

# Logic in Software, Dynamical and Biological Systems

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## Problem Classes

From a **logical perspective**, we have **three classes of problems**:

Given description  $E$ , find/check some **desired** description  $E'$  such that

1.  $E \Leftrightarrow E'$

Example: Linear equation solving, Gröbner basis, theorem proving, computer algebra

2.  $E \Rightarrow E'$

Example: **verification**, abstraction, abstract interpretation, bounded synthesis

3.  $E' \Rightarrow E$

Example: learning, **synthesis**, diagnosis

# Formal Methods

**Model** and **analyze** systems formally

Two aspects:

- Formal model of dynamical system
- Formal property specification language

# Formal Models of Dynamical Systems

Modeling formalisms: **Time** and **state space**

**Time**  $T$  domain:

- discrete-time:  $\mathbb{N}$
- continuous-time:  $\mathbb{R}$
- hybrid-time:  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R}$

**State space**  $SS$  domain:

- discrete space:  $2^n \times \mathbb{N}^m$
- continuous space:  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- hybrid space:  $2^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$

Semantics:  $T \mapsto SS$

## Outline

- I. Continuous dynamical system verification  $\mapsto \exists\forall$  solving
- II. Hybrid system verification  $\mapsto \exists\forall$  solving + discrete system verification
- III. Component-based Synthesis  $\mapsto \exists\forall$  solving
- IV.  $\exists\forall$  Solvers
- V. Systems Biology  $\mapsto \forall$  solving
- VI. Program verification  $\mapsto$  Approximating logical operators

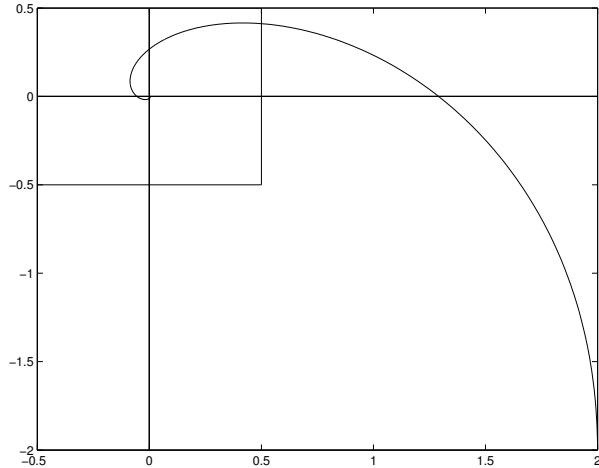
# Continuous Dynamical Systems

Tuple:  $\langle X, f, Inv \rangle$  where

$X$ : set of  $n$  real-valued variables

$f$ : vector field; mapping  $\mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$

$Inv$ : invariant region, subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$



Example: CDS with

$$X := \{x_1, x_2\}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) := (-x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_2)$$

$$Inv := \mathbb{R}^2$$

Example CDS's dynamics are given by:

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -x_1 - x_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_1 - x_2$$

**Semantics:** A structure  $\langle \mathbb{R}^n, \rightarrow \rangle$  where  $\rightarrow$  is

$$\{(F(0), F(t_1)) \mid \forall 0 \leq t \leq t_1 : \frac{dF(t)}{dt} = f(F(t)), F(t) \in Inv\}$$

## Continuous Dynamical Systems Reachability

Linear systems:  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x} + b$

Exact reachable sets can be computed when either

- $A$  is diagonalizable with all rational eigenvalues
- $A$  is diagonalizable with all purely imaginary rational eigenvalues
- $A$  is nilpotent

In these cases, after **suitable change of variables**, reachable sets are semi-algebraic and can be obtained using **quantifier elimination**

## Certificate-Based Verification

A **certificate** for  $M \models \phi$  is  $\Phi$  such that

1.  $\models \Phi \Rightarrow \phi$

2.  $M \models \Phi$  is **locally** checkable

$M \models \Phi$  reduces to a formula in the (underlying FO) logic

Examples:

Property $\phi$	Certificate $\Phi$
safety	inductive invariant
stability	Lyapunov function
termination	ranking function
controlled safety	controlled inductive invariant



## Certificate-Based Verification

Certificate-based verification reduces the verification problem to an  $\exists\forall$  formula.

$$M \models \phi$$

$\Uparrow$

$$\exists\Phi : ((M \models \Phi) \wedge (\Phi \Rightarrow \phi))$$

$\Uparrow$

$$\exists\Phi : \forall\vec{x} : \text{quantifier-free FO formula}$$

$\Uparrow$

$$\exists\vec{a} : \forall\vec{x} : \text{quantifier-free FO formula}$$

The **last** step performed by choosing a **template for  $\Phi$**

## Inductive Invariants for CDSs

Used to prove safety of CDSs

How to define **inductiveness** ?

A set  $I$  is **inductive** if

$$\forall \vec{x} : \vec{x} \in I \wedge \vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{y} \Rightarrow \vec{y} \in I$$

Recall semantics of CDS has **uncountably infinite  $\rightarrow$ -successors** for every state,  
**not defined constructively**

([T.2003], [Prajna and Jadbabaie 2004],[Sankaranarayanan et al. 2004])

## Inductiveness for CDSs

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_1}{dt} &= -x_1 - x_2 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= x_1 - x_2\end{aligned}$$

Is  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 0.5$  inductive?

