

Bedrock: A Framework for Verifying Low-level Programs

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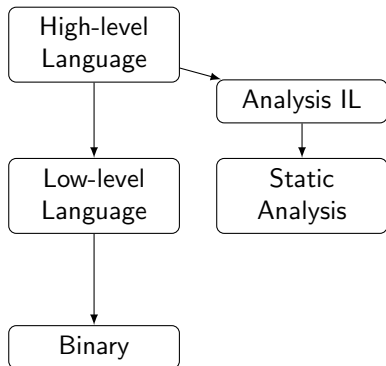
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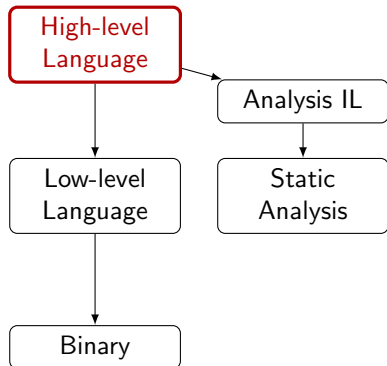
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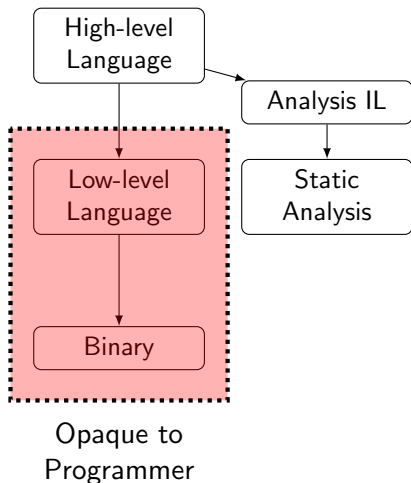


