Techniques for Improving Software Productivity

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Slides from Eran Yahav, Zach Tatlock and the Noun Project, Wikipedia

Course Prerequisites

- Logic in Computer Science
- Software Project

Course Requirements

- The students must solve all homework assignments but one (40%)
  - Apply a tool
  - ~10 hours per project
  - First assignment available on next Thursday
- 60% final exam

Software is Everywhere






Exploitable

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Sony PlayStation

RSA hacked, information leaks

Stuxnet Worm Still Out of Control at Iran's Nuclear Sit

Security Advisory for Adobe Flash Player, Adobe Read

RSA tokens may be behind major network security problems at

(April 2011)

Buffer Overrun

```
void foo (char *x) {
  char buf[2];
  strcpy(buf, x);
}
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
  foo(argv[1]);
}
```

```
> ./a.out
abracadabra
```

source code

```
Segmentation
fault
```

terminal

memory

Buffer Overrun Exploits

```
int check_authentication(char *password) {
 int auth_flag = 0;
 char password_buffer[16];

 strcpy(password_buffer, password);
 if(strcmp(password_buffer, "brillig") == 0) auth_flag = 1;
 if(strcmp(password_buffer, "outgrabe") == 0) auth_flag = 1;
  return auth_flag;
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   if(check_authentication(argv[1])) {
      printf("\n-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-\n");
      printf("      Access Granted.\n");
      printf("-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-\n");          }
  else
      printf("\nAccess Denied.\n");
}
```

(source: “hacking – the art of exploitation, 2nd Ed”)

Attack

evil input

Application

AAAAAAAAAAAAA

-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-

Access Granted. 65

-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-

- A sailor on the U.S.S. Yorktown entered a 0 into a data field in a kitchen-inventory program
- The 0-input caused an overflow, which crashed all LAN consoles and miniature remote terminal units
- The Yorktown was dead in the water for about two hours and 45 minutes

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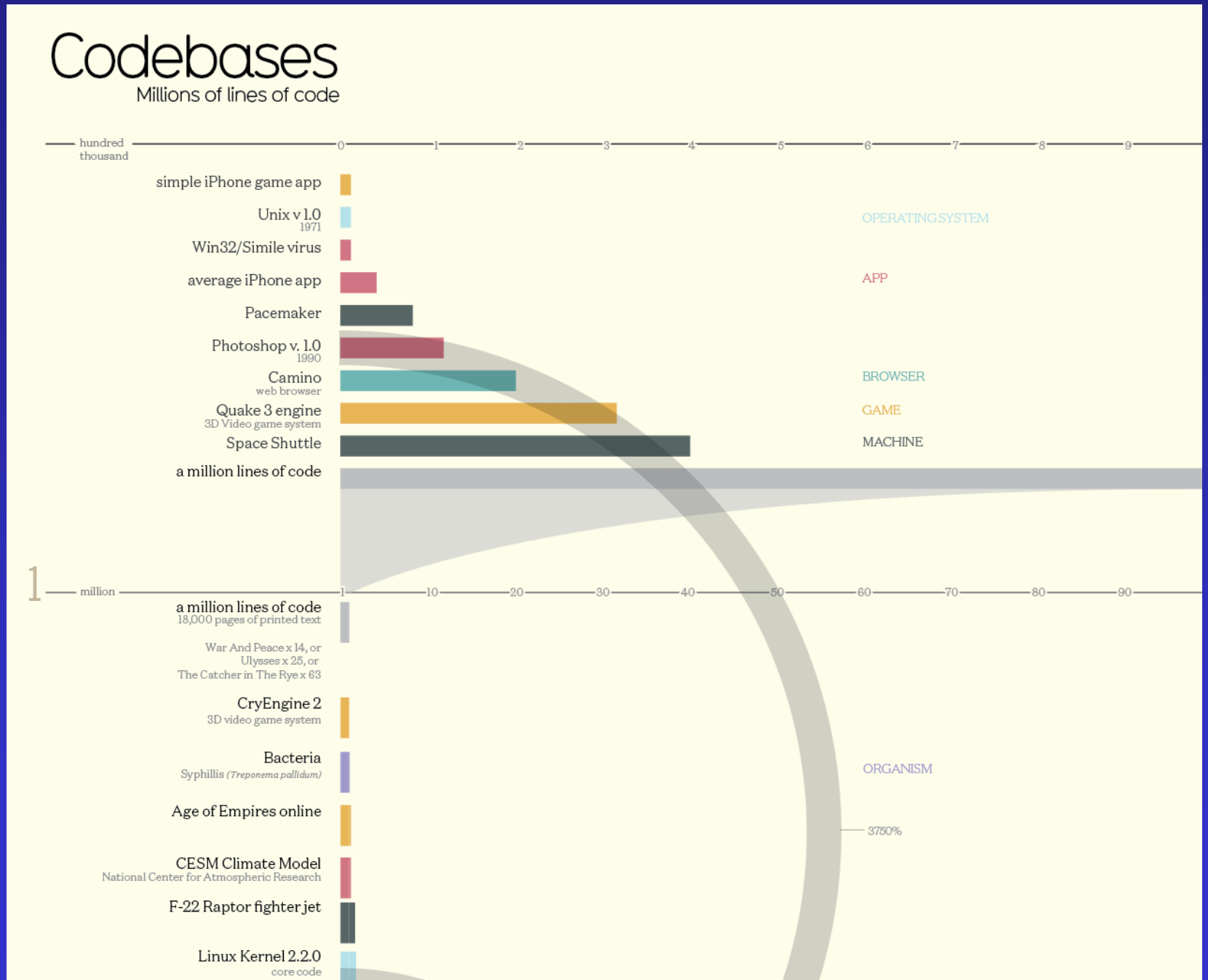
Software is Complex