**Intuition:** Ensure **vector field points inwards** at all points on the **boundary** of the set

## Lie Derivative

Let  $p := x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 0.5$

The set  $p \leq 0$  is **inductive** if

$$\begin{aligned} p = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dt} < 0 \\ &\vee \frac{dp}{dt} = 0 \wedge \frac{d^2p}{dt^2} < 0 \\ &\vee \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{d^2p}{dt^2} = 0 \wedge \frac{d^3p}{dt^3} < 0 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{dp}{dt} := \vec{\nabla} p \cdot f$  is **Lie derivative** of  $p$  wrt  $f$ .

Several **sound** checks, but no **complete** check in general

For special cases, finite **complete** checks exist

## Example: Certificate-Based Safety

Example:  $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -x_1 - x_2$        $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_1 - x_2$

**Problem:** If  $x_1 \leq 0.5$  and  $x_2 \leq 0.5$  initially, prove  $G(x_2 \leq 1)$

Let us find a **certificate** of the form  $p \leq 0$  where  $p := ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + c$

We need to solve

$$\begin{aligned} \exists a, b, c : \forall x_1, x_2 : & \quad (p = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dt} < 0) \wedge \\ & \quad (x_1 \leq 0.5 \wedge x_2 \leq 0.5 \Rightarrow p \leq 0) \wedge \\ & \quad (p \leq 0 \Rightarrow x_2 \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

We get  $p := x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 0.5$ . Proved.

## Certification-based Verification

### Without Solving $\exists\forall$

A Lyapunov function is a certificate for **stability**

We can **discover** Lyapunov functions by solving  $\exists\forall$  formulas

But even without solving  $\exists\forall$  formulas, we can determine **stability of linear systems**

Can we find **useful invariants** without solving  $\exists\forall$  formulas ?

## Inductive Sets of Linear Systems

Without solving  $\exists \forall$  formulas

Consider  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$

If  $\vec{c}$  is a **left eigenvector of  $A$**  corr to  $\lambda$ , then

$$\vec{c}^T A = \lambda \vec{c}^T$$

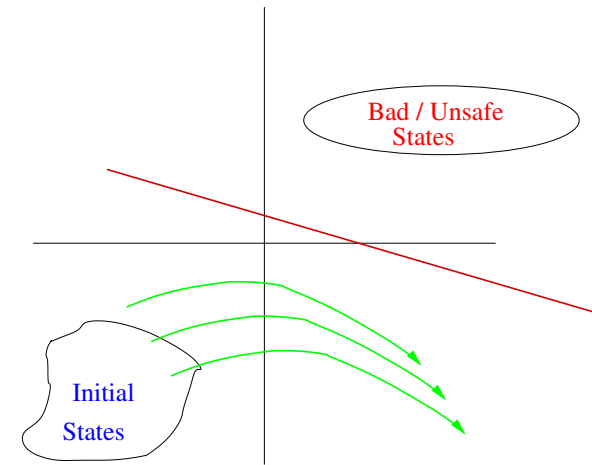
Let  $p := \vec{c}^T \vec{x}$ , we have

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{c}^T \vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{c}^T \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{c}^T A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{c}^T \vec{x} = \lambda p$$

Hence,  $p \geq 0$  and  $p \leq 0$  are inductive sets

The surface  $p = 0$  is called a **barrier certificate**

**Inductive sets for linear systems can be obtained by analyzing matrix  $A$**



## Example: Certificate-based Verification w/o $\exists \forall$

Example. Consider a cruise control:

$$\dot{v} = a$$

$$\dot{a} = -4v + 3v_f - 3a + gap$$

$$g\dot{a}p = -v + v_f$$

where  $v, a$  is the velocity and acceleration of this car,  $v_f$  is the velocity of car in front, and  $gap$  is the distance between the two cars.

**Prove that the cars will not crash when ACC mode is initiated in given set of states.**

**Solution:** Use inductive invariant corr to the negative real eigenvalue of  $A$ .



# Hybrid Automata

A **powerful modeling language**

A finite **collection of CDS** with **switching** between them

Tuple  $\langle Q, (\text{CDS}_q)_{q \in Q}, E \rangle$  where

$Q$ : finite set of **modes**

$\text{CDS}_q$ : CDS  $\langle X, f_q, \text{Inv}_q \rangle$  within state  $q$

$E$ : subset of  $(Q \times \mathbb{R}^n) \times (Q \times \mathbb{R}^n)$

**Semantics**: A structure  $\langle Q \times \mathbb{R}^n, \rightarrow \rangle$  where  $\rightarrow$  is

$$E \cup \{(q, F(0), q, F(t_1)) \mid \forall 0 \leq t \leq t_1 : \frac{dF(t)}{dt} = f_q(F(t)), F(t) \in \text{Inv}_q\}$$

## Example: Hybrid Automata

**Bouncing Ball:** Ball under vertical free fall that loses 10% of its velocity when it bounces off the ground

**One mode**  $q$  with variables  $X := \{y, v\}$  and dynamics:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v \qquad \frac{dv}{dt} = -9.8$$

so,  $f_q(y, v) := (v, -9.8)$  is the **vector field**

**Discrete transition** given by:

$$(q, (0, v), q, (0, -0.9 * v))$$

## Hybrid Automata Verification Problem

Semantics of hybrid automata are given as **discrete state transition system** (with **uncountably infinite state space**)

Therefore, we can ask about the complexity of the **model checking problem**

Even reachability is **undecidable**

## Classes of Hybrid Automata

Several subclasses of HA have been studied

Restrictions on the **continuous dynamics** and the **discrete dynamics**

**Timed Automata:**  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$  for all  $x$ , in all modes

Guards of the form  $x - y \leq c$  (Boolean combination)

