

# Combining Equational Theories

# Combining Logical Interpreters

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# Combining Decision Procedures

**Satisfiability Problem** : Decide if  $T \models \exists \vec{x} : \phi$ , where

$T$  : theory

$\phi$  : finite conjunction of literals

$\vec{x}$  : all the variables in  $\phi$

**Satisfiability Problem in Combination of Theories** :  $T := T_1 \cup T_2$

## Nelson-Oppen Combination Result

$\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2$  : consistent, stably-infinite theories over disjoint signatures

$T_1(n), T_2(n)$  : time complexity of  $\mathbf{T}_i$ -satisfiability problem

Then,

1.  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2$  is consistent and stably infinite.
2. Time complexity of  $\mathbf{T}$ -satisfiability is  $O(2^{n^2} * (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$ .
3. If  $\mathbf{T}_1$  and  $\mathbf{T}_2$  are convex, then so is  $\mathbf{T}$  and  
 $\mathbf{T}$ -satisfiability is in  $O(n^3 * (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$  time.

## Nelson-Oppen Result: Correctness

The combination procedure:

**Initial State** :  $\phi$  is over  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ .

**Purification** : Transform  $\phi$  to  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  s.t.  $\phi_i$  is over  $\Sigma_i$ .

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

E.g. partition  $\{x_1\}, \{x_2, x_3\}$  is  $x_2 = x_3 \wedge x_1 \neq x_2 \wedge x_1 \neq x_3$ .

**Component Procedures** : Decide if  $\phi_i \wedge \psi$  is  $\mathbf{T}_i$ -satisfiable.

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

Time Complexity:  $O(2^{n^2} * (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$

## NO Deterministic Procedure for Convex Theories

If  $\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2$  are convex, we can **deduce** equalities to be shared.

**Purification** : As before.

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

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

Update  $\phi_2 := \phi_2 \wedge x=y$ . And vice-versa. Repeat until no further changes to get  $\phi_{i\infty}$ .

**Component Procedures** : Decide if  $\phi_{i\infty}$  is satisfiable.

Time Complexity:  $O(\textcolor{red}{n}^3 * (T_1(n) + T_2(n)))$

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## NO: Equational Theory Version

1. Equational theories are always **consistent**.
2. If  $E \cup \{\exists x, y. x \neq y\}$  is consistent, then this theory is also **stably-infinite**.
3. Equational theories are **convex**.
4. Often decision procedures based on standard Knuth-Bendix completion can be used to **deduce** equalities.
5. Therefore, satisfiability procedures can be combined with only a **polynomial factor overhead**.

Satisfiability  $\leftrightarrow$  Uniform Word Problem  $\leftrightarrow$  Completion

## Nelson-Oppen Combination: Constructive Variant

Assumptions:

- $R_1, R_2$ : two convergent presentations (for two disjoint equational theories)
- $\succ$ : Ordering over  $\Sigma_i \cup K$  s.t. constants in  $K$  are minimal
- $Com_i(E, \succ)$ : Completion modulo  $R_i$  of **ground**  $E$  (over  $\Sigma_i \cup K$ )

Then, there is a procedure  $Com(E, \succ)$  that performs completion modulo  $R_1 \cup R_2$  of **ground**  $E$  over  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$

## Constructive NO Procedure

- Purify  $E$ :  $E \mapsto E_1 \cup E_2$ ,  $E_i$  over  $\Sigma_i \cup K$
- Componentwise completion:

$$E_1^{(1)} := \text{Com}_1(E_1, \succ)$$

$$E_2^{(1)} := \text{Com}_2(E_2, \succ)$$

- Share equalities between constants and repeat above step

$$E_1^{(j+1)} := \text{Com}_1(E_1^{(j)} \cup E_2^{(j)}|_K, \succ)$$

$$E_2^{(j+1)} := \text{Com}_2(E_2^{(j)} \cup E_1^{(j)}|_K, \succ)$$

- The final system  $(R_1 \cup R_2) \cup (E_1^\infty \cup E_2^\infty)$  is convergent

Ordering guarantees that equalities among constants are smallest

Hence, they are always generated by the individual completion procedures

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## Application 1: Abstract Congruence Closure

$\Sigma$  : Signature consisting of function symbols and constants

$R$  : empty theory

$E$  : ground equation over  $\Sigma$

We view the **problem of completing  $E$**  as a **combination problem**

$\Sigma = \bigcup_i \Sigma_i$ , disjoint union of singleton  $\Sigma_i$

$R = \bigcup_i R_i$ , empty background theory

We only need  $Com_i(E, \succ)$ .

