

## Lecture 8 : Introduction to SMT

- DPLL(T)

- Specific Ts: Difference logic

LRA

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- Theory combination: The Nelson Oppen procedure

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### Solvers for Linear Real Arithmetic

Question . Do there exist real numbers  $x, y$

such that

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x + 2y \leq 5 & x + 2y \leq 5 \\ \text{and } (x - 8y > 3) & \text{and } x - 8y > 3 \\ \text{and } \not\equiv (x + 4y < 8) & \text{and } x + 4y \geq 8 \end{array}$$

Multiplication with constants is okay.

$$x + 2y \leq 5$$

$$\text{and } x - 8y > 3$$

$$\text{and } x + 4y \geq 8$$

①

②

$$y \leq -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y < \frac{x}{8} - \frac{3}{8}$$

$$-\frac{x}{4} + 2 \leq y$$

$$x - 8y > 3$$

$$x - 3 > 8y \quad y < \frac{1}{8}x - \frac{3}{8}$$

$$y \geq -\frac{x}{4} + 2$$

③ Does  $\exists x$  such that

$$-\frac{x}{4} + 2 \leq -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{5}{2}$$

$$-\frac{x}{4} + 2 < \frac{x}{8} - \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{x}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad x \leq 2$$

$$2 + \frac{3}{8} < \frac{3x}{8}$$

$$19 < 3x$$

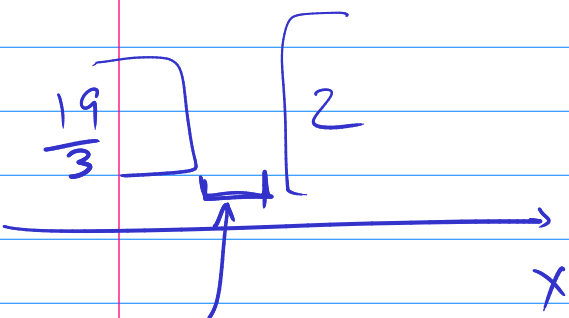
$$\frac{19}{3} < x$$

3, in other words

Does  $\exists x$  such that

$$x \leq 2$$

$$\frac{19}{3} < x$$

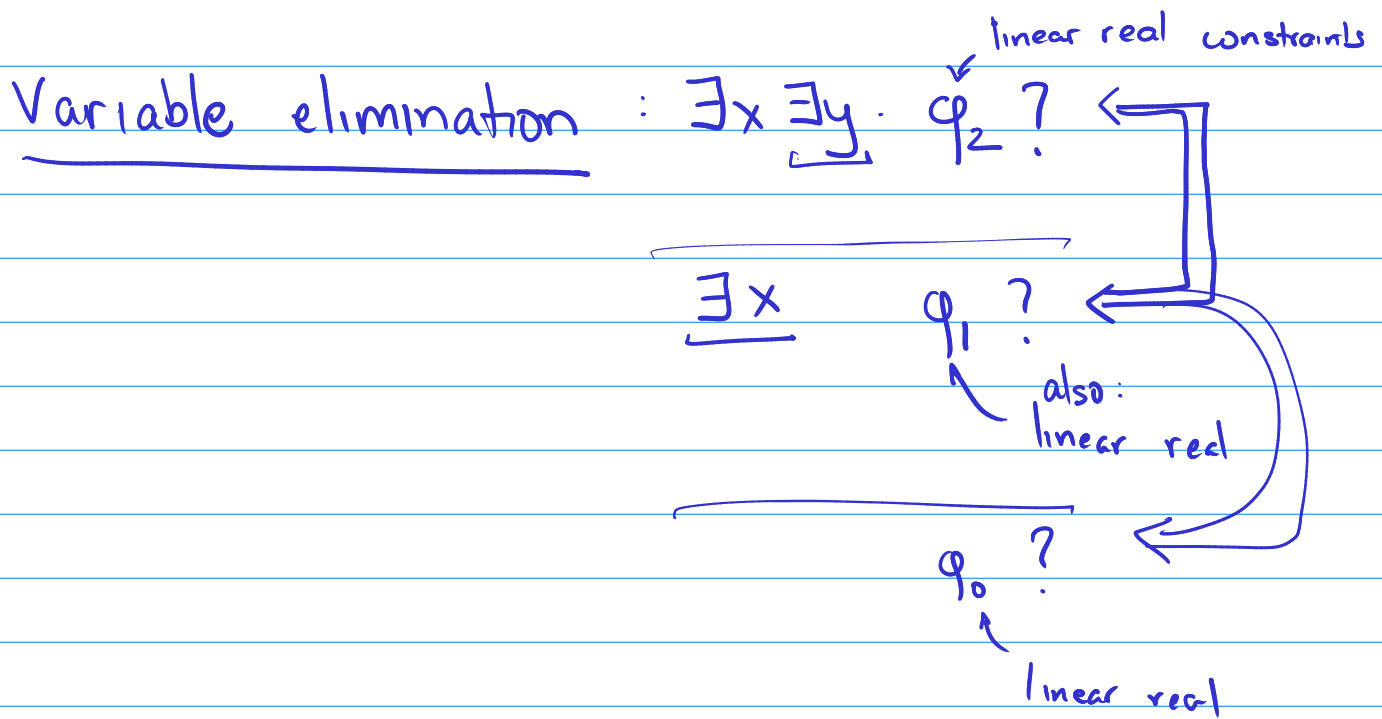


$$x < 4$$

$$3 < x$$

④ Is it the case that

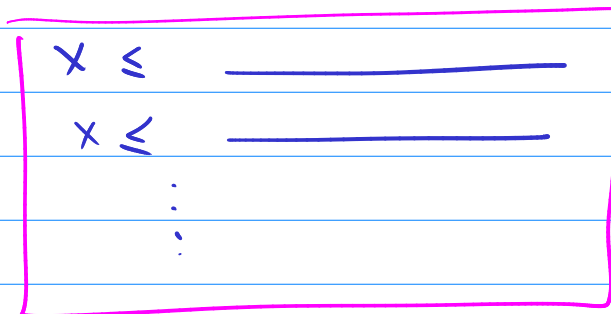
