

# SMT solvers and quantifiers

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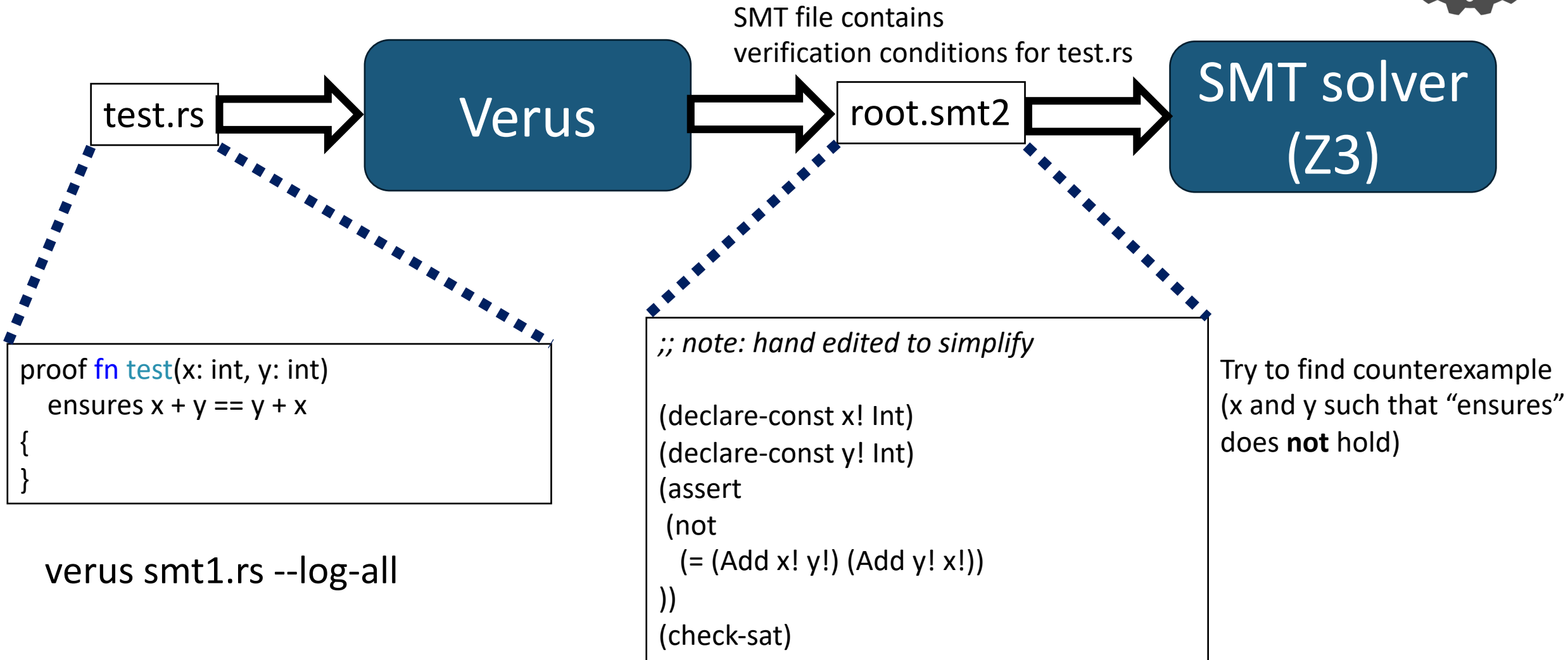


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# Verification condition generation





# Decidable and undecidable theories

## DECIDABLE THEORIES

**boolean expressions**

$e ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid !e \mid e \ \&\& \ e \mid e \implies e \mid \dots$

**linear integer arithmetic**

$e ::= \dots \mid -2 \mid -1 \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid e + e \mid e - e \mid e \leq e \mid \dots$

**bit vector arithmetic**

$e ::= \dots \mid e \ \& \ e \mid e \ll e \mid \dots$

**uninterpreted functions**

$e ::= \dots \mid f(e, \dots, e)$

**datatypes**

$e ::= \dots \mid S(e, \dots, e) \mid S.f \mid \text{match } e \{ \dots \}$

## UNDECIDABLE

**nonlinear integer arithmetic**

$e ::= \dots \mid e * e \mid e / e \mid e \% e$

**quantifiers**

$e ::= \dots \mid (\text{forall } x: t \mid e) \mid (\text{exists } x: t \mid e)$

What algorithms solve the decidable theories?

