

# Decision Procedures for Verification

Combinations of Decision Procedures (4)

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# Last time

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## From conjunctions to arbitrary combinations

Known:

Methods for checking satisfiability for conjunctions of literals

**Question:**

how to check satisfiability of sets of clauses?

# Overview

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- Propositional logic

- resolution
- DPLL

- First-order logic

- resolution

## Satisfiability w.r.t. theories

- Ground formulae

- conjunctions of literals:  
specialized methods
- clauses: DPLL(T)  $\Leftarrow$  ctd. Today

- Formulae with quantifiers

- reduction to SAT for ground formulae  
instantiation  $\Leftarrow$  Idea: Today  
(situations when sound and complete)
- resolution (mod T)

## 3.6 The $DPLL(\mathcal{T})$ algorithm

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# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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“Lazy” approaches to SMT: **Idea**

**Example:** consider  $\mathcal{T} = UIF$  and the following set of clauses:

$$\underbrace{f(g(a)) \not\approx f(c)}_{\neg P_1} \vee \underbrace{g(a) \approx d}_{P_2}, \quad \underbrace{g(a) \approx c}_{P_3}, \quad \underbrace{c \not\approx d}_{\neg P_4}$$

1. Send  $\{\neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4\}$  to SAT solver

SAT solver returns model  $[\neg P_1, P_3, \neg P_4]$

Theory solver says  $\neg P_1 \wedge P_3 \wedge \neg P_4$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -inconsistent

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SAT solver says UNSAT

# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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## Optimized lazy approach

- LA      • Check T-consistency only of full propositional models
- OLA    • Check T-consistency of partial assignment while being built
  
- LA      • Given a T-inconsistent assignment  $M$ , add  $\neg M$  as a clause
- OLA    • Given a T-inconsistent assignment  $M$ , find an explanation  
          (a small T-inconsistent subset of  $M$ ) and add it as a clause
  
- LA      • Upon a T-inconsistency, add clause and restart
- OLA    • Upon a T-inconsistency, do conflict analysis of the  
          explanation and Backjump

# SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

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## “Lazy” approaches to SMT

- Why “lazy”?

Theory information used only lazily, when checking  $\mathcal{T}$ -consistency of propositional models

- **Characteristics:**
  - + Modular and flexible
  - Theory information does not guide the search  
(only validates a posteriori)

**Tools:** CVC-Lite, ICS, MathSAT, TSAT+, Verifun, ...

# “Lazy” approaches to SMT

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Lazy theory learning:

$$M, L, M_1 \models F \Rightarrow \emptyset \models F, \neg L_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg L_n \vee \neg L \quad \text{if} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M, L, M_1 \models F \\ \{L_1, \dots, L_n\} \subseteq M \\ L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n \wedge L \models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp \end{array} \right.$$

Lazy theory learning + no repetitions

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# DPLL(T) Rules

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## UnitPropagation

$M \parallel F, C \vee L \Rightarrow M, L \parallel F, C \vee L$       if  $M \models \neg C$ , and  $L$  undef. in  $M$

## Decide

$M \parallel F \Rightarrow M, L^d \parallel F$       if  $L$  occurs in  $F$ ,  $L$  undef. in  $M$

## Fail

$M \parallel F, C \Rightarrow \text{Fail}$       if  $M \models \neg C$ , no backtrack possible

## Backjump

$M, L^d, N \parallel F \Rightarrow M, L' \parallel F$       if  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{there is some clause } C \vee L' \text{ s.t.:} \\ F \models C \vee L', M \models \neg C, \\ L' \text{ undefined in } M \\ L' \text{ or } \neg L' \text{ occurs in } F. \end{array} \right.$

## Restart/Learn

$M \parallel F \Rightarrow \emptyset \parallel F, F'$       if  $F \models F'$ ,  $F'$  obtained from  $M, F$

## TPropagation

$M \parallel F \Rightarrow M, L \parallel F$       if  $M \models_{\mathcal{T}} L$

# DPLL(T) Example

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Consider again same example with UIF:

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$$\emptyset \quad || \neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4 \Rightarrow (\text{UnitPropagation})$$

$$P_3 \quad || \neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4 \Rightarrow (\text{TPropagation})$$

$$P_3 P_1 \quad || \neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4 \Rightarrow (\text{UnitPropagation})$$

$$P_3 P_1 P_2 \quad || \neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4 \Rightarrow (\text{TPropagation})$$

$$P_3 P_1 P_2 P_4 \quad || \neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4 \Rightarrow \text{fail}$$

No search in this example

# Termination

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**Idea:**  $DPLL(T)$  terminates if no clause is learned infinitely many times, since only finitely many such new clauses (built over input literals) exist.

**Theorem.** There exists no infinite sequence of the form

$$\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow S_1 \Rightarrow S_2 \dots$$

if no clause  $C$  is learned by **Reset & Learn/Lazy Theory Learning** infinitely many times along a sequence.

A similar termination result holds also for the  $DPLL(T)$  approach with **Theory Propagation**.

# Termination

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**Theorem.** There exist no infinite sequences of the form  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow S_1 \Rightarrow S_2 \dots$

**Proof. (Idea)** We define a well-founded strict partial ordering  $\succ$  on states, and show that each rule application  $M || F \Rightarrow M' || F'$  is decreasing with respect to this ordering, i.e.,  $M || F \succ M' || F'$ .

Let  $M$  be of the form  $M_0, L_1, M_1, \dots, L_p, M_p$ , where  $L_1, \dots, L_p$  are all the decision literals of  $M$ . Similarly, let  $M'$  be  $M'_0, L'_1, M'_1, \dots, L'_{p'}, M'_{p'}$ .

Let  $N$  be the number of distinct atoms (propositional variables) in  $F$ .

(Note that  $p, p'$  and the length of  $M$  and  $M'$  are always smaller than or equal to  $N$ .)

# Termination

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**Theorem.** There exist no infinite sequences of the form  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow S1 \Rightarrow \dots$

**Proof.** (continued)

Let  $m(M)$  be  $N - \text{length}(M)$  (nr. of literals missing in  $M$  for  $M$  to be total).

Define:  $M_0 L_1 M_1 \dots L_p M_p \parallel F \succ M'_0 L'_1 M'_1 \dots L'_{p'} M'_{p'} \parallel F'$  if

(i) there is some  $i$  with  $0 \leq i \leq p, p'$  such that

$$m(M_0) = m(M'_0), \dots, m(M_{i-1}) = m(M'_{i-1}), m(M_i) > m(M'_i) \text{ or}$$

(ii)  $m(M_0) = m(M'_0), \dots, m(M_p) = m(M'_{p'})$  and  $m(M) > m(M')$ .

Comparing the number of missing literals in sequences is a strict ordering (irreflexive and transitive) and it is well-founded, and hence this also holds for its lexicographic extension on tuples of sequences of bounded length.

**No learning/forgetting:** It is easy to see that all Basic DPLL rule applications are decreasing with respect to  $\succ$  if fail is added as an additional minimal element. (The rules UnitPropagate and Backjump decrease by case (i) of the definition and Decide decreases by case (ii).)

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**Theorem.** There exist no infinite sequences of the form  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow S1 \Rightarrow \dots$

**Note:** Combine learning with basic DPLL(T): no clause learned infinitely many times.

**Forget:** For this termination condition to be fulfilled, applying at least one rule of the Basic DPLL system between any two Learn applications does not suffice. It suffices if, in addition, no clause generated with Learning is ever forgotten.

# Soundness, Correctness, Termination

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**Lemma.** If  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F'$  then:

- (1) All atoms in  $M$  and all atoms in  $F'$  are atoms of  $F$ .
- (2)  $M$ : no literal more than once, no complementary literals
- (3)  $F'$  is logically equivalent to  $F$
- (4) if  $M = M_0 L_1 M_1 \dots L_n M_n$  where  $L_i$  all decision literals then  $F, L_1, \dots, L_i \models M_i$ .

**Lemma.** If  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F'$ , where  $M || F'$  is a final state wrt the Basic DPLL system and Lazy Theory Learning, then:

- (1) All literals of  $F'$  are defined in  $M$
- (2) There is no clause  $C$  in  $F'$  such that  $M \models \neg C$
- (3)  $M$  is a model of  $F$ .

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**Theorem.** The Lazy Theory learning DPLL system provides a decision procedure for the satisfiability in  $\mathcal{T}$  of CNF formulae  $F$ , that is:

1.  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow^* fail$  if, and only if,  $F$  is unsatisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}$ .
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## Proof

(1) If  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow^* fail$  then there exists state  $M \parallel F'$  with  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow^* M \parallel F' \Rightarrow fail$ , there is no decision literal in  $M$  and  $M \models \neg C$  for some clause  $C$  in  $F$ . By the construction of  $M$ ,  $F \models M$ , so  $F \models \neg C$ . Thus  $F$  is unsatisfiable.

To prove the converse, if  $\emptyset \parallel F \not\Rightarrow^* fail$  then by there must be a state  $M \parallel F'$  such that  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow^* M \parallel F'$ . Then  $M \models F$ , so  $F$  is satisfiable.