$$\frac{19}{3} < 2$$



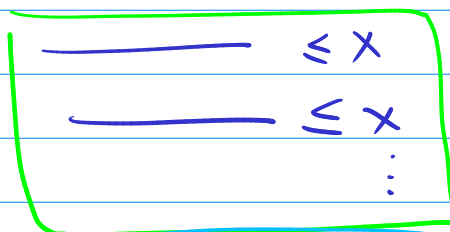
Strict upper bounds



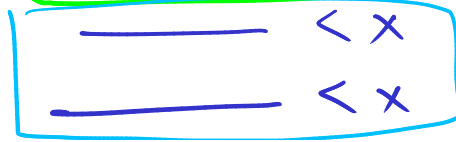
Non-strict upper bounds



Non strict lower bounds



Strict lower bounds



$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 x < u_s \\
 x \leq u_{ns} \\
 l_{ns} \leq x \\
 l_s < x
 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l}
 l_{ns} < u_s \\
 l_{ns} \leq u_{ns} \\
 l_s < u_s \\
 l_s < u_{ns}
 \end{array}$$


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Question: I called this an algorithm for LRA.

Why is it not an algorithm for LIA?

For example:

- If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $3 < x$  and  $x < 4$  is sat

$$x = 3.5$$

- If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3 < x$  and  $x < 4$  is unsat

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- For a simple decision procedure for LIA  
see chapter 4 of Sipser's textbook.

# Theory Solvers for Difference Logic

Every constraint is of the form  $u - v \leq c$

or of the form  $u - v < c$

Aside:  
 $u - v < c \iff u - v \leq c - 1$ , if  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$

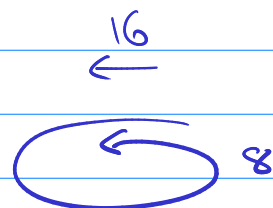
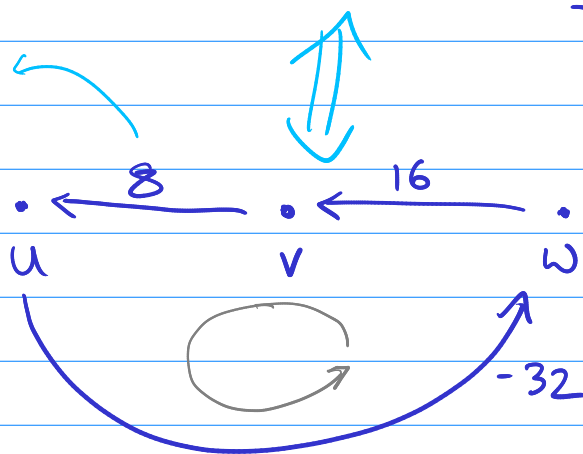
Example:  $u - v \leq 8$

$v - w \leq 16$

$u - w \geq 32$

$w - u \leq -32$

Each edge corresponds to some inequality



- From the difference graph, we can recover the original constraints
- So the constraints are satisfiable iff the graph has some property.
- What property could this be?

