x = y$ :

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \vdash (\phi_1 \Rightarrow x = y)$$

Update  $\phi_2 := \phi_2 \wedge x = y$ . And vice-versa. Repeat until no further changes.

**Component Procedures** : Use individual procedures to decide whether  $\phi_i$  is satisfiable.

Remark:  $\mathcal{T}_i \vdash (\phi_i \Rightarrow x = y)$  iff  $\phi_i \wedge x \neq y$  is not satisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}_i$ .

# NO deterministic procedure

## Completeness

Assume the theories are convex.

- ▶ Suppose  $\phi_i$  is satisfiable.
- ▶ Let  $E$  be the set of equalities  $x_j = x_k$  ( $j \neq k$ ) such that,  $\mathcal{T}_i \not\vdash \phi_i \Rightarrow x_j = x_k$ .
- ▶ By convexity,  $\mathcal{T}_i \not\vdash \phi_i \Rightarrow \bigvee_E x_j = x_k$ .
- ▶  $\phi_i \wedge \bigwedge_E x_j \neq x_k$  is satisfiable.
- ▶ The proof now is identical to the nondeterministic case.
- ▶ Sharing equalities is sufficient, because a theory  $\mathcal{T}_1$  can assume that  $x^B \neq y^B$  whenever  $x = y$  is not implied by  $\mathcal{T}_2$  and vice versa.

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Substituting  $c$

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Deducing  $v_4 = v_1$



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Congruence:  $v_6 = v_7$

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Unsatisfiable

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# NO deterministic procedure

Deterministic procedure may **fail** for non-convex theories.

$$0 \leq a \leq 1, 0 \leq b \leq 1, 0 \leq c \leq 1,$$

$$f(a) \neq f(b),$$

$$f(a) \neq f(c),$$

$$f(b) \neq f(c)$$

# Combining Procedures in Practice

## Propagate all implied equalities.

- ▶ Deterministic Nelson-Oppen.
- ▶ Complete only for convex theories.
- ▶ It may be expensive for some theories.

## Delayed Theory Combination.

- ▶ Nondeterministic Nelson-Oppen.
- ▶ Create set of interface equalities ( $x = y$ ) between shared variables.
- ▶ Use SAT solver to guess the partition.
- ▶ Disadvantage: the number of additional equality literals is quadratic in the number of shared variables.

# Combining Procedures in Practice

Common to these methods is that they are **pessimistic** about which equalities are propagated.

## Model-based Theory Combination

- ▶ **Optimistic approach.**
- ▶ Use a candidate model  $M_i$  for one of the theories  $\mathcal{T}_i$  and propagate all equalities implied by the candidate model, hedging that other theories will agree.

**if**  $M_i \models \mathcal{T}_i \cup \Gamma_i \cup \{u = v\}$  **then** propagate  $u = v$  .

- ▶ If not, use backtracking to fix the model.
- ▶ It is cheaper to enumerate equalities that are implied in a particular model than of all models.

# Example

$$x = f(y - 1), f(x) \neq f(y), 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

Purifying



# Example

$$x = f(z), f(x) \neq f(y), 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, z = y - 1$$

# Example

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Assume  $x = y$

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Backtrack, and assert  $x \neq y$ .

$\mathcal{T}_A$  model need to be fixed.

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Assume  $x = z$

# Example

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Extending  $A$  using  $h$ .

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# Non-stably infinite theories in practice

Bit-vector theory is not stably-infinite.

How can we support it?

**Solution:** add a predicate  $is-bv(x)$  to the bit-vector theory (intuition:  $is-bv(x)$  is true iff  $x$  is a bitvector).

The result of the bit-vector operation  $op(x, y)$  is not specified if  $\neg is-bv(x)$  or  $\neg is-bv(y)$ .

**The new bit-vector theory is stably-infinite.**

# Reduction Functions

A **reduction function** reduces the satisfiability problem for a complex theory into the satisfiability problem of a simpler theory.

Ackermannization is a reduction function.

# Reduction Functions

Theory of commutative functions.

- ▶  $\forall x, y. f(x, y) = f(y, x)$
- ▶ Reduction to EUF
- ▶ For every  $f(a, b)$  in  $\phi$ , do  $\phi := \phi \wedge f(a, b) = f(b, a)$ .

# Applications

**Test case generation**

**Verifying Compilers**

**Predicate Abstraction**

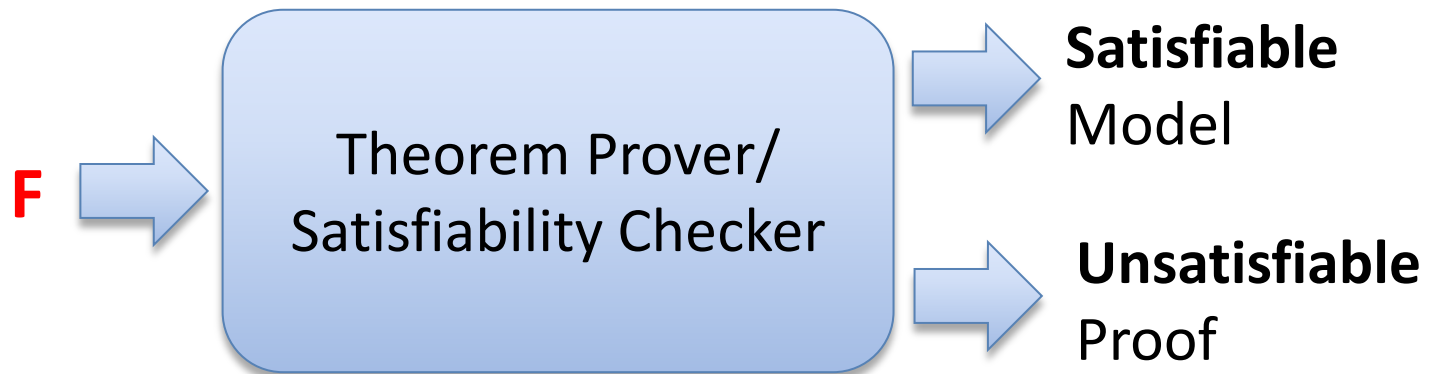
**Invariant Generation**

**Type Checking**

**Model Based Testing**

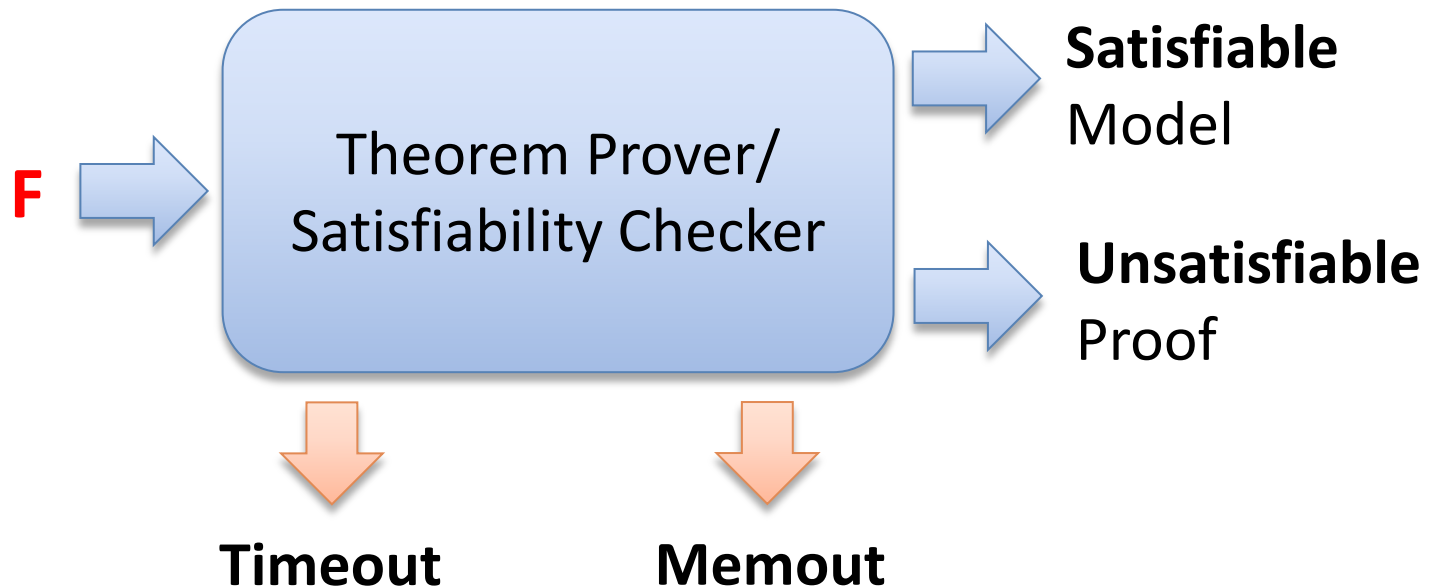
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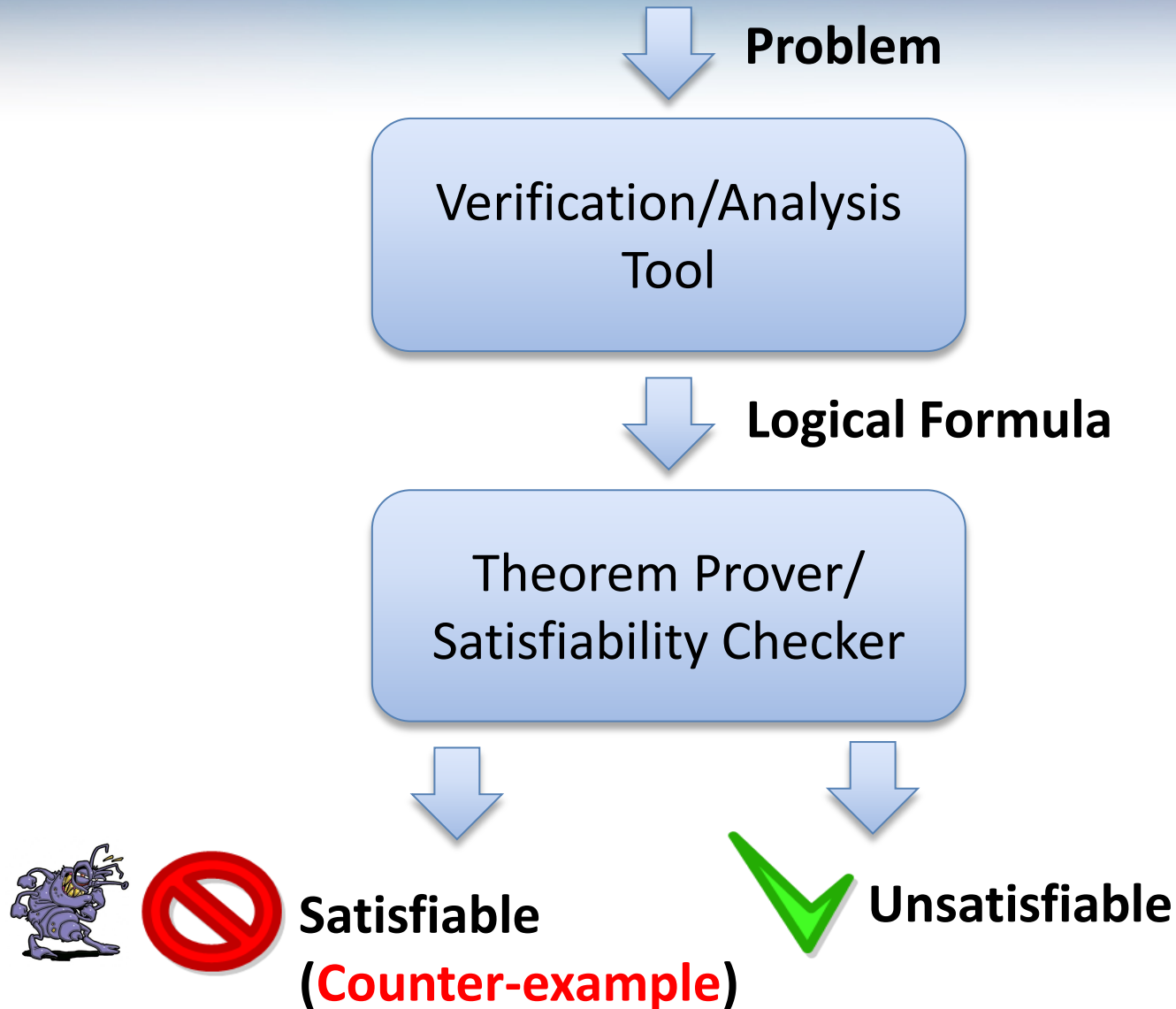