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**Proof**

2. If  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* M || F$  then  $F$  is satisfiable. Conversely, if  $\emptyset || F \not\Rightarrow^* M || F$  then  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* fail$ , so  $F$  is unsatisfiable.

# Termination, Soundness and Completeness

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## DPLL( $\mathcal{T}$ ) with (eager) theory propagation

**Lemma.** If  $\emptyset \parallel F \Rightarrow M \parallel F$  then  $M$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -consistent.

**Proof.** This property is true initially, and all rules preserve it, by the fact that  $M \models_{\mathcal{T}} L$  if, and only if,  $M \cup \neg L$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -inconsistent: the rules only add literals to  $M$  that are undefined in  $M$ , and **Theory Propagate** adds all literals  $L$  of  $F$  that are theory consequences of  $M$ , before any literal  $\neg L$  making it  $\mathcal{T}$ -inconsistent can be added to  $M$  by any of the other rules.

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## DPLL( $\mathcal{T}$ ) with (eager) theory propagation

**Definition.** A DPLL( $\mathcal{T}$ ) procedure with Eager Theory Propagation for  $\mathcal{T}$  is any procedure taking an input CNF  $F$  and computing a sequence  $\emptyset || F \Rightarrow^* S$  where  $S$  is a final state wrt. **Theory Propagate** and the Basic DPLL system.

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# Literature

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Full proofs and further details can be found in:

Robert Nieuwenhuis, Albert Oliveras and Cesare Tinelli:

“Solving SAT and SAT Modulo Theories: From an Abstract Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland Procedure to DPLL(T)”

Journal of the ACM, Vol. 53, No. 6, November 2006, pp.937-977.

# SMT tools

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Systems implementing such specialized satisfiability problems: Yices, Barcelogic Tools, CVC lite, haRVey, Math-SAT,... are called (S)atisfiability (M)odulo (T)heory solvers.

# Satisfiability of formulae with quantifiers

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In many applications we are interested in testing the satisfiability of formulae containing (universally quantified) variables.

## Examples

- check satisfiability of formulae in the Bernays-Schönfinkel class
- check whether a set of (universally quantified) Horn clauses entails a ground clause
- check whether a property is consequence of a set of axioms

**Example 1:**  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is monotonely increasing and  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by  $g(x) = f(x + x)$  then  $g$  is also monotonely increasing

**Example 2:** If array  $a$  is increasingly sorted, and  $x$  is inserted before the first position  $i$  with  $a[i] > x$  then the array remains increasingly sorted.

# A theory of arrays

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We consider the theory of arrays in a many-sorted setting.

## Syntax:

- Sorts: Elem (elements), Array (arrays) and Index (indices, here integers).
- Function symbols: read, write.

$$a(\text{read}) = \text{Array} \times \text{Index} \rightarrow \text{Element}$$

$$a(\text{write}) = \text{Array} \times \text{Index} \times \text{Element} \rightarrow \text{Array}$$

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**Fact:** Undecidable in general.

**Goal:** Identify a fragment of the theory of arrays which is decidable.

# A decidable fragment

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- **Index guard** a positive Boolean combination of atoms of the form  $t \leq u$  or  $t = u$  where  $t$  and  $u$  are either a variable or a ground term of sort Index

**Example:**  $(x \leq 3 \vee x \approx y) \wedge y \leq z$  is an index guard

**Example:**  $x + 1 \leq c$ ,  $x + 3 \leq y$ ,  $x + x \leq 2$  are not index guards.

- **Array property formula** [Bradley,Manna,Sipma'06]

$(\forall i)(\varphi_I(i) \rightarrow \varphi_V(i))$ , where:

$\varphi_I$ : index guard

$\varphi_V$ : formula in which any universally quantified  $i$  occurs in a direct array read; no nestings

**Example:**  $c \leq x \leq y \leq d \rightarrow a(x) \leq a(y)$  is an array property formula

**Example:**  $x < y \rightarrow a(x) < a(y)$  is not an array property formula

# Decision Procedure

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(Rules should be read from top to bottom)

**Step 1:** Put  $F$  in NNF.

**Step 2:** Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove writes:

$$\frac{F[\text{write}(a, i, v)]}{F[a'] \wedge a'[i] = v \wedge (\forall j. j \neq i \rightarrow a[j] = a'[j])} \quad \text{for fresh } a' \text{ (write)}$$

Given a formula  $F$  containing an occurrence of a write term  $\text{write}(a, i, v)$ , we can substitute every occurrence of  $\text{write}(a, i, v)$  with a fresh variable  $a'$  and explain the relationship between  $a'$  and  $a$ .

# Decision Procedure

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**Step 3** Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove existential quantification:

$$\frac{F[\exists i. G[i]]}{F[G[j]]} \text{ for fresh } j \text{ (exists)}$$

Existential quantification can arise during Step 1 if the given formula contains a negated array property.

# Decision Procedure

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**Steps 4-6** accomplish the reduction of universal quantification to finite conjunction.

The main idea is to select a set of symbolic index terms on which to instantiate all universal quantifiers.



# Theories of arrays

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**Step 4** From the output  $F3$  of **Step 3**, construct the index set  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} = & \{\lambda\} \cup \\ & \{t \mid \cdot[t] \in F3 \text{ such that } t \text{ is not a universally quantified variable}\} \cup \\ & \{t \mid t \text{ occurs as an } \textit{evar} \text{ in the parsing of index guards}\} \end{aligned}$$

(*evar* is any constant, ground term, or unquantified variable.)

This index set is the finite set of indices that need to be examined. It includes all terms  $t$  that occur in some  $\textit{read}(a, t)$  anywhere in  $F$  (unless it is a universally quantified variable) and all terms  $t$  that are compared to a universally quantified variable in some index guard.

$\lambda$  is a fresh constant that represents all other index positions that are not explicitly in  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Theories of arrays

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**Step 5** Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove universal quantification:

$$\frac{H[\forall \vec{i}. F[\vec{i}] \rightarrow G[\vec{i}]]}{H \left[ \bigwedge_{\vec{i} \in \mathcal{I}^n} (F[\vec{i}] \rightarrow G[\vec{i}]) \right]} \quad (\text{forall})$$

where  $n$  is the size of the list of quantified variables  $\vec{i}$ .

This is the key step.

It replaces universal quantification with finite conjunction over the index set. The notation  $\vec{i} \in \mathcal{I}^n$  means that the variables  $\vec{i}$  range over all  $n$ -tuples of terms in  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Theories of arrays

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**Step 6:** From the output  $F5$  of [Step 5](#), construct

$$F6 : \quad F5 \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{\lambda\}} \lambda \neq i$$

The new conjuncts assert that the variable  $\lambda$  introduced in [Step 4](#) is unique: it does not equal any other index mentioned in  $F5$ .

**Step 7:** Decide the TA-satisfiability of  $F6$  using the decision procedure for the quantifier free fragment.

# Example

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Consider the array property formula

$$F : \text{write}(a, l, v)[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge (\forall i. i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i])$$

It contains one array property,

$$\forall i. i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i]$$

**index guard:**  $i \neq l := (i \leq l - 1 \vee i \geq l + 1)$      **value constraint:**  $a[i] = b[i]$

**Step 1:** The formula is already in NNF.

**Step 2:** We rewrite F as:

$$F2 : \quad a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge (\forall i. i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i]) \\ \wedge a'[l] = v \wedge (\forall j. j \neq l \rightarrow a[j] = a'[j]).$$

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$$i \neq l := (j \leq l - 1 \vee j \geq l + 1) \quad \text{value constraint: } a[i] = a'[j]$$

Step 3: F2 does not contain any existential quantifiers  $\mapsto$  F3 = F2.

Step 4: The index set is

$$\mathcal{I} = \{\lambda\} \cup \{k\} \cup \{l, l - 1, l + 1\} = \{\lambda, k, l, l - 1, l + 1\}$$

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Step 4:  $\mathcal{I} = \{k, l, l-1, l+1\}$

Step 5: we replace universal quantification as follows:

$$F5 : \quad a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = b[i]) \\ \wedge a'[l] = v \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (i \neq l \rightarrow a[i] = a'[i]).$$

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Step 5 (continued) Expanding produces:

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Step 5 (continued): Simplifying produces

$$\begin{aligned} F''_5 : \quad & a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge (\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = b[\lambda]) \\ & \wedge (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = b[k]) \wedge a[l-1] = b[l-1] \wedge a[l+1] = b[l+1] \\ & \wedge a'[l] = v \wedge (\lambda \neq l \rightarrow a[\lambda] = a'[\lambda]) \\ & \wedge (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = a'[k]) \wedge a[l-1] = a'[l-1] \wedge a[l+1] = a'[l+1]. \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} F'6 : \quad & a'[k] = b[k] \wedge b[k] \neq v \wedge a[k] = v \wedge a[\lambda] = b[\lambda] \\ & \wedge a[k] = b[k] \wedge a[l-1] = b[l-1] \wedge a[l+1] = b[l+1] \\ & \wedge a'[l] = v \wedge a[\lambda] = a'[\lambda] \\ & \wedge (k \neq l \rightarrow a[k] = a'[k]) \wedge a[l-1] = a'[l-1] \wedge a[l+1] = a'[l+1] \\ & \wedge \lambda \neq k \wedge \lambda \neq l \wedge \lambda \neq l-1 \wedge \lambda \neq l+1. \end{aligned}$$

We can use for instance DPLL(T).

