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SMT Tutorial

2. Quantifier Elimination and Interpolation in SMT

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- (Existential) Quantifier Elimination problem: given a formula

$$\varphi := \exists X_1. \forall X_2 \dots \exists X_n. \phi(X_1, \dots, X_n, Y)$$

find a quantifier-free formula $\psi(Y)$ that is equivalent to φ modulo T

- Several important applications. E.g.

- Image computation
 - Parameter synthesis

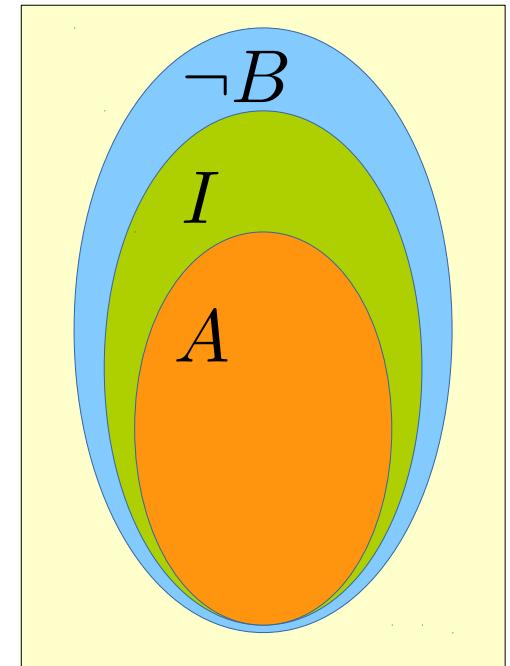
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- (Craig) Interpolant for an ordered pair (A, B) of formulae s.t.

$A \wedge B \models_T \perp$ (or: $A \models_T \neg B$) is a formula I s.t.

- $A \models_T I$
- $I \wedge B \models_T \perp$ ($I \models_T \neg B$)
- All the uninterpreted (in T) symbols of I are shared between A and B

- Why are interpolants useful?
 - Overapproximation of A relative to B
 - Overapprox. of $\exists_{\{x \notin B\}} \vec{x}. A$
 - “Local” explanation of why A is inconsistent with B



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Symbolic transition systems

- State variables X
- Initial states formula $I(X)$
- Transition relation formula $T(X, X')$
- A state σ is an assignment to the state vars $\bigwedge_{x_i \in X} x_i = v_i$
- A path of the system S is a sequence of states $\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_k$ such that $\sigma_0 \models I$ and $\sigma_i, \sigma'_{i+1} \models T$
- A k -step (symbolic) unrolling of S is a formula

$$I(X^0) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^{k-1} T(X^i, X^{i+1})$$

 ■ Encodes all possible paths of length up to k
- A state property is a formula P over X
 ■ Encodes all the states σ such that $\sigma \models P$

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■ Forward image computation

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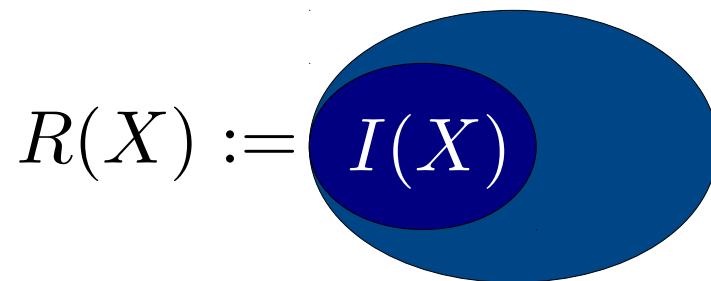
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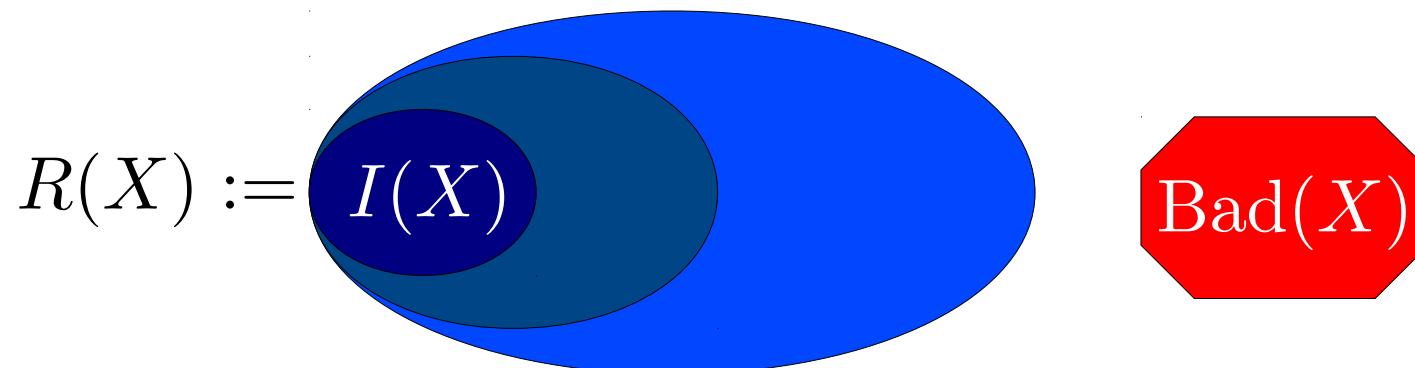
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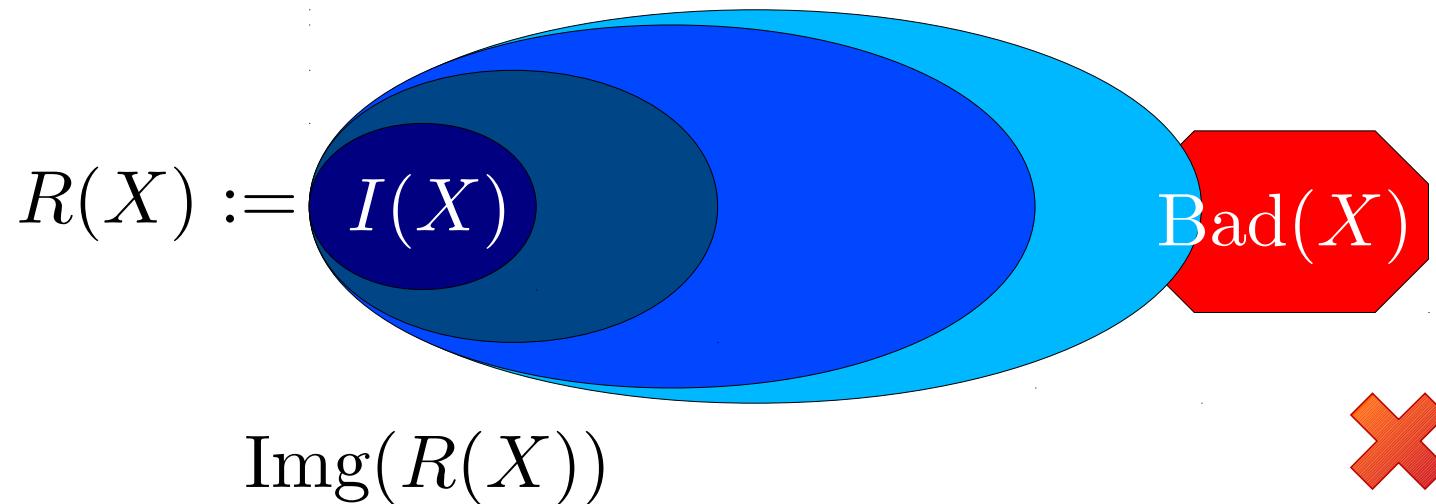
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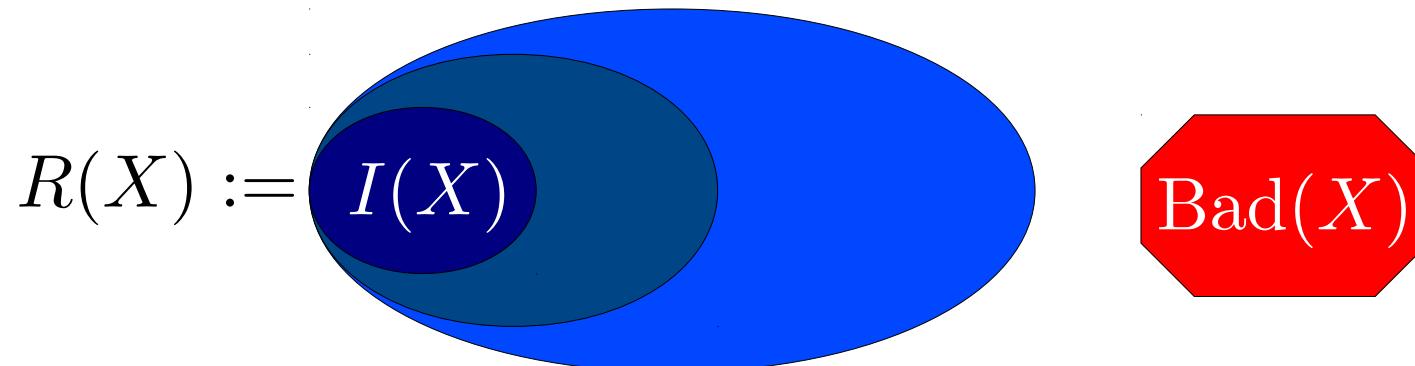
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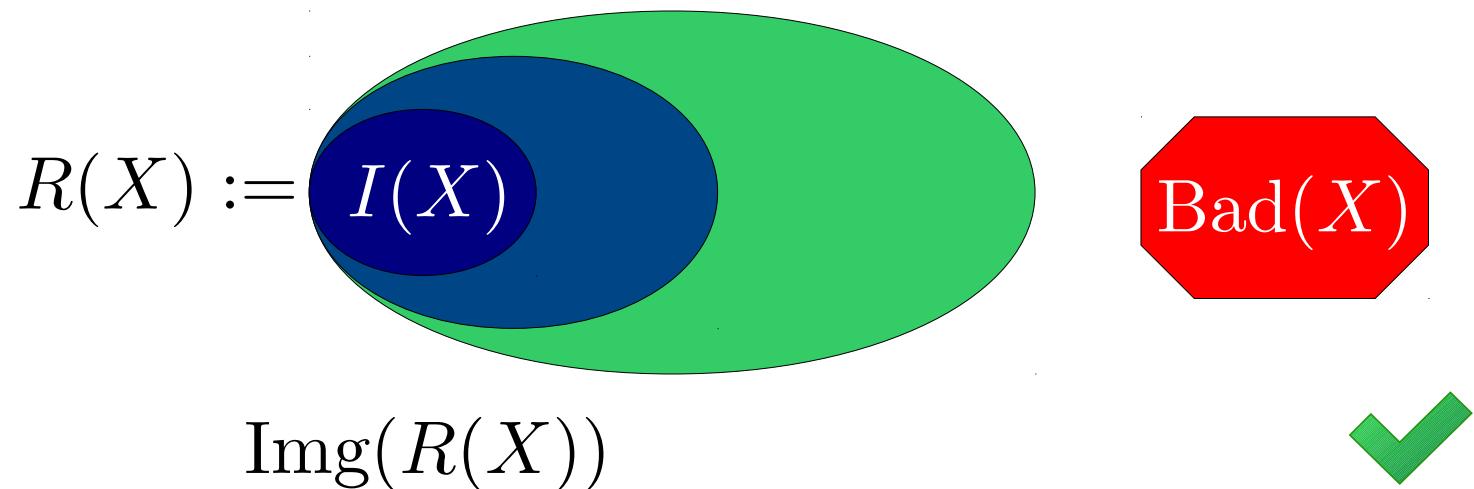
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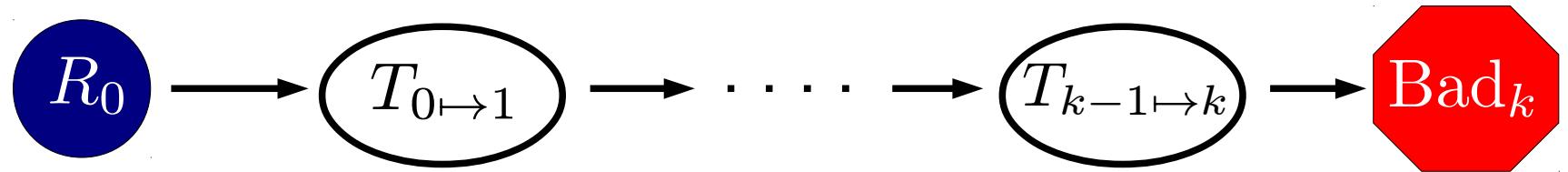