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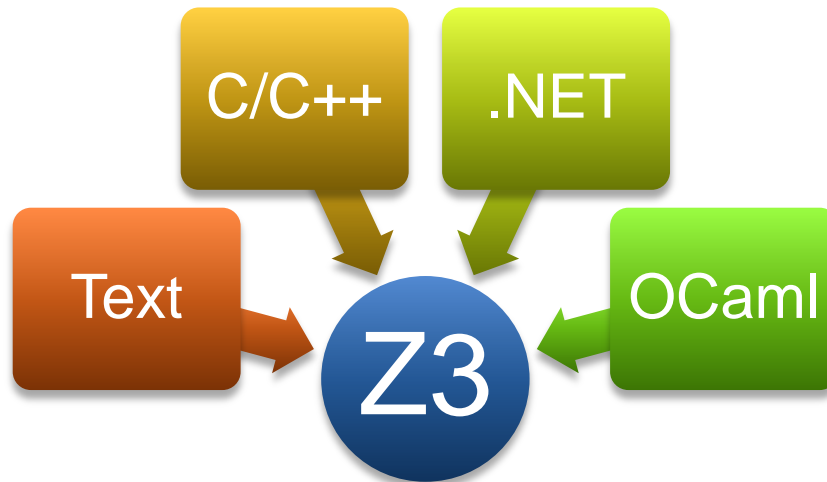


# Verification/Analysis Tool: “Template”



# SMT@Microsoft: Solver

- Z3 is a new solver developed at Microsoft Research.
- Development/Research driven by internal customers.
- Free for academic research.
- Interfaces:



- <http://research.microsoft.com/projects/z3>



# Test case generation

# Test case generation

- Test (correctness + usability) is 95% of the deal:
  - Dev/Test is 1-1 in products.
  - Developers are responsible for unit tests.
- Tools:
  - Annotations and static analysis (SAL + ESP)
  - File Fuzzing
  - Unit test case generation

# Security is critical

- Security bugs can be very expensive:
  - Cost of each MS Security Bulletin: \$600k to \$Millions.
  - Cost due to worms: \$Billions.
  - **The real victim is the customer.**
- Most security exploits are initiated via files or packets.
  - Ex: Internet Explorer parses dozens of file formats.
- Security testing: **hunting for million dollar bugs**
  - Write A/V
  - Read A/V
  - Null pointer dereference
  - Division by zero

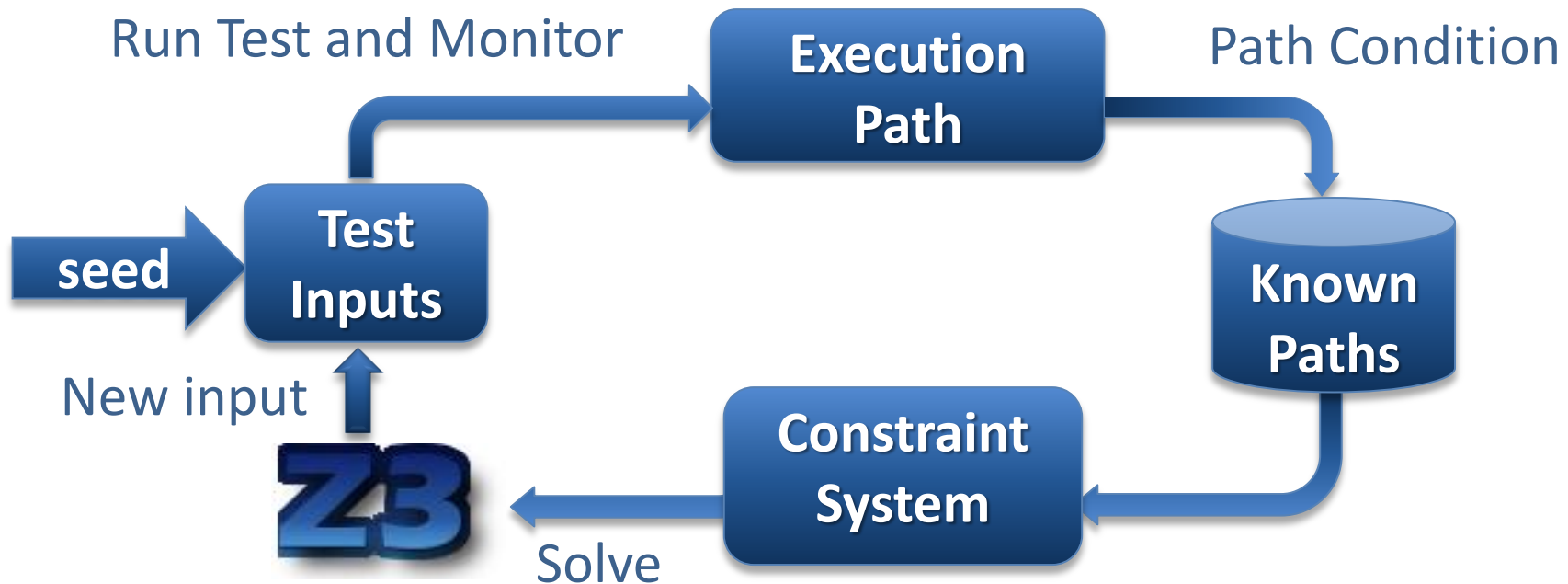


# Hunting for Security Bugs.

- Two main techniques used by “*black hats*”:
  - Code inspection (of binaries).
  - *Black box fuzz testing.*
- **Black box** fuzz testing:
  - A form of black box random testing.
  - Randomly *fuzz* (=modify) a well formed input.
  - Grammar-based fuzzing: rules to encode how to fuzz.
- **Heavily** used in security testing
  - At MS: several internal tools.
  - Conceptually simple yet effective in practice



# Directed Automated Random Testing (DART)



# DARTish projects at Microsoft

PEX

Implements DART for .NET.

SAGE

Implements DART for x86 binaries.

YOGI

Implements DART to check the feasibility of program paths generated statically.

Vigilante

Partially implements DART to dynamically generate worm filters.

# What is *Pex*?

- Test input generator
  - Pex starts from parameterized unit tests
  - Generated tests are emitted as traditional unit tests

# ArrayList: The Spec

The screenshot displays the MSDN website interface for the `ArrayList.Add` method. The page is titled ".NET Framework Class Library ArrayList.Add Method". It includes a navigation menu with options like Home, Library, Learn, Downloads, Support, and Community. The main content area provides a description of the method: "Adds an object to the end of the `ArrayList`." It also specifies the namespace as `System.Collections` and the assembly as `mscorlib`. A "Remarks" section explains that `ArrayList` accepts a null reference (Nothing in Visual Basic) and allows duplicate elements. It further details that if the `Count` equals the `Capacity`, the capacity is increased by automatically reallocating the internal array. If `Count` is less than `Capacity`, the operation is O(1), but it becomes O(n) if the capacity needs to be increased to accommodate the new element.

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.NET Framework Class Library  
**ArrayList.Add Method**

Adds an object to the end of the [ArrayList](#).

**Namespace:** [System.Collections](#)  
**Assembly:** mscorlib (in mscorlib.dll)

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**Remarks**  
[ArrayList](#) accepts a null reference (**Nothing** in Visual Basic) as a valid value and allows duplicate elements.

If [Count](#) already equals [Capacity](#), the capacity of the [ArrayList](#) is increased by automatically reallocating the internal array, and the existing elements are copied to the new array before the new element is added.

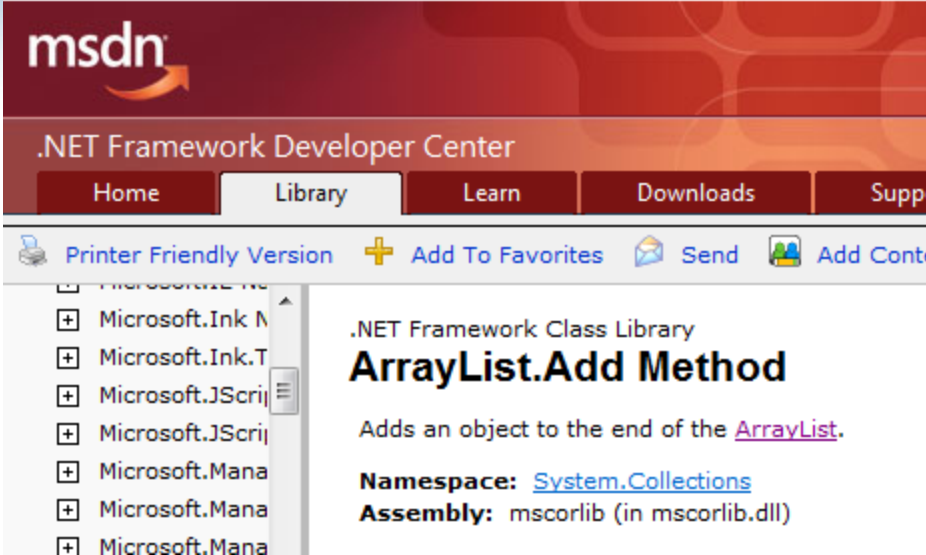
If [Count](#) is less than [Capacity](#), this method is an O(1) operation. If the capacity needs to be increased to accommodate the new element, this method becomes an O(n) operation, where *n* is [Count](#).



# ArrayList: AddItem Test

```
class ArrayListTest {  
    [PexMethod]  
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
        var list = new ArrayList(c);  
        list.Add(item);  
        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
    object[] items;  
    int count;  
  
    ArrayList(int capacity) {  
        if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
        items = new object[capacity];  
    }  
  
    void Add(object item) {  
        if (count == items.Length)  
            ResizeArray();  
  
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    ...  
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# ArrayList: Starting Pex...

