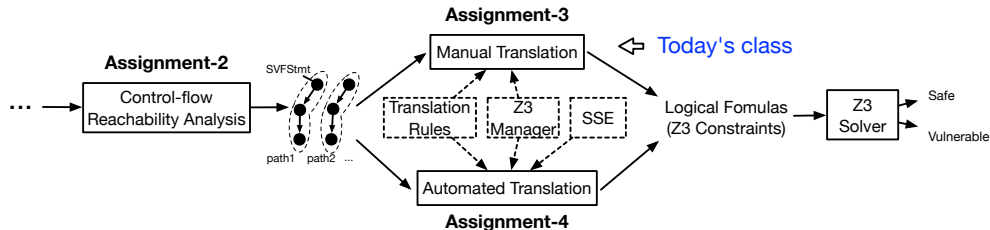


Software Verification and Z3 Theorem Prover

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Today's class



- In this class, we will learn how to manually translate source code into logical formulas (Z3 constraints/expressions).
- We introduce Z3 solver, Z3 constraint format **Z3 manager** APIs.
- Then, we will demonstrate **examples** for **manual translation** from code to Z3 constraints.

Z3 Theorem Prover

- Z3 is a Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) solver from Microsoft Research¹.
- Targeted at solving problems in software verification and software analysis.
- Main applications are static checking, test case generation, and more ..



Hardware verification



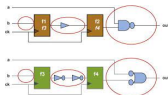
Software analysis/testing



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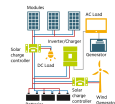
Modeling



Geometrical solving



Biological analysis

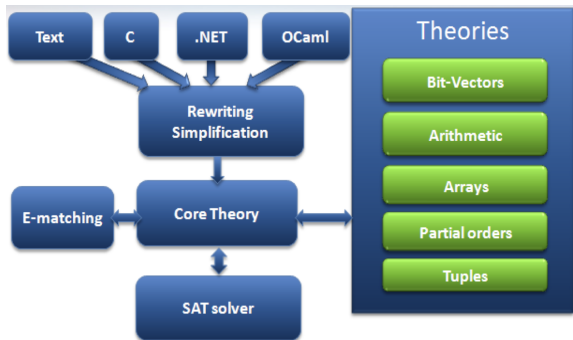


Hybrid system analysis

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¹<http://research.microsoft.com/projects/z3>

Z3 Framework²



- Z3 is an effective tool to solve **logical formulas** (Z3 constraints).
- <https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3>.
- Its SMT solver supports theories such as fixed-size bit-vectors, arithmetic, extensional arrays, datatypes, uninterpreted functions, and quantifiers.
- Z3 has official APIs for **C**, **C++**, **Python**, **.NET**, etc.
- **Z3 solver** can find one of the feasible solutions in a set of constraints.

²https://nikolajbjorner.github.io/slides/Z3_System.pdf

Z3 Learning Materials

- Z3 GitHub repository <https://github.com/z3prover/z3>
- Getting Started with Z3: A Guide <https://jfmc.github.io/z3-play>
- Z3 tutorials https://github.com/philzook58/z3_tutorial
- Z3 slides <https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3/wiki/Slides>
- Programming Z3 <http://theory.stanford.edu/~nikolaj/programmingz3.html#sec-logical-interface>

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You play around and check the satisfiability of your Z3 constraints/formulas here:

<https://compsys-tools.ens-lyon.fr/z3/index.php>

Z3's Logical Formula (Constants, Check-Sat and Evaluation)

The Z3 input format (formula format) is an extension of the SMT-LIB 2.0 standard³.

A Z3 formula expression (`z3::expr`) has the following keywords:

- `echo` displays a message
- `declare-const` declares a constant of a given type (a.k.a sort)
- `declare-fun` declares a function
- `assert` adds a formula into the Z3 internal stack
- `check-sat` determines whether the current formulas on the Z3 stack are satisfiable or not
- `get-model` is used to retrieve an interpretation (one solution) that makes all formulas on the Z3 internal stack true
- `eval` evaluates a variable/expression produced by a model when the formulas is satisfiable.