http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/million-lines-of-code/



MySQL Workbench 5.2 Code Statistics

	Files	Lines of Code
Linux	65	43782
Windows	430	93065
MacOSX	97	19198
Common	1497	325001
MForms	36	9499
3rd Party	457	201401
Total	2582	691946
C/C++	752	340492
C#	397	100297
Objective-C	129	29129
Python	47	15260
Lua	11	3061
XML Files	63	
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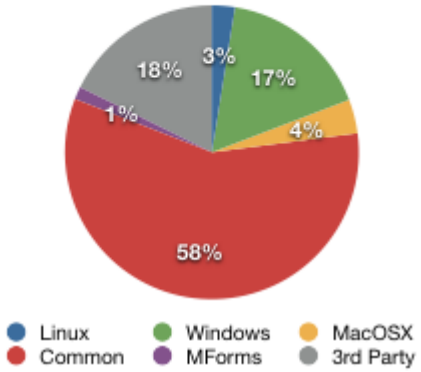
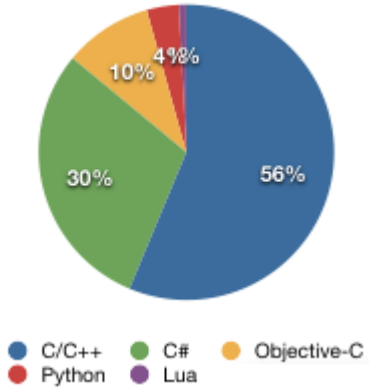
Code by Category



Code by Language



Cost of software bugs

- 59.5 billion dollars in the US due to software bugs
- Software security
  - Cars, Planes, Radiotherapy, Internet, ….
- Software agility

Improving Software Productivity

- High level programming languages
  - Abstractions
- Software Engineering
  - Software designs
- Software tools
  - Software testing
  - Software debugging
  - Formal Verification

Software Testing

- Goal: “to affirm the quality of software systems by systematically exercising the software in carefully controlled circumstances” [E. F. Miller, Introduction to Software Testing Technology]

The Testing Spectrum

- Unit Testing: basic unit of software
- Integration Testing: combination
- System’s testing: end-to-end
- Acceptance testing: client check

Testing Techniques

- Random testing: Runs the program on random inputs
- Symbolic techniques
- Concolic techniques
- Adequacy of test suit
  - Coverage
  - Mutation testing: Modify the program in a small way
    - Check the adequacy of the test suit

Symbolic vs. Concrete Testing

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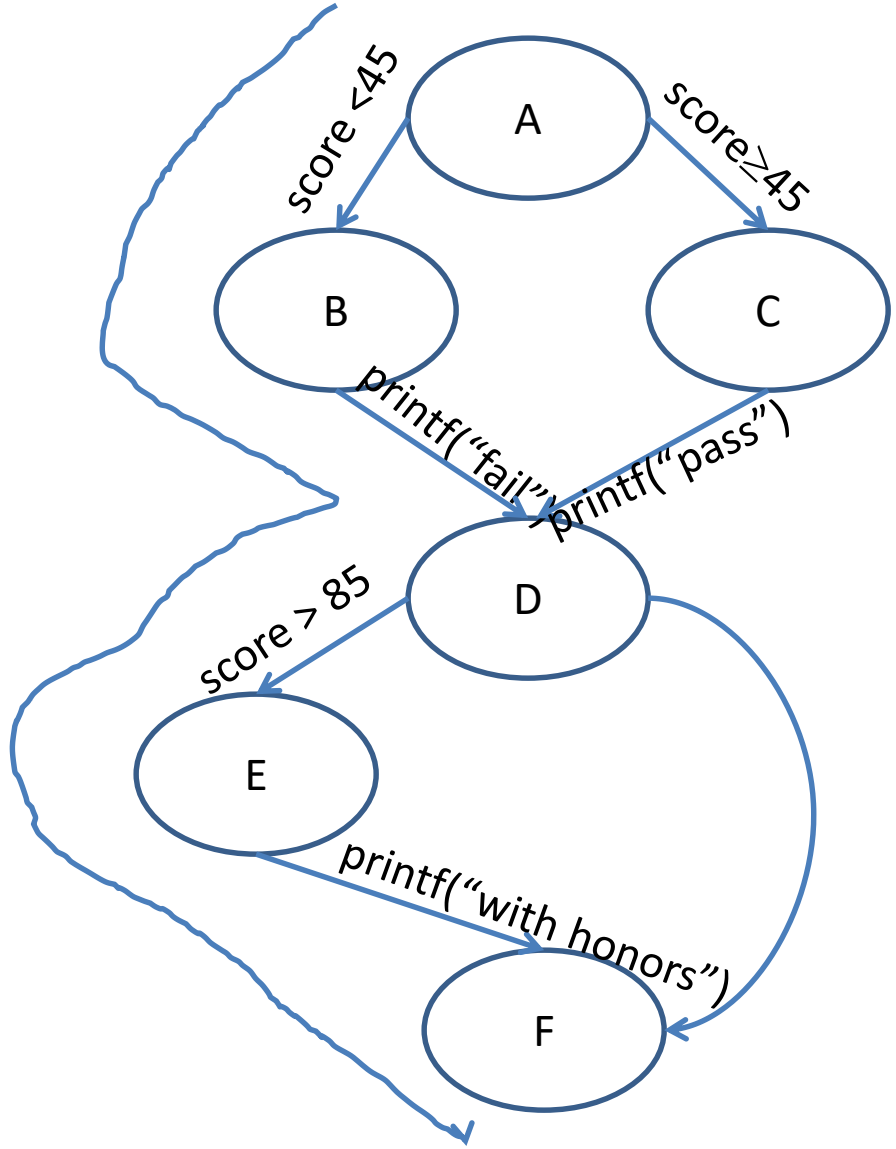
Program Path

- Program Path
  - A path in the control flow of the program
    - Can start and end at any point
    - Appropriate for imperative programs
- Feasible program path
  - There exists an input that leads to the execution of this path
- Infeasible program path
  - No input that leads to the execution

