

Syntax-Guided Synthesis (SyGuS)

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Function Synthesis

```
int f(int x, int y)
{
    ???
}
```

@ensures: $@ret \geq x \wedge @ret \geq y \wedge (@ret = x \wedge @ret = y)$

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$$f(x, y) \geq x \wedge f(x, y) \geq y \wedge (f(x, y) = x \wedge f(x, y) = y)$$

Synthesis Conjectures *Modulo T*

$$\exists f . \forall x . \mathbf{P} (f , x)$$

There exists a function f for which property P holds for all x

Property P is in some **background theory** T , e.g.

- Linear (or non-linear) arithmetic
- Fixed-width bit-vectors
- Strings
- ...

E.g. $\exists f . \forall x . f (x+1) \geq f (x)$

\Rightarrow Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

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$$\begin{aligned} A \rightarrow & A + A \mid -A \mid x \mid y \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \text{ite}(B, A, A) \\ B \rightarrow & B \wedge B \mid \neg B \mid A = A \mid A \geq A \mid \perp \end{aligned}$$

The body of f is generated by the above **grammar** with start symbol A

Many Approaches to Synthesis

- Naively: treat function f as free uninterpreted function, ask SMT solver to find a model for f
 - ⇒ This is hard for SMT solvers. Need to use specialized techniques
- Counterexample-guided Inductive Synthesis (CEGIS)
 - Enumerative
 - Symbolic
 - Stochastic
- Specialized solutions for fragments
 - Counterexample-guided quantifier instantiation [[Reynolds et al 2015](#)]

Counterexample-Guided Inductive Synthesis (CEGIS)

spec (f) :
 $\forall x y . f (x, y) = f (y, x)$

Solution
Synthesizer

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Verifier

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...

$t_2 [x_2, y_2] \neq t_2 [y_2, x_2]$

$f := \lambda x y . t_2 ?$

$t_1 [x_1, y_1] \neq t_1 [y_1, x_1]$

$f := \lambda x y . t_1 ?$

Solution
Verifier

$f := \lambda x y . t_n$

Enumerative Cex-Guided Inductive Synthesis (CEGIS)

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spec (f) :

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Production
Rules

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$f(0, 1) = f(1, 0) + f(0, 1)$

$f := \lambda x y. x?$

..counterexample: spec does not hold for $(x, y) = (0, 1)$

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$f := \lambda x y. x?$

...new candidate $\lambda x y. y$ satisfies $(x, y) = (0, 1)$

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spec (f) :

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Solution
Enumerator

$f(2, 1) = f(1, 2) + f(0, 1)$

$f := \lambda x y. y?$

Solution
Verifier

$f(0, 1) = f(1, 0) + f(0, 1)$

$f := \lambda x y. x?$

...counterexample: spec does not hold for $(x, y) = (2, 1)$

Enumerative Cex-Guided Inductive Synthesis (CEGIS)

syntax (f) :

$A \rightarrow A+A \mid \neg A \mid x \mid y \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \text{ite}(B, A, A)$
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Solution
Verifier

...new candidate $\lambda x y. 0$ satisfies $(x, y) = (0, 1), (2, 1)$

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$f := \lambda x y. x?$

Solution
Verifier

$f := \lambda x y. 0$

...new candidate $\lambda x y. 0$ has no counterexamples wrt **spec (f)**

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Solution
Verifier

$f := \lambda x y. 0$

\Rightarrow Terms $x, y, 0, \dots$ are a (fair) **enumeration** of terms generated by **syntax (f)**

Enumerative CEGIS + Unification

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Syntax-Guided
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Syntax-Guided
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$t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n$

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$f := \lambda x y. u[\dots, t_i, \dots, t_j, \dots]?$

CEGIS using SMT solvers

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SMT Solver

Solution
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CEGIS inside an SMT solver

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SMT Solver
(CVC4)
[Reynolds et al CAV 2015]

Solution
Verifier

Enumerative Synthesis in SMT Solvers

$\text{synth}(\exists f . \forall x . P(f, x))$ using:

1. Syntax-guided enumeration

- Construct a set of “interesting” terms $\{t_1 \dots t_n\}$

2. Unification algorithms

- From $\{t_1 \dots t_n\}$, construct candidate u for f

3. (Decision) Procedures

- Check whether c_f satisfies the specification
 - Is $\neg \forall x . P(u, x)$ T-unsatisfiable? $\Rightarrow \neg P(u, k)$, quantifier-free SMT query

Syntax-Guided Enumeration

Syntax-Guided Enumeration for T

- Given grammar:

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B -> B ^ B | ¬B | A = A | A ≥ A | ⊥
```

- Goal:
 - Efficiently enumerate the set of useful/interesting terms
 - $0, 1, x, y, 1+1, x+x, y+y, 1+x, 1+y, x+y, \dots$
- Use SMT solver to explore the search space of terms in a grammar
 - Deep embedding to inductive datatypes [\[Reynolds et al CAV2015\]](#)
 - Efficient encodings using shared selectors [\[Reynolds et al IJCAR2018\]](#)

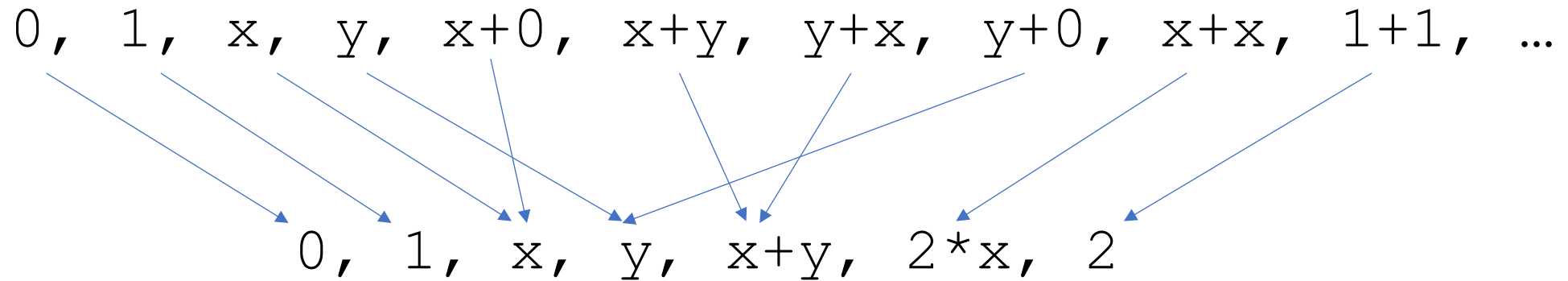
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- How do we determine which terms are (not) interesting?

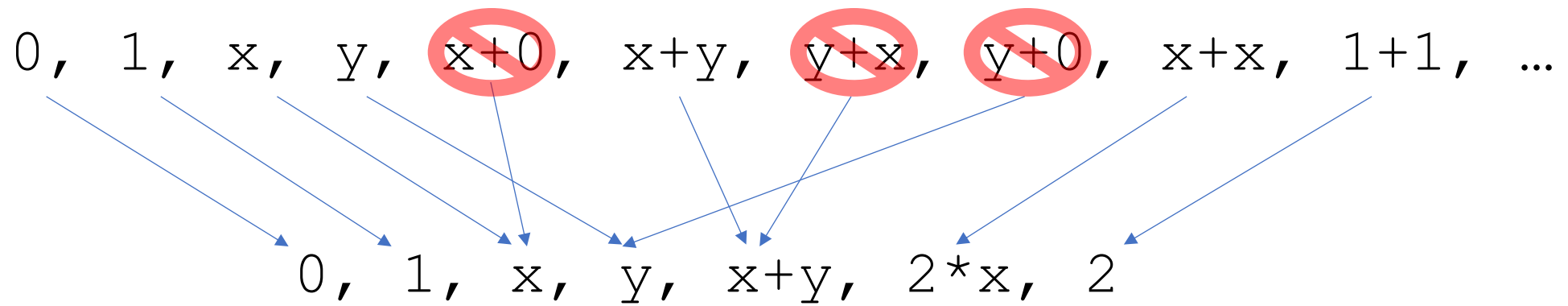
0, 1, x, y, x+0, x+y, y+x, y+0, x+x, 1+1, ...

Syntax-Guided Enumeration for T

- How do we determine which terms are (not) interesting?
 - When enumerating, map terms to their *rewritten form* :



Syntax-Guided Enumeration for T



- Discard all but one term for each equivalence class of terms

Syntax-Guided Enumeration for T

- Gives us a stream of terms that are unique up theory rewriting:

$0, 1, x, y, x+y, x+x, 1+1, \dots$

⇒ Requires: Highly aggressive *rewriting techniques* for theories T

- String, bit-vector, floating-point terms

Examples: Strings, Bit Vectors, Booleans

```
(synth-fun f
  ((x String) (y String) (z Int))
  String (
    (Start String (
      x y "A" "B" ""
      (str.++ Start Start)
      (str.replace Start Start Start)
      (str.at Start ie)
      (int.to.str ie)
      (str.substr Start ie ie)))
    (ie Int (
      0 1 z
      (+ ie ie)
      (- ie ie)
      (str.len Start)
      (str.to.int Start)
      (str.indexof Start Start ie))))))
```

```
(synth-fun f ((s (BitVec 4))
              (t (BitVec 4)))
  (BitVec 4) (
    (Start (BitVec 4) (
      s t #x0
      (bvneg Start)
      (bvnot Start)
      (bvadd Start Start)
      (bvmul Start Start)
      (bvand Start Start)
      (bvlshr Start Start)
      (bvor Start Start)
      (bvshl Start Start))))))
```

