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# Polynomial Constraints

AKA  
Existential Theory of the Reals  
 $\exists \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 4x + y^2 - y + 8 &< 1 \\xy - 2x - 2y + 4 &> 1\end{aligned}$$

# CAD “Big Picture”

1. **Project/Saturate** set of polynomials
2. **Lift/Search**: Incrementally build assignment  $\nu: x_k \rightarrow \alpha_k$ 
  - Isolate roots of polynomials  $f_i(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, x)$
  - Select a feasible cell  $C$ , and assign  $x_k$  some  $\alpha_k \in C$
  - If there is no feasible cell, then backtrack

# CAD “Big Picture”

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 - 1 &< 0 \\xy - 1 &> 0\end{aligned}$$



1. Saturate

$$\begin{aligned}x^4 - x^2 + 1 \\x^2 - 1 \\x\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Search

	$(-\infty, -1)$	$-1$	$(-1, 0)$	$0$	$(0, 1)$	$1$	$(1, \infty)$
$x^4 - x^2 + 1$	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
$x^2 - 1$	+	0	-	-	-	0	+
$x$	-	-	-	0	+	+	+

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$-2y - 1$	+	0	-

$$x \rightarrow -2$$



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	$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2})$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$	
$4 + y^2 - 1$	+	+	+	<b>CONFLICT</b>
$-2y - 1$	+	0	-	

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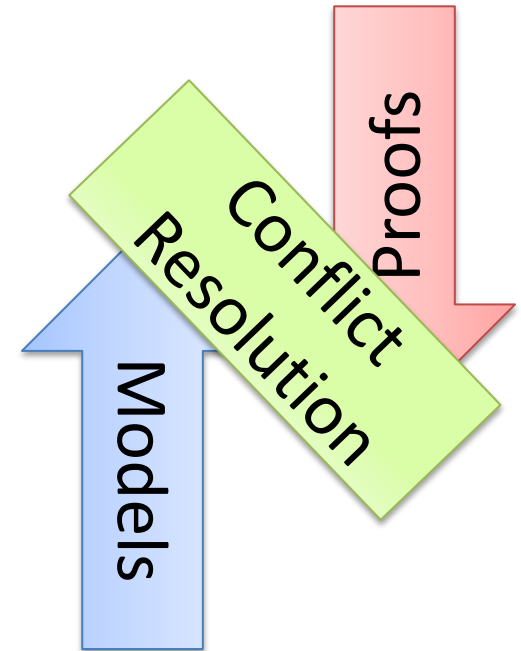
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# NLSAT: MCSAT for Nonlinear Arithmetic