³<https://homepage.cs.uiowa.edu/~tinelli/papers/BarST-SMT-10.pdf>

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4 (assert (> x 10)) /// Add the first part (x>10) of the conjunction into the solver
5 (assert (= y (+ x 1))) /// Add the second part (y==x+1) of the conjunction
6 (check-sat) /// Check whether added formulas are satisfiable.
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Outputs of Z3's solver:

```
1 starting Z3...
2 sat /// (check-sat) result
3 11 /// the value of x as one satisfiable solution
4 12 /// the value of y as one satisfiable solution
```

Z3's Logical Formula (Uninterpreted Function)

The basic building blocks of SMT formulas are constants and uninterpreted functions.

- An uninterpreted function **has no other property** (no priori interpretation) **than its signature** (i.e., function name and arguments).
- An uninterpreted functions in first-order logic have **no side-effects** (e.g., can not change argument values and never return different values for the same input)
- **Constants** in Z3 can also be seen as **functions that take no arguments**.
- **The details and characteristics** of uninterpreted functions are **ignored**. This can **generalize and simplify** theorems and proofs.

Uninterpreted Function (Example)

```
1 (declare-fun f (Int) Int)    /// Function f accepts an Int argument and returns a Int
2 (assert (= (f 10) 1))      /// f(10) = 1
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Outputs of Z3's solver:

```
1 unsat
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The solver returns `unsat`, because `f`, as an uninterpreted function, can never return different values for the same input.

Uninterpreted Function (Example)

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```
1 (declare-const x Int)
2 (declare-const y Int)
3 (declare-fun f (Int) Int) /// Function f accepts an Int argument and returns a Int
4 (assert (= (f x) (f y)))
5 (assert (not (= x y)))
6 (check-sat)
```

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An uninterpreted function can have different inputs and return the same output. For example, f can always return 1 regardless the value of the input argument.

Constants as Uninterpreted Function (Example)

$$\phi : (x > 10) \wedge (y \equiv x + 1)$$

```
1 (declare-fun x () Int) /// "x" and "y" as an uninterpreted functions
2 (declare-fun y () Int) /// Accepts no argument and return an Int
3 (assert (> x 10))
4 (assert (= y (+ x 1)))
5 (check-sat)
6 (get-model)
```

Outputs of Z3's solver:

```
1 sat
2 (
3   (define-fun x () Int
4     11)          /// x is evaluated to be 11 for this model
5   (define-fun y () Int
6     12)          /// y is evaluated to be 11 for this model
7 )
```

(declare-const x Int) can be seen as the syntax sugar for (declare-fun x () Int).

Z3's Logical Formula (Arithmetic)

- Z3 supports majority of commonly used arithmetic operators, such as +, -, *, /, <<, >>, <, >, &, | (The ones listed in SVFIR)
- Types of any two operands should be the same otherwise a type conversion is needed.
- Never mix types in arithmetic, and always be explicit.

```
1 (declare-const a Int)
2 (declare-const b Float32)
3 (assert (= a (+ b 1)))
4 (check-sat)
```

Outputs of Z3's solver:

```
1 Error: (error "line 3 column 19: Sort mismatch at argument #1 for function
2 (declare-fun + (Int Int) Int) supplied sort is (_ FloatingPoint 8 24)")
```

Z3's Logical Formula (if-then-else Expression)

- `ite(b, x, y)` represents a conditional expression, where `b` is the condition, `ite` returns `x` if `b` is evaluated true, otherwise `y` is returned
- Used for comparison or branches

```
1 (ite (and (= x!1 11) (= x!2 false)) 21 0)
```

The above Z3 formula evaluates (returns) 21 when `x!1` is equal to 11, and `x!2` is equal to false. Otherwise, it returns 0.

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The following formulas store y to the x-th position of array a and then load the value at a's x-th position to z

