

# Course “An Introduction to SAT and SMT”

## Chapter 2: Satisfiability Modulo Theories

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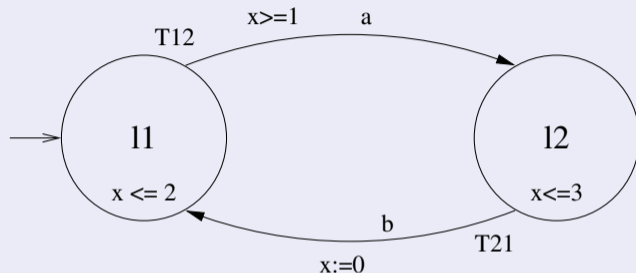
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# Some Motivating Applications

Interest in SMT triggered by some real-world applications

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- Planning with Resources
- Temporal reasoning
- Scheduling
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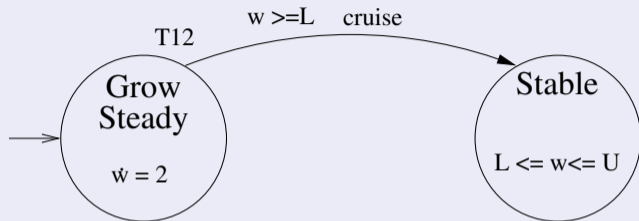
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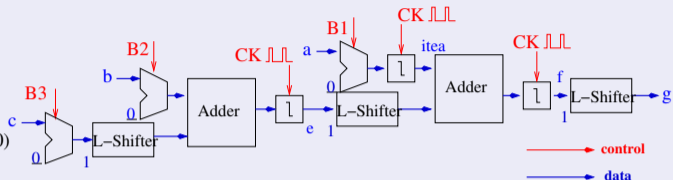
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# Verification of HW circuit designs & microcode

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- SAT/SMT-based **Model Checking & Equiv. Checking** of RTL designs, **symbolic simulation** of  $\mu$ -code [25, 22, 42]
  - **Control paths** handled by Boolean reasoning
  - **Data paths** information abstracted into theory-specific terms
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...
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# Verification of SW systems

```
...  
10. i = 0;  
11. acc = 0.0;  
12. while (i < dim) {  
13.   acc += V[i];  
14.   i++;  
15. }  
...
```

```
...  
(pc = 10) → ((i' = 0) ∧ (pc' = 11))  
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```
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(MaxFuel)                $\wedge$  // fuel constraint
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(GoodTrip  $\rightarrow$  Deliver)  $\wedge$  // a good trip requires
(GoodTrip  $\rightarrow$  AllLoaded)  $\wedge$  // a full delivery
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```

## (Disjunctive) Temporal Reasoning [78, 2]

- Temporal reasoning problems encoded as disjunctions of difference constraints

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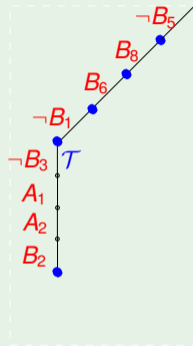
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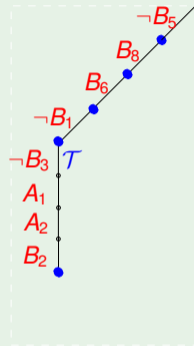
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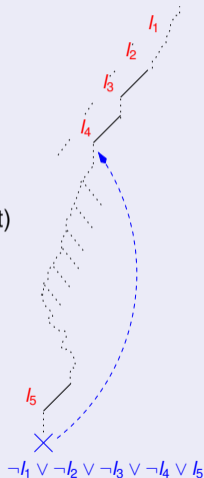
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# $\mathcal{T}$ -Backjumping & $\mathcal{T}$ -learning [50, 81, 3, 8, 35]

- Similar to Boolean backjumping & learning
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- If so, the  **$\mathcal{T}$ -conflict clause**  $C := \neg\eta$  is used to drive the backjumping & learning mechanism of the SAT solver  
⇒ lots of search saved
- **the less redundant is  $\eta$ , the more search is saved**

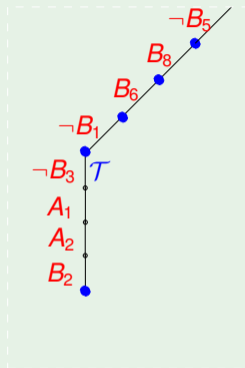


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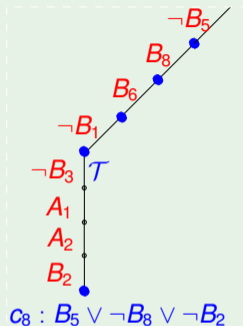


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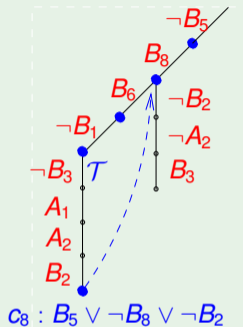
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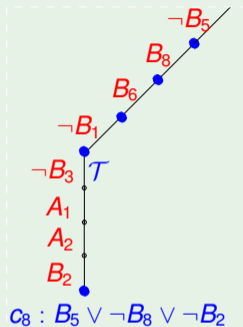


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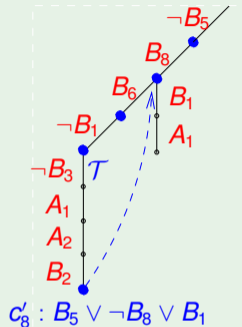
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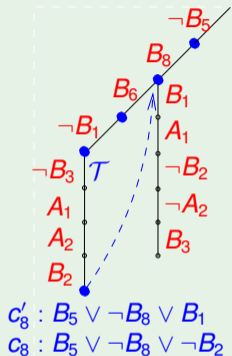


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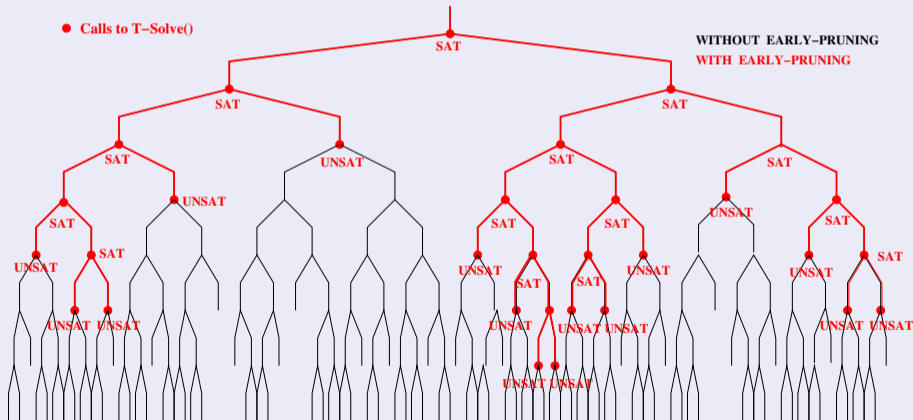
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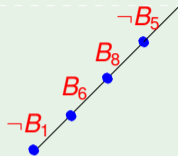
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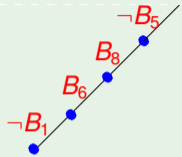
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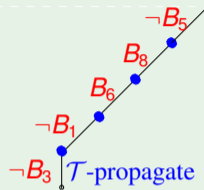
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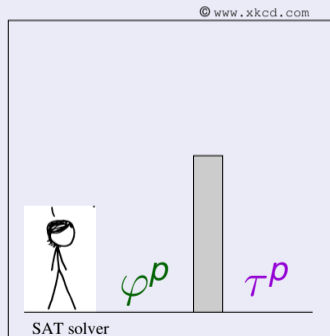
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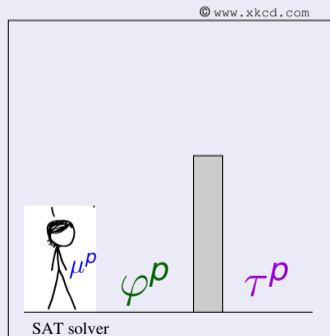
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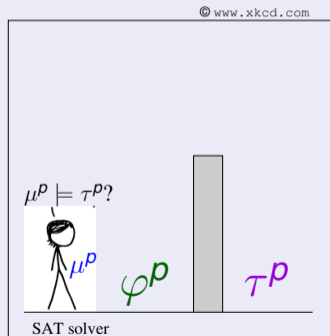
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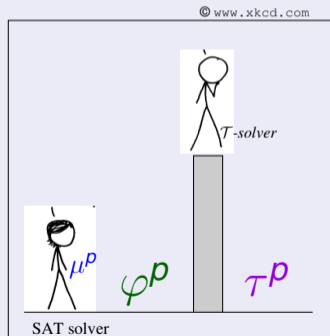
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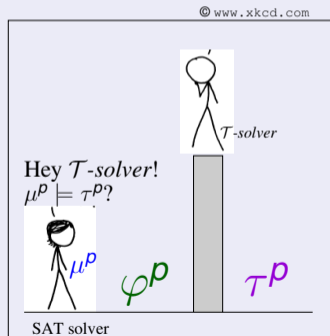
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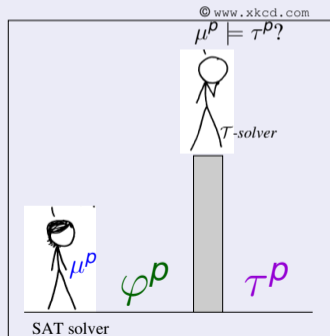
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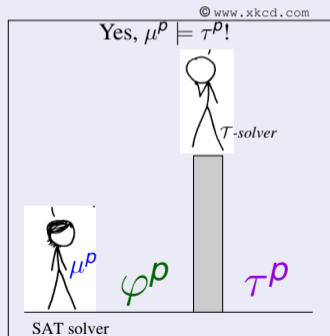
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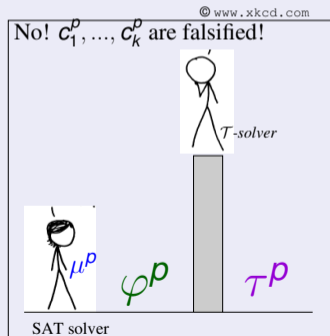
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$\tau$  : (all possible  $\mathcal{T}$ -lemmas on the  $\mathcal{T}$ -atoms of  $\varphi$ )

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$c_6$  :  $\{\neg(y - z \leq 1) \vee (x + y = 1) \vee \neg A_5\}$

$c_7$  :  $\{A_3 \vee \neg(x + y = 0) \vee A_2\}$

$c_8$  :  $\{\neg A_3 \vee (z + y = 2)\}$

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# Exercise

Consider the following formula in the theory  $\mathcal{EUF}$ .

