

SMT Solver

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ETH Zurich program verification, Lecture 2, 3

(<https://www.pm.inf.ethz.ch/education/courses/program-verification.html>)

<https://theory.stanford.edu/~nikolaj/programmingz3.html>

<<Solving SAT and SAT Modulo Theories: From an Abstract
Davis–Putnam–Logemann–Loveland Procedure to DPLL(T)>>

Predicate Logic (谓词逻辑)

1.1 Propositional Logic

Step 0. Proof.

Step 1. Convert program into mathematical formula.

Step 2. Ask the computer to solve the formula.

1.2 First Order Logic

Step 1. Convert it into first order logic formula.

Step 2. Ask the computer to solve the formula.

1.3 Auto-active Proof

Step 1. Axiom system

Step 2. Ask the computer to check the invariants

Outline – This Lecture

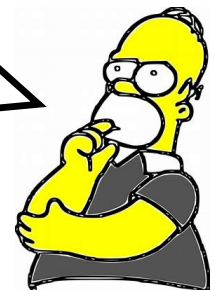
- SMT Solver
 - From DPLL to DPLL(T)
 - EUF

SMT

DEFINITION

The SMT problem (abbreviated satisfiability modulo theories) is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given predicate logic formula.

We can use SAT solvers to solve SAT problems automatically. Can we solve SMT problems automatically?





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An SMT Solver for Formal Verification & More

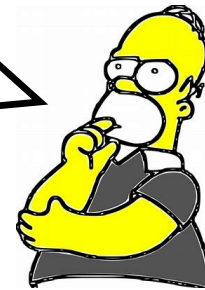
SMT solver can do it!

The logo for the Z3 SMT solver, featuring the letters "Z3" in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a white outline and a slight shadow.

The logo for the CVC3 SMT solver, featuring the text "CVC3" in a metallic, 3D-style font with a purple and blue glow effect.

The logo for the CVC4 SMT solver, featuring the text "CVC4" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font on a light gray rectangular background.

There are some powerful SAT solvers based on DPLL. Can we build SMT solvers based on these SAT solvers?



We only consider the case of *quantifier-free formulas*.

A Quick Recap

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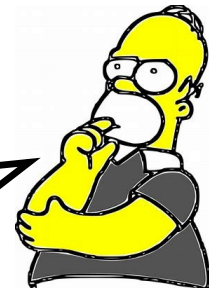
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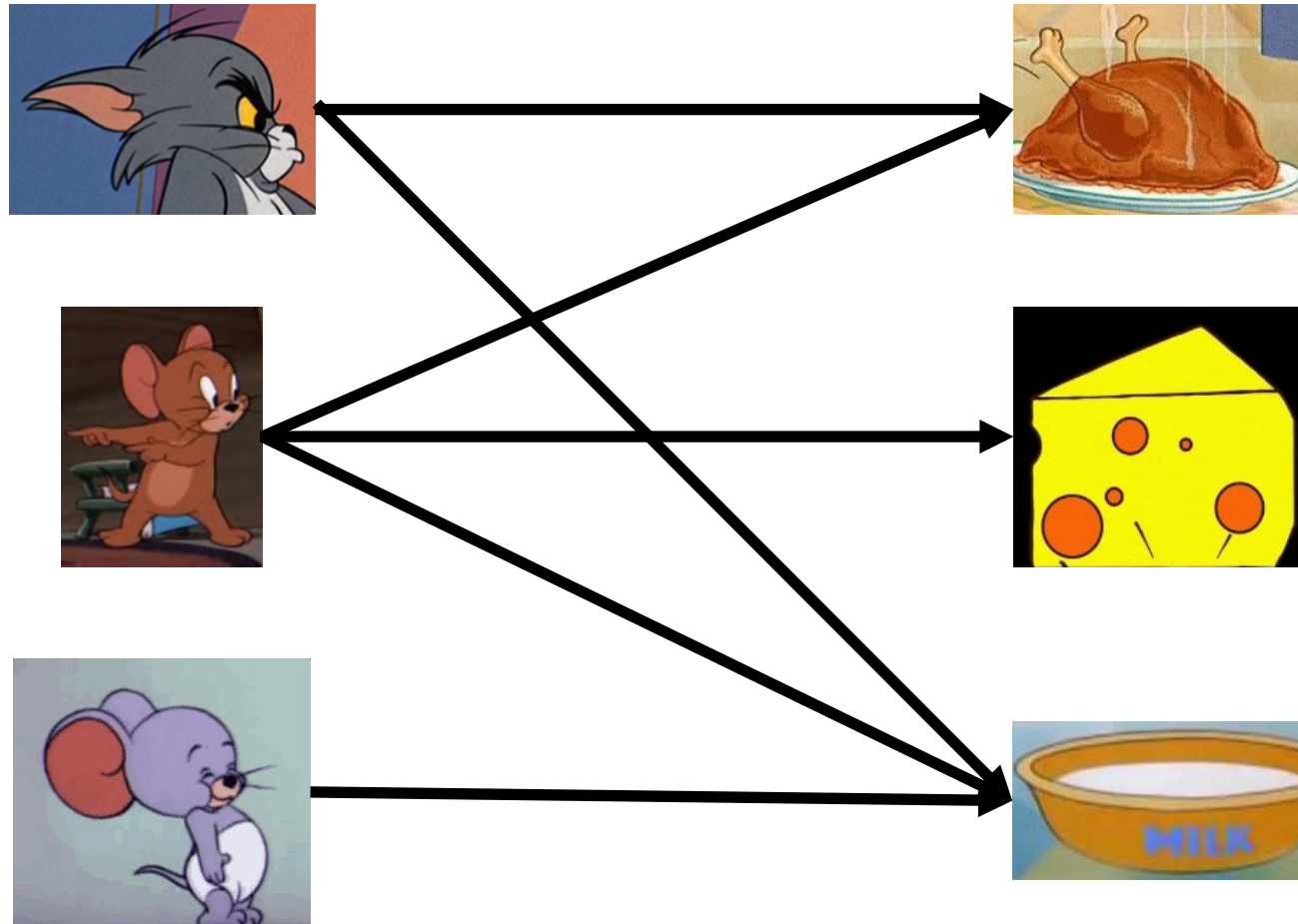
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The input of a SAT solver is CNF and it uses DPLL to solve the problem.

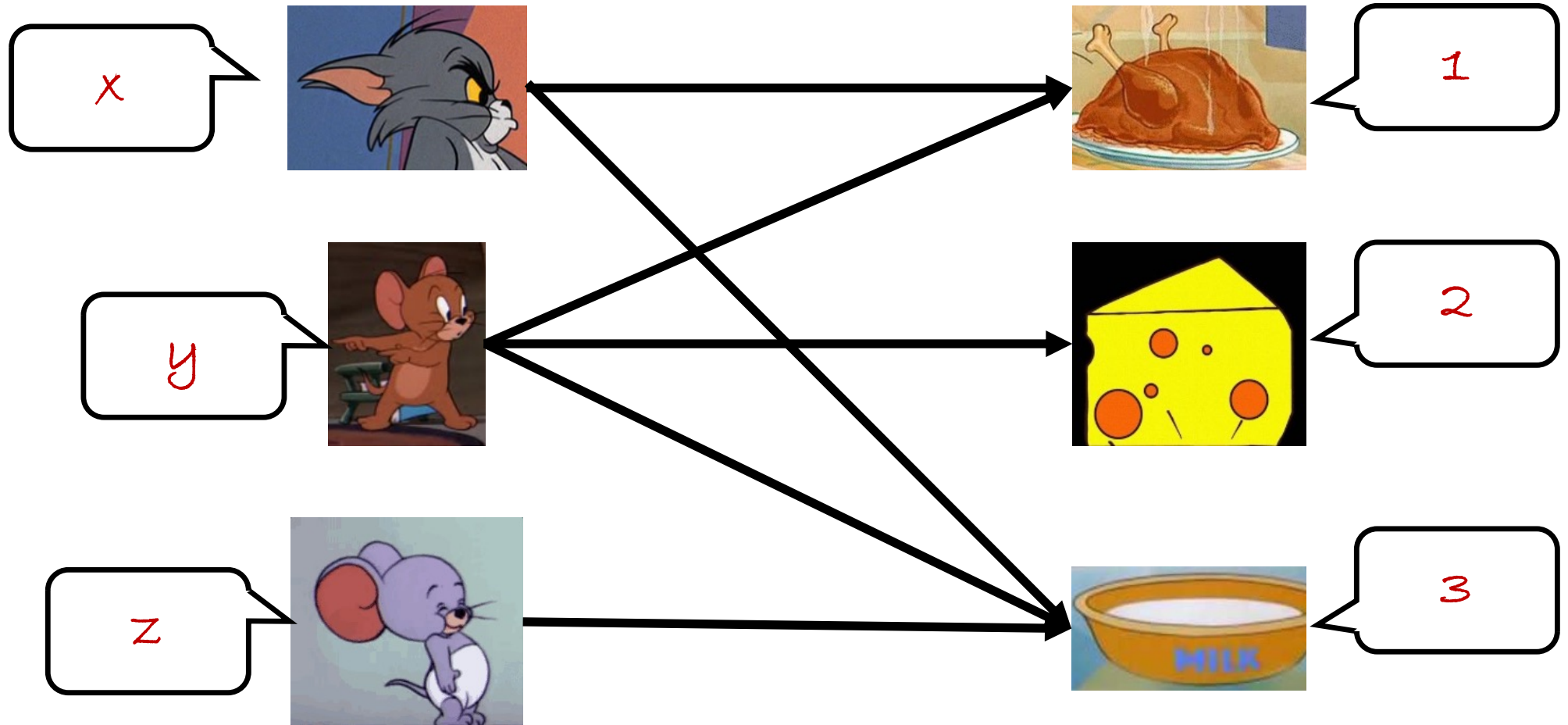


Eager SMT converts a theory
into a SAT problem

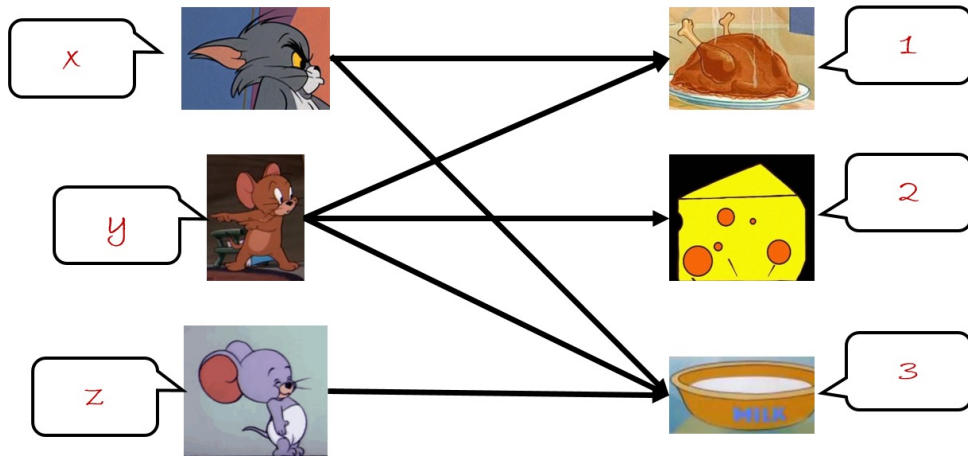
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$$(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge$$