```
(synth-fun f
  ((x Bool) (y Bool)
   (z Bool) (w Bool))
  Bool (
    (Start Bool (
      (and d1 d1) (not d1)
      (or d1 d1) (xor d1 d1)))
    (d1 Bool (
      x (and d2 d2) (not d2)
      (or d2 d2) (xor d2 d2)))
    (d2 Bool (
      w (and d3 d3) (not d3)
      (or d3 d3) (xor d3 d3)))
    (d3 Bool (
      y (and d4 d4) (not d4)
      (or d4 d4) (xor d4 d4)))
    (d4 Bool (z))))
```

Aggressive Rewriting for Theories

- **Bit-Vectors**

`bvlshr(x, x) → #x0000`

`x+1 → ~(-x)`

`x - (x&y) → x&~y`

`(x&y) + (x|y) → x+y`

`concat(#x1, x) = concat(#x0, y) → ⊥`

`bvxor(x, x&y) → ~y&x`

- **Strings**

`x++"A"="B"++x → ⊥`

`contains(x, x++"A") → ⊥`

`indexOf("ABCDE", x, 3) → indexOf("AAADE", x, 3)`

`replace(x, x++y, y) → replace(x, x++y, "")`

- **Booleans**

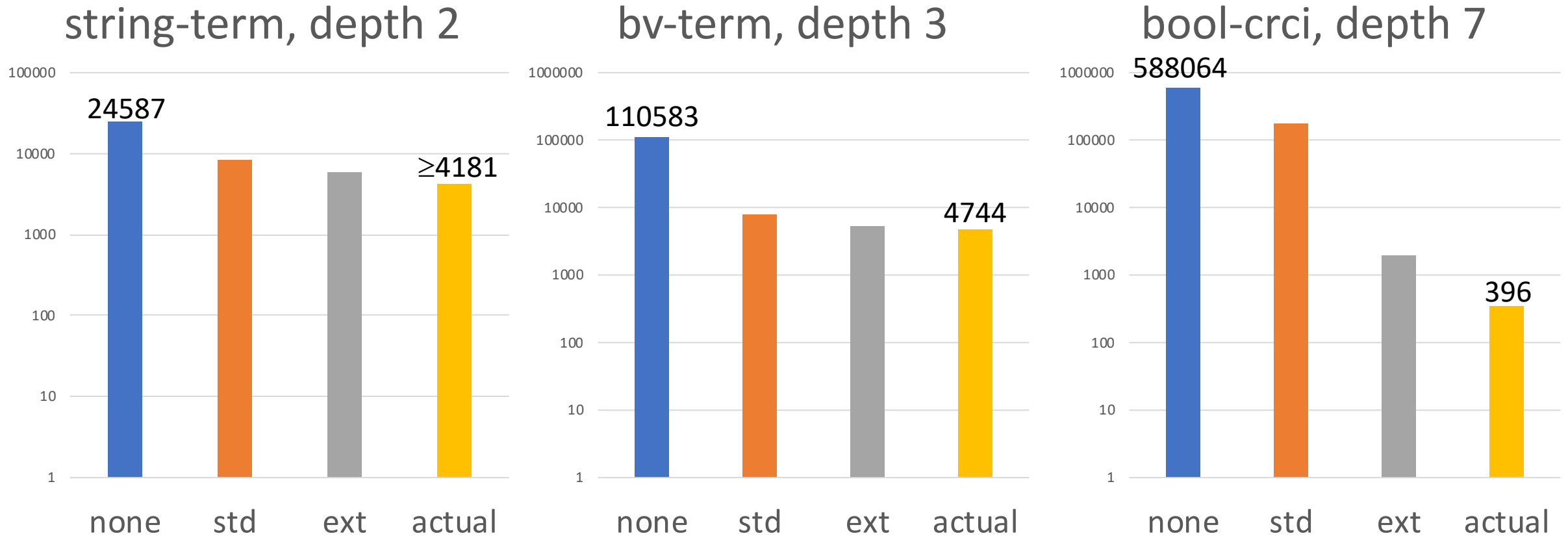
$A \wedge (A \vee B) \rightarrow A \wedge B$

$A = A \& B \rightarrow \neg A \vee B$

$(A \vee C) \wedge (A \vee B) \rightarrow A \wedge (C \vee B)$

$(A \vee B) = (A \vee B \vee C) \rightarrow A \vee B \vee \neg C$

Statistics: CVC4's Current Rewriter(s)

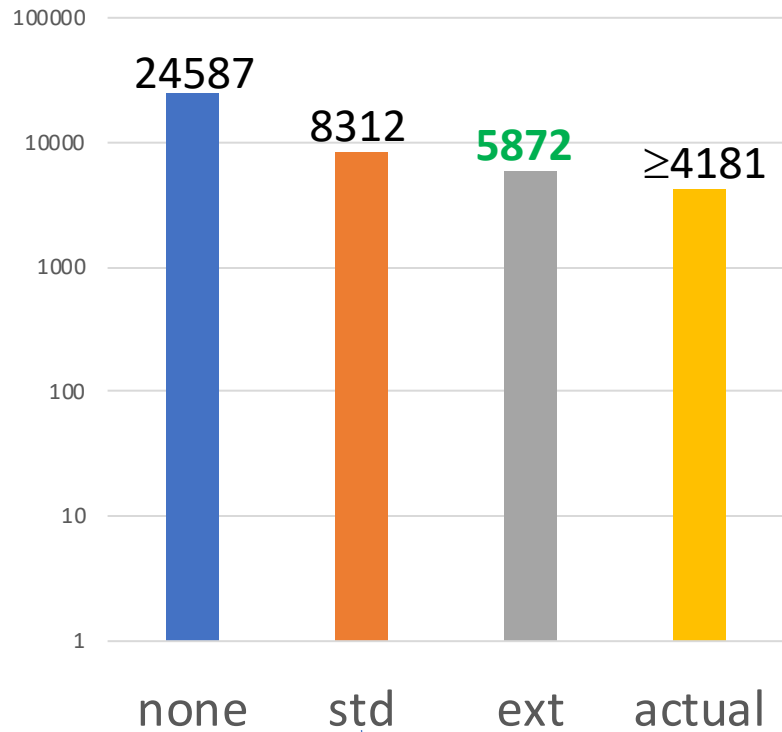


none: # terms from the grammar at given depth
actual: # T-unique terms from grammar at given depth

std: CVC4 version 1.5's rewriter (2 years ago)
ext: CVC4's aggressive rewriter

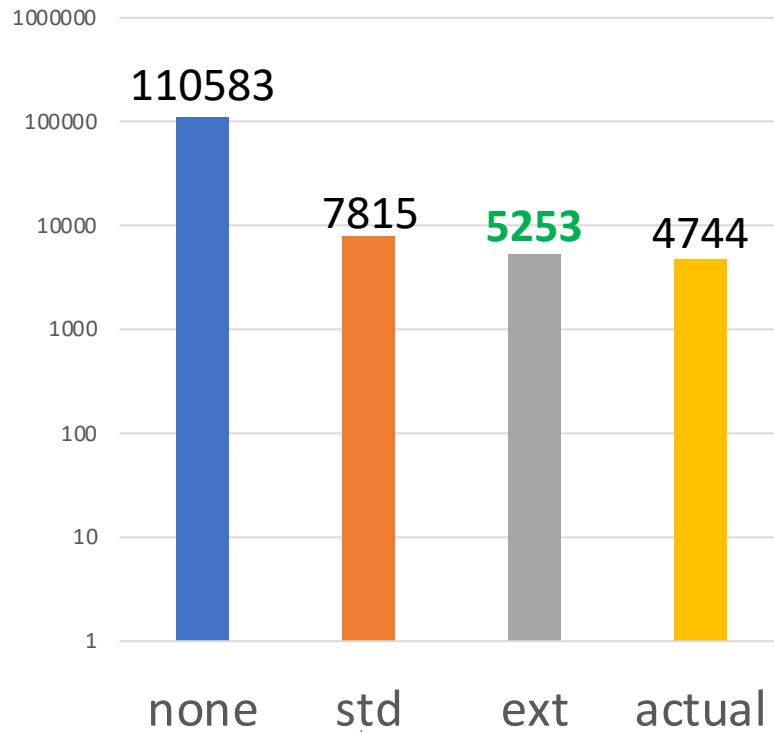
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string-term, depth 2



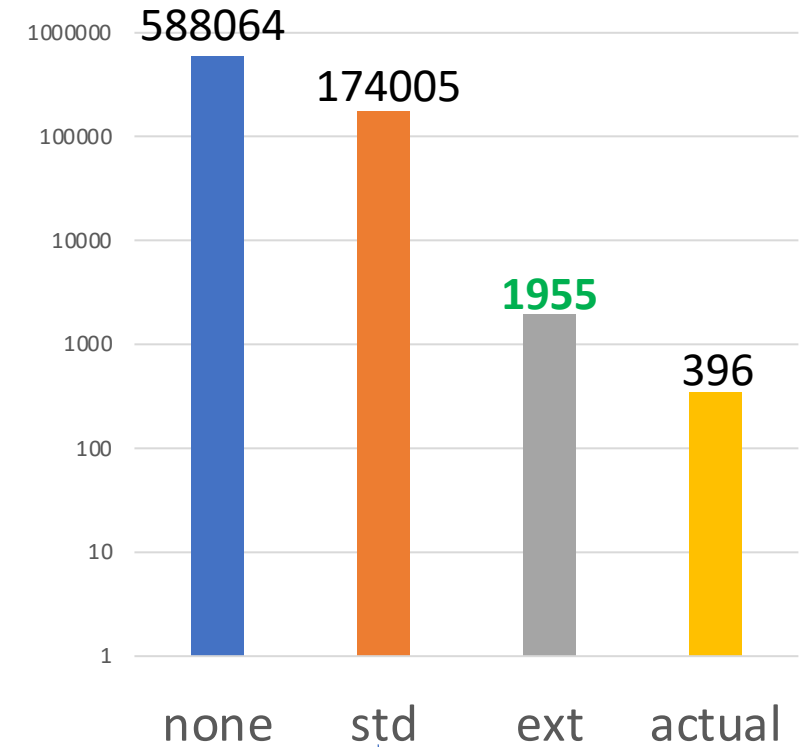
%redundant: 49.7% **28.8%**
 time to enumerate: 90.0 **60.8**

bv-term, depth 3



39.3% **9.7%**