Some clocks  $x$  can be reset  $x := 0$

**Linear Hybrid Automata:**  $\frac{dx}{dt} = c_x$  for all  $x$ , in all modes there are linear constraints among the  $c_x$  variables

Guards are linear constraint over  $X$

Model checking problems are **decidable** for timed automata, but **undecidable** for linear hybrid automata

Boundary is well studied

## Analyzing Hybrid Automata

These decidable subclasses are too **restrictive**

Need **sound**, but **incomplete**, techniques for  $M \models \phi$

Generic approaches:

- Abstraction
- Deductive Methods

Concrete approaches:

- **certificate-based verification**:  $M \models \Phi$  and  $\Phi \Rightarrow \phi$
- **relational abstraction**:  $M \Rightarrow M'$  and  $M' \models \phi$

## Relational Abstraction

Replace continuous dynamics by its **relational abstraction**

Relational abstraction of a dynamical system  $(X, \rightarrow)$  is another dynamical system  $(X, \rightarrow)$  such that

$$\text{TransitiveClosure}(\rightarrow) \subseteq \rightarrow$$

### Benefit:

Eliminates need for iterative fixpoint computation

Useful for proving safety properties, and establishing conservative safety bounds

## Example: Relational Abstraction

For the continuous-time continuous-space dynamical system:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x$$

we have the following continuous-space discrete-time relational abstraction:

$$x \rightarrow x' \quad := \quad 0 < x' \leq x \vee x \leq x' < 0 \vee x = x' = 0$$

## Computing Relational Abstractions

We can compute **good quality** relational abstractions of **linear** systems

Dynamics	Relational Abstraction
$\dot{x} = 1, \dot{y} = 1$	$x' - x = y' - y \wedge x' \geq x$
$\dot{x} = 2, \dot{y} = 3$	$(x' - x)/2 = (y' - y)/3 \wedge x' \geq x$
$\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$	$(0 < p' \leq p) \vee (p \leq p' < 0) \vee (p = p' = 0)$ , where $p = \vec{c}^T \vec{x}$ , $\vec{c}$ eigenvector of $A^T$ corr. to negative eigenvalue Similarly for eigenvector corr. to positive eigenvalue Coarser abstraction for complex eigenvalues

**Complete** for timed, multirate, linear hybrid automata



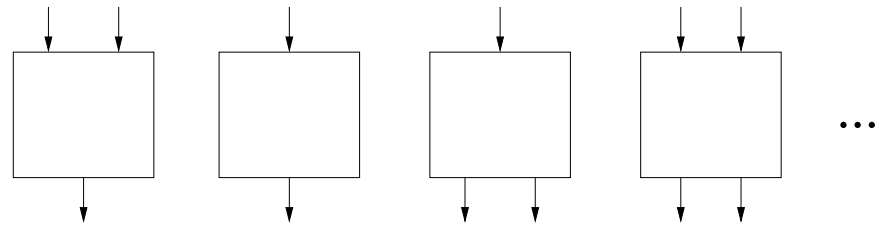
## Using Relational Abstraction

- Replace all continuous dynamics by its relational abstraction
- Result is uncountably infinite state discrete state transition system
- Use bounded model checker, or k-induction prover, or . . .

### Key summary points:

- Differential equations induce uncountably-infinite successors
- Fixpoint approaches unsuitable
- Certificate-based verification for CDSs eliminates need for fixpoint
- Relational abstraction = lifting certificate-based methods from CDSs to Hybrid Systems
- Fixpoint only on the discrete structure of the model
- In general, require  $\exists \forall$  solving, which can be avoided for linear ODE dynamics

## Component-Based Synthesis



**Problem:** How to **wire** the components to synthesize a **desired** system ?

Given  $E$ , find  $E'$  s.t.  $E' \Rightarrow E$

## Synthesis: Concrete Examples

Desired System $F_{\text{spec}}$	Components $f_i$ 's
sort an array	comparators
compute $\frac{x+y}{2}$	modulo arithmetic ops
find rightmost one	bitwise ops, arithmetic ops
compute $x^{243}$	multiplication
accept $\omega$ -regular language	Buchi automata
safe hybrid system	multiple operating modes
geometry construction	ruler-compass steps
deobfuscated code	parts of obfuscated code
verification proof	verification inference rules

**Question:**  $\exists C : \forall x : C(f_1, f_2, \dots)(x) \Rightarrow F_{\text{spec}}(x)$

## Synthesis Problem Classes

$$\exists C : \forall x : C(f_1, f_2, \dots)(x) \Rightarrow F_{\text{spec}}(x)$$

Parameters that define the **synthesis problem**:

- **composition operator**  $C$
- **class of specifications**  $F_{\text{spec}}$
- **class of component specifications**  $f_i$

Fixing the **synthesis problem**:

fix these parameters, fix **representation** of  $F_{\text{spec}}, f_i$

## Bounded Synthesis

The **synthesis problem** is still **hard**

We make it **feasible** by replacing the **unbounded** quantifier,  $\exists C$ , by a **bounded** quantifier

$$\exists C : \forall x : C(f_1, f_2, \dots)(x) \Rightarrow F_{\text{spec}}(x)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\exists c : \forall x : c(f_1, f_2, f_3)(x) \Rightarrow F_{\text{spec}}(x), c \text{ in some finite set}$$

This **bounded synthesis** problem is solved by **deciding the  $\exists\forall$  formula**

Examples: straight-line program synthesis, loop-free program synthesis, geometry constructions synthesis