Static x **Dynamic**

**Optimistic approach**

Key ideas



Start the Search before Saturate/Project

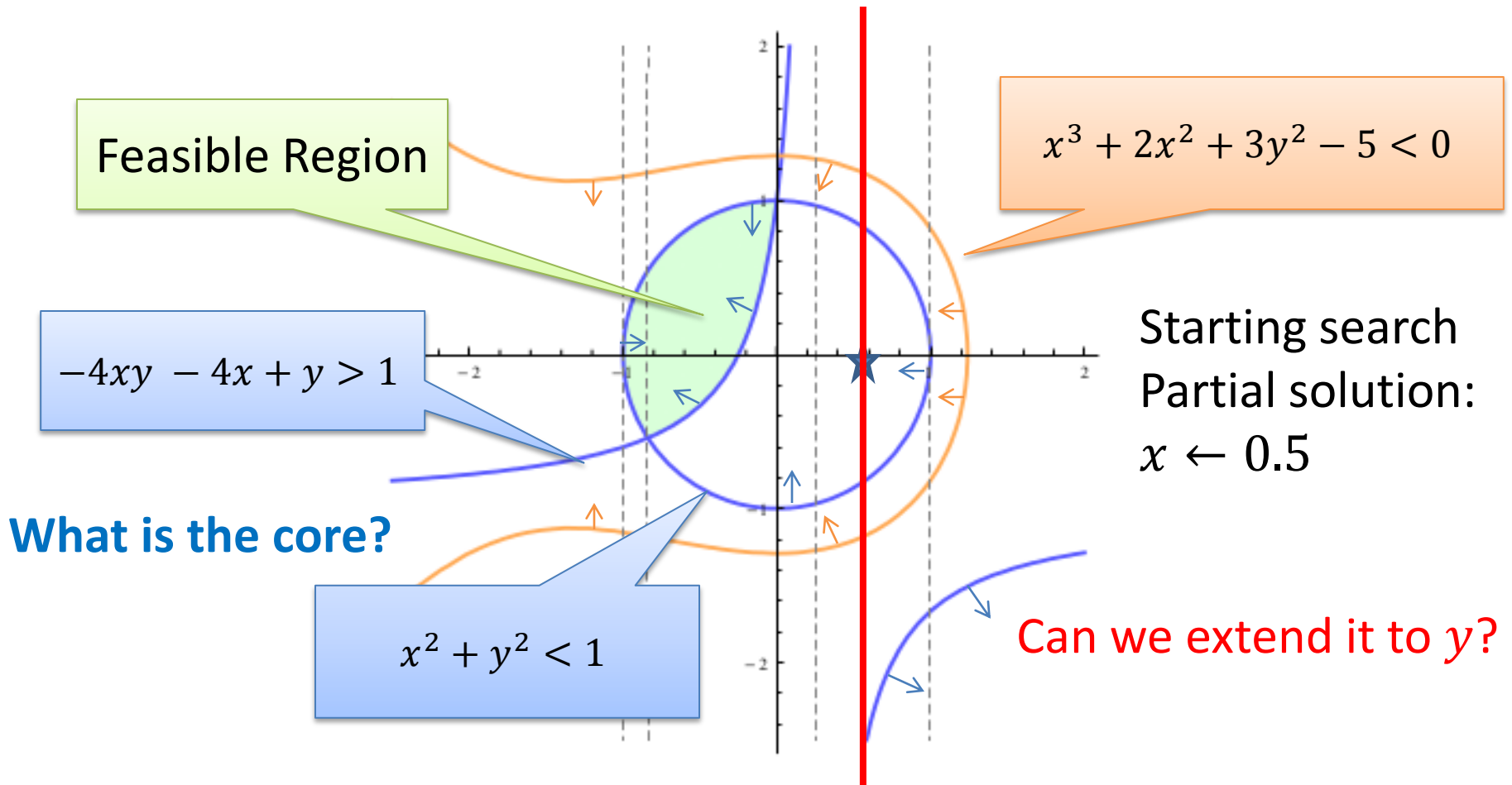
**We saturate on demand**

**Model guides the saturation**



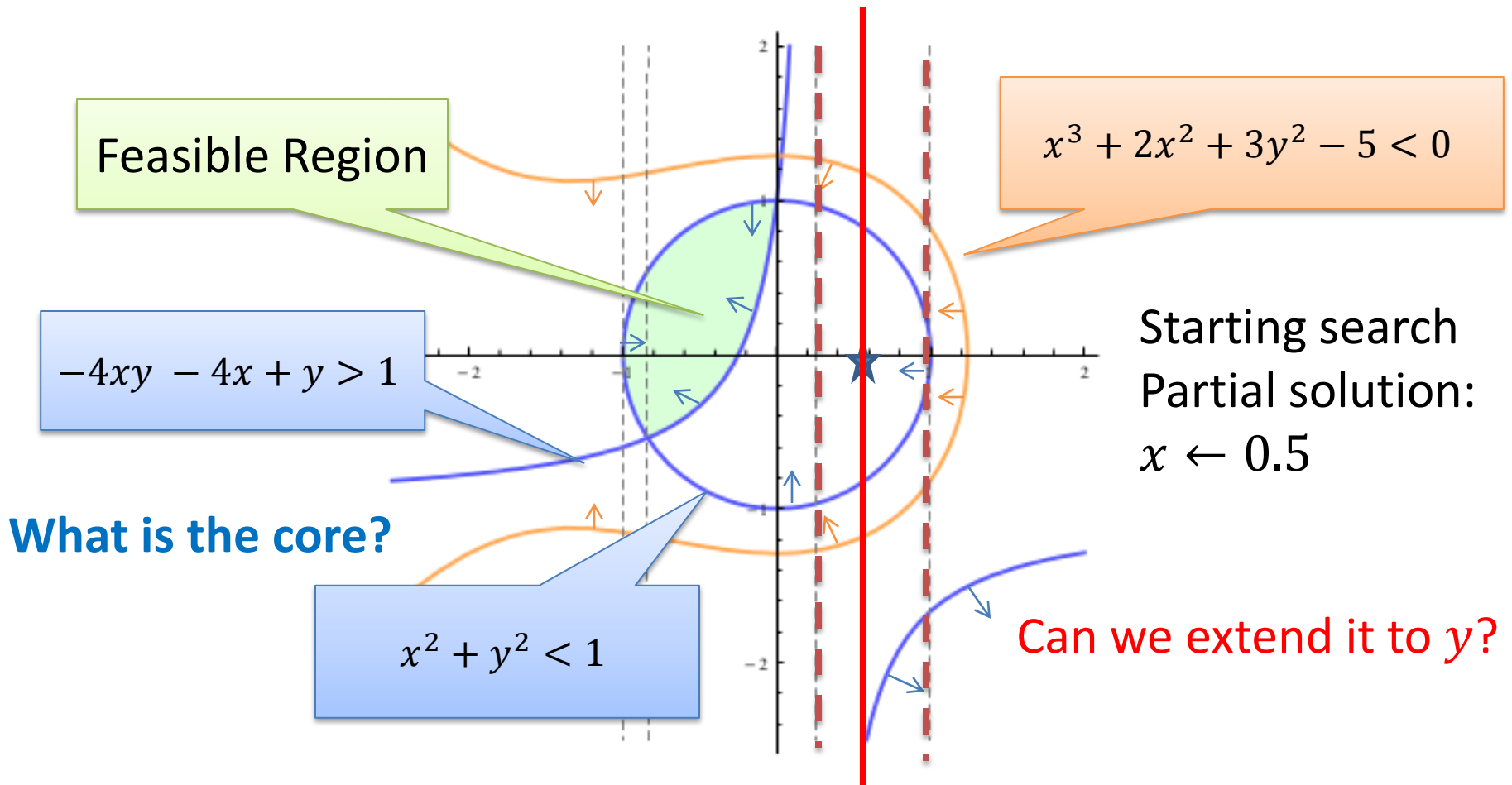
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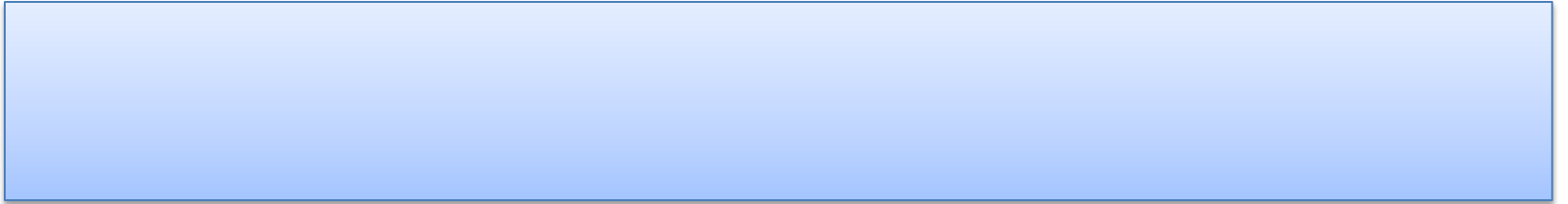
Key ideas: **Solution based Project/Saturate**

$$P_c(A, x) = \bigcup_{f \in A} \text{coeff}(f, x) \cup \bigcup_{\substack{f \in A \\ g \in R(f, x)}} \text{psc}(g, g'_x, x) \cup \bigcup_{\substack{i < j \\ g_i \in R(f_i, x) \\ g_j \in R(f_j, x)}} \text{psc}(g_i, g_j, x)$$

Standard project operators are **pessimistic**.  
Coefficients can vanish!