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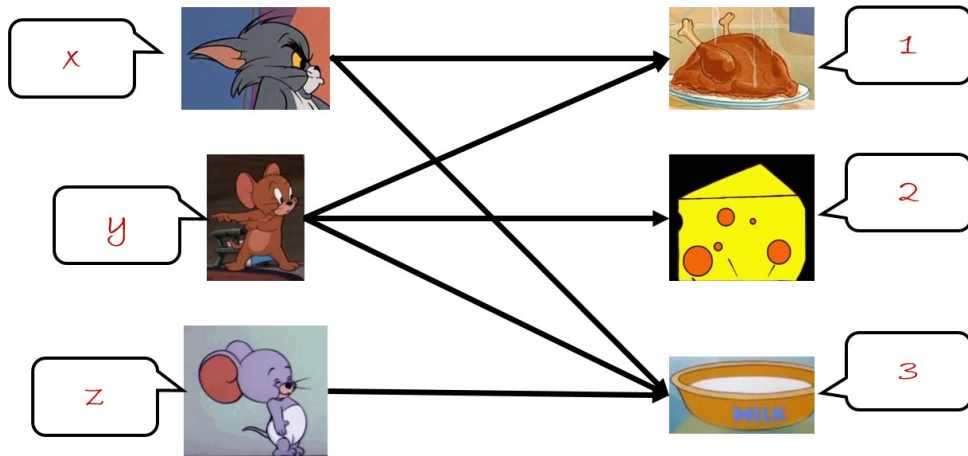
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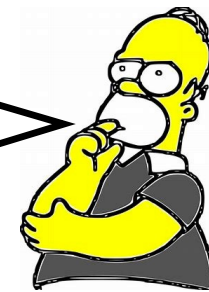
predicate logic

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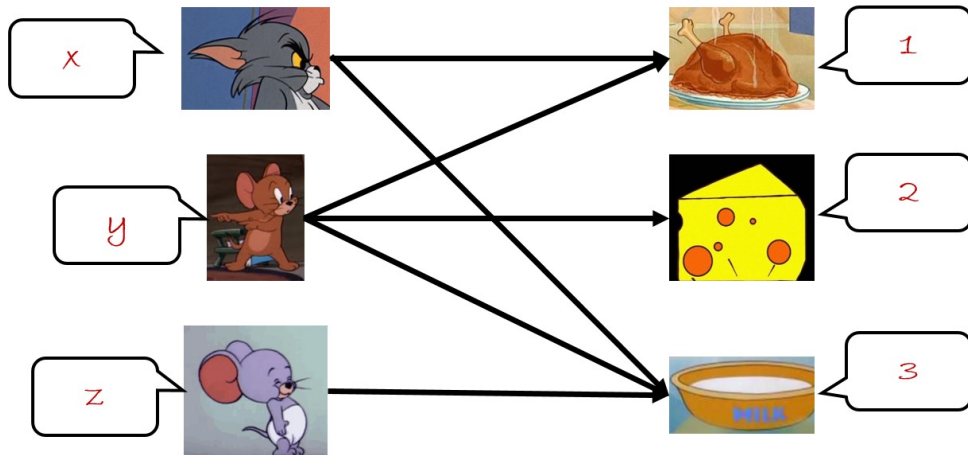


$$\begin{aligned} &(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge \\ &(y = 1 \vee y = 2 \vee y = 3) \wedge \\ &(z = 3) \wedge \\ &(x \neq y) \wedge \\ &(x \neq z) \wedge \\ &(y \neq z) \end{aligned}$$

The input formula can be translated using a satisfiability-preserving transformation into a propositional CNF formula.



Eager SMT Techniques



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$$(z = 3) \wedge$$

$$(x \neq y) \wedge$$

$$(x \neq z) \wedge$$

$$(y \neq z)$$

Represent x , y and z by
two variables each.
They are similar to bits.

x



p1	p0
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y



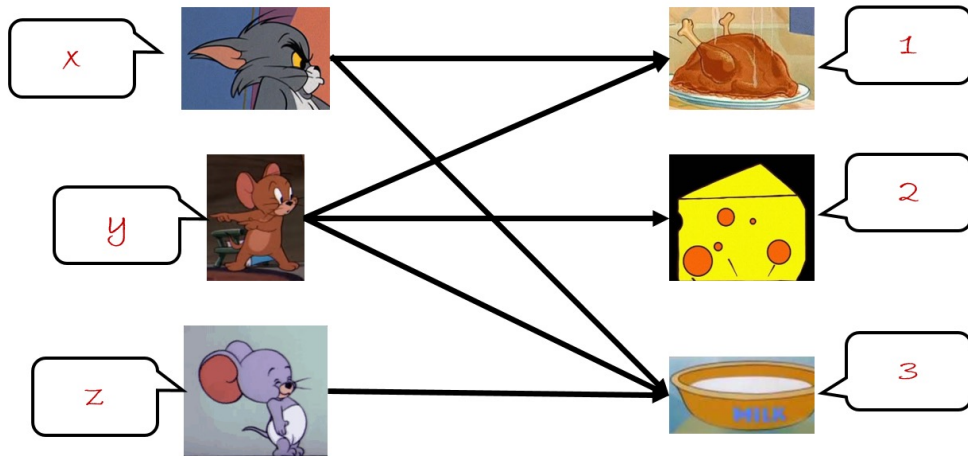
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z



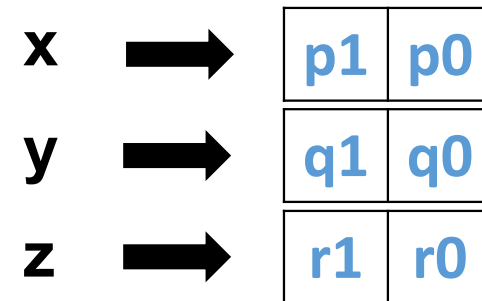
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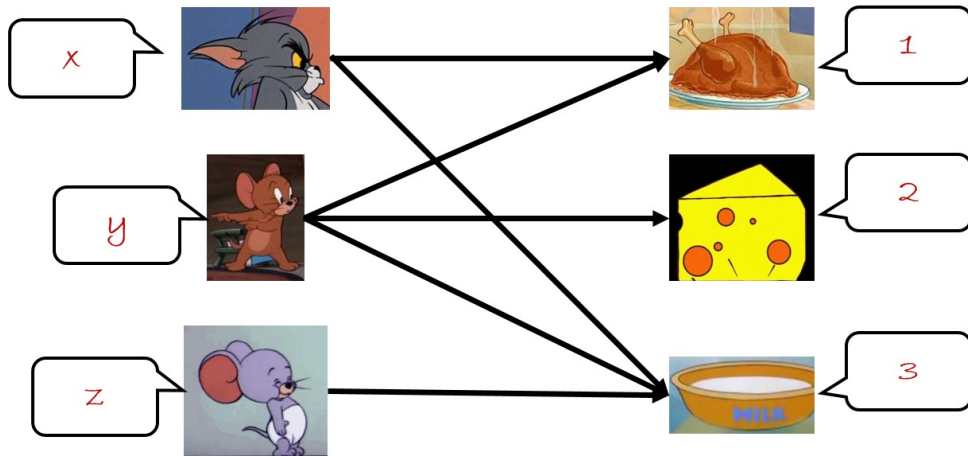


$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\neg p1 \wedge p0) \vee (p1 \wedge p0)) \wedge \\
 & ((\neg q1 \wedge q0) \vee (q1 \wedge \neg q0) \vee (q1 \wedge q0)) \wedge \\
 & (r1 \wedge r0) \wedge \\
 & \neg((p1 \leftrightarrow q1) \wedge (p0 \leftrightarrow q0)) \wedge \\
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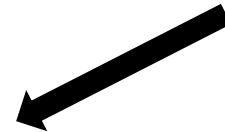
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x



p1	p0
q1	q0
r1	r0

Leave the rest to powerful SAT solvers.

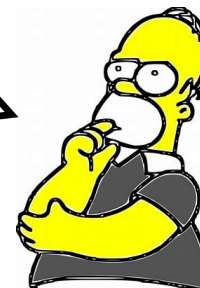


Eager SMT Techniques

Eager SMT techniques require to encode problems to SAT:

- 1) Represent the state space
- 2) Convert the problem into the new representation
- 3) (Optional) Reduce redundancy

What if there are
uninterpreted functions?



Eager SMT Techniques

*x, y and z are
bool type.*

$$y = f(z) \wedge x = f(f(z)) \wedge \neg(x = f(y))$$

*Function f is
uninterpreted.*

*We want to encode it
to SAT, including f.*

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$$y = f(z) \wedge x = f(f(z)) \wedge \neg(x = f(y))$$



Replace functions
with fresh variables.
Fresh variables are
variables that never
exist in original
formula.

$$(y \leftrightarrow f_z) \wedge \\ (x \leftrightarrow f_{fz}) \wedge \\ \neg(x \leftrightarrow f_y)$$

Is the result equisatisfiable
with the original formula?



