COURSE STRUCTURE

CONSTRAINT SOLVERS

- Propositional Logic, SAT solving, DPLL
- First-Order Logic, SMT
- First-Order Theories

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DEDUCTIVE VERIFICATION

- Operational Semantics
- Strongest Post-condition, Weakest Pre-condition
- Hoare Logic

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MODEL CHECKING AND OTHER VERIFICATION TECHNIQUES

- Predicate Abstraction, CEGAR
- Abstract Interpretation
- Property-directed Reachability

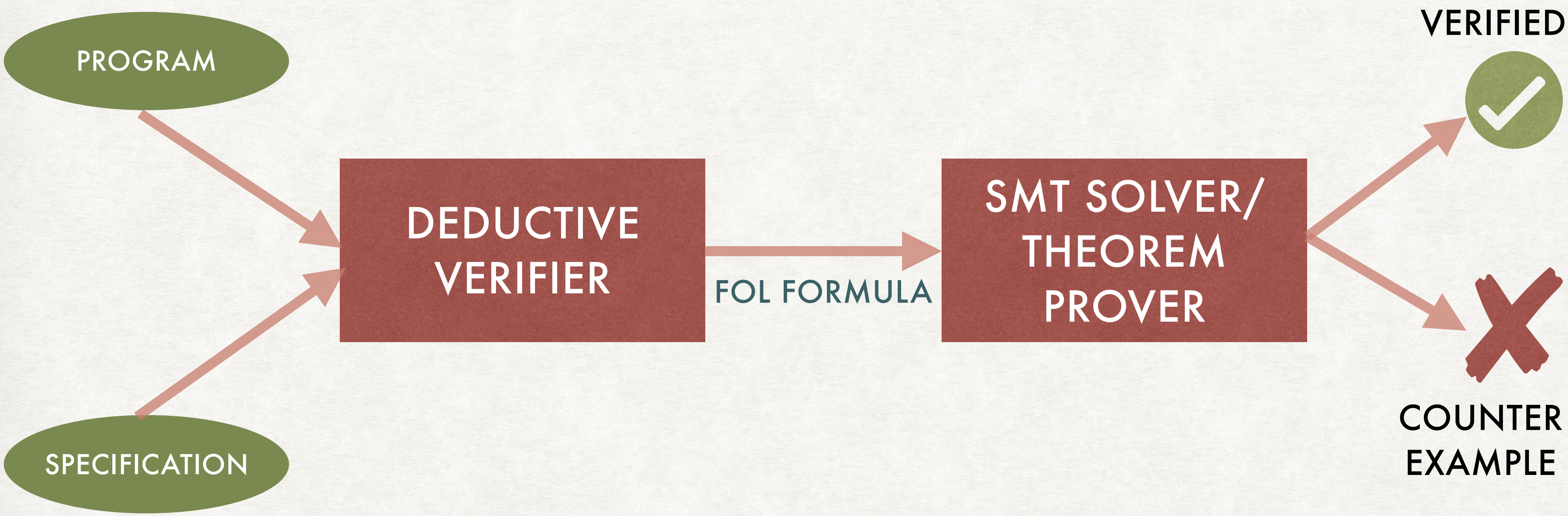
FORMAL SPECIFICATION AND VERIFICATION OF PROGRAMS

INTRODUCTION

- So far we have seen…
  - Syntax, Semantics for Propositional Logic and First-Order Logic and (some examples of) Decision Procedures for Validity/ Satisfiability
  - Underlying engine for Deductive Verification of programs
- Now we will how to reduce the program verification problem to the satisfiability problem in first-order logic.