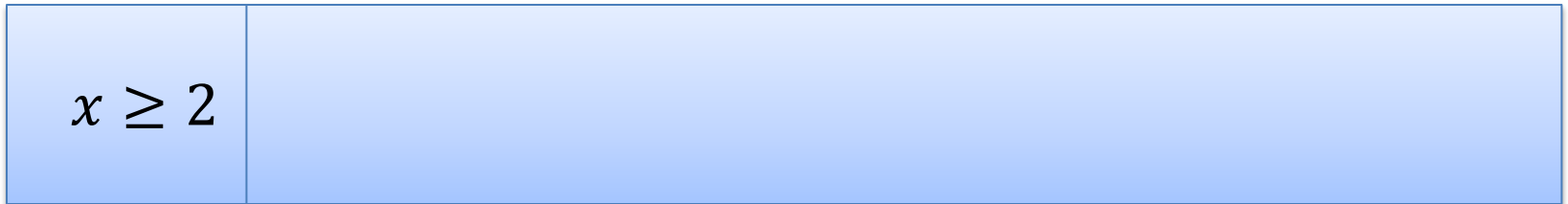
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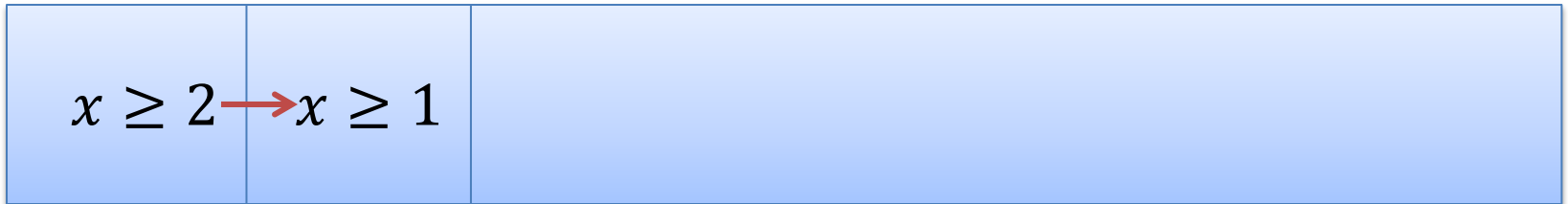
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Boolean Decisions



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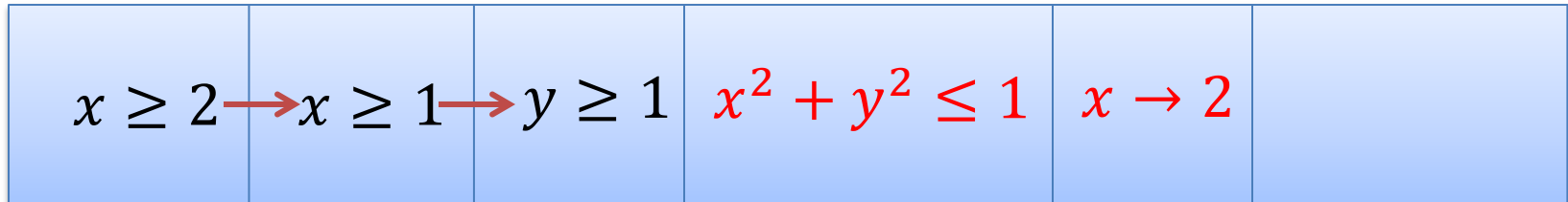


$x \geq 2$	$x \geq 1$	$y \geq 1$	$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$	$x \rightarrow 2$	
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Semantic Decisions