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and consider the partial truth assignment  $\mu$  given by the underlined literals above:

$$\{\neg(w(x) = g(f(y))), \neg A_2, \neg(h(x, g(z) = h(f(x), y))), (x = f(x)), (y = g(z))\}.$$

- 1 Does (the Boolean abstraction of)  $\mu$  propositionally satisfy (the Boolean abstraction of)  $\varphi$ ?
- 2 Is  $\mu$  satisfiable in  $\mathcal{EUF}$ ?
  - 1 If no, find a minimal conflict set for  $\mu$  and the corresponding conflict clause  $C$ .
  - 2 If yes, show one unassigned literal which can be deduced from  $\mu$ , and show the corresponding deduction clause  $C$ .



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## Summary: desirable properties for $\mathcal{T}$ -solver

- Correctness & Completeness: be correct & complete
- Time efficiency: be fast
- Incrementality & backtrackability:  $\mathcal{T}\text{-solver}(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)$  reuses computation of  $\mathcal{T}\text{-solver}(\mu_1)$
- Diagnosis capabilities:  $\mathcal{T}\text{-solver}$  able to produce conflict sets
- Deduction capabilities:  $\mathcal{T}\text{-solver}$  able to deduce assignments

# $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for Equality and Uninterpreted Functions ( $\mathcal{EUF}$ )

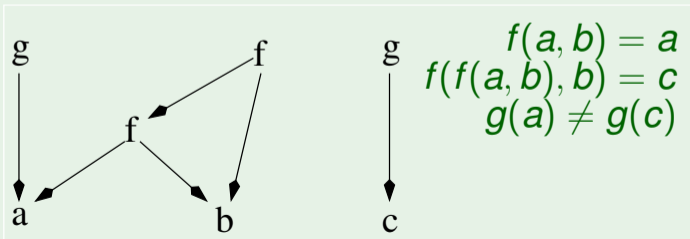
- Typically used as a “core”  $\mathcal{T}$ -solver
- $\mathcal{EUF}$  polynomial:  $O(n \cdot \log(n))$
- Fully incremental and backtrackable (stack-based)
- Uses a congruence closure data structures (**E-Graphs**) [39, 64, 34],
  - based on the Union-Find data-structure for equivalence classes
- Supports efficient  $\mathcal{T}$ -propagation
  - Exhaustive for positive equalities
  - Incomplete for disequalities
- Supports Lazy explanations and conflict generation
  - However, minimality not guaranteed
- Supports efficient extensions  
(e.g., Integer offsets, Bit-vector slicing and concatenation)

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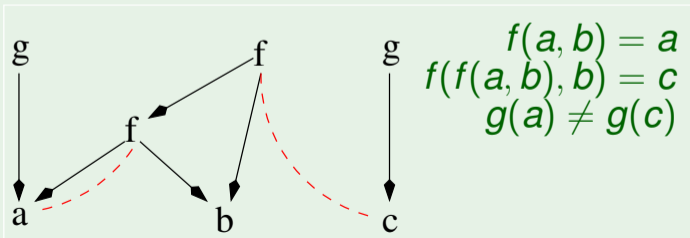
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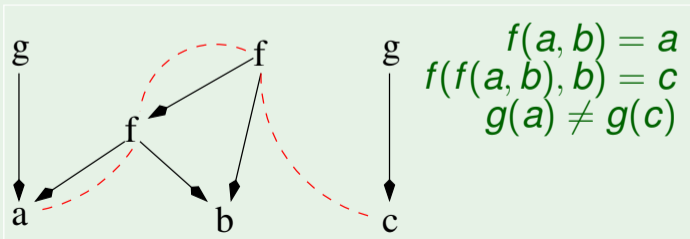
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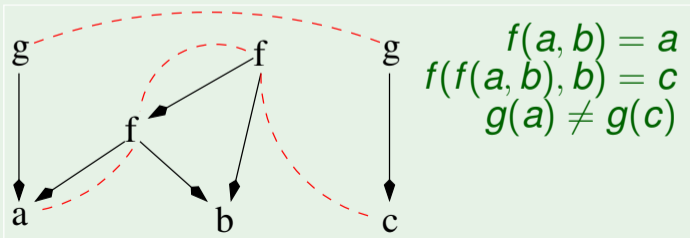
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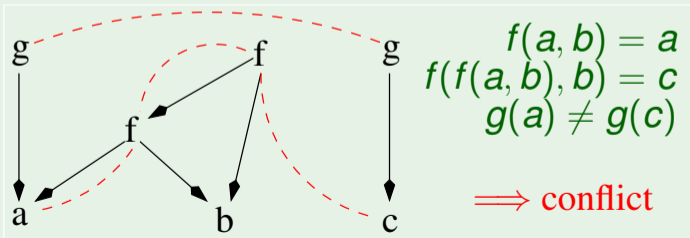
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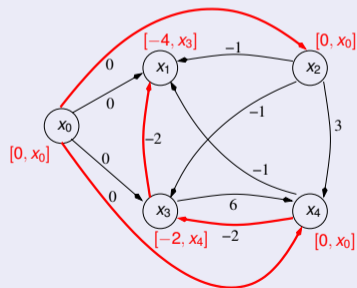
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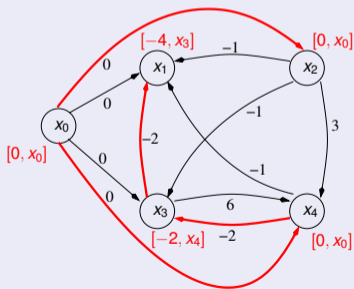


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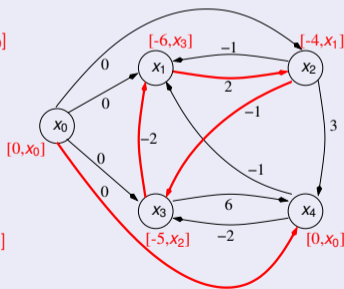
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# $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for Linear arithmetic over the rationals ( $\mathcal{LRA}$ )

- EX:  $\{(s_1 - s_2 \leq 5.2), (s_1 = s_0 + 3.4 \cdot t - 3.4 \cdot t_0), \neg(s_1 = s_0)\}$
- $\mathcal{LRA}$  polynomial
- variants of the simplex LP algorithm [41]
- [41] allows for detecting conflict sets & performing  $\mathcal{T}$ -propagation
- strict inequalities  $t < 0$  rewritten as  $t + \epsilon \leq 0$ ,  $\epsilon$  treated symbolically

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{B} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \dots & A_{1j} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \\ A_{i1} & \dots & A_{ij} & \dots & A_{iM} \\ & \vdots & & & \\ \dots & A_{Nj} & \dots \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{N} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_j \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \end{array} \right] \end{array};$$

Invariant:  $\beta(x_j) \in [l_j, u_j] \forall x_j \in \mathcal{N}$

## Remark: infinite precision arithmetic

In order to avoid incorrect results due to numerical errors and to overflows, all  $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for  $\mathcal{LRA}$ ,  $\mathcal{LIA}$  and their subtheories which are based on numerical algorithms must be implemented on top of infinite-precision-arithmetic software packages.

