

# Reasoning about Functions

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# Motivation

# Motivation: SMT is Robust!

For “Shallow” Specs in Decidable theories

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Verify goals

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**SMT is Robust For “Shallow” Specs**

SMT solves decidable\* VCs...

\*Quantifier Free Equality, UIF, Arithmetic, Sets, Maps, Bitvectors....

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...VCs over user-defined functions

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goals =  
  [ assert (sum 3 == 6) ]
```

A suitable *spec* for sum?

# SMT is Brittle For “Deep” Specs

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  [ assert (sum 3 == 6) ]
```

A suitable *spec* for `sum` needs **axioms**!

$$\forall n. n \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{sum}(n) = 0$$

$$\forall n. 0 < n \Rightarrow \text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n - 1)$$

# SMT is **Brittle** For “Deep” Specs

A suitable *spec* for sum needs **axioms**!

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SMT solves decidable VCs

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VCs over User-defined Functions

# VCs over User-defined Functions

... are everywhere!

# VCs over User-defined Functions

## Laws

Transitivity, Associativity...

## Optimizations

Optimization preserves behavior ...

## Code Invariants

Higher-order Contract Specifications...

## Functional Correctness

Equivalence w.r.t. to reference implementation

# Motivation

VCs over User-defined Functions

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## SMT Reasoning about Functions

LEON [[“Satisfiability Modulo Recursive Functions”, Suter et al. 2011](#)]  
DAFNY [[“Computing with an SMT Solver”, Amin et al. 2014](#)]

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# Equational Proof

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# A suitable *spec* for sum?

reflect implementation as the specification

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sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
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    else n + sum (n - 1)
```

```
goals =  
[ assert (sum 3 == 6) ]
```

```
sum :: n:_ -> v:{v = if n <= 0 then 0 else n + sum(n-1)}
```

# A suitable spec for sum?

reflect implementation as the specification

```
sum :: n:_ -> v:{v = if n <= 0 then 0 else n + sum(n-1)}
```

## A. sum Must Terminate on All Inputs

Ensures soundness

# A suitable *spec* for sum?

reflect implementation as the specification

```
sum :: n:_ -> v:{v = if n <= 0 then 0 else n + sum(n-1)}
```

B. sum is an uninterpreted function

$$\forall x, y : x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$$

# A suitable spec for sum?

reflect implementation as the specification

```
sum :: n:_ -> v:{v = if n <= 0 then 0 else n + sum(n-1)}
```

B. sum is an uninterpreted function

Ensures SMT can decide VCs

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reflect implementation as the specification

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Ensures soundness

## B. sum is an uninterpreted function

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# Equational Proof

Step 1

reflect implementation as the specification

Step 2

Call function to “unfold” definition

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```
{-@ reflect sum @-}  
sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
    then 0  
  else n + sum (n - 1)
```

```
goals =  
[ assert (sum 0 == 0) ]
```

## Verification Condition\*

$$(sum(0) = \text{if } (0 \leq 0) \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \dots) \Rightarrow sum(0) = 0$$

\* At callsite, substitute *actuals* for *formals* in Post-Condition [Floyd-Hoare]

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  else n + sum (n - 1)
```

```
goals =  
[ assert (sum 0 == 0) ]
```

## Verification Condition

$(\text{sum}(0) = \text{if } (0 \leq 0) \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \dots) \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{sum}(0) = 0}$

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  else n + sum (n - 1)  
  
goals =  
  [ assert (sum 0 == 0) ]
```

## Verification Condition

$(\text{sum}(0) = \text{if } (0 \leq 0) \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \dots) \Rightarrow \text{sum}(0) = 0$



# Call function to “unfold” definition

```
{-@ reflect sum @-}  
sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
    then 0  
  else n + sum (n - 1)  
  
goals =  
  [ assert (sum 2 == 3) ]
```

Verification Condition Invalid

$(\text{sum}(2) = \text{if } 2 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2 + \text{sum}(1)) \Rightarrow \text{sum}(2) = 3$  

\* VC has no information about `sum(1)`

# Call function to “unfold” definition

```
{-@ reflect sum @-}  
sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
    then 0  
  else n + sum (n - 1)
```

If at first you don't succeed...