## Abstract Congruence Closure: Example

$$a = fab, f(fab)b = b$$

$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3, fc_3c_2 \rightarrow c_4$	$c_1 = c_3, c_4 = c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3, fc_3c_2 \rightarrow c_4$	$c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3, fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_4$	$c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3$	$c_4 = c_3, c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3$	$c_2 = c_1, c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_2 \rightarrow c_3$	$c_2 \rightarrow c_1, c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_2$	$fc_1c_1 \rightarrow c_3$	$c_2 \rightarrow c_1, c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_2$
$a \rightarrow c_1$	$b \rightarrow c_1$	$fc_1c_1 \rightarrow c_3$	$c_2 \rightarrow c_1, c_3 \rightarrow c_1, c_4 \rightarrow c_1$

Time Complexity:  $O(n \log(n))$

## Application 2: AC Congruence Closure

$\Sigma$  : Signature consisting of function symbols and constants  
including some **associative-commutative** symbols

$R$  : AC rules for the AC symbols

$E$  : ground equation over  $\Sigma$

We view the problem of completing  $E$  as a combination problem

$\Sigma = \bigcup_i \Sigma_i$ , disjoint union of singleton  $\Sigma_i$

$R = \bigcup_i R_i$ , where  $R_i$  has AC rules if  $\Sigma_i$  contains an AC symbol  
and it is the empty background theory otherwise

We only  $Com_i(E, \succ)$  for one AC symbol  $f$ .

## Completion for one AC symbol

Example: Use notation  $c_1^2 c_2$  for  $f(c_1, f(c_1, c_2))$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{c_1^2 c_2 = c_2, \quad c_1 c_2^2 = c_2}{c_1^2 c_2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2^2 \rightarrow c_2} \\ \frac{c_1^2 c_2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2^2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_2^2 = c_1 c_2}{c_1^2 c_2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2^2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 = c_2^2} \\ \frac{c_1^2 c_2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2^2 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 = c_2^2}{c_1 c_2^2 = c_2, \quad c_2^3 = c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 \rightarrow c_2^2} \\ \frac{c_1 c_2^2 = c_2, \quad c_2^3 = c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 \rightarrow c_2^2}{c_2^3 \rightarrow c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 \rightarrow c_2^2} \end{array}$$

Use of total-degree lex ordering important for combination

## Application 3: UF + AC(U) + Polynomial Rings

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_F \cup \Sigma_{AC} \cup \Sigma_{ACU} \cup \Sigma_{GB}$$

$R$  = Convergent presentation for polynomial rings + AC rules

$E$  = Ground equations over  $\Sigma$

We again view the problem of completing  $E$  (modulo  $R$ ) as a combination problem

We get  $Com(E, \succ)$  by combining:

- abstract congruence closure for equations on  $\Sigma_F$
- $AC(U)$  congruence closure for equations on each  $f \in \Sigma_{AC(U)}$
- Gröbner basis algorithm for equations over  $\Sigma_{GB}$

Since each theory is convex and stably-infinite, we get a polynomial time combination over the individual theories.

## Gröbner Basis Example

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline xy - x = 0, \quad x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1 \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad x * x = y * (x + 1) \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad x^2 \rightarrow xy + y \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad x + 1 = xy + y \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad xy \rightarrow x - y + 1 \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad x = x - y + 1 \\ \hline xy \rightarrow x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad y \rightarrow 1 \\ \hline x = x, \quad x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad y \rightarrow 1 \\ \hline x^2 \rightarrow x + 1, \quad y \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