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$$y = f(z) \wedge x = f(f(z)) \wedge \neg(x = f(y))$$

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$$(y \leftrightarrow f_z) \wedge$$

$$(x \leftrightarrow f_{fz}) \wedge$$

$$\neg(x \leftrightarrow f_y)$$

$$x = f(f(z)) = f(y)$$

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$$y = f(z) \wedge x = f(f(z)) \wedge \neg(x = f(y))$$

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UNSAT



$$\begin{aligned} &(y \leftrightarrow f_z) \wedge \\ &(x \leftrightarrow f_{fz}) \wedge \\ &\neg(x \leftrightarrow f_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &y = T, f_z = T, x = T \\ &f_{fz} = T, f_y = F \end{aligned}$$

SAT

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$$x = f(f(z)) = f(y)$$

UNSAT

~~FALSE~~

SAT



$$\begin{aligned} &(y \leftrightarrow f_z) \wedge \\ &(x \leftrightarrow f_{fz}) \wedge \\ &\neg(x \leftrightarrow f_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &y = T, f_z = T, x = T \\ &f_{fz} = T, f_y = F \end{aligned}$$

Without the relation between $f(y)$ and $f(f(z))$: $f(y) = f(f(z))$.



Eager SMT Techniques

$$y = f(z) \wedge x = f(f(z)) \wedge \neg(x = f(y))$$



$$\begin{aligned} &((y \leftrightarrow z) \rightarrow (f_y \leftrightarrow f_z)) \wedge \\ &((y \leftrightarrow f_z) \rightarrow (f_y \leftrightarrow f_{f_z})) \wedge \\ &((z \leftrightarrow f_z) \rightarrow (f_z \leftrightarrow f_{f_z})) \wedge \end{aligned}$$

$$(y \leftrightarrow f_z) \wedge$$

$$(x \leftrightarrow f_{f_z}) \wedge$$

$$\neg(x \leftrightarrow f_y)$$

UNSAT

Property of
function f :

$$a = b \rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

Eager SMT Techniques

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Issues:

Not very flexible to make them efficient,

Sophisticated translations are required for each theory.

On many practical problems the translation process or the SAT solver **run out of time or memory**.

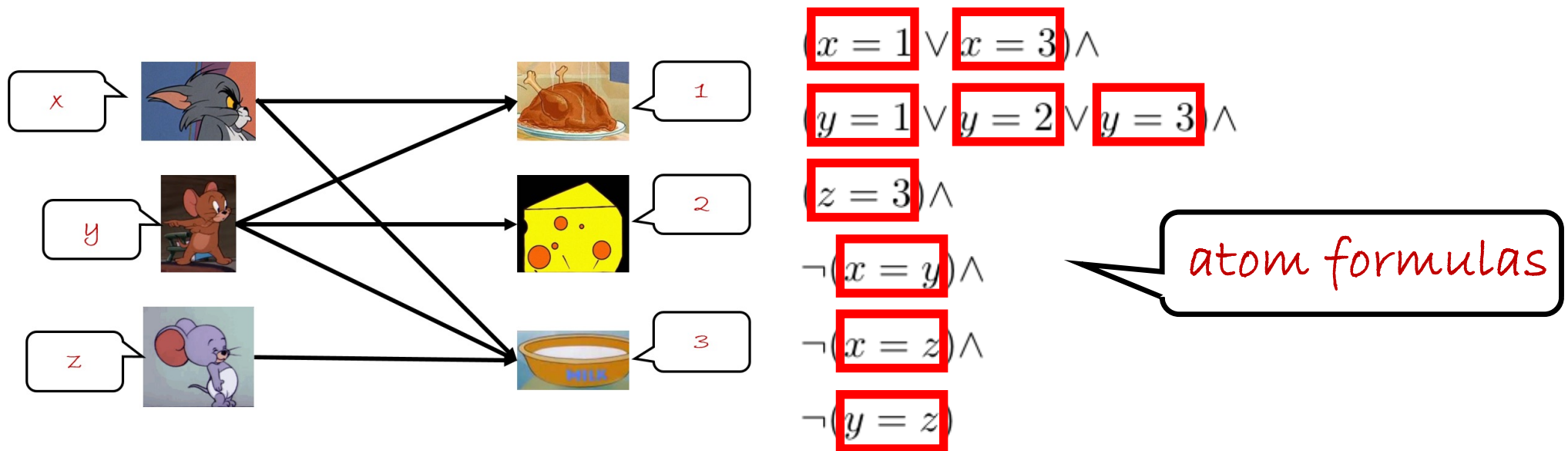


Lazy SMT integrates theory support
into the propositional search

Lazy SMT Techniques

DEFINITION

An atomic formula in predicate logic is a formula without propositional connectives or quantifiers.



Lazy SMT Techniques

$(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge$	$(p1 \vee p2) \wedge$
$(y = 1 \vee y = 2 \vee y = 3) \wedge$	$(p3 \vee p4 \vee p5) \wedge$
$(z = 3) \wedge$	$(p6) \wedge$
$\neg(x = y) \wedge$	$\neg p7 \wedge$
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Step1: replace atomic formulas with fresh propositional variables.

Lazy SMT Techniques

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 $\neg(y = z)$



$(p1 \vee p2) \wedge$
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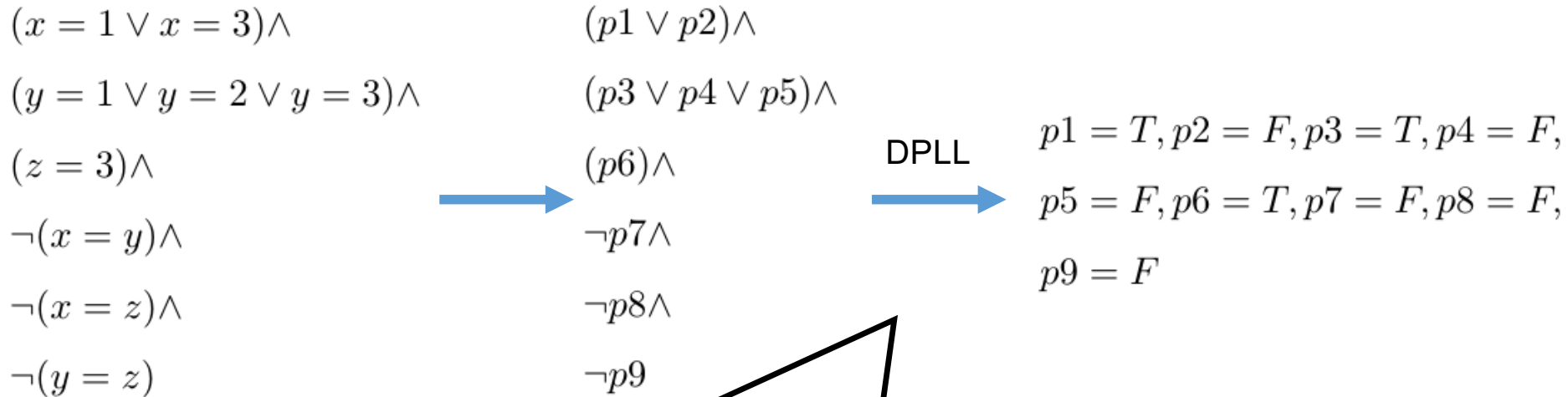
DPLL

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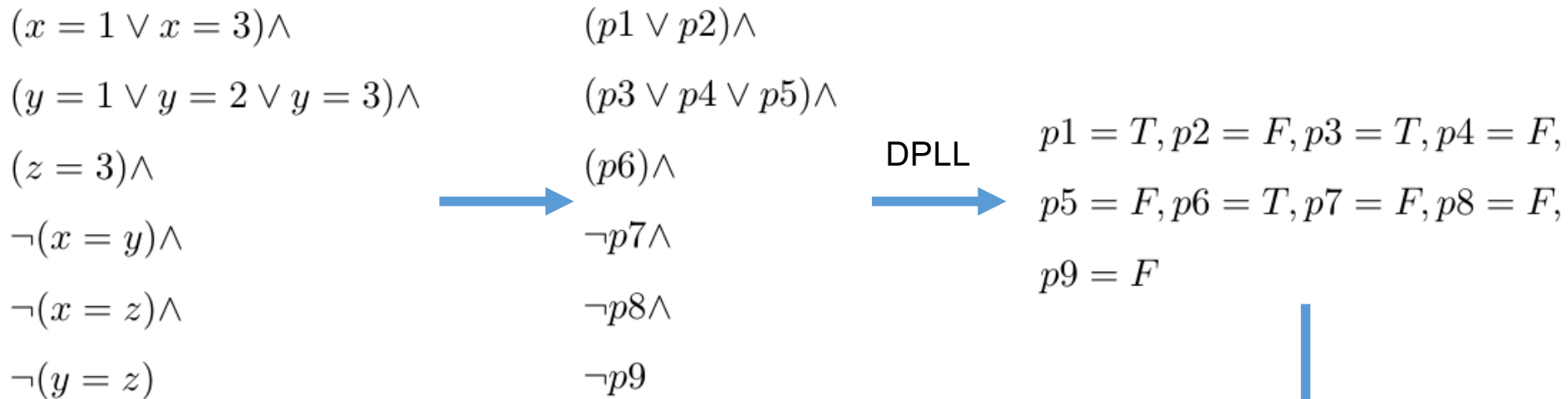
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Lazy SMT Techniques



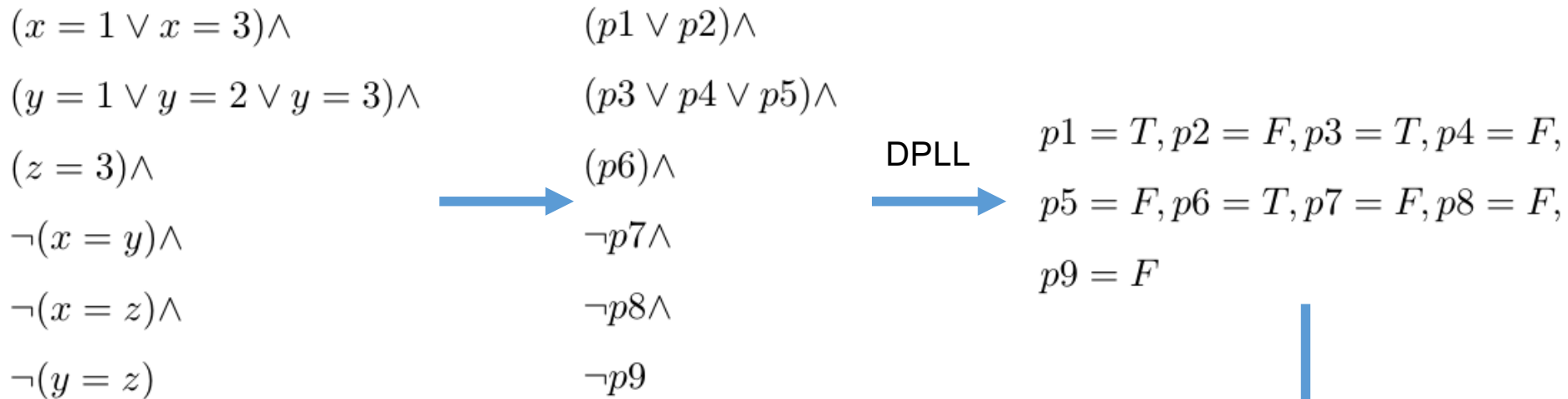
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Lazy SMT Techniques



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$x = 1, x \neq 3, y = 1, y \neq 2,$
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 $y \neq z$

FALSE

Lazy SMT Techniques

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If it is unsatisfiable,
tell SAT solver to give
another assignment.

