

- Hello everyone!
- Two important links for today's class:

- The Zoom workspace

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/660096062>

(For listening to me 😊)

- The Google Doc

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(For talking back 😊)

You are muted by default.

Please unmute yourselves

You are also being recorded

Say Cheese!

- Finish discussion of Nelson-Oppen procedure
- Conclude Unit 2.

$$\underbrace{C_1} \text{ ; } \underbrace{C_2} \\ \{P\} C_1 \{x > 0 \text{ and } y > x\} \Rightarrow \{y > 0\} C_2 \{x > 5\}$$

$\frac{\{P\} C_1 \{Q\} \quad \{Q\} C_2 \{R\}}{\{P\} C_1 ; C_2 \{R\}}$	$\frac{P' \Rightarrow P \quad \{P\} C \quad \{O\} \quad O \Rightarrow O'}{\{P'\} C \{O'\}}$
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Sequencing

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$$\frac{\{P\} C_1 \{Q_1\} \quad \boxed{Q_1 \Rightarrow Q_2} \quad \{Q_2\} C_2 \{R\}}{\{P\} C_1; C_2 \{R\}}$$

Question: Is it true, for all integers  $x$  &  $y$ ,  
that if  $x > 0$  and  $y > x$   
then  $y > 0$ ?

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} (x > 0 \text{ and } y > x) \Rightarrow y > 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Question: How do we use an SMT solvers  
to determine the truth of ①?  
validity

$$\exists x, y \ (x > 0 \text{ and } y > x) \text{ but not } (y > 0)$$

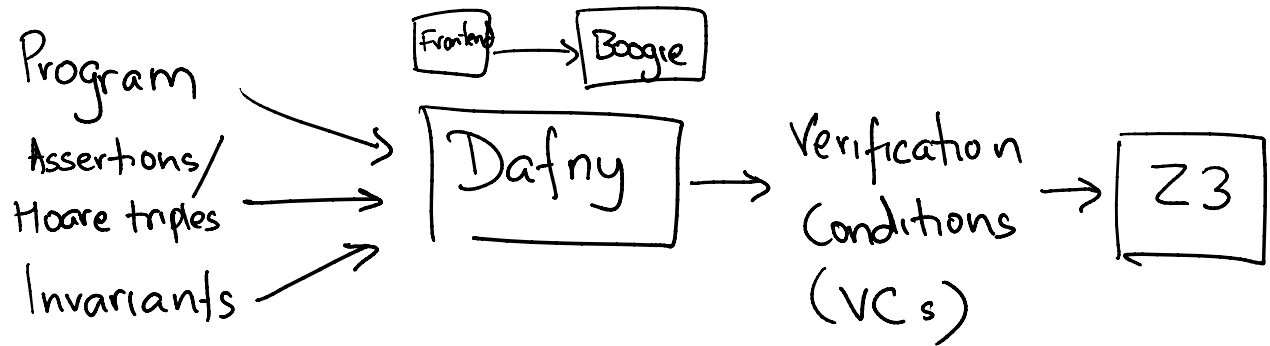
② : satisfiability

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \ (x > 0 \text{ and } y > x) \text{ and } (y \ngtr 0)$$

② witnesses every counterexample to ①.

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② can be automatically checked using a solver for difference logic.



$$P \Rightarrow I \quad \{I \wedge b\} C \{I\} \quad I \wedge \neg b \Rightarrow Q$$

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$$\{P\} \text{ while } (b) \text{ do } C \{Q\}$$


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## Combining Theories Nelson Oppen

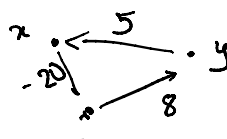
We have seen:

- How SAT solvers work.
- How two specific theory solvers work.

EUF, Difference logic

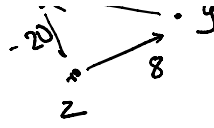
$$\begin{array}{l}
 t \quad t' \\
 \downarrow \\
 f(t) \quad -f(t') \\
 f(t) \neq -f(t')
 \end{array}$$

$$\exists x, y, z \quad x - y \geq 5 \quad y - z \geq 8 \quad \underline{x - z \leq 20}$$