What heuristics can help with the undecidable components?



# SMT components used by Verus

## Core Components (always enabled)

### SAT solver

true | false | !e  
e && e | ...

### Linear int arith

-2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2  
| e + e | e - e  
| e <= e | ...

### Uninterp funcs

spec fn f(x,...,x);  
f(e,...,e)

### Datatypes

struct S { ... }  
enum E { ... }  
S(e,...,e) | e.f | ...

### Quantifiers

forall | x: t | e  
exists | x: t | e

## Additional Components (via “assert by”)

### Bit vector arith

e & e | e << e |  
...

### Nonlin int arith

e \* e  
e / e | e % e

decidable, but can be slow

undecidable,  
often unpredictable

- undecidable, but really important
- programmable by triggers

# Congruence for uninterpreted functions



Congruence principle:  
equal inputs imply equal output

Uninterp funcs

```
spec fn f(x,...,x);  
f(e,...,e)
```

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e1 == e1' \\ e2 == e2' \\ \dots \\ en == en' \end{array} \right\} \implies f(e1, \dots, en) == f(e1', \dots, en')$$



# Example algorithm: linear arithmetic

Linear int arith

-2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2  
| e + e | e - e  
| e <= e | ...

Example:  $(4*x + 2*y - 2*z \leq 0) \ \&\& \ (3*x + 2*y - z \leq 0)$   
 $\&\& \ (-4*x - 3*y + z \leq 0) \ \&\& \ (-5*x - 4*y + z \leq 0)$

Sample algorithm: “Fourier-Motzkin elimination”

Eliminate one variable at a time:

$$\begin{array}{l} 2*x + y \leq z \\ 3*x + 2*y \leq z \\ \quad z \leq 4*x + 3*y \\ \quad z \leq 5*x + 4*y \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} 2*x + y \leq 4*x + 3*y \\ 2*x + y \leq 5*x + 4*y \\ 3*x + 2*y \leq 4*x + 3*y \\ 3*x + 2*y \leq 5*x + 4*y \end{array}$$

Sufficient for real numbers, rational numbers.

Integers require additional work.

