

# *Software Verification with Satisfiability Modulo Theories*

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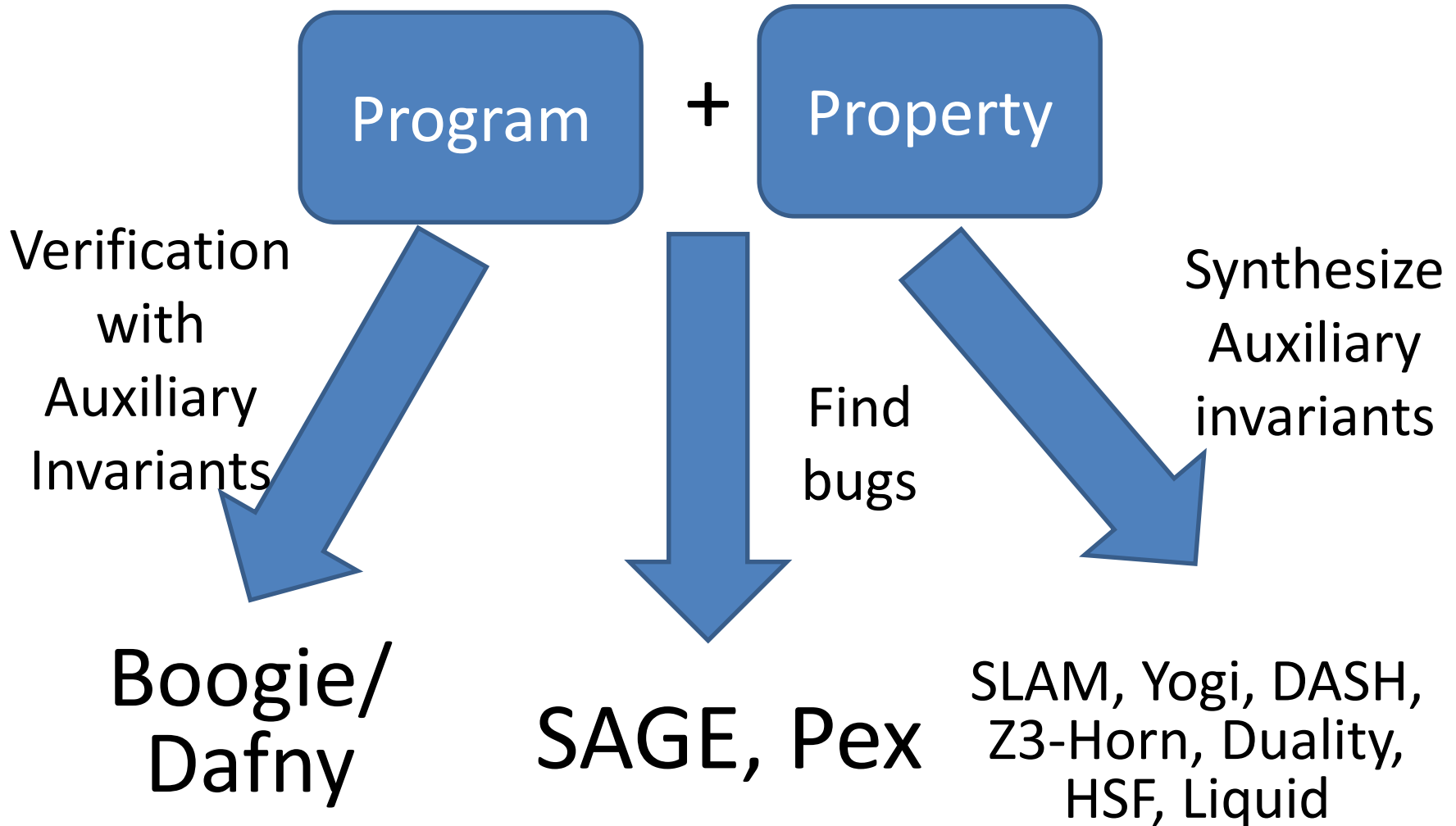
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# Jean Yang



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My goal is to automate the creation of constructs into non-declarative applications.