[ assert (sum 2 == 3) ]

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goals =  
  [ assert (sum 1 == 1)  
  , assert (sum 2 == 3) ]
```

VC has no information about  $\text{sum}(1)$

Call  $\text{sum}(1)$  to unfold specification...

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sum n =  
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Call  $\text{sum}(0)$  to unfold specification...

# Call function to “unfold” definition

```
{-@ reflect sum @-}

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  if n <= 0
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    else n + sum (n - 1)

goals =
  [ assert (sum 0 == 0)
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{-@ reflect sum @-}  
sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
    then 0  
    else n + sum (n - 1)  
  
goals =  
  [ assert (sum 0 == 0) ✓  
  , assert (sum 1 == 1)  
  , assert (sum 2 == 3) ]
```

VC

$(\text{sum}(0) = \text{if } 0 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 0 + \text{sum}(0 - 1)) \Rightarrow \text{sum}(0) = 0$



# Call function to “unfold” definition

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sum n =  
  if n <= 0  
    then 0  
  else n + sum (n - 1)  
  
goals =  
  [ assert (sum 0 == 0) ✓,  
    assert (sum 1 == 1) ✓,  
    assert (sum 2 == 3) ]
```

VC

$(\text{sum}(0) = \text{if } 0 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 0 + \text{sum}(0 - 1))$  ✓  
 $\wedge (\text{sum}(1) = \text{if } 1 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 + \text{sum}(1 - 1)) \Rightarrow \text{sum}(1) = 1$

# Call function to “unfold” definition

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```

```
goals =  
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    , assert (sum 2 == 3) ✓ ]
```

VC

$(\text{sum}(0) = \text{if } 0 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 0 + \text{sum}(0 - 1))$

$\wedge (\text{sum}(1) = \text{if } 1 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 + \text{sum}(1 - 1))$

$\wedge (\text{sum}(2) = \text{if } 2 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2 + \text{sum}(2 - 1)) \Rightarrow \text{sum}(2) = 3$



# Equational Proof

Step 1

reflect implementation as the specification

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Call function to “unfold” definition

# Equational Proof

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Call function to “unfold” definition (repeatedly!)

Tedious to unfold repeatedly!

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Step 3

Combinators structure calls as *equations*

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

$$(==) :: x:_ \rightarrow y:\{y=x\} \rightarrow \{v:v=x \And v=y\}$$

Combinator's Precondition

Input arguments must be equal

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
(==) :: x:_ -> y:{y=x} -> {v:v=x && v=y}
```

Combinator's Postcondition

Output value equals inputs

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 () =  
  assert (sum 2 == 3)
```

Verification goal

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 () =  
  @ensures (sum 2 == 3)
```

Verification goal

Rephrased as *post-condition*

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 :: () -> { sum 2 == 3 }
```

Verification goal

Rephrased as *output-type*

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 :: O -> {sum 2 == 3}
goal2 O
  =
  sum 2
  === 3
```

Invalid VC

VC has no information about `sum(1)`

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 :: O -> {sum 2 == 3}
goal2 O
  =
  sum 2
  === 2 + sum 1
  === 3
```

Invalid VC

VC has no information about  $\text{sum}(0)$

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal2 :: O -> {sum 2 == 3}
```

```
goal2 O
```

```
= sum 2
```

```
== 2 + sum 1
```

```
== 2 + 1 + sum 0
```

```
== 3
```



# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
(==?) :: x:_ -> y:_ -> {y=x} -> {v:v=x && v=y}
```

Ternary “Because” Combinator

Third input “asserts” that first two are equal

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal3 :: O -> {sum 3 == 6}
```

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Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal3 :: O -> {sum 3 == 6}
goal3 O
  =
  sum 3
  === 3 + sum 2
  === 6
```

Invalid VC

VC has no information about `sum(2)`

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal3 :: () -> {sum 3 == 6}
goal3 ()
  =
  sum 3
  === 3 + sum 2
  ==? 3 + 3      ? goal2()
```

Post-condition adds  $\text{sum}(2)$  to VC

```
goal2 :: () -> {sum 2 == 3}
```

# Equational Proof

Combinators structure calls as equations