# $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for Linear arithmetic over the integers ( $\mathcal{LIA}$ )

- EX:  $\{(x := x_l + 2^{16}x_h), (x \geq 0), (x \leq 2^{16} - 1)\}$
- $\mathcal{LIA}$  NP-complete
- combination of many techniques: simplex, branch&bound, cutting planes, ... [41, 47]

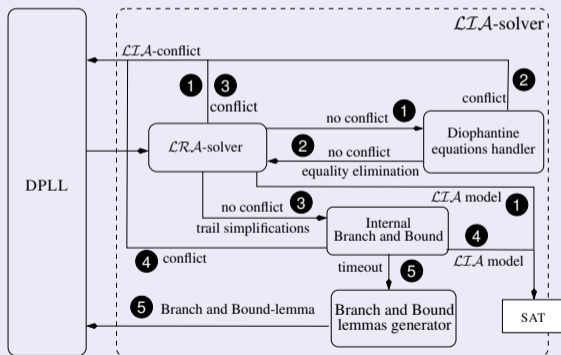


Figure courtesy of A. Griggio [47]

# $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for Arrays ( $\mathcal{AR}$ )

- EX:  $(write(A, i, v) = write(B, i, w)) \wedge \neg(v = w)$
- NP-complete
- congruence closure ( $\mathcal{EUF}$ ) plus on-the-fly instantiation of array's axioms:

$$\forall a. \forall i. \forall e. (read(write(a, i, e), i) = e), \quad (1)$$

$$\forall a. \forall i. \forall j. \forall e. ((i \neq j) \rightarrow read(write(a, i, e), j) = read(a, j)), \quad (2)$$

$$\forall a. \forall b. (\forall i. (read(a, i) = read(b, i)) \rightarrow (a = b)). \quad (3)$$

- EX:

*Input* :  $(write(A, i, v) = write(B, i, w)) \wedge \neg(v = w)$

*inst.* (1) :  $(read(write(A, i, v), i) = v)$   
 $(read(write(B, i, w), i) = w)$

$\models_{\mathcal{EUF}} (v = w)$

$\models_{Bool} \perp$

- many strategies discussed in the literature (e.g., [39, 46, 20, 38])

# $\mathcal{T}$ -solvers for Bit vectors ( $\mathcal{BV}$ )

## Bit vectors ( $\mathcal{BV}$ )

- EX:  $\{(x_{[16]}[15 : 0] = (y_{[16]}[15 : 8] :: z_{[16]}[7 : 0]) \ll w_{[16]}[3 : 0]), \dots\}$
- NP-hard
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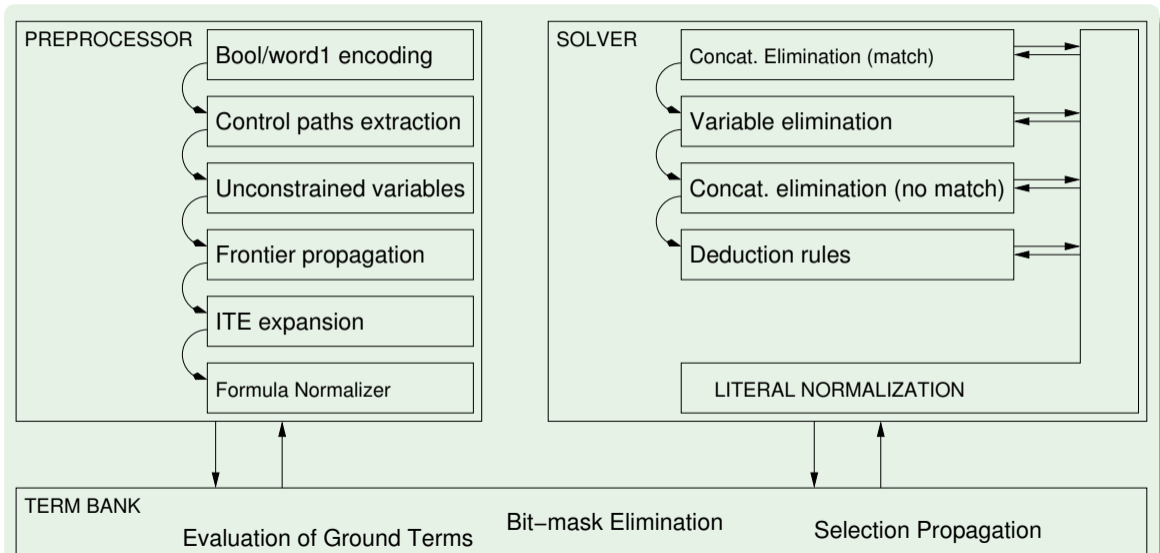
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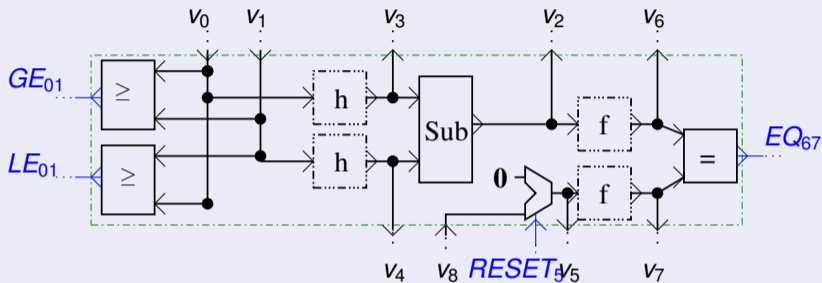
- Two nested SAT solvers
  - bit-blast each  $\mathcal{BV}$  atom  $\psi_i$ 
    - $\implies \Phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_i (A_i \leftrightarrow \text{BB}(\psi_i)),$
    - $A_i$  fresh variables labeling  $\mathcal{BV}$ -atoms  $\psi_i$  in  $\varphi$
    - $\implies \varphi$   $\mathcal{BV}$ -satisfiable iff  $\varphi^p \wedge \Phi$  satisfiable
  - Exploit SAT under assumptions