 96.4 **55.4**

bool-crci, depth 7



99.8% **82.2%**
 19128.8 **60.6**

Generalizing Rewrites

- How can we generalize rewrites?

$$\text{ite}(x = 0 \wedge y \geq 0, 0, x) \rightsquigarrow x$$

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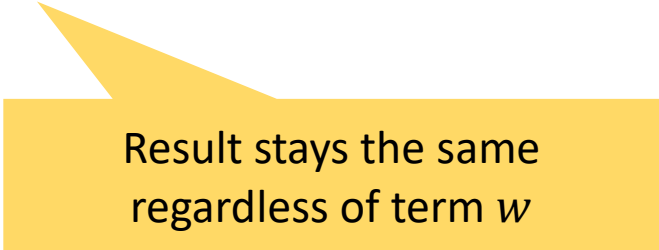
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Result stays the same
regardless of term w

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Conjecture-Specific Enumeration

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+

$\exists f. \forall xy. P(f, xy)$

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 - $0, 1, x, \cancel{y}, \cancel{1+1}, x+x, \cancel{y+y}, 1+x, \cancel{1+y}, \cancel{x+y}, \dots$

E.g. “if there exists a solution for f , for this conjecture, then there exists one that does not involve y or constants greater than one”

⇒ **Even more aggressive pruning**

CEGIS with Generalization

- How can we generalize failed candidate solutions?

Spec: $f(x, y) \leq x - 1$

$ite(x \geq 0, x, y + 1)$



fails on (3,3)

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$ite(x \geq 0, x, w)$

still fails on (3,3)

Unification Algorithms

Does this scale?

- For this bit-vector grammar, enumerating:
 - Terms of size=1 → **.05 seconds**
 - Terms of size=2 → **.6 seconds**
 - Terms of size=3 → **48 seconds**
 - Terms of size=4 → **5.8 hours** (5.8 million functions, 84050 unique)
 - Terms of size=5 → ??? 100+ days

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```

Example: Programming by Examples (PBE)