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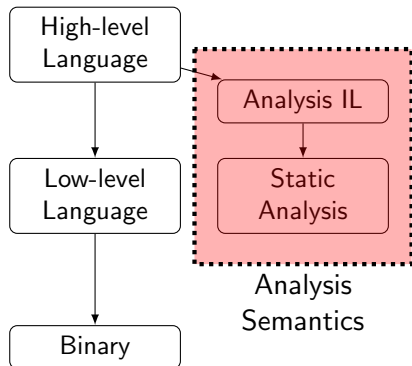
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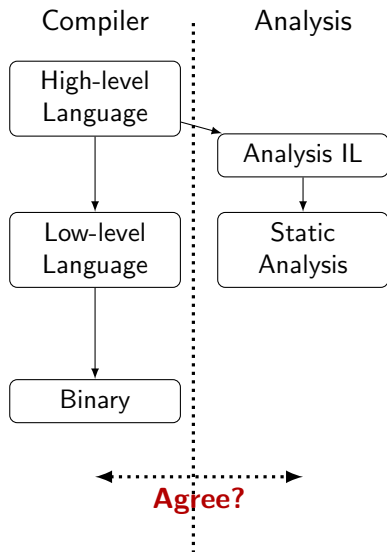
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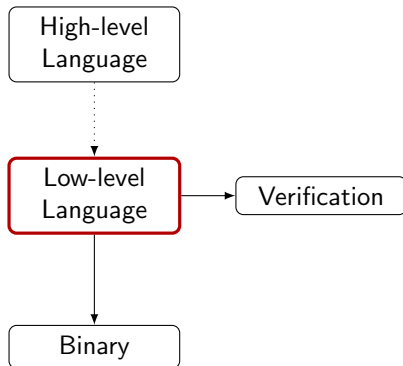
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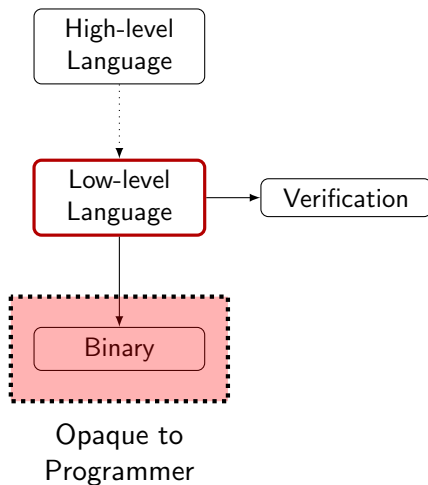
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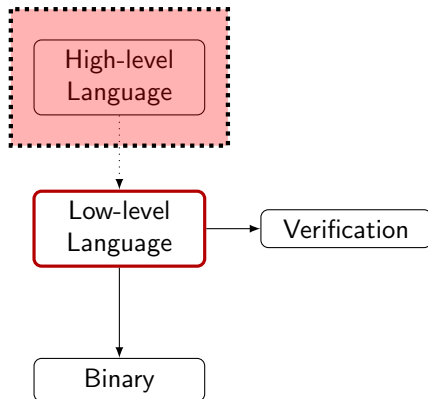
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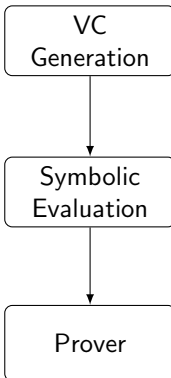
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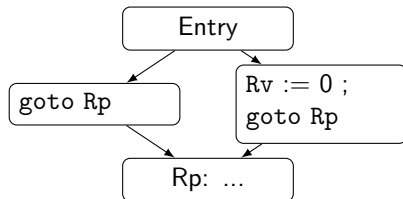
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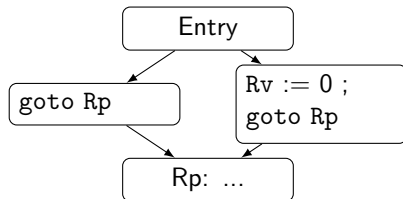
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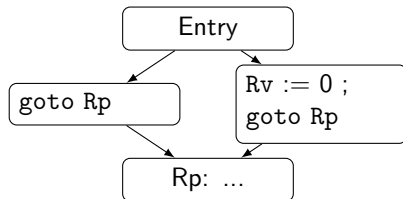


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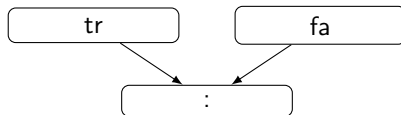
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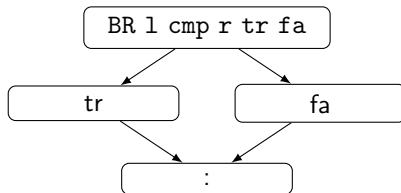


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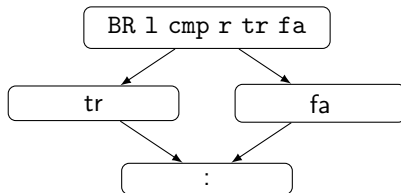