    - let  $\mu^p$  an assignment for  $\varphi^p$ , s.t.  $\mu^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\neg]A_1, \dots, [\neg]A_n\}$
    - $\mathcal{T}$ -solver for  $\mathcal{BV}$ :  $\text{SAT}_{\text{assumption}}(\Phi, \mu^p)$
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$\cup_i T_i - SMT(\cup_i T_i)$

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$\mathcal{L}IA$ :  $(v_2 = v_3 - v_4) \wedge (RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = 0)) \wedge$

$\mathcal{E}UF$  or  $\mathcal{L}IA$ :  $(\neg RESET_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = v_8)) \wedge$

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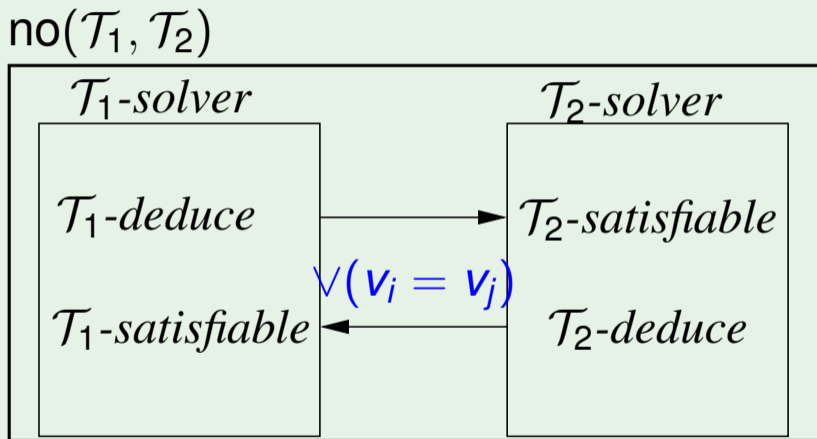
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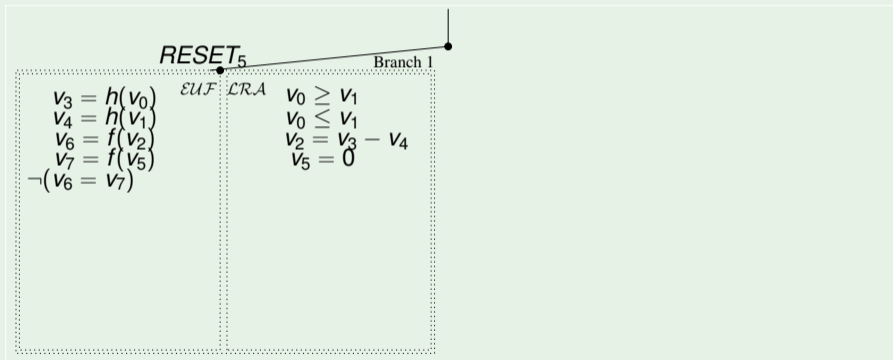


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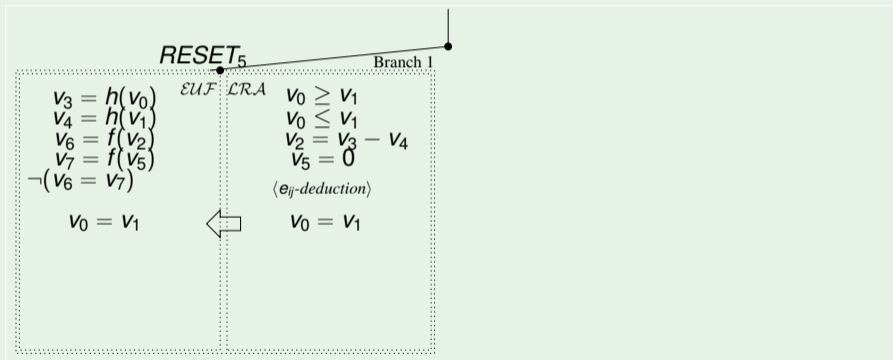


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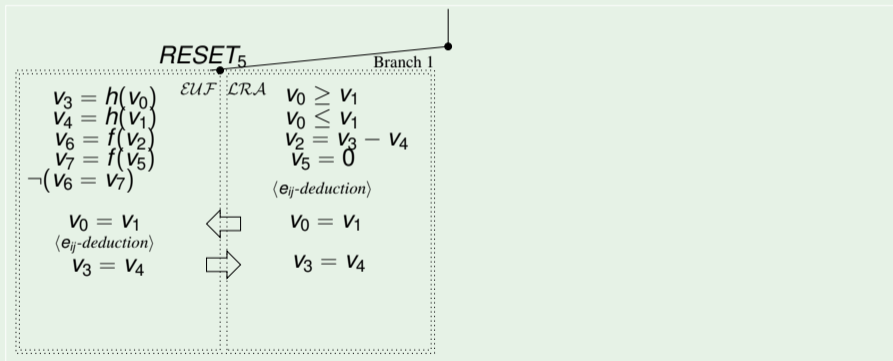


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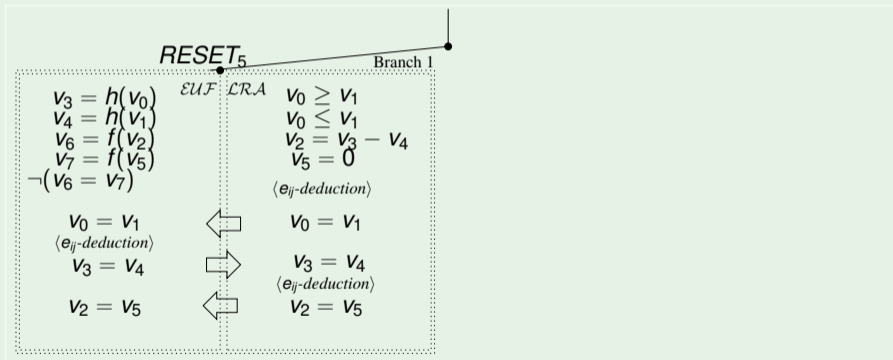


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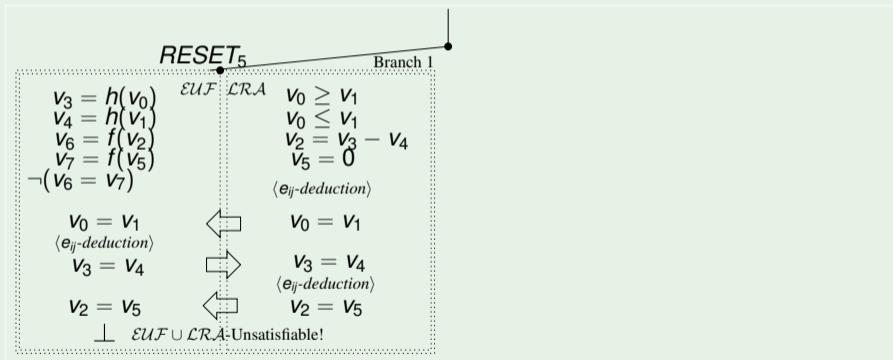


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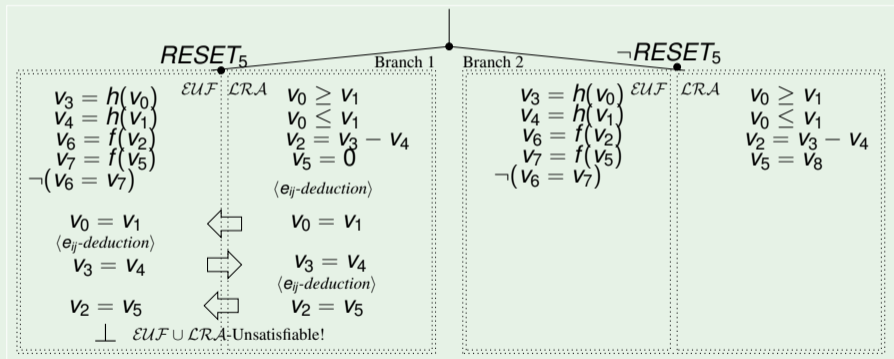


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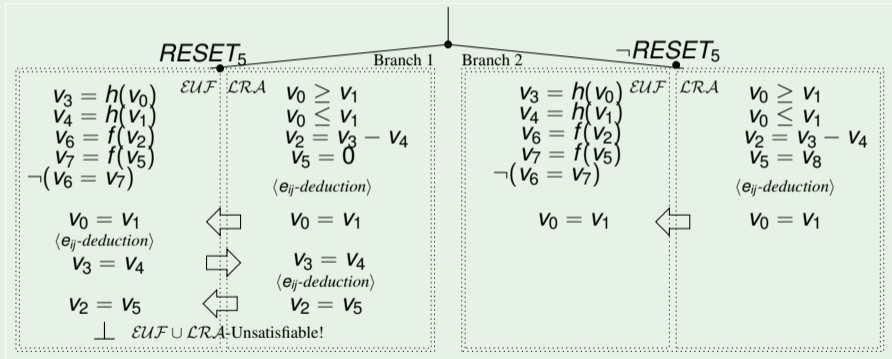


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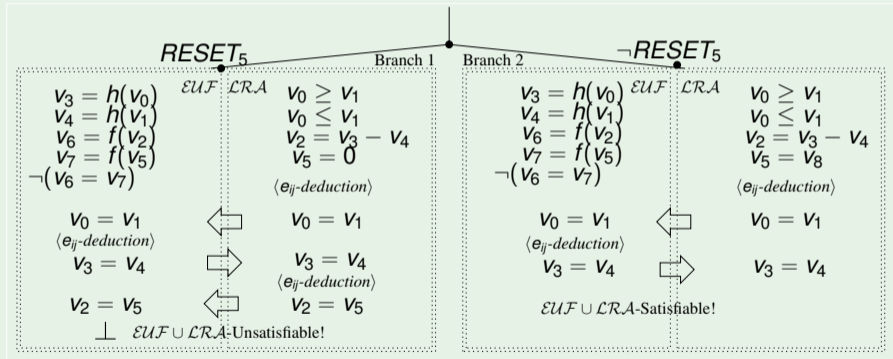


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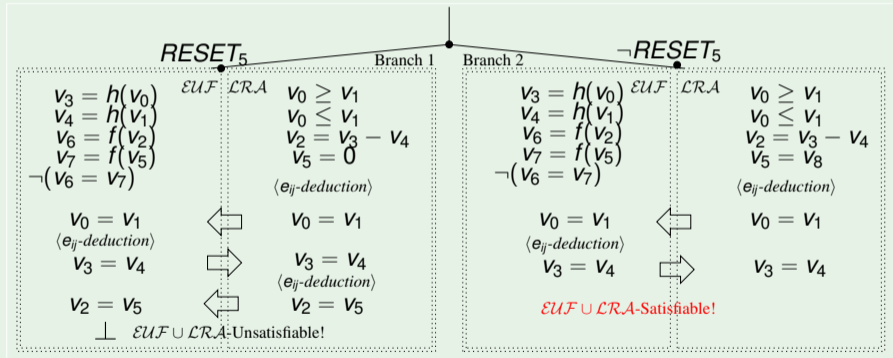


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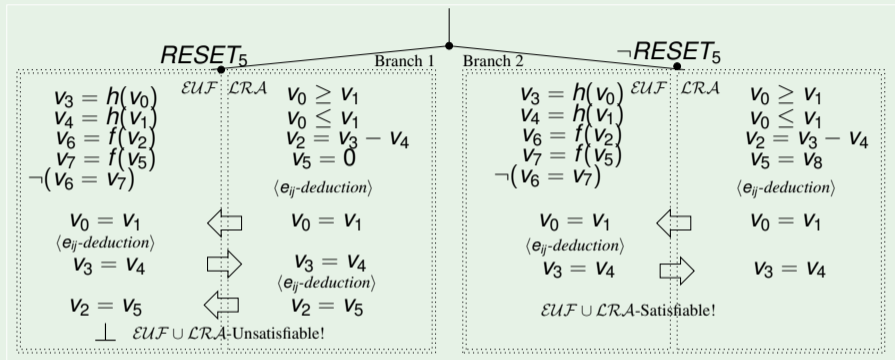
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*( $e_{ij}$ -deduction)*

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SAT!

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$\perp$

$\perp$

# N.O.: example (non-convex theory)

$\mu\mathcal{LIA}$

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$\perp$

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SAT!