```
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        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
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```

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class ArrayList {  
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    int count;  
  
    ArrayList(int capacity) {  
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    }  
  
    void Add(object item) {  
        if (count == items.Length)  
            ResizeArray();  
  
        items[this.count++] = item; }  
    ...  
}
```

Inputs

# ArrayList: Run 1, (0,null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
    [PexMethod]  
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
        var list = new ArrayList(c);  
        list.Add(item);  
        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
    object[] items;  
    int count;  
  
    ArrayList(int capacity) {  
        if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
        items = new object[capacity];  
    }  
  
    void Add(object item) {  
        if (count == items.Length)  
            ResizeArray();  
  
        items[this.count++] = item; }  
    ...  
}
```

Inputs

(0,null)

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```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
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    list.Add(item);  
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}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
  object[] items;  
  int count;  
  
  ArrayList(int capacity) {  
    if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
    items = new object[capacity];  
  }  
  
  void Add(object item) {  
    if (count == items.Length)  
      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

$c < 0 \rightarrow \text{false}$

Inputs

Observed  
Constraints

(0,null)

!(c<0)

# ArrayList: Run 1, (0,null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
    [PexMethod]  
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
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        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
    object[] items;  
    int count;  
  
    ArrayList(int capacity) {  
        if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
        items = new object[capacity];  
    }  
  
    void Add(object item) {  
        if (count == items.Length) ResizeArray();  
  
        items[this.count++] = item; }  
    ...  
}
```

0 == c → true

Inputs

(0,null)

Observed  
Constraints

!(c<0) && 0==c

# ArrayList: Run 1, (0,null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
    var list = new ArrayList(c);  
    list.Add(item);  
    Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

item == item → true

```
class ArrayList {  
  object[] items;  
  int count;  
  
  ArrayList(int capacity) {  
    if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
    items = new object[capacity];  
  }  
  
  void Add(object item) {  
    if (count == items.Length)  
      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

Inputs

(0,null)

Observed  
Constraints

!(c<0) && 0==c

# ArrayList: Picking the next branch to cover

```
class ArrayListTest {  
    [PexMethod]  
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
        var list = new ArrayList(c);  
        list.Add(item);  
        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
    object[] items;  
    int count;  
  
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        items = new object[capacity];  
    }  
  
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        if (count == items.Length)  
            ResizeArray();  
  
        items[this.count++] = item; }  
    ...  
}
```

Constraints to  
solve

Inputs

Observed  
Constraints

(0, null)

!(c < 0) && 0 == c

!(c < 0) && 0 != c



# ArrayList: Solve constraints using SMT solver

```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
    var list = new ArrayList(c);  
    list.Add(item);  
    Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
  object[] items;  
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  ArrayList(int capacity) {  
    if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
    items = new object[capacity];  
  }  
  
  void Add(object item) {  
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      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0, null)	!(c < 0) && 0 == c
!(c < 0) && 0 != c	<b>(1, null)</b>	





# ArrayList: Run 2, (1, null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
    [PexMethod]  
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
        var list = new ArrayList(c);  
        list.Add(item);  
        Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
    object[] items;  
    int count;  
  
    ArrayList(int capacity) {  
        if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
        items = new object[capacity];  
    }  
  
    void Add(object item) {  
        if (count == items.Length) ResizeArray();  
  
        items[this.count++] = item; }  
    ...  
}
```

$0 == c \rightarrow \text{false}$

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0, null)	$!(c < 0) \ \&\& \ 0 == c$
$!(c < 0) \ \&\& \ 0 != c$	(1, null)	$!(c < 0) \ \&\& \ 0 != c$

# ArrayList: Pick new branch

```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
    var list = new ArrayList(c);  
    list.Add(item);  
    Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

```
class ArrayList {  
  object[] items;  
  int count;  
  
  ArrayList(int capacity) {  
    if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
    items = new object[capacity];  
  }  
  
  void Add(object item) {  
    if (count == items.Length)  
      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0,null)	!(c<0) && 0==c
!(c<0) && 0!=c	(1,null)	!(c<0) && 0!=c
<b>c&lt;0</b>		



**Z3**

# ArrayList: Run 3, (-1, null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
    var list = new ArrayList(c);  
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}
```

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      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0, null)	!(c < 0) && 0 == c
!(c < 0) && 0 != c	(1, null)	!(c < 0) && 0 != c
c < 0	<b>(-1, null)</b>	



# ArrayList: Run 3, (-1, null)

```
class ArrayListTest {  
  [PexMethod]  
  void AddItem(int c, object item) {  
    var list = new ArrayList(c);  
    list.Add(item);  
    Assert(list[0] == item); }  
}
```

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0,null)	!(c<0) && 0==c
!(c<0) && 0!=c	(1,null)	!(c<0) && 0!=c
c<0	<b>(-1,null)</b>	c<0

```
class ArrayList {  
  object[] items;  
  int count;  
  
  ArrayList(int capacity) {  
    if (capacity < 0) throw ...;  
    items = new object[capacity];  
  }  
  
  void Add(object item) {  
    if (count == items.Length)  
      ResizeArray();  
  
    items[this.count++] = item; }  
  ...  
}
```

c < 0 → true

# ArrayList: Run 3, (-1, null)

```
class ArrayListTest {
    [PexMethod]
    void AddItem(int c, object item) {
        var list = new ArrayList(c);
        list.Add(item);
        Assert(list[0] == item); }
}
```

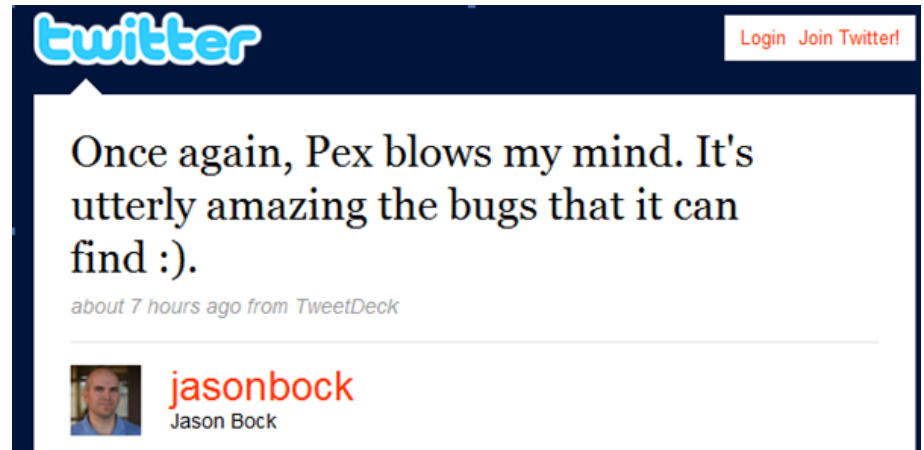
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    ...
}
```

Constraints to solve	Inputs	Observed Constraints
	(0, null)	!(c < 0) && 0 == c
!(c < 0) && 0 != c	(1, null)	!(c < 0) && 0 != c
c < 0	(-1, null)	c < 0



The image shows a screenshot of a tweet on the Twitter website. The tweet is from Jason Bock (@jasonbock) and says: "Once again, Pex blows my mind. It's utterly amazing the bugs that it can find :).". The tweet was posted "about 7 hours ago from TweetDeck". The Twitter logo is visible in the top left, and there are "Login" and "Join Twitter!" links in the top right.

# White box testing in practice

## How to test this code?

(Real code from .NET base class libraries.)

```
[SecurityPermissionAttribute(SecurityAction.LinkDemand, Flags=SecurityPermissionFlag.SerializationFormatter)]
public ResourceReader(Stream stream)
{
    if (stream==null)
        throw new ArgumentNullException("stream");
    if (!stream.CanRead)
        throw new ArgumentException(Environment.GetResourceString("Argument_StreamNotReadable"));

    _resCache = new Dictionary<String, ResourceLocator>(FastResourceComparer.Default);
    _store = new BinaryReader(stream, Encoding.UTF8);
    // We have a faster code path for reading resource files from an assembly.
    _ums = stream as UnmanagedMemoryStream;

    BCLDebug.Log("RESMGRFILEFORMAT", "ResourceReader .ctor(Stream). UnmanagedMemoryStream: "+(_ums!=null));
    ReadResources();
}
```

# White box testing in practice

```
// Reads in the header information for a .resources file. Verifies some
// of the assumptions about this resource set, and builds the class table
// for the default resource file format.
private void ReadResources()
{
    BCLDebug.Assert(_store != null, "ResourceReader is closed!");
    BinaryFormatter bf = new BinaryFormatter(null, new StreamingContext(StreamingContextStates.File |
#if !FEATURE_PAL
    _typeLimitingBinder = new TypeLimitingDeserializationBinder();
    bf.Binder = _typeLimitingBinder;
#endif

    _objFormatter = bf;
    try {
        // Read ResourceManager header
        // Check for magic number
        int magicNum = _store.ReadInt32();
        if (magicNum != ResourceManager.MagicNumber)
            throw new ArgumentException(Environment.GetResourceString("Resources_StreamNotValid"));
        // Assuming this is ResourceManager header V1 or greater, hopefully
        // after the version number there is a number of bytes to skip
        // to bypass the rest of the ResMgr header.
        int resMgrHeaderVersion = _store.ReadInt32();
        if (resMgrHeaderVersion > 1) {
            int numBytesToSkip = _store.ReadInt32();
            BCLDebug.Log("RESMGRFILEFORMAT", LogLevel.Status, "ReadResources: Unexpected ResMgr header");
            BCLDebug.Assert(numBytesToSkip >= 0, "numBytesToSkip in ResMgr header should be positive!");
            _store.BaseStream.Seek(numBytesToSkip, SeekOrigin.Current);
        } else {
            BCLDebug.Log("RESMGRFILEFORMAT", "ReadResources: Parsing ResMgr header v1.");
            SkipInt32(); // We don't care about numBytesToSkip.
            // Read in type name for a suitable ResourceReader
            // Note: ResourceWriter & InternalResourceReader use different strings

```

# White box testing in practice

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#if !FEATURE_PAL
    _typeLimitingBinder = new TypeLimitingDeserializationBinder();
    bf.Binder = _typeLimitingBinder;
#endif

    _objFormatter = bf;
    try {
        // Read ResourceManager header
        // Check for magic number
        int magicNum = _store.ReadInt32();
        if (public virtual int ReadInt32() {
            if (m_isMemoryStream) {
                // // read directly from MemoryStream buffer
                // MemoryStream mStream = m_stream as MemoryStream;
                // BCLDebug.Assert(mStream != null, "m_stream as MemoryStream != null");
                int
                if
                    return mStream.InternalReadInt32();
            }
            else
            {
                FillBuffer(4);
                return (int)(m_buffer[0] | m_buffer[1] << 8 | m_buffer[2] << 16 | m_buffer[3] << 24);
            }
        }
        // Read in type name for a suitable ResourceReader
        // Note: ResourceWriter & InternalResGen use different Stream
```



# Pex – Test Input Generation

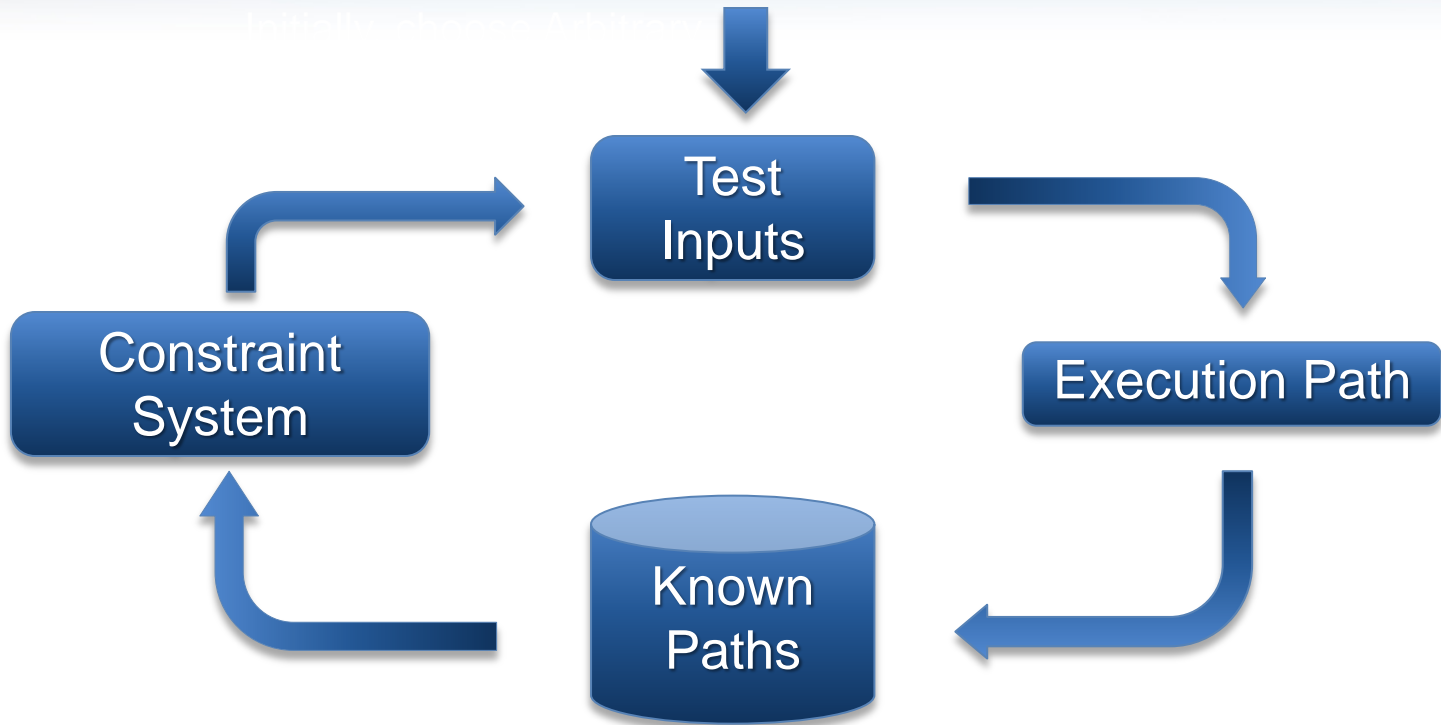
The image shows a screenshot of Microsoft Visual Studio with a C# file named `ResourceReaderTest1.cs` open. The code defines a class `ResourceReaderTests` with a method `ParameterizedTest(byte[] a)` decorated with `[PexTest]`. A context menu is open over the method signature, with the option `Pex it Ctrl + F8` selected. A callout box on the right displays the test input generated by Pex, showing a byte array `a` of size 14 with specific values at various indices. The callout box also shows the method call `ParameterizedTest(a);`.

