

# A FOOLish Encoding of the Next State Relations of Imperative Programs

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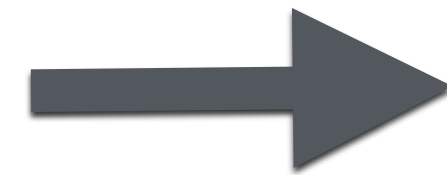
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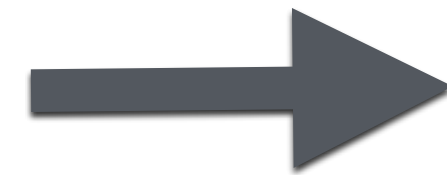
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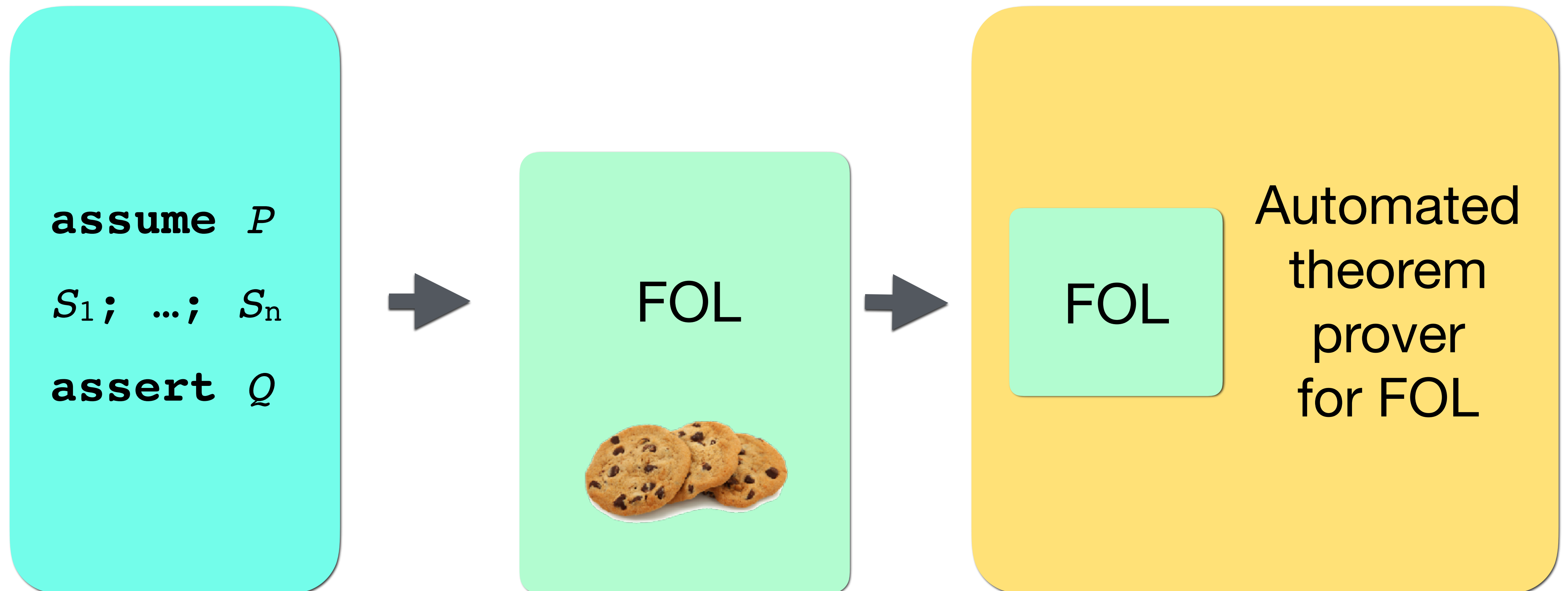


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**What can a first-order prover do with extensions of FOL?**

- Translate to plain FOL that suits it best
- Try multiple translations in a portfolio mode
- Implement heuristics, special inference rules and preprocessing for the extensions

# Our previous work

**FOOL** [Kotelnikov, Kovács and Voronkov; CICM 2015]

A modification of FOL with

- First class boolean sort

$$(\forall x : \textit{bool})(x \vee F(x)) \quad P(\varphi)$$

- Conditional expressions

$$Q(\text{if } \varphi \text{ then } s \text{ else } t)$$

- Local definitions

$$\text{let } a = f(b) \text{ in } R(a, a)$$

**TFX** [Sutcliffe and Kotelnikov; PAAR 2018]

**Clausification for FOOL** [Kotelnikov, Kovács, Suda and Voronkov; GCAI 2016]

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$$(R_1 \vee \dots \vee R_n) \wedge (R_1 \Leftrightarrow (A_1 \wedge B_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge (R_n \Leftrightarrow (A_1 \wedge B_n))$$