Alternative: Case distinction. There are two cases to consider.

- (1) If  $k=l$ , then  $a'[l]=v$  and  $a'[k]=b[k]$  imply  $b[k]=v$ , yet  $b[k] \neq v$ .
- (2) If  $k \neq l$ , then  $a[k]=v$  and  $a[k]=b[k]$  imply  $b[k]=v$ , but again  $b[k] \neq v$ .

Hence, F'6 is TA-unsatisfiable, indicating that F is TA-unsatisfiable.

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(**Soundness**) Step 1-6 preserve satisfiability

( $F_i$  is a logical consequence of  $F_{i-1}$ ).

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$$F6 : F5 \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{\lambda\}} \lambda \neq i$$

Assume that  $F6$  is satisfiable. Clearly  $F5$  has a model.

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$$\frac{H[\forall \bar{i}. F[\bar{i}] \rightarrow G[\bar{i}]]}{H[\bigwedge_{\bar{i} \in \mathcal{I}^n} (F[\bar{i}] \rightarrow G[\bar{i}])] } \quad (\text{forall})$$

Assume that  $F5$  is satisfiable. Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathbb{Z}, \text{Elem}, \{a_{\mathcal{A}}\}_{a \in \text{Arrays}}, \dots)$  be a model for  $F5$ . Construct a model  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $F4$  as follows.

For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ :  $l(x)$  ( $u(x)$ ) closest left (right) neighbor of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{I}$ .

$$a_{\mathcal{B}}(x) = \begin{cases} a_{\mathcal{A}}(l(x)) & \text{if } x - l(x) \leq u(x) - x \text{ or } u(x) = \infty \\ a_{\mathcal{A}}(u(x)) & \text{if } x - l(x) > u(x) - x \text{ or } l(x) = -\infty \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{F[\exists i. G[i]]}{F[G[j]]} \text{ for fresh } j \text{ (exists)}$$

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**Step 2:** Apply the following rule exhaustively to remove writes:

$$\frac{F[\text{write}(a, i, v)]}{F[a'] \wedge a'[i] = v \wedge (\forall j. j \neq i \rightarrow a[j] = a'[j])} \quad \text{for fresh } a' \text{ (write)}$$

Given a formula  $F$  containing an occurrence of a write term  $\text{write}(a, i, v)$ , we can substitute every occurrence of  $\text{write}(a, i, v)$  with a fresh variable  $a'$  and explain the relationship between  $a'$  and  $a$ .

If  $F_2$  has a model then  $F_1$  has a model.

**Step 1:** Put  $F$  in NNF: NNF  $F_1$  is equivalent to  $F$ .

# Theories of arrays

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**Theorem** (Complexity) Suppose  $(T_{index} \cup T_{elem})$ -satisfiability is in NP. For sub-fragments of the array property fragment in which formulae have bounded-size blocks of quantifiers,  $T_{arrays}$ -satisfiability is NP-complete.

**Proof** NP-hardness is clear.

That the problem is in NP follows easily from the procedure: instantiating a block of  $n$  universal quantifiers quantifying subformula  $G$  over index set  $I$  produces  $|I| \cdot n$  new subformulae, each of length polynomial in the length of  $G$ . Hence, the output of Step 6 is of length only a polynomial factor greater than the input to the procedure for fixed  $n$ .



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    for (j := 0; j < i; j := j + 1) {
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**To prove:**  $C_2(a) \wedge \text{Update}(a, a') \rightarrow C_2(a')$

# Another Situation

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## Insertion of an element $c$ in a sorted array $a$ of length $n$

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for ( $i := 1; i \leq n; i := i + 1$ ) {  
    if  $a[i] \geq c$  {  $n := n + 1$   
        for ( $j := n; j > i; j := j - 1$ ) {  $a[j] := a[j - 1]$  }  
         $a[i] := c$ ; return  $a$   
    }  
}  $a[n + 1] := c$ ; return  $a$ 
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If the array was sorted before insertion it is sorted also after insertion.

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$\text{Update}(a, n, a', n') \quad \forall i ((1 \leq i \leq n \wedge a[i] < c) \rightarrow a'[i] = a[i])$

$\forall i ((c \leq a[1] \rightarrow a'[1] := c)$

$\forall i ((a[n] < c \rightarrow a'[n+1] := c)$

$\forall i ((1 \leq i-1 \leq i \leq n \wedge a[i-1] < c \wedge a[i] \geq c) \rightarrow (a'[i] = c)$

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$n' := n + 1$

$\neg \text{Sorted}(a', n') \quad \exists k, l (1 \leq k \leq l \leq n' \wedge a'[k] > a'[l])$

# Beyond the array property fragment

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**Extension:** New arrays defined by case distinction –  $\text{Def}(f')$

$$\forall \bar{x} (\phi_i(\bar{x}) \rightarrow f'(\bar{x}) = s_i(\bar{x})) \quad i \in I, \text{ where } \phi_i(\bar{x}) \wedge \phi_j(\bar{x}) \models_{\mathcal{T}_0} \perp \text{ for } i \neq j \text{ (1)}$$

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where  $s_i, t_i$  are terms over the signature  $\Sigma$  such that  $\mathcal{T}_0 \models \forall \bar{x} (\phi_i(\bar{x}) \rightarrow t_i(\bar{x}) \leq s_i(\bar{x}))$  for all  $i \in I$ .

$\mathcal{T}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_0 \wedge \text{Def}(f')$  has the property that for every set  $G$  of ground clauses in which there are no nested applications of  $f'$ :

$$\mathcal{T}_0 \wedge \text{Def}(f') \wedge G \models \perp \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{T}_0 \wedge \text{Def}(f')[G] \wedge G$$

(sufficient to use instances of axioms in  $\text{Def}(f')$  which are relevant for  $G$ )

- Some of the syntactic restrictions of the array property fragment can be lifted

# Example

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## Insertion in an array

(on the blackboard)

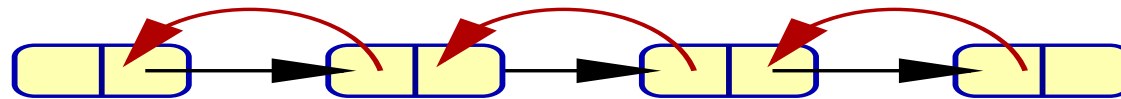
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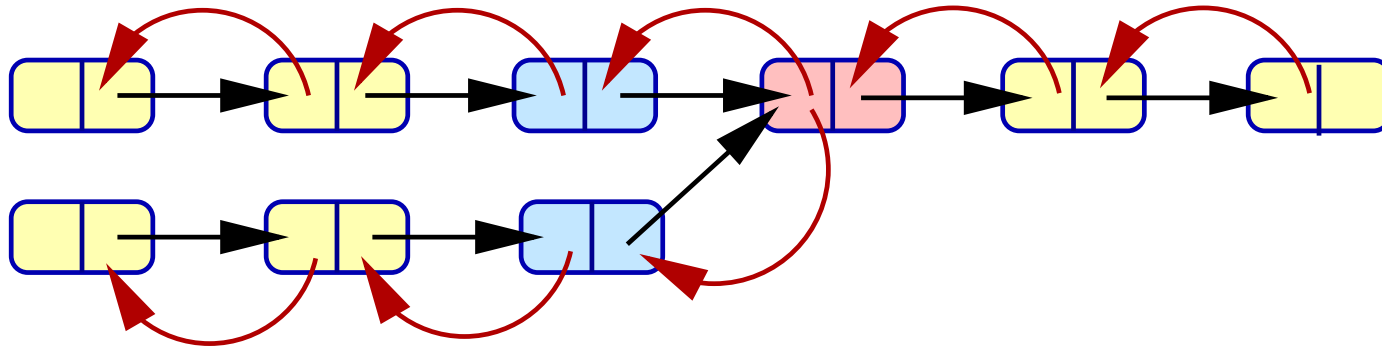
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**Theorem.**  $K$  set of clauses in the fragment above. Then for every set  $G$  of ground clauses,  $(K \cup G) \cup \mathcal{T}_s \models \perp$  iff  $K^{[G]} \cup \mathcal{T}_s \models \perp$

where  $K^{[G]}$  is the set of instances of  $K$  in which the variables are replaced by subterms in  $G$ .