```
A->0|1|x| (bvnot A) |  
(shl1 A) | (shr1 A) | (shr4 A) | (shr16 A) |  
(bvand A A) | (bvor A A) | (bvxor A A) |  
(bvadd A A) | (if0 A A A)
```

```
∃f.  
f (#x28085a970e13e12c) = #x28085a970e13e12d  
f (#xbe5341bebd2a0749) = #xbe5341bebd2a0749  
f (#xe239460eed2cc34e) = #xe239460eed2cc34f  
...  
f (#x4c5ee4be98c5ee7d) = #x4c5ee4be98c5ee7d  
f (#xcd67bd5beaac575e) = #xcd67bd5beaac575e
```



Specification is concrete input/output points

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```

```
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f(#xbe5341bebd2a0749)=#xbe5341bebd2a0749
f(#xe239460eed2cc34e)=#xe239460eed2cc34f
...
f(#x4c5ee4be98c5ee7d)=#x4c5ee4be98c5ee7d
f(#xcd67bd5beaac575e)=#xcd67bd5beaac575e
```

```
f := λxy.
(if0 (bvand (bvnot x) #x000000000000000001)
(if0 (bvand (bvnot (shr4 x)) #x000000000000000001)
(if0 (bvand (shr1 (shr16 x)) #x000000000000000001)
(if0 (bvand (bvnot (shr1 x)) #x000000000000000001) (bvor #x000000000000000001 x) x)
(if0 (bvand (bvnot (shr1 x)) #x000000000000000001) x
(if0 (bvand (shr16 x) #x000000000000000001) x (bvor #x000000000000000001 x))))
(if0 (bvand (shr1 (shr16 x)) #x000000000000000001) (bvor #x000000000000000001 x)
x)) (bvor #x000000000000000001 x))
```

size 29

⇒ No chance to enumerate this solution by fair enumeration

Unification Algorithms

- Idea: use a high level strategy to build solutions using a pool of enumerated terms

$t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n$

Unification
Algorithm

$f := \lambda x y . \mathbf{u} [\dots, t_i, \dots, t_j, \dots] ?$

- Example: ITE/decision tree learning (divide and conquer)

Unification for ITE

$A \rightarrow A + A \mid \neg A \mid x \mid y \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \text{ite}(B, A, A)$

...

Unification for ITE

$A \rightarrow A+A \mid -A \mid x \mid y \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \text{ite}(B, A, A)$

...

Enumerate

$x=0$	$x>y$
$x=1$	$y>0$
$x\geq 0$	$y=1$
$x+y>1$	
...	

“Condition” pool

0	$x+x$
1	$x+y$
x	$x+1$
y	$1+1$
...	

“Return value” pool

Unification for ITE

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$x\geq 0$	$y=1$
	$x+y>1$

...

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1	$x+y$
x	$x+1$
y	$1+1$

...

$P[f(x_1, y_1)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_2, y_2)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_3, y_3)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_4, y_4)]$	

} Partial specification

Unification for ITE

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...

$x=0$	$x>y$
$x=1$	$y>0$
$x\geq 0$	$y=1$
$x+y>1$	
...	

0	$x+x$
1	$x+y$
x	$x+1$
y	$1+1$
...	

$P[f(x_1, y_1)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_2, y_2)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_3, y_3)]$	\wedge
$P[f(x_4, y_4)]$	

(x_1, y_1)
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 (x_3, y_3)
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Unification for ITE