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# Abstract Interpretation

Interpreting program over abstract values from domain  $D$  with partial order  $\sqsubseteq$

```
[ true ]  
1 x := 0; y := 0; z := n;  
[ x = 0 ]  
2 while (*) {  
    [ x = 0 ∨ x ≥ 0 = (x ≥ 0) ]  
    3 if (*) {  
        4 x++; z--; [ x ≥ 0 ]  
    5 } else {  
        6 y++; z--; [ x = 0 ]  
    7 }  
    [ x ≥ 0 ]  
8 }
```

Domain  $D$ :

*false*,  $x \leq 0$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  
*true*,  $x \geq 0$

Partial Order  $\sqsubseteq$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x = 0 &\sqsubseteq x \geq 0 \\x = 0 &\sqsubseteq x \leq 0 \\false &\sqsubseteq d \\d &\sqsubseteq true\end{aligned}$$

## Logical Abstract Interpretation

$D$ : logical formulas  $E$  theory  $\mathbf{T}$

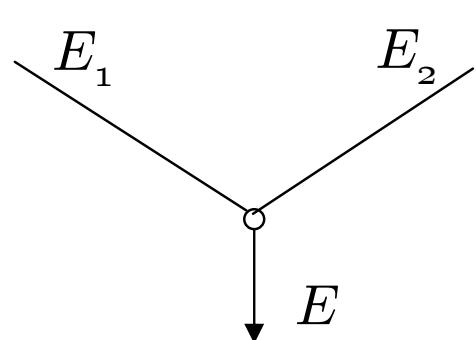
$\sqsubseteq$ : logical implication,  $E \sqsubseteq E'$  iff  $E \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E'$

Examples of logical interpretation:

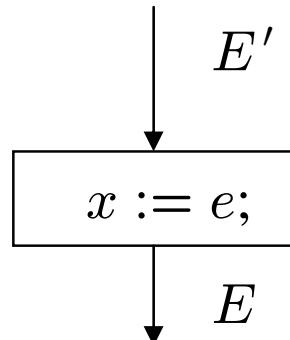
- $D$  consists of finite conjunctions of atomic facts over  $\mathbf{T}$ .
  - Linear Arithmetic
  - Uninterpreted Functions
  - Combination of Linear Arithmetic and Uninterpreted Functions
- $D$  consists of universally quantified formulas over  $\mathbf{T}$ .

# Transfer Functions for Logical AI

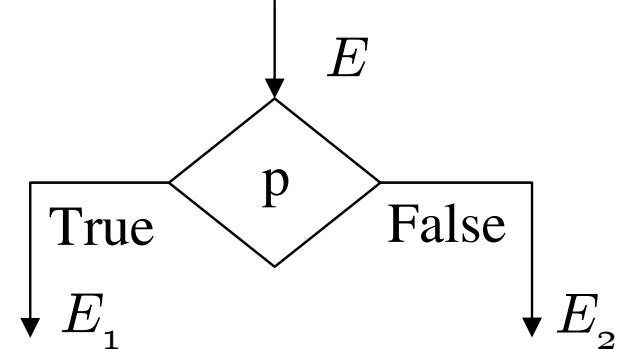
Transfer functions compute abstract facts at each program point from facts at preceding program points



(a) Join Node



(b) Assignment Node



(c) Conditional Node

Join :  $E := E_1 \sqcup E_2$

Assignment :  $E := \exists x' : (E'[x'/x] \wedge x = e)$

Conditional :  $E_1 := E \wedge p, E_2 := E \wedge \neg p$

## Logical Domain

$D$  : Class of formulas using  $\mathbf{T}$ -symbols and the program variables

$E \sqsubseteq E'$  :  $E \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E'$

$E_1 \lceil \vee \rceil E_2$  : least upper bound of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  in  $D$

least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $E_1 \sqsubseteq E, E_2 \sqsubseteq E$

least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $E_1 \vee E_2 \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E$

$\lceil \exists \rceil x : E'$  : least upper bound of  $\{E \mid E' \sqsubseteq E, x \notin \mathcal{V}(E)\}$

least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $\exists x : E' \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E$