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# Z3 – Backed by Proof Plumbers

Handbook of Satisfiability

Not all is hopeless



Leonardo de Moura, Nikolaj Bjørner, Christoph Wintersteiger

# A primer on SMT with Z3



# Material

## Satisfiability Modulo Theories: Introduction

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### ABSTRACT

Constraint satisfaction problems arise in many diverse areas including software and hardware verification, type inference, static program analysis, test-case generation, scheduling, planning and graph problems. These areas share a common trait, they include a core component using logical formulas for describing states and transformations between them. The most well-known constraint satisfaction problem is *propositional satisfiability*, SAT, where the goal is to decide whether a formula over Boolean variables, formed using logical connectives can be made *true* by choosing *true/false* values for its variables. Some problems are more naturally described using richer languages, such as arithmetic. A supporting *theory* (of arithmetic) is then required to capture the meaning of these formulas. Solvers for such formulations are commonly called *Satisfiability Modulo Theories* (SMT) solvers.

SMT solvers have been the focus of increased recent attention thanks to technological advances and industrial applications. Yet, they draw on a combination of some of the most fundamental areas in computer science as well as discoveries from the past century of symbolic logic. They combine the problem of Boolean Satisfiability with domains, such as, those studied in convex optimization and term-manipulating symbolic systems. They involve the decision problem, completeness and incompleteness of logical theories, and finally complexity theory. In this article, we present an overview of the field of Satisfiability Modulo Theories, and some of its applications.

key driving factor [4]. An interchange format for benchmarks and the classification of benchmarks depending on which theories are used. A growing number of applications are marked in the SMT-LIB format.

There is a relatively long history of selecting and specialized context-sensitive decision procedures to discharge interactive proofs. SMT solvers spend a long time in the context of *path quantifier static checking* [21], where verification is performed. Recent progress in SMT solvers, however, has enabled their use in a set of diverse applications, including interactive theorem provers and extended static checkers, but also in the context of scheduling, planning, test-case generation, model-based testing and program development, static program analysis, program synthesis, and run-time analysis, among several others.

We begin by introducing a motivating application and a simple instance of it that we will use as a running example.

### 1.1 An SMT Application - Scheduling

Consider the classical *job shop scheduling* decision problem. In this problem, there are  $n$  jobs, each composed of  $m$  tasks of varying duration that have to be performed consecutively on  $m$  machines. The start of a new task can be delayed as long as needed in order to wait for a machine to become available, but tasks cannot be interrupted once



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## Applications of SMT solvers to Program Verification

Rough notes for SSFT 2014

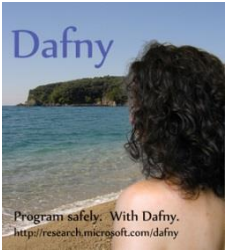
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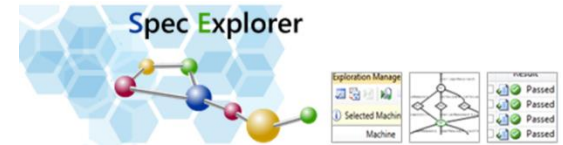
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Under-Approximation

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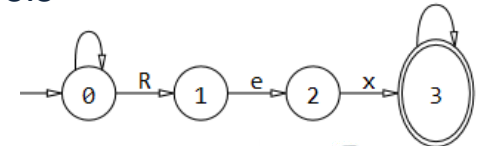


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Synthesis





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**SAT IN A NUTSHELL**

# SAT in a nutshell

$(\text{Tie} \vee \text{Shirt}) \wedge (\neg \text{Tie} \vee \neg \text{Shirt}) \wedge (\neg \text{Tie} \vee \text{Shirt})$

# **SMT IN A NUTSHELL**

# Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

**Is formula  $\varphi$  satisfiable  
modulo theory  $T$  ?**

SMT solvers have  
specialized algorithms for  $T$

# Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

$$x + 2 = y \Rightarrow f(\text{select}(\text{store}(a, x, 3), y - 2)) = f(y - x + 1)$$

Array Theory

Arithmetic

Uninterpreted  
Functions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), i) &= v \\ i \neq j \Rightarrow \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), j) &= \text{select}(a, j) \end{aligned}$$