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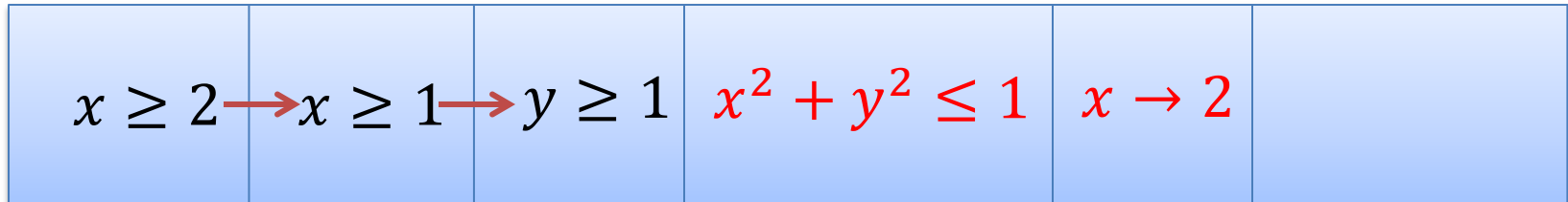
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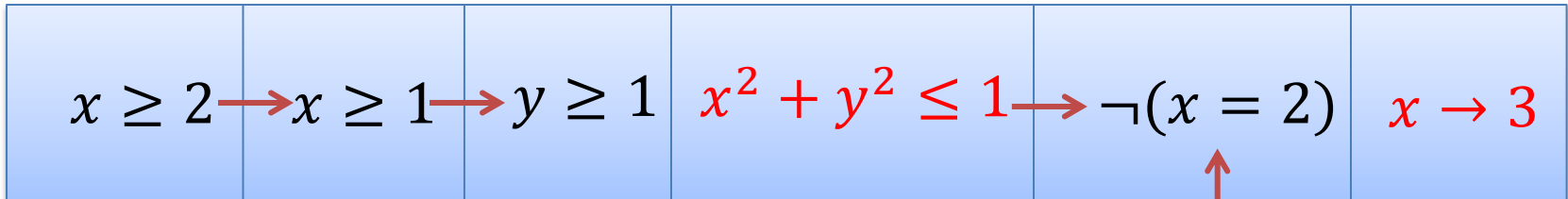
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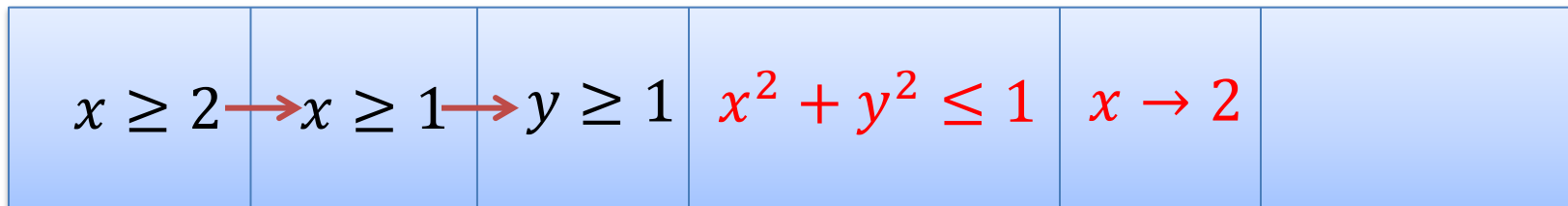
“Same” Conflict

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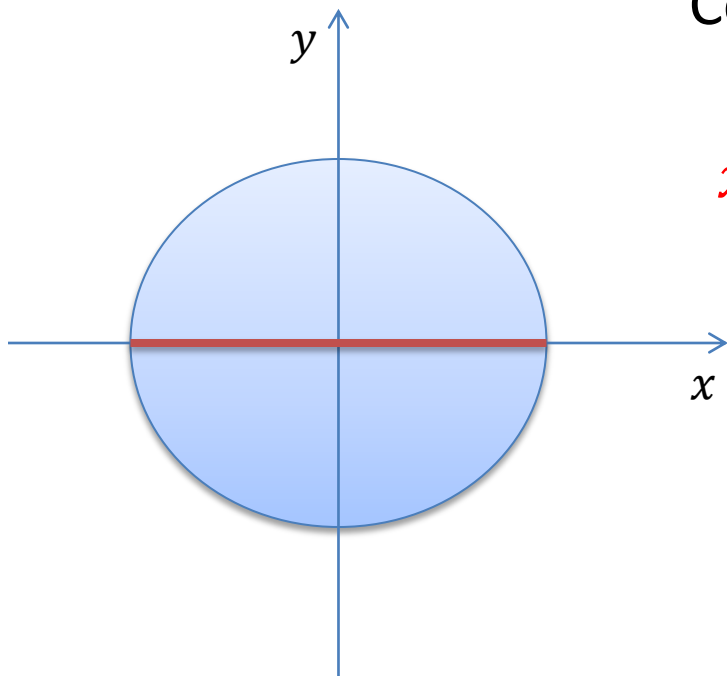
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Conflict



$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

$$x \rightarrow 2$$

THIS IS AN INTERPOLANT

$$-1 \leq x, x \leq 1$$

$$\neg(x^2 + y^2 \leq 1) \vee x \leq 1$$

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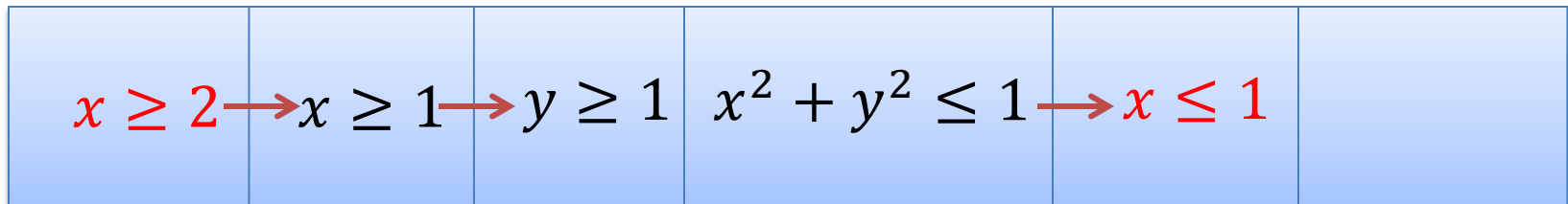