Infeasible Paths

```
void grade(int score) {
A:  if (score <45) {
B:    printf("fail");
     }
    else
 C:    printf("pass");
     }
 D:  if (score > 85) {
 E:     printf("with honors");
        }
F:
}
```



Concrete vs. Symbolic Executions

- Real programs have many infeasible paths
  - Ineffective concrete testing
- Symbolic execution aims to find rare errors

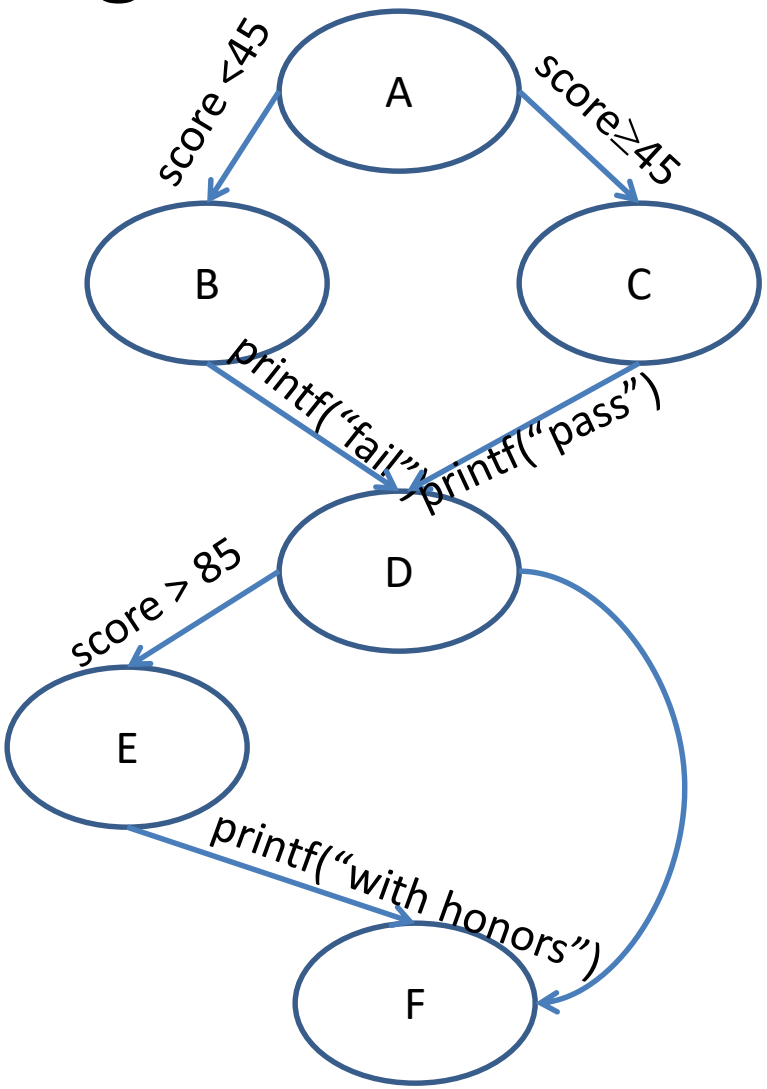
Symbolic Testing Tools

- EFFIGY [King, IBM 76]
- PEX [MSR]
- SAGE [MSR]
- SATURN[Stanford]
- KLEE[Stanford]
- Java pathfinder[NASA]
- Bitscope [Berkeley]
- Cute [UIUC, Berkeley]
- Calysto [UBC]

Finding Infeasible Paths Via Constraint Solving

```
void grade(int score) {
A:  if (score <45) {
B:    printf("fail");
    }
   else
 C:    printf("pass");
    }
 D:  if (score > 85) {
 E:     printf("with honors");
        }
F:
}
```

score < 45 ∧ score > 85 UNSAT



Plan

- Random Testing
- Symbolic Testing
- Concolic Testing

Fuzzing [Miller 1990]

- Test programs on random unexpected data
- Can be realized using black/white testing
- Can be quite effective
  - Operating Systems
  - Networks
- …
- Usually implemented via instrumentation
- Tricky to scale for programs with many paths

```
If (x == 10001) {

    ….
    if (f(*y) == *z) {
   ….
```

```
int f(int *p) {

  if (p !=NULL) {
    return q ;

}
```

Success Stories Fuzzing

- Crashes to Unix [90s]
- Crashes to all systems
  - American Fuzzy Lop http://lcamtuf.coredump.cx/afl/