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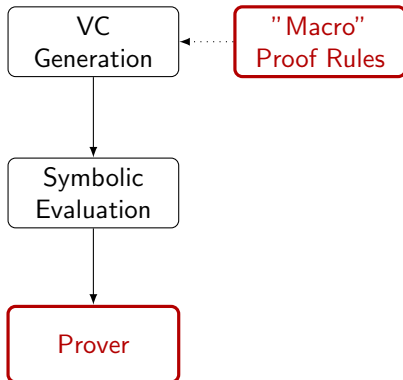
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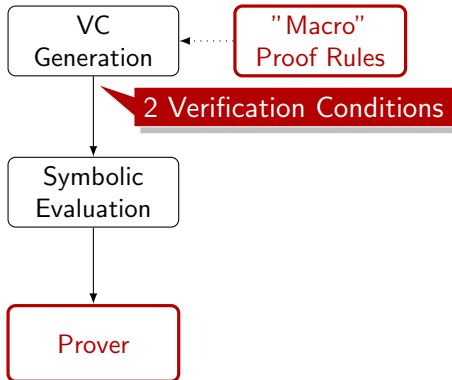
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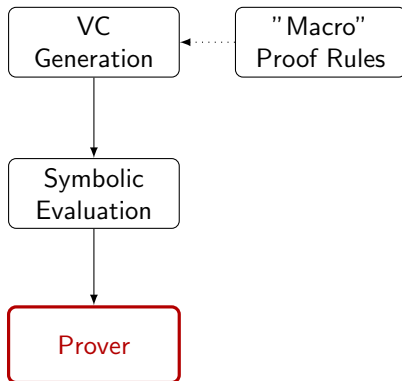
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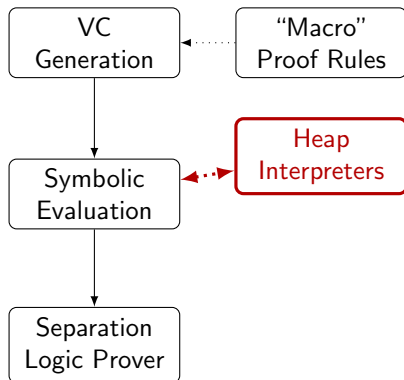
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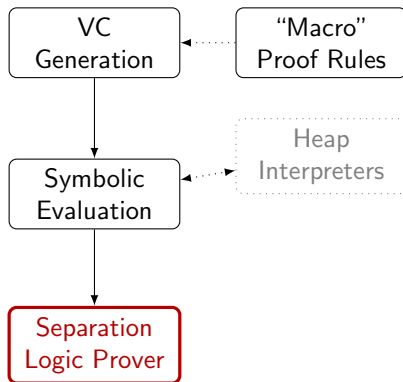
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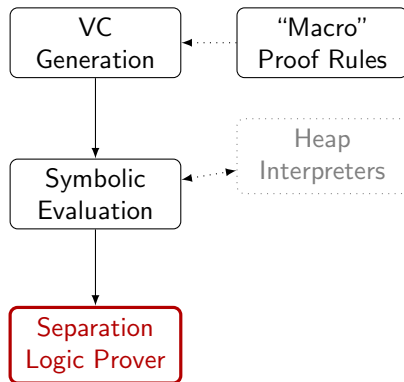
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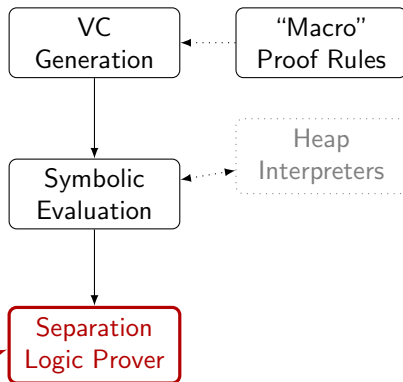
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$$\emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset$$

- Proves $\emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset$ by reflexivity.