```
goal3 :: () -> {sum 3 == 6}
goal3 ()
  =
  sum 3
  === 3 + sum 2
  ==? 6           ? goal2()
```



# Equational Proof

Enables “deep” verification

# Equational Proof

$$\forall 0 \leq n. \ 2 \times \text{sum}(n) = n \times (n + 1)$$

[Demo]

# Equational Proof

$$\forall 0 \leq n. 2 \times \text{sum}(n) = n \times (n + 1)$$

sumPf ::  $n : \{0 \leq n\} \rightarrow \{2 * \text{sum } n == n * (n + 1)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sumPf } 0 &= 2 * \text{sum } 0 \\ &== 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sumPf } n &= 2 * \text{sum } n \\ &== 2 * (n + \text{sum } (n - 1)) \\ &=? 2 * n + (n - 1) * n \\ &== n * (n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Induction  
Hypothesis

? sumPf (n - 1)

# Equational Proof

$$\forall xs, ys, zs. \ (xs ++ ys) ++ zs = xs ++ (ys ++ zs)$$

[Demo]

# Equational Proof

$$\forall xs, ys, zs. (xs ++ ys) ++ zs = xs ++ (ys ++ zs)$$

```
appendPf :: xs:_ -> ys:_ -> zs:_ ->
           { (xs ++ ys) ++ zs = xs ++ (ys ++ zs)}
```

$$\begin{aligned} \text{appendPf } & \square \quad \text{ys zs} \\ = & \quad (\square ++ \text{ys}) ++ \text{zs} \\ === & \quad \square ++ (\text{ys} ++ \text{zs}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{appendPf } & (x:xs) \text{ ys zs} \\ = & \quad ((x:xs) ++ \text{ys}) ++ \text{zs} && \text{Induction} \\ === & \quad (x : (xs ++ \text{ys})) ++ \text{zs} && \text{Hypothesis} \\ === & \quad x : ((xs ++ \text{ys}) ++ \text{zs}) \\ ==? & \quad x : (xs ++ (\text{ys} ++ \text{zs})) ? \text{appendPf xs ys zs} \\ === & \quad (x:xs) ++ (\text{ys} ++ \text{zs}) \end{aligned}$$

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# II

# Proof Synthesis

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Equational Proof is *very* expressive

Manual unfolding is tedious!

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$$\forall n. \ n > 2 \Rightarrow \text{sum}(n) > 5 + \text{sum}(n - 3)$$

```
n:{n > 2} -> {sum n > 5 + sum(n-3)}
```

# Manual unfolding is tedious!

```
ex :: n:{n > 2} -> {sum n > 5 + sum(n-3)}
```

# Proof Synthesis

```
ex :: n:{n > 2} -> {sum n > 5 + sum(n-3)}  
  
ex n = sum n  
     === n + sum (n-1)  
     === n + (n-1) + sum (n-2)  
     === n + (n-1) + (n-2) + sum (n-3)  
     > 5 + sum (n-3)
```

Manual unfolding is tedious!

# Proof Synthesis

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```

How to *automate* unfolding?

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Problem

*Completeness vs. Termination*

[LEON]

[DAFNY]

# How to automate unfolding?

**Problem**

Completeness vs. Termination

**Solution**

Unfold if you *must*

# Logical Evaluation

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# Logical Evaluation

## Step 1

Represent functions in *guarded form*\*

```
{-@ reflect sum @-}
sum n =
  if n <= 0
    then 0
  else n + sum (n-1)
```

# Logical Evaluation

## Step 1

Represent functions in *guarded form*\*

```
sum n =  
| n <= 0 = 0  
| 0 < n = n + sum (n-1)
```

|  $\text{guard}_i$  =  $\text{body}_i$

\* Every sub-term in  $\text{body}_i$  is evaluated when  $\text{guard}_i$  is true

# Logical Evaluation

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Represent functions in *guarded* form

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Unfold calls whose guard *is valid*

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# Logical Evaluation

Unfold calls whose guard *is valid*