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- Image computation requires **quantifier elimination**, which is typically **very expensive** (both in theory and in practice)
- Interpolation-based algorithm (McMillan CAV'03): use interpolants to **overapproximate image computation**
 - much more efficient than the previous algorithm
 - interpolation is often much cheaper than quantifier elimination
 - abstraction (overapproximation) accelerates convergence
 - termination is still guaranteed for finite-state systems

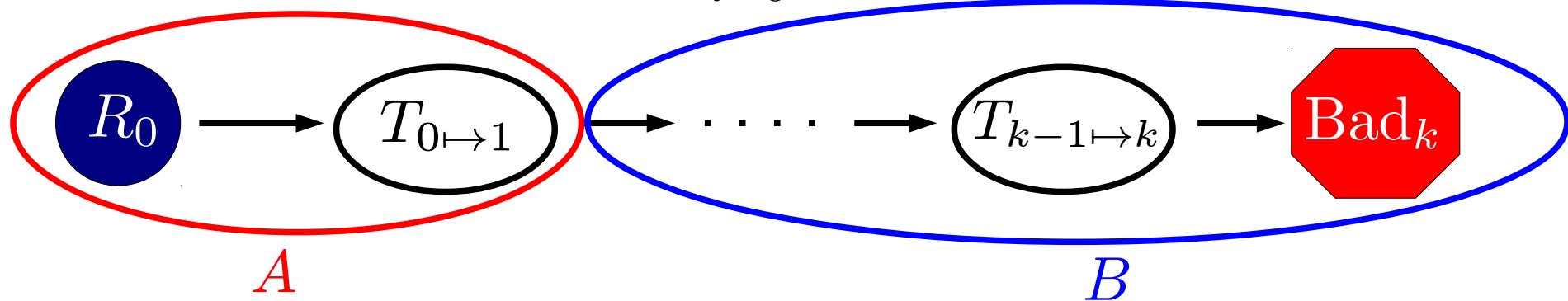
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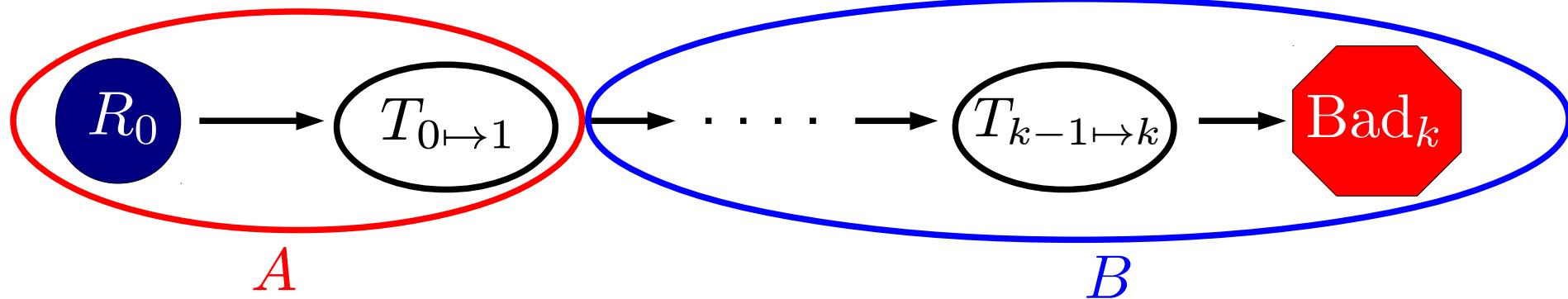


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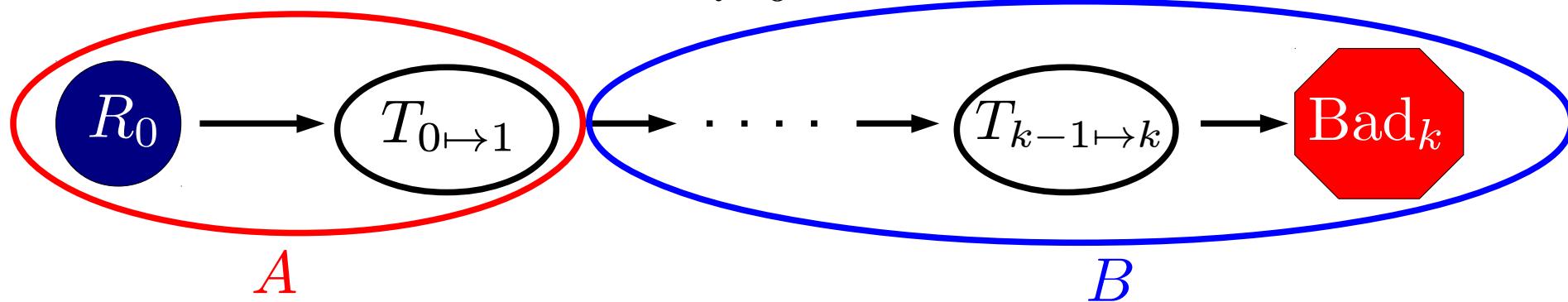
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- else, set $R(X) := R(X) \vee \varphi(X)$ and continue

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- If **SAT**:
 - If $R \equiv I$, return **REACHABLE**
 - The unrolling hits bad
 - Otherwise, we don't know
 - The path might be feasible due to the overapproximation
 - Increase k and try again

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Existential elimination for LRA

Fourier-Motzkin method

- Given a **conjunction** of linear inequalities C and **one variable** x to eliminate

- Partition C into C^+ and C^- :

$$C^+ := \{a_i \cdot x \leq \sum_j b_{ij} \cdot y_j + c_i\}_i$$

$$C^- := \{-a_k \cdot x \leq \sum_j b_{kj} \cdot y_j + c_k\}_k$$

- Return $\psi(Y) := \bigwedge_{ik} (0 \leq \sum_j \frac{a_k \cdot b_{ij} + a_i \cdot b_{kj}}{a_i \cdot a_k} y_j + \frac{a_i \cdot c_k + a_k \cdot c_i}{a_i \cdot a_k})$
- For multiple variables x_1, \dots, x_n , apply the above in sequence
- For arbitrary formulae $\varphi(x, Y)$
 - First put φ in DNF, and then apply the above

Boosting Fourier-Motzkin with SMT

- The Fourier-Motzkin method is a **purely syntactical** one, which might generate a lot of **redundant constraints**
 - Blow-up when converting the input to DNF
 - Blow-up when eliminating a single variable
 - Blow-up when eliminating multiple variables
 - No reuse of information
- We can mitigate the blow-ups by using an **SMT solver**, to perform a **“semantic-aware” existential elimination**
 - Although it won't improve the (doubly-exponential) worst-case complexity, it will greatly improve performance in practice
 - See e.g. [Monniaux 2008]

SMT-based FM-elim

```
def FM_elim_SMT(formula, vars):  
    res = FALSE()  
    while True:  
        m = get_model(formula)  
        if m is None: break  
        conj = { (a if entails(m, a) else Not(a))  
                 for a in atoms(formula) }  
        conj_e = FM_elim_conj(conj, vars)  
        res = Or(res, conj_e)  
        formula = And(formula, Not(conj_e))  
    return res
```

```
def FM_elim_conj(conj, vars):  
    for x in vars:  
        c_p = { c for c in conj if coeff(c, x) > 0 }  
        c_n = { c for c in conj if coeff(c, x) < 0 }  
        conj = conj - (c_p | c_n)  
        for a in c_p:  
            for b in c_n:  
                c = combine(a, b, x)  
                if not implies(conj, c): conj.add(c)  
    return And(*conj)
```

Alternative: Virtual Term Substitution

- Main bottleneck of the FME-based algorithm is the computation of the DNF
 - Even in the SMT case, still has to enumerate cubes of the input formula
- Virtual Term Substitution method doesn't require a DNF
 - Can work on a NNF, which can be computed in linear time
- Main idea: compute a set $S := \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$ such that $\exists x. \varphi$ is equivalent to $\bigvee_{i=1}^n \varphi[x := \sigma_i]$
 - S is computed syntactically, by only looking at the literals of φ
 - The Boolean structure doesn't matter

Virtual Term Substitution

- Collect all literals containing x
 - Put them in the form $(x \bowtie t_i)$, $\bowtie \in \{<, =, >\}$
 - By rewriting $(t_1 \leq t_2) \mapsto (t_1 = t_2) \vee (t_1 < t_2)$
 $\neg(t_1 \leq t_2) \mapsto (t_2 < t_1)$ (and so on)
- Build $S := \{t_i \mid (x = t_i) \in \varphi\} \cup \{t_i - \varepsilon \mid (x < t_i) \in \varphi\} \cup \{\infty\}$
 - ε is a **symbolic infinitesimal** parameter
- Apply the **substitutions** as follows

$$(x \bowtie t_j)[x := \infty] = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \bowtie \in \{=, <\} \\ \top & \text{if } \bowtie \text{ is } > \end{cases}$$

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- **Result:** $\varphi[x := 0] \vee \varphi[x := 2y - \varepsilon] \vee \varphi[x := 4y - \varepsilon] \vee \varphi[x := \infty]$

Virtual Term Substitution drawbacks

- Like the naive FM algorithm, the VTS method is purely syntactic
 - Doesn't consider the Boolean structure of the formula
 - Many cases might produce inconsistent disjunct, or duplicate and/or subsumed results

- In the previous example:
 - $\varphi[x := 0]$ and $\varphi[x := \infty]$ are equivalent
 - $\varphi[x := 2y - \varepsilon]$ and $\varphi[x := 4y - \varepsilon]$ are equivalent
 - $\varphi[x := 0]$ is implied by $\varphi[x := 2y - \varepsilon]$
- therefore, $\exists x. \varphi$ is equivalent to $\varphi[x := 2y - \varepsilon]$

- We can do better by exploiting SMT

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 - If $\text{var}(l) \in B$, set $I := I_1 \wedge I_2$; otherwise, set $I := I_1 \vee I_2$

Example

$$A := (x \vee \neg y_1) \wedge (\neg x \vee \neg y_2) \wedge y_1$$

$$B := (\neg y_1 \vee y_2) \wedge (y_1 \vee z) \wedge \neg z$$

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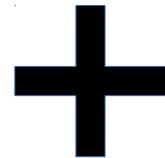
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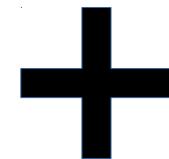


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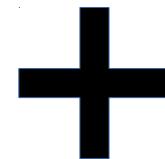
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for conjunctions only

Theory interpolation only for sets of T -literals

■ Annotation for a T -lemma C :