# **SMT SOLVING IN A NUTSHELL**

Job Shop Scheduling

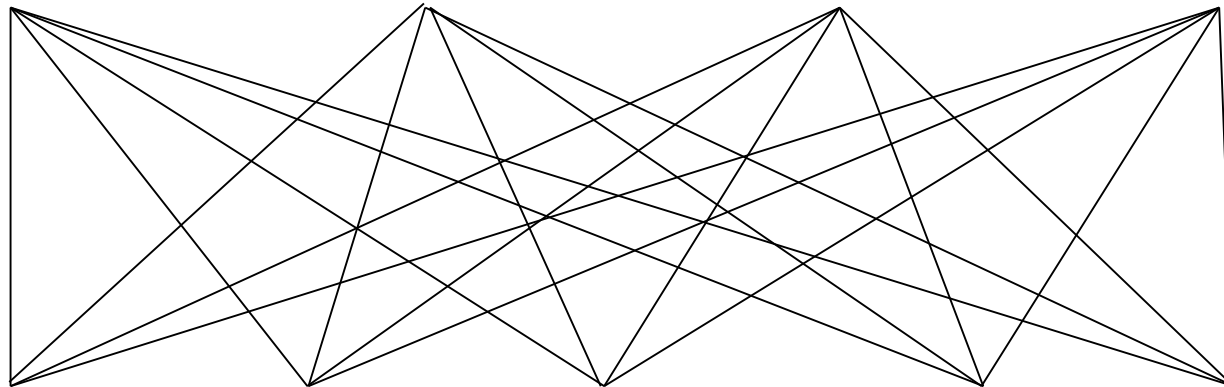
# Job Shop Scheduling



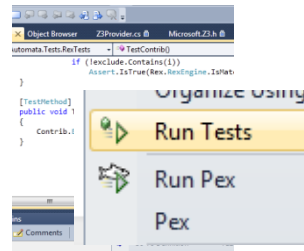
Machines

Tasks

Jobs



P = NP?