$$z - x \geq -20$$

$f(x) \neq f(x')$   
 Congruence  
 closure

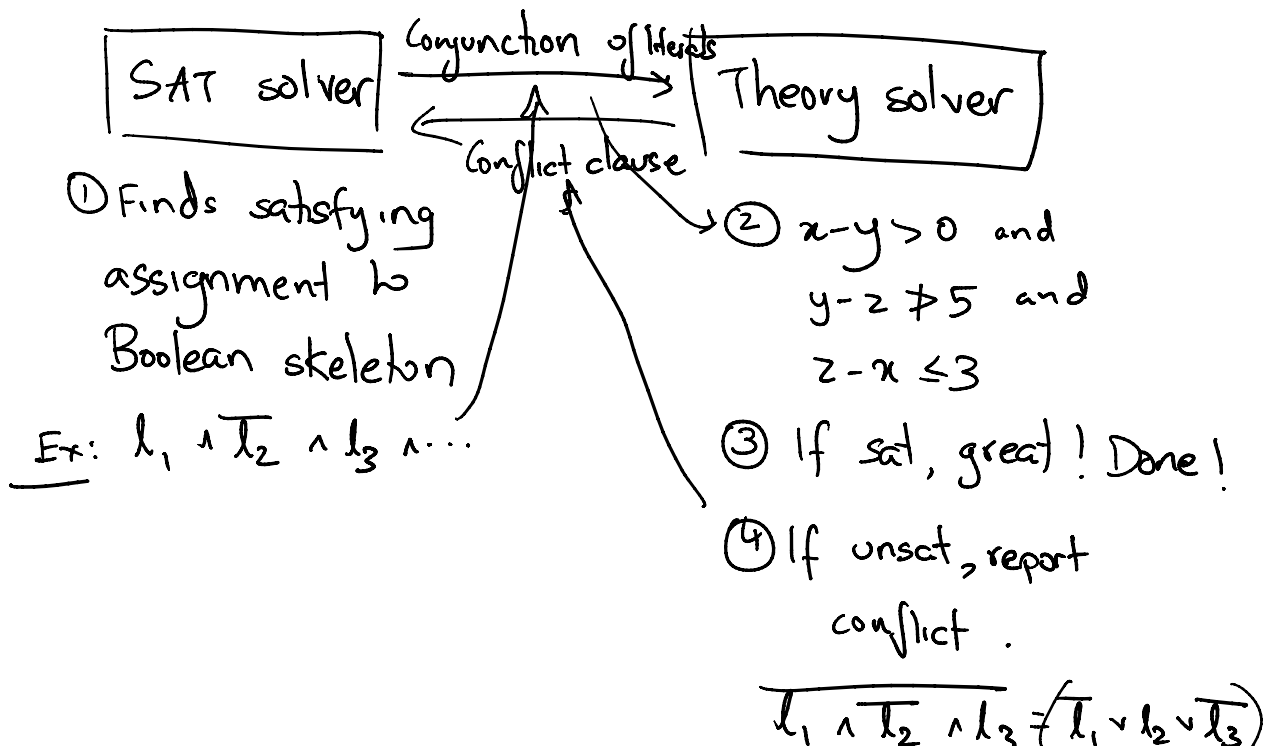


- Know about the existence of solvers for other theories  
 LIA LRA Arrays Bit-vectors Strings

- DPLL (T)

Theory solvers take a conjunction of literals

DPLL (T) allows us to combine formulas  
 with one theory T and an  
 interesting Boolean skeleton.





$\text{Only over } T_1$        $\text{Only over } T_2$   
Ex: Consider  $\boxed{x \leq f(x) + 1}$   $\varphi$   
 LIA      EUF  
 $\Sigma_{\text{LIA}} = \{<, =, +\}$        $\Sigma_{\text{EUF}} = \{=, f(-)\}$

Create new variable  $y$ .

$\varphi \Leftrightarrow \left( \underbrace{x \leq y + 1}_{\text{Can be consumed by an LIA solver}} \text{ and } \underbrace{y = f(x)}_{\text{Can be consumed by an EUF solver}} \right)$

② Submit  $\varphi_1$  to a solver for  $T_1$

Submit  $\varphi_2$  to a solver for  $T_2$

Case 1: Either theory solver reports unsat.

$$\varphi = \underbrace{\varphi_1}_{\text{is unsat}} \wedge \varphi_2$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is unsat.

Case 2: If both solvers report sat.

$$\varphi = \exists x y z \left( \underbrace{\varphi_1}_{\text{is sat}} \wedge \underbrace{\varphi_2}_{\text{is sat}} \right)$$

$$\phi = \underbrace{\exists x y z (\phi_1)}_{\text{Is sat}} \wedge \underbrace{\phi_2}_{\text{Is sat}}$$

Question: Does this mean that  $\phi$  as a whole is sat?