```
1 (declare-const x Int)
2 (declare-const y Bool)
3 (declare-const z Bool)
4 (declare-const a (Array Int Bool))  /// an array of Bools with Int as the indices
5 (assert (= (store a x y) a))        /// a[x] == y
6 (assert (= (select a x) z))         /// z == a[x]
```

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2 (declare-const a (Array Int Int))  /// an array of Ints
3 (push)
4 (assert (= (store a 1 10) a))      /// a[1] == 10
5 (assert (= (select a 1) x))        /// x == a[1]
6 (assert (= x 20))                  /// x == 20
7 (check-sat)
8 (pop) ; remove the three assertions
9 (assert (= x 20))                  /// x == 10
10 (check-sat)
```

What is the output of the solver?

Translating Code to Z3 Formulas

We provide a Z3Mgr class (a wrapper class to manipulate Z3 APIs) to generate Z3 formulas or so-called `z3::expr`.

API	Meanings
<code>z3::expr getZ3Expr(std::string);</code>	Create a variable given a string name
<code>z3::expr getZ3Expr(int);</code>	Create a variable given an integer
<code>z3::expr getMemObjAddress(std::string);</code>	Create a memory object in program
<code>z3::expr getGepObjAddress(z3::expr, u32_t);</code>	Create a field object with an offset of an aggregate
<code>void addToSolver(z3::expr);</code>	Add a Z3 expression/formula to the solver
<code>void resetSolver();</code>	Clean all formulas in the the solver
<code>solver.check();</code>	Check satisfiability of an z3 formula
<code>z3::expr getEvalExpr(z3::expr);</code>	Evaluate an expression based on a model
<code>void printExprValues();</code>	Print the values of all expressions in the solver.

More details, refer to

<https://github.com/SVF-tools/Teaching-Software-Verification/wiki/SVF-APIs>

Translation Rules

expr p = getZ3Expr("p") expr q = getZ3Expr("q") expr r = getZ3Expr("r")		
SVFStmt	C-Like form	Operations
AddrStmt (constant)	p = c	addToSolver(p == c);
AddrStmt (mem allocation)	p = alloc	addToSolver(p == getMemObjAddress("alloc");)
CopyStmt	p = q	addToSolver(p == q);
LoadStmt	p = *q	addToSolver(p == loadValue(q));
StoreStmt	*p = q	storeValue(p, q);
GepStmt	p = &(q → i) or p = &q[i]	addToSolver(p == getGepObjAddress(q,i));
PhiStmt	r = phi(l ₁ : p, l ₂ : q)	if(executed from l ₁) addToSolver(p==r); if(executed from l ₂) addToSolver(q==r);
BranchStmt	if (p) l ₁ else l ₂	expr cond = getEvalExpr(p); if(cond.is_false()) execute l ₂ else execute l ₁ addToSolver(cond = true);
UnaryOPStmt	¬p	addToSolver(!p);
BinaryOPStmt	r = p ⊗ q	addToSolver(r == p ⊗ q);
CmpStmt	r = p ⊙ q	addToSolver(r == ite(p ⊙ q, true, false));
CallPE/RetPE	r = f(...,q,...) f(...,p,...){... return z}	
CallPE	p = q	solver.push(); addToSolver(p == q);
RetPE	p = r	expr ret = getZ3Expr(r); solver.pop(); addToSolver(p == ret);

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```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    int b;  
    a = 0;  
    b = a + 1;  
    assert(b>0);  
}
```

C code

```
// int a;  
expr a = getZ3Expr("a");  
// a = 0;  
addToSolver(a == 0);  
// int b;  
expr b = getZ3Expr("b");  
// b = a+1;  
addToSolver(b == (a + 1));  
// assert(b > 0);  
addToSolver(b > 0);  
solver.check();
```

Translator

```
(declare-fun a () Int)  
(declare-fun b () Int)  
(assert (= a 0))  
(assert (= b (+ a 1)))  
(assert (> b 0))  
(check-sat)
```

Z3 Formulas

Z3's
SMT solver

Translating Code to Z3 Formulas (Memory Operation Example)

- Each memory object has a unique ID and allocated with a **virtual memory address**
- In our modeling, the virtual address starts from **0x7f..... + ID** (i.e., 2130706432 + ID in decimal)
- Memory operations will be through store and load values from `loc2ValMap`, an Z3 array.