# Example: A theory of doubly-linked lists

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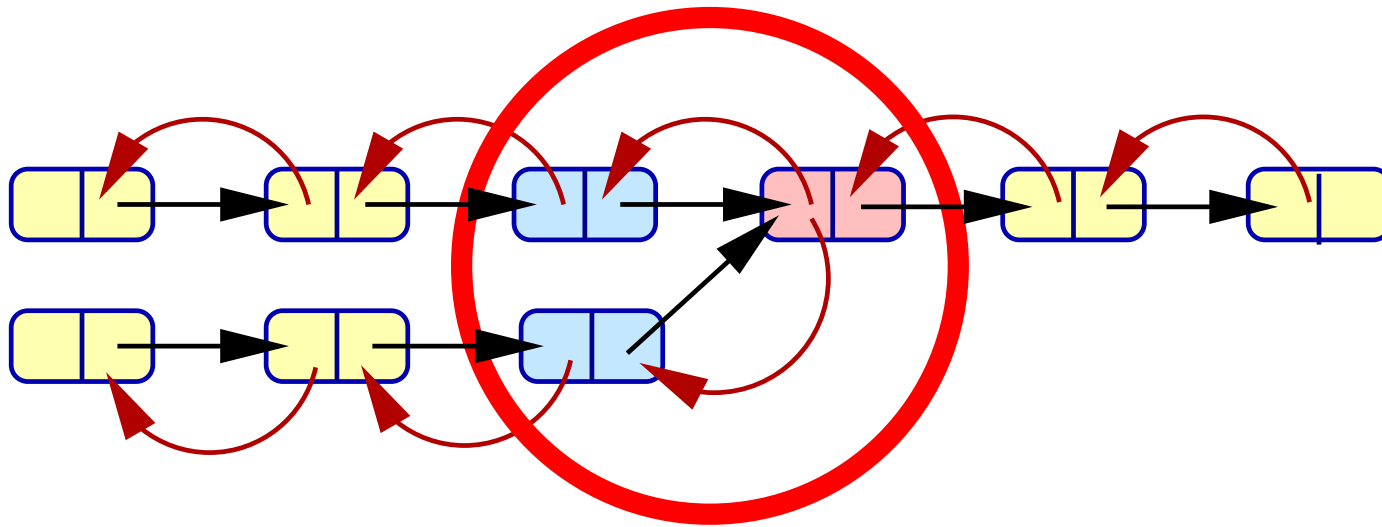
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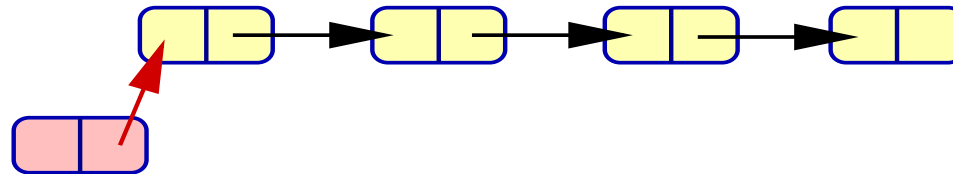
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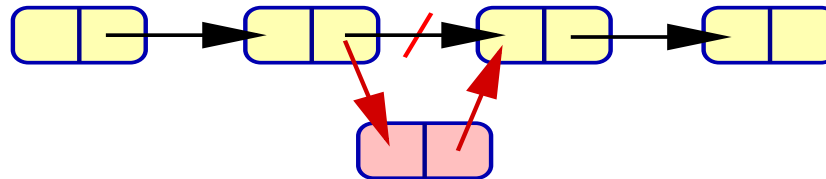
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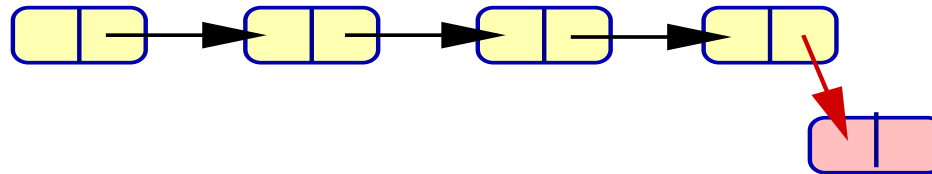
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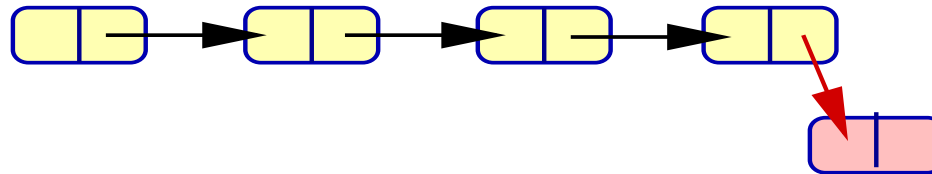
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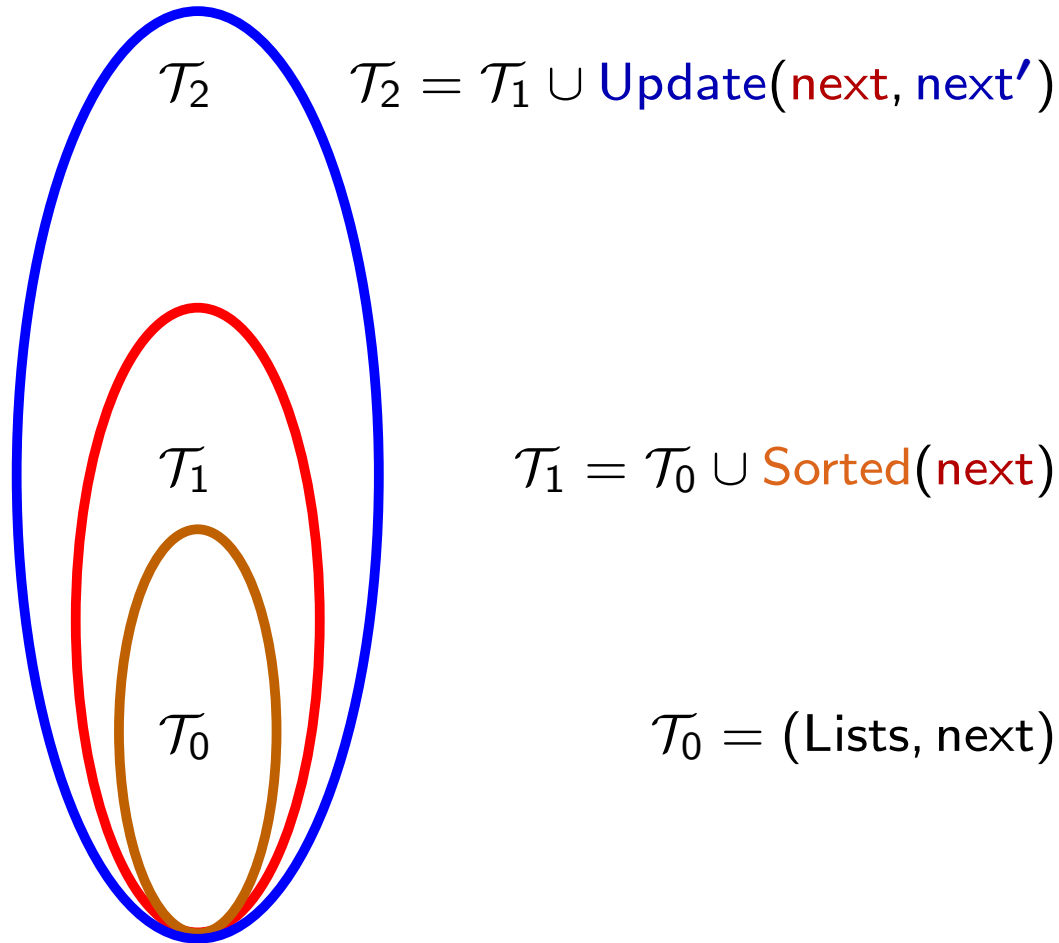
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We only need to use instances in which variables are replaced by ground subterms occurring in the problem

**To check:**  $\text{Sorted}(\text{next}, \text{prio}) \wedge \text{Update}(\text{next}, \text{next}') \wedge p_0.\text{next}' \neq \text{null} \wedge p_0.\text{prio} \not\geq p_0.\text{next}'.\text{prio} \models \perp$

# Example: List insertion

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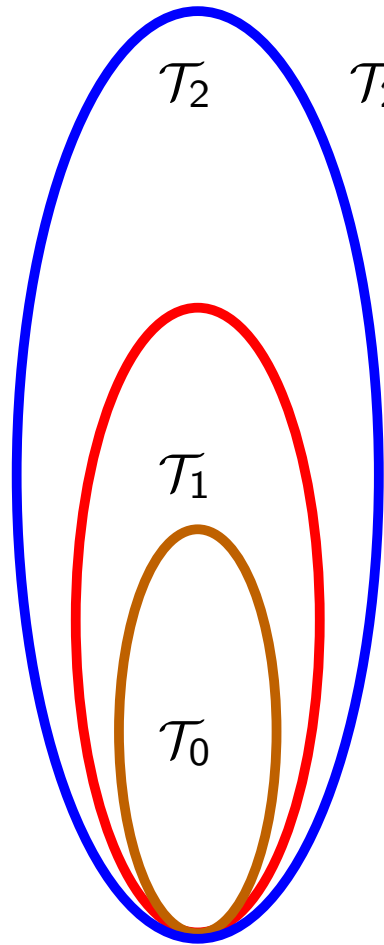
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# Example: List insertion