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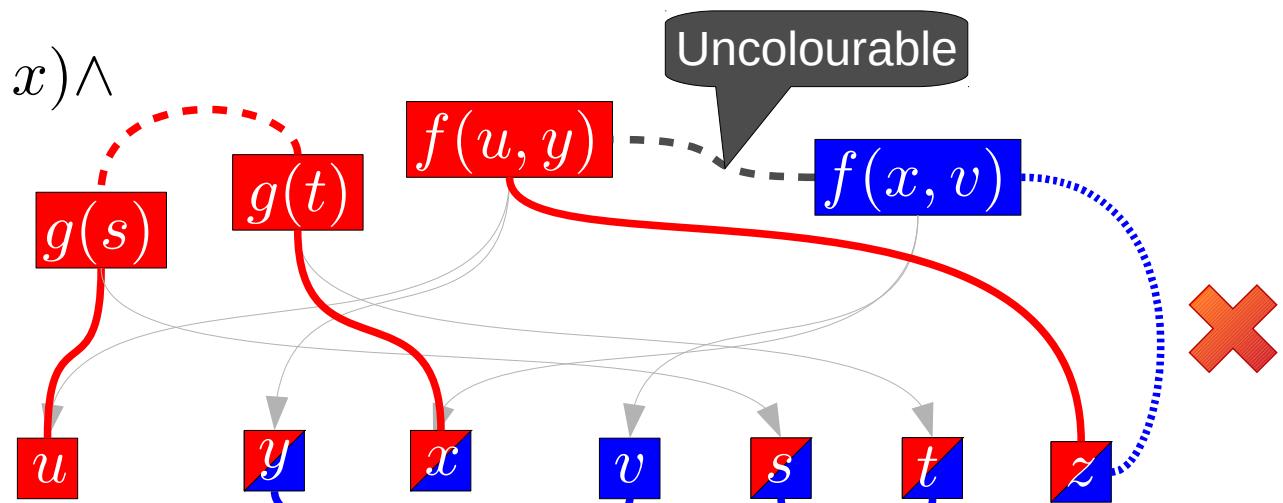
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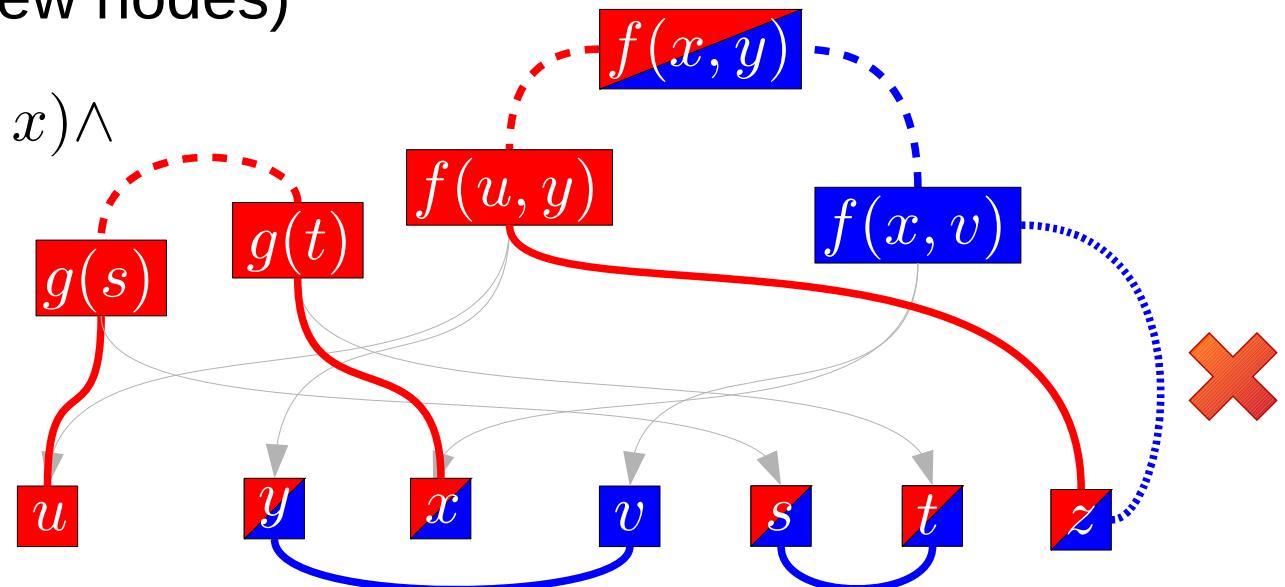
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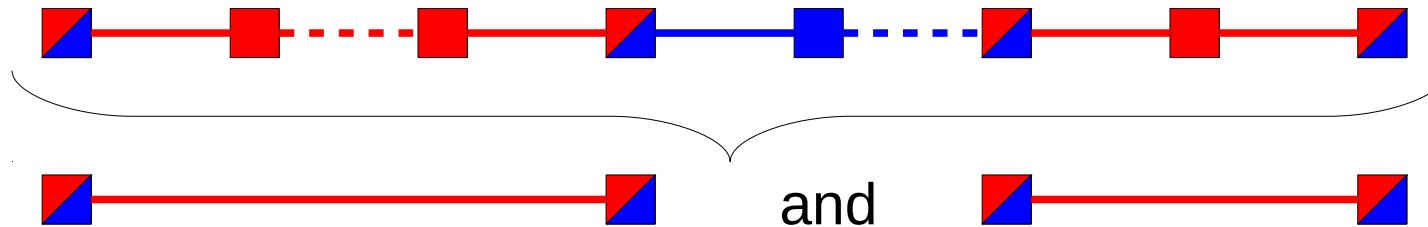
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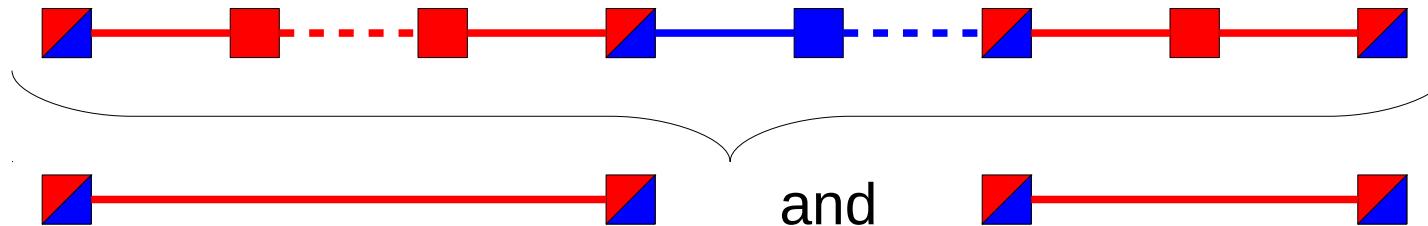
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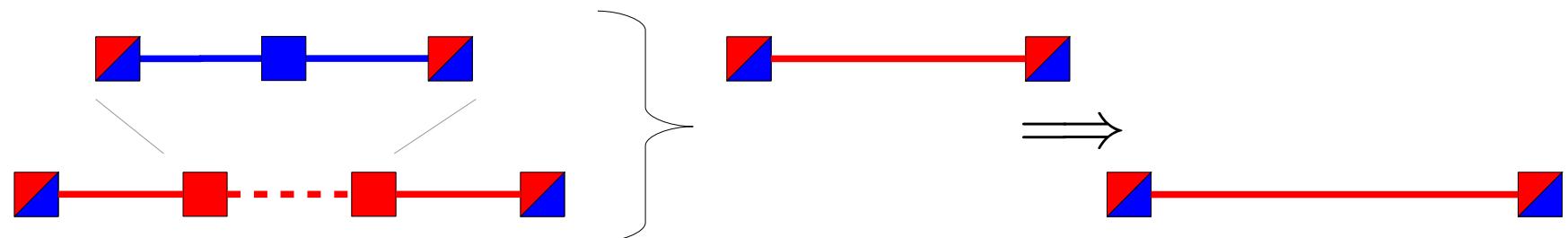


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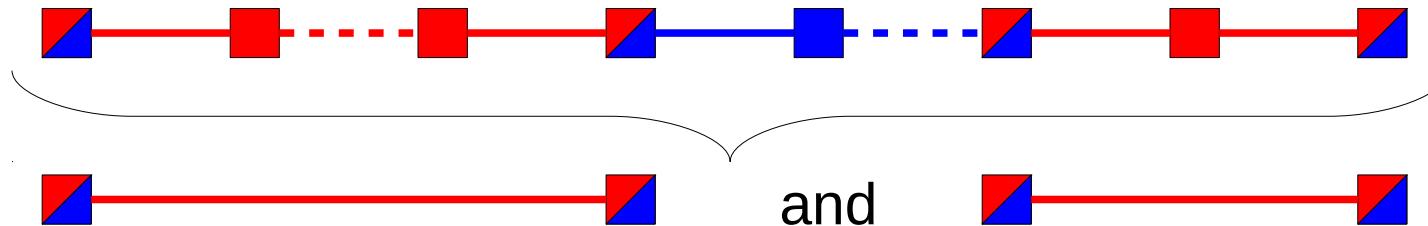


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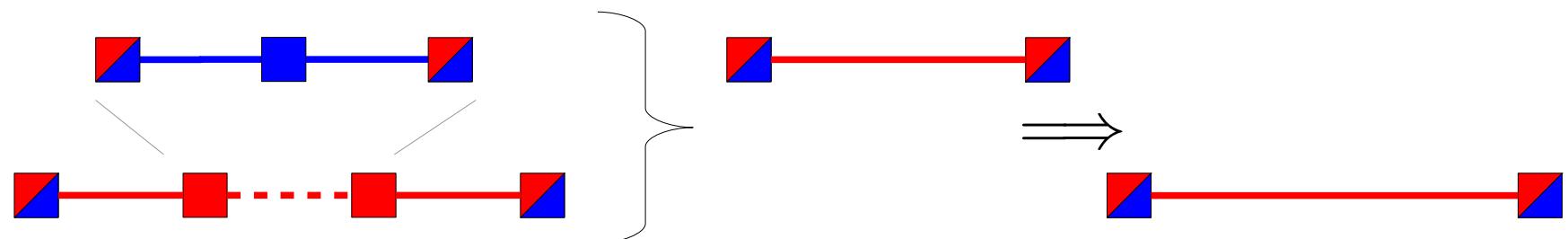


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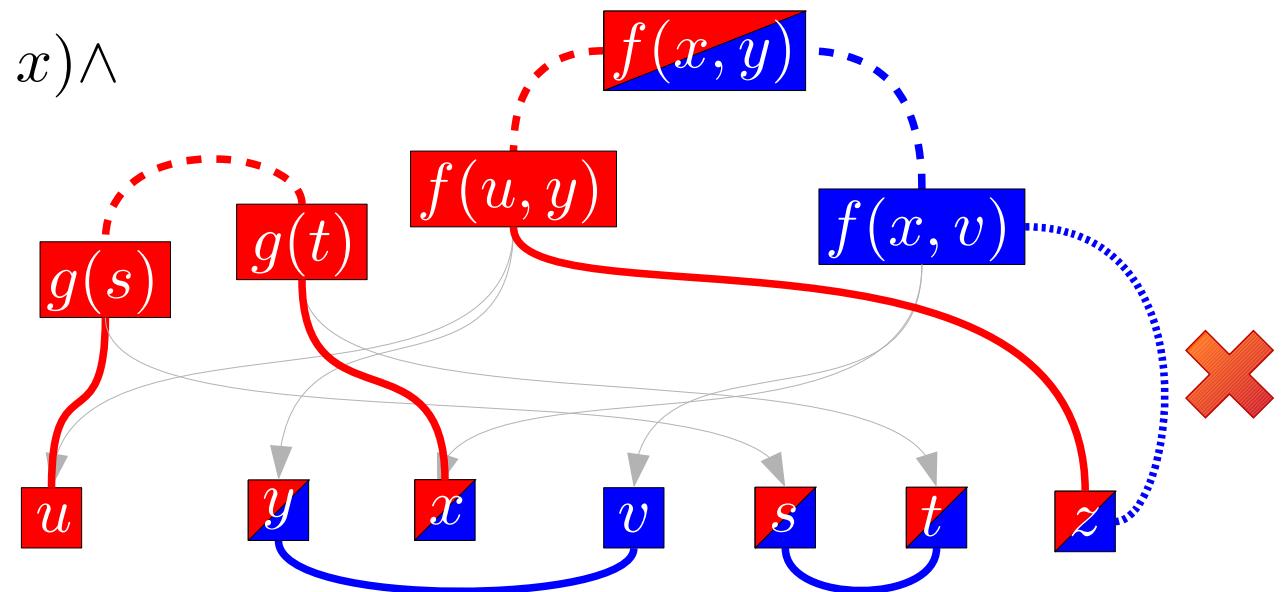