DPLL

$$\begin{aligned} p1 = T, p2 = F, p3 = T, p4 = F, \\ p5 = F, p6 = T, p7 = F, p8 = F, \\ p9 = F \end{aligned}$$

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Lazy SMT Techniques

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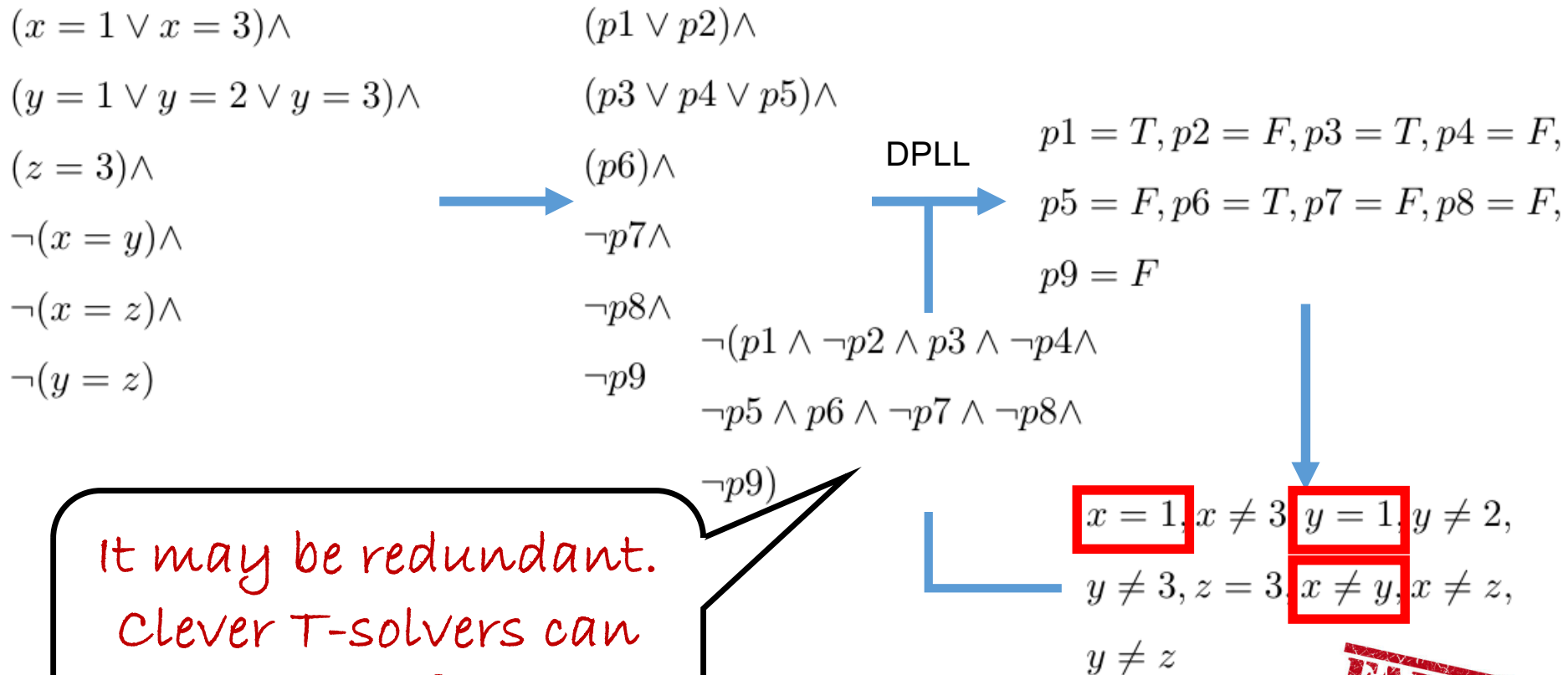
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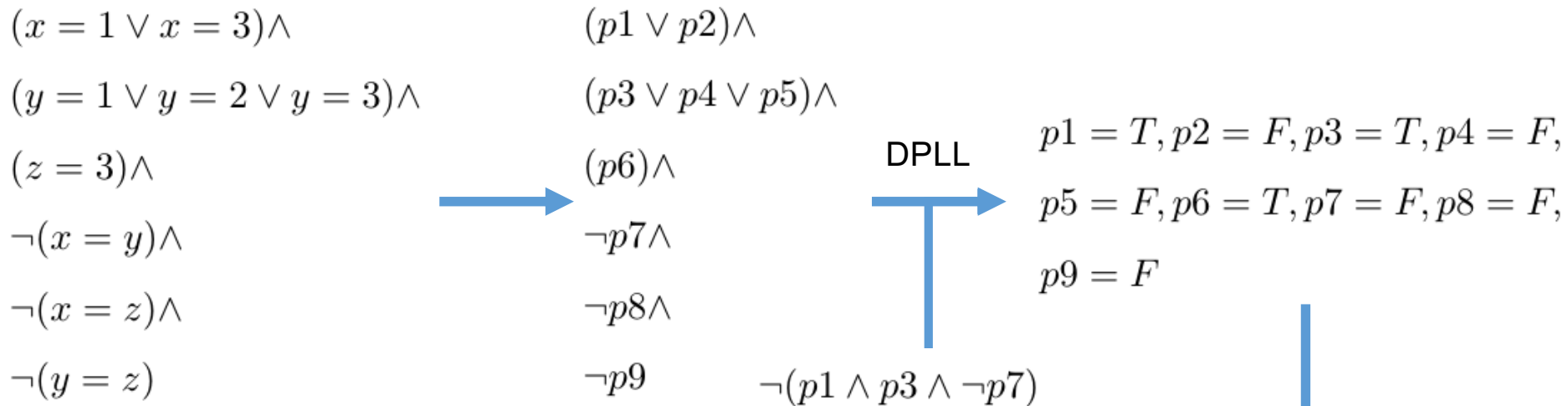
But how to tell the
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Lazy SMT Techniques



It may be redundant.
Clever T-solvers can
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Lazy SMT Techniques