```
public class ResourceReaderTests
{
    [PexTest]
    public unsafe void ParameterizedTest(byte[] a)
    {
        PexAssume.IsNotNull(a);
        fixed (byte* p = a)
        using (stream = new UnmanagedMemoryStream(p, a.Length))
        {
            var reader = new ResourceReader(stream);
            readEntries(reader);
        }
    }
}
```

Test input, generated by Pex

```
byte[] a = new byte[14];
a[0] = 206;
a[1] = 202;
a[2] = 239;
a[3] = 190;
a[7] = 64;
a[11] = 128;
ParameterizedTest(a);
```

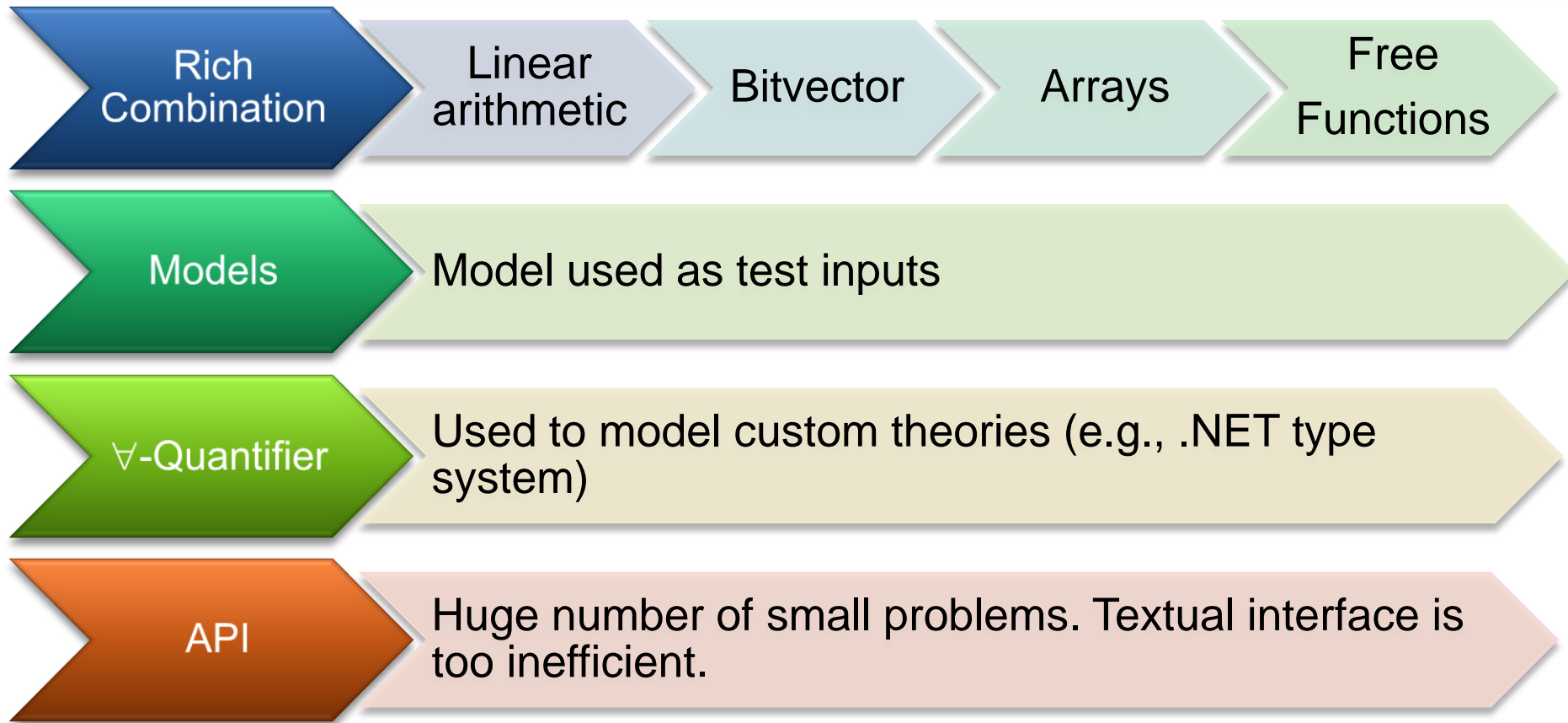
# Test Input Generation by Dynamic Symbolic Execution



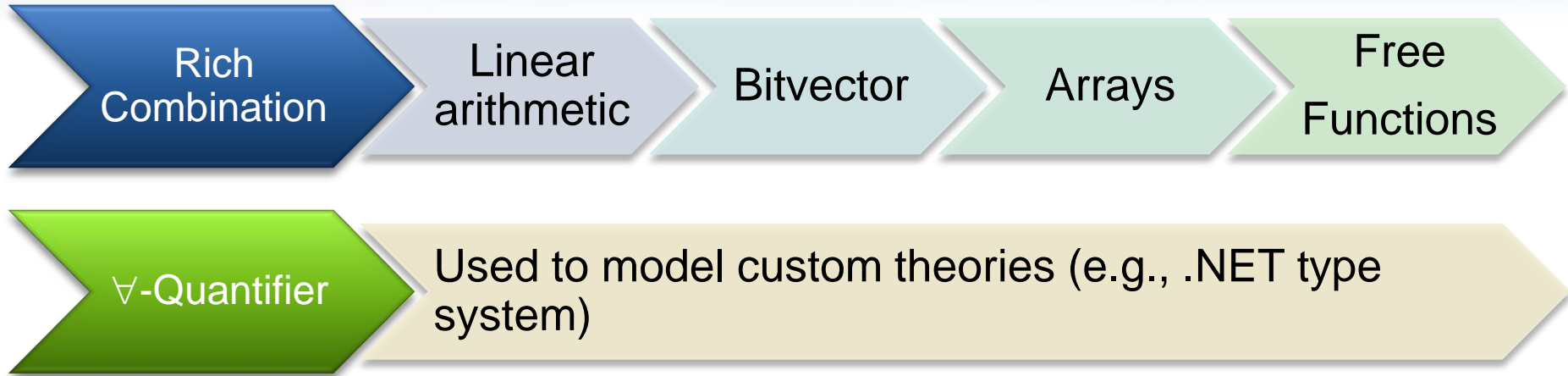
Result: small test suite,  
high code coverage

Finds only real bugs  
No false warnings

# PEX $\leftrightarrow$ Z3

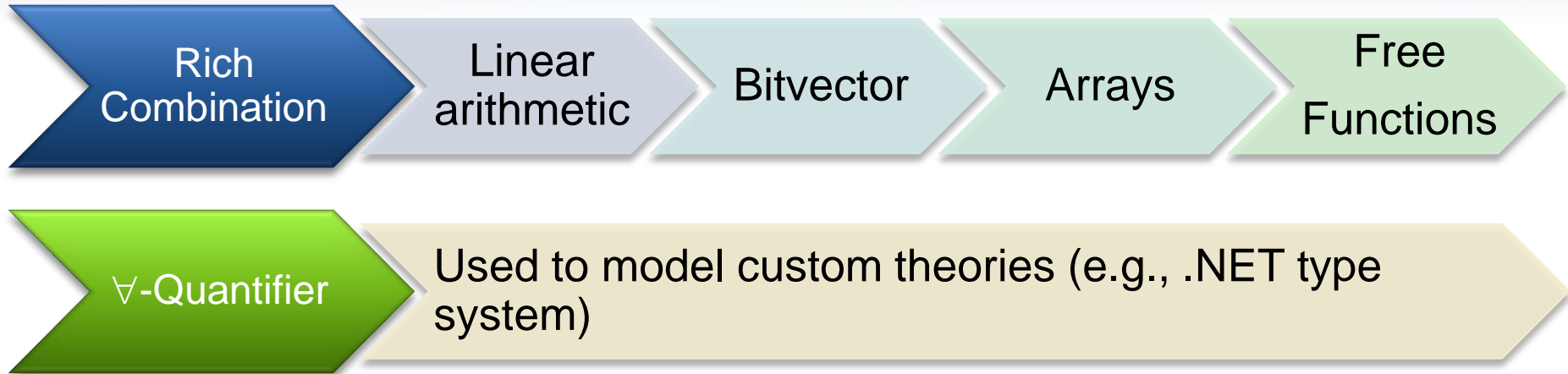


# PEX $\leftrightarrow$ Z3



**Undecidable (in general)**

# PEX $\leftrightarrow$ Z3



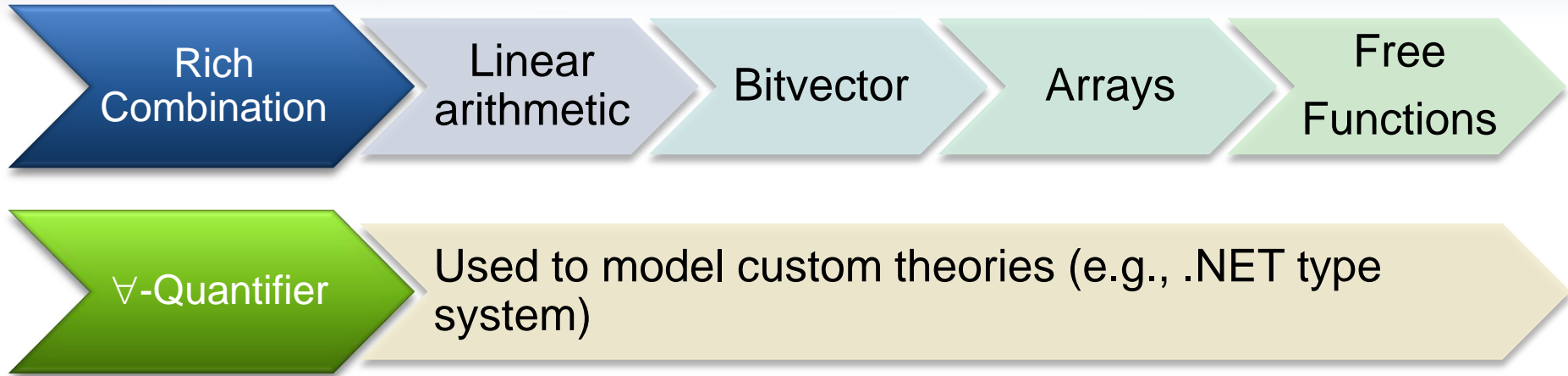
**Undecidable (in general)**

Solution:

Return “Candidate” Model

Check if trace is valid by executing it

# PEX $\leftrightarrow$ Z3



**Undecidable (in general)**

Refined solution:

Support for **decidable fragments**.

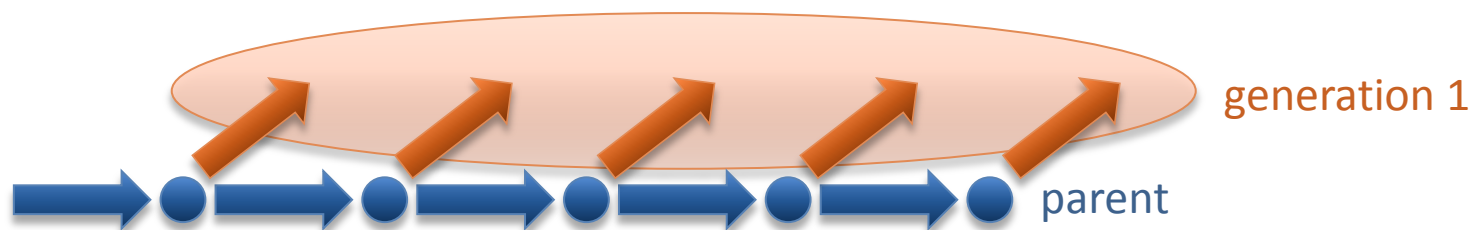
# SAGE

- Apply DART to large applications (not units).
- Start with well-formed input (not random).
- Combine with generational search (not DFS).
  - Negate 1-by-1 each constraint in a path constraint.
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# Zero to Crash in 10 Generations

- Starting with 100 zero bytes ...
- SAGE generates a crashing test for Media1 parser