Proposal 1: Something about shortest paths

Observation 2: Negative weight cycle exists

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Claim: The set of difference constraints

$\varphi$  is satisfiable iff

the corresponding difference graph  $G_\varphi$

does not contain any negative weight cycles

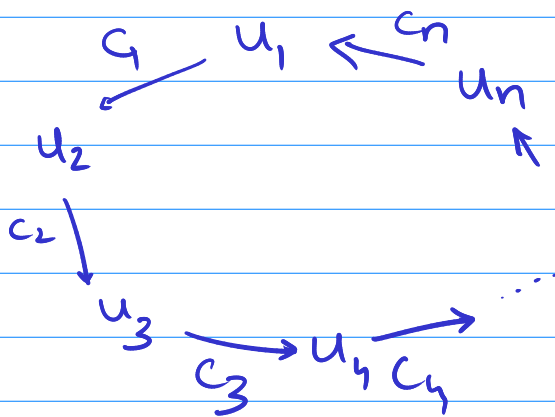
- If you accept the claim,  
 simply implement any shortest path algorithm  
 with support for negative weights.

It will contain an escape hatch for negative weight  
 cycles. Simply check if the escape hatch is triggered.

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Proof ①: If negative weight cycle exists  
 then formula is unsat.

Assume not. Look at the -ve weight cycle.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cancel{u_2 - u_1} \leq c_1 \\
 & u_3 - \cancel{u_2} \leq c_2 \\
 & u_4 - u_3 \leq c_3 \\
 & u_1 - u_n \leq c_n
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} u_3 - u_1 \leq c_1 + c_2$$

$$u_4 - u_1 \leq c_1 + c_2 + c_3$$

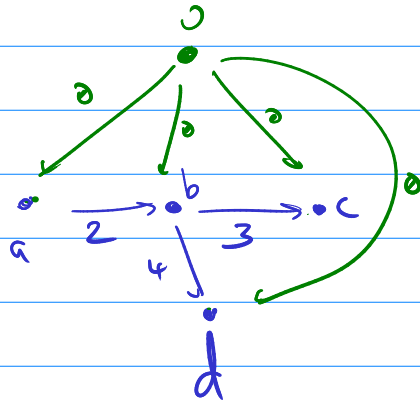

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$$u_1 - u_1 \leq \sum_i c_i$$

(contradiction)! So satisfying assignment cannot exist.  $0 \leq -ve$ .

Proof, part (2): No negative weight cycle exists.

How to find satisfying assignment?



$$b - a \leq 2$$

$$c - b \leq 3$$

$$d - b \leq 4$$

Set  $a =$  shortest path from  $o$  to  $a$ .

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In this case, set all variables to 0.

- In other words, create a new variable  $o$ .

- For each old variable  $x$ , add the constraint  $x - o \leq 0$  (i.e.  $x \leq o$ )

- Set  $x$  to shortest path from  $o$  to  $x$ .

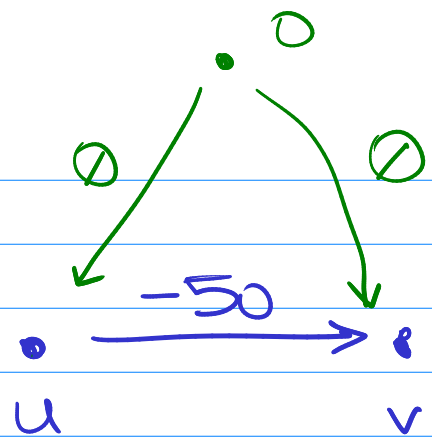
- Claim: This is a satisfying assignment.



$$v - u \leq -50$$

$$u - 0 \leq 0$$

$$v - 0 \leq 0$$



Claim: Adding the green constraints does not affect the satisfiability of the blue constraints

$$\begin{array}{l} u - 0 \leq 0 \\ v - 0 \leq 0 \end{array} \quad \parallel \quad \begin{array}{l} u \leq 0 \\ v \leq 0 \end{array}$$

Proof: Pick any satisfying assignment of the original system.