## Logical Abstract Interpreter

**Initialize** : Assign an abstract fact to each program point

- *true* to the program entry point
- *false* to all other program points

**Propagate** : Use transfer functions to update facts at each program point

**Terminate** : Upon reaching a fixpoint

Require operators for over-approximating disjunction and existential quantifier elimination, and for deciding logical implication

## Linear Arithmetic Logical Domain

The linear arithmetic logical domain:

$D$  : conjunction of linear equations over program variables

$E \sqsubseteq E'$  :  $E \Rightarrow_{LA} E'$

$E_1 \lceil \vee \rceil E_2$  : least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $E_1 \vee E_2 \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E$

$\lceil \exists \rceil x : E'$  : least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $\exists x : E' \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}} E$

Examples:

$$(x = 0 \wedge y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1) \lceil \vee \rceil x = 1 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n - 1 = x + y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1$$

$$(x + y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1) \lceil \vee \rceil x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n = x + y + z = n$$

$$\lceil \exists \rceil x', z' : (x' + y + z' = n \wedge x = x' + 1 \wedge z = z' - 1) = x + y + z = n$$

# Linear Arithmetic Abstract Interpreter

```
[ true ]  
1 x := 0; y := 0; z := n;  
[ x = 0 ∧ y = 0 ∧ z = n ]  
2 while (*) {  
    [ (x = 0 ∧ y = 0 ∧ z = n) ∨ (x + y = 1 ∧ z = n - 1) ]  
3     if (*) {  
4         x := x+1;  
5         z := z-1; [ (x = 1 ∧ y = 0 ∧ z = n - 1) ]  
6     } else {  
7         y := y+1;  
8         z := z-1; [ (x = 0 ∧ y = 1 ∧ z = n - 1) ]  
9     }  
    [ (x + y = 1 ∧ z = n - 1) ]  
10 }
```

## Uninterpreted Functions Logical Domain

The uninterpreted functions logical domain:

$D$  : conjunction of equations over UF and program variables

$E \sqsubseteq E'$  :  $E \Rightarrow_{UF} E'$

$E_1 \lceil \vee \rceil E_2$  : least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $E_1 \vee E_2 \Rightarrow_{UF} E$

$\lceil \exists \rceil x : E'$  : least  $E \in D$  s.t.  $\exists x : E' \Rightarrow_{UF} E$

Examples:

$$(u = c \wedge v = c) \lceil \vee \rceil u = F(c) \wedge v = F(c) = u = v$$

$$\lceil \exists \rceil u', v' : (u' = v' \wedge u = F(u') \wedge v = F(v')) = u = v$$

## Uninterpreted Functions Abstract Interpreter

```
[ true ]  
1 u := c; v := c;  
[ u = c ∧ v = c ]  
2 while (*) {  
    [ (u = c ∧ v = c) ∨ (u = F(c) ∧ v = F(c)) ]  
3     u := F(u);  
4     v := F(v);  
    [ (u = F(c) ∧ v = F(c)) ]  
5 }  
6 [ u = v ]
```

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# Combining Abstract Interpreters: Motivation

<pre>x := 0; y := 0; u := 0; v := 0; while (*) {     x := u + 1;     y := 1 + v;     u := F(x);     v := F(y); } assert( x = y )</pre>	<pre>x:= c; y := c; u := c; v := c; while (*) {     x := G(u, 1);     y := G(1, v);     u := F(x);     v := F(y); } assert( x = y )</pre>	<pre>x:= 0; y := 0; u := 0; v := 0; while (*) {     x := u + 1;     y := 1 + v;     u := *;     v := *; } assert( x = y )</pre>
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$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{LA} \cup \Sigma_{UF}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_{LA} + \mathbf{T}_{UF}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{UF}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_{UF}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{LA}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_{LA}$$

## Combining Logical Lattices

Combining abstract interpreters is not easy [Cousot76]

Given logical lattices  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ :

- **Direct product:**  $\langle L_1 \times L_2, \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_1} \times \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_2} \rangle$
- **Reduced product:**  $\langle L_1 \times L_2, \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2} \rangle$
- **Logical+ product:**  $\langle \text{Infinite* conjunctions of } AF(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, \mathcal{V}), \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2} \rangle$
- **Logical product:**  
 $\langle \text{Conjunctions of } AF(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, \mathcal{V}), \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2} \text{ with some restriction} \rangle$