Symbolic Exploration

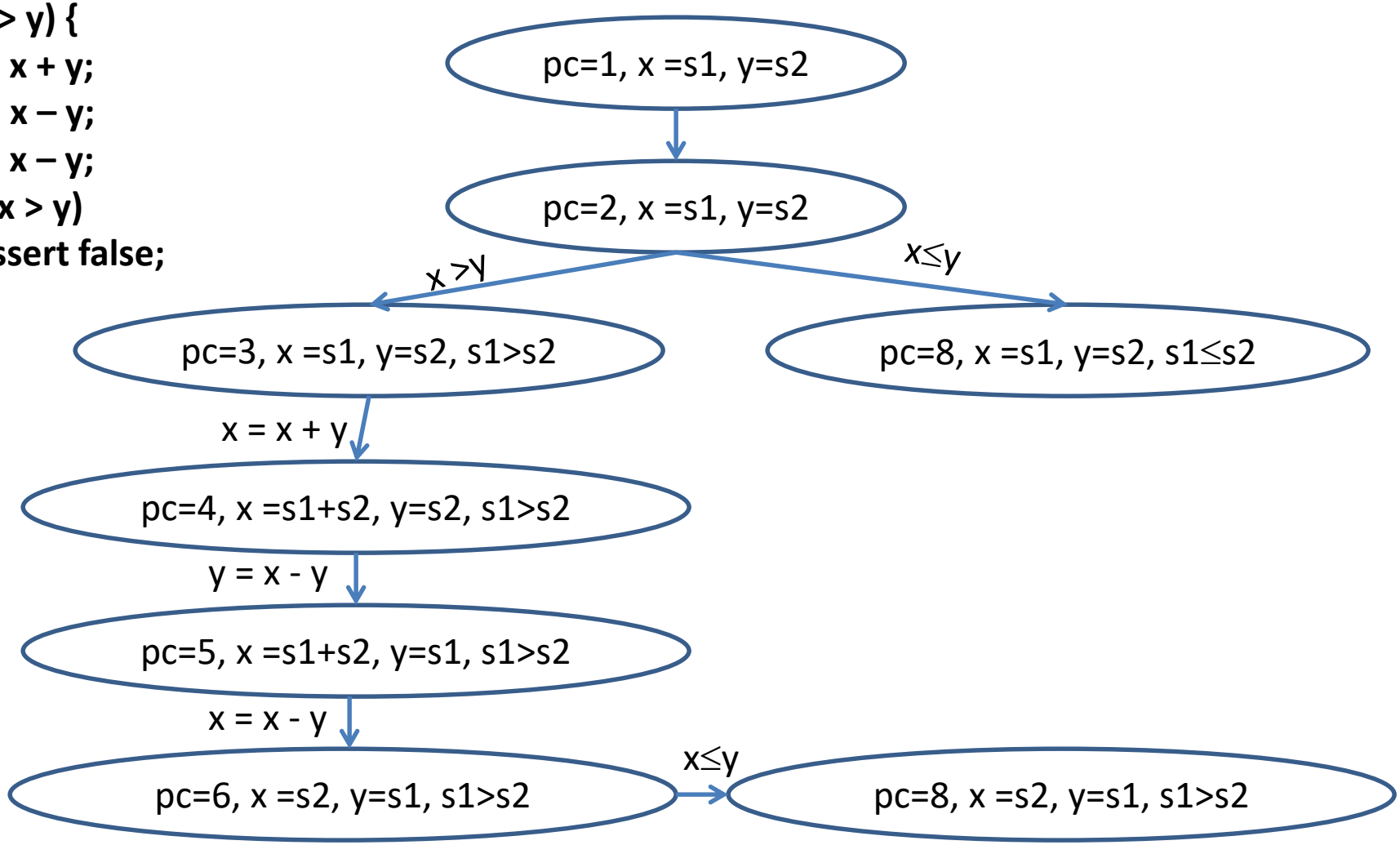
- Execute a program on symbolic inputs
- Track set of values symbolically
- Update symbolic states when instructions are executed
- Whenever a branch is encountered check if the path is feasible using a theorem prover call

Symbolic Execution Tree

- The constructed symbolic execution paths
- Nodes
  - Symbolic Program States
- Edges
  - Potential Transitions
- Constructed during symbolic evaluation
- Each edge requires a theorem prover call

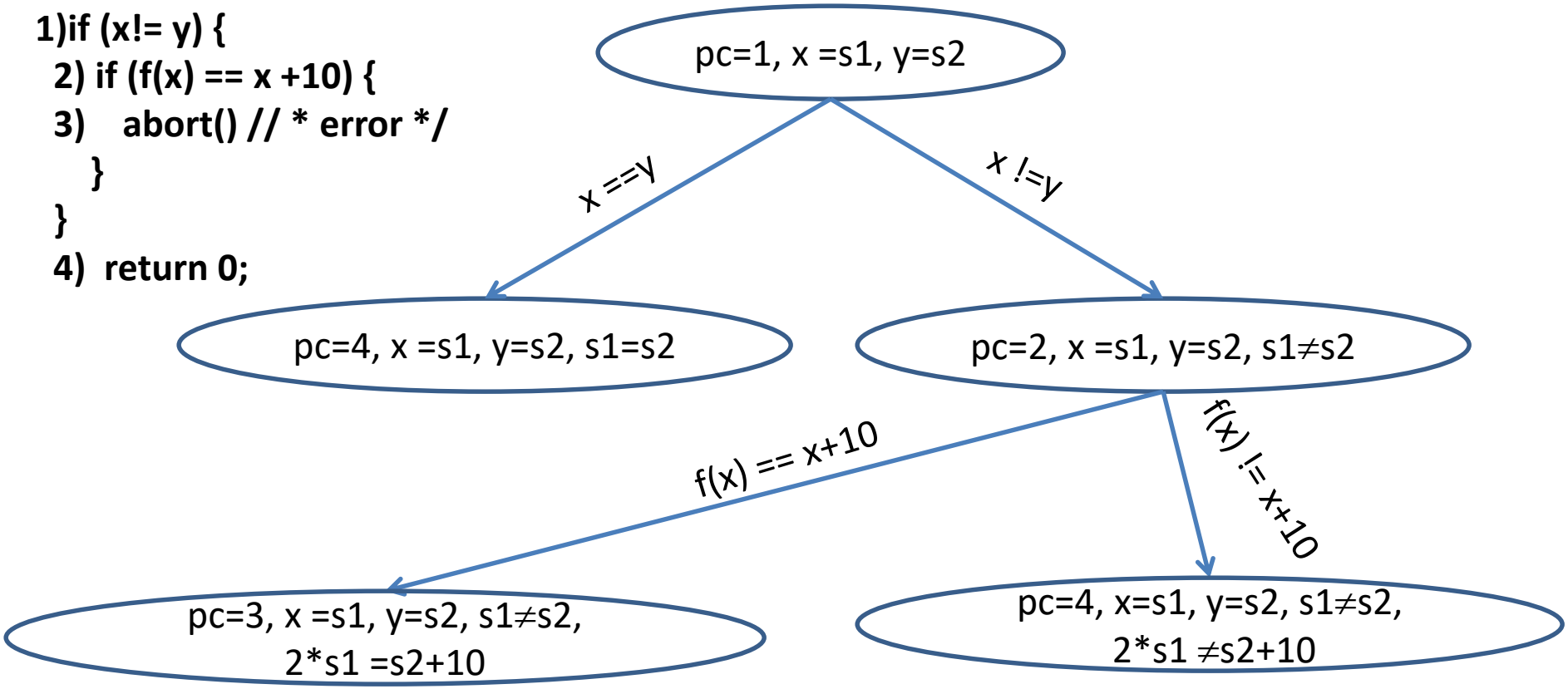
Simple Example

```
1)int x, y;
2)if (x > y) {
  3) x = x + y;
  4) y = x – y;
  5) x = x – y;
  6) if (x > y)
    7) assert false;
8)}
```