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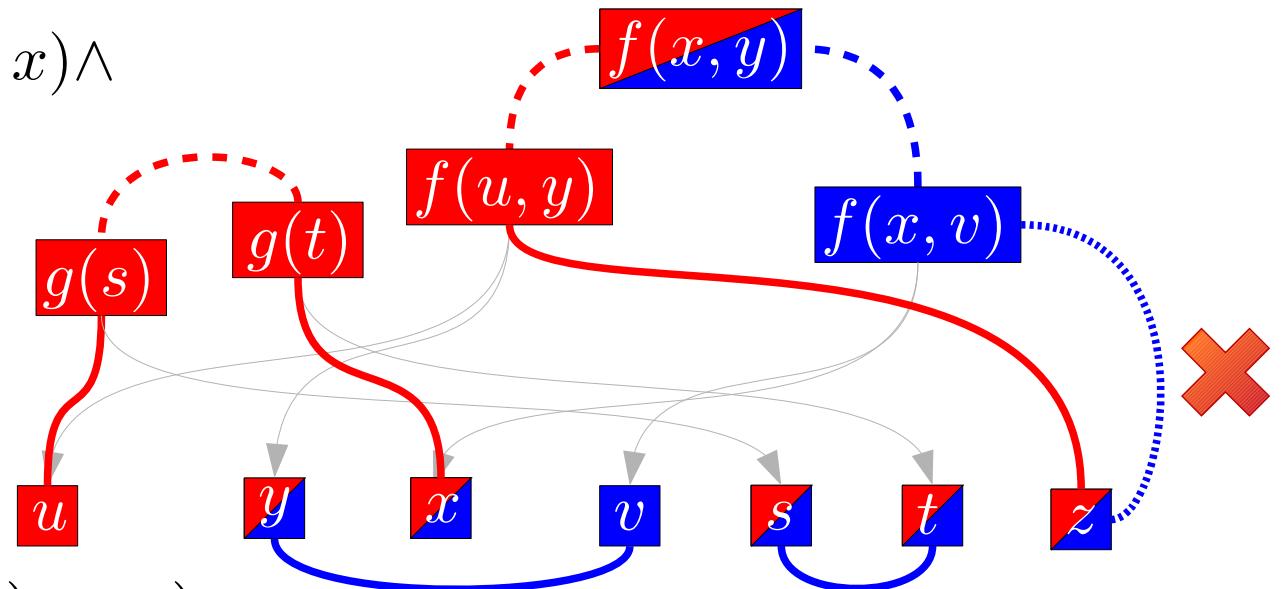
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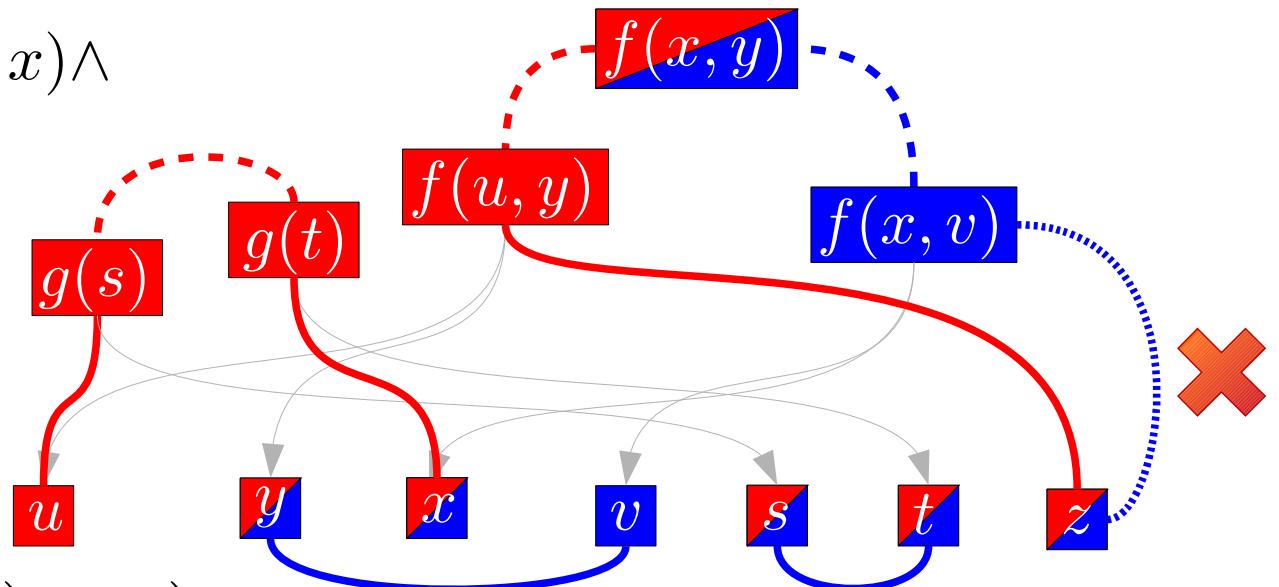


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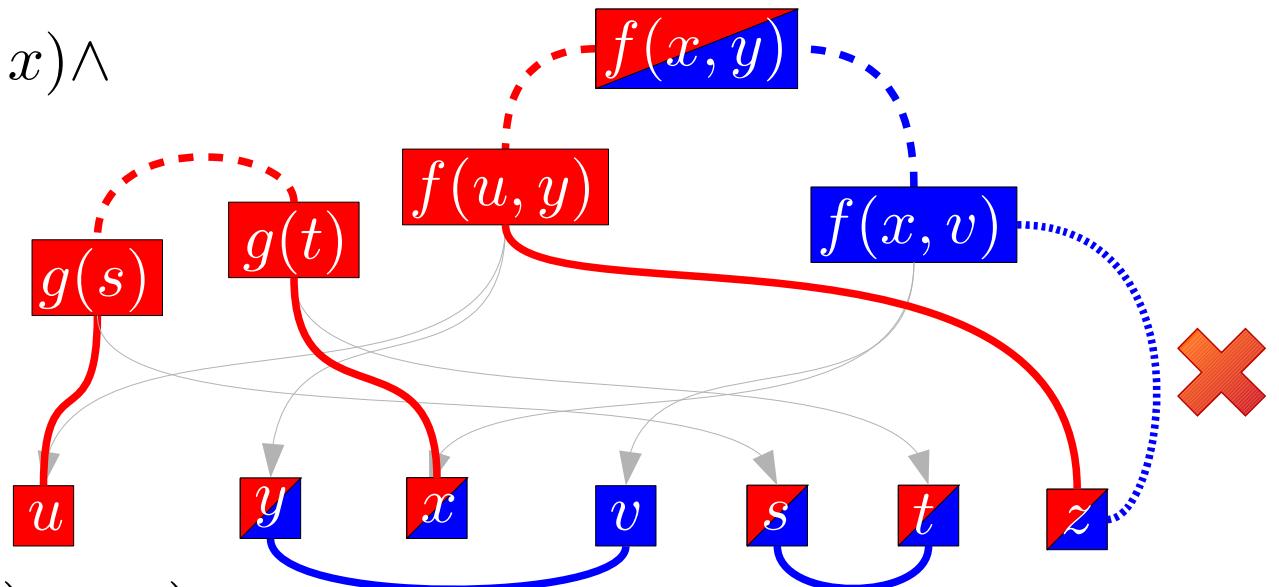


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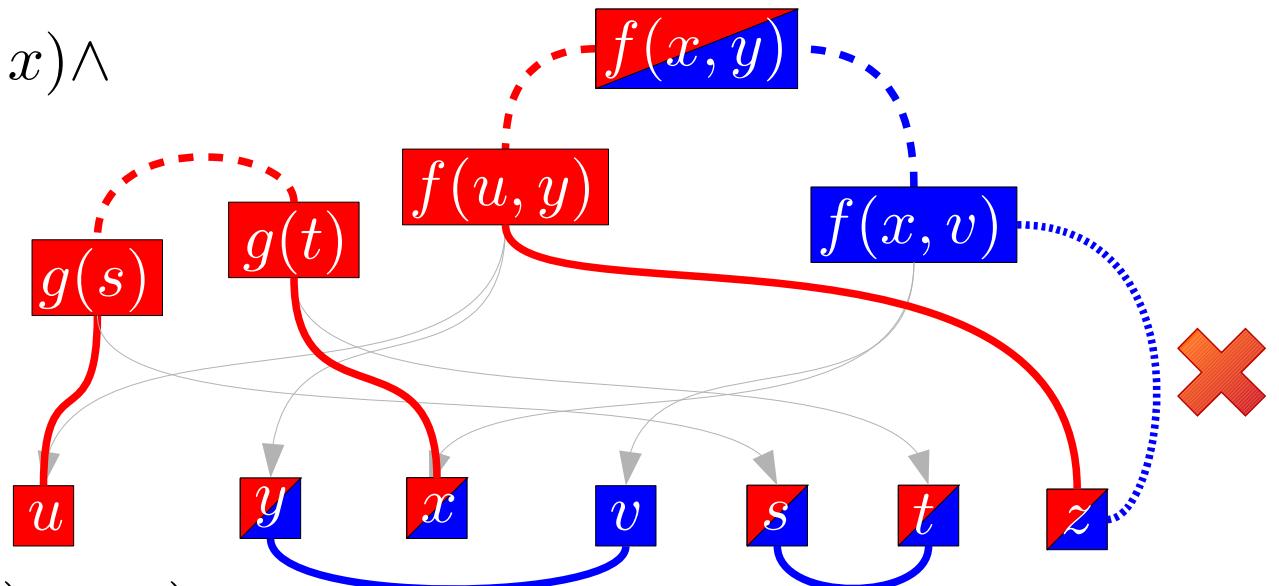


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 - Interpolant: $(s = t) \implies (z = f(x, y))$

Linear Rational Arithmetic (LRA)

- Interpolants from proofs of unsatisfiability of a system of inequalities $\sum_i a_i x_i \leq c$
- Proof of unsatisfiability: linear combination of inequalities with positive coefficients to derive a contradiction ($0 \leq c$ with $c < 0$)
- Interpolant obtained out of the proof by combining inequalities from A (using the same coefficients)
- Proof of unsatisfiability generated from the Simplex

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tableau

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$$(-4x_1 \leq 1)$$

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SMT(LIA) with ceilings

- ceilings can be eliminated via preprocessing
 - Replace every term $\lceil t \rceil$ with a fresh integer variable $x_{\lceil t \rceil}$
 - Add the 2 unit clauses (encoding the meaning of ceiling: $\lceil t \rceil - 1 < t \leq \lceil t \rceil$)

$$(l \cdot x_{\lceil t \rceil} - l \cdot t + l \leq 0)$$

$$(l \cdot t - l \cdot x_{\lceil t \rceil} \leq 0)$$

where l is the least common multiple of the denominators of the coefficients in t

- Interpolation for bit-vectors is hard
 - Only some limited work done so far
- Most efficient solvers use eager encoding into SAT, which is efficient but not good for interpolation
 - Easy in principle, but not very useful interpolants
- Try to exploit lazy bit-blasting to incorporate BV into DPLL(T)

Interpolation via Bit-Blasting

- Interpolation via bit-blasting is easy...
 - From A_{BV} and B_{BV} generate A_{Bool} and B_{Bool}
Each var x of width n encoded with n Boolean vars $b_1^x \dots b_n^x$
 - Generate a Boolean interpolant I_{Bool} for (A_{Bool}, B_{Bool})
 - Replace every variable b_i^x in I_{Bool} with the bit-selection $x[i]$ and every Boolean connective with the corresponding bit-wise connective: $\wedge \mapsto \&$, $\vee \mapsto |$, $\neg \mapsto \sim$
- ...but quite impractical
 - Generates “ugly” interpolants
 - Word-level structure of the original problem completely lost
 - How to apply word-level simplifications?