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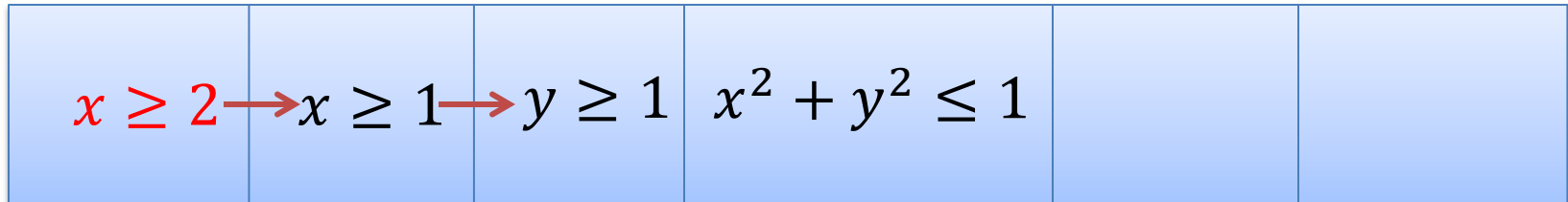
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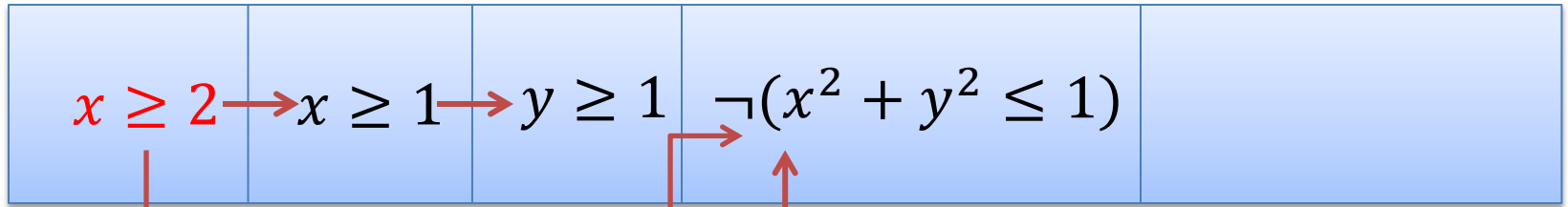
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Learned by resolution

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# NLSAT/MCSAT – Finite Basis

Every theory that admits **quantifier elimination** has a finite basis (given a fixed assignment order)

$$F[x, y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

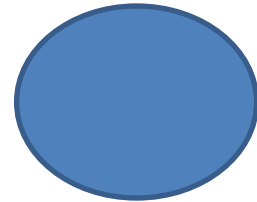
$$\exists x: F[x, y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

$$C_1[y_1, \dots, y_m] \wedge \dots \wedge C_k[y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

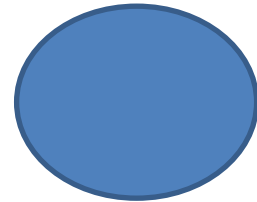
$$\neg F[x, y_1, \dots, y_m] \vee C_k[y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

$$y_1 \rightarrow \alpha_1, \dots, y_m \rightarrow \alpha_m$$

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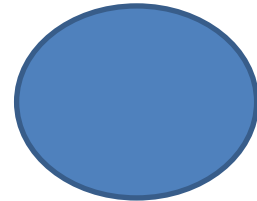


$$F_n[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n]$$

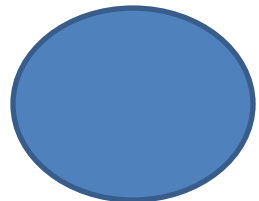


$$F_{n-1}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}]$$

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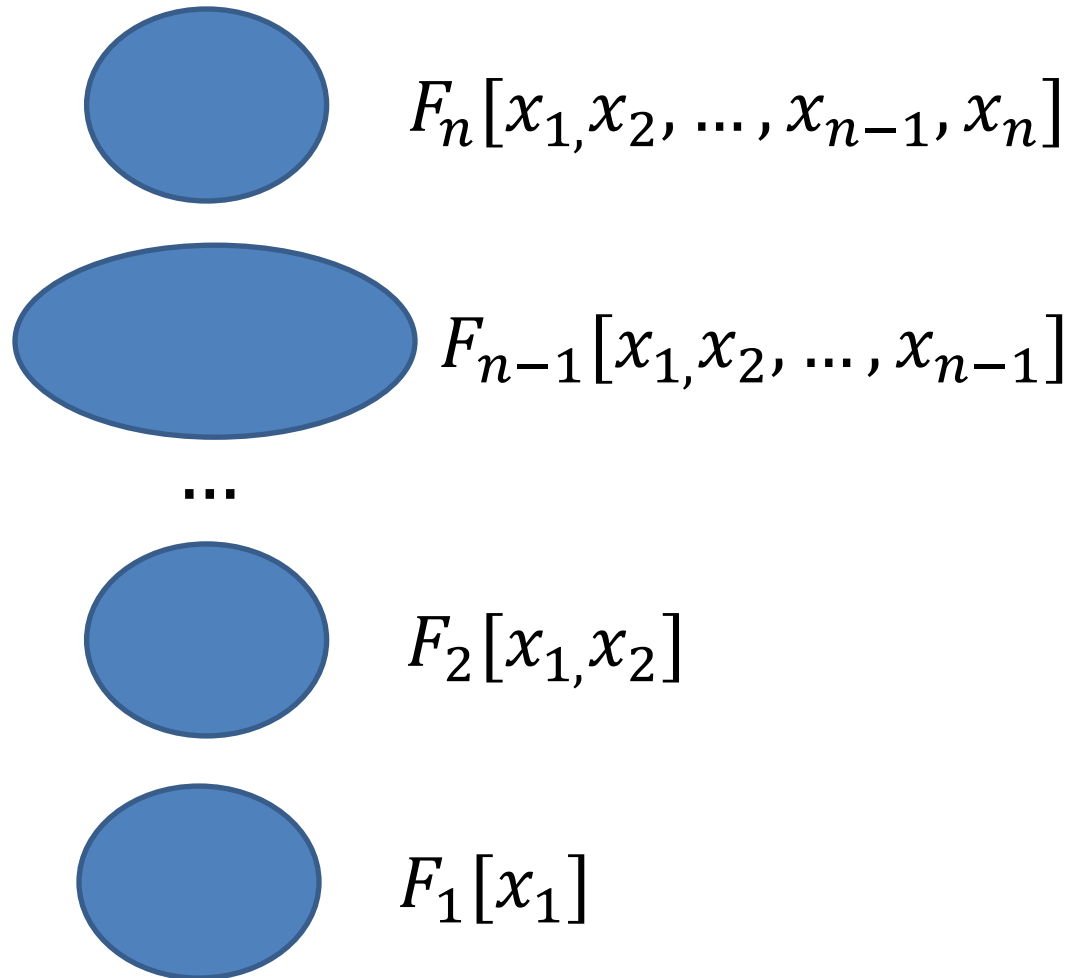