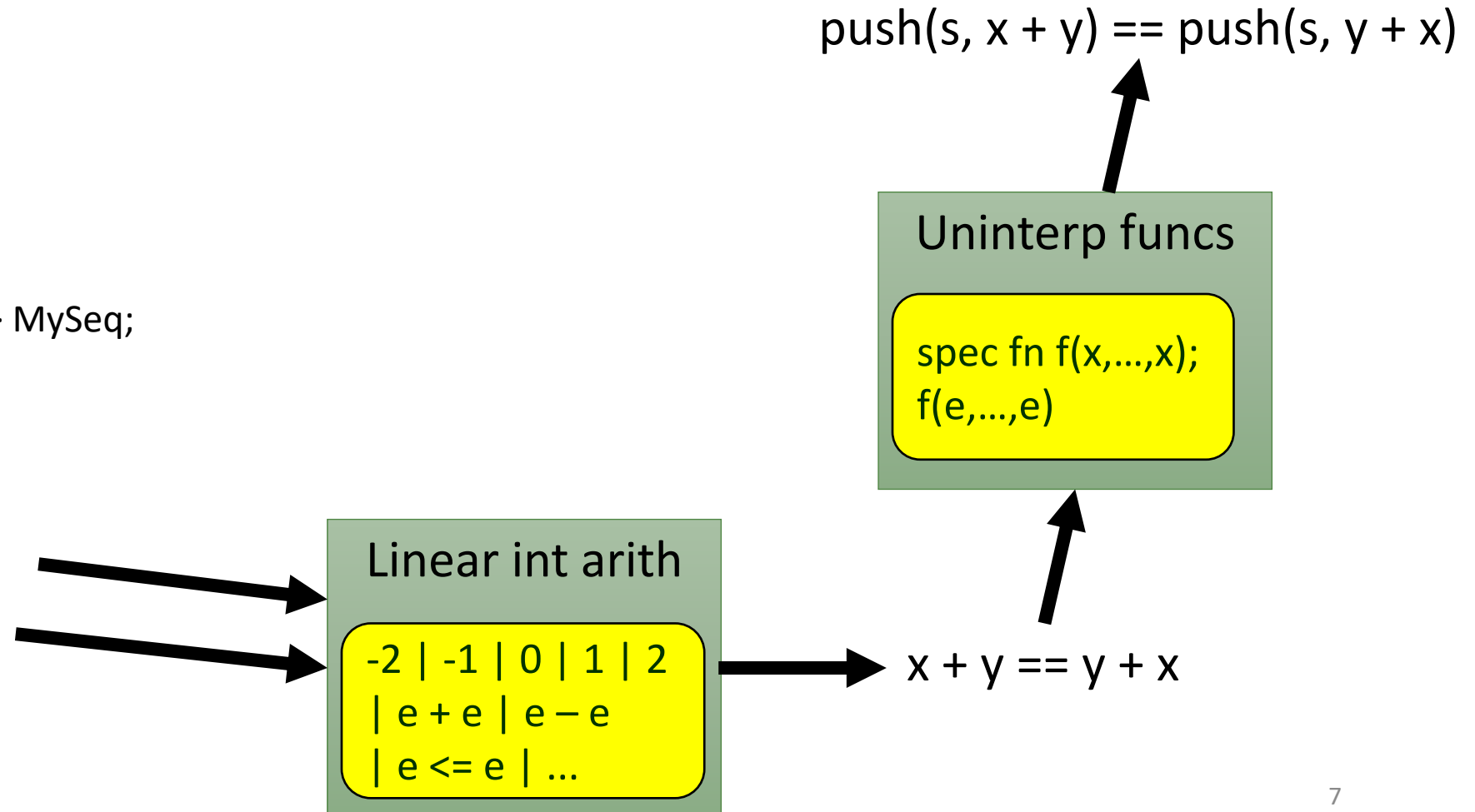
# Example: uninterp funcs + arithmetic



```
#[verifier::external_body]
struct MySeq;

impl MySeq {
  spec fn empty() -> MySeq;
  spec fn len(self) -> nat;
  spec fn push(self, value: int) -> MySeq;
}

proof fn test(x: int, y: int) {
  let s = MySeq::empty();
  assert(s.push(x + y)
    == s.push(y + x));
}
```





# Exercise: uninterp funcs + arithmetic

```
impl MySeq {  
  spec fn empty() -> MySeq;  
  spec fn len(self) -> nat;  
  spec fn push(self, value: int) -> MySeq;  
}  
  
proof fn axiom_my_seq_empty()  
  ensures ... empty len is 0 ...  
{ admit(); }  
  
proof fn axiom_my_seq_push_len(s: MySeq, value: int)  
  ensures ... push adds 1 to len ...  
{ admit(); }  
  
proof fn test(x: int, y: int) {  
  let s0 = MySeq::empty();  
  let s1 = s0.push(x + y);  
  let s2 = s1.push(x - y);  
  assert(s2.len() == 2); // make this succeed  
}
```



# Quantifiers

## Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



```
spec fn f(i: int) -> int;  
spec fn g(i: int) -> int;  
  
proof fn test()  
  requires  
    forall |x: int, y: int| f(x) > g(y)  
  ensures  
    f(g(7)) > g(3)  
{  
}
```

# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



Example:

$\forall f, g.$

(forall  $|x: \text{int}, y: \text{int}| f(x) > g(y)$ )

$\implies f(g(7)) > g(3)$

# Quantifiers

## Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



Example (as satisfiability query):

$\exists f, g.$

(forall  $|x: \text{int}, y: \text{int}| f(x) > g(y)$ )  
&&  $f(g(7)) \leq g(3)$

Infinitely many possible instantiations of  $x, y$

...