Another Example

```
int f(int x) { return 2 * x ;}
int h(int x, int y) {
1)if (x!= y) {
  2) if (f(x) == x +10) {
  3)    abort() // * error */
     }
  }
  4)  return 0;
```



Non-Deterministic Behavior

```
int x; y;
1) if (nondet()) {
      2) x = 7;
      }
 else  {
     3) x = 19 ;
    }
4)
```

Loops

```
1) int i;
2) while  i < n {
       i = i + 1;
     }
3) if (n ==10^6) {
4)     abort();
5) }
```

Scaling Issues for Symbolic Exploration

Concolic Testing Approach

```
int double (int v) {

    return 2*v;
}

void testme (int x, int y) {

    z = double (y);

    if (z == x) {

        if (x > y+10) {

            ERROR;
        }
    }

}
```

Concrete Execution	Symbolic Execution	
concrete state	symbolic state	path condition
$x = 22, y = 7$	$x = x_0, y = y_0$	

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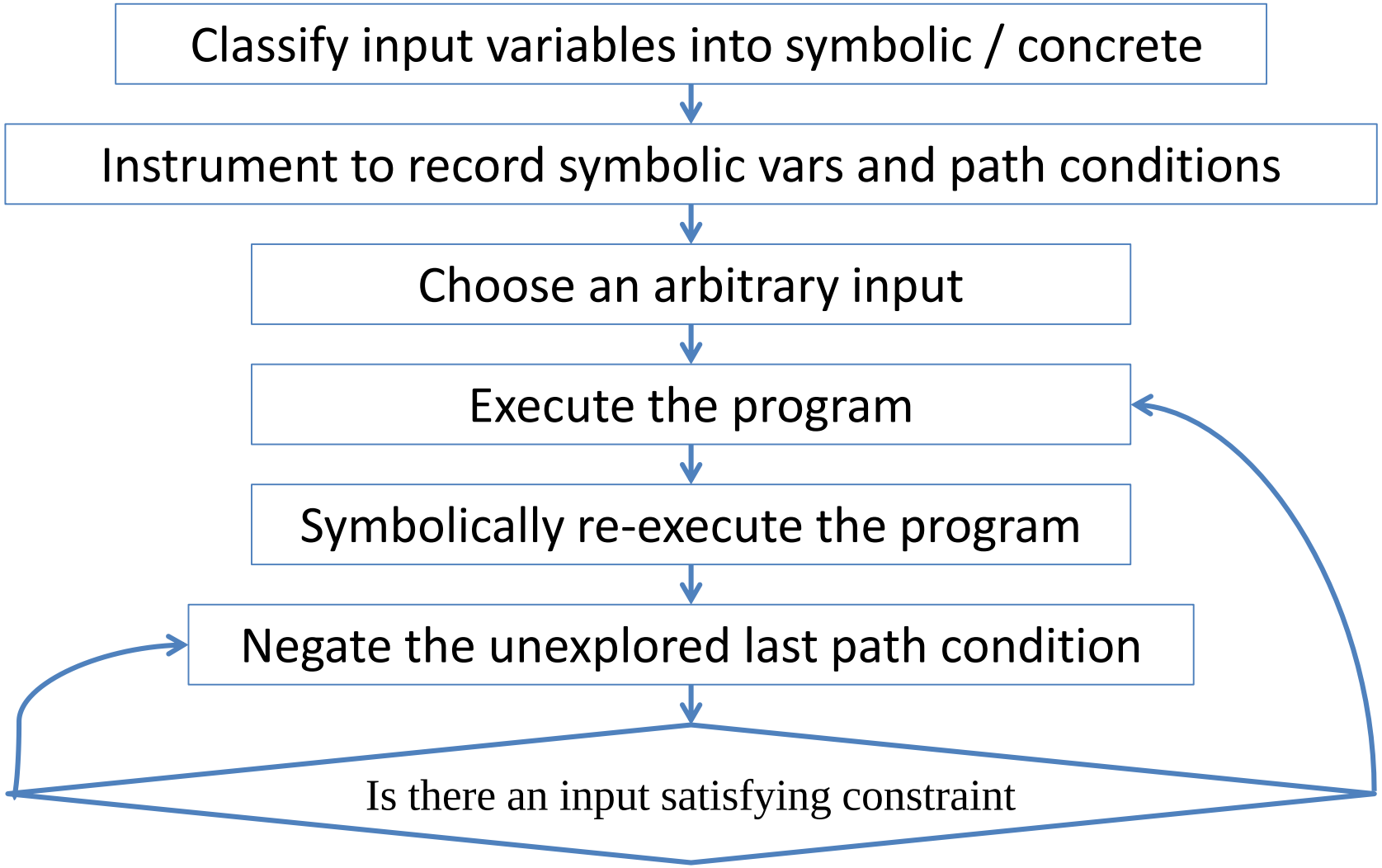
The Concolic Testing Algorithm



SAGE: Whitebox Fuzzing for Security Testing

- Check correctness of Win’7, Win’8
- 200+ machine years
- 1 Billion+ SMT constraints
- 100s of apps, 100s of bugs
- 1/3 of all Win7 WEX security bugs found
- Millions of dollars saved

Automatic Program Verification

Program
P

Desired
Properties φ

Solver

Is there a behavior
of P that violates φ?