$$F_2[x_1, x_2]$$

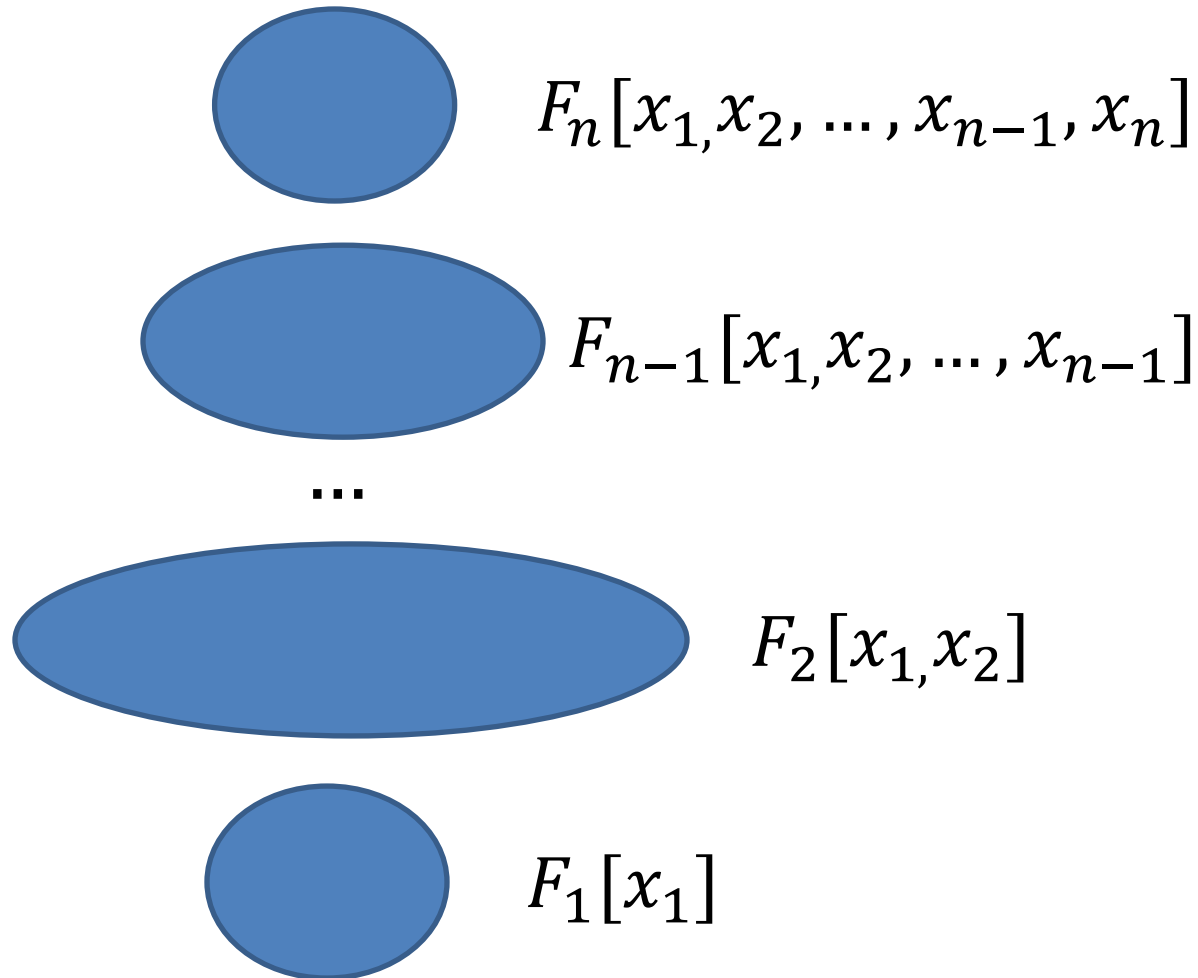


$$F_1[x_1]$$

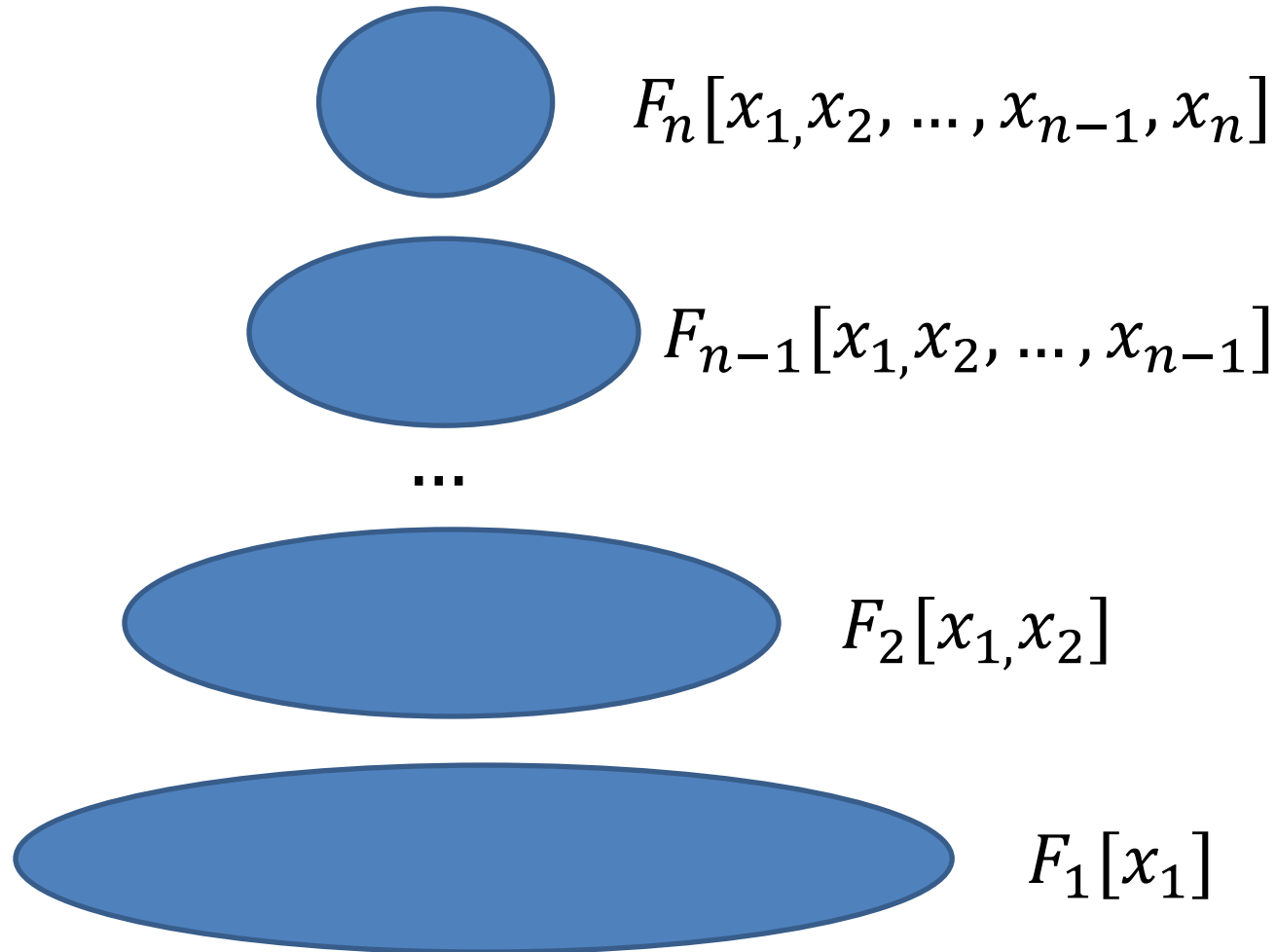