&&  $f(2) > g(7)$

&&  $f(4) > g(6)$

&&  $f(4) > g(7)$

&&  $f(5) > g(10)$

&&  $f(5) > g(-5)$

...

# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

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Example:

$\exists f, g.$

pattern ("trigger") to match

(forall |x: int, y: int| #[trigger f(x), g(y)] f(x) > g(y))  
&& f(g(7)) <= g(3)

# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

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exists |x: t| e



Example: (alternate trigger notation for trigger  $f(x)$ ,  $g(y)$ )

$\exists f, g.$

(forall |x: int, y: int|  $\#[\text{trigger}] f(x) > \#[\text{trigger}] g(y)$ )  
&&  $f(g(7)) \leq g(3)$ )

# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

forall |x: t| e  
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Example:

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pattern ("trigger") to match

(forall |x: int, y: int| **#[trigger f(x), g(y)]** f(x) > g(y))

&& f(g(7)) <= g(3)

matches  
f(x) with  
x = g(7)

matches  
g(y) with  
y = 3

# Quantifiers

## Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



Example:

$\exists f, g.$

pattern ("trigger") to match

(forall  $|x: \text{int}, y: \text{int}|$   $\text{\#!}[\text{trigger } f(x), g(y)] f(x) > g(y)$ )  
&&  $f(g(7)) \leq g(3)$  &&  $f(g(7)) > g(3)$

matches  
 $f(x)$  with  
 $x = g(7)$

matches  
 $g(y)$  with  
 $y = 3$

contradiction  
(no counterexample,  
original formula is valid)

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pattern ("trigger") to match

(forall |x: int, y: int| #[trigger f(x), g(y)] f(x) > g(y))  
&& f(g(7)) <= g(3)

Triggers may be written by user,  
or chosen automatically by Verus.



# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

forall | x: t | e  
exists | x: t | e



Example:

$\exists f, g.$

pattern ("trigger") to match

(forall | x: int, y: int | **#[trigger f(x), g(y)]** f(x) > g(y))

&& f(g(7)) <= g(3)

- The trigger must mention all the quantified variables
  - both x and y
- The trigger matches only if *\*all\** of its patterns match
  - both f(x) and g(y) must match some expressions

# Quantifiers

## Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



Example: *badly behaved trigger*

$\exists f.$

(forall  $|x: \text{int}|$  *#[trigger f(x)]*  $f(f(x)) > f(x)$ )

&&  $f(3) \leq f(f(2))$

&&  $f(f(3)) > f(3)$

&&  $f(f(f(3))) > f(f(3))$

&&  $f(f(f(f(3)))) > f(f(f(3)))$

...

Beware of infinite matching loops

# Quantifiers

Quantifiers

forall  $|x: t| e$   
exists  $|x: t| e$



Example:

*nicely behaved trigger*

$\exists f.$

(forall  $|x: \text{int}|$  *#[trigger f(f(x))]*  $f(f(x)) > f(x)$ )

&&  $f(3) \leq f(f(2))$

&&  $f(f(2)) > f(2)$

Triggers are the programming language for quantifiers.  
Choose triggers carefully!