Counterexample

Proof

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}
```

Undecidability

- The Halting Problem
  - Does the program P terminate on input I
- Rice's Theorem
  - Any non-trivial property of partial functions, there is no general and effective method to decide if program computes a partial function with that property

Coping with Undecidability

- Permits occasional divergence
- Limited programs (not Turing Complete)
- Unsound Verification
  - Explore limited program executions
- Incomplete Verification
  - Explore superset of program executions
- Programmer Assistance
  - Inductive loop invariants

Limited Programs

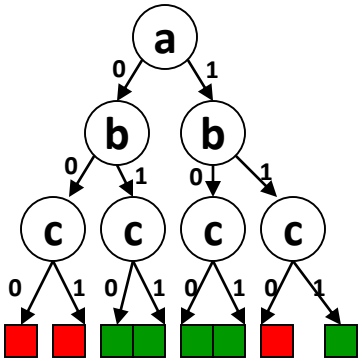
- Finite state programs
  - Finite state model checking
    - Explicit state SPIN, CHESS
    - Symbolic model checking SMV
- Loop free programs
  - Configuration files

Unsound Verification

- Dynamic checking
  - Valgrind, Parasoft Insure, Purify, Eraser
- Bounded Model Checking
- Concolic Executions

The SAT Problem

- Given a propositional formula (Boolean function)
  - φ **= (a $\vee$ b) $\wedge$($\neg$ a$\vee$ $\neg$b $\vee$ c)**
- Determine if φ is satisfiable
  - Find a satisfying assignment or report that such does not exit
- For *n* variables, there are 2^n possible truth assignments to be checked



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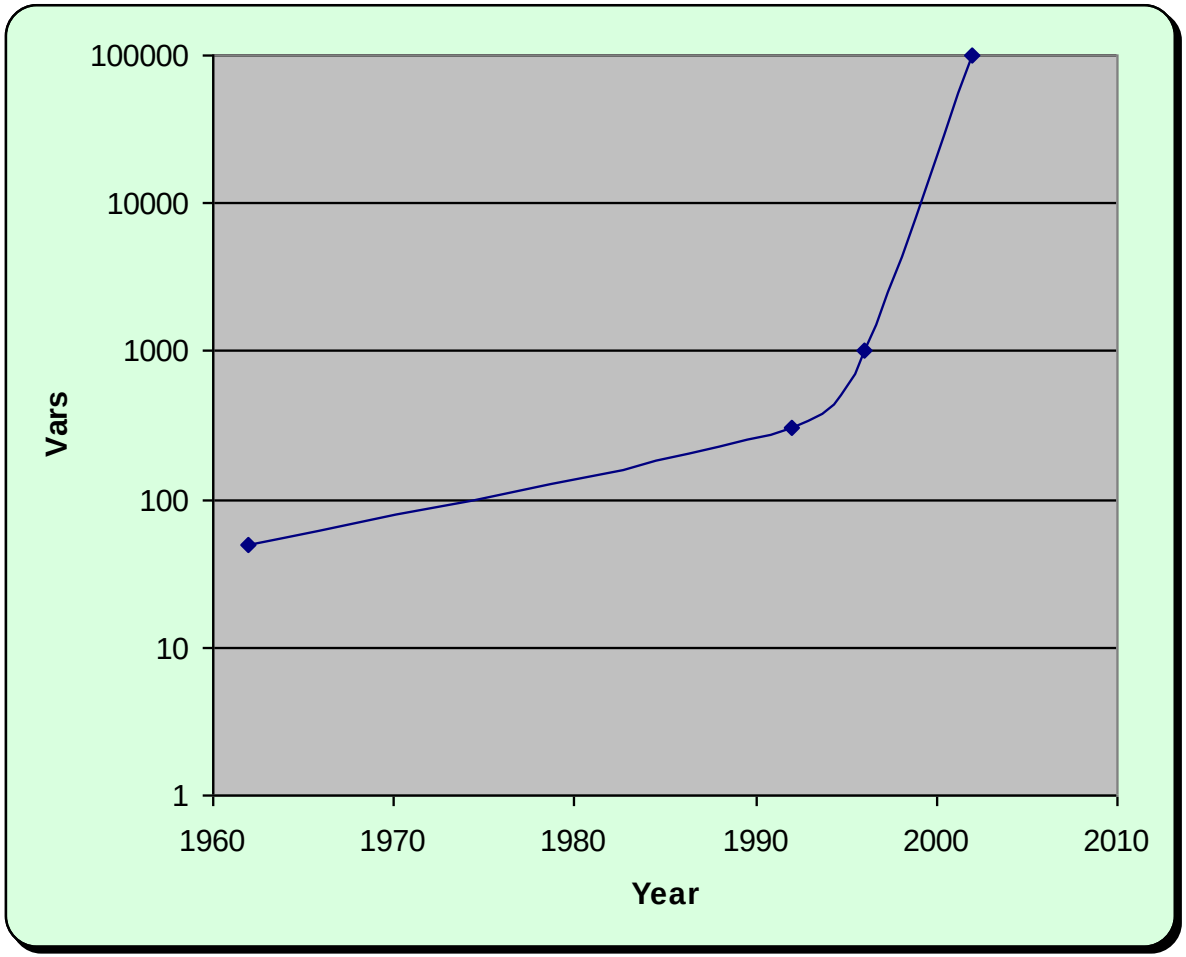
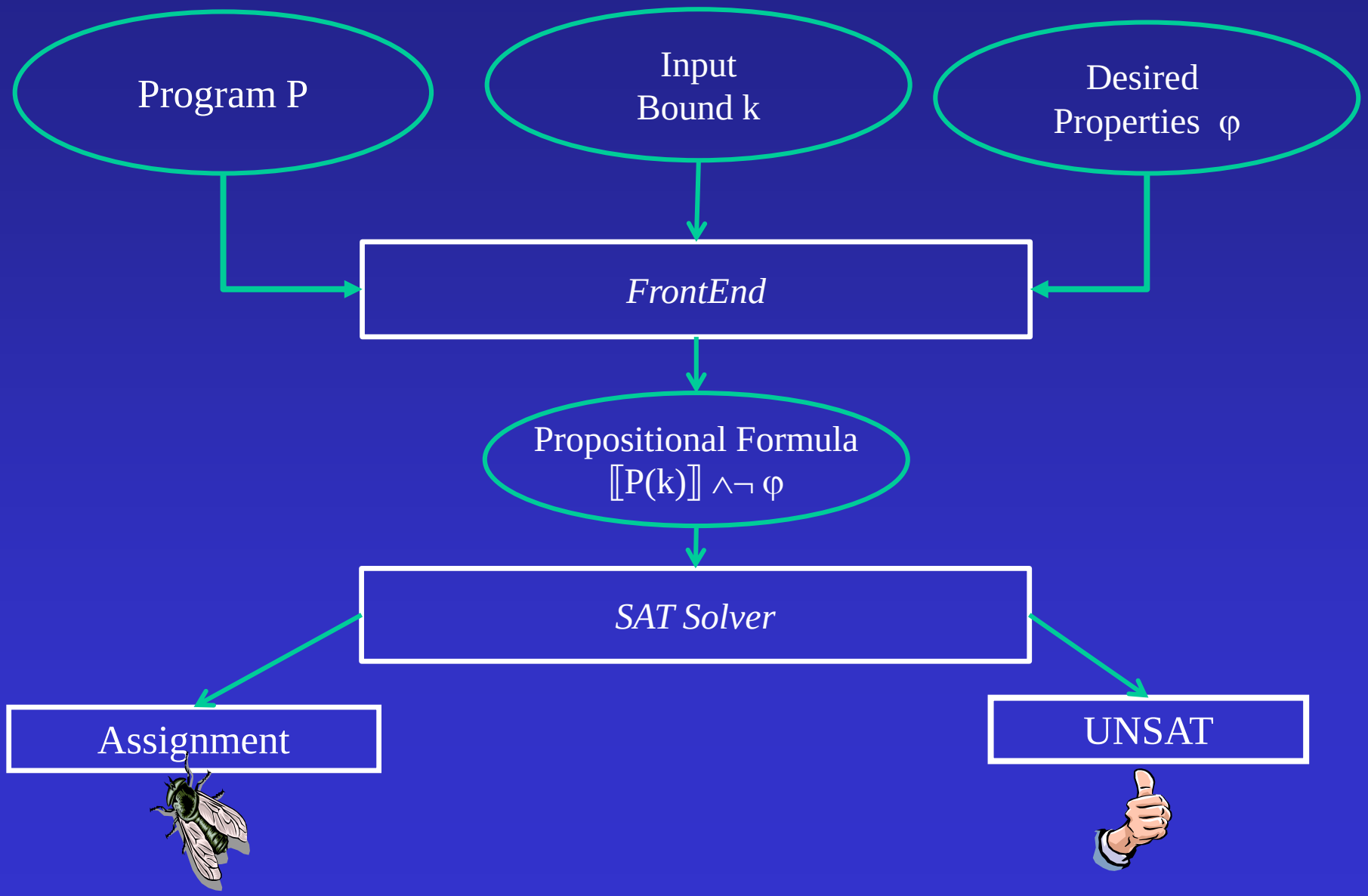


Bounded Model Checking



A Simple Example

Program

