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Summoning Context-Sensitive Inputs with GOBLIN

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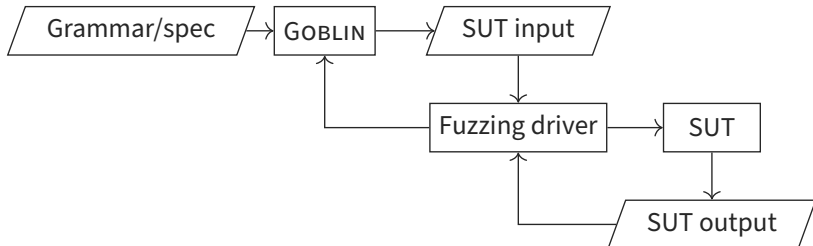
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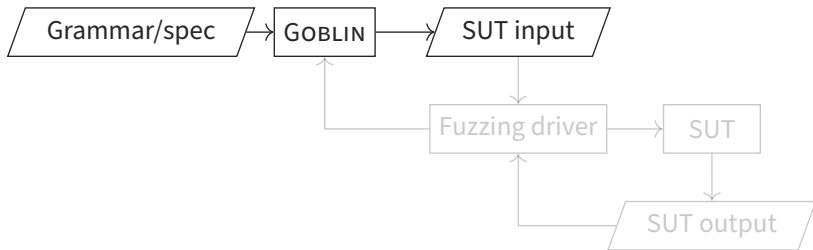
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From now on we only discuss **input generation**

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Support types/functions/predicates with **SMT-LIB** analogues

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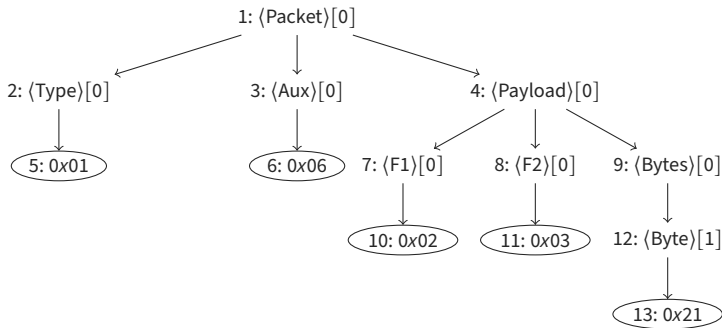
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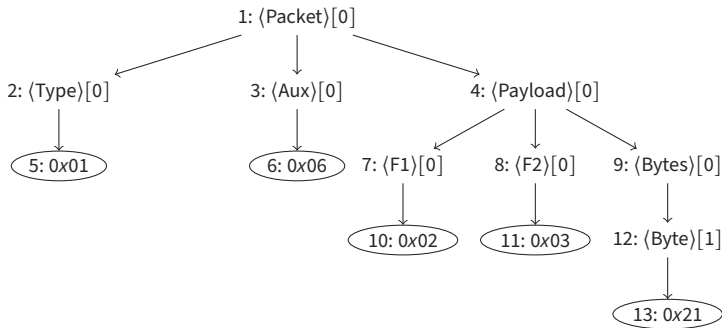
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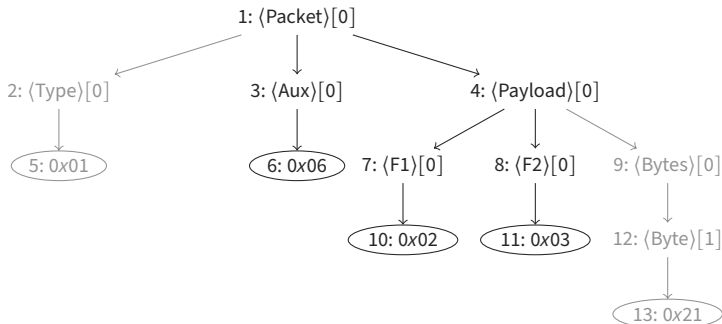
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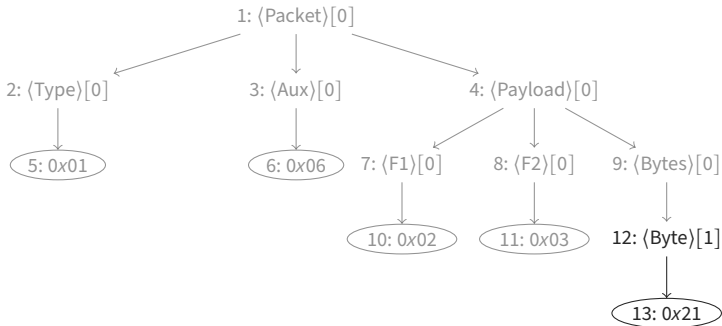
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Thanks! Questions?

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Structural constraints

Every element of the second list is present in the first

```
1  <S> ::= <L1> <L2>
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3  <L1> ::= <_defs_up> <str> <L1>
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5                                <L1>.<_defs_up>); }
6      | <_defs_up> <str>
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9      { set.member(<str>, <_defs_down>);
10      <L2>.<_defs_down> = <_defs_down>; }
11     | <_defs_down> <str>
12     { set.member(<str>, <_defs_down>); };
13 <str> :: String;
14 <_defs_down> :: Set(String);
15 <_defs_up> :: Set(String);
```

Prior Work

- ISLa, most similar in spirit
 - Only natively supports string constraints
 - Global constraints not amenable to **grammar mutations**
- Fandango
 - Uses **genetic algorithms** with built-in fitness functions
 - Constraints may be **non-monotonic** (no monotonically decreasing notion of distance for constraint satisfaction)
 - Times out for simple examples (equality, set membership)
 - Times out with SAECRED grammars

Related Work

- Parser generator libraries (e.g. ANTLR, yacc) handle context sensitivity but are for **parsing** rather than generation
- Attribute grammars handle context sensitivity but work focuses on **parsing** and theoretical results
- Property-based testing does not support **general context-sensitive constraints** over inputs
- SyGuS does not natively support **constraints over non-top-level nonterminals**

Local constraints for grammar mutation

Semantics: Interpretation function

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Semantics: Denotation of G

Search algorithm pseudocode

Calculus

Can conceptualize as guarded rewrite rules on global state