Interpolation via Bit-Blasting - Example

$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\textcolor{red}{a}_{[8]} * b_{[8]} = 15_{[8]}) \wedge (\textcolor{red}{a}_{[8]} = 3_{[8]})$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(b_{[8]} \%_u \textcolor{blue}{c}_{[8]} = 1_{[8]}) \wedge (\textcolor{blue}{c}_{[8]} = 2_{[8]})$$

A word-level interpolant is:

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...but with bit-blasting we get:

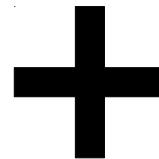
$$I' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (b_{[8]}[0] = 1_{[1]}) \wedge ((b_{[8]}[0] \& \sim (((((\sim b_{[8]}[7] \& \sim b_{[8]}[6]) \& \sim b_{[8]}[5]) \& \sim b_{[8]}[4]) \& \sim b_{[8]}[3]) \& b_{[8]}[2]) \& \sim b_{[8]}[1])) = 0_{[1]}$$

Alternative: lazy bit-blasting and DPLL(T)

■ Exploit *lazy bit-blasting*

- Bit-blast only BV-atoms, not the whole formula
- Boolean skeleton of the formula handled by the “main” DPLL, like in DPLL(T)
- Conjunctions of BV-atoms handled (via bit-blasting) by a “sub”-DPLL (DPLL-BV) that acts as a BV-solver

Standard
Boolean Interpolation



BV-specific Interpolation
for *conjunctions of constraints*

Interpolation for BV constraints

- A layered approach
- Apply in sequence a **chain of procedures** of increasing generality and cost
 - Interpolation in EUF
 - Interpolation via equality inlining
 - Interpolation via Linear Integer Arithmetic encoding
 - Interpolation via bit-blasting

Interpolation in EUF

- Treat all the BV-operators as uninterpreted functions
- Exploit cheap, efficient algorithms for solving and interpolating modulo EUF
- Possible because we avoid bit-blasting upfront!

Example: $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\textcolor{red}{x_1}_{[32]} = 3_{[32]}) \wedge (x_3_{[32]} = \textcolor{red}{x_1}_{[32]} \cdot x_2_{[32]})$

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$$I_{\text{BV}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x_3_{[32]} = 3_{[32]} \cdot x_2_{[32]}$$

Interpolation via Equality Inlining

- Interpolation via **quantifier elimination**: given (A, B) , an interpolant can be computed by eliminating quantifiers from $\exists_{x \notin B} A$ or from $\exists_{x \notin A} \neg B$
- In general, this can be very expensive for BV
 - Might require bit-blasting and can cause blow-up of the formula
- Cheap case: non-common variables occurring in “definitional” equalities

Example: $(x = e) \wedge \varphi$ and x does not occur in e , then

$$\exists_x ((x = e) \wedge \varphi) \implies \varphi[x \mapsto e]$$

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$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((x_3[8] \cdot x_6[8]) = (-(0_{[24]} :: x_2[8]))[7 : 0]) \wedge (x_3[8] <_u 1_{[8]}) \wedge (0_{[8]} \leq_u x_3[8]) \wedge (x_6[8] = 1_{[8]})$

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Definitional equalities

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Interpolation via LIA Encoding

- Simple idea (in principle):
 - Encode a set of BV-constraints into an SMT(LIA)-formula
 - Generate a LIA-interpolant using existing algorithms
 - Map back to a BV-interpolant
- However, several problems to solve:
 - Efficiency
 - More importantly, soundness

Encoding BV into LIA

- Use well-known encodings from BV to SMT(LIA)
 - Encode each BV term $t_{[n]}$ as an integer variable x_t and the constraints $(0 \leq x_t) \wedge (x_t \leq 2^n - 1)$
 - Encode each BV operation as a LIA-formula.

Examples:

$$t_{[i-j+1]} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_{1[n]}[i:j] \rightarrow (x_t = m) \wedge (x_{t_1} = 2^{i+1}h + 2^j m + l) \wedge l \in [0, 2^i) \wedge m \in [0, 2^{i-j+1}) \wedge h \in [0, 2^{n-i-1})$$

$$t_{[n]} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_{1[n]} + t_{2[n]} \rightarrow (x_t = x_{t_1} + x_{t_2} - 2^n \sigma) \wedge (0 \leq \sigma \leq 1)$$

$$t_{[n]} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_{1[n]} \cdot k \rightarrow (x_t = k \cdot x_{t_1} - 2^n \sigma) \wedge (0 \leq \sigma \leq k)$$

From LIA-interpolants to BV-interpolants

- “Invert” the LIA encoding to get a BV interpolant
- Unsound in general
 - Issues due to `overflow` and `(un)signedness` of operations
- Our (very simple) solution: check the interpolants
 - Given a candidate interpolant \hat{I} , use our SMT(BV) solver to check the unsatisfiability of $(A \wedge \neg \hat{I}) \vee (B \wedge \hat{I})$
 - If successful, then \hat{I} is an interpolant

From LIA- to BV-interpolants: examples

$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\textcolor{red}{y_1}_{[8]} = \textcolor{red}{y_5}_{[4]} :: \textcolor{red}{y_5}_{[4]}) \wedge (\textcolor{red}{y_1}_{[8]} = y_2_{[8]}) \wedge (\textcolor{red}{y_5}_{[4]} = 1_{[4]})$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\textcolor{blue}{y_4}_{[8]} + 1_{[8]} \leq_u y_2_{[8]}) \wedge (\textcolor{blue}{y_4}_{[8]} = 1_{[8]})$$

Encoding into LIA:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & (x_{y_2} = 16x_{y_5} + x_{y_5}) \wedge (x_{y_1} = x_{y_2}) \wedge (x_{y_5} = 1) \wedge \\ & (x_{y_1} \in [0, 2^8)) \wedge (x_{y_2} \in [0, 2^8)) \wedge (x_{y_5} \in [0, 2^4)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \neg(x_{y_4+1} \leq x_{y_2}) \wedge (x_{y_4+1} = x_{y_4} + 1 - 2^8\sigma) \wedge \\ & (x_{y_4} = 1) \wedge \\ & (x_{y_4+1} \in [0, 2^8)) \wedge (x_{y_4} \in [0, 2^8)) \wedge (0 \leq \sigma \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

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LIA-Interpolant:

$$I_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (17 \leq x_{y_2})$$

BV-interpolant:

$$I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (17_{[8]} \leq_u y_2_{[8]})$$



From LIA- to BV-interpolants: examples

$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (y_2[8] = 81_{[8]}) \wedge (y_3[8] = 0_{[8]}) \wedge (y_4[8] = y_2[8])$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (y_{13}[16] = 0_{[8]} :: y_4[8]) \wedge (255_{[16]} \leq_u y_{13}[16] + (0_{[8]} :: y_3[8]))$$

Encoding into LIA:

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$$\begin{aligned} B_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & (x_{y_{13}} = 2^8 \cdot 0 + x_{y_4}) \wedge (255 \leq x_{y_{13}+(0::y_3)}) \wedge \\ & (x_{y_{13}+(0::y_3)} = x_{y_{13}} + 2^8 \cdot 0 + x_{y_3} - 2^{16}\sigma) \wedge \\ & (x_{y_{13}} \in [0, 2^{16})) \wedge (x_{y_{13}+(0::y_3)} \in [0, 2^{16})) \wedge \\ & (0 \leq \sigma \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

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LIA-interpolant:

$$I_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x_{y_3} + x_{y_4} \leq 81)$$

BV-interpolant:

$$\hat{I} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (y_3[8] + y_4[8] \leq_u 81_{[8]})$$

Wrong!
 $B \wedge \hat{I} \not\models \perp$

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$$I_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x_{y_3} + x_{y_4} \leq 81)$$

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BV-interpolant:

A correct interpolant would be

$$I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (0_{[1]} :: y_3[8] + 0_{[1]} :: y_4[8] \leq_u 81_{[9]})$$

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From LIA- to BV-interpolants: examples

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Encoding into LIA:

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LIA-interpolant:

$$I_{\text{LIA}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (-255 \leq x_{y_2} - x_{y_3} + 256 \lfloor -1 \frac{x_{y_2}}{256} \rfloor)$$

BV-interpolant: (after fixing overflows)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{I}' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & (65281_{[16]} \leq_u (0_{[8]} :: y_2[8]) - (0_{[8]} :: y_3[8]) + \\ & 256_{[16]} \cdot (65535_{[16]} \cdot (0_{[8]} :: y_2[8]) /_u 256_{[16]})) \end{aligned}$$

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In this case, the problem
is also the sign

Still
Wrong!

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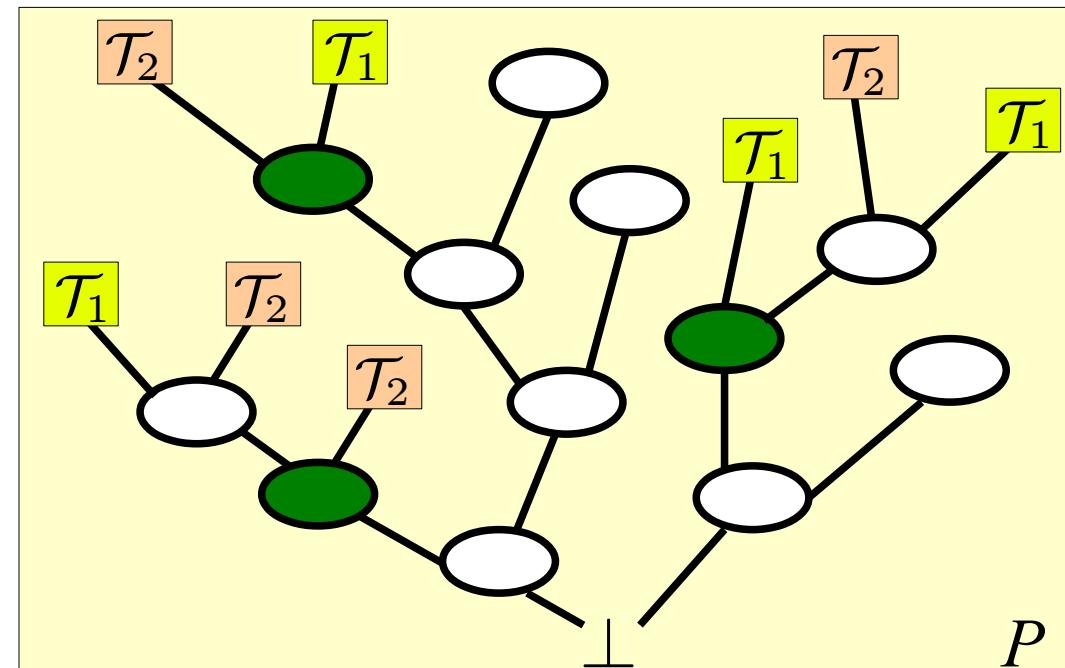
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Correct interpolant

