## **Problem Description**

Given a set of variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  and their primed versions  $x'_1, \ldots, x'_n$ , it is possible to describe a loop which uses these variables by 3 boolean functions:

$$\operatorname{Pref}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$
$$\operatorname{Transf}(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1', \dots, x_n')$$
$$\operatorname{Postf}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

With:

 $\operatorname{Pref}(x_1,\ldots,x_n)=1$  denoting that the set of variables are a valid set of input variables to the loop;  $\operatorname{Transf}(x_1,\ldots,x_n,x_1',\ldots,x_n')=1$  denoting that the unprimed set of input variables become its corresponding primed versions after one interation of loop

 $Postf(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = 1$  denoting that the set of input variables are a valid set of ending state of the loop

The problem is to find the invariant of the loop, a boolean function

$$Invf(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$$

such that

$$\operatorname{Pref}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Invf}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$
$$\operatorname{Invf}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge \operatorname{Transf}(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1', \dots, x_n') \Rightarrow \operatorname{Invf}(x_1', \dots, x_n')$$
$$\operatorname{Invf}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Postf}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

## Assumption and argument

Assume that the form of Transf is:

Transf 
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $(C_1^{(1)} \wedge C_2^{(1)} \wedge \dots$ 

$$T_1^{(1)} \wedge T_2^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge T_n^{(1)}) \vee$$

$$(C_1^{(2)} \wedge C_2^{(2)} \wedge \dots$$

$$T_1^{(2)} \wedge T_2^{(2)} \wedge \dots \wedge T_n^{(2)}) \vee$$

with elements, or atoms in that form having the form

$$C_j^{(i)} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_k \ge c \\ x_k > c \\ x_k < c \\ x_k \le c \\ x_l - x_k \ge c \\ x_l - x_k > c \\ x_l - x_k \le c \\ x_l - x_k < c \end{cases}$$

$$T_i^{(i)} \Leftrightarrow (x_k' = x_k + c)$$

We would like to prove the argument that given this assumption as a constraint, if there exists an invariant, there must exist another invariant that have the form

Invf 
$$\Leftrightarrow C'_1 \wedge C'_2 \dots$$

with  $C_i$  being in the same form as  $C_j^{(i)}$