# Different Kinds of Combinations

Kind	Lattice elements	Lattice Preorder	Can verify
Logical+	Inf conj of atm facts in $T_1 \cup T_2$	$\Rightarrow_{T_1 \cup T_2}$	1,2, 3 , 4
Logical	conj of atm facts in $T_1 \cup T_2$	$\Rightarrow_{\overline{T_1} \cup T_2}$	1,2, 3
Reduced	$L_1 \times L_2$	$\Rightarrow_{T_1 \cup T_2}$	1,2
Direct	$L_1 \times L_2$	$\Rightarrow_{T_1} \times \Rightarrow_{T_2}$	1

```

if  (* )
    x := 1;  y := F(1);  z := G(2);
else
    x := 4;  y := F(8-x);  z := G(5);

```

Assertions:  $x \geq 1$ ,  $y = F(x)$ ,  $z = G(x + 1)$  ,  
 $H(x) + H(5 - x) = H(1) + H(4)$

## Issues in Combining Logical Lattices

Why not use the logical+ product?

The logical+ product is undesirable for two reasons:

1. Join may contain infinite atoms

$$\begin{aligned}(x = 0 \wedge y = 1) \sqcup (x = 1 \wedge y = 0) \\= x + y = 1 \wedge C[x] + C[y] = C[0] + C[1]\end{aligned}$$

2. Combination can be hard (later)

## Logical Product

Given two logical lattices, we define the **logical product** as:

elements : conjunction  $\phi$  of atomic formulas in  $T_1 \cup T_2$

$E \lceil \Rightarrow \rfloor E'$  :  $E \Rightarrow_{T_1 \cup T_2} E'$  and  $\text{AlienTerms}(E') \subseteq \text{Terms}(E)$

$\text{AlienTerms}(E)$  = subterms in  $E$  that belong to different theory

$\text{Terms}(E)$  = all subterms in  $E$ , plus all terms equivalent  
to these subterms (in  $T_1 \cup T_2 \cup E$ )

Eg.  $\{x = F(a + 1), y = a\} \lceil \vee \rfloor \{x = F(b + 1), y = b\} = \{x = F(y + 1)\} \because$

$$x = F(a + 1) \wedge y = a \Rightarrow x = F(y + 1)$$

$$x = F(b + 1) \wedge y = b \Rightarrow x = F(y + 1)$$

$$x = F(\underline{a + 1}) \wedge y = a \Rightarrow y + 1 = \underline{a + 1}$$

$$x = F(\underline{b + 1}) \wedge y = b \Rightarrow y + 1 = \underline{b + 1}$$

## Logical Product

- Includes only those atomic facts in the least upper bound of  $E$  and  $E'$  whose alien terms occur semantically in both elements  $E$  and  $E'$
- Is more powerful than direct product and reduced product
- Allows us to combine the abstract interpreters modularly in some cases

We will discuss how to combine the abstract interpretation operations

## Combining the Preorder Test

Required for testing convergence of fixpoint

$E \lfloor \Rightarrow \rfloor E'$  iff

1.  $\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2 \models E \Rightarrow E'$
2.  $\text{AlienTerms}(E') \subseteq \text{Terms}(E)$

So, the crucial problem is (1)

Nelson-Oppen Combination Procedure can solve (1)

Works for convex, stably-infinite, disjoint theories

## Combining Join Operator

Given procedures to compute:

$$E_l \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_1} E_r$$

$$E_l \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_2} E_r$$

We wish to compute  $E_l \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2} E_r$

Example.

$$\{z + 1 = a, y = f(a)\} \lceil \vee \rceil_{UF+LA} \{z = b - 1, y = f(b)\} = \{y = f(1 + z)\}$$