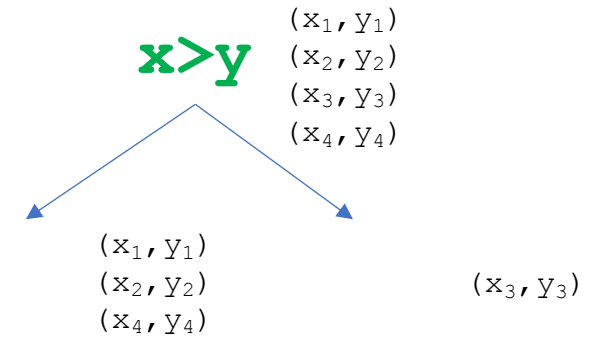
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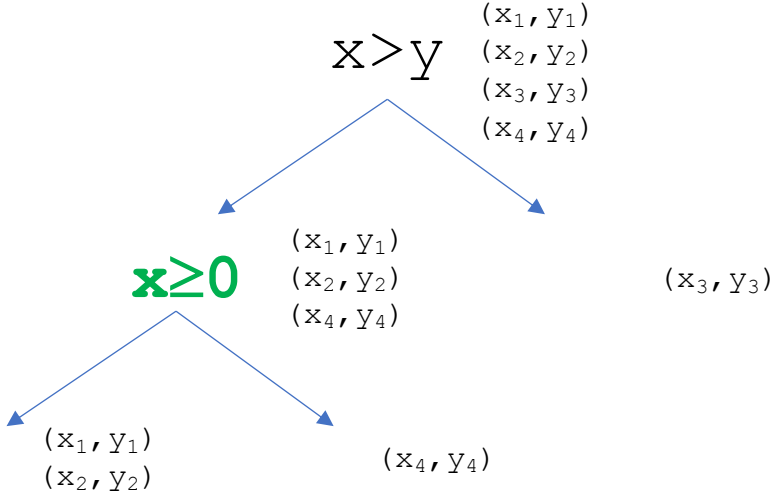
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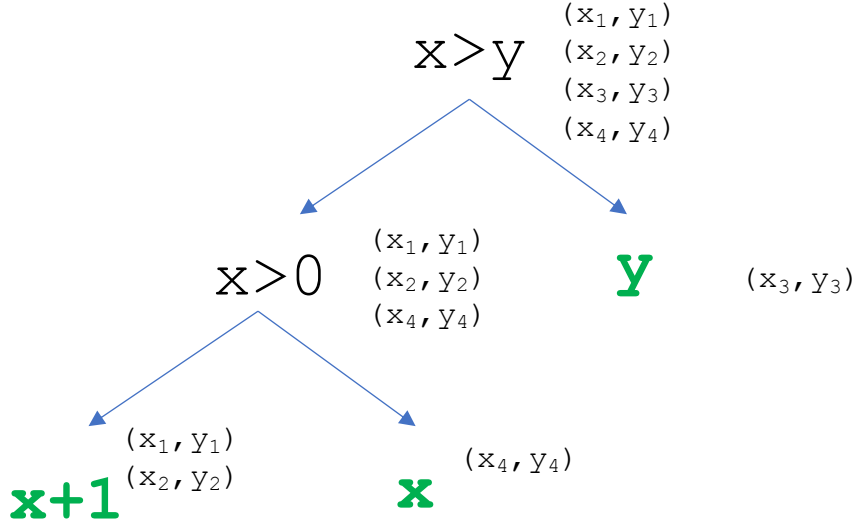
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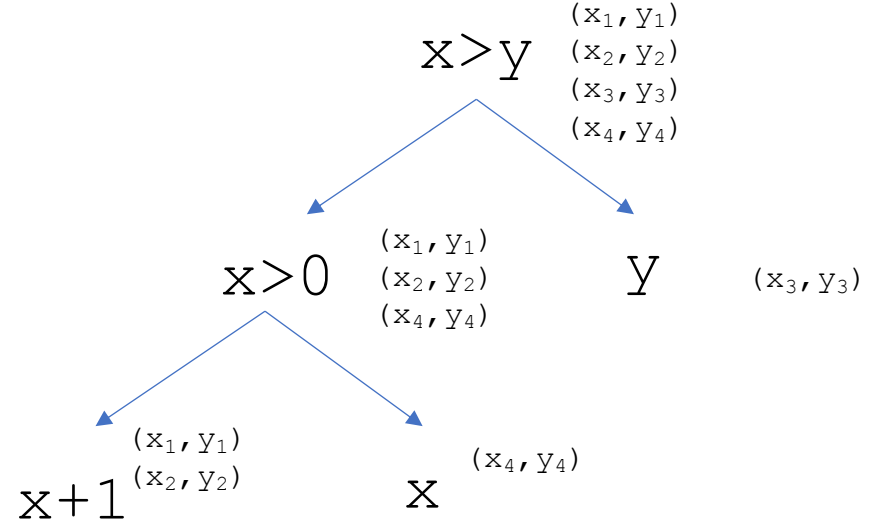
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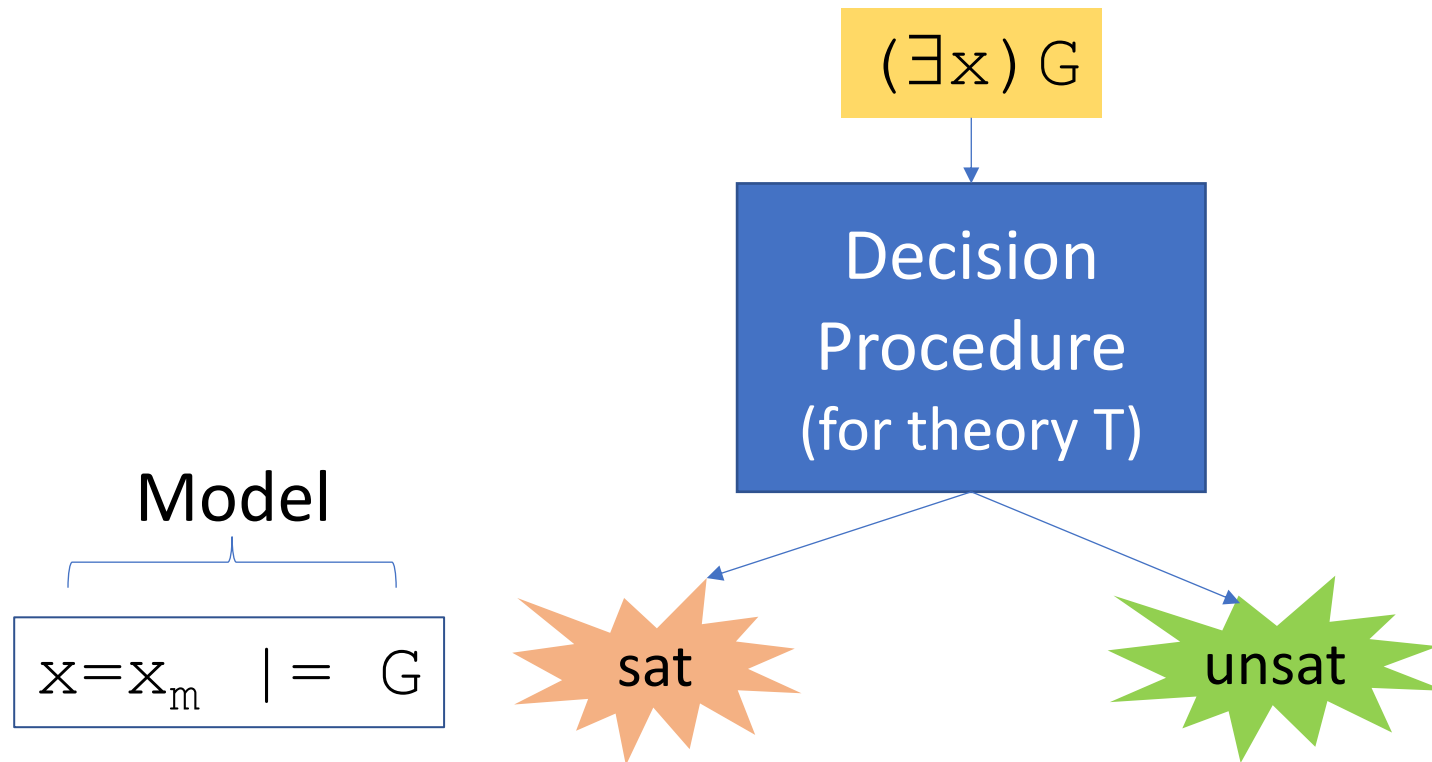
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Related Work

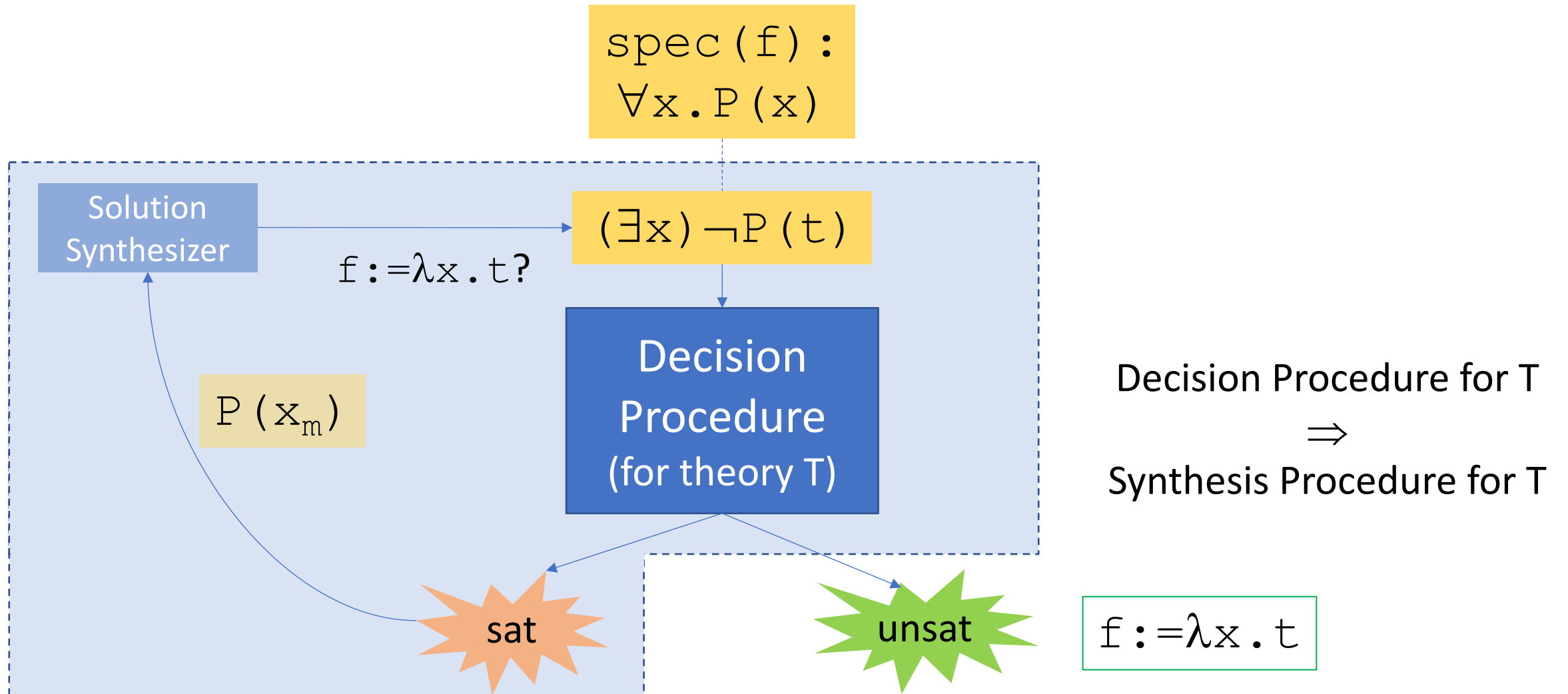
- Learning invariants using decision trees and implication counterexamples
[\[Garg et al POPL 2016\]](#)
- Data-driven precondition inference with learned features
[\[Pahdi et al PLDI 2016\]](#)
- ICE-Based Refinement Type Discovery for Higher-Order Functional Programs
[\[Champion et al TACAS 2018\]](#)
- Invariant Synthesis for Incomplete Verification Engines
[\[Neider et al TACAS 2018\]](#)

(Decision) Procedures for Verifying Solutions

From Decision Procedures to Synthesis Procedures



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Progress in Syntax-Guided Synthesis

- SyGuS comp initiative
 - Started 2014, synthesis solvers are improving each year
- This years competition:
 - **GENERAL:** CVC4 (696/886)
 - ⇒ Program snippets, circuit synthesis, theorem proving, planning
 - **CLIA:** DryadSynth (87/88)
 - **Invariant Synthesis:** CVC4 (592/829)
 - ⇒ Model checking
 - **PBE strings:** CVC4 (204/210)
 - ⇒ Flash fill, data wrangling
 - **PBE bit-vectors:** CVC4 (751/753)

Application #2:
Solving Quantified Inputs via
Invertibility Conditions

Solving Quantified Bit-Vectors: Example

- Consider quantifier elimination problem for bit-vectors:

$$\exists x : BV_8 . s + x = t \Leftrightarrow ???$$

- Common solving technique is model-based instantiation [\[Wintersteiger et al 2013\]](#)
 - Based on *values*: above is equivalent $s + \#x00 = t \vee s + \#x01 = t \vee s + \#x02 = t \vee \dots$
 - Scalability issues for larger bit-widths
- **Idea:** Use SyGuS to find terms that are solutions to bit-vector equations
 - Based on *symbolic solved form*: above is equivalent $s + (\mathbf{t-s}) = t$ (which is $\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$)

Solving Quantified Bit-Vectors

- Some equations are “invertible”, e.g.:
 - $s + \mathbf{x} = t$... always has solution $\mathbf{x} = t - s$
- Some equations are not, e.g.:
 - $s * \mathbf{x} = t$... \mathbf{x} has *no solution* when, e.g. $s=2, t=3$

Solving Quantified Bit-Vectors

- $s + \mathbf{x} = t$... always has solution $\mathbf{x} = t - s$
- $s * \mathbf{x} = t$... \mathbf{x} has *no solution* when, e.g. $s=2, t=3$
- **Challenge:** it is possible to characterize exactly when \mathbf{x} has a solution?
 - Find a predicate $IC(s, t)$ such that \mathbf{x} has a solution iff $IC(s, t)$ is satisfiable
 - We call IC an “invertibility condition”
