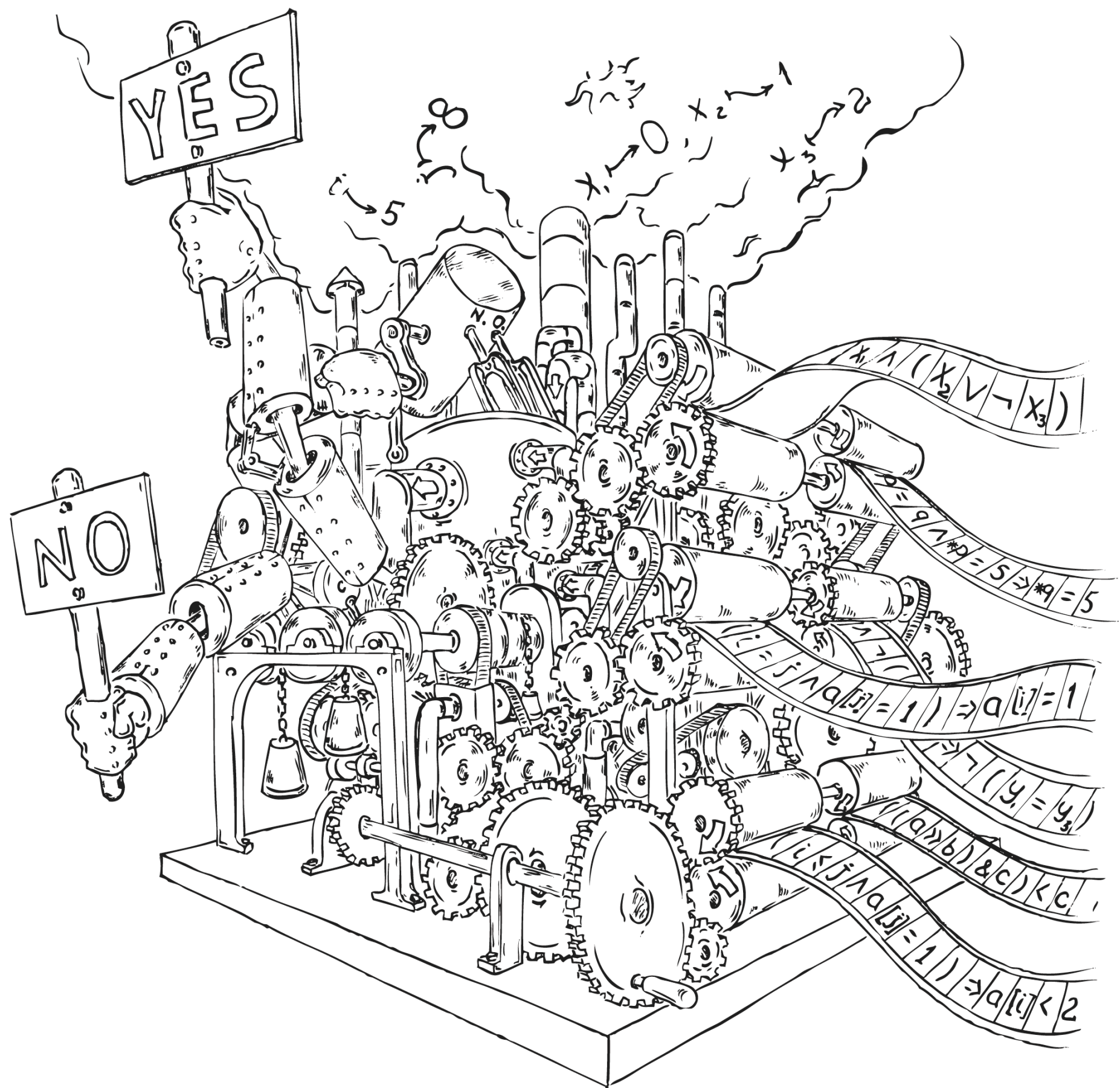


# Deciding Combined Theories

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# Outline

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# Theories and Signatures

First-order logic (FOL)

- Signature: constants, function and relation symbols
- Syntax: Obtained from atomic formulas by applying Boolean connectives and quantifications.

Example:

FOL with signature  $\{R\}$ , where  $R$  represents a binary relation.

$$\exists y . R(x, y)$$

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Conjunctive fragments: conjunctions of equalities and inequalities

# Equality Logic with Uninterpreted Functions (EUF)

Signature: Set of function symbols  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots\}$ .