```
int main() {  
    int* p;  
    int x;  
  
    p = malloc1(..);  
    *p = 5;  
    x = *p;  
    assert(x==5);  
}
```

```
// int** p;  
expr p = getZ3Expr("p");  
// int x;  
expr x = getZ3Expr("x");  
// p = malloc(..);  
expr m = getMemObjAddress("malloc1");  
addToSolver(p == m);  
// *p = 5;  
storeValue(p, getZ3Expr(5));  
// x = *p;  
addToSolver(x == loadValue(p));  
// assert(x==5);  
addToSolver(x == getZ3Expr(5));  
solver.check();
```

```
(declare-fun p () Int)  
(declare-fun loc2ValMap ()  
  (Array Int Int))  
(declare-fun x () Int)  
(assert (= p 2130706435))  
(assert (= x (select  
  (store loc2ValMap 2130706435 5)  
  2130706435)))  
(assert (= x 5))  
(model-add p () Int 2130706435)  
(check-sat)
```

C code

Translator

Z3 Formulas

What's next?

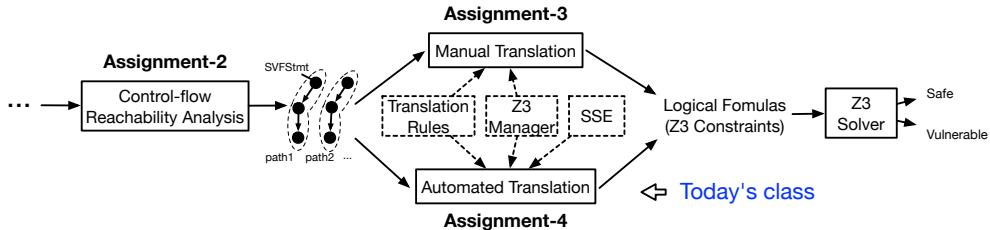
- (1) Understand Z3 formula format in the slides
- (2) Understand Z3Mgr class in the GitHub Repository of Teaching-Software-Verification
- (3) Finish the quizzes of Assignment 3 on Canvas
- (4) Implement a manual translation from code to Z3 formulas using Z3Mgr i.e., coding task in Assignment 3.

Assertion-based Verification Using Static Symbolic Execution

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Automated Assertion-based Verification



Static Symbolic Execution (SSE)

- An static interpreter follows the program, assuming symbolic values for inputs rather than obtaining actual inputs as normal execution of the program would.
- Automated testing technique that symbolically executes a program.
- Use symbolic execution to explore all program paths to find latent bugs.

Static Symbolic Execution for Assertion-based Verification

- (1) Given a Hoare triple $P \{prog\} Q$,
 - P represents program inputs,
 - $prog$ is the actual source code,
 - Q is the assertion(s) to be verified.
- (2) SSE translates SVF_{stmt} of each program path (which ends with an assertion) into an Z3 logical formula.
 - In our project, the path of each loop is bounded once for verification.
- (3) Proving satisfiability of the logic formulas of each program path from the program entry to each assertion on the ICFG.

Driver Program of SSE (What We Have From Assignment 2)

Algorithm 1 Context sensitive control-flow reachability

Input : src : ICFGNode dst : ICFGNode

path : vector<ICFGNode> visited : set<ICFGNode>;