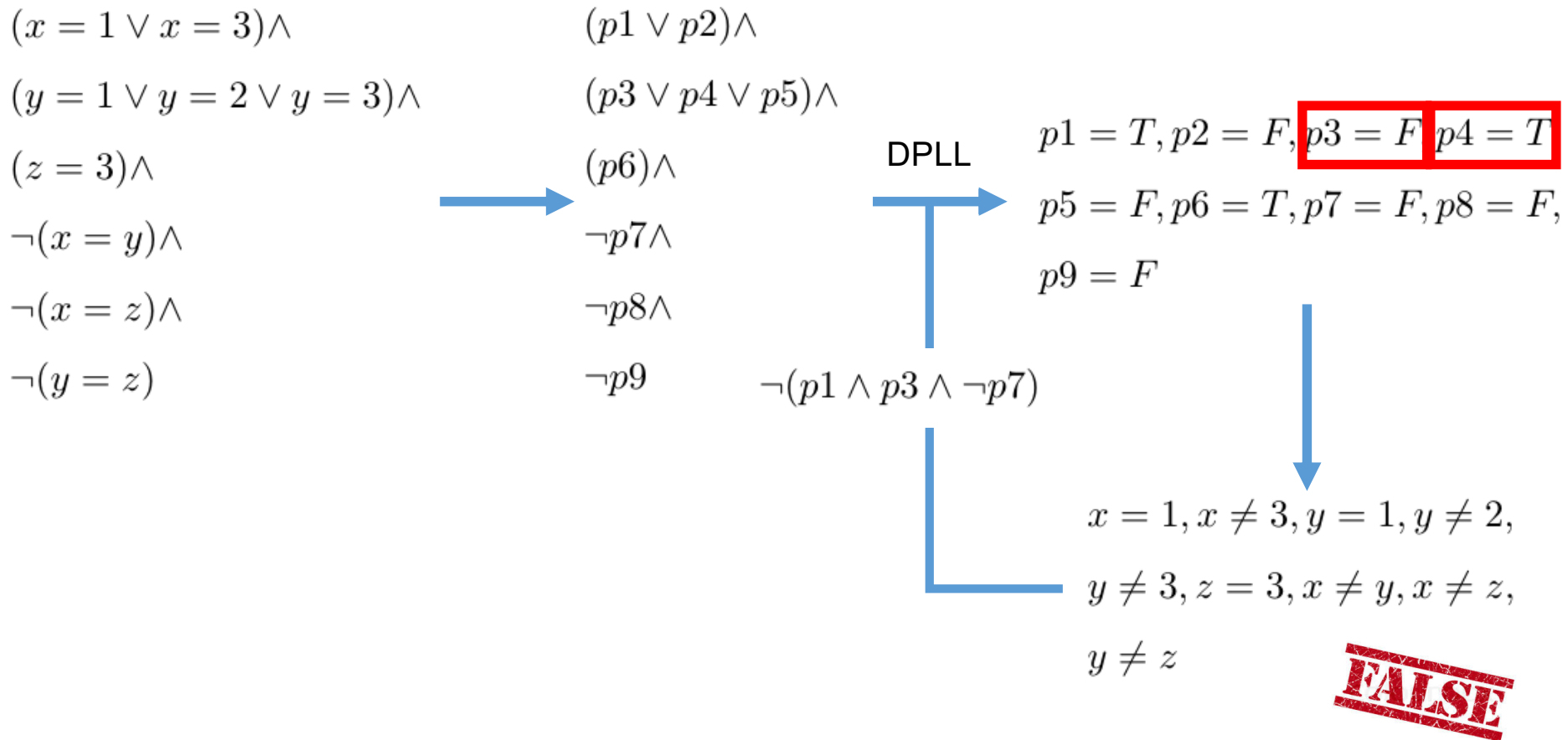


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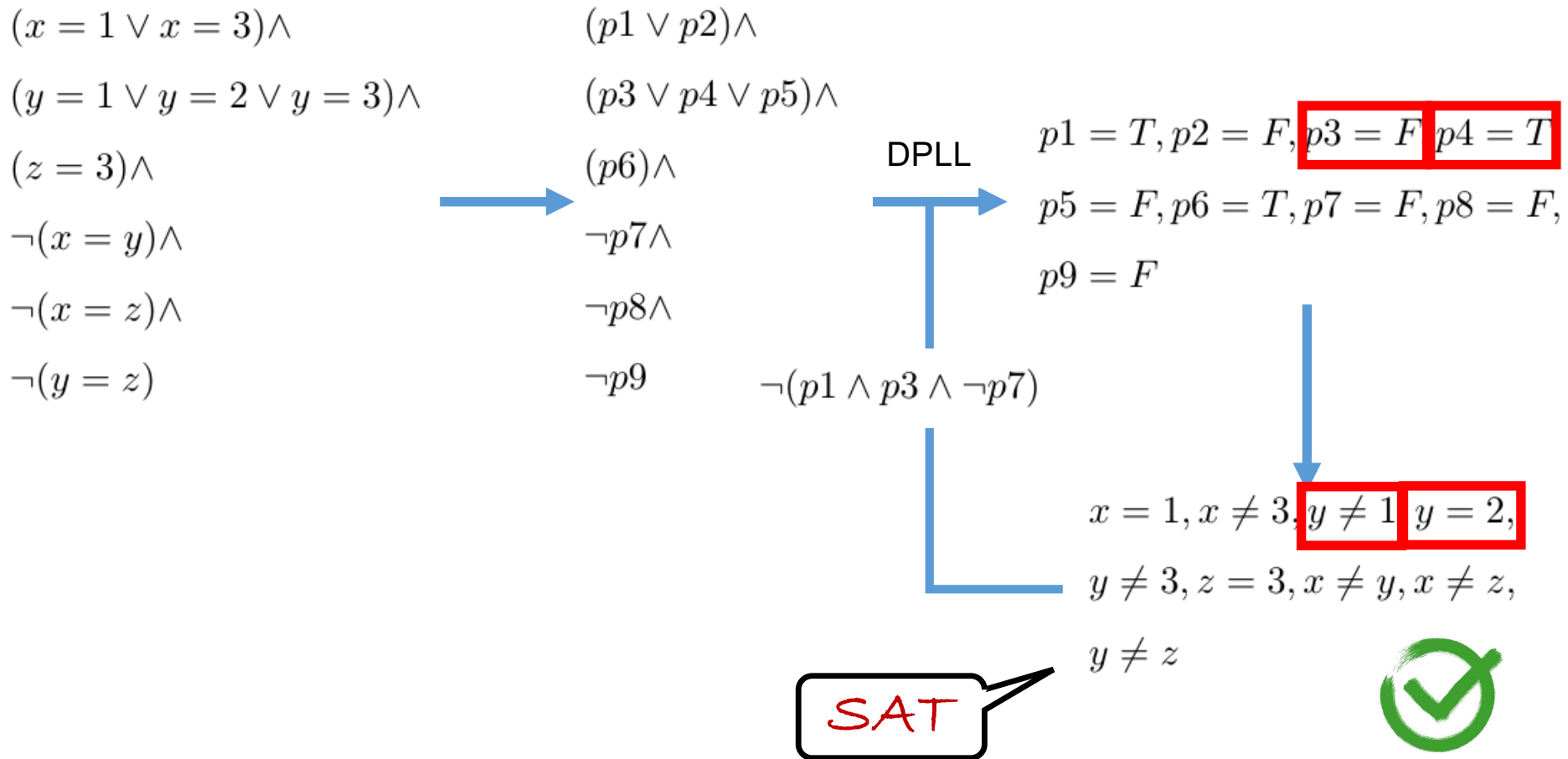
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Lazy SMT Techniques

The main advantage of the lazy approach is that it can easily combine any SAT solver with any T-solver.

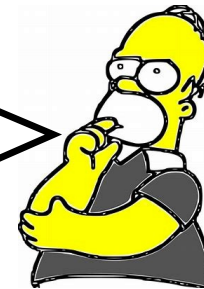
Several refinements exist that make the SMT procedure much more efficient when the SAT solver uses DPLL.

Incremental T-solver

In the original algorithm, T-solver checks unsatisfiability after DPLL finishes.

Can we discover errors earlier and notify SAT solver?

*If we can do it, we can save
a large amount of useless
work and time.*



Incremental T-solver

$(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge$		$(p1 \vee p2) \wedge$
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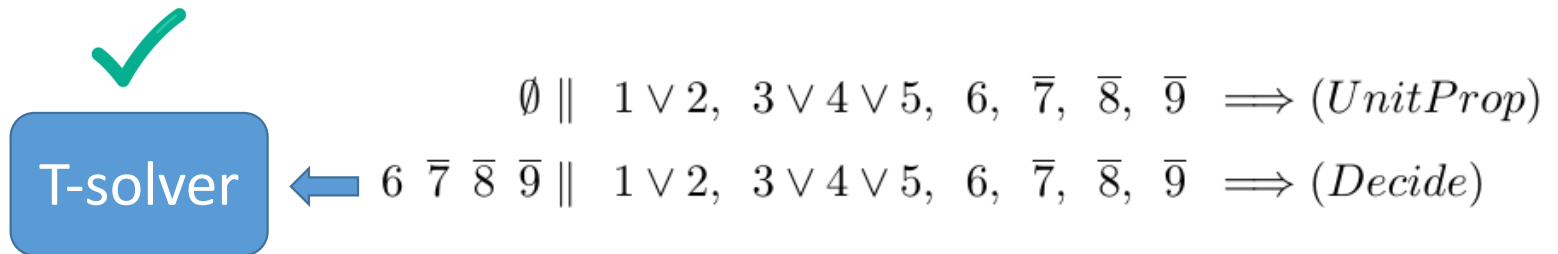
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Ignore pure
literal rule
here.

$$\emptyset \parallel 1 \vee 2, 3 \vee 4 \vee 5, 6, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{9} \implies (UnitProp)$$

Incremental T-solver

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T-solver

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Incremental T-solver

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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Restart the
SAT solver.

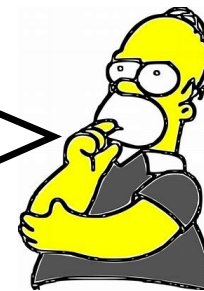
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 \leftarrow \boxed{6} \bar{7} \boxed{\bar{8}} \bar{9} \bar{1}^d \boxed{2} \parallel 1 \vee 2, 3 \vee 4 \vee 5, 6, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{9}
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Incremental T-solver

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How to make it more
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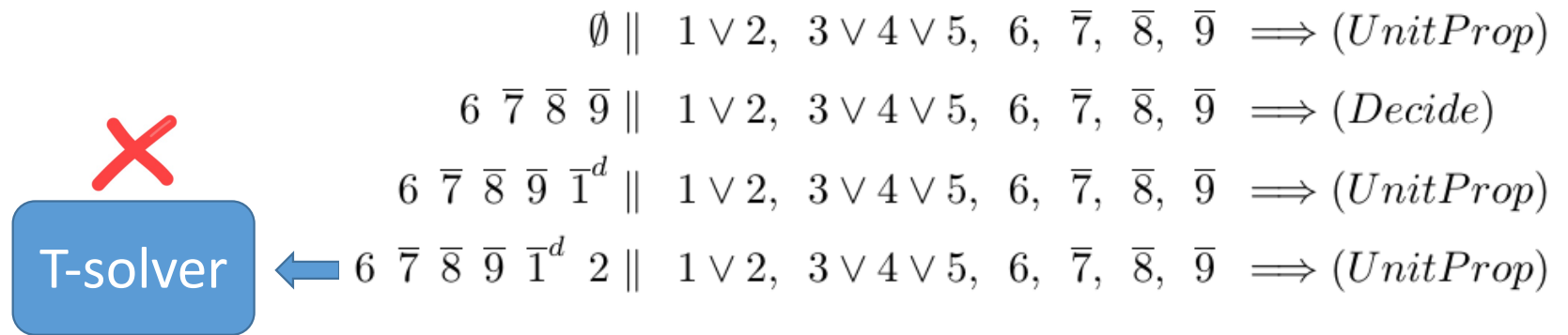


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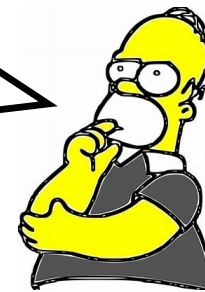
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Detection can be done **at regular intervals**, for example, once every k literals added to the assignment.

Theory Propagation



T-solver just checks satisfiability.
Can T-solver provide more
information to guide SAT solver to
produce assignment?



