# Satisfiability Checking 23 The virtual substitution method II

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- Standard substitution  $\varphi[t/x]$  could lead to formulas containing  $\epsilon$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  or division.
- Virtual substitution  $\varphi[t/\!/x]$  generates real algebraic formulas that are semantically equivalent to the application of standard substitution but these formulas do not contain  $\epsilon$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  or division.
- There are rules that define how to virtually substitute a test candidate into a constraint. These rules distinguish between
  - the constraint's relation symbol, and
  - the test candidate's type (whether it contains  $-\infty$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  or division).

We look at all rules for substituting  $-\infty$  and fractions of polynomials, and a few rules for the other cases.

	$p(x) \sim 0$	$(p(x) \sim 0)[-\infty//x]$
	bx + c = 0	$b = 0 \land c = 0$
	$bx + c \neq 0$	b ≠ 0 ∨ c ≠ 0 ★ 此条件 10 も V
	bx + c < 0	$b>0 \lor (b=0 \land c<0)$
ق م	bx + c > 0	$b < 0 \lor (b = 0 \land c > 0)$
	$bx + c \leq 0$	$b>0 \lor (b=0 \land c \le 0)$
	$bx + c \ge 0$	$b < 0 \lor (b = 0 \land c \ge 0)$
	$ax^{2} + bx + c = 0$	$a = 0 \land b = 0 \land c = 0 $
22.	$ax^2 + bx + c \neq 0$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
	$ax^2 + bx + c < 0$	$a < 0 \lor (a = 0 \land b > 0) \lor (a = 0 \land b = 0 \land c < 0)$
	$ax^{2} + bx + c > 0$	$a > 0 \lor (a = 0 \land b < 0) \lor (a = 0 \land b = 0 \land c > 0)$
	$ax^2 + bx + c \leq 0$	$a < 0 \lor (a = 0 \land b > 0) \lor (a = 0 \land b = 0 \land c \le 0)$
	$ax^2 + bx + c \ge 0$	$a > 0 \lor (a = 0 \land b < 0) \lor (a = 0 \land b = 0 \land c \ge 0)$

#### Virtual substitution: An univariate example

$$\exists x. \ [(x > 0 \land 1 - x^2 \ge 0) \lor (x < 0 \land 1 - x^2 \le 0)] \land 1 - x^2 < 0 \land x \ne 0$$
Eliminate  $x$ . 1. test candidate:  $-\infty$ 

$$\exists x \text{ False, } t \text{ so the } t \text{ s$$

$$(x > 0)[-\infty/x]$$

$$= (1 < 0 \lor (1 = 0 \land 0 > 0))$$

(1+0 × 0 + 0)

$$(x < 0)[-\infty/x]$$

$$= (1 > 0 \lor (1 = 0 \land 0 < 0))$$

#### Virtual substitution: A multivariate example

$$\exists x. \exists y. ((xy-1=0 \lor y-x\geq 0) \land y^2-1<0)$$
, eliminate  $y$ 

1. test candidate:  $-\infty$ 

$$\exists x. ( \qquad (xy - 1 = 0)[-\infty/y]$$

$$\lor (y - x \ge 0)[-\infty/y]$$

$$\land \qquad (y^2 - 1 < 0)[-\infty/y]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x. ( \qquad (x = 0 \land -1 = 0)$$

$$\lor (1 < 0 \lor (1 = 0 \land -x \ge 0))$$

$$\land \qquad (1 < 0 \lor (1 = 0 \land 0 > 0) \lor (1 = 0 \land 0 = 0 \land -1 < 0))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x. (false)$$

Note that for the quadratic case k=2,  $\delta=0$ ,  $p(e)\cdot r^{k}=(ax^{2}+bx+c)[\frac{q}{r}/x]\cdot r^{2}=(a\frac{q^{2}}{r^{2}}+b\frac{q}{r}+c)\cdot r^{2}=aq^{2}+bqr+cr^{2}$  always has the same sign as p(e), and in this case  $r^{\delta}=r^{0}=1>0$ . However, for the linear case k=1,  $\delta=1$ ,  $p(e)\cdot r^{k}=(bx+c)[\frac{q}{r}/x]\cdot r^{1}=(b\frac{q}{r}+c)\cdot r^{1}=b\cdot q+c\cdot r$  the sign might change if r<0.

#### Virtual substitution: Example

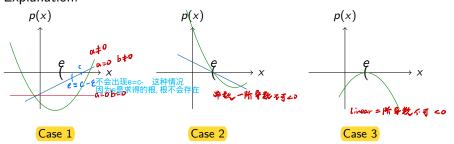
$$(p(x) = 0) \left[ \frac{q + r\sqrt{t}}{s} / / x \right]$$

- 1 Substitute x by  $\frac{q+r\sqrt{t}}{s}$  in p(x)=0 in the common way.
- 2 Transform the result to  $\frac{\hat{q}+\hat{r}\sqrt{t}}{\hat{s}}=0$  where  $\hat{q},\ \hat{r},\$ and  $\hat{s}$  are polynomials (always possible, proof exercise)
- $(p(x) = 0) \left[ \frac{q + r\sqrt{t}}{s} / / x \right] := (\hat{q}\hat{r} \le 0 \land \hat{q}^2 \hat{r}^2 t = 0)$
- 4 Explanation:

$$(p(x) < 0)[e + \epsilon//x]$$



#### Explanation:



## Complexity

We consider in the following the elimination of one existential quantifier (existentially quantified variable):

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n \varphi \equiv \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_{n-1}, \bigvee_{t \in T} \varphi[t /\!\!/ x_n].$$

■ Degree  $D(x_i, \cdot)$  of a remaining variable  $x_i$ ,  $1 \le i < n$ :

$$\mathcal{D}(x_i, \bigvee_{t \in T} \varphi[t/\!\!/ x_n]) \in \mathcal{O}(6D(x_i, \varphi) - 8)$$

Number of atoms  $at(\cdot)$ :

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{at}}(\bigvee_{t \in T} \varphi[t/\!\!/x_n]) \in \mathcal{O}(8\mathsf{at}(\varphi) + \mathsf{at}(\varphi)(8 + 63\mathsf{at}(\varphi)))$$

#### Learning target

- What is the basic idea of the virtual substitution?
- How to compute the test candidates?
- How to apply virtual substitution?
- Is the virtual substitution method complete?