## Examples: Synthesized Programs

### RoundUpToTheNextHighestPowerOf2(x):

$$1. o_1 := (x - 1)$$

$$2. o_2 := (o_1 \gg 1)$$

$$3. o_3 := o_1 | o_2$$

$$4. o_4 := o_3 \gg 2$$

$$5. o_5 := o_3 | o_4$$

$$6. o_6 := o_5 \gg 4$$

$$7. o_7 := o_5 | o_6$$

$$8. o_8 := o_7 \gg 8$$

$$9. o_9 := o_7 | o_8$$

$$10. o_{10} := o_9 \gg 16$$

$$11. o_{11} := o_9 | o_{10}$$

$$12. res := o_{10} + 1$$

## Examples: Synthesized Programs

**HigherOrderHalfOfxy**( $x, y$ ):

1.  $o_1 := x \ \& \ 0\text{xFFFF}$

2.  $o_2 := x \gg 16$

3.  $o_3 := y \ \& \ 0\text{xFFFF}$

4.  $o_4 := y \gg 16$

5.  $o_5 := o_1 * o_3$

6.  $o_6 := o_2 * o_3$

7.  $o_7 := o_1 * o_4$

8.  $o_8 := o_2 * o_4$

9.  $o_9 := o_5 \gg 16$

10.  $o_{10} := o_6 + o_9$

11.  $o_{11} := o_{10} \ \& \ 0\text{xFFFF}$

12.  $o_{12} := o_{10} \gg 16$

13.  $o_{13} := o_7 + o_{11}$

14.  $o_{14} := o_{13} \gg 16$

15.  $o_{15} := o_{14} + o_{12}$

16.  $res := o_{15} + o_8$

## Solving $\exists\forall$ Problems

When dynamics are not linear, and when dealing with other domains/synthesis, we need  $\exists\forall$  solvers

Approaches:

- eliminating quantifiers, e.g. **qepcad**, **virtual substitution**
- replacing  $\forall$  quantifiers by  $\exists$  using **duality theorems**, such as **Farkas Lemma** and **Positivstellensatz**
- cleverly enumerating instances of the  $\exists$  quantifier, **CEG- $\exists\forall$  Solving**
- using numerical methods based on **semidefinite programming**



## $\exists\forall$ Solving: Semidefinite Programming

Special class of  $\exists\forall$  problems:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & F_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i F_i \geq 0 \end{array}$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $F_0, \dots, F_m \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are symmetric matrices.

Logical reading of the **feasibility instance**:

$$\exists x \forall y : y^T (F_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i F_i) y \geq 0$$

Convex optimization/Interior point methods

Abstract to these **solvable** classes

## $\exists\forall$ Solving: Sum-of-Squares Programming

Another class of  $\exists\forall$  problems that **reduce to SDP programming**:

minimize  $c^T x$

subject to  $P_0(y) + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i P_i(y)$  is 0 (or SOS),  $\dots$ ,

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $P_0, \dots, P_m \in \mathbb{R}[y]$

**Approximate** logical reading of the **feasibility instance**:

$$\exists x \forall y : (P_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i P_i) \geq 0 \wedge \dots$$

Not applicable to  $\exists x \forall y : (P_0(x, y) \geq 0 \wedge P_1(x, y) \geq 0 \Rightarrow P_2(x, y) \geq 0)$

## $\exists \forall$ Solving: Counter-Example Guided Solver

CE guided iterative procedure for solving  $\exists \vec{u} : \forall \vec{x} : \phi(\vec{u}, \vec{x})$

1. Guess  $\vec{u}_0$  for  $\vec{u}$
2. (Verification) Check if

$$\forall \vec{x} : \phi(\vec{u}_0, \vec{x})$$

3. If true, then return  $\vec{u}_0$
4. Get counterexample  $\vec{x}_0$ , add it to  $X$
5. (Finite Synthesis) Find new  $\vec{u}_0$  such that

$$\exists \vec{u}_0 : \bigwedge_{\vec{x}_0 \in X} \phi(\vec{u}_0, \vec{x}_0)$$

6. If unsatisfiable, return False, else goto Step 2

## $\exists \forall$ Solving: Distinguishing Input

Solving  $\exists \vec{u} : \forall \vec{x} : \phi(\vec{u}, \vec{x})$

1.  $X :=$  some finite set of choices for  $\vec{x}$
2. Find **two values**  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$  that work for  $X$ , but **differ** on some  $\vec{x}_0$

$$\exists \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{x}_0 : \left( \bigwedge_{\vec{x} \in X} (\phi(\vec{u}_1, \vec{x}) \wedge \phi(\vec{u}_2, \vec{x})) \right) \wedge (\phi(\vec{u}_1, \vec{x}_0) \not\equiv \phi(\vec{u}_2, \vec{x}_0))$$

3. If satisfiable, we add  $\vec{x}_0$  to  $X$  and go to (2)
4. If unsatisfiable, then find **one** program that works for  $X$

$$\exists \vec{u}_1 : \bigwedge_{\vec{x} \in X} \phi(\vec{u}_1, \vec{x})$$

5. If satisfiable, **verify** and return  $\vec{u}_1$
6. Otherwise, return “unsatisfiable”

## $\exists \forall$ Solving: A Nonsymbolic Solver

A third algorithm for solving  $\exists \vec{u} : \forall \vec{x} : \phi(\vec{u}, \vec{x})$

1. Find **finite set  $X$  of good values for  $\vec{x}$**
2. **Synthesize  $\vec{u}_0$  that works for finite set  $X$**
3. **Verify that  $\vec{u}_0$  works on randomly sampled inputs**

We can perform Step (2) using intelligently enumerating values for  $\vec{u}$

Geometry synthesis

# Biology

Enormous amounts of **data** being generated

- DNA sequencing: Fully sequencing genomes is rapid and easy
- DNA microarray: Which genes are being transcribed
- Proteomics: Which proteins are present
- Flow cytometry: Concentration in individual cells

And how to use it to **predict clinical** observations and **phenotypes**?