Theory Propagation

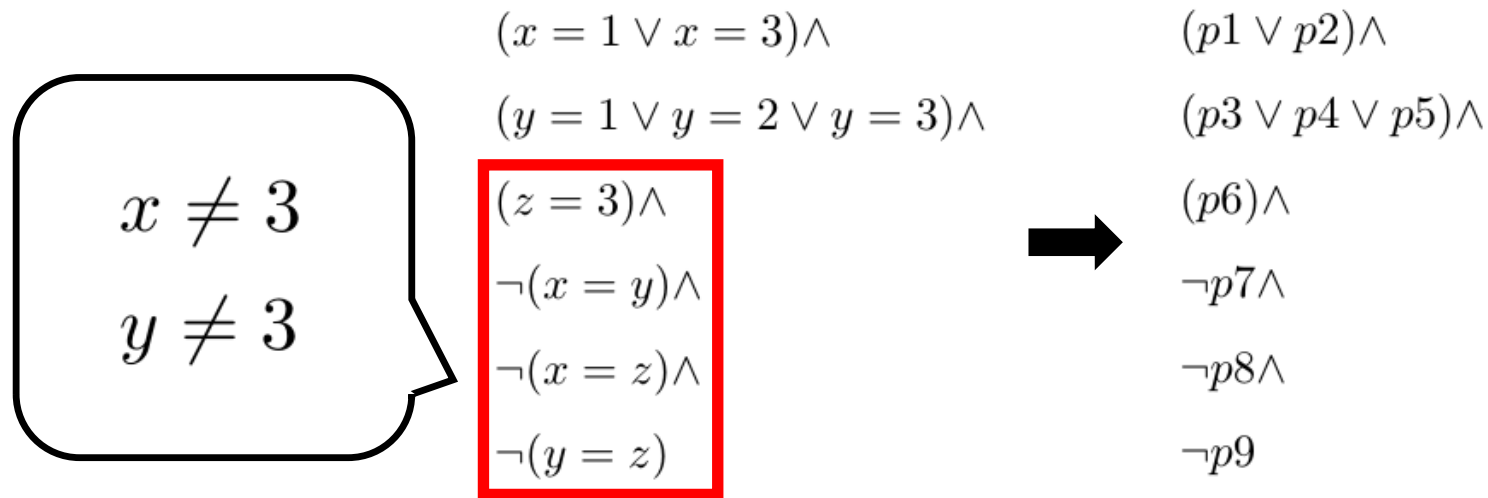
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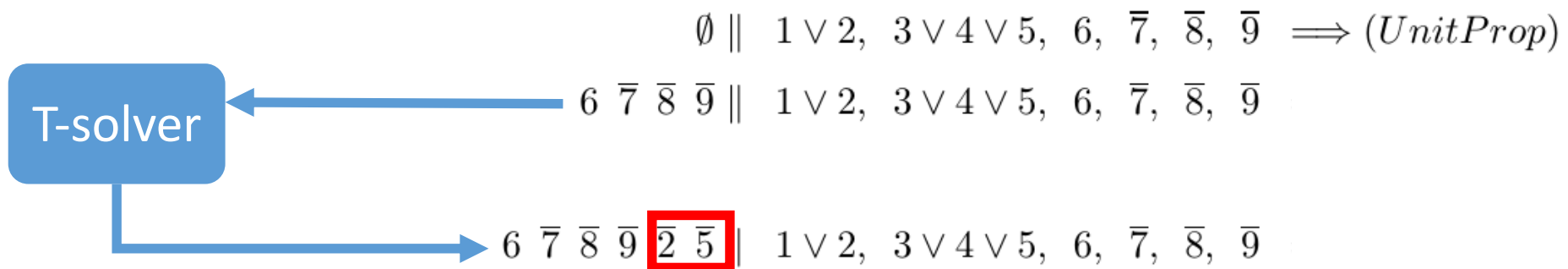
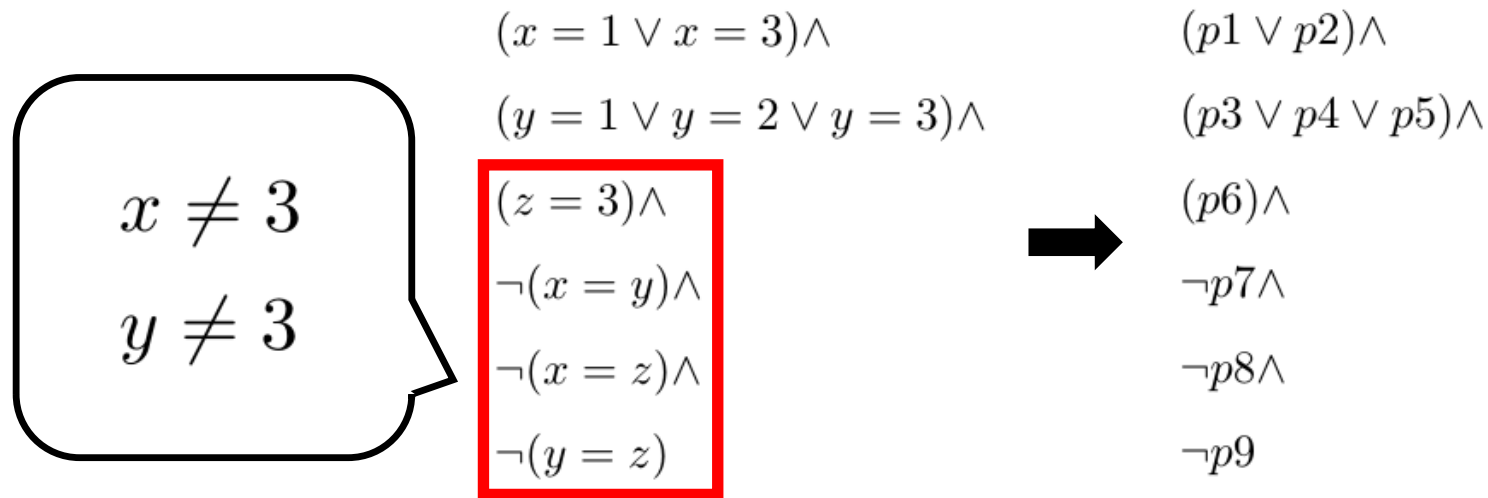


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Theory Propagation



Z3

$(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge$

$(y = 1 \vee y = 2 \vee y = 3) \wedge$

$(z = 3) \wedge$

$(x \neq y) \wedge$

$(x \neq z) \wedge$

$(y \neq z)$

individuals

Predicate logic
formulas

Solve it and
return sat

```
from z3 import *
x = Int('x')
y = Int('y')
z = Int('z')

s = Solver()
s.add(Or(x == 1, x == 3))
s.add(Or(y == 1, y == 2, y == 3))
s.add(z == 3)
s.add(x != y)
s.add(x != z)
s.add(y != z)

result = s.check()
print(result)
if result == sat:
    print(s.model())
```

Z3

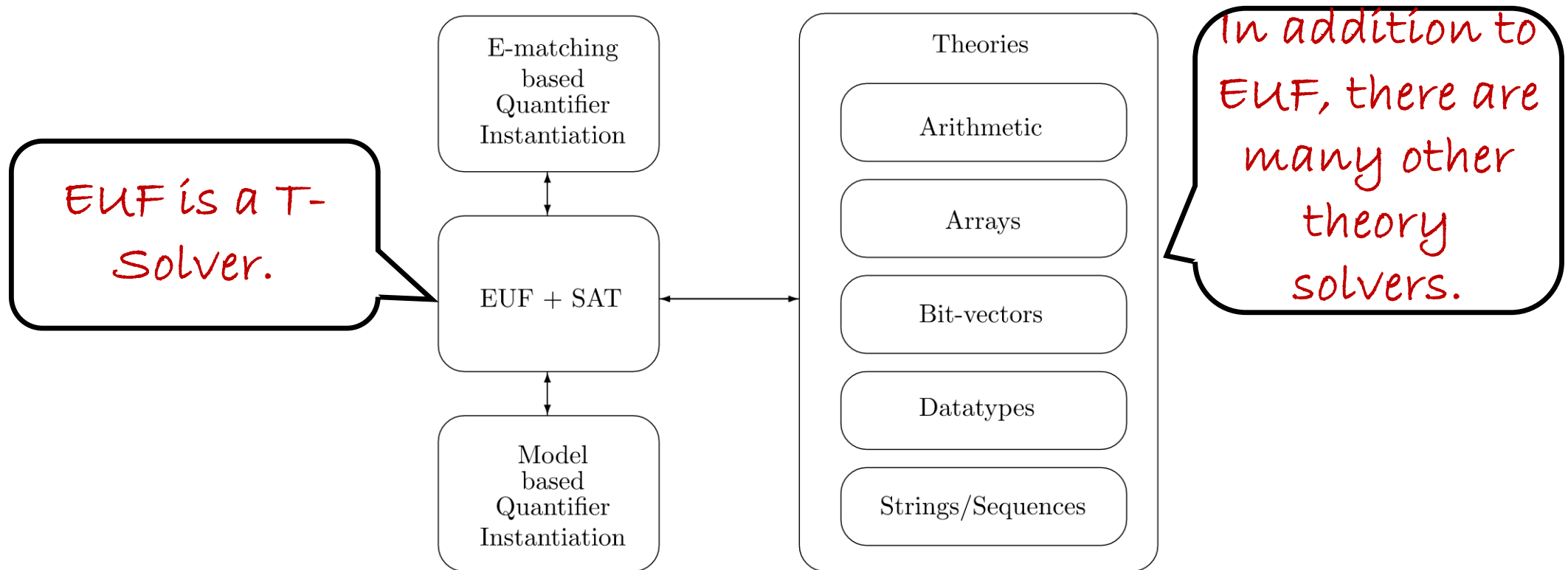
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```
> python3 example.py
```