No.

Ex:  $\exists x y \in \mathbb{Z} \left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \text{ and} \\ x+y=2 \text{ and} \\ f(x) = f(1) \text{ and} \\ f(y) \neq f(1). \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x=y=1$  LIA solver says:

$$\phi_1 = \exists x y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } 1 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \text{ and } x+y=2$$

Sat ( $x=y=1$ )

$$\phi_2 = \exists x y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } f(x) = f(1) \text{ and } f(y) \neq f(1)$$

Sat ( $x=1 \quad y=0$   
 $f(1)=1 \quad f(0)=0$ )

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Essential problem: Theories may cause variables to be equal.

## Nelson-Oppen step 2

For each pair of variables  $x, y$   
which appear in both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$

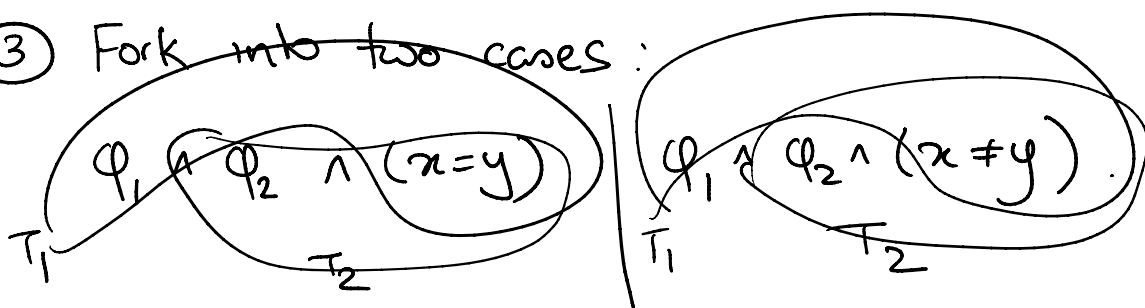
① Check if  $\varphi_1 \Rightarrow (x=y)$

Then update  $\varphi_2 := \varphi_2 \wedge (x=y)$

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If so, update  $\varphi_1 := \varphi_1 \wedge (x=y)$

③ Fork into two cases:



$$\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \equiv \left( \overbrace{(\varphi_1 \wedge x=y)}^{\tau_1} \wedge \overbrace{(\varphi_2 \wedge x=y)}^{\tau_2} \right) \text{ or } \left( \overbrace{(\varphi_1 \wedge x \neq y)}^{\tau_1} \wedge \overbrace{(\varphi_2 \wedge x \neq y)}^{\tau_2} \right).$$

Convex and non-convex theories

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Don't require case  
splitting.



splitting.

- ① Purify literals
- ② Insert equality/inequality constraints over shared variables
- ③ Solve resulting formulas using DPLL( $\tau$ ) solvers.

Recall: Theories were stably infinite.

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- Will release HW2 today. Please turn it in by April 1.

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## Unit 3: Abstract Interpretation

- Question: Why is program verification hard?