## Combining Join Operators

$L_{12} \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_{12}} R_{12} =$

1.  $\langle L_1, L_2 \rangle :=$  Purify and Saturate  $L_{12}$ ;  
 $\langle R_1, R_2 \rangle :=$  Purify and Saturate  $R_{12}$ ;
2.  $D_L := \bigwedge \{v_i = \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \mid v_i \in \mathcal{V}(L_1, L_2), v_j \in \mathcal{V}(R_1, R_2)\};$   
 $D_R := \bigwedge \{v_j = \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \mid v_i \in \mathcal{V}(L_1, L_2), v_j \in \mathcal{V}(R_1, R_2)\};$
3.  $L'_1 := L_1 \wedge D_L; R'_1 := R_1 \wedge D_R;$   
 $L'_2 := L_2 \wedge D_L; R'_2 := R_2 \wedge D_R;$
4.  $A_1 := L'_1 \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_1} R'_1;$   
 $A_2 := L'_2 \lceil \vee \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_2} R'_2;$
5.  $V := \mathcal{V}(A_1, A_2) -$  Program Variables;  
 $A_{12} := \lceil \exists \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_{12}} (A_1 \wedge A_2, V);$
6. Return  $A_{12};$

# Combining Join Operators

$$z = a - 1, y = f(a)$$

$$z = b - 1, y = f(b)$$

Purify+NOSat     $z = a - 1 \quad y = f(a) \quad z = b - 1 \quad y = f(b)$

LR-Exchange     $a = \langle a, b \rangle \quad a = \langle a, b \rangle \quad b = \langle a, b \rangle \quad b = \langle a, b \rangle$

Base Joins

$$\lceil \vee \rceil_{LA}$$

$$\lceil \vee \rceil_{UF}$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = 1 + z \quad y = f(\langle a, b \rangle)$$

Quant Elim

$$\lceil \exists \rceil_{UF+LA}$$

Return

$$y = f(1 + z)$$

# Combining Existential Quantifier Elimination

Required to compute **transfer function** for assignments

$E = [\exists]_T V : E'$  if  $E$  is the least element s.t.

- $E' \lceil \Rightarrow \rfloor_T E$
- $\mathcal{V}(E) \cap V = \emptyset$

Examples:

- $[\exists]_{LA}(\{x < a, a < y\}, \{a\}) = \{x \leq y\}$
- $[\exists]_{UF}(\{x = f(a), y = f(f(a))\}, \{a\}) = \{y = f(x)\}$
- $[\exists]_{LA+UF}(\{a < b < y, z = c + 1, a = ffb, c = fb\}, \{a, b, c\}) = \{f(z - 1) \leq y\}$

How to construct  $[\exists]_{LA+UF}$  using  $[\exists]_{LA}$  and  $[\exists]_{UF}$ ?

## Combining $\lceil \exists \rceil$ Operators

$\lceil \exists \rceil_{\mathbf{T}_{12}} V : E_{12}$

1.  $\langle E_1, E_2 \rangle := \text{Purify and Saturate } E_{12};$
2.  $\langle D, \text{Defs} \rangle := \text{DefSaturate}(E_1, E_2, V \cup \text{TempVars});$
3.  $V' := V \cup \text{TempVars} - D;$   
 $E'_1 := \lceil \exists \rceil_{T_1} V' : E_1;$   
 $E'_2 := \lceil \exists \rceil_{T_2} V' : E_2;$
4.  $E := (E'_1 \wedge E'_2)[\text{Defs}(y)/y];$
5. Return  $E;$

$\text{DefSaturate}(E_1, E_2, U)$  returns the set of all variables  $D$  that have definitions  $\text{Defs}$  in terms of variables not in  $U$  as implied by  $E_1 \wedge E_2$