## Systems Biology

**Model**-based development

Also, a common feature in embedded system design

Goal: Models can help

- perform *in-silico* experiments
- guide *wet lab* experiments
- suggest novel **drug** targets

## Nutrient Sets

Goal: Starting from the genome, find nutrient sets on which that organism will grow

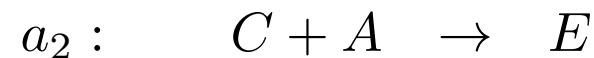
- Sequence genome of the organism
- Extract genes
- Predict metabolic network
- Predict growth on nutrient sets



## Metabolic Network: Rewriting-based Modeling

**Petrinets:** Ground AC rewrite systems with 1 AC symbol

Example:



The numeric parameters  $a_1, a_2$  capture relative affinity/preference/ likelihood

Typical metabolic networks have 1000's of reactions and metabolites

Also used to model other biochemical reactions: **cell signaling**

## Stochastic Firing: Chemical Master Equation

Strategy for firing rewrite rules: **stochastic**

Physics-based models of biochemical reaction networks: **stochastic Petrinets**

Semantics is given using the CME

$X$ : set of metabolites,  $|X| = n$ ; e.g.  $X = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$

$R$ : set of reactions

$r$ : a reaction, element of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ ; e.g.  $A + C \rightarrow E \mapsto [-1, 0, -1, 0, 1]$

$P$ : map from  $\mathbb{N}^{+n} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \mapsto [0, 1]$

$$\frac{dP(X, t)}{dt} = \sum_{r \in R} a(P(X - r, t), r)$$

## Stochastic Firing: Example



Evolving probability distribution:

	A=2,B=1,C=D=E=0	A=1,B=0,C=1,D=1,E=0	A=0,B=0,C=0,D=1,E=1
1	1	0	0
2	1/2	1/2	0
3	1/4	1/2	1/4
4	1/8	3/8	1/2
5	...	...	...
6	0	0	1

**Difficulty:** Not enough data to know how to compute  $a$

Does not **scale**

## Deterministic Firing: Mass Action Dynamics

Approximation of CME using ordinary differential equations



ODE model using mass action dynamics:

$$\frac{dA(t)}{dt} = -a_1 * A(t) * B(t) - a_2 * A(t) * C(t)$$

$$\frac{dB(t)}{dt} = -a_1 * A(t) * B(t)$$

$$\frac{dC(t)}{dt} = -a_2 * A(t) * C(t) + a_1 * A(t) * B(t)$$

$$\frac{dD(t)}{dt} = a_1 * A(t) * B(t)$$

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = a_2 * A(t) * C(t)$$

**Issue:** (i) approximate (ii) Still need  $a_1, a_2$

## Nondeterministic Firing: Rewriting

Preferable because we do not need extra parameters

Organism grows if it can produce **biomass** compounds starting from **nutrients**

This is a **reachability question**

Petrinet reachability is decidable, but inefficient

Example: If  $A, B$  are nutrients, and  $E$  is a biomass compound, then:



## Reachability: Via Constraint Solving

We can perform approximate reachability via constraint solving

Example:



Constraints: Suppose initial state is  $2A + B$ , we want to reach  $D + E$

$$A : \quad -r_1 - r_2 + 2 = 0$$

$$B : \quad -r_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$C : \quad r_1 - r_2 = 0$$

$$D : \quad r_1 - 1 = 0$$

$$E : \quad r_2 - 1 = 0$$

If  $D + E$  is reachable from  $2A + B$ , then above constraints are satisfiable

This is called **Flux Balance Analysis**

## Nutrient Sets for E.Coli

We have used constraint solving for finding (minimal) nutrient sets for E.Coli

Exact Reachability is defined as the least fixpoint

**Flux Balance Analysis:** an overapproximation of the reachability relation

We developed a constraint-based approach that captures reachability more accurately than FBA

### Results:

- (1) About 75% accuracy with experimental results
- (2) Predicted growth of E.Coli on **cynate** as both Carbon and Nitrogen source, which was **experimentally verified**
- (3) Can compute **all** minimal nutrient sets for E.Coli

## Logic in Software Verification

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



## Traditional Approach: Annotate & Check

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

## Traditional Approach: Annotate & Check

Proof obligation generated:

$$z + x + y = n \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge z' = z - 1 \wedge y' = y \quad \stackrel{\mathbf{T}}{\Rightarrow} \quad z' + x' + y' = n$$

$$z + x + y = n \wedge y' = y + 1 \wedge z' = z - 1 \wedge x' = x \quad \stackrel{\mathbf{T}}{\Rightarrow} \quad z' + x' + y' = n$$

The theory  $\mathbf{T}$  determined by semantics of the programming language.