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$$\mathcal{T}_2 = \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \boxed{\text{Update}(\text{next}, \text{next}')}$$

**Instantiate:**  
**Hierarchical reasoning:**

$$\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_0 \cup \text{Sorted}(\text{next})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_0 = (\text{Lists}, \text{next})$$

**To show:**

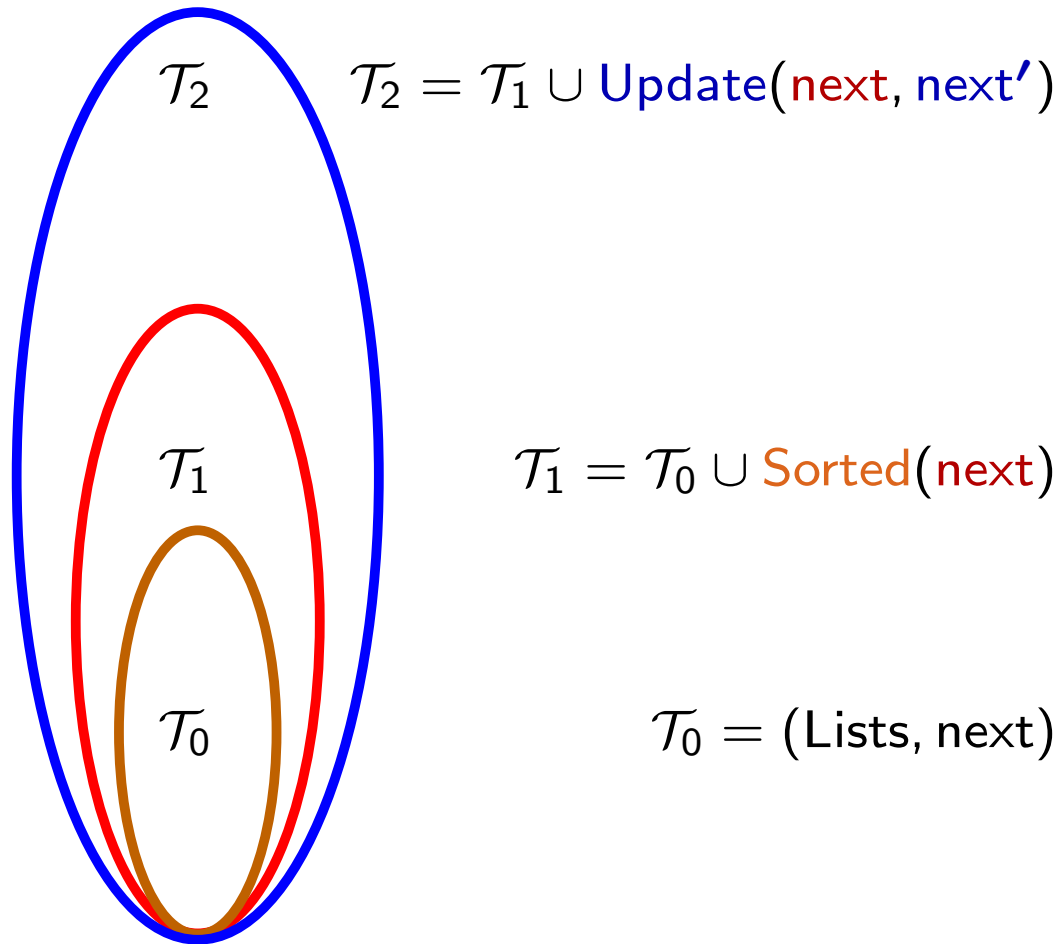
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# Example: List insertion

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$$\mathcal{T}_0 \cup G'' \models \perp$$

# More general concept

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Local Theory Extensions

# Satisfiability of formulae with quantifiers

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**Goal:** generalize the ideas for extensions of theories

# Example: Strict monotonicity

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$$\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z} \cup \text{Mon}(f) \cup \underbrace{(a < b \wedge f(a) = f(b) + 1)}_G \models \perp$$

$$\text{Mon}(f) \quad \forall i, j (i < j \rightarrow f(i) < f(j))$$

## Problems:

- A prover for  $\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z}$  does not know about  $f$
- A prover for first-order logic may have problems with the reals and integers
- DPLL(T) cannot be used (Mon,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ : non-disjoint signatures)
- SMT provers may have problems with the universal quantifiers

**Our goal:** reduce search: consider certain instances  $\text{Mon}(f)[G]$   
without loss of completeness

hierarchical/modular reasoning:  
reduce to checking satisfiability of a set of constraints over  $\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z}$

# Local theory extensions

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**Solution:** Local theory extensions

$\mathcal{K}$  set of equational clauses;  $\mathcal{T}_0$  theory;  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K}$

(Loc)  $\mathcal{T}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$  is **local**, if for ground clauses  $G$ ,  
 $\mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K} \cup G \models \perp$  iff  $\mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K}[G] \cup G$  has no (partial) model

Various notions of locality, depending of the instances to be considered:  
stable locality, order locality; extended locality.

# Example: Strict monotonicity

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Base theory ( $\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z}$ )	Extension
$a < b$	$f(a) = f(b) + 1$
	$\forall i, j (i < j \rightarrow f(i) < f(j))$

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Solution 1:

$SMT(\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z} \cup UIF)$



# Example: Strict monotonicity

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Add congruence axioms. Replace pos-terms with new constants

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Solution 2:

Hierarchical reasoning

# Example: Strict monotonicity

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Add definitions for the new constants

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# Reasoning in local theory extensions

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**Locality:**  $\mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K} \cup G \models \perp$  iff  $\mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K}[G] \cup G \models \perp$

**Problem:** Decide whether  $\mathcal{T}_0 \cup \mathcal{K}[G] \cup G \models \perp$

**Solution 1:** Use *SMT*( $\mathcal{T}_0 + UIF$ ): possible only if  $\mathcal{K}[G]$  ground

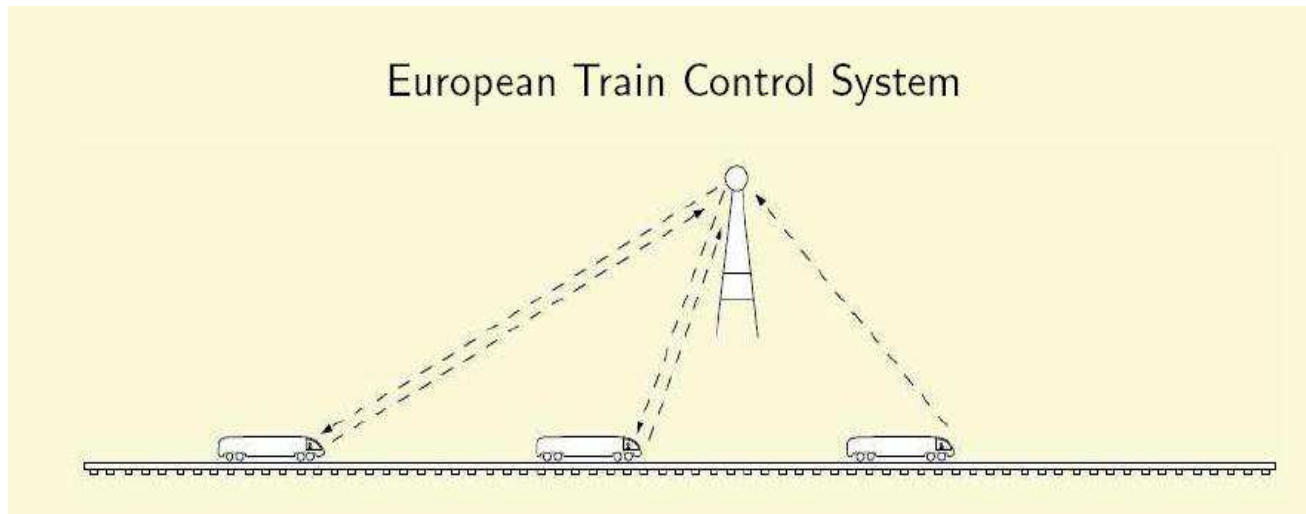
**Solution 2:** Hierarchic reasoning [VS'05]