```
00000000h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000010h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000020h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000030h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000040h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000050h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....  
00000060h: 00 00 00 00 ; ....
```

Generation 0 – seed file

# Zero to Crash in 10 Generations

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- SAGE generates a crashing test for Media1 parser

```
00000000h: 52 49 46 46 3D 00 00 00 ** ** ** 20 00 00 00 00 ; RIFF=...*** ....
00000010h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....
00000020h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ; .....
00000030h: 00 00 00 00 73 74 72 68 00 00 00 00 76 69 64 73 ; ....strh....vids
00000040h: 00 00 00 00 73 74 72 66 B2 75 76 3A 28 00 00 00 ; ....struv:(...
00000050h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ; .....
00000060h: 00 00 00 00 ; .....
```

Generation 10 – CRASH

# SAGE (cont.)

- SAGE is very effective at finding bugs.
- Works on large applications.
- Fully automated
- Easy to deploy (x86 analysis – any language)
- Used in various groups inside Microsoft
- Powered by Z3.

# SAGE ↔ Z3

- Formulas are usually big conjunctions.
- SAGE uses only the bitvector and array theories.
- Pre-processing step has a huge performance impact.
  - Eliminate variables.
  - Simplify formulas.
- **Early unsat detection.**

# Static Driver Verifier

**SLAM**  
`for (i = node->x; i <= node->y; i++) {  
 proc(i);  
}`

# Static Driver Verifier

- Z3 is part of SDV 2.0 (Windows 7)
- It is used for:
  - Predicate abstraction (c2bp)
  - Counter-example refinement (newton)

**SLAM**  
`if=nodes-> i ++ vis; procs. end()*node){`



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# Overview

- <http://research.microsoft.com/slam/>
- **SLAM/SDV** is a software model checker.
- Application domain: *device drivers*.
- Architecture:
  - **c2bp** C program → boolean program (*predicate abstraction*).
  - **bebop** Model checker for boolean programs.
  - **newton** Model refinement (check for path feasibility)
- SMT solvers are used to perform predicate abstraction and to check path feasibility.
- c2bp makes several calls to the SMT solver. The formulas are relatively small.

# Example



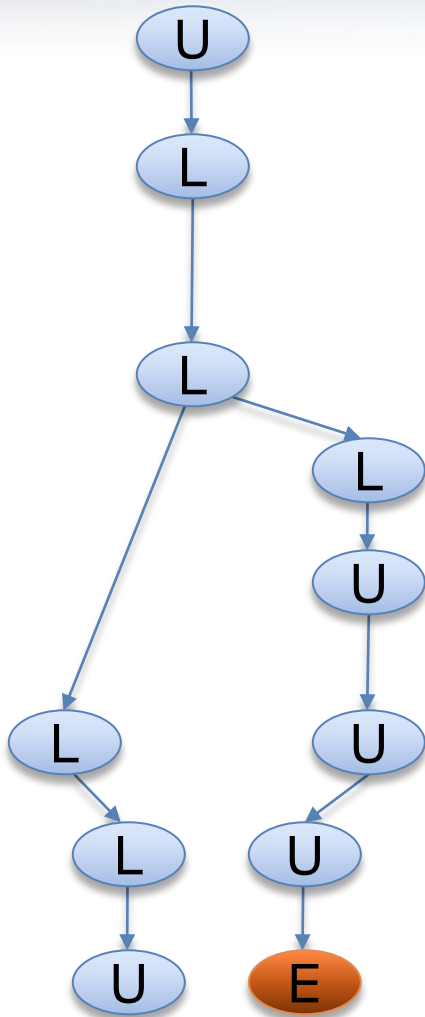
Do this code  
obey the looking  
rule?

```
do {  
    KeAcquireSpinLock () ;  
  
    nPacketsOld = nPackets;  
  
    if (request) {  
        request = request->Next;  
        KeReleaseSpinLock () ;  
        nPackets++;  
    }  
} while (nPackets != nPacketsOld);  
  
KeReleaseSpinLock () ;
```



# Example

Model checking  
Boolean program



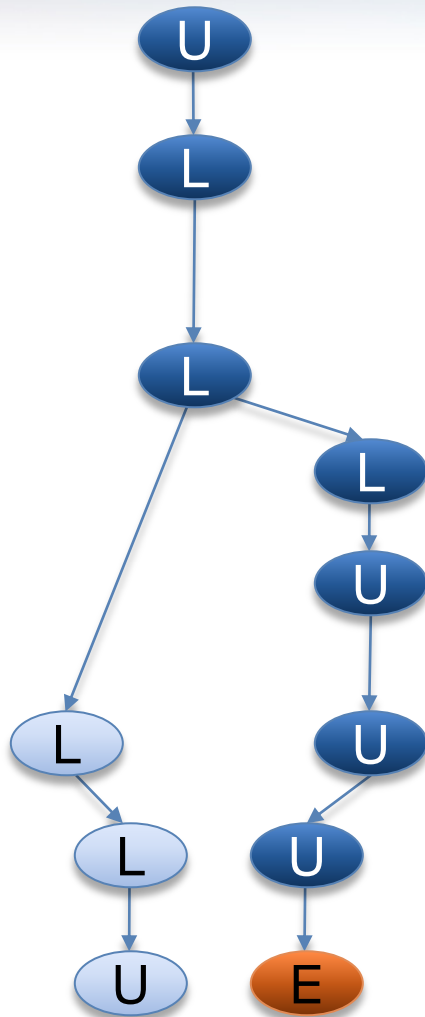
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```



# Example

Add new predicate to Boolean program

**b**: (nPacketsOld == nPackets)



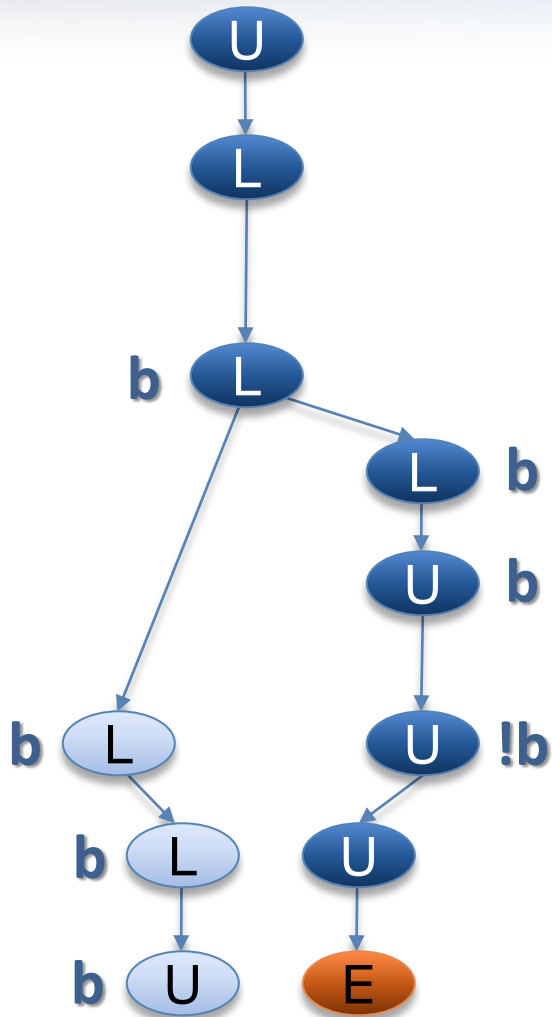
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    b = true;  
    if (request) {  
        request = request->Next;  
        KeReleaseSpinLock ();  
        nPackets++;  
        b = b ? false : *;  
    }  
} while (nPackets != nPacketsOld);  
    !b  
KeReleaseSpinLock ();
```