## Example: Abstract Interpretation

```
[ true ]
1 x := 0; y := 0; z := n;
  [  $x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n$  ]       $\exists \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z} : x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n$ 
2 while (*) {
3   if (*) {
4     x := x+1;
5     z := z-1; [  $(x = 1 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n - 1)$  ]
6   } else {
7     y := y+1;
8     z := z-1; [  $(x = 0 \wedge y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1)$  ]
9   }
  [  $(x = 1 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n - 1) \vee (x = 0 \wedge y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1)$  ]
10 }
```

## Example: Abstract Interpretation

Suppose we can only use **conjunctions of atomic facts**

We need to **overapproximate**

- the  $\exists$  quantifier
- the  $\vee$  operator

We need to find a **conjunction of atomic formulas** that is implied by

- $\exists \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z} : \bar{x} = 0 \wedge \bar{y} = 0 \wedge \bar{z} = n \wedge x = \bar{x} + 1 \wedge z = \bar{z} - 1 \wedge y = \bar{y}$   
 $\longrightarrow x = 1 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n - 1$
- $(x = 1 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n - 1) \vee (x = 0 \wedge y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1)$   
 $\longrightarrow x + y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1$

## Example: Abstract Interpretation

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

Hence, we need to over-approximate

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

$$(x + y = 1 \wedge z = n - 1) \stackrel{\mathbf{T}}{\Rightarrow} z + x + y = n$$

$$(x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \wedge z = n) \stackrel{\mathbf{T}}{\Rightarrow} z + x + y = n$$

We get the loop invariant  $z + x + y = n$ .

## Logical Interpretation

Abstract Interpretation over **logical lattices**

Lattices defined by

elements : some **subset** of formulas in  $\mathbf{T}$  closed under  $\wedge$

partial order : some **subset** of  $\stackrel{\mathbf{T}}{\Rightarrow}$

A common class is **strictly logical lattices**:

elements : **conjunction  $\phi$  of atomic formulas in  $\mathbf{T}$**

partial order :  **$\phi \sqsubseteq \phi'$  if  $\mathbf{T} \models \phi \Rightarrow \phi'$**

In any logical lattice

**meet**  $\sqcap$   $\mapsto$  (over-approximation of) logical **and**  $\wedge$  ( $\lceil \wedge \rceil$ )

**join**  $\sqcup$   $\mapsto$  over-approximation of logical **or**  $\vee$  ( $\lceil \vee \rceil$ )

**partial order**  $\sqsubseteq$   $\mapsto$  under-approximation of logical **implies**  $\lceil \Rightarrow \rceil$

**projection**  $\mapsto$  over-approximation of logical **exists**  $\lceil \exists \rceil$

In strictly logical lattices:

**meet**  $\sqcap$   $\mapsto$   $\wedge$

**join**  $\sqcup$   $\mapsto$   $\phi_1 \lceil \vee \rceil \phi_2$  is the strongest  $\phi \in \Phi$  s.t.  $\phi_i \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}} \phi$  for  $i = 1, 2$

**partial order**  $\sqsubseteq$   $\mapsto$   $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}}$

**projection**  $\mapsto$   $\lceil \exists \rceil U.\phi$  is the strongest  $\phi' \in \Phi$  s.t.  $(\exists U.\phi) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}} \phi'$

**Challenge:** For what domains can we efficiently compute these operations?



## Over-Approximation of $\vee$ : Examples

- **Linear arithmetic with equality** (Karr 1976)

$$\text{Eg. } \{x = 0, y = 1\} \lceil \vee \rceil \{x = 1, y = 0\} = \{(x + y = 1)\}$$

- **Linear arithmetic with inequalities** (Cousot and Halbwachs 1978)

$$\text{Eg. } \{x = 0\} \lceil \vee \rceil \{x = 1\} = \{0 \leq x, x \leq 1\}$$

- **Nonlinear equations** (polynomials) (Rodriguez-Carbonell and Kapur 2004)

$$\text{Eg. } \{x = 0\} \lceil \vee \rceil \{x = 1\} = \{x(x - 1) = 0\}$$

- **Term Algebra** (Gulwani, T. and Necula 2004)

$$\text{Eg. } \{x = a, y = f(a)\} \lceil \vee \rceil \{x = b, y = f(b)\} = \{y = f(x)\}$$

## UFS does not define a logical lattice

The  $\lceil \vee \rceil$  of two finite sets of facts need not be finitely presented. [Gulwani, T. and Necula 2004]

$$\phi_1 \equiv \{a = b\}$$

$$\phi_2 \equiv \{fa = a, fb = b, ga = gb\}$$

$$\phi_1 \lceil \vee \rceil \phi_2 \equiv \bigwedge_i gf^i a = gf^i b$$

The formula  $\bigwedge_i gf^i a = gf^i b$  can not be represented by finite set of ground equations.

*Proof.* It induces infinitely many congruence classes with more than one signature.

## Combining Logical Interpreters: Motivation

```

x := 0; y := 0;
u := 0; v := 0;
while (*) {
  x := u + 1;
  y := 1 + v;
  u := F(x);
  v := F(y);
}
assert( x = y )

```

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

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

```

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 )

```

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{UFS}$$

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

```

x := 0; y := 0;
u := 0; v := 0;
while (*) {
  x := u + 1;
  y := 1 + v;
  u := *;
  v := *;
}
assert( x = y )

```

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

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

## Combining Logical Interpreters

Combining abstract interpreters is not easy [Cousot76]

For combining logical interpreters (over strictly logical lattices), we need to **combine**:

- $\lceil \vee \rceil$
- $\lceil \exists \rceil$
- $\mathbf{T} \Rightarrow$

**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = 0 \wedge y = 1) \lceil \vee \rceil (x = 1 \wedge y = 0) \\ & = x + y = 1 \wedge C[x] + C[y] = C[0] + C[1] \end{aligned}$$