# Exercise: quantifiers

```
impl MySeq {  
  spec fn empty() -> MySeq;  
  spec fn len(self) -> nat;  
  spec fn push(self, value: int) -> MySeq;  
}  
  
proof fn axiom_my_seq_empty()  
  ensures ... empty len is 0 ...  
{ admit(); }  
  
proof fn axiom_my_seq_push_len_quant()  
  ensures forall |s: MySeq, value: int| ... push adds 1 to len ...  
{ admit(); }  
  
proof fn test(x: int, y: int) {  
  let s0 = MySeq::empty();  
  let s1 = s0.push(x + y);  
  let s2 = s1.push(x - y);  
  assert(s2.len() == 2); // make this succeed  
}
```



# Exercise: broadcasts

```
broadcast proof fn axiom_my_seq_empty()
  ensures #[trigger] MySeq::empty().len() == 0
{ admit(); }
```

```
broadcast proof fn axiom_my_seq_push_len(s: MySeq, value: int)
  ensures ... push adds 1 to len ...
{ admit(); }
```

```
proof fn test(x: int, y: int) {
  broadcast use axiom_my_seq_empty;
  broadcast use axiom_my_seq_push_len;

  let s0 = MySeq::empty();
  let s1 = s0.push(x + y);
  let s2 = s1.push(x - y);
  assert(s2.len() == 2); // make this succeed
}
```

# Exercise: extensional equality



```
proof fn axiom_seq_equal(x: Seq<u8>, y: Seq<u8>)
```

```
  requires
```

```
    ...x and y's lengths are equal...,
```

```
    ...x and y's elements are equal...,
```

```
  ensures
```

```
    x == y,
```

```
{ admit() }
```

```
proof fn demand_eq(x: Seq<u8>, y: Seq<u8>)
```

```
  requires x == y
```

```
{ }
```

```
proof fn test_seq_eq() {
```

```
  axiom_seq_equal(...);
```

```
  demand_eq(seq![10] + seq![20, 30],
```

```
    seq![10, 20] + seq![30]); // make this succeed
```

```
}
```

Seq::add([10], [20, 30]) ==  
Seq::add([10, 20], [30])

Uninterp funcs

spec fn f(x,...,x);  
f(e,...,e)

congruence  
doesn't  
help here!

[10] == [10, 20]  
[20, 30] == [30]



# Interpreted functions (nonrecursive)

Core Components (always enabled)

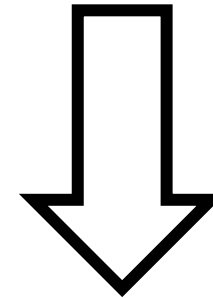
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Quantifiers

```
forall |x: t| e  
exists |x: t| e
```

```
spec fn f(x: int, y: int) -> int {  
  x + 2 * y  
}
```



```
spec fn f(x: int, y: int) -> int;
```

*axiom:*

```
forall |x: int, y: int|  
  #[trigger] f(x, y) == x + 2 * y
```



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```

Quantifiers

```
forall |x: t| e  
exists |x: t| e
```

```
spec fn f(x: int) -> bool  
  decreases x  
{  
  x <= 0 || !f(x - 1)  
}
```

*Naive axiom generates matching loop:*

```
f(x)  
== x <= 0 || !f(x - 1)  
== x <= 0 || !(x - 1 <= 0 || !f(x - 1 - 1))  
== x <= 0 || !(x - 1 <= 0 || !(x - 1 - 1 <= 0 || !f(...)))  
...
```

*Verus axiom uses “fuel” to limit unrolling depth*

```
proof fn test() {  
  reveal_with_fuel(f, 4);  
  assert(!f(3));  
}
```





# Assert-by for bit vector, nonlinear arith

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...

### Nonlin int arith

e \* e  
e / e | e % e

```
proof fn test_by(x: u32)
  requires x <= 200,
{
  assert(x >> 8 == 0) by(bit_vector)
  requires(x <= 255);
}
```



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...

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e / e | e % e

```
proof fn test_by(x: u32, y: u32)
  requires x > 1 && y > 0
{
  assert(x * y > y) by(nonlinear_arith)
  requires(x > 1 && y > 0);
}
```