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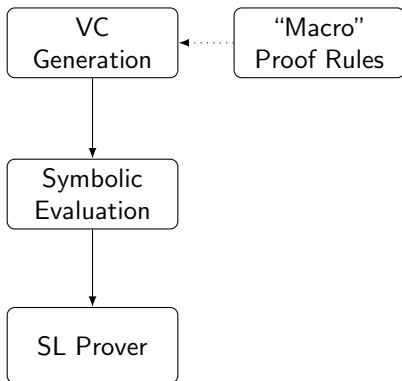
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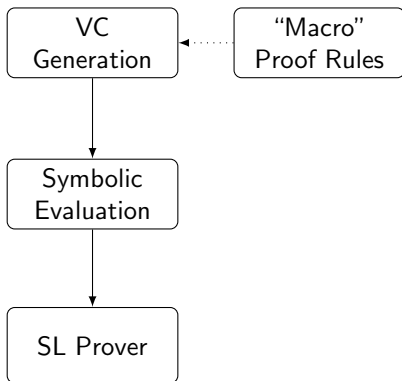
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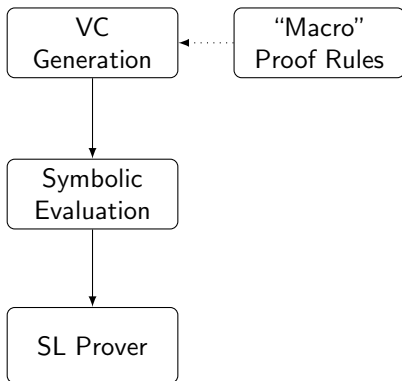
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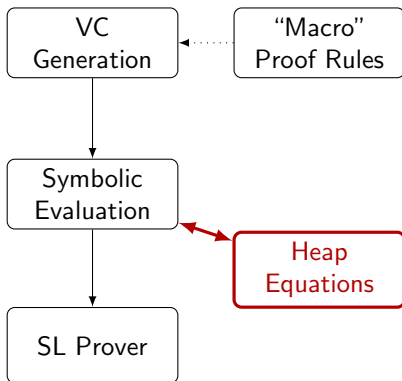
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{  $\exists$  ls,  $!\llist$  Rv ls }  $\wedge$  Rv  $\neq$  0 } st
 $\wedge$  evalInstrs st [Rv :=  $\$$ [Rv]] st'
 $\rightarrow$  {  $\exists$  ls,  $!\llist$  st.Rv ls }
   $\wedge$  st'.Rv = hd ls } st'

```

Stuck!



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\forall p \text{ ls}, p \neq 0 \rightarrow \\
 &\llist p \text{ ls} \Rightarrow \exists v p' \text{ ls}', p \mapsto v * \\
 &\quad p+4 \mapsto p' * \llist p' \text{ ls}' * \\
 &\quad \text{ls} = v :: \text{ls}'
 \end{aligned}$$

Reasoning about Abstract Data Types: Lists

Linked List Head

```

{  $\exists ls, ![\text{llist } Rv \text{ } ls] \text{ st} \wedge$ 
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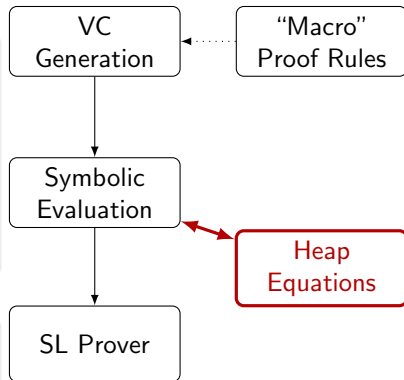
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Symbolic Evaluation

```

{ $\exists p' \ v \ ls', ls = v :: ls' \wedge Rv \neq 0 \wedge$ 
 $! [Rv \mapsto v * Rv + 4 \mapsto p' * \text{llist } p' \text{ } ls']$ } st
 $\wedge \text{evalInstrs st } [Rv := \$[Rv]] \text{ st}'$ 
 $\rightarrow \{ \exists ls, ![\text{llist } st.Rv \text{ } ls]$ 
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```



$$\forall p \text{ } ls, p \neq 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\text{llist } p \text{ } ls \Rightarrow \exists v \ p' \ ls', p \mapsto v * p + 4 \mapsto p' * \text{llist } p' \text{ } ls'$$

Reasoning about Abstract Data Types: Lists

Linked List Head

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{  $\exists ls, ![\text{llist } Rv \text{ } ls] \text{ st} \wedge$ 
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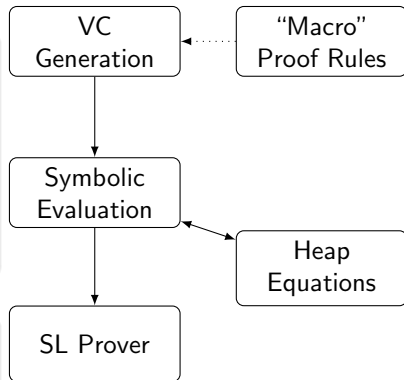
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Proof Obligation