## Logical Product

Given two logical lattices, we define the **logical product**  $L_1 * L_2$  as:

elements : conjunction  $\phi$  of atomic formulas in  $\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2$

$E \sqsubseteq E'$  :  $E \Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2} E'$  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  $\mathbf{T}_1 \cup \mathbf{T}_2 \cup E$ )

Eg.  $\{x = F(a + 1), y = a\} [\vee] \{x = F(b + 1), y = b\} = \{x = F(y + 1)\}$  since:

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

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

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

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

## Combining the $\Rightarrow$ Test

Combining satisfiability procedures

**Nelson-Oppen** combination method

## Combining $\lceil \vee \rceil$ Operators

Given procedures:

$$\lceil \vee \rceil_{L_1}(E_l, E_r)$$

$$\lceil \vee \rceil_{L_2}(E_l, E_r)$$

We wish to compute  $E_l \lceil \vee \rceil E_r$  in the logical product  $L_1 * L_2$

Example.

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

## Combining $\lceil \forall \rceil$ Operators

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

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

Purify+NOSat

$$z = a - 1 \quad y = f(a)$$

$$z = b - 1 \quad y = f(b)$$

LR-Exchange

$$a = \langle a, b \rangle \quad a = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$b = \langle a, b \rangle \quad b = \langle a, b \rangle$$

Base  $\lceil \forall \rceil$

$$\lceil \forall \rceil_{LA}$$

$$\lceil \forall \rceil_{UF}$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = 1 + z$$

$$y = f(\langle a, b \rangle)$$

Quant Elim

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

Return

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



## The $\exists$ Operator

Required to compute **transfer function** for **assignments**

$E = \exists_L V : (E')$  if  $E$  is the least element in lattice  $L$  s.t.

- $E' \sqsubseteq_L E$
- $Vars(E) \cap V = \emptyset$

Examples:

- $\exists_{LA} a : (x < a \wedge a < y) = (x < y)$
- $\exists_{UF} a : (x = f(a) \wedge y = f(f(a))) = (y = f(x))$
- $\exists_{LA*UF} a, b, c : (a < b < y \wedge z = c + 1 \wedge a = ffb \wedge c = fb) = (f(z - 1) < y)$

How to construct  $\exists_{LA*UF}$  using  $\exists_{LA}$  and  $\exists_{UF}$ ?

## 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

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

QSat

$$a \mapsto fc \leftarrow$$

Base  $\exists$

$$\exists LA$$

$$\exists UF$$

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

$$a = fc$$

Substitute

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

Return

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

## Quantified Abstract Domain

**Lifting** base logical domains to **quantified domains**

```
array-init( $A, n$ )  
1  for ( $i = 0; i < n; i++$ ) {  
2       $A[i] = 0$   
3  }  
   [ $\forall k(0 \leq k < n \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$  ]
```

## Array Initialization

```
array-init( $A, n$ )  
1  for ( $i = 0; i < n; i++$ ) {  
     $(i = 1 \wedge A[0] = 0) \vee (i = 2 \wedge A[0] = 0 \wedge A[1] = 0)$   
2     $A[i] = 0$   
3 }
```

Let us write it out as a quantified fact.

## Array Initialization

```
array-init( $A, n$ )  
1  for ( $i = 0; i < n; i++$ ) {  
    ( $i = 1 \wedge \forall k(k = 0 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$ )  $\vee$   
    ( $i = 2 \wedge \forall k(k = 0 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0) \wedge \forall k(k = 1 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$ )  
2     $A[i] = 0$   
3  }
```

Too many quantified facts...let us merge them into one.

$$i = 2 \wedge \forall k(\text{----} \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$$

---- should be  $k = 0 \vee k = 1$ :

$$0 \leq k \leq 1 \Rightarrow (k = 0 \vee k = 1)$$

## Array Initialization

```
array-init( $A, n$ )  
1  for ( $i = 0; i < n; i++$ ) {  
     $i = 1 \wedge \forall k(k = 0 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0) \vee$   
     $i = 2 \wedge \forall k(0 \leq k < 2 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$   
2     $A[i] = 0$   
3 }
```

Now we need to  $\lceil \forall \rceil$  of two quantified facts.

## Array Initialization

$i = 1$

$\forall k(k = 0 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$

$[\vee]$

$i = 2$

$\forall k(0 \leq k < 2 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$

$1 \leq i \leq 2$

$\forall k(\text{----} \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$

Obviously, ---- should be  $k = 0 \wedge 0 \leq k < 2$ .

$k = 0$  is no good.

## Array Initialization

$$i = 1$$

$$\forall k (k = 0 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$$

[ $\vee$ ]

$$i = 2$$

$$\forall k (0 \leq k < 2 \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$$

$$1 \leq i \leq 2$$

$$\forall k (\text{----} \Rightarrow A[k] = 0)$$

Actually, ---- should be

$$i = 1 \Rightarrow k = 0 \ [\wedge] \ i = 2 \Rightarrow 0 \leq k < 2$$

Let us see if the answer satisfies this.

$$0 \leq k < i \Rightarrow (i = 1 \Rightarrow k = 0 \wedge i = 2 \Rightarrow 0 \leq k < 2)$$