reduce to satisfiability in  $\mathcal{T}_0$ : applicable in general

⇒ parameterized complexity

# Example

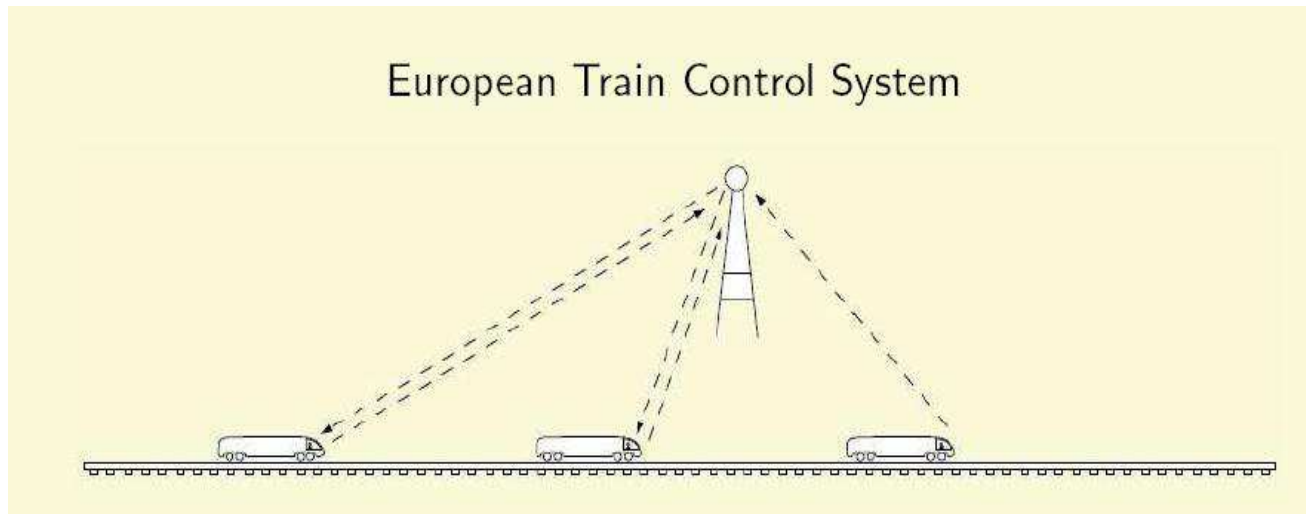
Simplified version of ETCS Case Study [Jacobs,VS'06, Faber,Jacobs,VS'07]



- Number** of trains:  $n \geq 0$   $\mathbb{Z}$
- Minimum and maximum **speed** of trains:  $0 \leq \min < \max$   $\mathbb{R}$
- Minimum **secure distance**:  $l_{\text{alarm}} > 0$   $\mathbb{R}$
- Time** between updates:  $\Delta t > 0$   $\mathbb{R}$
- Train positions** before and after update:  $pos(i), pos'(i) : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

# Example

Simplified version of ETCS Case Study [Jacobs,VS'06, Faber,Jacobs,VS'07]



- Update(pos, pos') :
- $\forall i (i = 0 \rightarrow pos(i) + \Delta t * \min \leq pos'(i) \leq pos(i) + \Delta t * \max)$
  - $\forall i (0 < i < n \wedge pos(i - 1) > 0 \wedge pos(i - 1) - pos(i) \geq l_{\text{alarm}} \rightarrow pos(i) + \Delta t * \min \leq pos'(i) \leq pos(i) + \Delta t * \max)$
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# Example

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**Safety property:** No collisions

**Safe(pos) :**  $\forall i, j (i < j \rightarrow \text{pos}(i) > \text{pos}(j))$

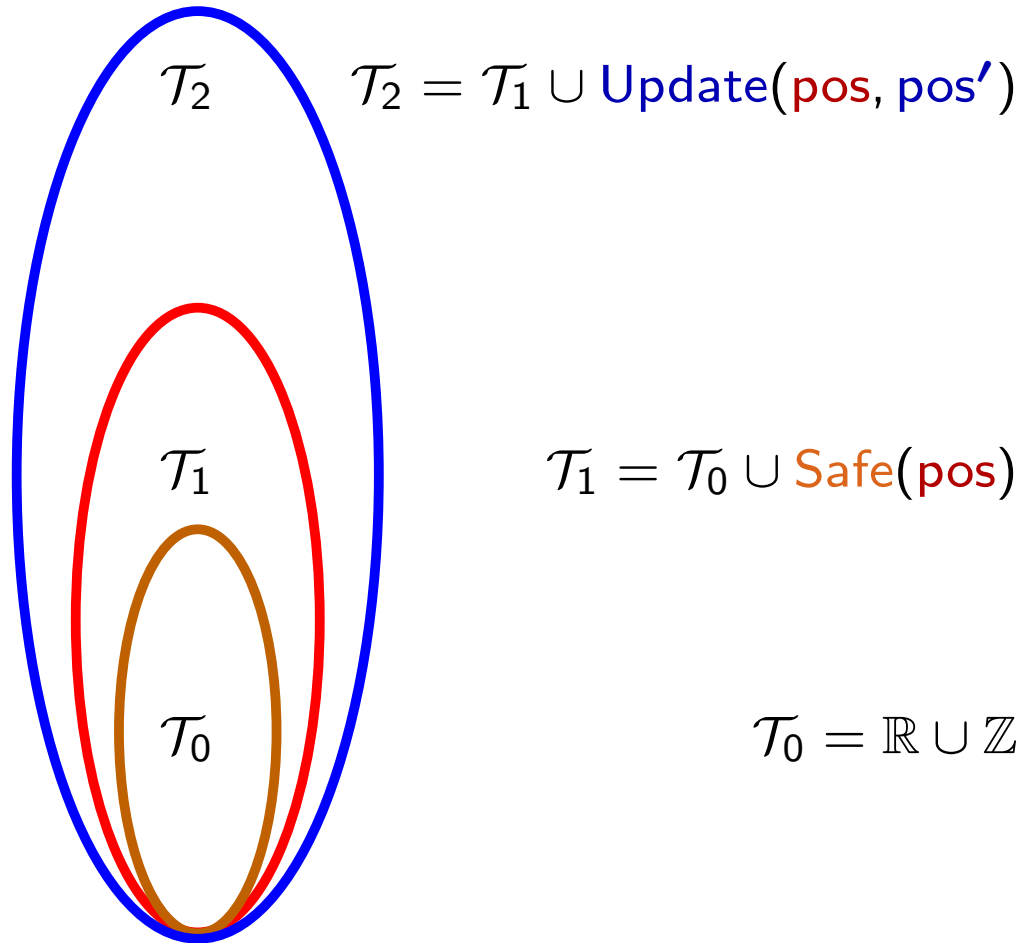
**Inductive invariant:**  $\text{Safe}(\text{pos}) \wedge \text{Update}(\text{pos}, \text{pos}') \wedge \neg \text{Safe}(\text{pos}') \models_{\mathcal{T}_S} \perp$

where  $\mathcal{T}_S$  is the extension of the (disjoint) combination  $\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z}$   
with two functions,  $\text{pos}, \text{pos}' : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

**Our idea:** Use chains of “instantiation” + reduction.

# Example

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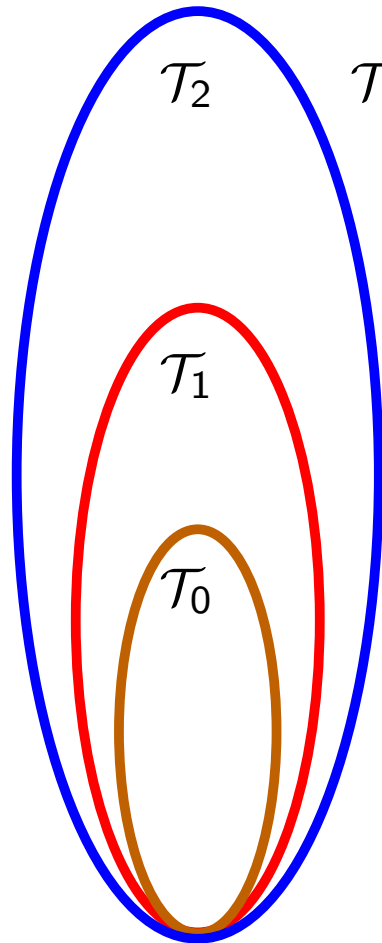


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# Example



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$$\Phi(c, \bar{c}_{\text{pos}'}, \bar{d}_{\text{pos}}, n, l_{\text{alarm}}, \text{min}, \text{max}, \Delta t) \models \perp$$

**Method 1:** SAT checking/ Counterexample generation

**Method 2:** Quantifier elimination

relationships between parameters which guarantee safety

# More complex ETCS Case studies

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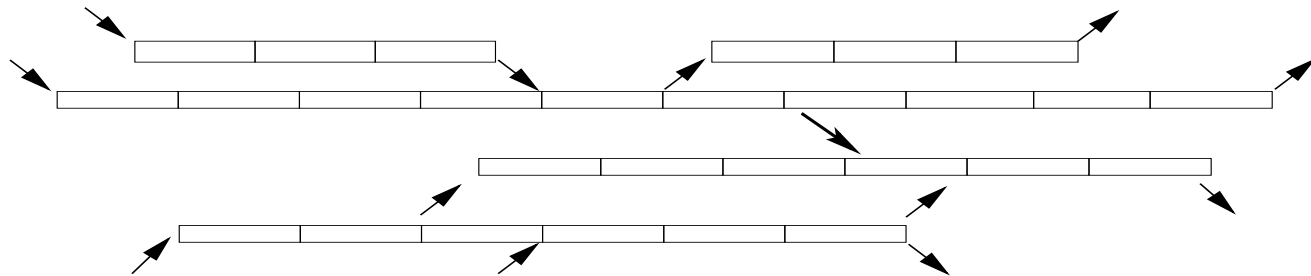
[Faber, Jacobs, VS, 2007]