# Example

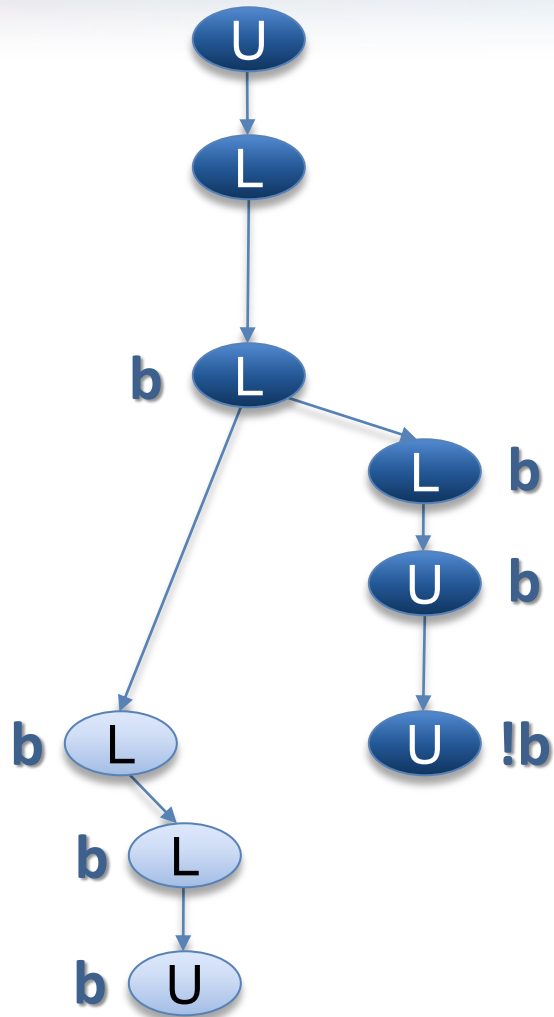
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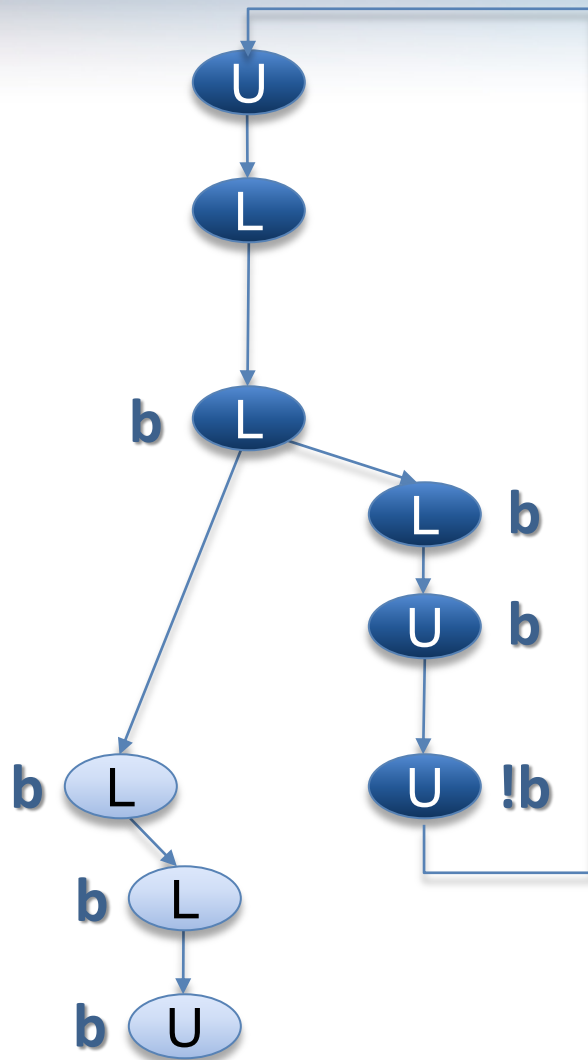


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# Observations about SLAM

- Automatic discovery of invariants
  - driven by property and a finite set of (false) execution paths
  - predicates are ***not*** invariants, but *observations*
  - abstraction + model checking computes inductive invariants (Boolean combinations of observations)
- A hybrid dynamic/static analysis
  - newton executes path through C code symbolically
  - c2bp+bebop explore all paths through abstraction
- A new form of program slicing
  - program code and data not relevant to property are dropped
  - non-determinism allows slices to have more behaviors

# Predicate Abstraction: *c2bp*

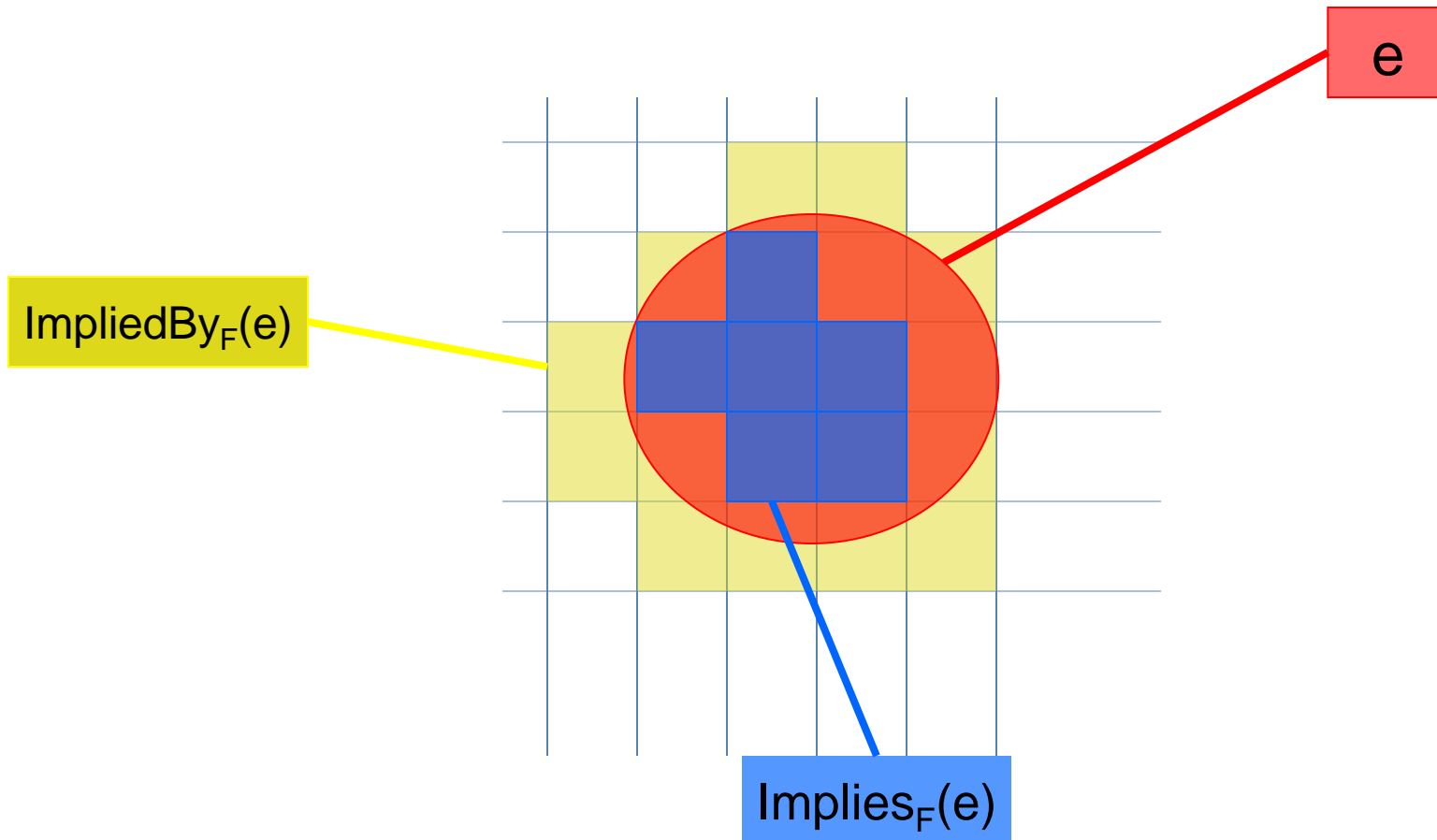
- **Given** a C program  $P$  and  $F = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ .
- **Produce** a Boolean program  $B(P, F)$ 
  - Same control flow structure as  $P$ .
  - Boolean variables  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  to match  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ .
  - Properties true in  $B(P, F)$  are true in  $P$ .
- Each  $p_i$  is a pure Boolean expression.
- Each  $p_i$  represents set of states for which  $p_i$  is true.
- Performs modular abstraction.



# Abstracting Expressions via $F$

- *$Implies_F(e)$* 
  - Best Boolean function over  $F$  that implies  $e$ .
- *$ImpliedBy_F(e)$* 
  - Best Boolean function over  $F$  that is implied by  $e$ .
  - *$ImpliedBy_F(e) = not\ Implies_F(not\ e)$*

# Implies<sub>F</sub>(e) and ImpliedBy<sub>F</sub>(e)







# Computing $Implies_F(e)$

- minterm  $m = l_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } l_n$ , where  $l_i = p_i$ , or  $l_i = \text{not } p_i$ .
- $Implies_F(e)$ : disjunction of all minterms that imply  $e$ .
- Naive approach
  - Generate all  $2^n$  possible minterms.
  - For each minterm  $m$ , use SMT solver to check validity of  $m \text{ implies } e$ .
- Many possible optimizations





# Computing $\text{Implies}_F(e)$

- $F = \{ x < y, x = 2 \}$
- $e : y > 1$
- Minterms over F
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$$\text{Implies}_F(y > 1) = b_1 \wedge b_2$$

# Newton

- Given an error path  $p$  in the Boolean program  $B$ .
- Is  $p$  a feasible path of the corresponding C program?
  - Yes: found a bug.
  - No: find predicates that explain the infeasibility.
- Execute path symbolically.
- Check conditions for inconsistency using SMT solver.



# Z3 & Static Driver Verifier

- All-SAT
  - Better (more precise) Predicate Abstraction
- Unsatisfiable cores
  - Why the abstract path is not feasible?
  - Fast Predicate Abstraction

# Bit-precise Scalable Static Analysis

PREfix [Moy, Bjorner, Sielaff 2009]

# What is wrong here?

```
int binary_search(int[] arr, int low,
                 int high, int key)
while (low <= high)
{
    // Find middle value
    int mid = (low + high) / 2;
    int val = arr[mid];
    if (val == key) return mid;
    if (val < key) low = mid+1;
    else high = mid-1;
}
return -1;
```

Package: java.util.Arrays  
Function: binary\_search

```
void itoa(int n, char* s) {
    if (n < 0) {
        *s++ = '-';
        n = -n;
    }
    // Add digits to s
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}
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Book: Kernighan and Ritchie  
Function: itoa (integer to ascii)



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int init_name(char **outname, uint n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 0;
    else if (n > UINT16_MAX) exit(1);
    else if ((*outname = malloc(n)) == NULL) {
        return 0xC0000095; // NT_STATUS_NO_MEM;
    }
    return 0;
}

int get_name(char* dst, uint size)
{
    char* name;
    int status = 0;
    status = init_name(&name, size);
    if (status != 0) {
        goto error;
    }
    strcpy(dst, name);
error:
    return status;
}
```

C/C++ functions

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model for function init\_name

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guards: n == 0  
results: result == 0

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guards: n > 0; n <= 65535  
results: result == 0xC0000095

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constraints: valid(outname)  
results: result == 0; init(\*outname)

models

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## path for function get\_name

guards: size == 0  
constraints:  
facts: init(dst); init(size); status == 0

## pre-condition for function strcpy

init(dst) and valid(name)

models

paths

C/C++ functions

warnings



# Overflow on unsigned addition

`m_nSize == m_nMaxSize == UINT_MAX`

```
iElement = m_nSize;  
if( iElement >= m_nMaxSize )  
{  
    bool bSuccess = GrowBuffer( iElement+1 );  
    ...  
}  
::new( m_pData+iElement ) E( element );  
m_nSize++;
```