```

{ $\exists ls \text{ p' } v \text{ ls}', ls = v :: ls' \wedge Rv = v \wedge$ 
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 $\text{llist } \text{p' } ls'] \}$  st'
 $\rightarrow \{ \exists ls \text{ p' } v \text{ ls}', Rv = \text{hd } ls \wedge$ 
 $! [\text{llist } \text{st}.Rv \text{ } ls] \}$  st'

```



Reasoning about Abstract Data Types: Lists

Linked List Head

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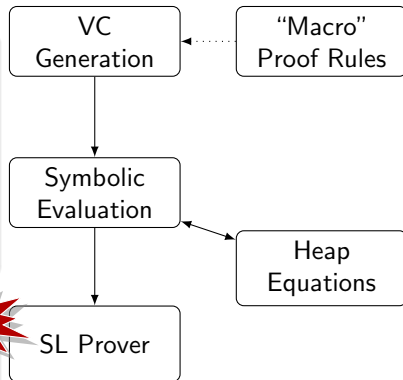
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Stuck!

VC
Generation

“Macro”
Proof Rules

Symbolic
Evaluation

Heap
Equations

SL Prover

$\forall p \text{ } ls, p \neq 0 \rightarrow$
 $\exists v \text{ } p' \text{ } ls', p \mapsto v * p + 4 \mapsto p' * \text{llist } p' \text{ } ls' \Rightarrow \text{llist } p \text{ } ls$

Reasoning about Abstract Data Types: Lists

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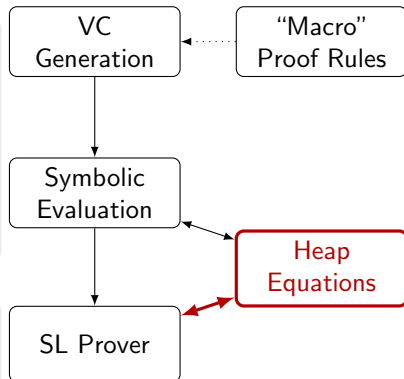
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```



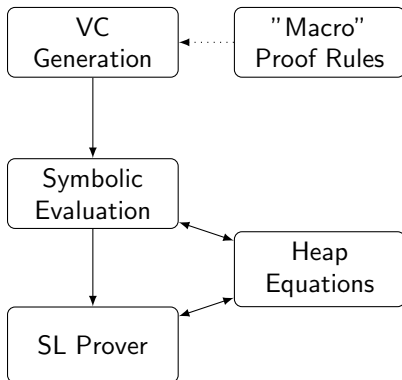
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Outline

Symbolic Evaluation and Data Abstraction

Read from Array