```
sat
[y = 2, z = 3, x = 1]
```



Architecture of Z3's SMT Core solver

Theory Solver

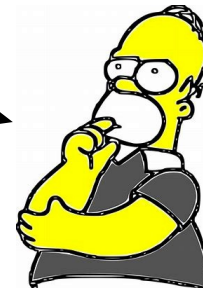
What does T-Solver looks Like?

EUUF

The logic of **equality and uninterpreted function**, EUF, is a basic ingredient for (first-order) predicate logic.

$$a = b, b = c, d = e, b = s, d = t$$

How to check if it is
satisfiable?



EUUF

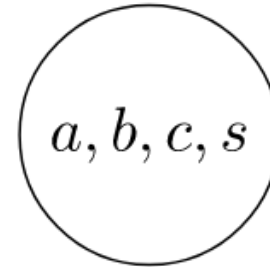
While formulas are not empty:

remove $a=b$;

merge(a, b);

$$a = b, b = c, d = e$$

$$b = s, d = t$$



EUf

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If $\text{find}(a) = \text{find}(b)$ for some $a \neq b$

 return false;

else

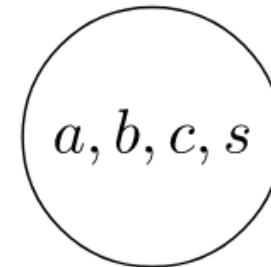
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SAT



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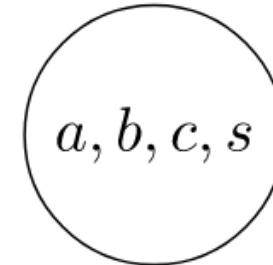
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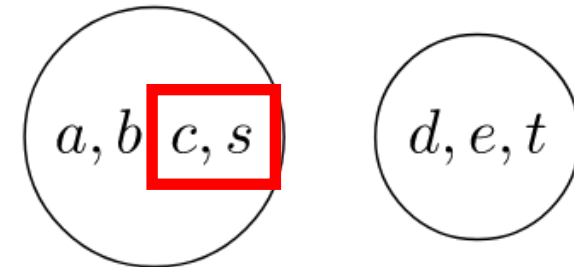
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$$b = s, d = t, c \neq s$$

UNSAT



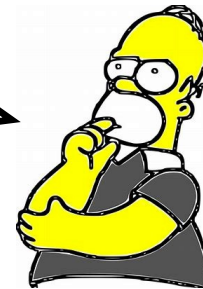
EUf

$$a = b, b = c, d = e$$

$$b = s, d = t$$

$$f(a, g(d)) \neq f(b, g(e))$$

What if there are
uninterpreted functions?



EUF

THEOREM

Congruence rule:

$$x_1 = y_1, \dots, x_n = y_n \Rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

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We can construct the
graph with
congruence rule.



EUF

1) introduce constants that can be used as shorthands for sub-terms.

$$a = b, b = c, d = e$$

$$b = s, d = t$$

$$f(a, g(d)) \neq f(b, g(e))$$



$$a = b, b = c, d = e$$

$$b = s, d = t, v3 \neq v4$$

$$v1 := g(e), v2 := g(d)$$

$$v3 := f(a, v2), v4 := f(b, v1)$$

EUF

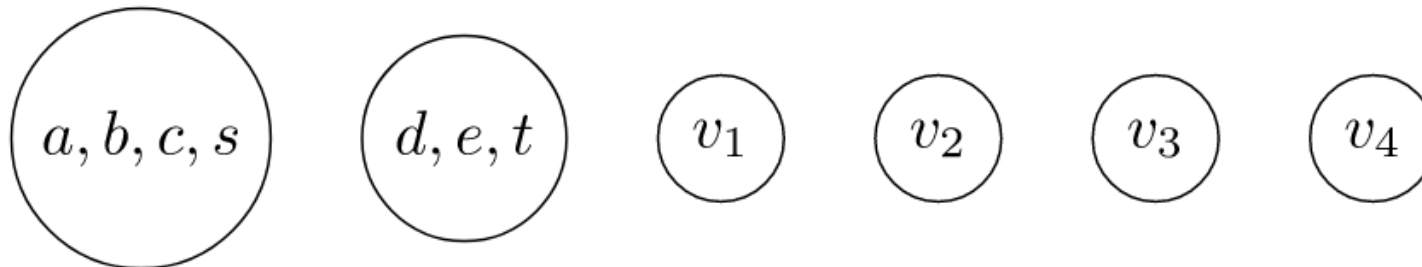
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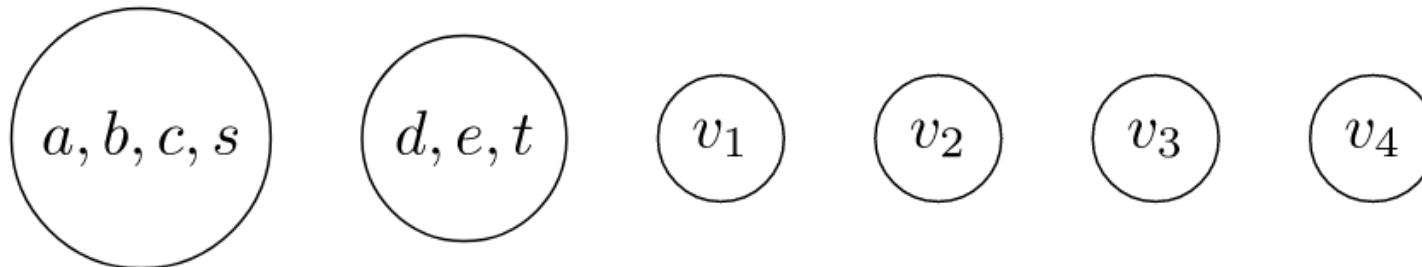
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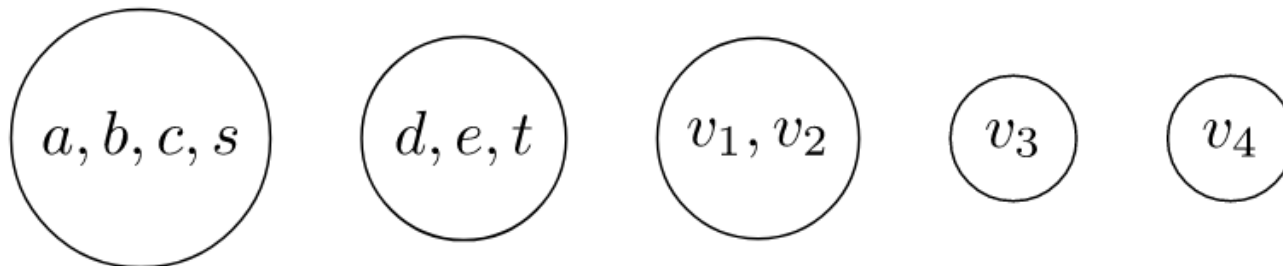
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a, b, c, s

d, e, t

$v1, v2$

$v3$

$v4$

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EUUF

3) Check satisfiability like before

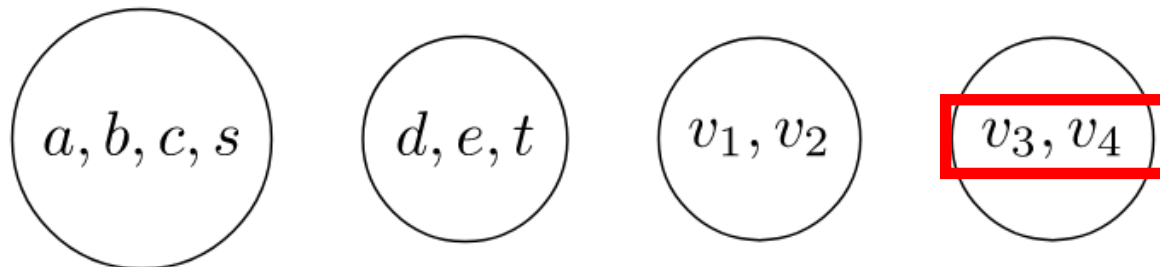
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UNSAT



All in One Example

$$a = b \wedge$$

$$c = f(a) \wedge$$

$$d = f(b) \wedge$$

$$\neg(c = d)$$



$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$$

DPLL



DPLL

$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$$

$$\emptyset \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4} \Rightarrow (PureLiteral)$$

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$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$$

DPLL



$$p_1 = T, p_2 = T,$$

$$p_3 = T, p_4 = F$$



$$b = a,$$

$$c = f(a),$$

$$d = f(b),$$

$$c \neq d$$

EUF

$$a = b \wedge$$

$$c = f(a) \wedge$$

$$d = f(b) \wedge$$

$$\neg(c = d)$$



$$a = b, c = v_1, d = v_2, c \neq d,$$

$$v_1 := f(a), v_2 := f(b)$$

EUF

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a

b

c

d

v_1

v_2

EUF

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a, b

c

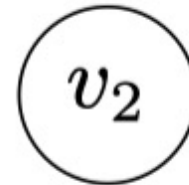
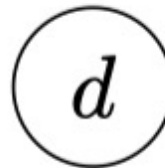
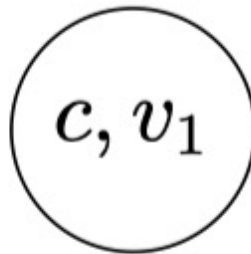
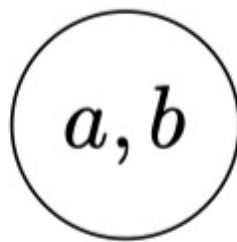
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$v1$

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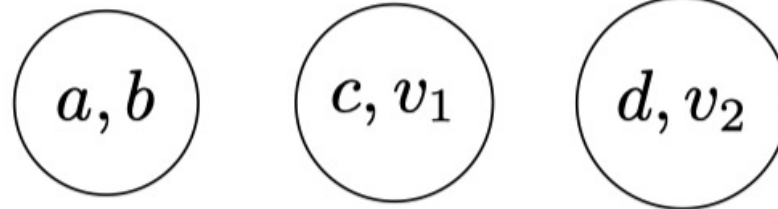
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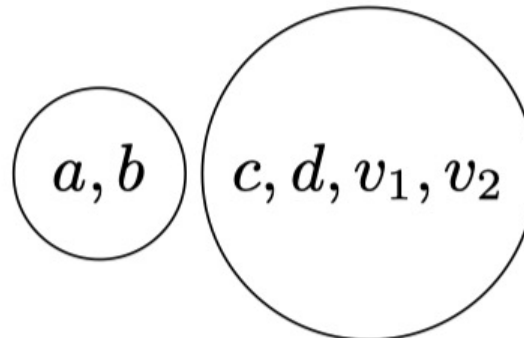


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$$a = b \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