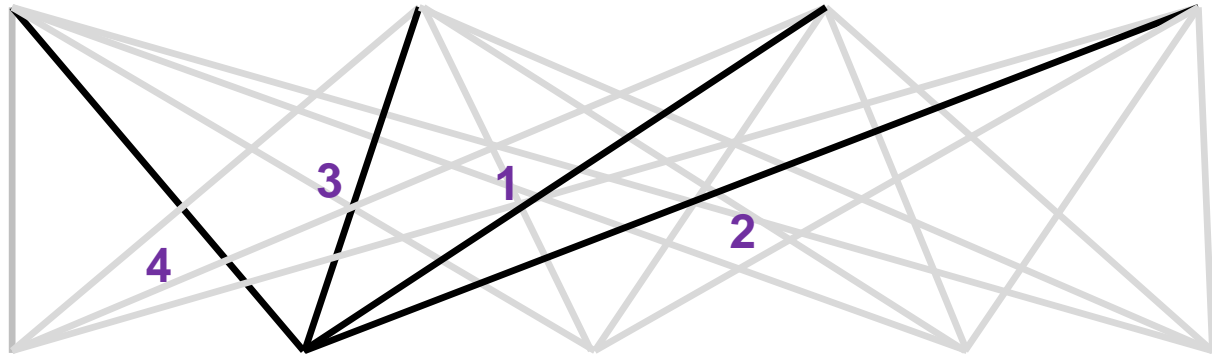


$$\zeta(s) = 0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{1}{2} + ir$$

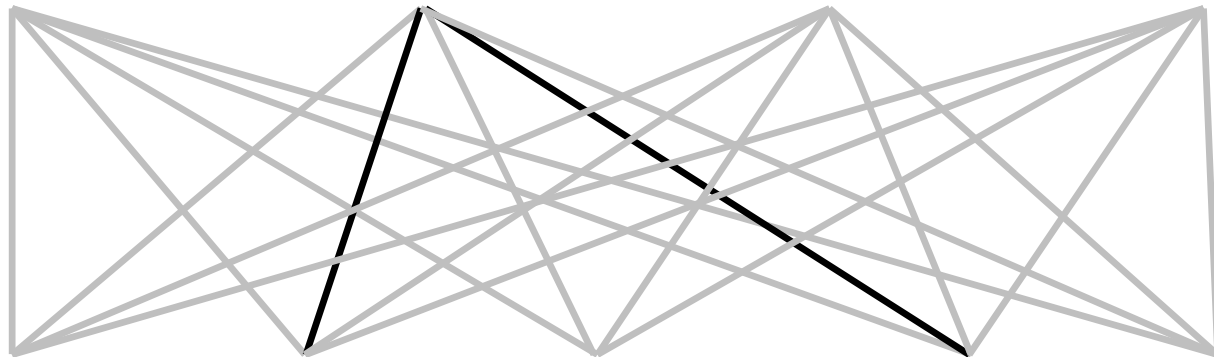
# Job Shop Scheduling

## Constraints:

**Precedence:** between two tasks of the same job



**Resource:** Machines execute at most one job at a time

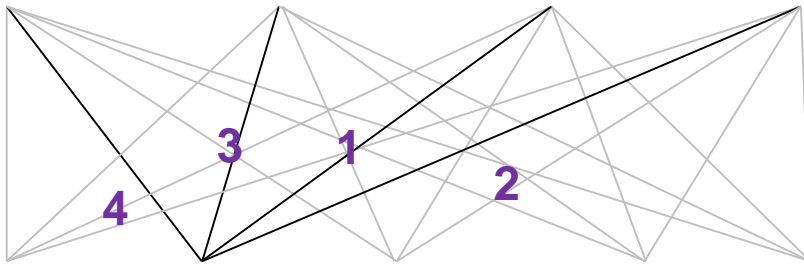


$$[start_{2,2}..end_{2,2}] \cap [start_{4,2}..end_{4,2}] = \emptyset$$

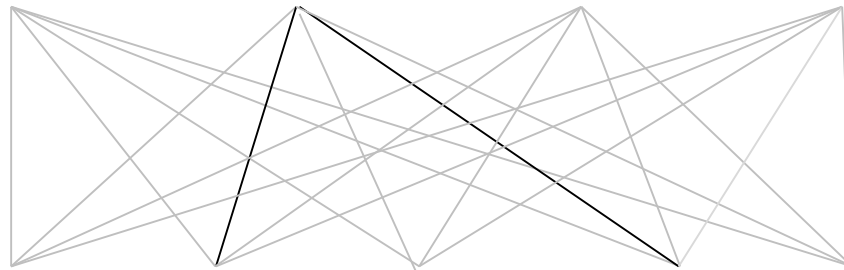
# Job Shop Scheduling

## Constraints:

### Precedence:



### Resource:



$$[start_{2,2}..end_{2,2}] \cap [start_{4,2}..end_{4,2}] = \emptyset$$

## Encoding:

$t_{2,3}$  - start time of  
job 2 on mach 3

$d_{2,3}$  - duration of  
job 2 on mach 3

$$t_{2,3} + d_{2,3} \leq t_{2,4}$$

Not convex

$$t_{2,2} + d_{2,2} \leq t_{4,2}$$

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$$t_{4,2} + d_{4,2} \leq t_{2,2}$$

# Job Shop Scheduling

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

$max = 8$

## Solution

$t_{1,1} = 5, t_{1,2} = 7, t_{2,1} = 2,$

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

## Encoding

$(t_{1,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{1,2} \geq t_{1,1} + 2) \wedge (t_{1,2} + 1 \leq 8) \wedge$

$(t_{2,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{2,2} \geq t_{2,1} + 3) \wedge (t_{2,2} + 1 \leq 8) \wedge$

$(t_{3,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{3,2} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \wedge (t_{3,2} + 3 \leq 8) \wedge$

$((t_{1,1} \geq t_{2,1} + 3) \vee (t_{2,1} \geq t_{1,1} + 2)) \wedge$

$((t_{1,1} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \vee (t_{3,1} \geq t_{1,1} + 2)) \wedge$

$((t_{2,1} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \vee (t_{3,1} \geq t_{2,1} + 3)) \wedge$