```
n:{n > 2} -> {sum n > 5 + sum(n-3)}
```

# Logical Evaluation

Unfold calls whose guard is *valid*

Assume

$$n > 2$$

Prove

$$\text{sum } n > 5 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$

# Logical Evaluation

Unfold calls whose guard is *valid*

Assume

$n > 2$

Calls

sum n

sum(n-3)

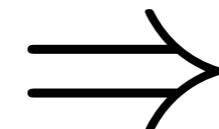
# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

Assume

*Is valid?*

$$\text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n-1)$$

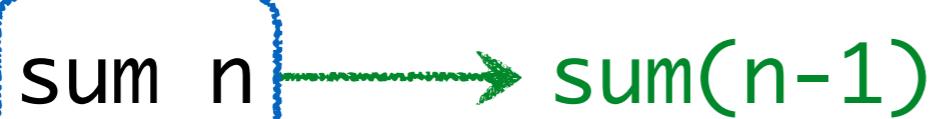
$n > 2$



$n > 0$



Calls



$\text{sum}(n-3)$

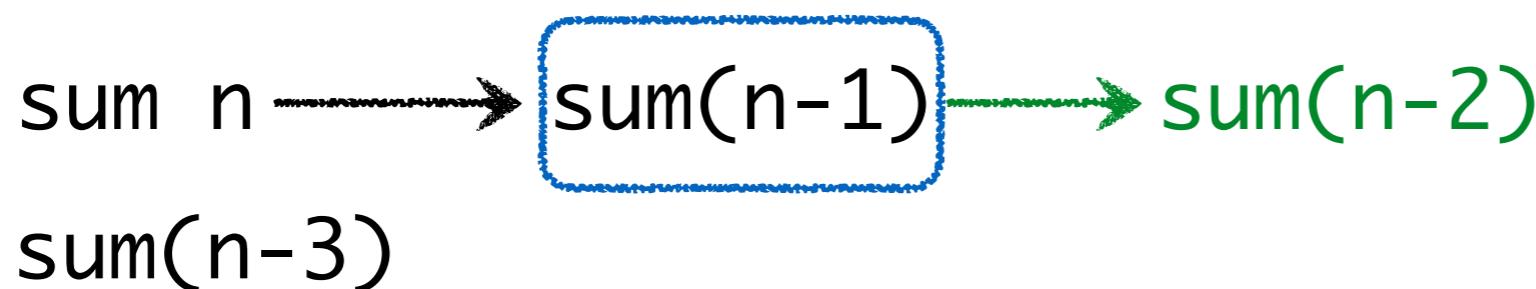
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Assume

Is valid?

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & n > 2 & \\ \text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n-1) & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \boxed{n-1 > 0} \quad \checkmark \\ \boxed{\text{sum}(n-1) = n-1 + \text{sum}(n-2)} & & \end{array}$$

Calls



# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

Assume

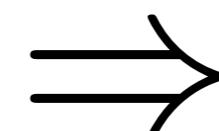
Is valid?

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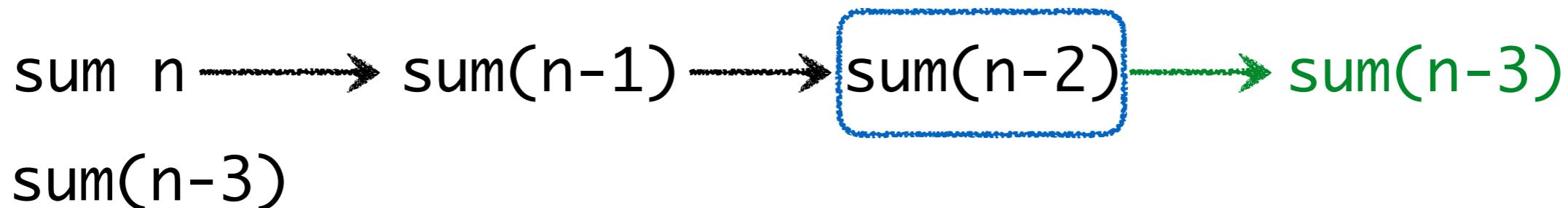
$$\text{sum}(n-2) = n-2 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$



$$n-2 > 0$$



Calls



# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

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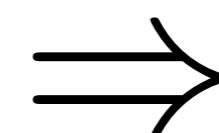
*Is valid?*

$$n > 2$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n-1)$$

$$\text{sum}(n-1) = n-1 + \text{sum}(n-2)$$

$$\text{sum}(n-2) = n-2 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$



$$n-3 > 0$$

✗

Calls



# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

Assume

$$\text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n-1) \quad n > 2$$

$$\text{sum}(n-1) = n-1 + \text{sum}(n-2)$$

$$\text{sum}(n-2) = n-2 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$

Fixpoint!

Calls

sum n → sum(n-1) → sum(n-2) → sum(n-3)

# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

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Fixpoint!

Assume strengthened by unfolded calls

# Unfold calls whose guard is valid

Assume

$$n > 2$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = n + \text{sum}(n-1)$$

$$\text{sum}(n-1) = n-1 + \text{sum}(n-2)$$

$$\text{sum}(n-2) = n-2 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$



Prove

$$\text{sum } n > 5 + \text{sum}(n-3)$$



Assume strengthened by unfolded calls

# Logical Evaluation

Step 1

Represent functions in *guarded* form

Step 2

Unfold calls whose guard *is valid*

# Logical Evaluation