`iElement + 1 == 0`

Write in  
unallocated  
memory

Code was written  
for address space  
< 4GB

# Using an overflown value as allocation size

Overflow check

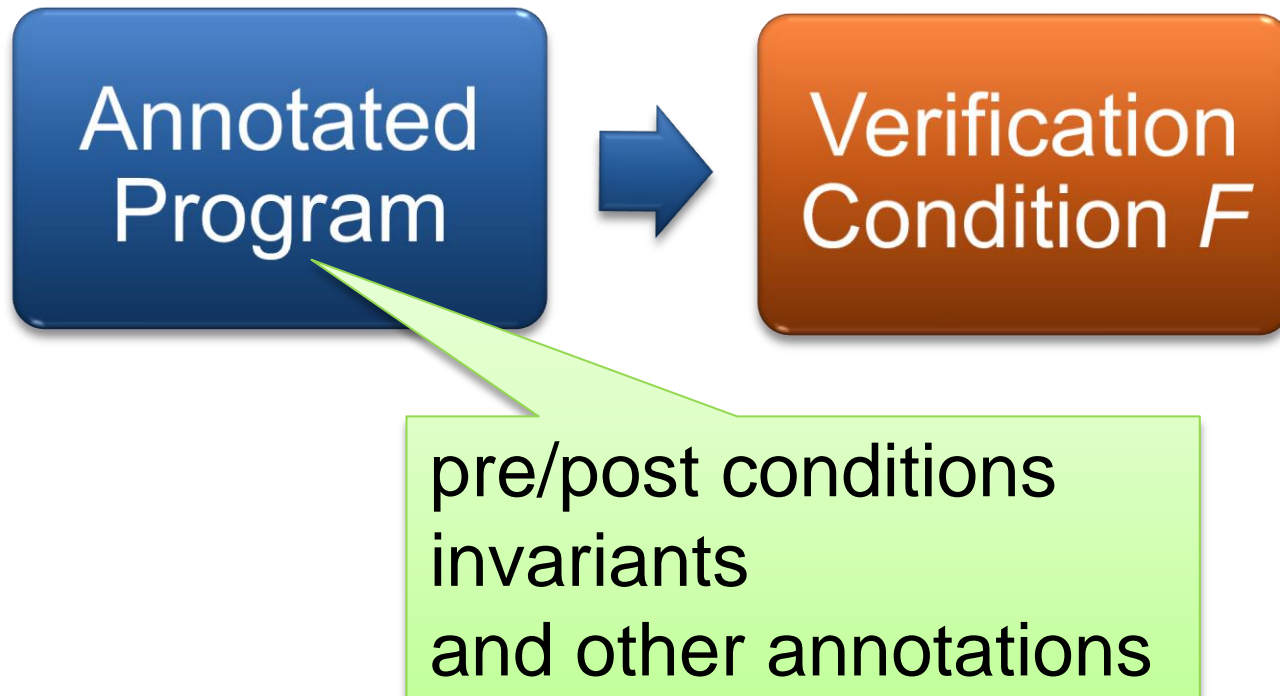
```
ULONG AllocationSize;
while (CurrentBuffer != NULL) {
    if (NumberOfBuffers > MAX_ULONG / sizeof(MYBUFFER)) {
        return NULL;
    }
    NumberOfBuffers++;
    CurrentBuffer = CurrentBuffer->NextBuffer;
}
```

Increment and exit  
from loop

```
AllocationSize = sizeof(MYBUFFER)*NumberOfBuffers;
UserBuffersHead = malloc(AllocationSize);
```

Possible  
overflow

# Verifying Compilers



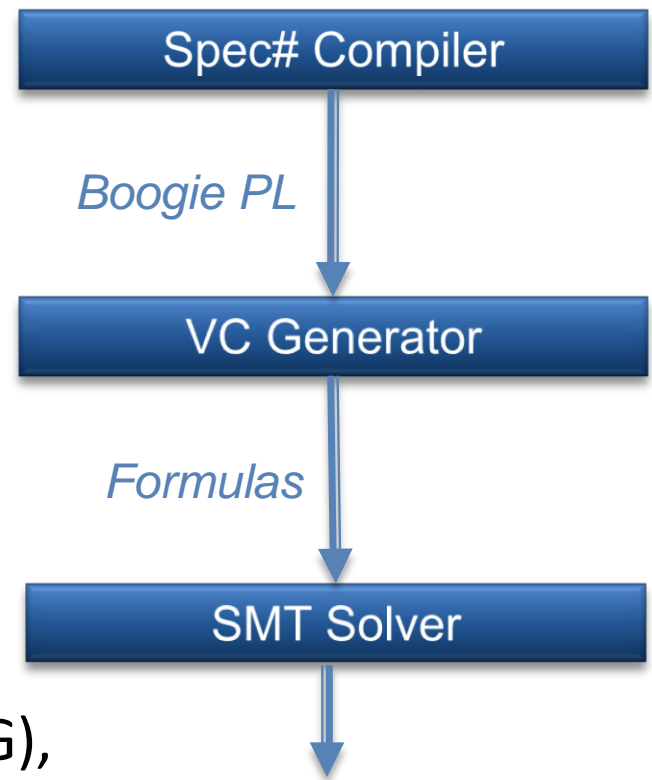
# Annotations: Example

```
class C {  
    private int a, z;  
    invariant z > 0  
  
    public void M()  
        requires a != 0  
    {  
        z = 100/a;  
    }  
}
```

# Spec# Approach for a Verifying Compiler

- *Source Language*
  - C# + goodies = Spec#
- *Specifications*
  - method contracts,
  - invariants,
  - field and type annotations.
- *Program Logic:*
  - *Dijkstra's weakest preconditions.*
- *Automatic Verification*
  - type checking,
  - verification condition generation (VCG),
  - **SMT**

*Spec# (annotated C#)*



# Command language

- $x := E$ 
  - $x := x + 1$
  - $x := 10$
- havoc  $x$
- $S ; T$
- assert  $P$
- assume  $P$
- $S \square T$

# Reasoning about execution traces

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- Given  $S$  and  $Q$ , what is the weakest  $P'$  satisfying  $\{ P' \} S \{ Q \}$  ?
  - $P'$  is called the *weakest precondition* of  $S$  with respect to  $Q$ , written  $wp(S, Q)$
  - to check  $\{ P \} S \{ Q \}$ , check  $P \Rightarrow P'$



# Weakest preconditions

$\text{wp}(x := E, Q) =$	$Q[E / x]$
$\text{wp}(\text{havoc } x, Q) =$	$(\forall x \bullet Q)$
$\text{wp}(\text{assert } P, Q) =$	$P \wedge Q$
$\text{wp}(\text{assume } P, Q) =$	$P \Rightarrow Q$
$\text{wp}(S ; T, Q) =$	$\text{wp}(S, \text{wp}(T, Q))$
$\text{wp}(S \square T, Q) =$	$\text{wp}(S, Q) \wedge \text{wp}(T, Q)$

# Structured if statement

if E then S else T end =

assume E; S

□

assume  $\neg E$ ; T

# While loop with loop invariant

```
while E
  invariant J
do
  S
end
```

where  $x$  denotes the assignment targets of  $S$

```
= assert J;
   havoc x; assume J;
   ( assume E; S; assert J; assume false
     □ assume  $\neg E$ 
   )
```

check that the loop invariant holds initially

“fast forward” to an arbitrary iteration of the loop

check that the loop invariant is maintained by the loop body

# Spec# Chunker.NextChunk translation

```
procedure Chunker.NextChunk(this: ref where $IsNotNull(this, Chunker)) returns ($result: ref where $IsNotNull($result, System.String));
// in-parameter: target object
free requires $Heap[this, $allocated];
requires ($Heap[this, $ownerFrame] == $PeerGroupPlaceholder || !($Heap[$Heap[this, $ownerRef], $inv] <: $Heap[this, $ownerFrame]) ||
  $Heap[$Heap[this, $ownerRef], $localinv] == $BaseClass($Heap[this, $ownerFrame])) && (forall $pc: ref :: $pc != null && $Heap[$pc, $allocated]
  && $Heap[$pc, $ownerRef] == $Heap[this, $ownerRef] && $Heap[$pc, $ownerFrame] == $Heap[this, $ownerFrame] ==> $Heap[$pc, $inv] ==
  $typeof($pc) && $Heap[$pc, $localinv] == $typeof($pc));
// out-parameter: return value
free ensures $Heap[$result, $allocated];
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// user-declared postconditions
ensures $StringLength($result) <= $Heap[this, Chunker.ChunkSize];
// frame condition
modifies $Heap;
free ensures (forall $o: ref, $f: name :: { $Heap[$o, $f] } $f != $inv && $f != $localinv && $f != $FirstConsistentOwner && (!IsStaticField($f) ||
  !IsDirectlyModifiableField($f)) && $o != null && old($Heap)[$o, $allocated] && (old($Heap)[$o, $ownerFrame] == $PeerGroupPlaceholder ||
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  != $exposeVersion) ==> old($Heap)[$o, $f] == $Heap[$o, $f]);
// boilerplate
free requires $BeingConstructed == null;
free ensures (forall $o: ref :: { $Heap[$o, $localinv] } { $Heap[$o, $inv] } $o != null && !old($Heap)[$o, $allocated] && $Heap[$o, $allocated] ==>
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# Verification conditions: Structure

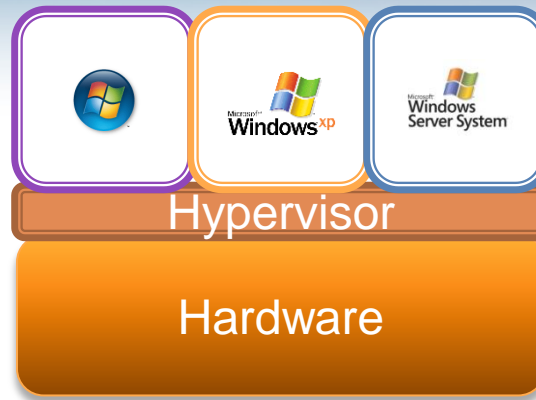
$\forall$  Axioms  
(non-ground)



**BIG**  
**and-or**  
**tree**  
(ground)

**Control & Data  
Flow**

# Hypervisor: A Manhattan Project



- **Meta OS:** small layer of software between hardware and OS
- **Mini:** 100K lines of non-trivial concurrent systems C code
- **Critical:** must **provide functional resource abstraction**
- **Trusted:** a verification grand challenge

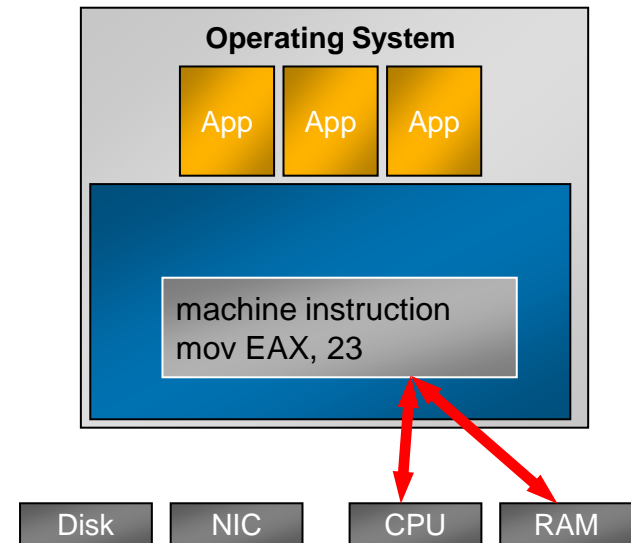
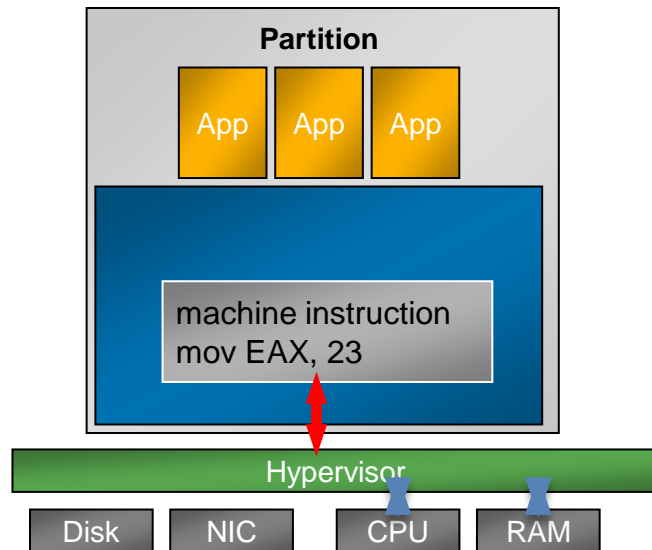
# HV Correctness: Simulation

A partition cannot distinguish (with some exceptions)  
whether a machine instruction is executed

a) through the HV

OR

b) directly on a processor



# Hypervisor Implementation

- real code, as shipped with Windows Server 2008
- ca. 100 000 lines of C, 5 000 lines of x64 assembly
- concurrency
  - spin locks, r/w locks, rundowns, turnstiles
  - lock-free accesses to volatile data and hardware covered by implicit protocols
- scheduler, memory allocator, etc.
- access to hardware registers (memory management, virtualization support)



# Hypervisor Verification (2007 – 2010)

## Partners:

- European Microsoft Innovation Center
- Microsoft Research
- Microsoft's Windows Div.
- Universität des Saarlandes



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<http://www.verisoftxt.de>

# Challenges for Verification of Concurrent C

1. **Memory model** that is adequate and efficient to reason about
2. **Modular reasoning** about concurrent code
3. **Invariants** for (large and complex) C data structures
4. Huge verification conditions to be proven **automatically**
5. “Live” specifications that **evolve with the code**

# The Microsoft Verifying C Compiler (VCC)

- Source Language
  - ANSI C +
  - Design-by-Contract Annotations +
  - Ghost state +
  - Theories +
  - Metadata Annotations
- Program Logic
  - Dijkstra's weakest preconditions
- Automatic Verification
  - verification condition generation (VCG)
  - automatic theorem proving (SMT)



# VCC Architecture