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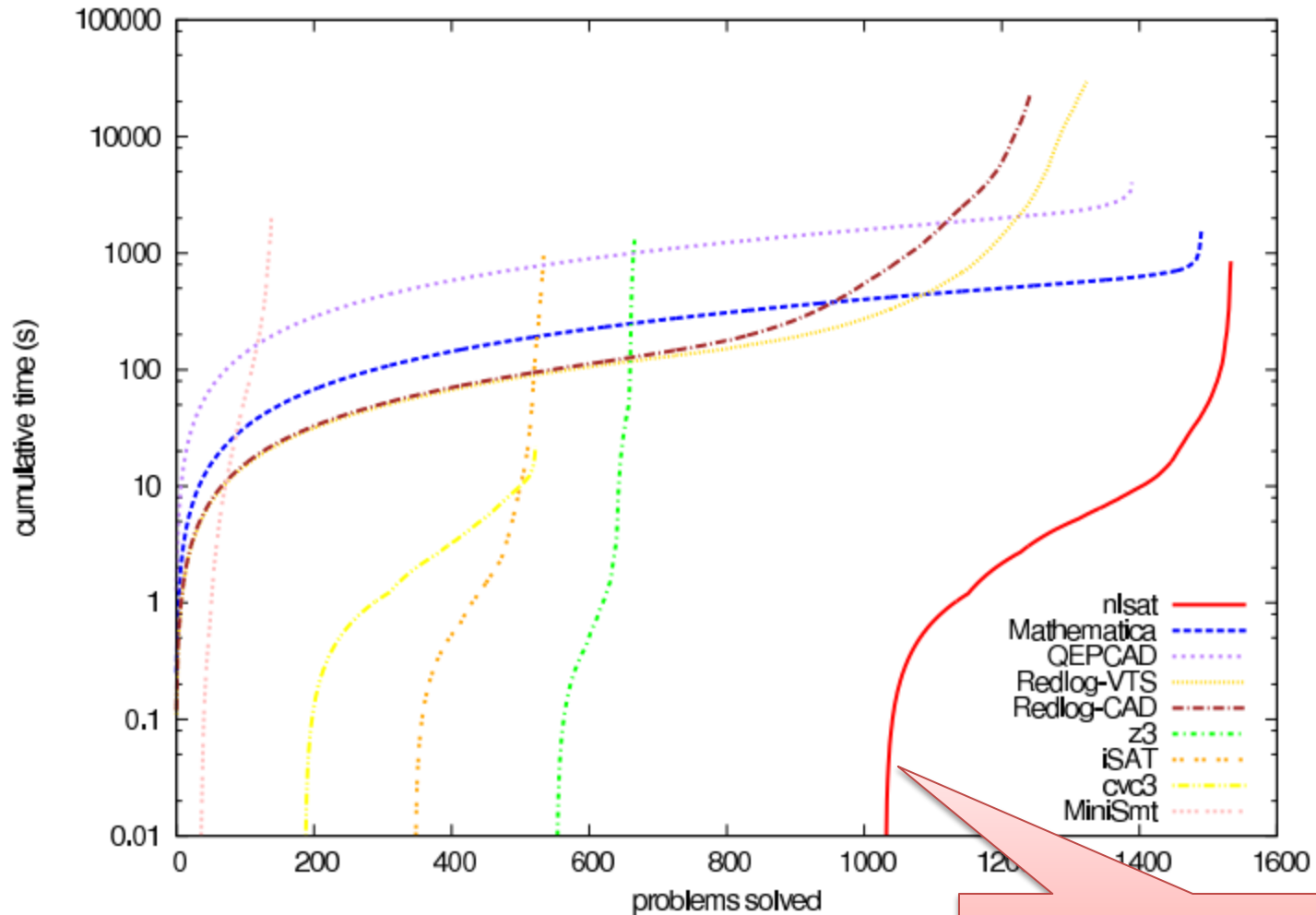