- Take into account also:
  - Emergency messages
  - Durations
- Specification language: CSP-OZ-DC
  - Reduction to satisfiability in theories for which decision procedures exist
- **Tool chain:** [Faber, Ihlemann, Jacobs, VS]  
CSP-OZ-DC  $\mapsto$  Transition constr.  $\mapsto$  Decision procedures (H-PILoT)

## Example 2: Parametric topology

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- Complex track topologies [Faber, Ihlemann, Jacobs, VS, ongoing work]



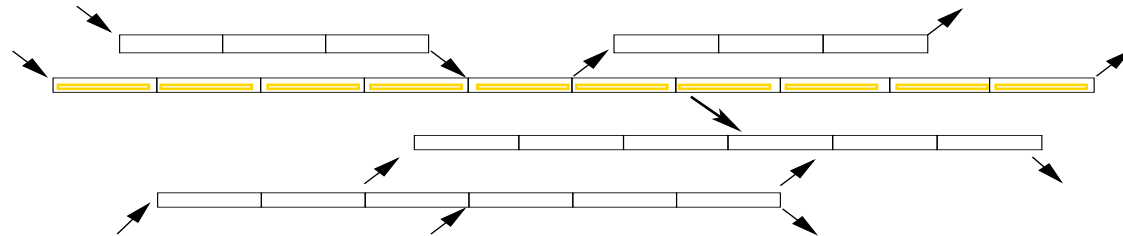
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# Parametricity and modularity

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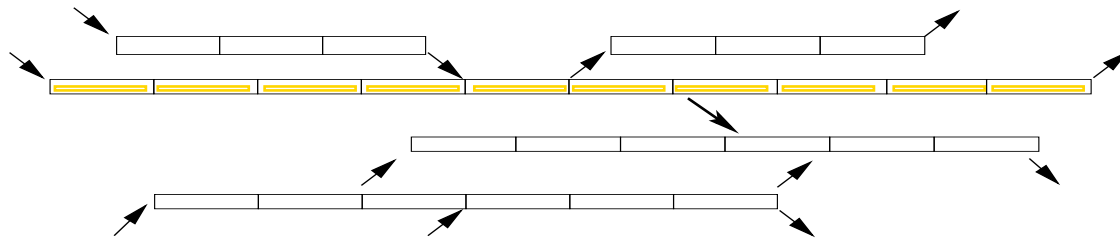
## Approach:

- Decompose the system in trajectories (linear rail tracks; may overlap)
- **Task 1:** - Prove safety for trajectories with incoming/outgoing trains
  - Conclude that for control rules in which trains have sufficient freedom (and if trains are assigned unique priorities) safety of all trajectories implies safety of the whole system
- **Task 2:** - General constraints on parameters which guarantee safety

# Parametricity and modularity

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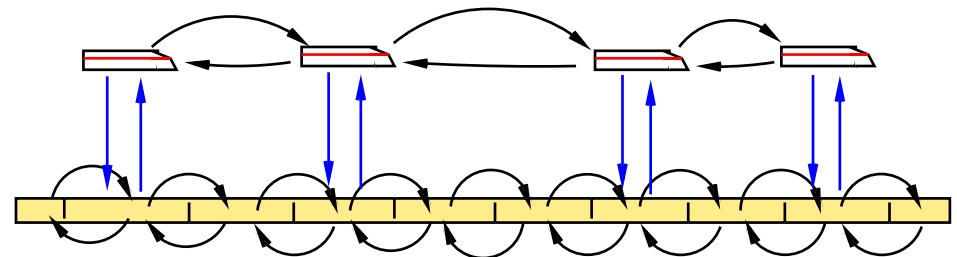


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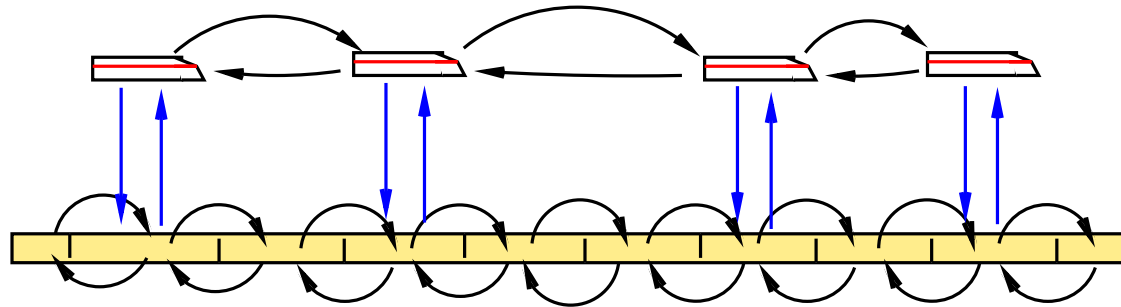
## Data structures:

- $p_1$ : trains
- 2-sorted pointers
- $p_2$ : segments
- scalar fields ( $f: p_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g: p_i \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ )
- updates      efficient decision procedures (H-PiLoT)



# Incoming and outgoing trains

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## Example 1: Speed Update

$$\text{pos}(t) < \text{length}(\text{segm}(t)) - d \rightarrow 0 \leq \text{spd}'(t) \leq \text{lmax}(\text{segm}(t))$$

$$\text{pos}(t) \geq \text{length}(\text{segm}(t)) - d \wedge \text{alloc}(\text{next}_s(\text{segm}(t))) = \text{tid}(t)$$

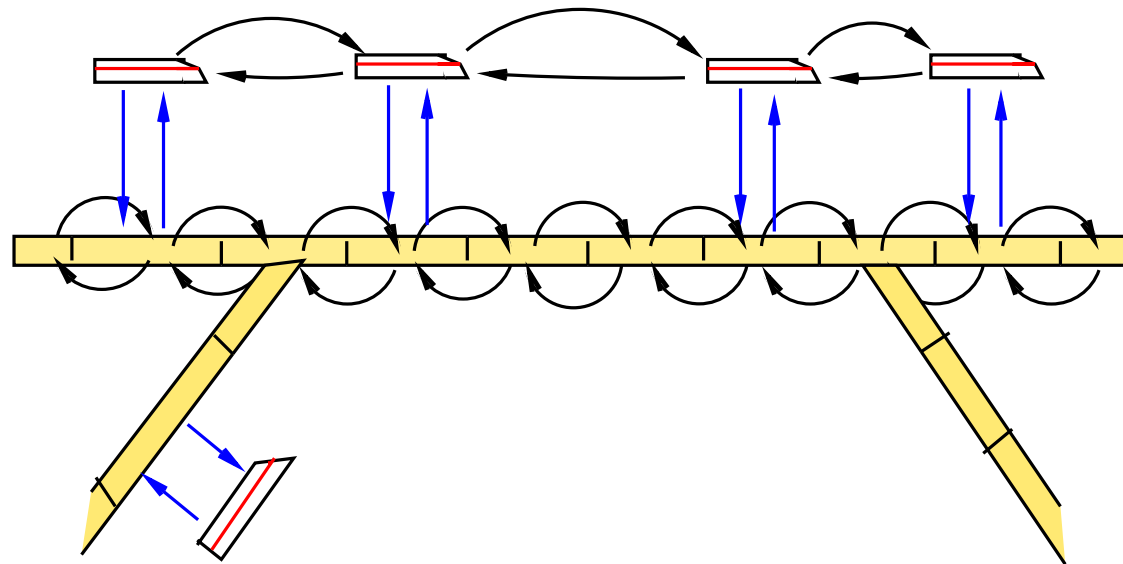
$$\rightarrow 0 \leq \text{spd}'(t) \leq \min(\text{lmax}(\text{segm}(t)), \text{lmax}(\text{next}_s(\text{segm}(t))))$$

$$\text{pos}(t) \geq \text{length}(\text{segm}(t)) - d \wedge \text{alloc}(\text{next}_s(\text{segm}(t))) \neq \text{tid}(t)$$