3  $e_{ij}$ -deductions,

3 branches

$$v_2 = v_4$$

$\perp$

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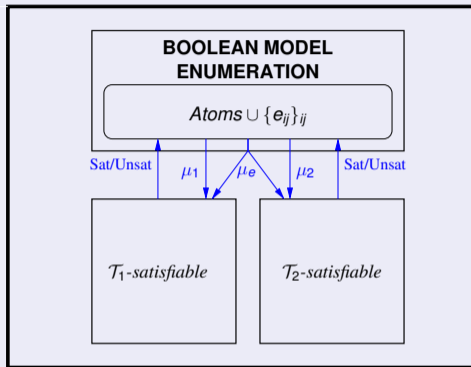
# SMT( $\bigcup_i \mathcal{T}_i$ ) via Delayed Theory Combination (DTC)

## Main idea

Delegate to the CDCL SAT solver part/most of the (possibly very expensive) reasoning effort on interface equalities previously due to the  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -solvers ( $e_{ij}$ -deduction, case-split). [15, 16, 24]

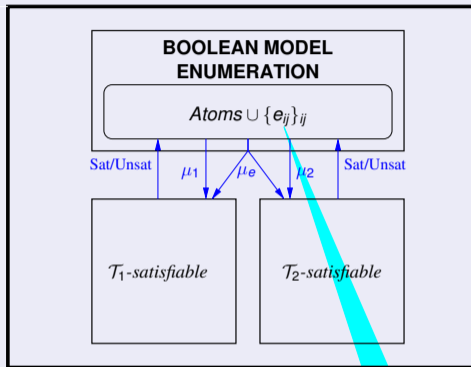
- based on Boolean reasoning on interface equalities via CDCL (plus  $\mathcal{T}$ -propagation)
- important improvements and evolutions [36, 9]
- feature wrt N.O. [23, 24]
  - do not require (possibly expensive) deduction capabilities from  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -solvers
  - with non-convex theories, case-splits on  $e_{ij}$ 's handled by SAT
  - generate  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -lemmas with interface equalities  
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# DTC: Basic schema





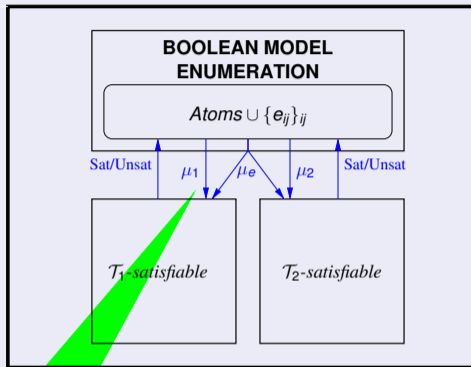
# DTC: Basic schema



The boolean solver assigns values not only to atoms in  $Atoms(\phi)$ , but also to interface equalities  $\{(v_i = v_j)\}_{ij}$ :

$$\mu = \mu_1 \cup \mu_2 \cup \mu_e, \quad \mu_e := \{[\neg](v_i = v_j) \mid v_i, v_j \in \mu_1 \cup \mu_2\}$$

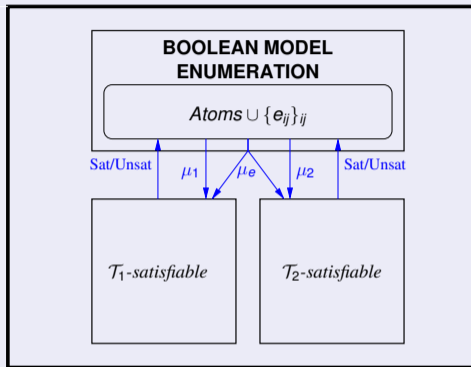
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Each  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -solver interacts only with the boolean solver

- receives  $\mu'_i := \mu_i \cup \mu_e$  from Bool
- checks the  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -satisfiability of  $\mu'_i$

# DTC: Basic schema



...until either:

- some  $\mu$  propositionally satisfies  $\phi$  and both  $\mu'_i := \mu_i \cup \mu_e$  are  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -consistent  
 $\implies (\phi \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2\text{-sat})$
- no more assignment  $\mu$  are available  
 $\implies (\phi \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2\text{-unsat})$

# DTC: enhanced schema

- **CDCL-based assignment enumeration** on  $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$ ,  
⇒ benefits of state-of-the-art SAT techniques
- **Early pruning**: invoke the  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -solver's before every Boolean decision  
⇒ total assignments generated only when strictly necessary
- **Branching**: branching on  $e_{ij}$ 's postponed  
⇒ Boolean search on  $e_{ij}$ 's performed only when strictly necessary
- **Theory-Backjumping & Learning**:  $e_{ij}$ 's are involved in conflicts  
⇒  $e_{ij}$ 's can be assigned by unit propagation
- **Theory-deduction & learning**: if  $\mathcal{T}_i$ -solver deduces unassigned literals  $I$  on  $Atoms(\phi) \cup \{e_{ij}\}_{ij}$ 
  - $I$  is passed back to the Boolean solver, which unit-propagates it
  - the deduction  $\mu' \models I$  is learned as a clause  $\mu' \rightarrow I$  (deduction clause)
- ...

# DTC: example w.out $\mathcal{T}$ -prop. (non-convex theory)

$$\begin{array}{l} \mu_{\text{EUF}}: \\ \neg(f(v_1) = f(v_2)) \\ \neg(f(v_2) = f(v_4)) \\ f(v_3) = v_5 \\ f(v_1) = v_6 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu_{\text{LIA}}: \\ v_1 \geq 0 \\ v_1 \leq 1 \\ v_2 \geq v_6 \\ v_2 \leq v_6 + 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} v_5 = v_4 - 1 \\ v_3 = 0 \\ v_4 = 1 \end{array}$$

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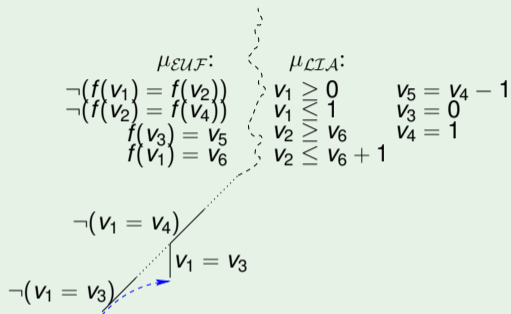