# Experimental Results (1)

OUR NEW ENGINE

	meti-tarski (1006)		keymaera (421)		zankl (166)		hong (20)		kissing (45)		all (1658)	
solver	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)	solved	time (s)
nlsat	1002	343	<b>420</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>234</b>	10	170	13	95	<b>1534</b>	<b>849</b>
Mathematica	<b>1006</b>	<b>796</b>	420	171	50	366	9	208	6	29	1491	1572
QEPCAD	991	2616	368	1331	21	38	6	43	4	5	1390	4036
Redlog-VTS	847	28640	419	78	42	490	6	3	10	275	1324	29488
Redlog-CAD	848	21706	363	730	21	173	6	2	4	0	1242	22613
z3	266	83	379	1216	21	0	1	0	0	0	667	1299
iSAT	203	122	291	16	21	24	<b>20</b>	<b>822</b>	0	0	535	986
cvc3	150	13	361	5	12	3	0	0	0	0	523	22
MiniSmt	40	697	35	0	46	1370	0	0	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	139	2112

# Experimental Results (2)



OUR NEW ENGINE

# NLSAT Bootlenecks

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Partially solved with new data-structure for representing algebraic numbers (CADE-24)

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PSCs (aka Subresultants)  
used in the projection operation

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17775151118729246135103863388881246617666660995187997666751969361497959600261429526762965024955216280099712289835808749268353553329553408 x^532 +  
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Many Applications:

UNSAT Core generation

MaxSAT

Interpolant generation

Introduced in MiniSAT

Implemented in many SMT solvers

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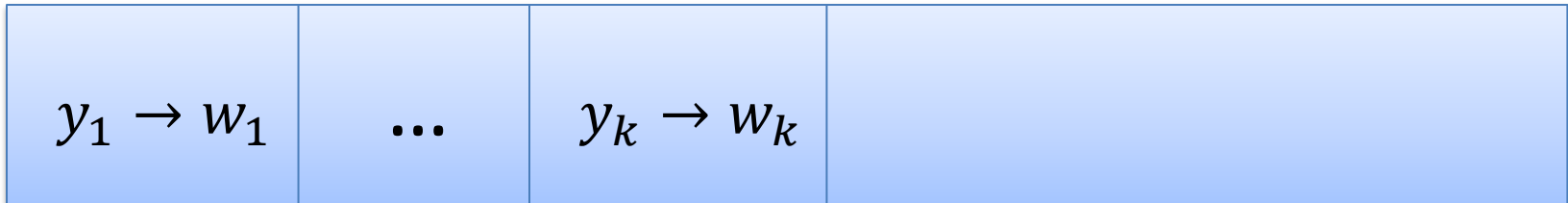
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# No-good sampling

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$$\alpha_2 \in G_1, \quad \text{Check}(F[\bar{x}, \bar{y}], \{y \rightarrow \alpha_2\}) = \text{unsat}(S_2[\bar{y}]), \quad G_2 = G_1 \wedge S_2[\bar{y}],$$

$$\alpha_3 \in G_2, \quad \text{Check}(F[\bar{x}, \bar{y}], \{y \rightarrow \alpha_3\}) = \text{unsat}(S_3[\bar{y}]), \quad G_3 = G_2 \wedge S_3[\bar{y}],$$

...

$$\alpha_n \in G_{n-1}, \quad \text{Check}(F[\bar{x}, \bar{y}], \{y \rightarrow \alpha_n\}) = \text{unsat}(S_n[\bar{y}]), \quad G_n = G_{n-1} \wedge S_n[\bar{y}],$$

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**Finite decomposition property:**

**The sequence is finite**

$G_i$  approximates  
 $\exists \bar{x}, F[\bar{x}, \bar{y}]$

# Computing Interpolants using Extended Check Modulo Assignment

Given:  $A[\bar{x}, \bar{y}] \wedge B[\bar{y}, \bar{z}]$

Output:  $I[\bar{y}]$  s.t.

$$B[\bar{y}, \bar{z}] \Rightarrow I[\bar{y}],$$

$$A[\bar{x}, \bar{y}] \wedge I[\bar{y}] \text{ is unsat}$$

# Computing Interpolants using Extended Check Modulo Assignment

$I[\bar{y}] := true$

Loop

Solve  $A[\bar{x}, \bar{y}] \wedge I[\bar{y}]$

If UNSAT return  $I[\bar{y}]$

Let solution be  $\{\bar{x} \rightarrow \bar{w}, \bar{y} \rightarrow \bar{v}\}$

Check( $B[\bar{y}, \bar{z}], \{\bar{y} \rightarrow \bar{v}\}$ )

If SAT return SAT

$I[\bar{y}] := I[\bar{y}] \wedge S[\bar{y}]$

# Conclusion

Model-Based techniques are very promising

NLSAT source code is available in Z3

<http://z3.codeplex.com>

Extended Check Modulo Assignment

Grant's talk: nonlinear optimization

**New version coming soon**