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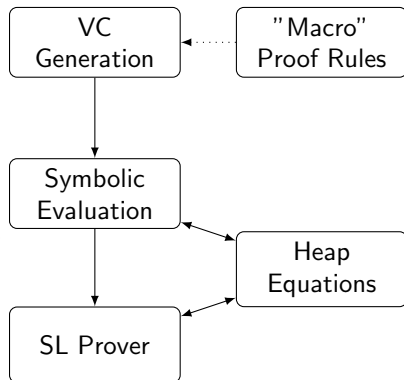
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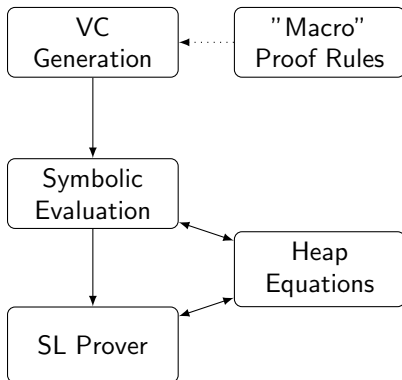
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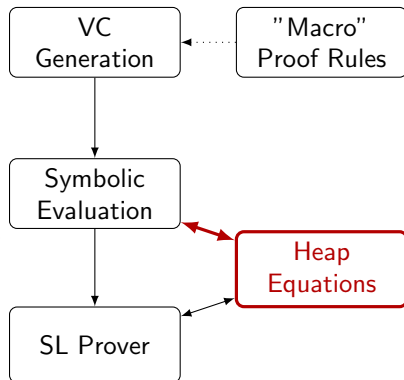
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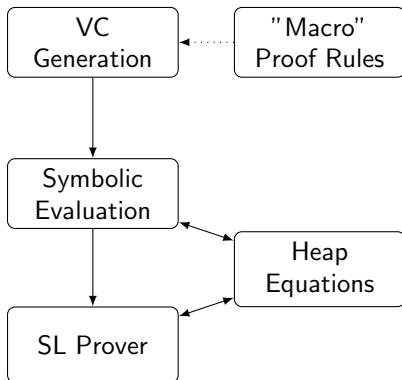
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Symbolic Evaluation and Data Abstraction

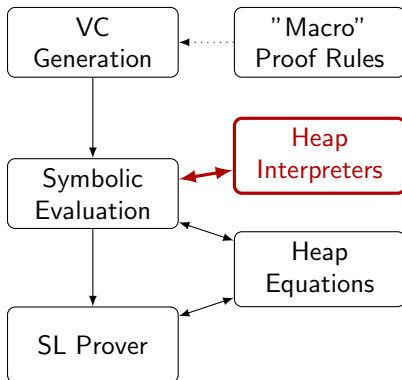
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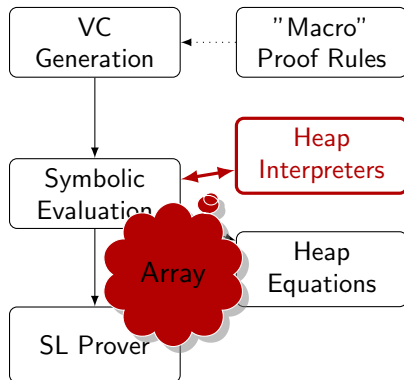
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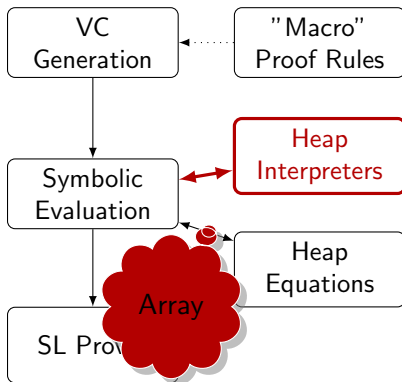
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{ ![ Array Rv 1024 0s]
  ^ Sp = get 0s 100 } st
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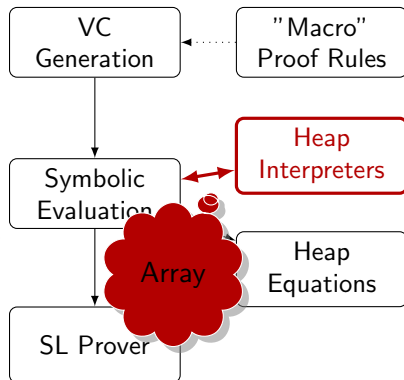
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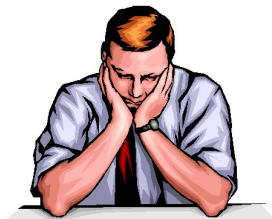
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```
{ ![ Array Rv 1024 (update 100 Sp 0s)]
  ^ Sp = get 0s 100 } st'
→ ...
```



Outline

Verification with Computational Proofs



- Constructing proofs can take a long time...
 - Verification needs to be fast.