$$\neg(v_1 = v_4)$$

$$\neg(v_1 = v_3)$$

$\mathcal{LIA}$ -unsat,  $C_{13}$

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$$G_{13} : (\mu'_{LIA}) \rightarrow ((v_1 = v_3) \vee (v_1 = v_4))$$

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$f(v_3) = v_5$	$v_2 \geq v_6$	$v_4 = 1$
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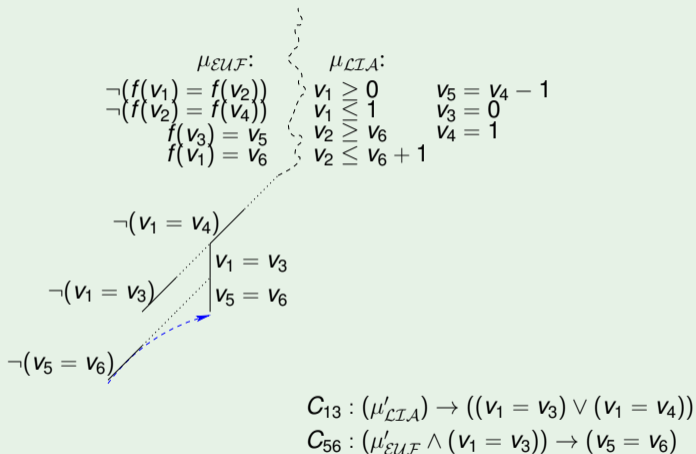
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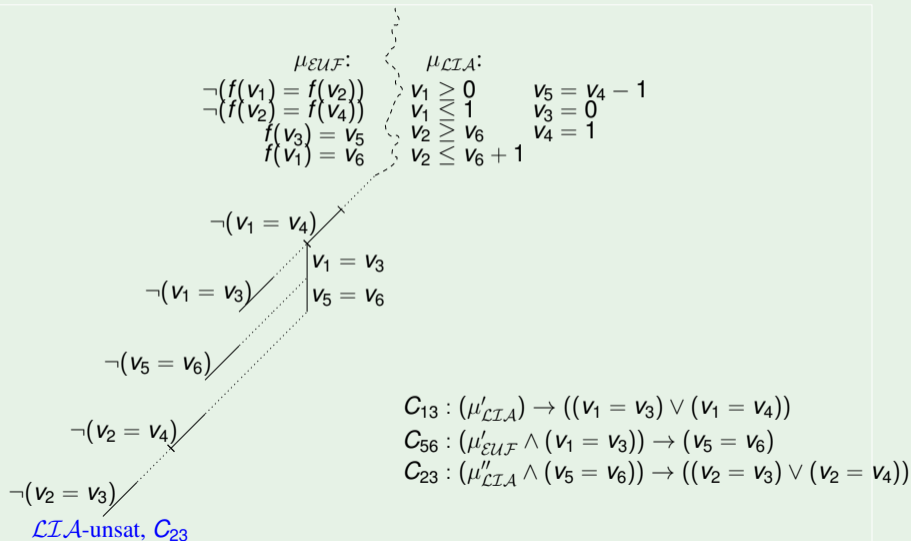
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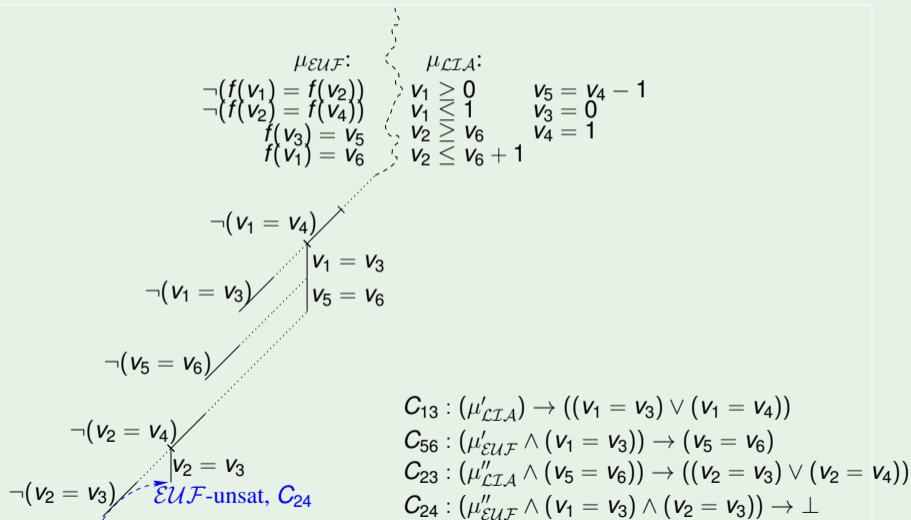
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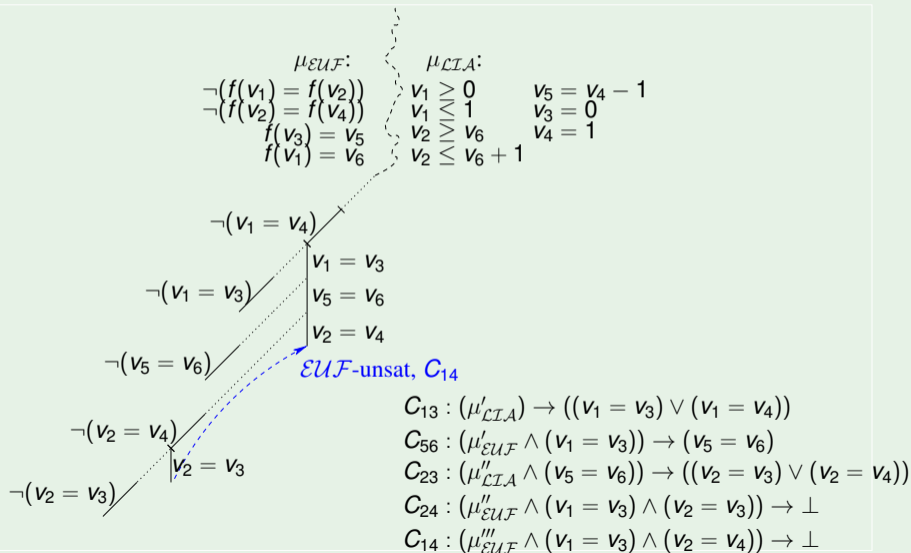
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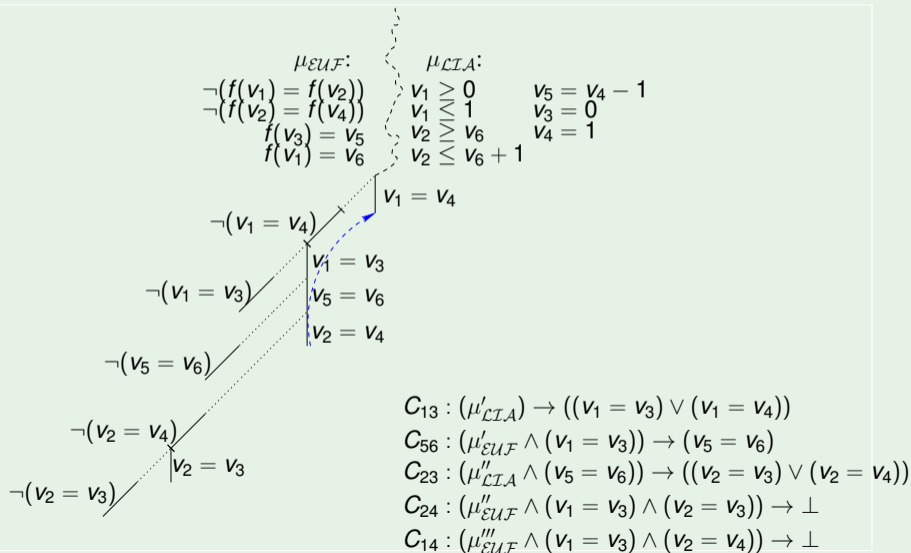
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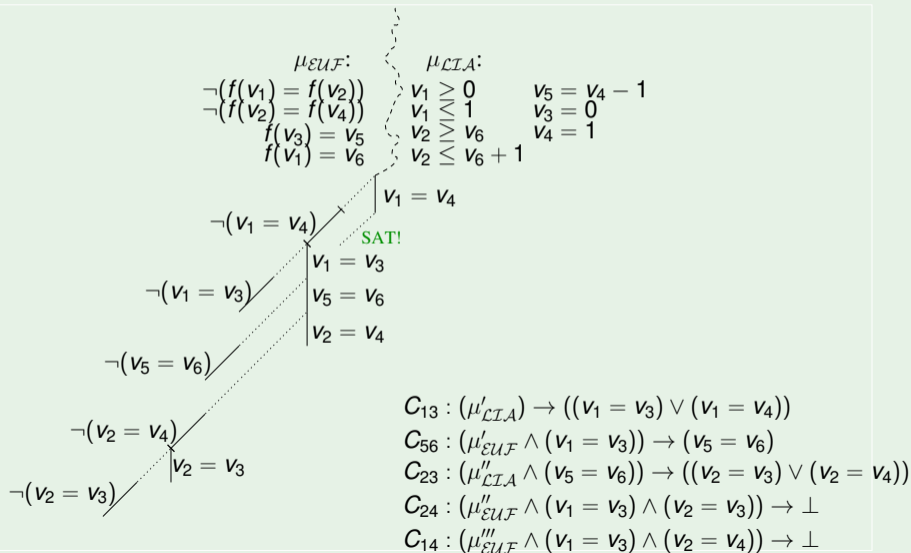
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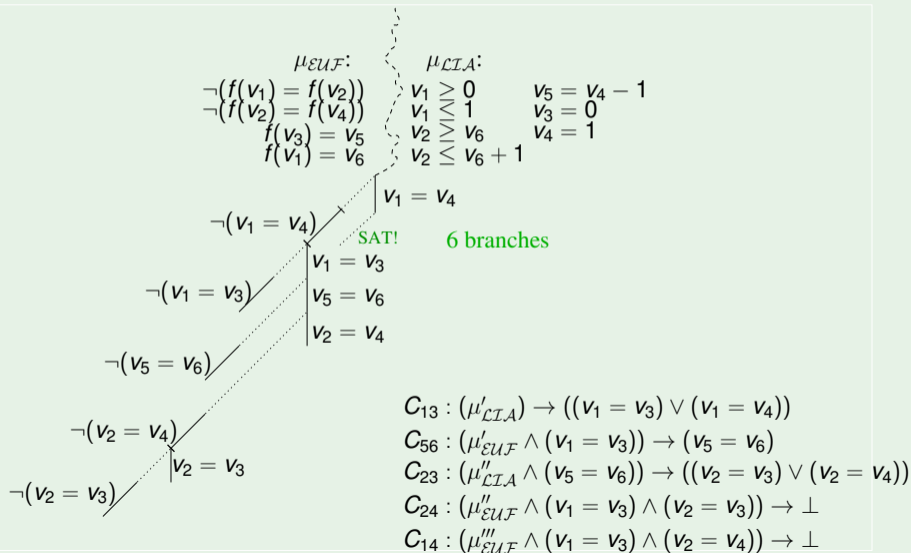
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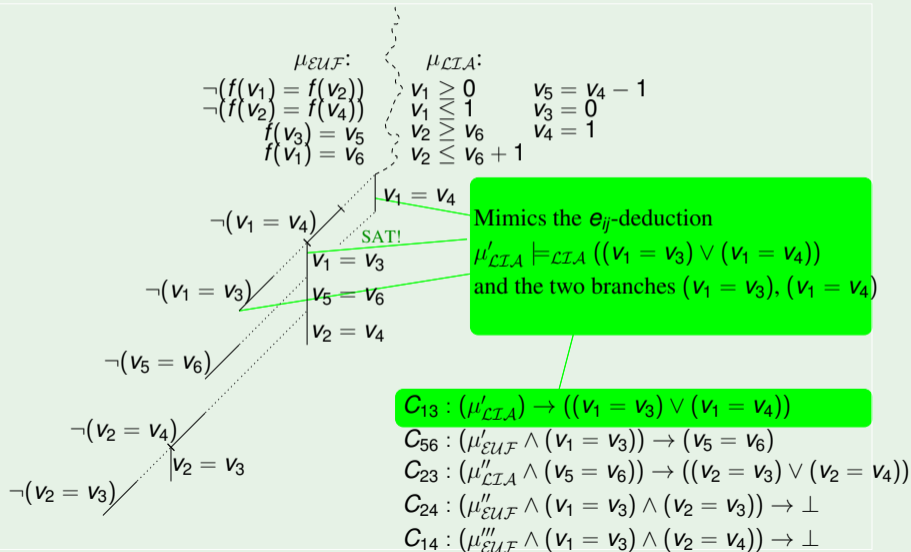
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# DTC: example with $\mathcal{T}$ -prop. (non-convex theory)

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 \end{array}$$

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 v_5 = v_6
 \end{array}
 \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \mathcal{EUF}\text{-deduce } (v_5 = v_6), C_{56}
 \end{array} \right.$$

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 v_3 = 0 \\
 v_4 = 1 \\
 \\
 \neg(v_1 = v_4) \\
 v_1 = v_3 \\
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 \end{array}$$

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$$v_1 = v_3$$

$$v_5 = v_6$$

$$\neg(v_2 = v_4)$$

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$\mathcal{EUF}$ -unsat,  $C_{24}$

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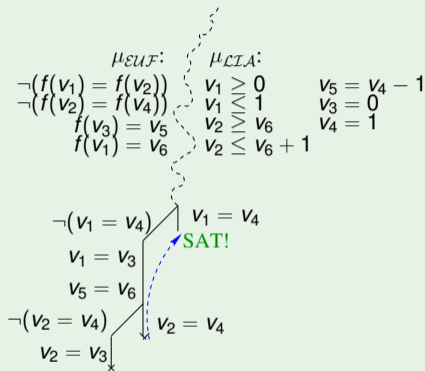
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 \mu_{EUF}: & \mu_{LIA}: \\
 \neg(f(v_1) = f(v_2)) & v_1 \geq 0 \\
 \neg(f(v_2) = f(v_4)) & v_1 \leq 1 \\
 f(v_3) = v_5 & v_2 \geq v_6 \\
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 \end{array}
 \quad
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 \end{array}$$

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 \neg(v_1 = v_4) \\
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 \neg(v_2 = v_4) \\
 v_2 = v_3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 v_2 = v_4 \\
 \text{EUF-unsat, } C_{14}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 C_{13} : (\mu'_{LIA}) \rightarrow ((v_1 = v_3) \vee (v_1 = v_4)) \\
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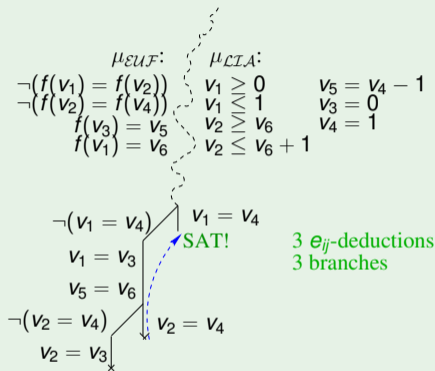
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# DTC: example with $\mathcal{T}$ -propagation (convex theory)

$\mathcal{EUF}$  :  $(v_3 = h(v_0)) \wedge (v_4 = h(v_1)) \wedge (v_6 = f(v_2)) \wedge (v_7 = f(v_5)) \wedge$

$\mathcal{LRA}$  :  $(v_0 \geq v_1) \wedge (v_0 \leq v_1) \wedge (v_2 = v_3 - v_4) \wedge (\text{RESET}_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = 0)) \wedge$

*Both* :  $(\neg \text{RESET}_5 \rightarrow (v_5 = v_8)) \wedge \neg(v_6 = v_7).$

$\mu_{\mathcal{EUF}}$  :

$\{(v_3 = h(v_0)), (v_4 = h(v_1)), \neg(v_6 = v_7),$   
 $(v_6 = f(v_2)), (v_7 = f(v_5))\}$

$\text{RESET}_5$

$(v_5 = 0)$

$\mathcal{LRA}$ -deduce  $(v_0 = v_1)$   
 learn  $C_{01}$

$\mathcal{EUF}$ -deduce  $(v_3 = v_4)$   
 learn  $C_{34}$

$\mathcal{LRA}$ -deduce  $(v_2 = v_5)$   
 learn  $C_{25}$  ✗

$\mathcal{EUF}$ -unsat  