 - Invertibility Conditions \Rightarrow QE procedure for “linear” BV formulas

Finding Invertibility Conditions

- Goal: for each BV operator \oplus and BV relation \sim , find *invertibility condition* $IC(s, t)$ such that:

$$\exists IC. \exists x. (x \oplus s \sim t) \iff IC(s, t)$$

- Also need to consider multiple arguments for non-commutative operators
 - E.g. $x \gg s = t$ and $s \gg x = t$

Finding Invertibility Conditions

$$\exists \text{IC} . \exists x . (x \oplus s \sim t) \iff \text{IC}(s, t)$$

- Signature of BV has >15 operators, 4 relations (=/ \neq , signed/unsigned inequality)
 - \Rightarrow Total of 162 invertibility conditions to find
 - \Rightarrow Some took several hours to find by hand \therefore *use SyGuS*

Use SyGuS to Find Invertibility Conditions

- Invertibility conditions as a synthesis problem:

$$\exists IC. \forall s, t. (\exists x. x \oplus s \sim t) \Leftrightarrow IC(s, t)$$

- Find predicate IC that is the invertibility condition for $x \oplus s \sim t$

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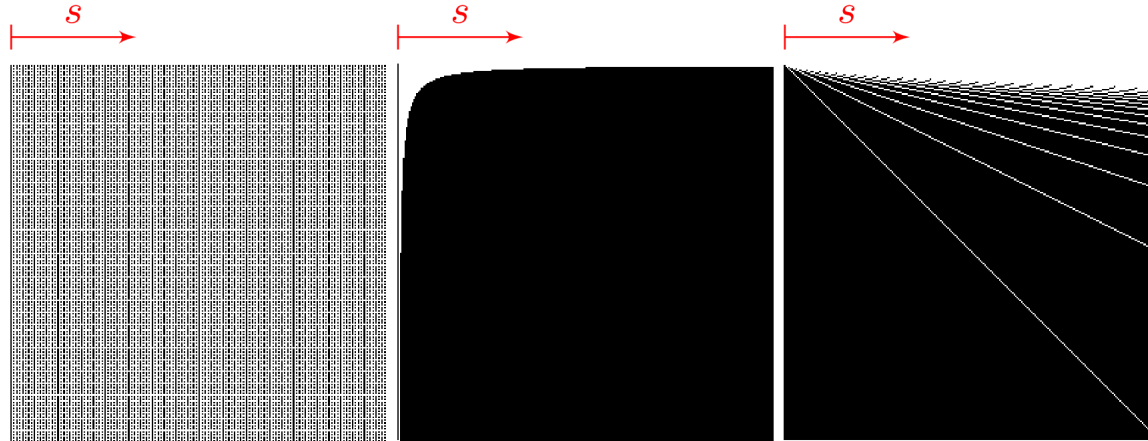
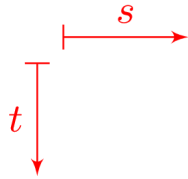
Challenge: 3 levels of quantification (SyGuS only deals with 2)

Use SyGuS to Find Invertibility Conditions

$$\exists IC. \forall st. (\underbrace{\bigvee_{c=0, \dots, 15} c \oplus s \sim t}_{\text{SyGuS}}) \Leftrightarrow IC(s, t)$$

- Solution: find invertibility conditions for a small fixed bitwidth (**4-bits**)
 - In practice, these solutions generalize to all bit-widths
- Using this technique, found **118** of **162** conditions
 - Many simpler than hand-crafted ones
- When combined with hand-crafted ICs, found all **162** conditions

Visualizing BV Invertibility Conditions

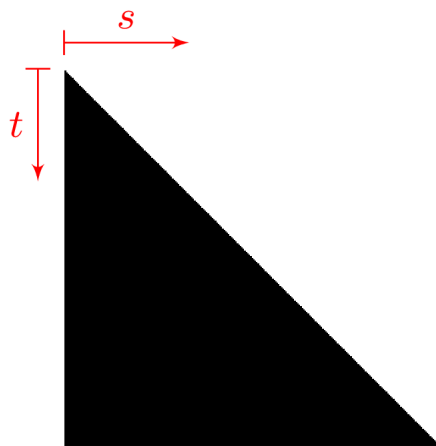


(a) $x + s \approx t$

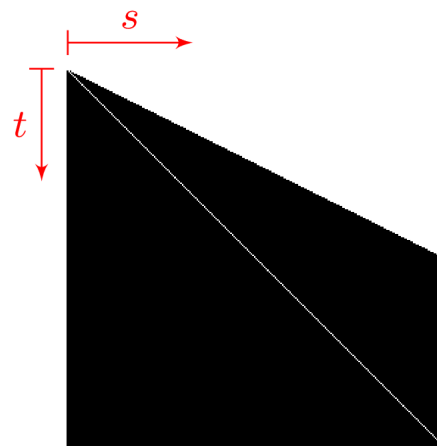
(b) $x \cdot s \approx t$

(c) $s \div x \approx t$

(d) $x \div s \approx t$



(a) $x \text{ rem } s \approx t$



(b) $s \text{ rem } x \approx t$

White = IC is true
Black = IC is false
(shown for 8-bit)

Invertibility Conditions for BV

$\ell[x]$	\approx	\neq
$x \cdot s \bowtie t$	$(-s \mid s) \& t \approx t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq 0$
$x \bmod s \bowtie t$	$\sim(-s) \geq_u t$	$s \neq 1 \vee t \neq 0$
$s \bmod x \bowtie t$	$(t + t - s) \& s \geq_u t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq 0$
$x \div s \bowtie t$	$(s \cdot t) \div s \approx t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq \sim 0$
$s \div x \bowtie t$	$s \div (s \div t) \approx t$	$\begin{cases} s \& t \approx 0 & \text{for } \kappa(s) = 1 \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
$x \& s \bowtie t$	$t \& s \approx t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq 0$
$x \mid s \bowtie t$	$t \mid s \approx t$	$s \neq \sim 0 \vee t \neq \sim 0$
$x \gg s \bowtie t$	$(t \ll s) \gg s \approx t$	$t \neq 0 \vee s <_u \kappa(s)$