```
#include <vcc2.h>

typedef struct _BITMAP {
    UINT32 Size;      // Number of bits ...
    PUINT32 Buffer;   // Memory to store

    // private invariants
    invariant(Size > 0 && Size % 32 == 0)
    ...
} Annotated C
```



```
$ref_cnt(old($s), #p) == $ref_cnt($s, #p)
&& $site.bool($set_in(#p, $owns(old($s),
owner)),
$site.bool($set_in(#p, owns),
$st_eq(old($s), $s, #p),
$wrapped($s, #p, $typ(#p)) &&
$timestamp_is_now($s, #p)),
$site.bool($set_in(#p, owns),
$owner($s, #p) == owner && $closed($s,
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```

*Generated Boogie*

```
:assumption
(forall (?x Int) (?y Int)
(iff
(= (IntEqual ?x ?y) boolTrue
(= ?x ?y))))
:formula
(flet .
```



SMT

```
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$st_eq(old($s), $s, #p),
$wrapped($s, #p, $typ(#p)) &&
$timestamp_is_now($s, #p)),
$site.bool($set_in(#p, owns),
$owner($s, #p) == owner &&
$closed($s,
owner))
```

*VCC Prelude*



Available at <http://vcc.codeplex.com/>

# Contracts / Modular Verification

```
int foo(int x)
  requires(x > 5)      // precondition
  ensures(result > x) // postcondition
{
  ...
}
```

```
void bar(int y; int *z)
  writes(z)           // framing
  requires(y > 7)
  maintains(*z > 7)   // invariant
{
  *z = foo(y);
  assert(*z > 7);
}
```

- function contracts: pre-/postconditions, framing
- modularity: **bar** only knows contract (but not code) of **foo**

advantages:

- modular verification: one function at a time
- no unfolding of code: scales to large applications

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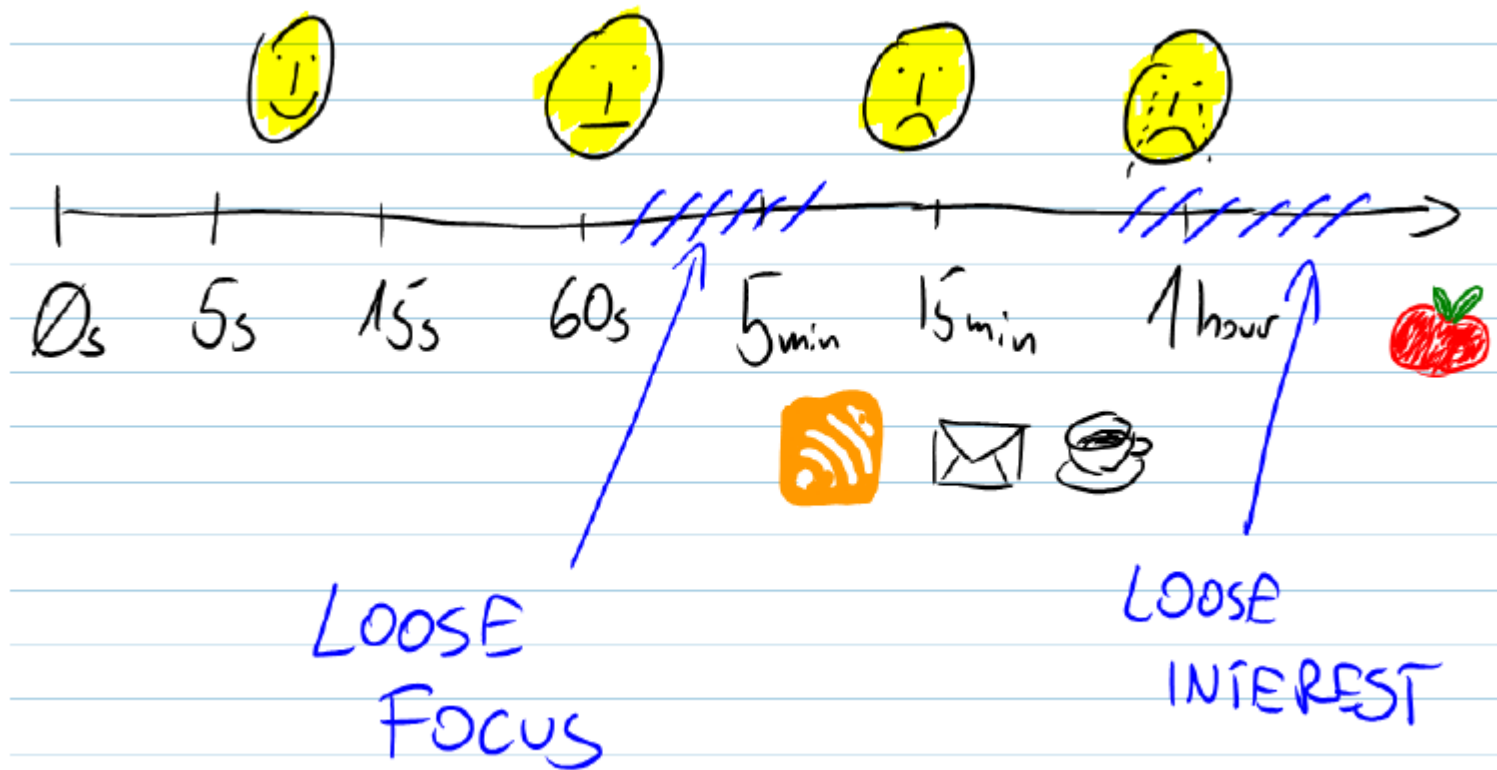
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Are you willing to wait more than  
5 min for your compiler?

# Verification Attempt Time vs. Satisfaction and Productivity



By Michal Moskal (VCC Designer and Software Verification Expert)



# Why did my proof attempt fail?

## **1. My annotations are not strong enough!**

weak loop invariants and/or contracts

## **2. My theorem prover is not strong (or fast) enough.**

Send “angry” email to Nikolaj and Leo.

# Challenge

- Quantifiers, quantifiers, quantifiers, ...
- Modeling the runtime

$\forall h, o, f:$

$\text{IsHeap}(h) \wedge o \neq \text{null} \wedge \text{read}(h, o, \text{alloc}) = t$

$\Rightarrow$

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$$\forall i,j: i \leq j \Rightarrow \text{read}(a,i) \leq \text{read}(b,j)$$

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- Theories
  - $\forall x: p(x,x)$
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  - $\forall x,y: p(x,y), p(y,x) \Rightarrow x = y$

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- Solver must be fast in satisfiable instances.



**We want to find bugs!**

# Bad news

**There is no sound and refutationally complete  
procedure for  
linear integer arithmetic + free function symbols**



# Many Approaches

Heuristic quantifier instantiation

Combining SMT with Saturation provers

Complete quantifier instantiation

Decidable fragments

Model based quantifier instantiation



# Challenge: Modeling Runtime

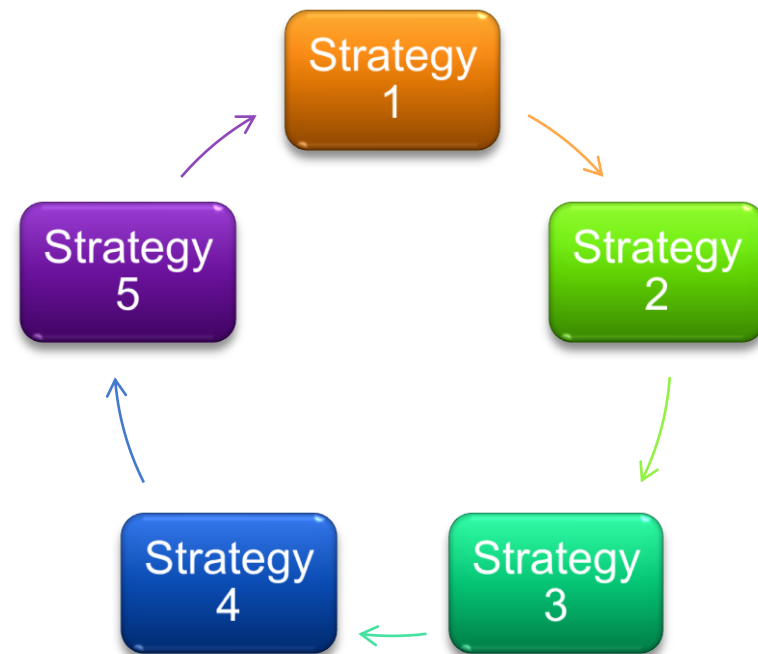
- Is the axiomatization of the runtime consistent?
- **False** implies everything
- Partial solution: **SMT + Saturation Provers**
- Found many bugs using this approach

# Challenge: Robustness

- Standard complain
  - “I made a small modification in my Spec, and Z3 is timingout”
- This also happens with SAT solvers (NP-complete)
- In our case, the problems are undecidable
- Partial solution: parallelization

# Parallel Z3

- Joint work with Y. Hamadi (MSRC) and C. Wintersteiger
- Multi-core & Multi-node (HPC)
- **Different strategies in parallel**
- Collaborate exchanging lemmas



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The VCG generator is buggy (i.e., it makes the wrong assumptions)

Do you trust your compiler?

# Engineer Perspective

These are bug-finding tools!

When they return “Proved”, it just means they cannot find more bugs.

I add Loop invariants to speedup the process.

I don't want to waste time analyzing paths with  $1, 2, \dots, k, \dots$  iterations.

They are successful if they expose bugs not exposed by regular testing.



# Conclusion

Powerful, mature, and versatile tools like SMT solvers can now be exploited in very useful ways.

The construction and application of satisfiability procedures is an active research area with exciting challenges.

**SMT is hot at Microsoft.**

Z3 is a new SMT solver.

Main applications:

- ▶ Test-case generation.
- ▶ Verifying compiler.
- ▶ Model Checking & Predicate Abstraction.



# Books

- Bradley & Manna: The Calculus of Computation
- Kroening & Strichman: Decision Procedures, An Algorithmic Point of View
- Chapter in the Handbook of Satisfiability

# Web Links

Z3:

<http://research.microsoft.com/projects/z3>

<http://research.microsoft.com/~leonardo>

▶ Slides & Papers

<http://www.smtlib.org>

<http://www.smtcomp.org>

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