 $C_{67}$

$C_{01} : (\mu'_{\mathcal{LRA}}) \rightarrow (v_0 = v_1)$

$C_{34} : (\mu'_{\mathcal{EUF}} \wedge (v_0 = v_1)) \rightarrow (v_3 = v_4)$

$C_{25} : (\mu''_{\mathcal{LRA}} \wedge (v_5 = 0) \wedge (v_3 = v_4)) \rightarrow (v_2 = v_5)$

$C_{67} : (\mu''_{\mathcal{EUF}} \wedge (v_2 = v_5)) \rightarrow (v_6 = v_7)$

$\mu_{\mathcal{LRA}}$  :

$\{(v_0 \geq v_1), (v_0 \leq v_1),$   
 $(v_2 = v_3 - v_4)\}$

$\neg \text{RESET}_5$

$(v_5 = v_8)$

$(v_0 = v_1)$

$(v_3 = v_4)$

SAT

# DTC + Model-based heuristic (aka Model-Based Theory Combination) [36]

- Initially, no interface equalities generated
- When a model is found, check against all the possible interface equalities
  - If  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  agree on the implied equalities, then return SAT
  - Otherwise, branch on equalities **implied by  $\mathcal{T}_1$ -model but not by  $\mathcal{T}_2$ -model**
- “Optimistic” approach, similar to axiom instantiation

# Exercises

For each of the previous DTC examples:

- write the (minimal) clauses corresponding to each  $e_{ij}$ -deduction (as clauses rather than as implications)
- compute the conflict-analysis steps leading to the backjumping steps in the figures.

For each of the previous DTC examples, draw the case in which the  $\mathcal{EUF}$ -solver has deduction capabilities and the  $\mathcal{LRA}$ -solver (resp. the  $\mathcal{LIA}$ -solver) does not.

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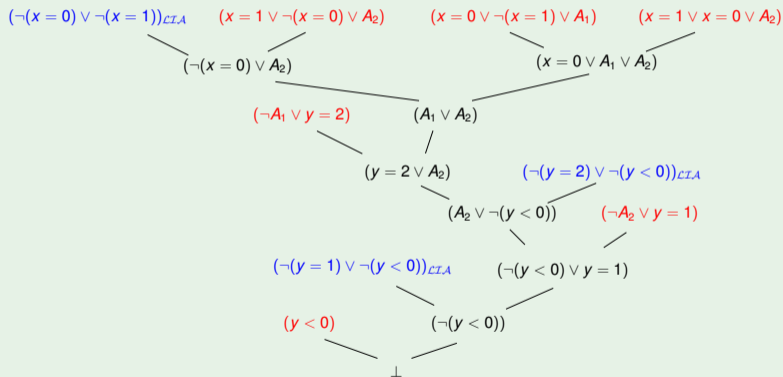
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## The problem

Given a  $\mathcal{T}$ -unsatisfiable set of clauses, extract from it a (possibly small/minimal/minimum)  $\mathcal{T}$ -unsatisfiable subset ( $\mathcal{T}$ -unsatisfiable core)

- Wide literature in SAT
- Some implementations, very few literature for SMT [28, 56]
- We recognize three approaches:
  - **Proof-based** approach (CVC4, MathSAT):  
byproduct of finding a resolution proof
  - **Assumption-based** approach (Yices):  
use extra variables labeling clauses, as in the plain Boolean case
  - **Lemma-Lifting** approach [28] :  
use an external (possibly-optimized) Boolean unsat-core extractor

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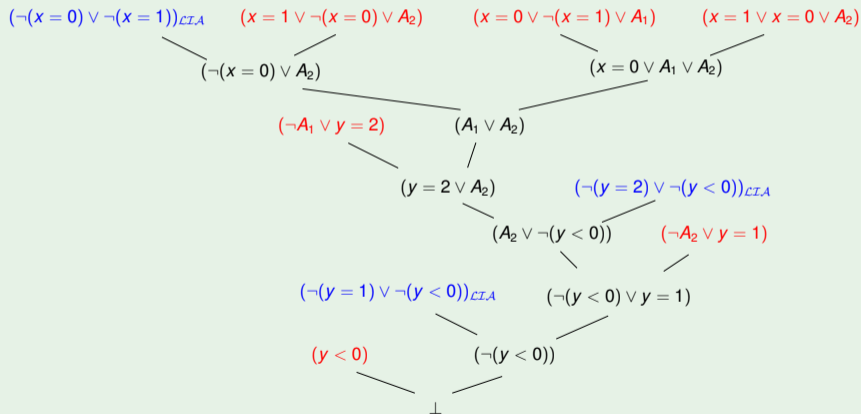
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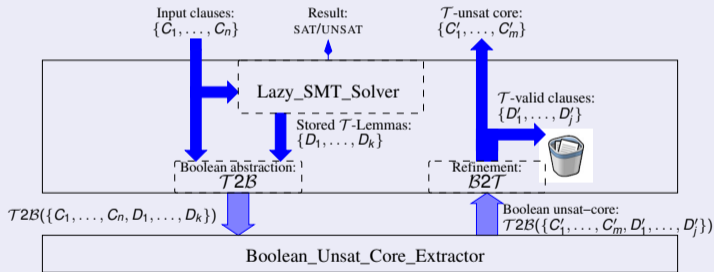
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Idea [28, 32]

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- interfaces with an external Boolean Unsat-core Extractor

⇒ benefits for free of all state-of-the-art size-reduction techniques

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  - (v) Output  $I_{\perp}$  as an interpolant for  $(A, B)$ .
- “ $\eta \setminus B$ ” [resp. “ $\eta \downarrow B$ ”] is the set of literals in  $\eta$  whose atoms do not [resp. do] occur in  $B$ .

• row 2. only takes place where  $\mathcal{T}$  comes in to play

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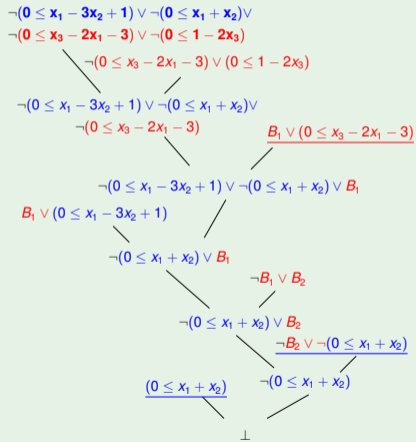
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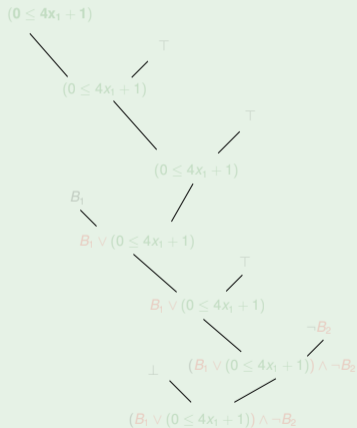
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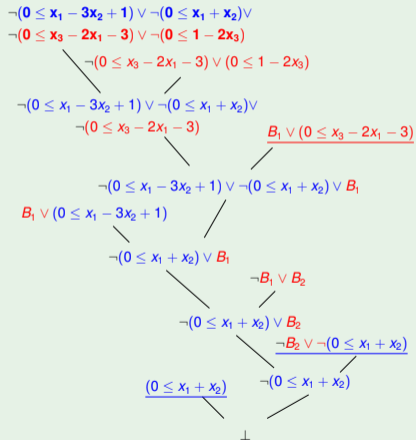


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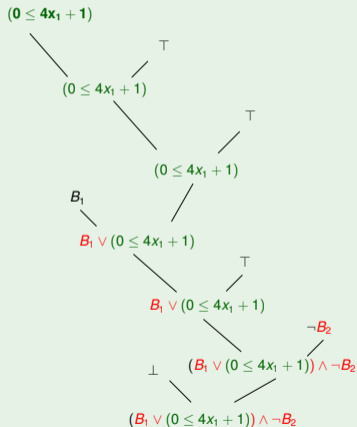
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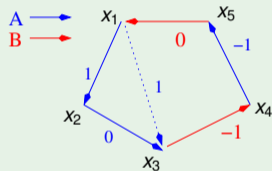
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# Solving OMT( $\mathcal{LRA}$ ) [72, 73]

## General idea

Combine standard SMT and LP minimization techniques.