Interpolation in combined theories

- **Delayed Theory Combination (DTC):** use the **DPLL** engine to perform **theory combination**
 - Independent \mathcal{T}_i -solvers, that interact only with DPLL
 - How: Boolean search space augmented with **interface equalities**
 - Equalities between variables shared by the two theories
- Combination of theories encoded directly in the proof of unsatisfiability P
 - \mathcal{T}_i -lemmas for the individual theories
 - P contains interface equalities



Interpolation in combined theories

■ Problem for interpolation:

- Some interface equalities ($x = y$) are AB-mixed: $x \notin B, y \notin A$
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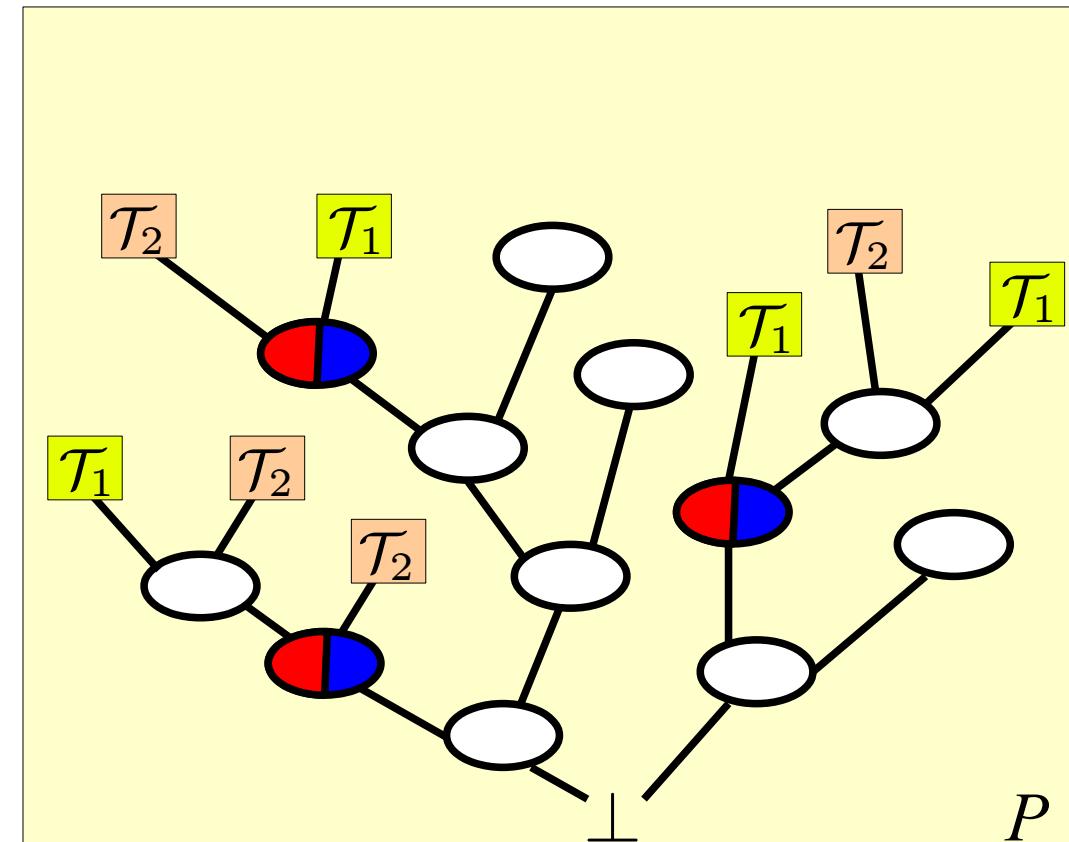
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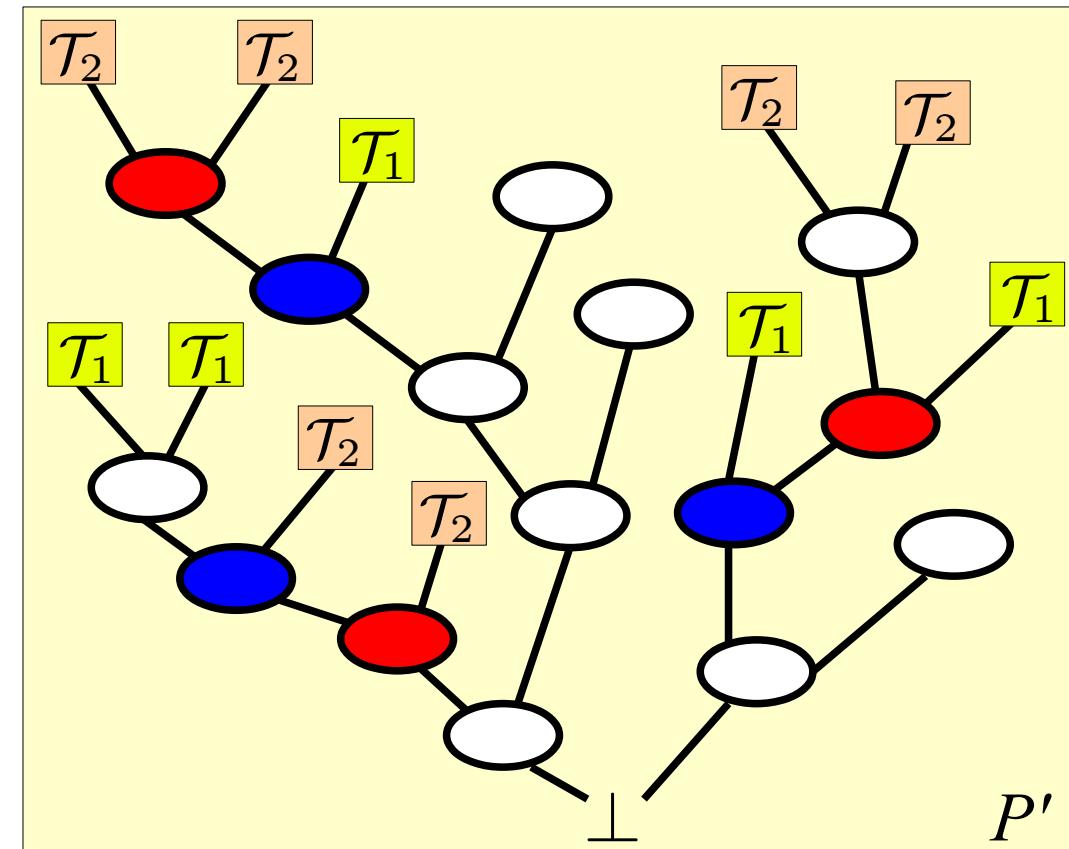
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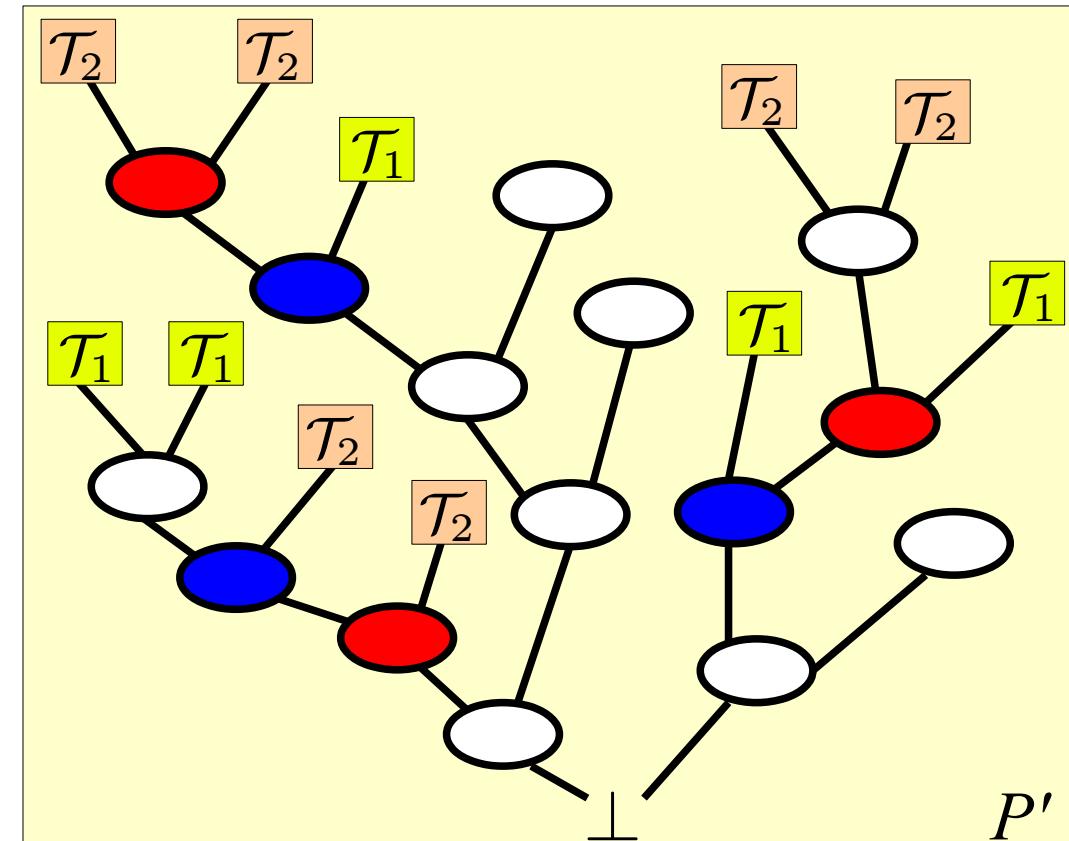
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Problem: splitting can cause exponential blow-up in P

Solution: control the kind of proofs generated by DPLL, so that the splitting can be performed **efficiently** (ie-local proofs)



Interpolation in combined theories

- After splitting AB-mixed equalities, we can compute an interpolant as usual
 - *Nothing special needed for theory combination!*
 - Because theory combination is encoded in the proof, we can reuse the Boolean interpolation algorithm
- Features:
 - No need of **ad-hoc** interpolant **combination** procedures
 - Exploit state-of-the-art SMT solvers, based on (variants of) DTC
 - Split **only** when **necessary**

Example

$$A := (a_1 = f(x_1)) \wedge (z - x_1 = 1) \wedge (a_1 + z = 0)$$

$$B := (a_2 = f(x_2)) \wedge (z - x_2 = 1) \wedge (a_2 + z = 1)$$

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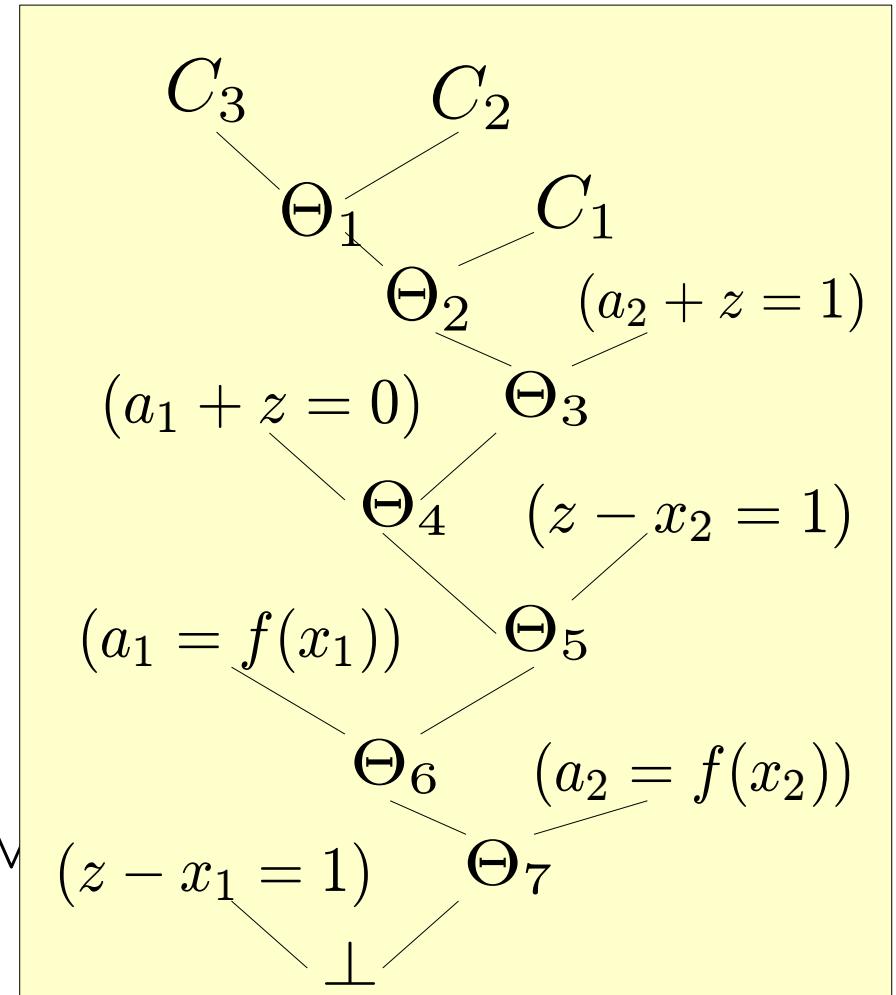
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T-lemmas:

$$C_1 \equiv (x_1 = x_2) \vee \neg(z - x_1 = 1) \vee \neg(z - x_2 = 1)$$

$$C_2 \equiv (a_1 = a_2) \vee \neg(a_2 = f(x_2)) \vee \neg(a_1 = f(x_1)) \vee \neg(x_1 = x_2)$$