*formula* : *formula*  $\vee$  *formula*  
          |  $\neg$ *formula*  
          | *atom*

*atom* : *term* = *term*  
      | *Boolean-variable*

*term* : *term-variable*  
      | *function* (list of *terms*)

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**Axioms:** For each function symbol  $F$ ,  $\forall x_1, x_2. x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow F(x_1) = F(x_2)$



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First consider a **conjunction** of equalities/inequalities

1. Initially, define an equivalence class  $\{t\}$  for each term  $t$ .
2. For each equality  $t_1 = t_2$ , **merge** the equivalence classes of  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Repeat until convergence.
3. For each pair of terms  $F(t_1)$  and  $F(t_2)$ , if  **$t_1$  and  $t_2$  are in the same equivalence class**, then **merge** the equivalence classes of  $F(t_1)$  and  $F(t_2)$ . Repeat until convergence.
4. For each inequality  $t_1 \neq t_2$ , if  $t_1$  is in the same equivalence class as  $t_2$ , then return 'UNSAT'.
5. Return 'SAT'.

# Deciding EUF by Congruence Closure

Then consider arbitrary boolean combinations of equalities.

Can be obtained by applying De Morgan's law e.g.  $\neg(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) = \neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2$



Assume the formulas are in NNF (Negation Normal Form).

Apply the DPLL(T) framework:

1. For **each subset** of the equalities and inequalities that can make the formula “TRUE” (provided that they are assigned “TRUE”), if the conjunction of the equalities and inequalities in this subset is satisfiable, then return “SAT”.

(DPLL is a strategy to avoid naive enumeration of subsets.)

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How about the following formula ?

$$a[31] = b[31] \wedge F(a[31], b[0]) = F(b[31], a[0])$$

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# Theory-Combination Problem

## Theory combination

Given two theories  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$   
with signatures  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  and axiom sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,  
the combination of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{T}_1 \oplus \mathcal{T}_2$ ,  
is a  $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ -theory defined by the axiom set  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .

## Theory combination problem

Let  $\varphi$  be a  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$  formula.  
Then the theory combination problem is to decide whether  
 $\varphi$  is  $\mathcal{T}_1 \oplus \mathcal{T}_2$  valid. Equivalently,  
the problem is to decide whether the following holds:  $A_1 \cup A_2 \models \varphi$ .

# Theory-Combination Problem

Theory-combination problem is **undecidable**, even when the individual theories are decidable.

Under certain restrictions, it becomes decidable.

We will assume the following restrictions:

- $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are **decidable, quantifier-free first-order theories with equality**,
- **disjoint** signatures (except  $=$ ):  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \{ = \}$ ,
- $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are **stably infinite** (to be defined).



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# Stably Infinite Theories

A  $\Sigma$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is stably infinite if every satisfiable  $\Sigma$ -formula has a model with an **infinite domain**.

Examples of Stably infinite theories

LIA and LRA: Linear integer resp. real arithmetic

EUUF: Equality logic with uninterpreted functions

Examples of non-stably infinite theories

Theory of fixed width bit vectors: BV

$\Sigma = \{a, b, =\}$ , axiom:  $\forall x. x = a \vee x = b$

# The Nelson-Oppen Method

By utilizing  $DPLL(T)$ ,  
when deciding combined theories,  
we can focus on  
conjunctive fragments !

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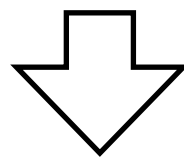
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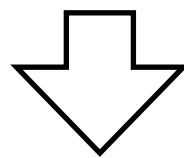
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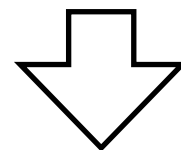
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Note: Purification preserves satisfiability !



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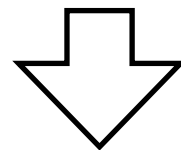
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The purification of  $\phi$  produces an equisatisfiable formula

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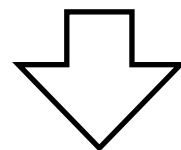
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The algorithm runs in polynomial time,  
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No equalities between variables are implied by  $\phi_1$  resp.  $\phi_2$   
and both  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are satisfiable.