$((t_{1,2} \geq t_{2,2} + 1) \vee (t_{2,2} \geq t_{1,2} + 1)) \wedge$

$((t_{1,2} \geq t_{3,2} + 3) \vee (t_{3,2} \geq t_{1,2} + 1)) \wedge$

$((t_{2,2} \geq t_{3,2} + 3) \vee (t_{3,2} \geq t_{2,2} + 1))$

# Job Shop Scheduling

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(t_{1,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{1,2} \geq t_{1,1} + 2) \wedge (t_{1,2} + 1 \leq 8) \wedge \\
 &(t_{2,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{2,2} \geq t_{2,1} + 3) \wedge (t_{2,2} + 1 \leq 8) \wedge \\
 &(t_{3,1} \geq 0) \wedge (t_{3,2} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \wedge (t_{3,2} + 3 \leq 8) \wedge \\
 &((t_{1,1} \geq t_{2,1} + 3) \vee (t_{2,1} \geq t_{1,1} + 2)) \wedge \\
 &((t_{1,1} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \vee (t_{3,1} \geq t_{1,1} + 2)) \wedge \\
 &((t_{2,1} \geq t_{3,1} + 2) \vee (t_{3,1} \geq t_{2,1} + 3)) \wedge \\
 &((t_{1,2} \geq t_{2,2} + 1) \vee (t_{2,2} \geq t_{1,2} + 1)) \wedge \\
 &((t_{1,2} \geq t_{3,2} + 3) \vee (t_{3,2} \geq t_{1,2} + 1)) \wedge \\
 &((t_{2,2} \geq t_{3,2} + 3) \vee (t_{3,2} \geq t_{2,2} + 1))
 \end{aligned}$$

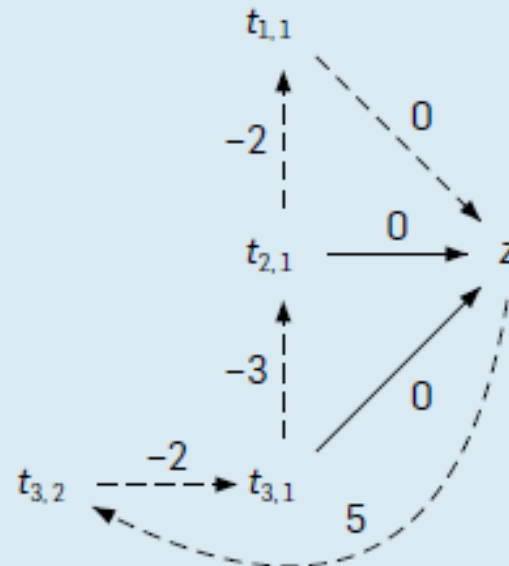
case split

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**Efficient solvers:**

- Floyd-Warshal algorithm
- Ford-Fulkerson algorithm

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



$$z - z = 5 - 2 - 3 - 2 = -2 < 0$$



**THEORIES**

# Theories

## Uninterpreted functions



Is this formula satisfiable? Ask z3!

```
1 (declare-sort () A)
2 (declare-fun f (A) A)
3 (declare-const a A)
4 (assert (= a (f (f a))))
5 (assert (= a (f (f (f a)))))
6 (check-sat)
7 (get-model)
8 (echo "Adding contradiction")
9 (assert (not (= a (f a))))
10 (check-sat)
```

ask z3

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Theories **z3py**

Explore the Z3 API using Python

```

1 t11, t12, t21, t22, t31, t32 = Ints('t11 t12 t21 t22 t31 t32')
2
3 s = Solver()
4
5 s.add(And([t11 >= 0, t12 >= t11 + 2, t12 + 1 <= 8]))
6 s.add(And([t21 >= 0, t22 >= t21 + 3, t22 + 1 <= 8]))
7 s.add(And([t31 >= 0, t32 >= t31 + 2, t32 + 3 <= 8]))
8
9 s.add(Or(t11 >= t21 + 3, t21 >= t11 + 2))
10 s.add(Or(t11 >= t31 + 2, t31 >= t11 + 2))
11 s.add(Or(t21 >= t31 + 2, t31 >= t21 + 3))
12 s.add(Or(t21 >= t22 + 1, t22 >= t12 + 1))
13 s.add(Or(t12 >= t32 + 3, t32 >= t12 + 1))
14 s.add(Or(t22 >= t32 + 3, t32 >= t22 + 1))
15 |
16 print ">>", s.check()
17 print ">>", s.model()
18
19

```



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```

>> sat
>> [t31 = 0, t21 = 4, t22 = 7, t32 = 2, t12 = 5, t11 = 2]

```

Uninterpreted funct  
Arithmetic (linear)

# Theories



Explore the Z3 API using Python