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x := 0 ; y = 200 ; z := input()
while (x < z) {
  if (x + y < 0) Error
  x := x + 1
}
```

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Not reachable!

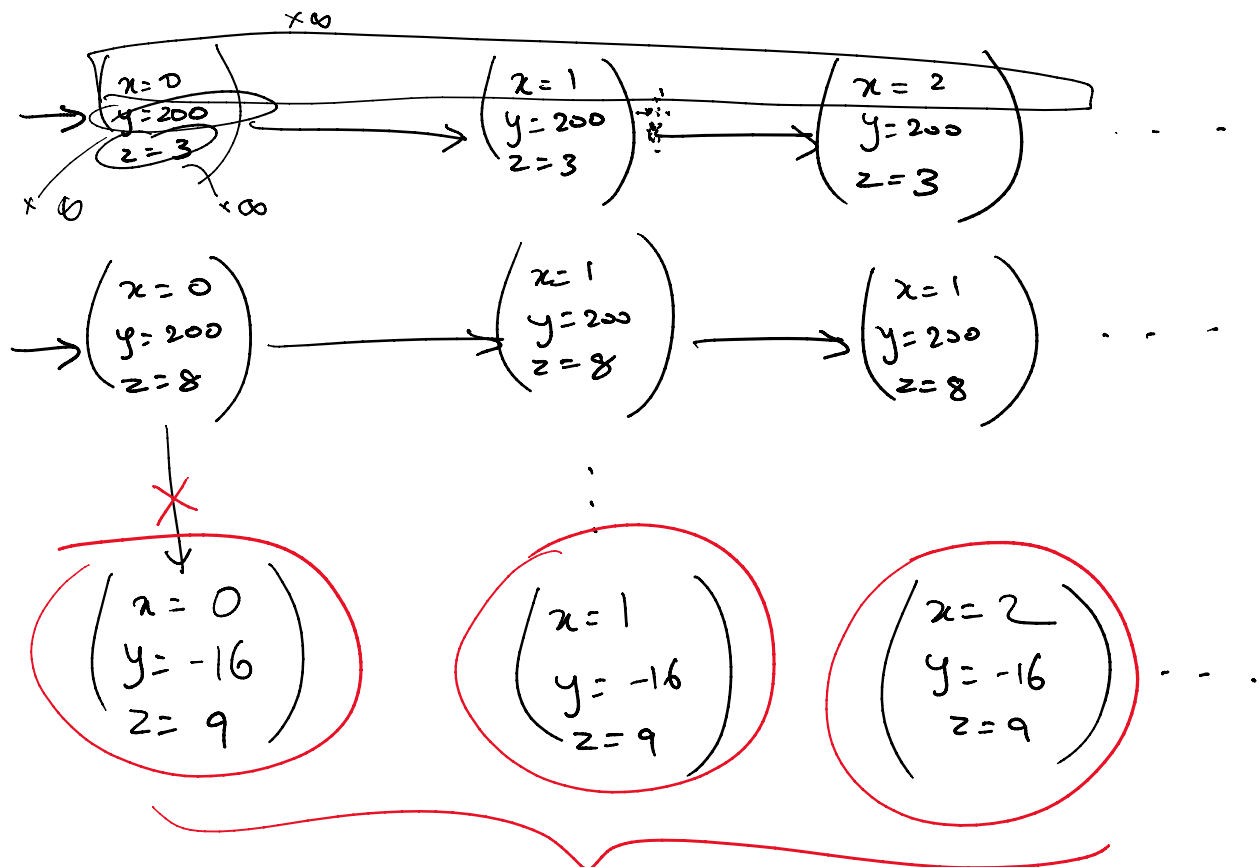
Because  $x$  is always positive.  
So is  $y$ .

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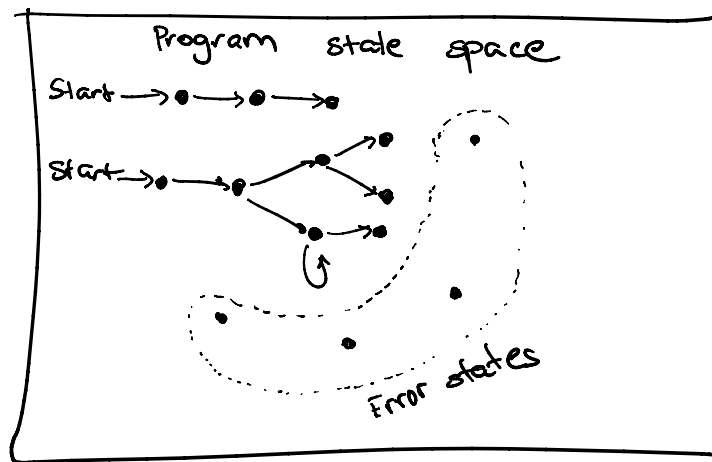
$x > 0$  and  $y > 0 \Rightarrow x + y \neq 0$ .

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Imagine state space of P (x, y, z)



All error states.



Automatic Verification, Approach 1: Exhaustively explore reachable states in the transition graph.

- Doesn't work. — State space is infinite  
— State space is exponentially large  
(Even when finite)

## STATE EXPLOSION PROBLEM

Cf. curse of dimensionality

Vote: Which field has a cooler sounding problem?

FM/PL/CPS/SE

State explosion  
problem

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✓  