```
def PLE(D, A, G):  
  
    C = [x = f(t) for f(t) in G, x fresh]  
    A* = A ∪ C  
  
    while A ⊂ A*:  
        A = A*  
        A* = Unfold(D, A)  
  
    return IsValid(A* ⇒ G)
```

Algorithm: PLE

# Logical Evaluation

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(D)efinitions, (A)ssumptions, (G)oal

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Extend (A)ssumptions with calls in (G)oal

# Logical Evaluation

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Strengthen (A)ssumption with *fixpoint* of unfoldings

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Does strengthened (A)ssumption imply (G)oal ?

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def Unfold(D, A):
    return [ (f(x) = body)[t/x] |
            for f(t) in A
            for <guard = body> in D(f)
            if IsValid(A ==> guard[t/x]) ]
```

## Unfold

Returns equations for calls whose *guard implied by A*

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**IsValid**( $A^* \Rightarrow G$ ) if  $A \rightarrow G$  with *any* equational proof

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$$\forall n. \ n > 2 \Rightarrow \text{sum}(n) > 5 + \text{sum}(n - 3)$$

[Demo]

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$$\forall 0 \leq n. \ 2 \times \text{sum}(n) = n \times (n + 1)$$

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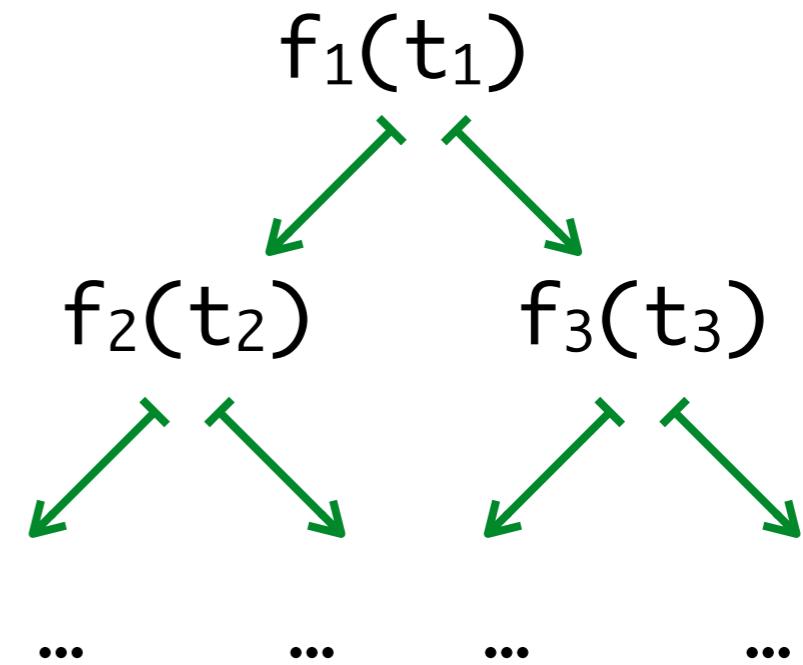
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## (Implicit) Tree of Logical Steps