# Combining $\exists$ Operators

Problem

$$a < b < y, z = c + 1, a = ffb, c = fb$$

$$\{a, b, c\}$$

Purify+NOSat

$$a < b < y, z = c + 1$$

$$a = ffb, c = fb$$

QSat

$$\rightarrow \quad c \mapsto z - 1$$

QSat

$$a \mapsto fc \quad \leftarrow$$

Base  $\exists$

$$\exists_{LA} b$$

$$\exists_{UF} b$$

$$a < y, z = c + 1$$

$$a = fc$$

Substitute

$$c \mapsto z - 1, a \mapsto fc$$

Return

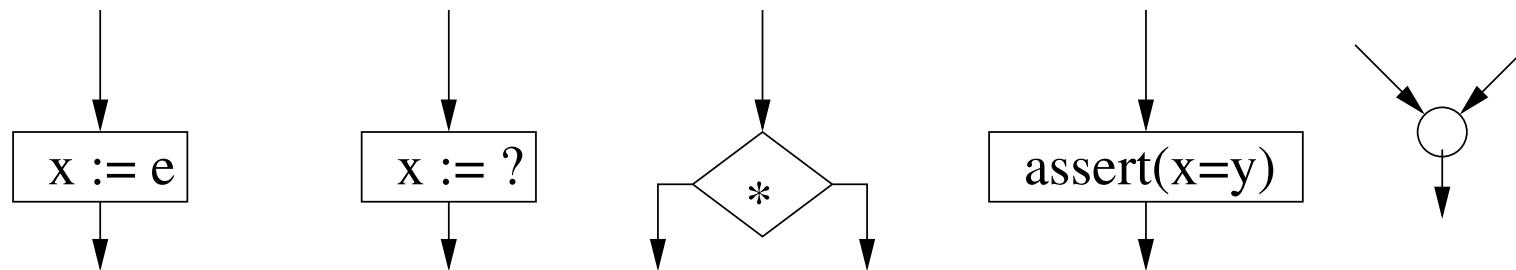
$$f(z - 1) < y$$

# Outline

- Combining Decision Procedures
  - Nelson-Oppen Combination Result
  - Constructive Version of the Nelson-Oppen Combination
  - Abstract Congruence Closure + AC Congruence Closure + Polynomial Rings
- Combining Abstract Interpreters
  - Logical Abstract Interpretation
  - Combining Logical Interpreters
  - Hardness of Combination

# Assertion Checking Problem

Verify that an assertion is an invariant in a program:



Choices for underlying theory:

Linear Arithmetic :  $e := y \mid c \mid e_1 \pm e_2 \mid ce$

Uninterpreted :  $e := y \mid F(e_1, e_2)$

Combination :  $e := y \mid c \mid e_1 \pm e_2 \mid ce \mid F(e_1, e_2)$

## Complexity of Assertion Checking Problem

With interpreted conditionals, it is undecidable

Theory	Complexity	Method
Linear Arithmetic	PTime	Logical AI over LA [Karr 76]
Uninterpreted	PTime	Logical AI over UF [GN 04]
Combination	coNP hard	

Logical AI over Logical+ product can not be combined efficiently.

## coNP-hardness: Checking Disjunctive Assertions

$\psi$ : boolean 3-SAT instance with  $m$  clauses and  $k$  variables

$x_i := 0$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

for  $i = 1$  to  $k$  do

if (\*) then

$x_j := 1$ ,  $\forall j$ : variable  $i$  occurs positively in clause  $j$

else

$x_j := 1$ ,  $\forall j$ : variable  $i$  occurs negatively in clause  $j$

$sum := x_1 + \dots + x_m$

assert( $sum = 0 \vee \dots \vee sum = m - 1$ )

Assertion is valid IFF  $\psi$  is unsatisfiable

## coNP-hardness of Assertion Checking

**Key Idea:** Disjunctive assertion can be encoded in the combination.

$$x = a \vee x = b \Leftrightarrow F(a) + F(b) = F(x) + F(a + b - x)$$

Using this **recursively**, we can write an assertion (atomic formula) which holds iff  $x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee \dots \vee x = m - 1$  holds.

For e.g., encoding for  $x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee x = 2$  is obtained by encoding

$$Fx = F2 \vee Fx = F0 + F1 - F(1 - x):$$

$$F(F0 + F1 - F(1 - x)) + FF2 = FFx + F(F0 + F1 + F2 - F(1 - x) - Fx)$$

## Conclusions

- We can combine completion procedures using a constructive variant of NO result
- Logical lattices are good candidates for thinking about and building abstract interpreters.
  - Logical product is more powerful than direct or reduced product
  - Operations on logical lattices can be modularly combined to yield operations for logical products
  - Using ideas from the classical Nelson-Oppen combination method
- The assertion checking problem on logical+ product of two logical lattices can be hard, even when it is in PTime for the component logical lattices