## Offline Schema

- Minimizer: based on the Simplex  $\mathcal{LRA}$ -solver by [40]
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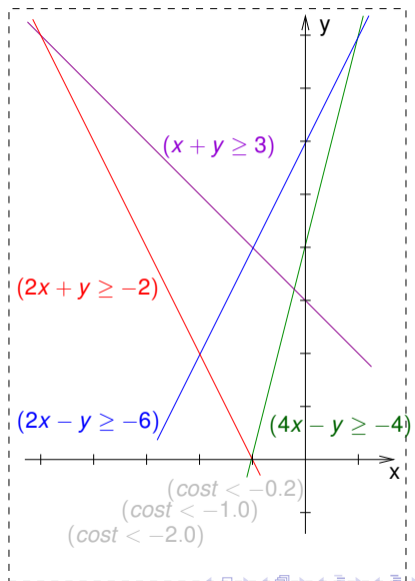
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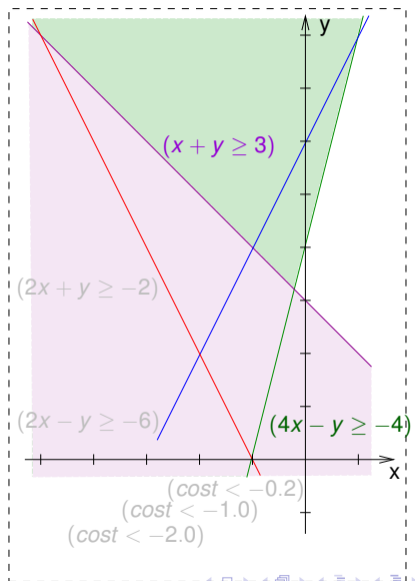
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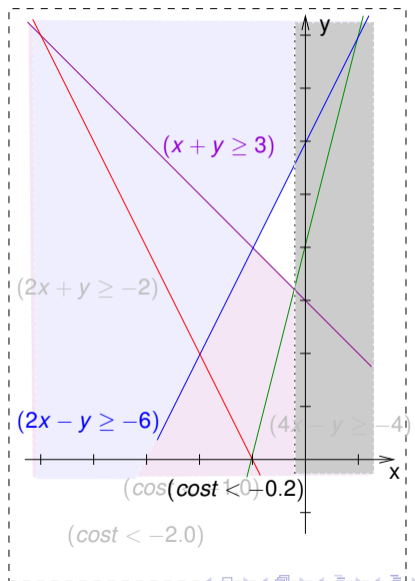
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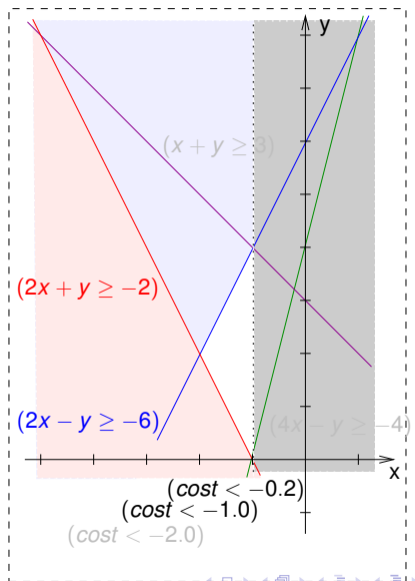
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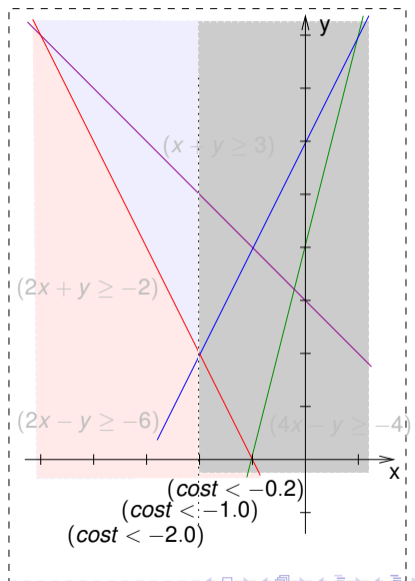
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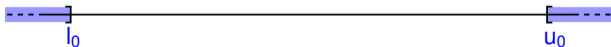
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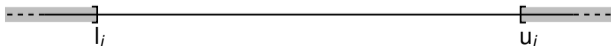
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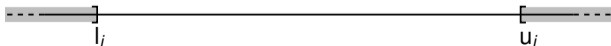
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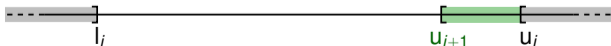
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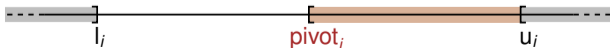
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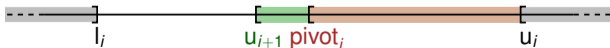
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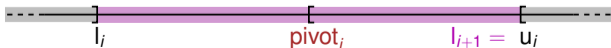
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# OMT with Lexicographic Combination of Objectives [13]

## The problem

Find one optimal model  $\mathcal{M}$  minimizing  $\underline{c} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} cost_1, cost_2, \dots, cost_k$  lexicographically.

## Solution

- Intuition:

*{ minimize  $cost_1$  }*

*when UNSAT*

*{ substitute unit clause ( $cost_1 < min_1$ ) with ( $cost_1 = min_1$ ) }*

*{ minimize  $cost_2$  }*

...

- improvement:

- each time UNSAT is found, add  $\bigwedge_i (cost_i \leq \mathcal{M}_i(cost_i))$  to  $\varphi$

# Optimization problems encoded into $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T})$ I

## SMT with Pseudo-Boolean Constraints & Weighted MaxSMT

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## Optimization problems encoded into $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T})$ II

### OMT with Min-Max [Max-Min] optimization

Given  $\langle \varphi, \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\} \rangle$ , find a solution which minimizes the maximum value among  $\{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\}$ . (Max-Min dual.)

- Frequent in some applications (e.g. [73, 80])

$\Rightarrow$  encode into  $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T})$  problem  $\{\varphi \wedge \bigwedge_i (cost_i \leq cost), cost\}$  s.t.  $cost$  fresh.

### OMT with linear combinations of costs

Given  $\langle \varphi, \{cost_1, \dots, cost_k\} \rangle$  and a set of weights  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$ , find a solution which minimizes  $\sum_i w_i \cdot cost_i$ .

$\Rightarrow$  encode into  $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T})$  problem  $\{\varphi \wedge (cost = \sum_i w_i \cdot cost_i), cost\}$  s.t.  $cost$  fresh.

These objectives can be composed with other  $\text{OMT}(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A})$  objectives.

## Other OMT Functionalities [hints]

### Incremental interface [13, 75]

Allows for pushing/popping sub-formulas into a stack, and then run OMT incrementally over them, reusing previous search.

- useful in some applications (e.g., BMC with parametric systems)
- straightforward variant of incremental SAT and SMT solvers

### Pareto Fronts [13, 12]

- Given  $cost_1, cost_2$ , compute  $\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_i, \dots, \mathcal{M}_j, \dots$  s.t.:
  - either  $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_1) > \mathcal{M}_j(cost_1)$  or  $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_2) > \mathcal{M}_j(cost_2)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_1) < \mathcal{M}_j(cost_1)$  or  $\mathcal{M}_i(cost_2) < \mathcal{M}_j(cost_2)$
  - for each  $\mathcal{M}_i$ , no  $\mathcal{M}'$  dominates  $\mathcal{M}_i$
- no objective can be improved without degrading some other one



## Some OMT tools

- **BCLT** [66, 54]  
<http://www.cs.upc.edu/~oliveras/bclt-main.html>
- **OPTIMATHSAT** [72, 73, 75, 74], on top of MATHSAT [27]  
<http://optimathsat.disi.unitn.it>
- **SYMBA** [55], on top of Z3 [37]  
<https://bitbucket.org/arieg/symba/src>
- **$\nu$ Z** [13, 12], on top of Z3 [37]  
<http://z3.codeplex.com>

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# Conclusions

- SMT very popular, due to successful application in many domains
- Combines techniques from SAT, ATP and operational research
- Not only satisfiability, but also advanced functionalities

# Open/ongoing research directions

- **Solving:**
  - **improve efficiency** (e.g.  $BV$ ,  $AR$ ,  $LIA$  & their combinations)  
“a never-ending fight against the search-space explosion problem [E. Clarke, Turing-award winner 2007]”
  - develop efficient solvers for other theories ( $NLA(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $NLA(\mathbb{Z})$ )
  - develop efficient solvers more-recent theories (e.g., floating-point arithmetic)
  - ...
- **Functionalities**
  - **Interpolation** in some theories ( $LIA$ ,  $BV$ ) still very challenging
  - **Predicate abstraction (AISMT)** still a bottleneck in SMT-based FV
  - **Optimization Modulo theories** still in very early stage
  - ...
- **Combination of SMT solvers and ATP** (SMT with quantifiers)
- Integration & customization of SMT solvers with (FV) tools
- See also [67]

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