```
1
2
3 x      = BitVec('x', 32)
4 powers = [ 2**i for i in range(32) ]
5 fast   = And(x != 0, x & (x - 1) == 0)
6 slow   = Or([ x == p for p in powers ])
7
8
9 prove(fast == slow)
10
11 print "buggy version..."
12
13 fast   = x & (x - 1) == 0
14
15
16 prove(fast == slow)
17
18
19
20
```



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```
proved
buggy version...
counterexample
[x = 0]
```

Uninterpreted functions

Arithmetic (linear)

Bit-vectors

# Theories



Explore the Z3 API using Python

```
1 List = Datatype('List')
2 List.declare('cons', ('car', IntSort()), ('cdr', List))
3 List.declare('nil')
4 List = List.create()
5 cons = List.cons
6 car = List.car
7 cdr = List.cdr
8 nil = List.nil
9 l1 = cons(10, cons(20, nil))
10
11 print ">>", simplify(cdr(l1))
12
13 print ">>", simplify(car(l1))
14
15 print ">>", simplify(l1 == nil)
16
17
18 x, y = Ints('x y')
19 l1 = Const('l1', List)
20 l2 = Const('l2', List)
21 s = Solver()
```



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Uninterpreted functions

Arithmetic (linear)

Bit-vectors

Algebraic data-types

# Theories

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[Arrays](#)

```
2 ; supported in Z3.
3 ; This includes Combinatory Array Logic (de Moura &
4 ;
5 (define-sort A () (Array Int Int))
6 (declare-fun x () Int)
7 (declare-fun y () Int)
8 (declare-fun z () Int)
9 (declare-fun a1 () A)
10 (declare-fun a2 () A)
11 (declare-fun a3 () A)
12 (push) ; illustrate select-store
13 (assert (= (select a1 x) x))
14 (assert (= (store a1 x y) a1))
15 (check-sat)
16 (get-model)
17 (assert (not (= x y)))
18 (check-sat)
19 (pop)
20 (define-fun all1_array () A ((as const A) 1))
21 (simplify (select all1_array x))
22 (define-sort IntSet () (Array Int Bool))
```

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```
sat
(model
  (define-fun y () Int
    1)
  (define-fun a1 () (Array Int Int)
    (_ as-array k!0))
  (define-fun x () Int
    1)
  (define-fun k!0 ((x!1 Int)) Int
    (ite (= x!1 1) 1
```



# Theories

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Arithmetic (linear)

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Explore the Z3 API using Python

```
1 x, y, z = Reals('x y z')
2
3 solve(x**2 + y**2 < 1, x*y > 1,
4       show=True)
5
6 solve(x**2 + y**2 < 1, x*y > 0.4,
7       show=True)
8
9 solve(x**2 + y**2 < 1, x*y > 0.4, x < 0,
10      show=True)
11
12 solve(x**5 - x - y == 0, Or(y == 1, y == -1),
13      show=True)
14
```



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samples

`solve`  
`simple`  
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about Z3Py - Python interface for the Z3  
Z3 is a high-performance theorem prover. Z3 supports  
extensional arrays, datatypes, uninterpreted fun

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# QUANTIFIERS

# Quantifier Elimination

```
1
2 (define-fun stamp () Bool
3   (forall((x Int))
4     (=>
5       (>= x 8)
6       (exists ((u Int) (v Int))
7         (and (>= u 0) (>= v 0) (= x (+ (* 3 u) (* 5 v)))))))
8
9 (simplify stamp)
10
11 (elim-quantifiers stamp)
```

Presburger Arithmetic,  
Algebraic Data-types,  
Quadratic polynomials

# MBQI: Model based Quantifier Instantiation

```
(set-option :mbqi true)
(declare-fun f (Int Int) Int)
(declare-const a Int)
(declare-const b Int)

(assert (forall ((x Int)) (>= (f x x) (+ x a))))

(assert (< (f a b) a))
(assert (> a 0))
(check-sat)
(get-model)