```
1 dfs(path, src, dst)
2   visited.insert(src)
3   path.push_back(src)
4   if src == dst then
5     | print path
6   foreach edge ∈ src.getOutEdges() do
7     if edge.dst ∉ visited then
8       if edge.isIntraCFGEdge() then
9         | if handleIntra(edge) then
10          | | dfs(path, edge.dst, dst)
11       else if edge.isCallCFGEdge() then
12         | if handleCall(edge) then
13         | | dfs(path, edge.dst, dst)
14       else if edge.isRetCFGEdge() then
15         | if handleRet(edge) then
16         | | dfs(path, edge.dst, dst)
17   visited.erase(src)
18   path.pop_back(src)
```

Algorithm 2 handleIntra(intraEdge) (Override in SSE)

```
1   return true
```

Algorithm 3 handleCall(callEdge) (Override in SSE)

```
1   callNode ← getSrcNode(callEdge)
2   callstack.push_back(callNode)
3   return true
```

Algorithm 4 handleRet(retEdge) (Override in SSE)

```
1   retNode ← getDstNode(retEdge)
2   if callstack ≠ ∅ then
3     if callstack.back() == getCallICFGNode(retNode) then
4       | callstack.pop()
5       | return true
6     else
7       | return false
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8   return true
```

Override the above three methods in SSE implementation!

Handle Intra-procedural CFG Edges (handleIntra)

Algorithm 2 `handleIntra(intraEdge)`

```
1 if intraEdge.getCondition() && !handleBranch(intraEdge)
  then
2   | return false
3 else
4   | handleNonBranch(edge)
```

`handleBranch(intraEdge)`

```
1 cond = intraEdge.getCondition()
2 successorVal = intraEdge.getSuccessorCondValue()
3 res = getEvalExpr(cond == suc)
4 if res.is_false() then
5   | addToSolver(cond != suc)
6   | return false
7 else if res.is_true() then
8   | addToSolver(cond == suc)
9   | return true
10 else
11   | return true
```

`HandleNonBranch(intraEdge)`

```
1 dst ← intraEdge.getDstNode(); src ← intraEdge.getSrcNode()
2 foreach stmt ∈ dst.getSVFStmts() do
3   if addr ∈ dyn_cast<AddrStmt>(stmt) then
4     | obj ← getMemObjAddress(addr.getRHSVarID())
5     | lhs ← getZ3Expr(addr.getLHSVarID())
6     | addToSolver(obj == lhs)
7   else if copy ∈ dyn_cast<CopyStmt>(stmt) then
8     | lhs ← getZ3Expr(copy.getLHSVarID())
9     | rhs ← getZ3Expr(copy.getRHSVarID())
10    | addToSolver(rhs == lhs)
11   else if load ∈ dyn_cast<LoadStmt>(stmt) then
12     | lhs ← getZ3Expr(load.getLHSVarID())
13     | rhs ← getZ3Expr(load.getRHSVarID())
14     | addToSolver(lhs == z3Mgr.loadValue(rhs))
15   else if store ∈ dyn_cast<StoreStmt>(stmt) then
16     | lhs ← getZ3Expr(store.getLHSVarID())
17     | rhs ← getZ3Expr(store.getRHSVarID())
18     | z3Mgr.storeValue(lhs, rhs)
19   else if gep ∈ dyn_cast<GepStmt>(stmt) then
20     | lhs ← getZ3Expr(gep.getLHSVarID())
21     | rhs ← getZ3Expr(gep.getRHSVarID())
22     | offset = z3Mgr.getGepOffset(gep)
23     | gepAddress = z3Mgr.getGepObjAddress(rhs, offset)
24     | addToSolver(lhs == gepAddress)
```

Handle Call (handleCall) and Return (handleRet) CFG Edges

Algorithm 3 `handleCall(callEdge)`

```
1  callNode ← callEdge.getSrcNode();
2  FunEntryNode ← callEdge.getDstNode();
3  callstack.push_back(callNode);
4  getSolver().push();
5  foreach callPE ∈ calledge.getCallPEs() do
6    lhs ← getZ3Expr(callPE.getLHSVarID());
7    rhs ← getZ3Expr(callPE.getRHSVarID());
8    addToSolver(lhs == rhs);
9  return true;
```

Algorithm 4 `handleRet(retEdge)`