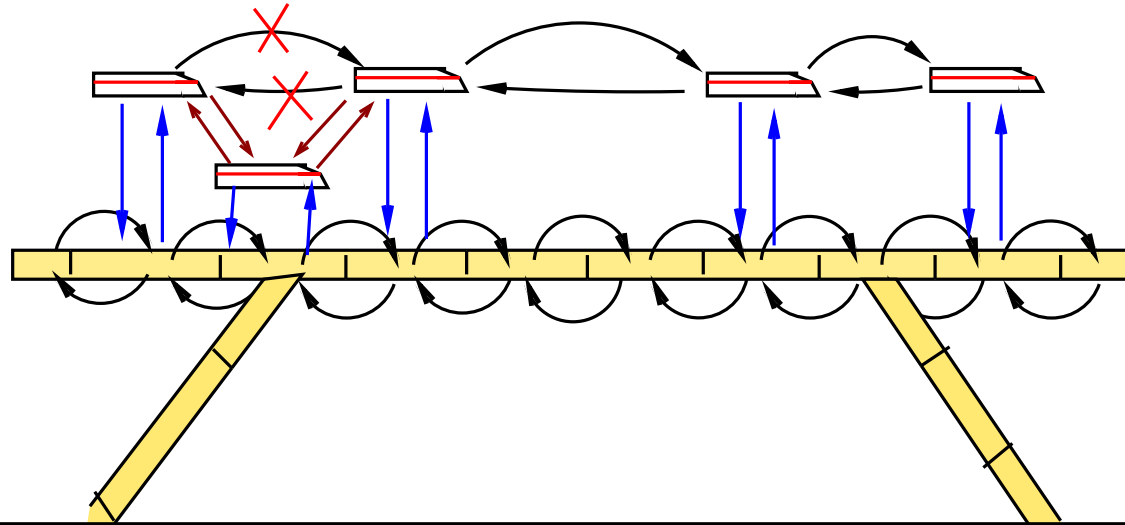
$$\rightarrow \text{spd}'(t) = \max(\text{spd}(t) - \text{decmax}, 0)$$

# Incoming and outgoing trains

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**Example 2:** Enter Update (also updates for segm', spd', pos', train')

**Assume:**  $s_1 \neq \text{null}_s$ ,  $t_1 \neq \text{null}_t$ ,  $\text{train}(s) \neq t_1$ ,  $\text{alloc}(s_1) = \text{idt}(t_1)$

$t \neq t_1$ ,  $\text{ids}(\text{segm}(t)) < \text{ids}(s_1)$ ,  $\text{next}_t(t) = \text{null}_t$ ,  $\text{alloc}(s_1) = \text{tid}(t_1) \rightarrow \text{next}'(t) = t_1 \wedge \text{next}'(t_1) = \text{null}_t$

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$\rightarrow \text{next}'(t) = \text{next}_t(t)$

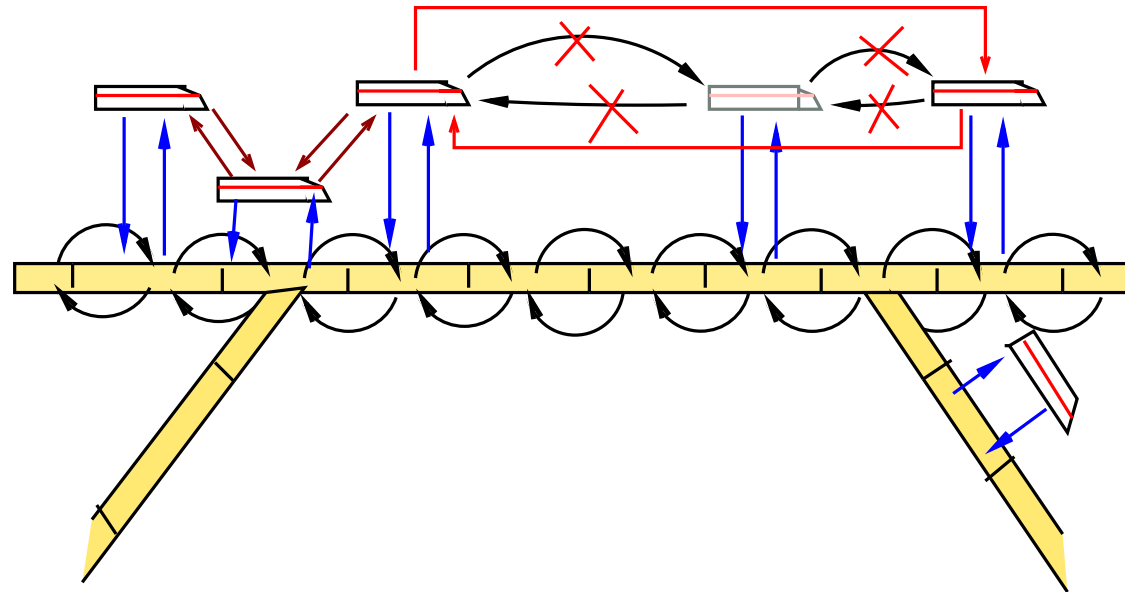
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# Incoming and outgoing trains

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# Safety property

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Safety property we want to prove: no two trains ever occupy the same track segment:

$$(\text{Safe}) := \forall t_1, t_2 \text{ segm}(t_1) = \text{segm}(t_2) \rightarrow t_1 = t_2$$

In order to prove that (Safe) is an invariant of the system, we need to find a suitable invariant (Inv(*i*)) for every control location *i* of the TCS, and prove:

$$(\text{Inv}(i)) \models (\text{Safe}) \text{ for all locations } i$$

and that the invariants are preserved under all transitions of the system,

$$(\text{Inv}(i)) \wedge (\text{Update}) \models (\text{Inv}'(j))$$

whenever (Update) is a transition from location *i* to *j* .

# Safety property

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Need additional invariants.

- generate by hand [Faber, Ihlemann, Jacobs, VS, ongoing]

  - use the capabilities of H-PILoT of generating counterexamples

- generate automatically [work in progress]

Ground satisfiability problems for pointer data structures

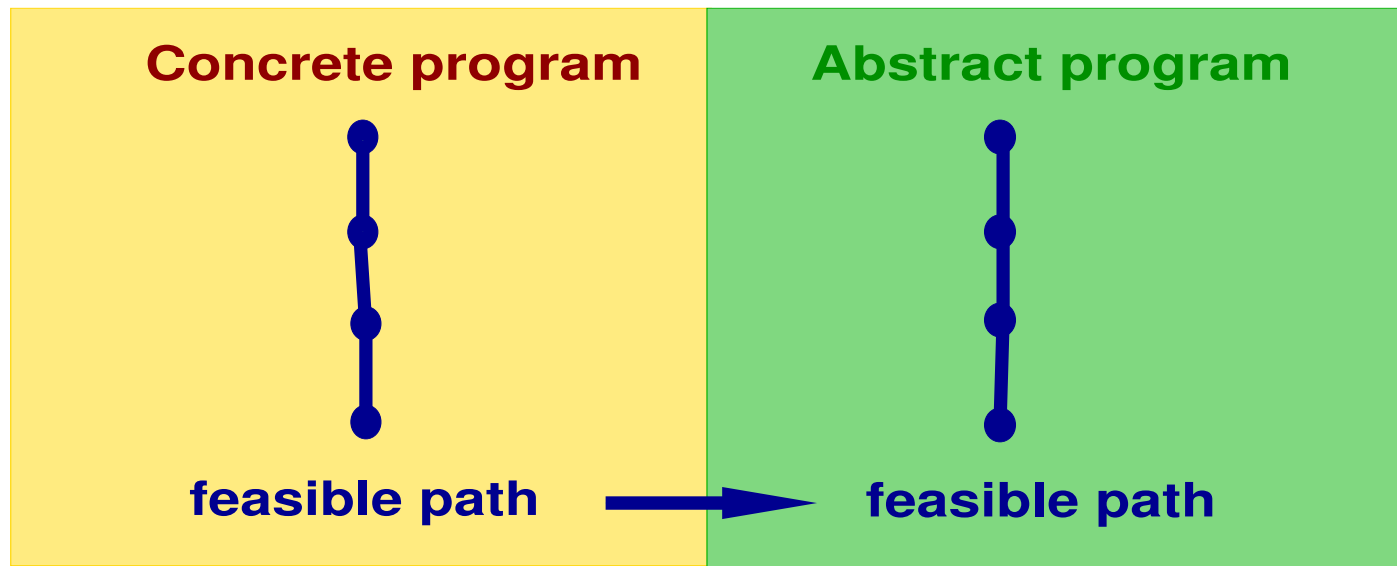
the decision procedures presented before can be used without problems

# Other interesting topics

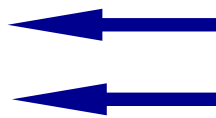
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- Generate invariants
- Verification by abstraction/refinement

# Abstraction-based Verification



location unreachable  
check feasibility



location unreachable  
location reachable



conjunction of constraints:  $\phi(1) \wedge Tr(1, 2) \wedge \dots \wedge Tr(n - 1, n) \wedge \neg \text{safe}(n)$

- **satisfiable**: feasible path

- **unsatisfiable**: refine abstract program s.t. the path is not feasible

[McMillan 2003-2006] use 'local causes of inconsistency'

$\mapsto$  compute interpolants

# Summary

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- Decision procedures for various theories/theory combinations

Implemented in most of the existing SMT provers:

Z3: <http://z3.codeplex.com/>

CVC4: <http://cvc4.cs.nyu.edu/web/>

Yices: <http://yices.csl.sri.com/>

- Ideas about how to use them for verification

## **Decision procedures for other classes of theories/Applications”**

Next semester: Seminar “Decision Procedures and Applications”

## **More details on Specification, Model Checking, Verification:**

This summer (end of August):

Summer school “Verification Technology, Systems & Applications”

Next year: Lecture “Formal Specification and Verification”

## **Forschungspraktika**

## **BSc/MSc Theses in the area**