# This work

Efficient encoding of  
sequences of variable  
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} else {
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}
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x2  :=  x1 - 1
if (x2 > 0) {
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} else {
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}
y3  :=  y? + x2
```

# FOOL

## Conditional expressions

$\text{max}(x, y) = \text{if } x \geq y \text{ then } x \text{ else } y$

$\text{if } \text{max}(x, y) = x \text{ then } x \geq y \text{ else } y \geq x$

## Definitions of tuples

$(1, 2) : (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$

$\text{let } (x, y) = (y, x) \text{ in } P(x, y)$

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# A programming language

$\tau ::= \text{bool} \mid \text{int} \mid \text{array}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$

$s ::= \text{skip}$

$e ::= n$

$\mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$

$\mid x \mid x[e]$

$\mid e_1 = e_2$

$\mid e_1 + e_2 \mid e_1 - e_2 \mid e_1 \times e_2 \mid e_1 < e_2$

$\mid \neg e \mid e_1 \vee e_2 \mid e_1 \wedge e_2$

$\mid x_1, \dots, x_n := e_1, \dots, e_n$

$\mid x[e_1] := e_2$

$\mid \text{if } e \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2$

$\mid s_1 ; s_2$

# Next state relation

$$\{\varphi\} s \{\psi\} \qquad \varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(s)(\psi)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\text{skip})(t) = t$$

$$\mathcal{N}(s_1 ; s_2)(t) = (\mathcal{N}(s_1) \circ \mathcal{N}(s_2))(t)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(x_1, \dots, x_n := e_1, \dots, e_n)(t) = \text{let } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\mathcal{T}(e_1), \dots, \mathcal{T}(e_n)) \text{ in } t$$

$$\mathcal{N}(x[e_1] := e_2)(t) = \text{let } x = \text{store}(x, \mathcal{T}(e_1), \mathcal{T}(e_2)) \text{ in } t$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\text{if } e \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2)(t) = & \text{let } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{if } \mathcal{T}(e) \text{ then } \mathcal{N}(s_1)((x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\ & \text{else } \mathcal{N}(s_2)((x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\ & \text{in } t, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{updates}(s_1) \cup \text{updates}(s_2) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$



# Example

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if (x > y) {  
    t := y  
    y := x  
    x := t  
}  
d := y - x  
assert d >= 0;
```

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    let t = y in  
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# Example in TFX

```
$let([x: $int, y: $int, t: $int],  
      [x, y, t] := $ite($greater(x, y),  
                        $let(t: $int, t := y,  
                          $let(y: $int, y := x,  
                            $let(x: $int, x := t,  
                              [x, y, t]))),  
                        [x, y, t]),  
      $let(d: $int,  
            d := $difference(x, y),  
            $greater(d, 0)))
```

# Experimental evaluation

- Take a collection of 50 simple imperative programs
- Implement them in the Boogie language
- Generate verification conditions of these programs using
  - Boogie itself
  - Our implementation of the encoding Voogie ([github.com/aztek/voogie](https://github.com/aztek/voogie))
  - Program verifier BLT
- Compare the performance of Vampire on the results of the translations

# Benchmarks

- Write 10 programs with loops — textbook algorithms and solutions to verification competitions
- Unroll each loop 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 times

# Loop unrolling

```
assume  $P$ ;  
while  $e$  invariant  $I$  {  
     $S$ ;  
}
```

# Loop unrolling

```
if  $\neg e$  { bad := true }; s;
```



# Experimental results

## BLT (19)

## Boogie (25)

## Voogie (36)

Benchmark	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
binary-search	0,821	163,790				0,884	2,420	3,364	10,709	27,648	1,979	25,135	6,560		163,803
bubble-sort	3,511										0,394	53,192	2,073		
dutch-flag	4,049					24,789					11,384				
insertion-sort	1,780					122,354					18,262	38,169	3,369	21,698	11,639
matrix-transpose	0,465	12,437				1,311		1,078			0,266	8,362			
maxarray	0,174	1,567	47,724			0,205	0,587	1,197	1,702	1,692	0,170	0,587	0,489	2,635	6,325
maximum	0,069	0,140	0,724	12,234		0,066	0,078	0,082	0,095	0,129	0,062	0,065	0,070	0,087	0,102
one-duplicate	0,307	10,039									0,125	2,402	2,231	93,746	145,243
select-k	3,142					96,993					0,216	0,612	203,655		
two-way-sort	0,319	24,622				0,191	0,205	0,647	1,384	1,344	0,464	5,360			