But  $\phi$  is **unsatisfiable**.

# Convex Theories

A theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is convex if  
for all  $\phi$  in the conjunctive fragment, it holds that

$$\phi \models \bigvee_{i=1}^n x_i = y_i \text{ for some } n > 1 \text{ iff}$$
$$\phi \models x_i = y_i \text{ for some } i : 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

where  $x_1, y_i$  are variables.

Convex: LRA, EUF

Non-convex: Almost anything else, e.g. LIA

# Convex Theories

## Examples

LRA is convex.

For contradiction, suppose  $\phi \models x_1 = y_1 \vee x_2 = y_2$  but  $\phi \not\models x_i = y_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2$ .

Then there are  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  in  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$  such that  $\vec{u} \models x_1 = y_1$  and  $\vec{v} \models x_2 = y_2$ , but  $\vec{u} \not\models x_2 = y_2$ , and  $\vec{v} \not\models x_1 = y_1$ .

Since  $\phi$  is in the conjunctive fragment,  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$  is convex.

Therefore,  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v})/2$  is in  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$ . But  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v})/2 \not\models x_i = y_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2$ .

LIA is non-convex.

$\phi \equiv y \leq 1 \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge x_1 = 1 \wedge x_0 = 0 \models y = x_1 \vee y = x_0$

but neither  $\phi \models y = x_1$  nor  $\phi \models y = x_0$

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1. Purify  $\phi$  into  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ .
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4. If  $\phi_i$  implies  $\bigvee_{j=1}^n x_j = y_j$  for some  $i \in \{1,2\}$  and  $n > 1$ , but  $\phi_i$  does not imply  $x_j = y_j$  for every  $j$ , then apply the Nelson-Opppen method recursively to  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge x_1 = y_1, \dots, \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge x_n = y_n$ . If any of them returns “SAT”, then return “SAT”. Otherwise, return “UNSAT”.
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The algorithm is exponential time in the worst case, even if the conjunctive fragments of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  can be decided in polynomial time.

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# Outline

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P1

```
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{
    int g;
    if (b == 0) g = a;
    else {
        a = a%b;
        g = gcd1(b, a);
    }
    return g;
}
```

P2

```
int gcd2(int x, int y)
{
    int z;
    z = x;
    if (y > 0)
        z = gcd2(y, z%y);
    return z;
}
```

# Z3求解器演示例子

把P1和P2改写为SSA形式

P1

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Observing that  $a1 < b$  and  $z\%y < y$ , by the induction principle, the equivalence of P1 and P2 is reduced to checking the **validity** of

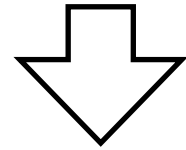
$$(\phi_{P1} \wedge \phi_{P2} \wedge a = x \wedge b = y \wedge b = 0) \rightarrow \text{gcd1}(a, b) = \text{gcd2}(x, y)$$

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# Z3求解器演示例子

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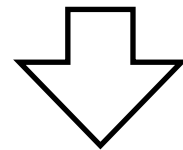


the satisfiability of

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Solve them by Z3: A Demo

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# 作业1 (必做题)

请写出Nelson-Oppen method  
在下面的 LIA  $\oplus$  EUF 公式 $\phi$ 的详细运行过程

$$\phi \equiv 1 \leq x_1 \wedge x_1 \leq x_2 \wedge x_2 \leq 3 \wedge f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \wedge f(x_1) \neq f(1) \wedge f(x_2) \neq f(3)$$

# 作业2 (选做题)

把下面两段程序P1和P2的等价性问题编码为  
LIA  $\oplus$  EUF公式并调用Z3求解器进行求解

P1

```
i := 0  
while i < N do  
    k := f(k, i)  
    i := i + 1
```

P2

```
i := N  
while i ≥ 1 do  
    k := f(k, N - i)  
    i := i - 1  
if N ≤ 0 then  
    i := 0  
else  
    i := N
```

# 作业2 (选做题)

解题思路提示：

1. 将P1和P2合并得到P3(P3只含有一个while 循环),
2. 把P1和P2的等价性问题转换为验证P3的某个 assertion是否成立,
3. 然后寻找P3中while循环的合适的loop invariant,
4. 生成验证条件 ( $LIA \oplus EUF$ 公式) ,
5. 调用Z3求解器进行求解.

# Thanks!