$s \gg x \bowtie t$	$\bigvee_{i=0}^{\kappa(s)} s \gg i \approx t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq 0$
$x \gg_a s \bowtie t$	$(s <_u \kappa(s) \Rightarrow (t \ll s) \gg_a s \approx t) \wedge$ $(s \geq_u \kappa(s) \Rightarrow (t \approx \sim 0 \vee t \approx 0))$	\top
$s \gg_a x \bowtie t$	$\bigvee_{i=0}^{\kappa(s)} s \gg_a i \approx t$	$(t \neq 0 \vee s \neq 0) \wedge$ $(t \neq \sim 0 \vee s \neq \sim 0)$
$x \ll s \bowtie t$	$(t \gg s) \ll s \approx t$	$t \neq 0 \vee s <_u \kappa(s)$
$s \ll x \bowtie t$	$\bigvee_{i=0}^{\kappa(s)} s \ll i \approx t$	$s \neq 0 \vee t \neq 0$
$x \circ s \bowtie t$	$s \approx t[\kappa(s) - 1 : 0]$	\top
$s \circ x \bowtie t$	$s \approx t[\kappa(t) - 1 : \kappa(s)]$	\top

} ICs for =, ≠

...not pictured:
ICs for bvuge, bvugt,
bvsgе, bvsgt

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$$\exists x. s * x = t$$



$$(-s \mid s) \& t = t$$

- Condition above encodes
“s has fewer trailing zeroes than t”
- Conditions like this one are concise, subtle
 \Rightarrow Excellent target for SyGuS

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(Compact) Quantifier Instantiation for BV

- Theorem:

Theorem 9. *Let $\psi[\mathbf{x}]$ be a quantifier-free formula in the signature of T_{BV} .*

1. \mathcal{S}_c^{BV} is a finite selection function for \mathbf{x} and ψ for all $c \in \{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{b}\}$.
2. \mathcal{S}_m^{BV} is monotonic.
3. \mathcal{S}_k^{BV} is 1-finite if ψ is unit linear invertible.
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“Linear invertible” quantified BV formulas $\forall \mathbf{x} . \mathcal{P}[\mathbf{x}]$ containing at-most one occurrence of \mathbf{x} can be solved via a single quantifier-free satisfiability query
 \Rightarrow Compact quantifier elimination for this fragment (size is independent of bit-width)

Experimental Results

- Quantifier Instantiation based on Invertibility Conditions in CVC4
- Won quantified bit-vector (BV) category of SMT-COMP 2018

unsat	Boolector	CVC4	Q3B	Z3	cegqi_m	cegqi_k	cegqi_s	cegqi_b
h-uauto	14	12	93	24	10	103	105	106
keymaera	3917	3790	3781	3923	3803	3798	3888	3918
psyco	62	62	49	62	62	39	62	61
scholl	57	36	13	67	36	27	36	35
tptp	55	52	56	56	56	56	56	56
uauto	137	72	131	137	72	72	135	137
ws-fixpoint	74	71	75	74	75	74	75	75
ws-ranking	16	8	18	19	15	11	12	11
Total unsat	4332	4103	4216	4362	4129	4180	4369	4399
sat	Boolector	CVC4	Q3B	Z3	cegqi_m	cegqi_k	cegqi_s	cegqi_b
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keymaera	108	21	24	108	20	13	36	75
psyco	131	132	50	131	132	60	132	129
scholl	232	160	201	204	203	188	208	211
tptp	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
uauto	14	14	15	16	14	14	14	14
ws-fixpoint	45	49	54	36	45	51	49	50
ws-ranking	19	15	37	33	33	31	31	32
Total sat	581	418	415	558	480	391	503	545
Total (5151)	4913	4521	4631	4920	4609	4571	4872	4944

Table 4. Results on satisfiable and unsatisfiable benchmarks with a 300 second timeout.