(echo "evaluating (f (+ a 10) 20)...")
(eval (f (+ a 10) 20))
```

[de Moura, Ge. CAV 2008]

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# **MODELS, PROOFS, CORES & SIMPLIFICATION**

# Models

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```
(define-sorts ((A (Array Int Int))))  
(declare-funs ((x Int) (y Int) (z Int)))  
(declare-funs ((a1 A) (a2 A) (a3 A)))  
(assert (= (select a1 x) x))  
(assert (= (store a1 x y) a1))  
(check-sat)  
(get-info model)
```



Logical Formula

**ask z3**

*Is this SMT formula satisfiable?*  
*Click 'ask Z3'! Read more or watch the video.*

```
sat  
(("model" "  
(define x 0)  
(define a1 as-array[k!0])  
(define y 0)  
(define (k!0 (x1 Int))  
(if (= x1 0) 0  
1)))")
```



Sat/Model

# Proofs

Logical Formula

```
(set-logic QF_LIA)
(declare-funs ((x Int) (x1 Int)))
(declare-funs ((x3 Int) (x2 Int)))
(declare-funs ((x4 Int) (x5 Int)))
(declare-funs ((y Int) (z Int) (u Int)))
(assert (> x y))
(assert (= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (- z u))) proof.smt2 PROOF_MODE=2
(assert (<= 0 z))
(assert (<= 0 u))
(assert (< z 3))
(assert (< u 3))
(check-sat)
(get-proof)

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erted (= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (- z u))]
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[rewrite (= (* y 3) (* 3 y))]
(= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (- (* 3 x) (* 3 y)))]
[rewrite (= (- (* 3 x) (* 3 y)) (+ (* 3 x) (* -3 y)))]
(= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (+ (* 3 x) (* -3 y)))]
[rewrite (= (- z u) (+ z (* -1 u)))]
(iff (= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (- z u))
(= (+ (* 3 x) (* -3 y)) (+ z (* -1 u))))]
[rewrite
(iff (= (+ (* 3 x) (* -3 y)) (+ z (* -1 u)))
(= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0))]
(iff (= (- (* x 3) (* y 3)) (- z u))
(= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0))]
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[rewrite
(iff (= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0)
(not (or (not (<= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0))
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(not (or (not (<= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0))
(not (<= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0)))))]
(<= (+ (* 3 x) (+ (* -3 y) (+ (* -1 z) u))) 0)]
[imp
[asserted (> x y)]
[rewrite (iff (> x y) (not (<= (+ x (* -1 y)) 0)))]
(not (<= (+ x (* -1 y)) 0))]
[imp [asserted (< z 3)] [rewrite (iff (< z 3) (not (>= z 3)))] (not (>= z 3))]
false]
---
```

Unsat/Proof

# Simplification

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```
(declare-fun x () Real)
(declare-fun y () Real)
(simplify (>= x (+ x y)))
```

**ask z3** *Is this SMT formula satisfiable? Click 'ask Z3'! Read more or watch the video.*

```
(<= y 0.0)
```

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# Cores

```
(declare-preds ((p) (q) (r) (s)))  
(set-option enable-cores)  
(assert (or p q))  
(assert (implies r s))  
(assert (implies s (iff q r)))  
(assert (or r p))  
(assert (or r s))  
(assert (not (and r q)))  
(assert (not (and s p)))  
(check-sat)  
(get-unsat-core)
```

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```
unsat  
((or p q)  
 (=> r s)  
 (or r p)  
 (or r s)  
 (not (and r q))  
 (not (and s p)))
```



Logical Formula



Unsat. Core

# **TACTICS, SOLVERS**

# Tactics

```
(declare-const x (_ BitVec 16))
(declare-const y (_ BitVec 16))

(assert (= (bvor x y) (_ bv13 16)))
(assert (bvslt x y))

(check-sat-using (then simplify solve-eqs bit-blast sat))
(get-model)
```