Say  $u = 0, v = -75$

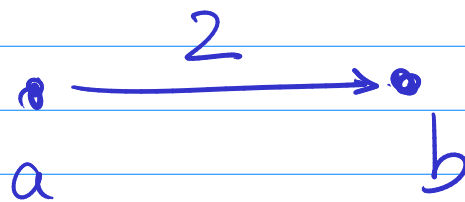
→ This satisfies the blue constr.

Pick  $0 = 100$  (very v. large num)

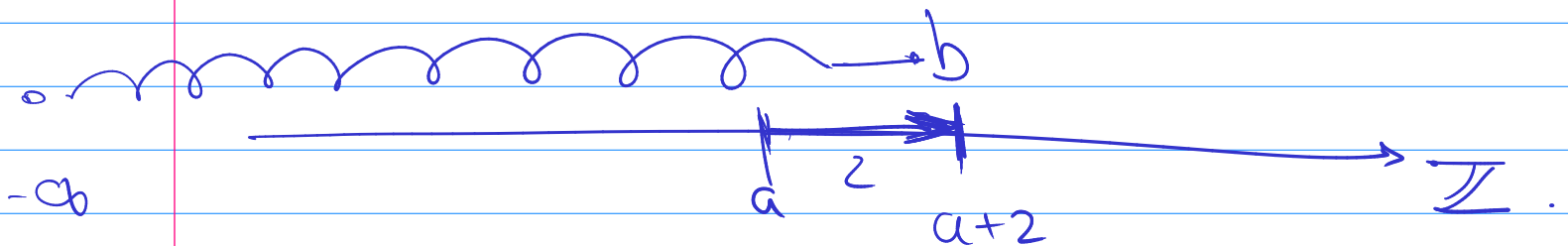
By construction, our choice of  $\sigma$  should satisfy the green constraints.

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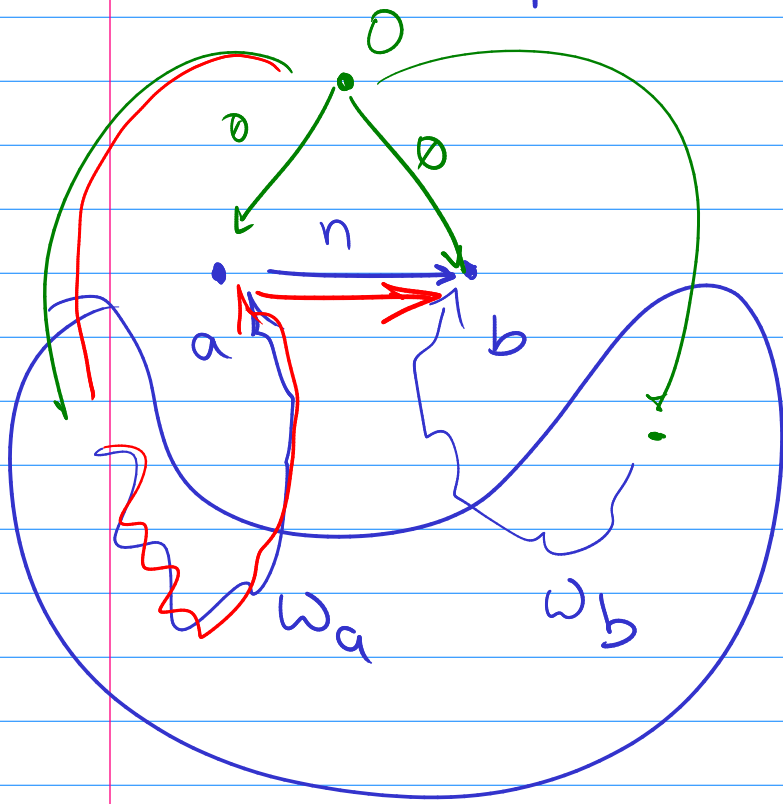
Consider some edge



$$b - a \leq 2$$



- Assume that the shortest paths do not yield a satisfying assignment.



$$b - a \leq n$$

Assume that this constraint is violated.

$$\text{So } w_b - w_a \neq n.$$

$$w_b \leq w_a + n$$