AUTOMATED VERIFICATION

OVERVIEW



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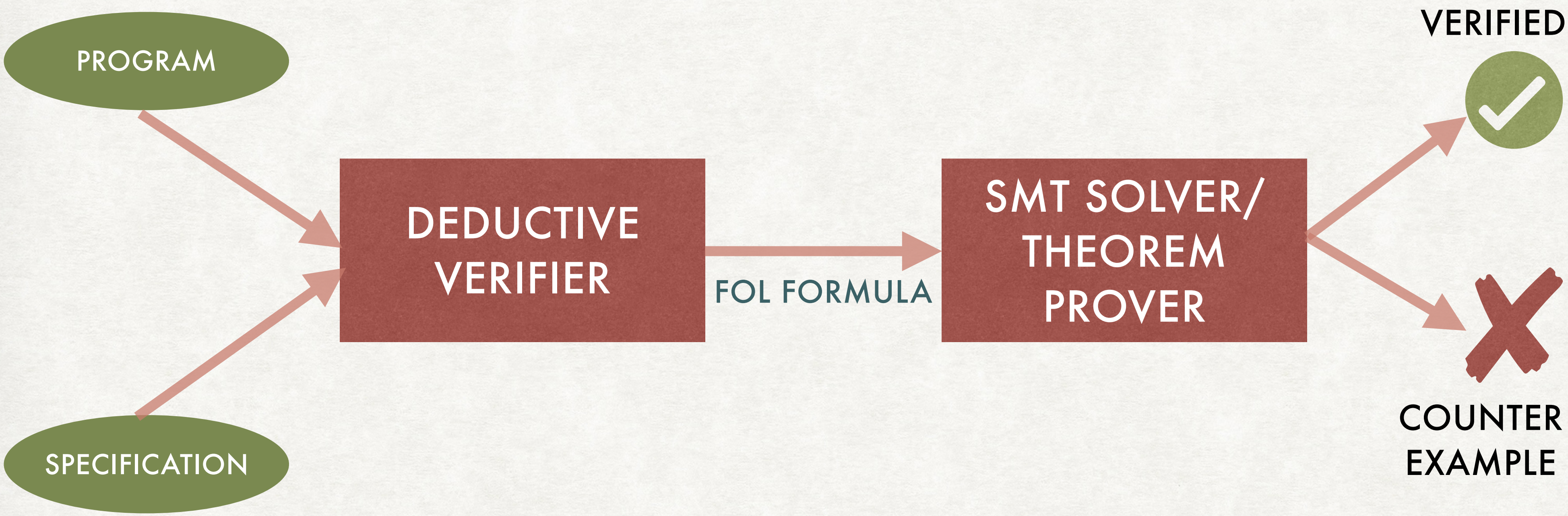

- Assertions
- Pre-conditions/Post-conditions
- Invariants
- ...

IMP

A SMALL IMPERATIVE PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

- Let V be a set of program variables
- Let $Exp(V)$ be the set of linear expressions, and $\Phi(V)$ be the set of linear formulae over V
  - $Exp(V)$ are terms in LRA or LIA
  - $\Phi(V)$ are formulae in LRA or LIA
- Examples
  - $3x + 2y \in Exp(\{x, y\})$
  - $x \leq y + z \wedge z = w \in \Sigma(\{x, y, z, w\})$

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$\mathtt{exp} \in Exp(V)$

$\mathrm{F} \in \Phi(V)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathtt{c} &= \mathtt{x} := \mathtt{exp} \mid \mathtt{x} := \mathtt{havoc} \\
&= \mid \mathtt{assume(F)} \mid \mathtt{assert(F)} \\
&= \mid \mathtt{skip} \mid \mathtt{c;c} \mid \mathtt{if(F)\ then\ c\ else\ c} \mid \mathtt{while(F)\ do\ c}
\end{aligned}
$$

Assigns a random value

EXAMPLES

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assume(i = 0 ∧ n ≥ 0);
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PRE-CONDITION

POST-CONDITION

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FOL formula in LIA whose
free variables are program variables

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Program
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OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS OF IMP

- In order to formally define the verification problem, i.e. 'the program satisfies its specification', we will first define Operational Semantics of Imp.
- The operational semantics formally define how the program state evolves during execution.
- A program state (σ, c) consists of two components:
  - $\sigma : V \to \mathbb{R}$ is a valuation of program variables
  - c is the rest of the program to be executed
- Let $\Sigma = (\mathbb{R}^{|V|} \cup \{Error\}) \times \mathscr{P}$ be the set of all states
  - $\mathscr{P}$ is the set of all Imp programs.
- A transition $(\sigma_1, \mathrm{c}_1) \hookrightarrow (\sigma_2, \mathrm{c}_2)$ denotes a step taken by the program

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NOTATION ALERT:

$f = g[a \mapsto b]$ means:

- $f(a) = b$
- $\forall x \in dom(g)\ .\ x \neq a \rightarrow f(x) = g(x)$

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For $e \in Exp(V)$ and $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$, $\sigma(e)$ denotes the evaluation of e at σ using the standard interpretations of Arithmetic operators.