“Traditional” Proofs: Even 2048

Definition of Even

$$\frac{}{\text{Even } 0} \text{ Even_0}$$

$$\frac{\text{Even } n}{\text{Even } n + 2} \text{ Even_SS}$$

An Easy Proof Script

Theorem Even_2048 : Even 2048.

repeat constructor.

Qed.

7s

7s

A Huge Proof

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{Even } 0} \text{ Even_0}}{\dots (1022 \text{ applications})} \text{ Even_SS}}{\text{Even } 2046} \text{ Even_SS}$$

$$\frac{\text{Even } 2046}{\text{Even } 2048} \text{ Even_SS}$$

Proofs by Computational Reflection

Definition of Even

$$\frac{}{\text{Even } 0} \text{Even_0}$$

$$\frac{\text{Even } n}{\text{Even } n + 2} \text{Even_SS}$$

A Prover

```

Fixpoint is_even n : bool :=
  match n with
  | 0 => true
  | 1 => false
  | S (S n) => is_even n
  end.

```

Theorem `is_even_Even` : $\forall n,$
`is_even n = true` \rightarrow `Even n`.
Qed.

A Good Proof

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{true} = \text{true}}{\text{is_even } 2048 = \text{true}} \text{Reflexivity}}{\text{Even } 2048} [\text{computation}]}{\text{is_even_Even}}$$

Proofs by Computational Reflection

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Total Proof: 0s

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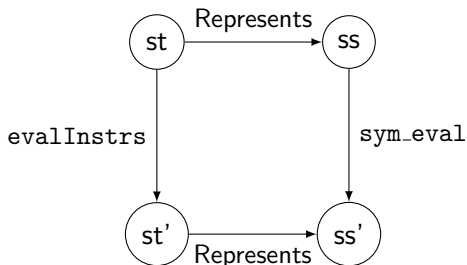
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Applying Computational Reflection



Reflective Theorem

Theorem `symEval_sound` : $\forall \text{ instrs ss ss' st,}$
 `Represents ss st` \rightarrow
 `evalInstrs st instrs st'` \rightarrow
 `sym_eval ss instrs = Some ss'` \rightarrow
 `Represents ss' st'`.

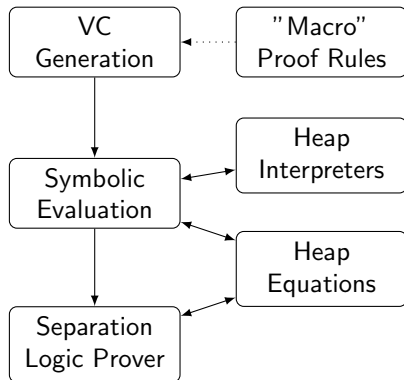
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Future Directions

- Extend to other core languages
 - x86, LLVM
- Concurrency
- Low-level interaction
 - Virtual memory
 - Devices
- Optimization

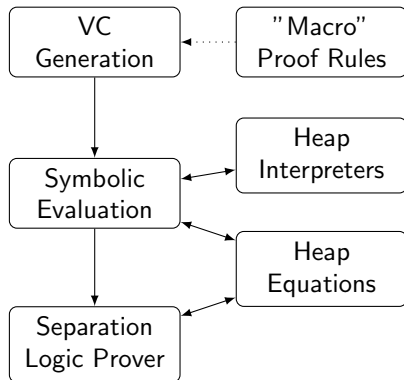
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Questions?

A Simple Core Language

(*Registers*) $r ::= \mathbf{Rv} \mid \mathbf{Rp} \mid \mathbf{Sp}$
(*Expressions*) $e ::= r + r \mid r - r \mid r * r \mid \$(r + c)$
(*Instructions*) $i ::= r := e \mid \$(r + c) := e$
(*Branches*) $t ::= \mathbf{goto} \ c \mid \mathbf{goto} \ r \mid \mathbf{br} \ cmp \ r \ r \ ll$
(*BasicBlocks*) $b ::= i^*; t$