Wins.

Statistics / theory / ML / ...

Curse of dimensionality

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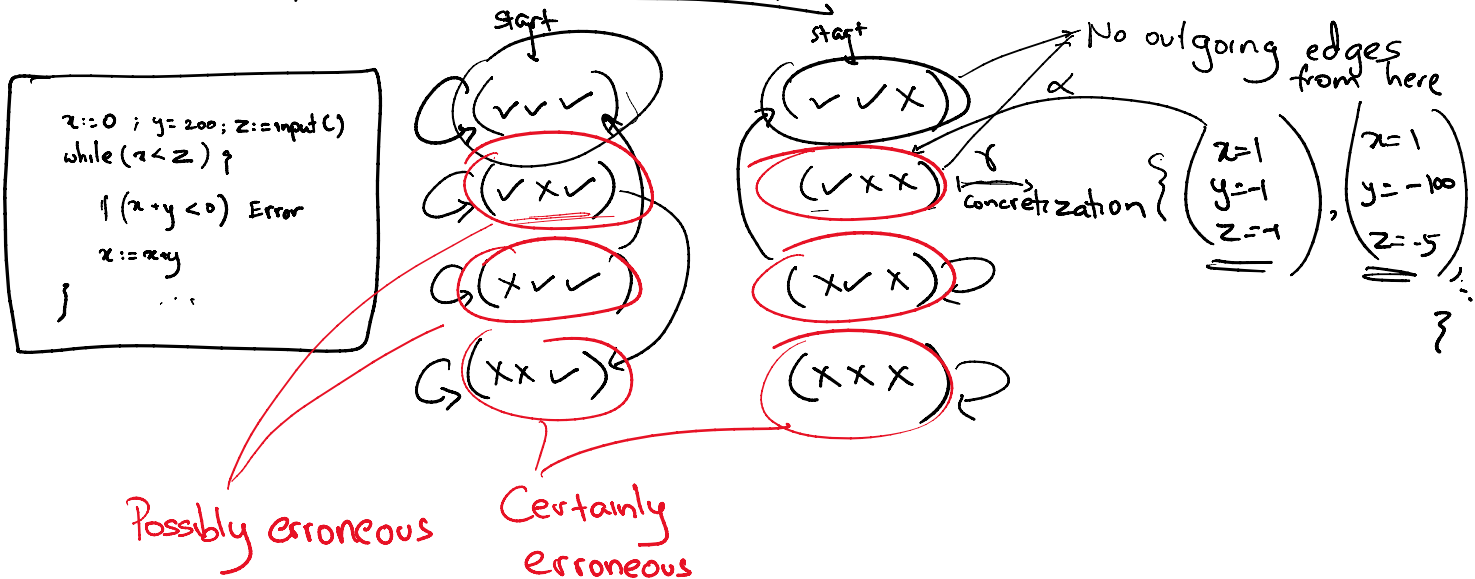
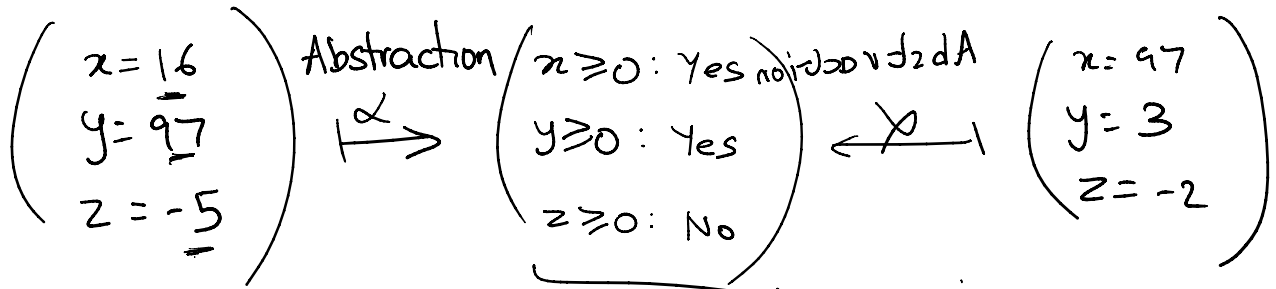
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Predicate abstraction: Collapse infinite state space into something finite.

Essential idea: Instead of tracking concrete value of every variable, only track the values

value of  $z$  variable, only track the values of some previously chosen predicates.

Predicates:  $\{\underline{x \geq 0}, y \geq 0, z \geq 0\}$



- started with a program  $P$  with an infinite (concrete) state space.

- Select a finite set of predicates  $V$

- Construct Boolean abstraction of  $P$ .  $\alpha(P) \subseteq 2^V \times 2^V$

- Exhaustively explore states of  $\alpha(P)$  for possible errors.
- If no error state is reachable, excellent! Program is safe!
- If some possibly erroneous state is reached, we may have discovered a bug.