$$a = b, c = v_1, d = v_2, c \neq d,$$

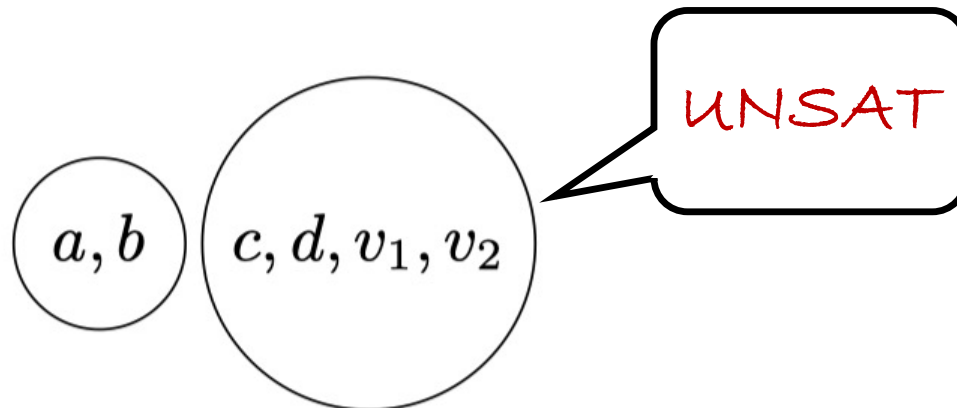
$$v_1 := f(a), v_2 := f(b)$$



EUF

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ALL IN ONE

$$a = b \wedge$$

$$c = f(a) \wedge$$

$$d = f(b) \wedge$$

$$\neg(c = d)$$



$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$$

DPLL



$$p_1 = T, p_2 = T,$$

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FALSE

$$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4)$$

DPLL

$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4 \wedge (\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee \neg p_3 \vee p_4)$$

$$\emptyset \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Decide)$$

$$p_1^d \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Decide)$$

$$p_1^d p_2^d \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Decide)$$

$$p_1^d p_2^d p_3^d \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (UnitProp)$$

$$p_1^d p_2^d p_3^d p_4 \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Backtrack)$$

$$p_1^d p_2^d \overline{p_3} \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Backtrack)$$

$$p_1^d \overline{p_2} \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Backtrack)$$

$$\overline{p_1} \parallel p_1, p_2, p_3, \overline{p_4}, \overline{p_1} \vee \overline{p_2} \vee \overline{p_3} \vee p_4 \Rightarrow (Fail)$$

ALL IN ONE

$$a = b \wedge$$

$$c = f(a) \wedge$$

$$d = f(b) \wedge$$

$$\neg(c = d)$$



$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$$

DPLL



$$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_4)$$

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Second-Order Logic

DEFINITION

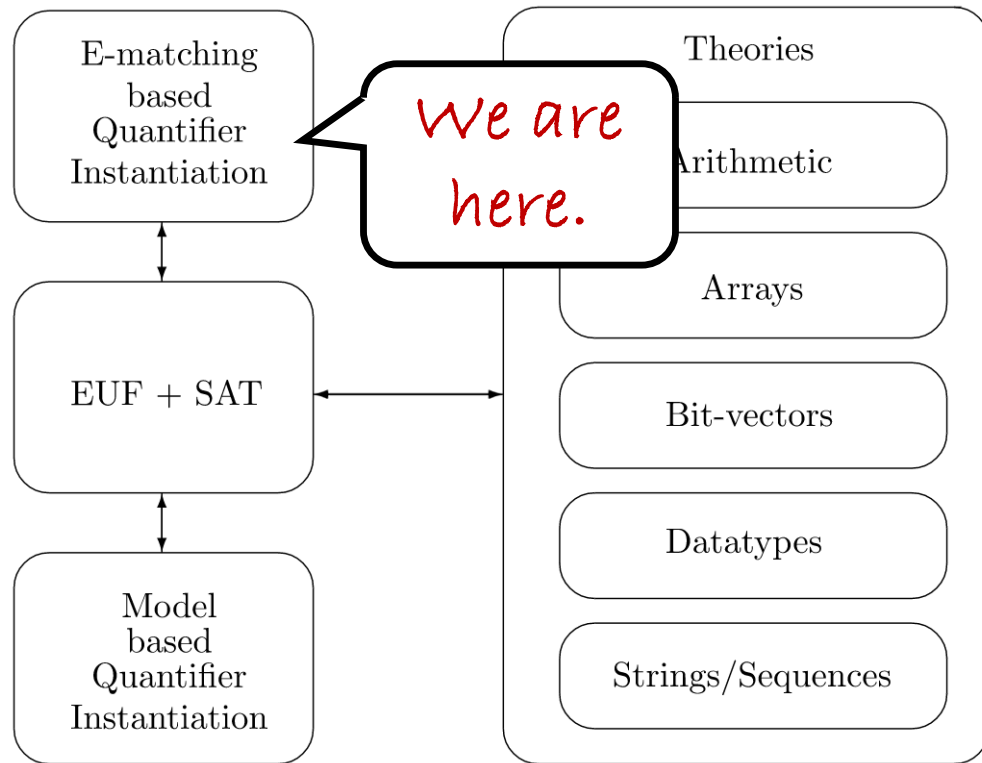
In a second-order logic formula, in addition to individuals, **predicates (functions) can also be bounded by quantifiers**. E.g.

$$(\forall P)(\forall x)(P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$$

$$a = c \wedge a = f(b) \wedge d = f(e) \wedge b \neq e \wedge c = f(e)$$

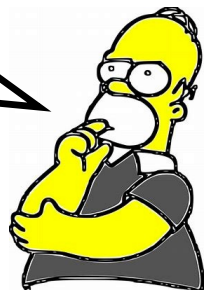
The function "f" is bounded by an existential quantifier in the formula

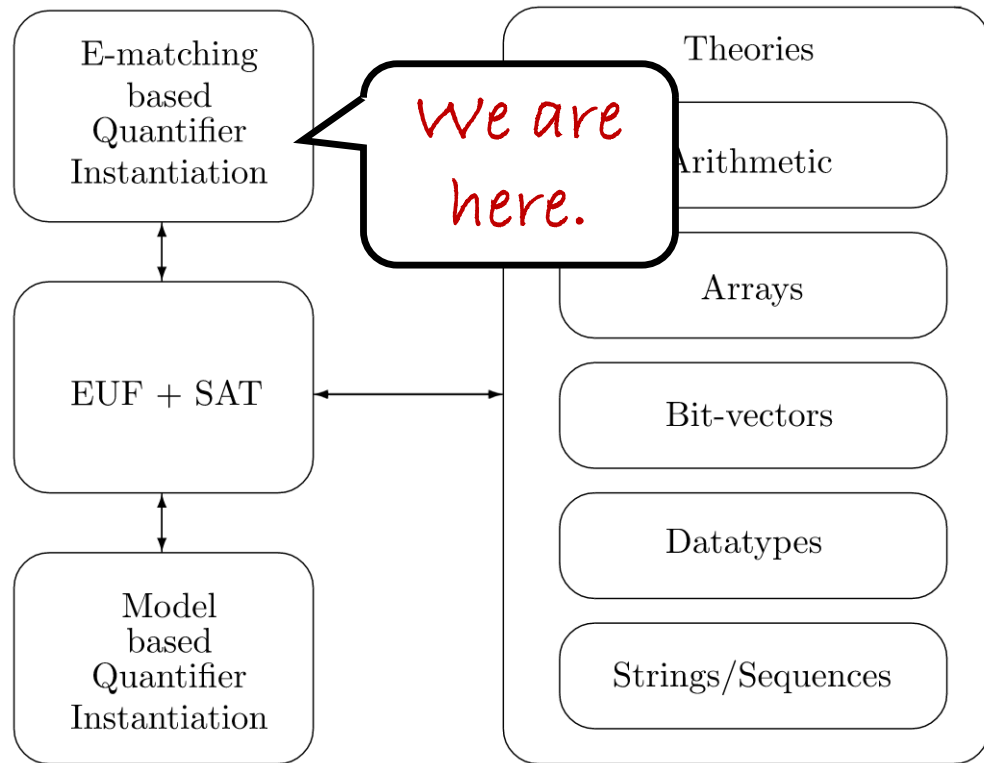




Architecture of Z3's SMT Core solver

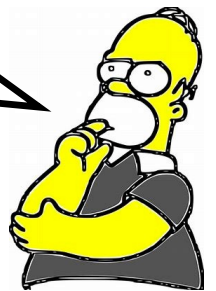
We have been ignoring quantifiers so far.





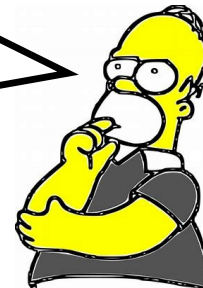
Architecture of Z3's SMT Core solver

It is very difficult
because domain of
discourse is infinite.



Quantifier

To make things easier, we can
eliminate all existential
quantifiers.



Quantifier

$$\neg(\forall x)(P(x)) = (\exists x)(\neg P(x))$$
$$\neg(\exists x)(P(x)) = (\forall x)(\neg P(x))$$

- 1) Move “not” inwards.
- 2) Use skolemization to eliminate existential quantifiers.
- 3) Now we obtain a formula with only positive universally-quantified literals.

There is no “not”
before quantifiers.

A Quick Recap

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)(\exists z)S(a, b, x, y, z)$$



y depends on x

$$(\forall x)(\exists z)S(a, b, x, f(x), z)$$



$$(\forall x)S(a, b, x, f(x), g(x))$$

z depends on x

We don't need to move all the quantifiers to the front of all formulas. We directly do skolemization on quantifiers.



Quantifier

Now there are only universal quantifiers.

Intuitive approach: replace x with a

$$g(f(a)) = 0 \wedge (\forall x)(g(f(x)) = 1)$$

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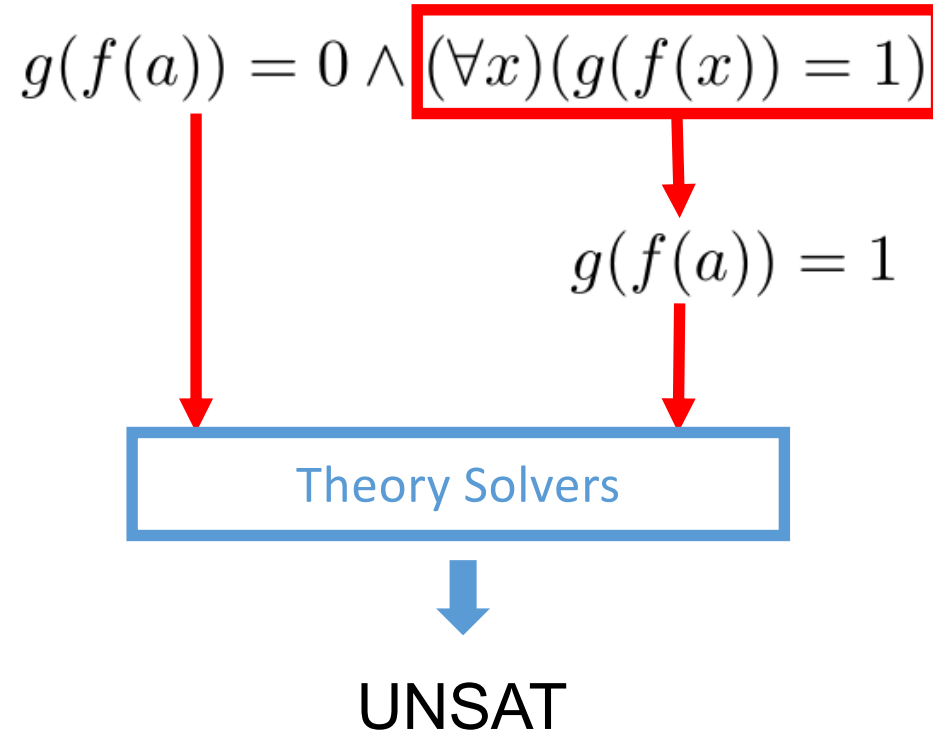
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$$g(f(a)) = 1$$

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Thanks & Questions