## Composition of tactics:

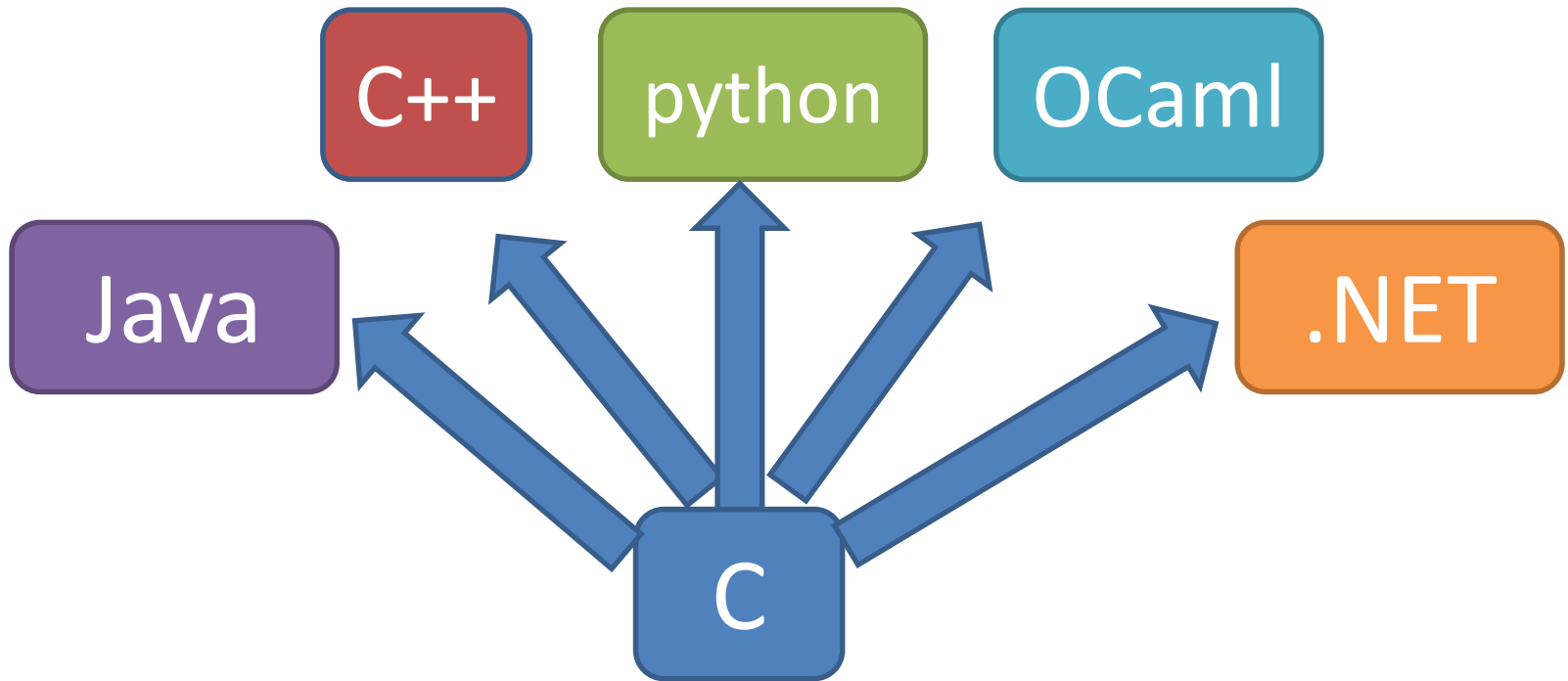
- (then t s)
- (par-then t s) applies t to the input goal and S to every subgoal produced by t in parallel.
- (or-else t s)
- (par-or t s) applies t and S in parallel until one of them succeed.
- (repeat t)
- (repeat t n)
- (try-for t ms)
- (using-params t params) Apply the given tactic using the given parameters.

# Solvers

- Tactics take goals and reduce to sub-goals
- Solvers take tactics and serve as logical contexts.
  - push
  - add
  - check
  - model, core, proof
  - pop

```
bv_solver = Then(With('simplify', mul2concat=True),
                 'solve-eqs',
                 'bit-blast',
                 'aig',
                 'sat').solver()
x, y = BitVecs('x y', 16)
bv_solver.add(x*32 + y == 13, x & y < 10, y > -100)
print bv_solver.check()
m = bv_solver.model()
print m
print x*32 + y, "==", m.evaluate(x*32 + y)
print x & y, "==", m.evaluate(x & y)
```

# APIS



# Summary

Z3 supports several theories

- Using a default combination
- Providing custom tactics for special combinations

Z3 is more than sat/unsat

- Models, proofs, unsat cores,
- simplification, quantifier elimination are tactics

Prototype with python/smt-lib2

- Implement using smt-lib2/programmatic API