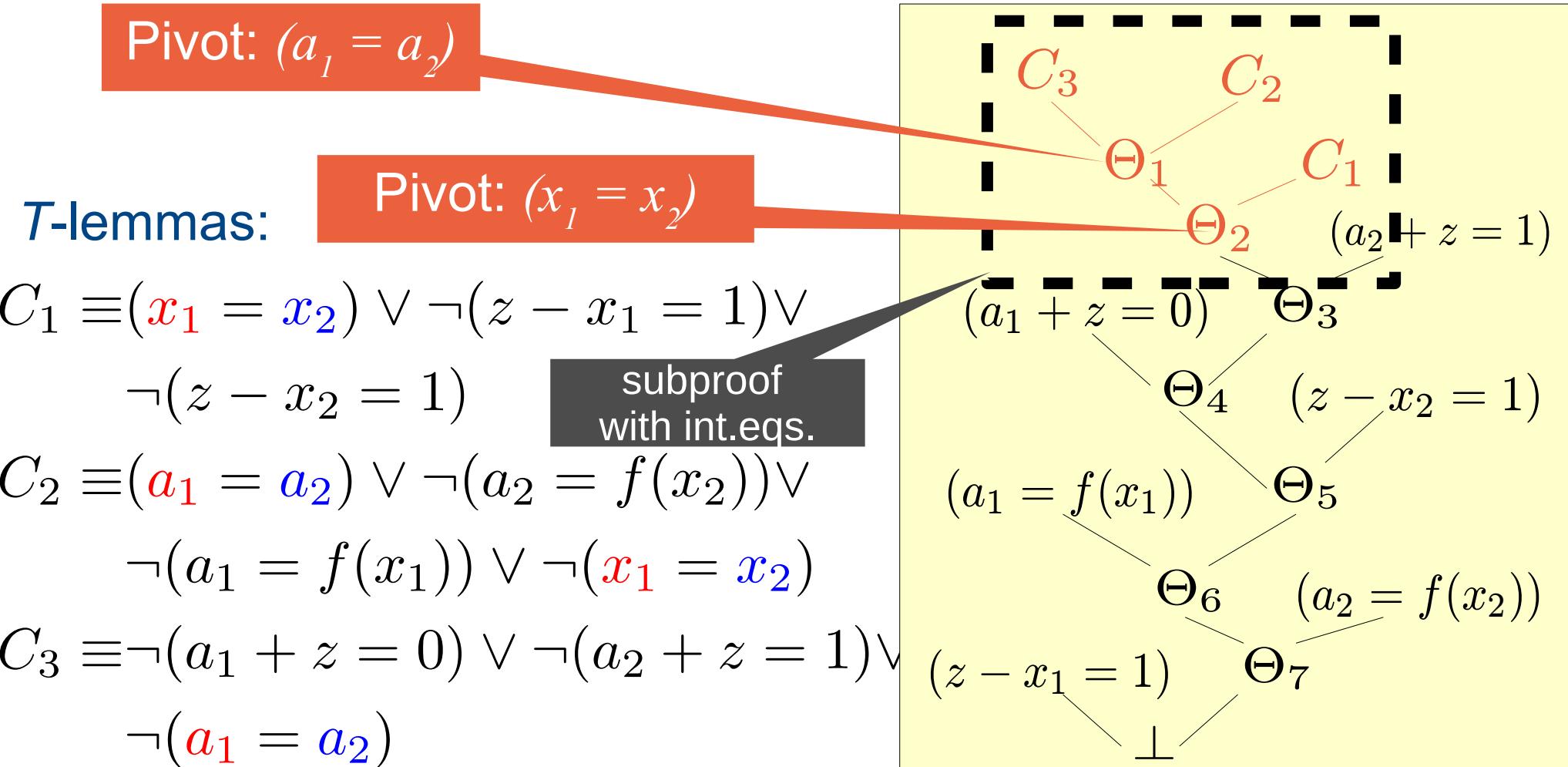
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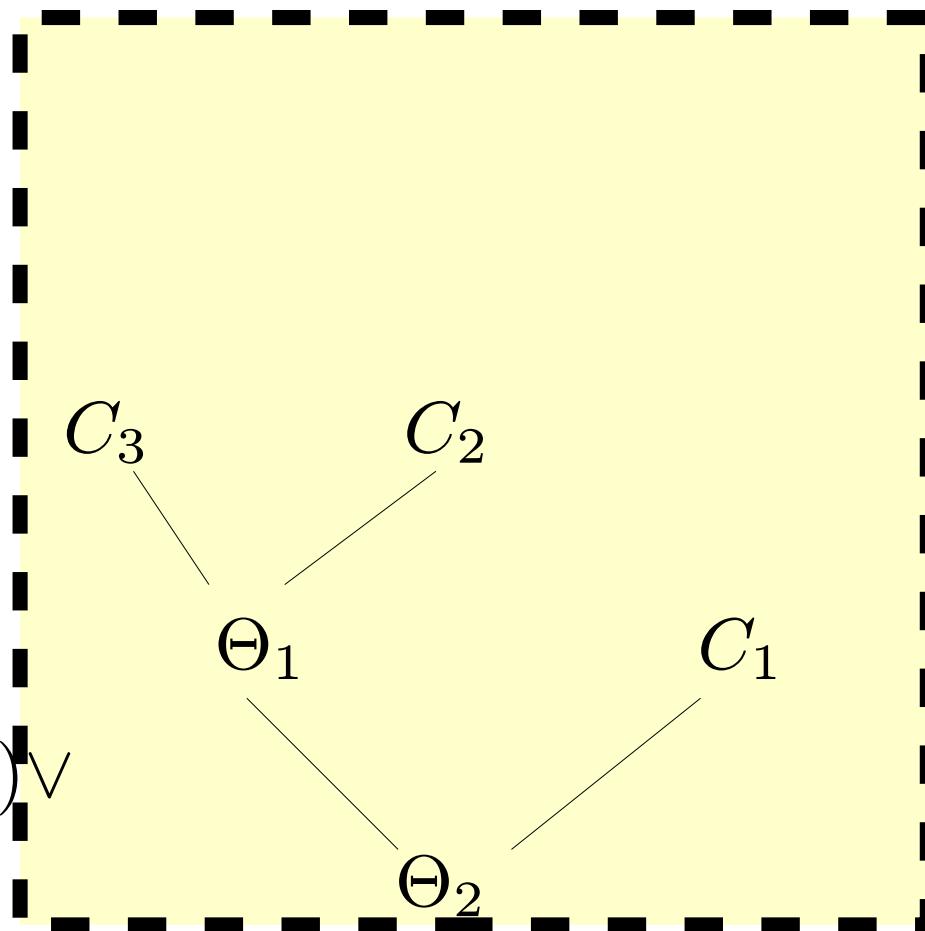
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T-lemmas:

$$C_1 \equiv (\textcolor{red}{x_1} = \textcolor{blue}{x_2}) \vee \neg(z - x_1 = 1) \vee \neg(z - x_2 = 1)$$

$$C_2 \equiv (\textcolor{red}{a_1} = \textcolor{blue}{a_2}) \vee \neg(a_2 = f(x_2)) \vee \neg(a_1 = f(x_1)) \vee \neg(\textcolor{red}{x_1} = \textcolor{blue}{x_2})$$

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Example

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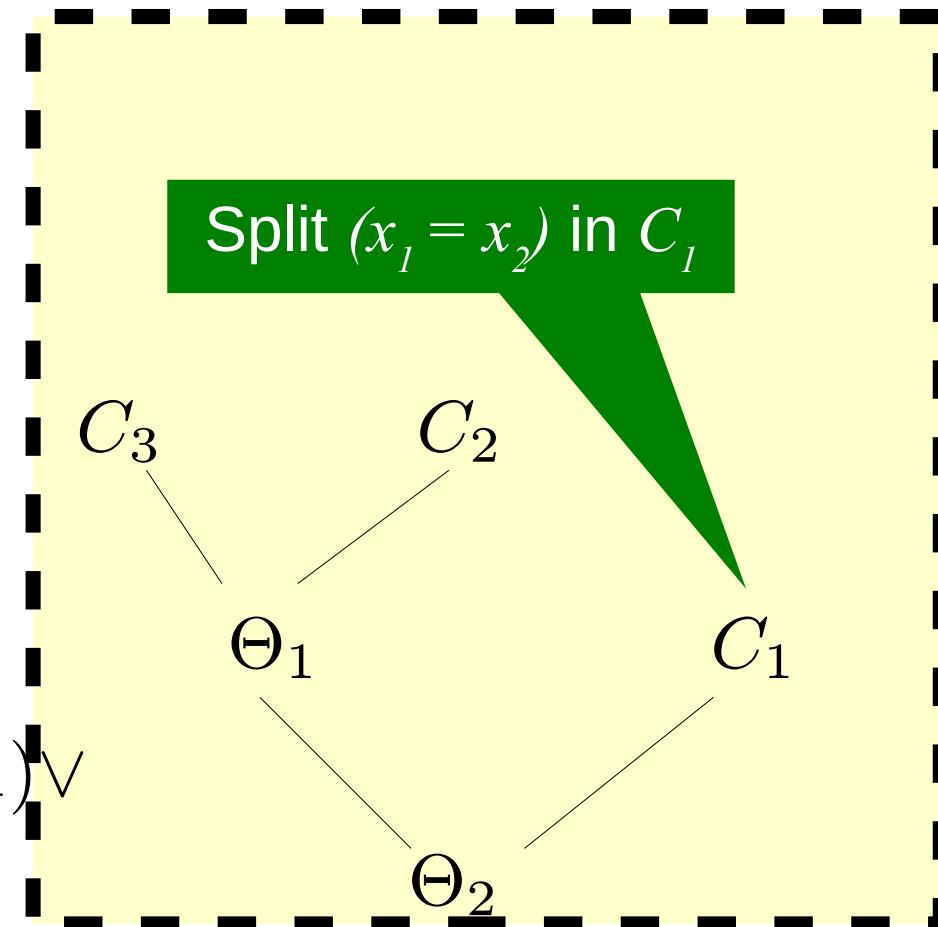
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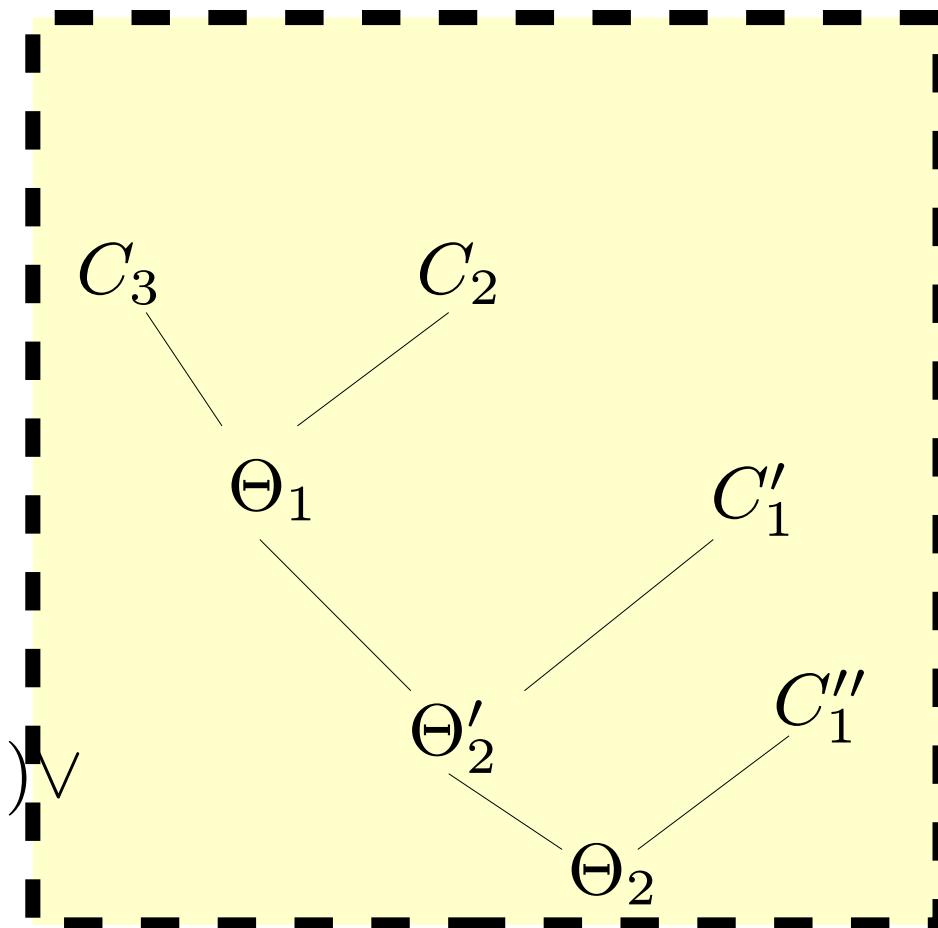
P^{ie} subproof:

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$$C''_1 \equiv (z - 1 = x_2) \vee \neg(z - x_1 = 1) \vee \neg(z - x_2 = 1)$$

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$$C_3 \equiv \neg(a_1 + z = 0) \vee \neg(a_2 + z = 1) \vee \neg(a_1 = a_2)$$



Example

$$A := (a_1 = f(x_1)) \wedge (z - x_1 = 1) \wedge (a_1 + z = 0)$$

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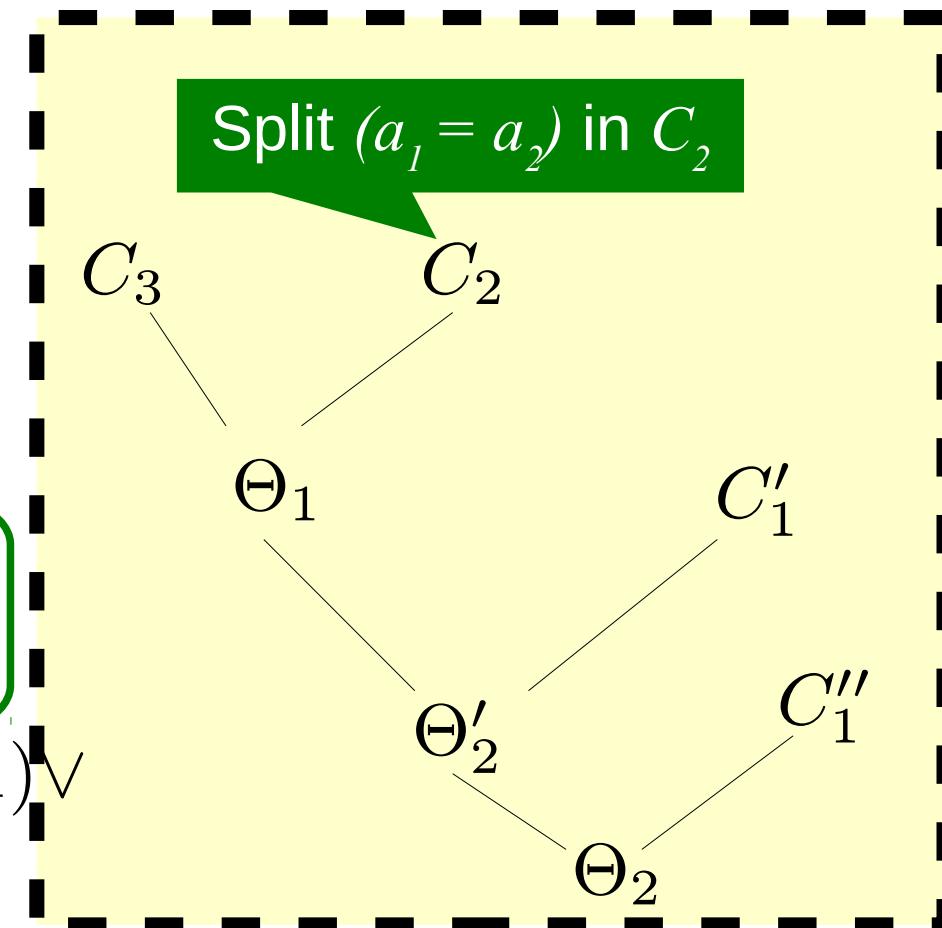
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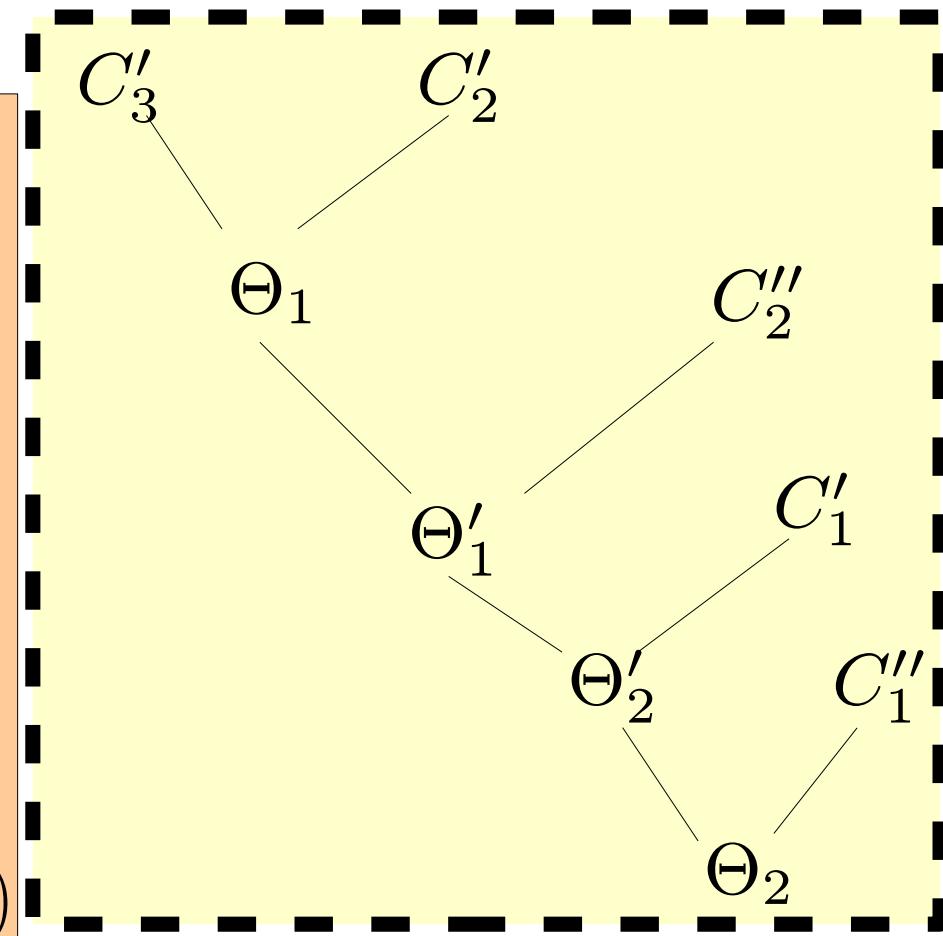
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Proof Tree Preserving Interpolation

- [Christ, Hoenicke and Nutz, TACAS 2013]
- Interpolants with AB-mixed literals without proof rewriting
 - Replace AB-mixed terms ($s \leq t$) with $(s \leq x) \wedge (x \leq t)$ in leaves, where x is a fresh purification variable
 - Eliminate the purification variable when resolving on $(s \leq t)$

$$\frac{C_1 \vee (s \leq t) [I_1(x)] \quad C_2 \vee \neg(s \leq t) [I_2(x)]}{C_1 \vee C_2 [I_3]}$$

- Advantages:
 - no need of proof rewriting
 - handles also for non-convex theories
- Drawbacks:
 - need T -specific interpolation rules for resolution steps
 - more complex interpolation system

From Binary to Sequence Interpolants

- An ordered sequence of formulae F_1, \dots, F_n such that $\bigwedge_i F_i \models \perp$
- We want a **sequence of interpolants** I_1, \dots, I_{n-1} such that
 - I_k is an interpolant for $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k F_i, \bigwedge_{j=k+1}^n F_j)$
 - $F_k \wedge I_{k-1} \models I_k$ for all $k \in [2, n-1]$
- Needed in various applications (e.g. abstraction refinement)
- How to compute them?
 - In general, if we compute arbitrary binary interpolants for $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k F_i, \bigwedge_{j=k+1}^n F_j)$, the second condition will not hold

A simple solution

- Compute I_1 as an interpolant of $(F_1, \bigwedge_{j=2}^n F_j)$
- Compute I_k as an interpolant of $(I_{k-1} \wedge F_k, \bigwedge_{j=k+1}^n F_j)$
- **Claim:** I_k is an interpolant for $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k F_i, \bigwedge_{j=k+1}^n F_j)$
- **Proof (sketch):**
 - By ind.hyp. I_{k-1} is an interpolant for $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} F_i, \bigwedge_{j=k}^n F_j)$
so $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} F_i \models I_{k-1}$ and $I_{k-1} \wedge F_k \wedge \bigwedge_{j=k+1}^n F_j \models \perp$
- **Advantages:**
 - simple to implement
 - can use any off-the-shelf binary interpolation
- **Drawback:** requires $n-1$ SMT calls

A more efficient algorithm

- Compute an SMT proof of unsatisfiability P for $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n F_i$
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- **Proof (sketch) – case $n=3$:**
 - Let C be a node of P with partial interpolants I' and I'' for the partitionings $(F_1, F_2 \wedge F_3)$ and $(F_1 \wedge F_2, F_3)$ resp. Then we can prove, by induction on the structure of P , that:

$$I' \wedge F_2 \models I'' \vee \bigvee \{l \in C \mid \text{var}(l) \notin F_3\}$$

- The theorem then follows as a corollary
- Works also for DTC-rewritten proofs

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