```
1  retNode ← retEdge.getDstNode();
2  rhs(getCtx());
3  lhs(getCtx());
4  if retPE = retEdge.getRetPE() then
5    rhs ← getEvalExpr(getZ3Expr(retPE.getRHSVarID()));
6    lhs ← getZ3Expr(retPE.getLHSVarID());
7  if callstack ≠ ∅ then
8    if callstack.back() == getCallICFGNode(retNode) then
9      callstack.pop_back();
10     getSolver().pop();
11  else
12    return false;
13  if retEdge.getRetPE() then
14    addToSolver(lhs == rhs);
15  return true;
```

Scalar Example

Comparison between the concrete and symbolic states before the assertion.

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4     }  
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Symbolic Execution
(getZ3Expr(x) **represents** x's **symbolic state**)

If branch:

x : $\text{getZ3Expr}(x) > 10 \wedge \text{getZ3Expr}(x) < \text{UINT_MAX}$

y : $\text{getZ3Expr}(x) + 1$

Else branch:

x : $\text{getZ3Expr}(x) > 0 \wedge \text{getZ3Expr}(x) < 10$

y : 10

Memory Operation Example

```
1 void foo(unsigned x) {  
2     int* p;  
3     int y;  
4  
5     p = malloc(..);  
6     *p = x + 5;  
7     y = *p;  
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Memory Operation Example

Concrete Execution
(Concrete states)

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x	:	10
p	:	0x1234
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Symbolic Execution
(Symbolic states)

```
x      : getZ3Expr(x)
p      : 0x7f000001
        virtual address from
        getMemObjAddress("malloc")
0x7f000001 : getZ3Expr(x) + 5
y      : getZ3Expr(x) + 5
```

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Field Access for Struct and Array Example

```
1 struct st{  
2     int a;  
3     int b;  
4 }  
5 void foo(unsigned x) {  
6     struct st* p = malloc(..);  
7     q = &(p->b);  
8     *q = x;  
9     assert(*(&p->b) == x);  
10 }
```

Field Access for Struct and Array Example

Concrete Execution

(Concrete states)

One execution:

x	:	10
p	:	0x1234
&(p→b)	:	0x1238
q	:	0x1238
0x1238	:	10

Another execution:

x	:	20
p	:	0x1234
&(p→b)	:	0x1238
q	:	0x1238
0x1238	:	20

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(Concrete states)

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Another execution:

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q : 0x1238
0x1238 : 20

Symbolic Execution
(Symbolic states)

x : getZ3Expr(x)
p : 0x7f000001
virtual address from
getMemObjAddress("malloc")
&(p→b) : 0x7f000002
q : 0x7f000002
field virtual address from
getGepObjAddress(base, offset)
0x7f000002 : getZ3Expr(x)

The virtual address for modeling a field is based on the index of the field offset from the base pointer of a struct
(nested struct will be flattened to allow each field to have a unique index)

Call and Return Example

Concrete Execution (Concrete states)

One execution:

```
z : 10
stack push (calling foo at line 8)
k : 3
stack pop (returning from foo at line 4)
x : 3
stack push (calling foo at line 9)
k : 10
stack pop (returning from foo line 4)
y : 10
```

Symbolic Execution (Symbolic states)

One execution:

```
z : getZ3Expr(z)
stack push (calling foo at line 8)
k : 3
stack pop (returning from foo at line 4)
x : 3
stack push (calling foo at line 9)
k : getZ3Expr(z)
stack pop (returning from foo line 4)
y : getZ3Expr(z)
```

```
1 int foo(int z) {
2     k = z;
3     return k;
4 }
5 int main(unsigned z) {
6     int x;
7     int y;
8     x = foo(3);
9     y = foo(z);
10    assert(x == 3);
11 }
```

What's next?

- (1) Understand SSE algorithms in the slides
- (2) Finish the quizzes of Assignment 4 on Canvas
- (3) Implement a automated translation from code to Z3 formulas using SSE and Z3Mgr i.e., coding task in Assignment 3