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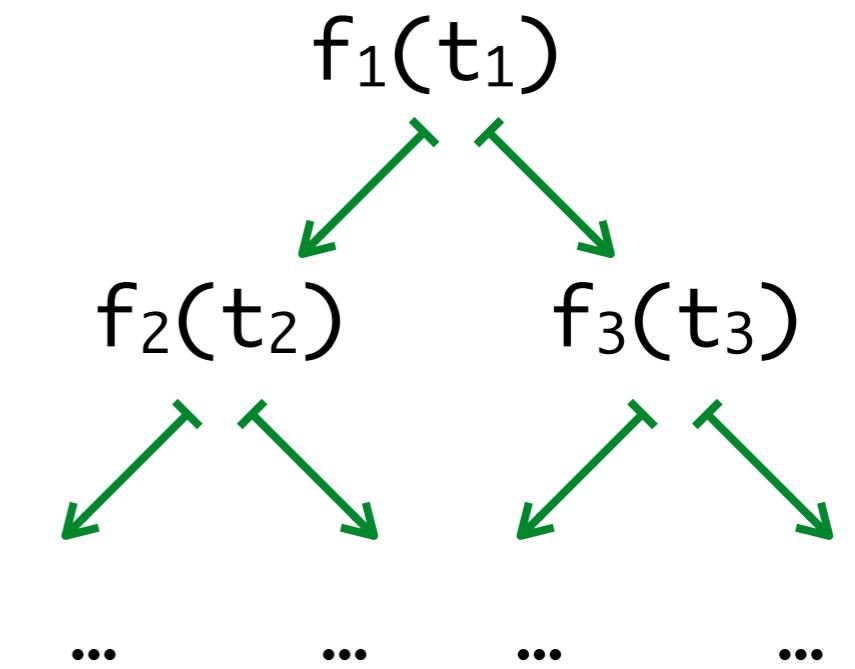
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**Reflected Functions Terminate!**

(Required for soundness)

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i.e.

If infinite logical path ,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  not empty\*

Then infinite concrete trace.

\* $A$  is satisfiable

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$\therefore \text{PLE}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{G})$  terminates!

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# [Demo]

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Benchmark	Common		Without PLE Search			With PLE Search		
	Impl (l)	Spec (l)	Proof (l)	Time (s)	SMT (q)	Proof (l)	Time (s)	SMT (q)
<b>Arithmetic</b>								
Fibonacci	7	10	38	2.74	129	16	1.92	79
Ackermann	20	73	196	5.40	566	119	13.80	846
<b>Class Laws Fig 11</b>								
Monoid	33	50	109	4.47	34	33	4.22	209
Functor	48	44	93	4.97	26	14	3.68	68
Applicative	62	110	241	12.00	69	74	10.00	1090
Monad	63	42	122	5.39	49	39	4.89	250
<b>Higher-Order Properties</b>								
Logical Properties	0	20	33	2.71	32	33	2.74	32
Fold Universal	10	44	43	2.17	24	14	1.46	48
<b>Functional Correctness</b>								
SAT-solver	92	34	0	50.00	50	0	50.00	50
Unification	51	60	85	4.77	195	21	5.64	422
<b>Deterministic Parallelism</b>								
Conc. Sets	597	329	339	40.10	339	229	40.70	861
<i>n</i> -body	163	251	101	7.41	61	21	6.27	61
Par. Reducers	30	212	124	6.63	52	25	5.56	52
<b>Total</b>	1176	1279	1524	148.76	1626	638	150.88	4068

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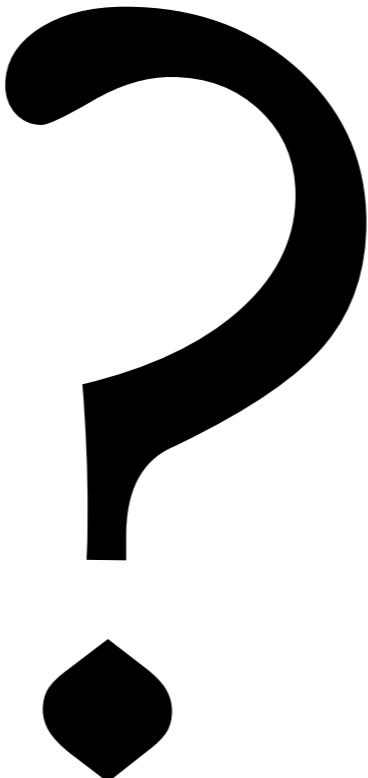
Short, Readable, High-level Proofs

**... Except when A Proof Fails!**

Counterexamples for true but *unprovable* facts?

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Equational Proofs, Synthesized by Logical Evaluation





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