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$$\frac{\sigma_1 \nvDash F}{(\sigma_1, \texttt{assert(F)}) \hookrightarrow (Error, \texttt{skip})} \quad \text{[T-ASSERT-FALSE]}$$

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[T-WHILE-FALSE]

EXAMPLE

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$(\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 0, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{assume(i=0} \wedge \texttt{n} \geq \texttt{0);}\ldots)$

$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 0, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{skip;}\ldots)$ [T-SEQ-1, T-ASSUME]

$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 0, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{while(i < n) do i:=i+1;}\ldots)$ [T-SEQ-2]

$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 0, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{i:=i+1;while(i < n) do i:=i+1;}\ldots)$ [T-WHILE-TRUE]

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$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 2, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{while(i < n) do i:=i+1;}\ldots)$ [T-SEQ-1, T-ASSIGN, T-SEQ-2]

$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 2, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{assert(i=n);})$ [T-WHILE-FALSE,T-SEQ-2]

$\hookrightarrow (\{\mathtt{i} \mapsto 2, \mathtt{n} \mapsto 2\}, \texttt{skip;})$ [T-ASSERT-TRUE]

REACHABILITY AND VERIFICATION

- Let $\Delta \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$ be the set of transitions ($\hookrightarrow$) defined in the previous slides.
  - Is Δ finite?
  - Is Δ defined for a specific program c or for any program?
  - Is Δ finite if restricted to a specific program c?
- Given a program c, a sequence of transitions $(\sigma_0, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow (\sigma_1, \mathsf{c}_1)\dots \hookrightarrow (\sigma_n, \mathsf{c}_n)$ is called an execution of c.
  - A program state σ is called reachable if there exists an execution $(\sigma_0, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow (\sigma, \mathsf{c}_n)$ which ends in the state σ.
- Verification Problem: Is $(Error, \mathsf{c}')$ reachable for some c'?
  - Program c is called safe if the error state is not reachable.
  - What about the initial state?

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- Is $(Error, c')$ reachable?

PRE/POST-CONDITIONS AND VERIFICATION

- Alternatively, we can express the Verification problem in terms of pre-conditions and post-conditions.
- A program c satisfies the specification $\{P\}\mathsf{c}\{Q\}$ if:
  - $\forall \sigma, \sigma' \,.\, \sigma \vDash P \wedge (\sigma, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma', \mathsf{skip}) \rightarrow \sigma' \vDash Q$
- $\{P\}\mathsf{c}\{Q\}$ is also called a 'Hoare Triple'.
  - If c satisfies the specification $\{P\}\mathsf{c}\{Q\}$, then we also say that the Hoare Triple $\{P\}\mathsf{c}\{Q\}$ is valid.

TOTAL CORRECTNESS

- Both ways of specifying the verification problem deal with Partial Correctness.
  - They only consider terminating executions. Non-terminating executions trivially satisfy both definitions.
- Total Correctness also requires all program executions to be of finite length.
- A program c satisfies the specification $[P]$c$[Q]$ if every execution which begins in a state satisfying P should terminate in a state satisfying Q.

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  - $\forall \sigma \,.\, \sigma \vDash P \rightarrow \exists n, \sigma' \,.\, (\sigma, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow^{n} (\sigma', \mathsf{skip}) \wedge \sigma' \vDash Q$
- Is this correct?
  - This only says that for every state satisfying P, there is some execution which terminates in a state obeying Q.
  - However, IMP is non-deterministic (due to havoc).
  - Hence, we need to say that every execution beginning from a state satisfying P should terminate.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \forall \sigma \,.\, \exists n \,.\, \sigma \vDash P \rightarrow \neg(\exists m, \sigma' \,.\, m > n \wedge (\sigma, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow^{m} (\sigma', \mathsf{c}')) \\ \wedge\ \forall \sigma, \sigma' \,.\, \sigma \vDash P \wedge (\sigma, \mathsf{c}) \hookrightarrow^{*} (\sigma', \mathsf{skip}) \rightarrow \sigma' \vDash Q \end{array}}$$