## The Quantified Domain

$$E \wedge \bigwedge_i \forall U_i (F_i \Rightarrow e_i)$$

where  $E, F, e$  are members of three **base** domains, requires

Function	Description
$E_1 \ [\vee] \ E_2$	join of $E_1$ and $E_2$
$E_1 \ [\wedge] \ E_2$	meet of $E_1$ and $E_2$
$[\exists] \ x.E$	eliminate $x$ from $E$
$E_1 \ [\Rightarrow] \ E_2$	partial order test comparing $E_1$ and $E_2$
$(E_1 \ [\vee] \ E_2) / E$	under-approximate $E \Rightarrow (E_1 \vee E_2)$
$(E_1 \Rightarrow E'_1) \ [\wedge] \ (E_2 \Rightarrow E'_2)$	underapprox. $(E_1 \Rightarrow E'_1) \wedge (E_2 \Rightarrow E'_2)$
$[\forall] \ x.(E \Rightarrow E')$	underapproximate $\forall x(E \Rightarrow E')$

## Logical Interpretation: Summary

- **Logical lattices** are good candidates for **thinking** about and **building** abstract interpreters

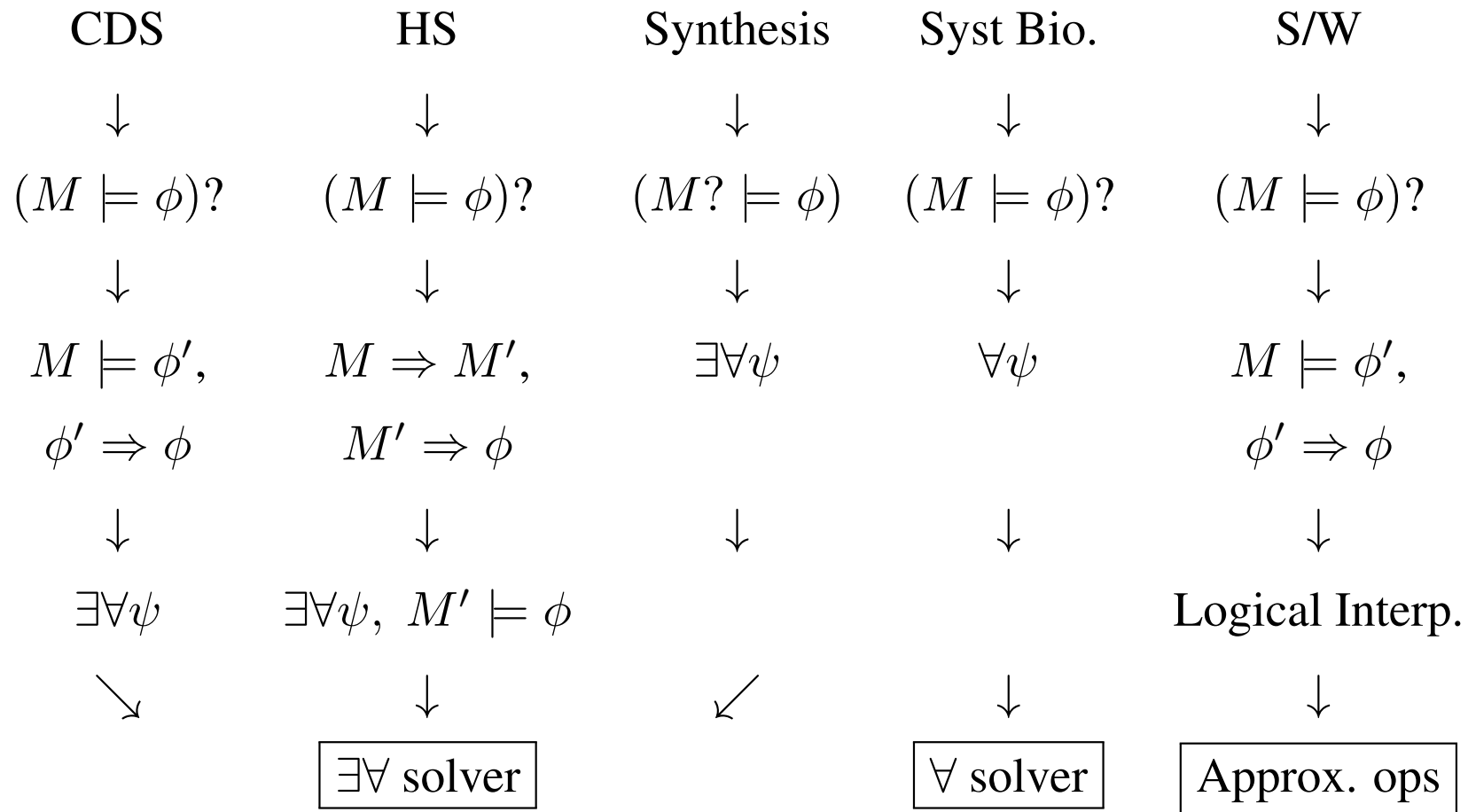
Logical Interpretation :  $\lceil \vee \rceil$  ,  $\lceil \exists \rceil$  ,  $\Rightarrow$

Logical Product : Combination Algorithms

Quantified Extension :  $\lfloor \vee \rfloor$  ,  $\lfloor \wedge \rfloor$  ,  $\lfloor \forall \rfloor$  , abduction

- The **assertion checking** problem for program classes:
  - Is related to **T**-unification
  - **Unification type** determines **complexity**
  - **Interprocedural analysis** needs **context unification**

## Summary



## Conclusion

SMT Solvers have **revolutionalized** solving of  $\forall$  formulas

Possible directions of evolution:

- $\exists\forall$  SMT Solvers
- Approximating SMT Solvers
- SMT+ and SMT- Solvers
- Probabilistic SMT Solvers