```
int x;
int y=8,z=0,w=0;
if (x)
  z = y - 1;
else
  w = y + 1;
assert (z == 5 ||
        w == 9)
```

Constraints

y = 8,
z = x ? y – 1 : 0,
w = x ? 0 :y + 1,
z != 5,
w != 9

SAT
counterexample found!

y = 8, x = 1, w = 0, z = 7

A Simple Example

Program

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int x;
int y=8,z=0,w=0;
if (x)
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else
  w = y + 1;
assert (z == 7 ||
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```

Constraints

$y = 8,$
$z = x \ ? \ y - 1 : 0,$
$w = x \ ? \ 0 : y + 1,$
$z \mathrel{!=} 7,$
$w \mathrel{!=} 9$

UNSAT
Assertion always holds!

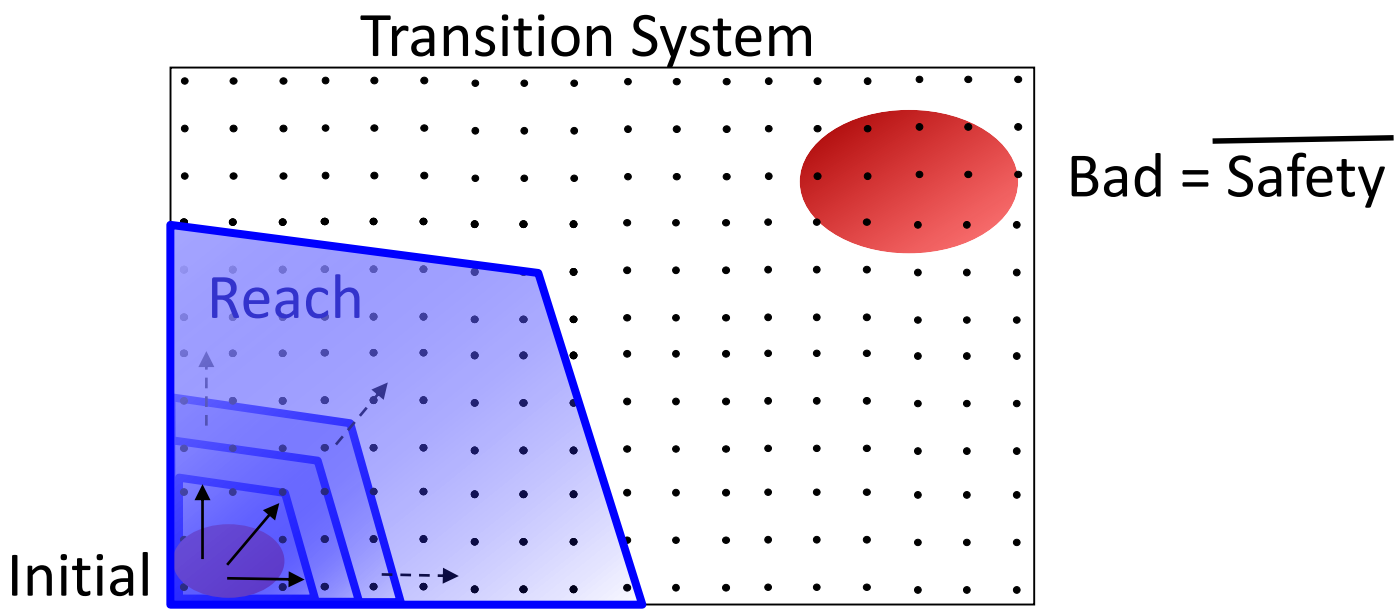
Summary Bounded Model Checking

- Excellent tools exist (CBMC, Alloy)
- Many bugs occur on small inputs
- Useful for designs too
- Scalability is an issue
- Challenging features
  - Bounded arithmetic
  - Pointers and Heap
  - Procedures
  - Concurrency

Success Stories BMC

- Car industry
- Amazon
- Regression

Safety of Transition Systems



System S is **safe** if no bad state is reachable

$R_0 = Init$ – Initial states, reachable in 0 transitions

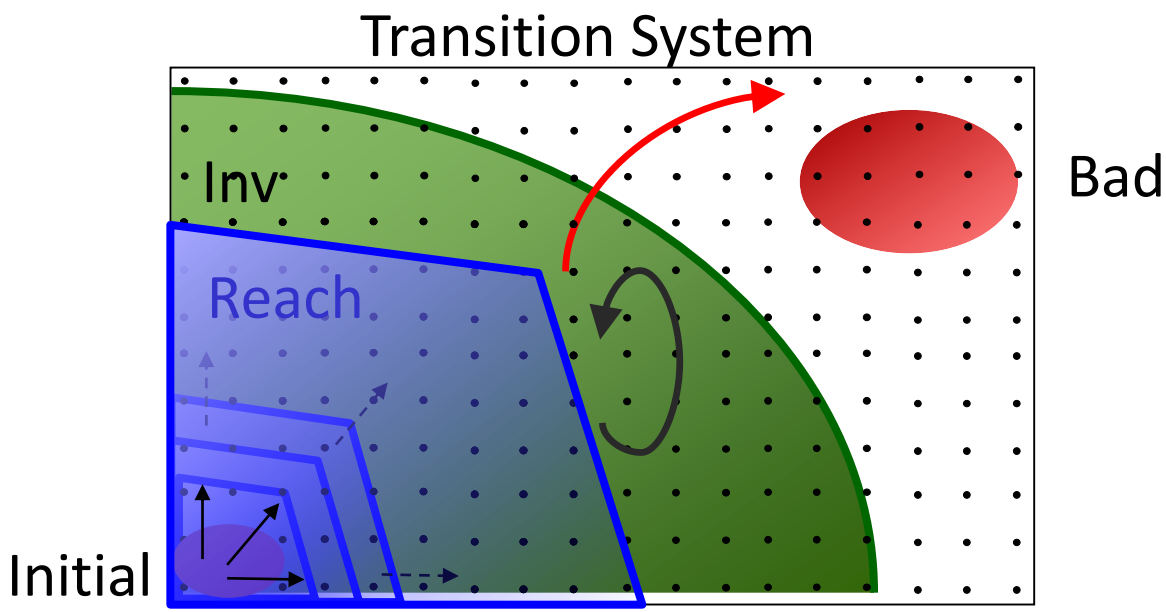
$R_{i+1} = R_i \cup \{\sigma' \mid \sigma \rightarrow \sigma' \text{ and } \sigma \in R_i\}$

$R = R_0 \cup R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \ldots$

Safety: $R \cap Bad = \varnothing$

K-Safety: $R_K \cap Bad = \varnothing$

Inductive Invariants



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System S is safe iff there exists an inductive invariant Inv s.t.:

Inv $\cap$ *Bad* = $\varnothing$ *(Safety)*

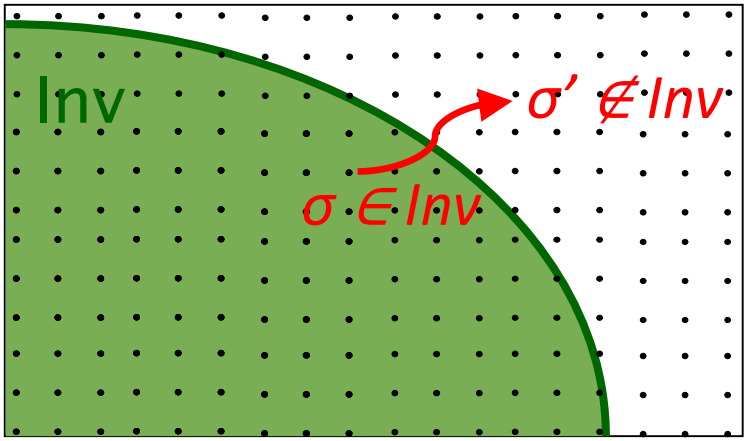
Init $\subseteq$ *Inv (Initiation)*

if $\sigma \in$ *Inv and* $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma'$ *then* $\sigma' \in$ *Inv (Consecution)*

Counterexample To Induction (CTI)

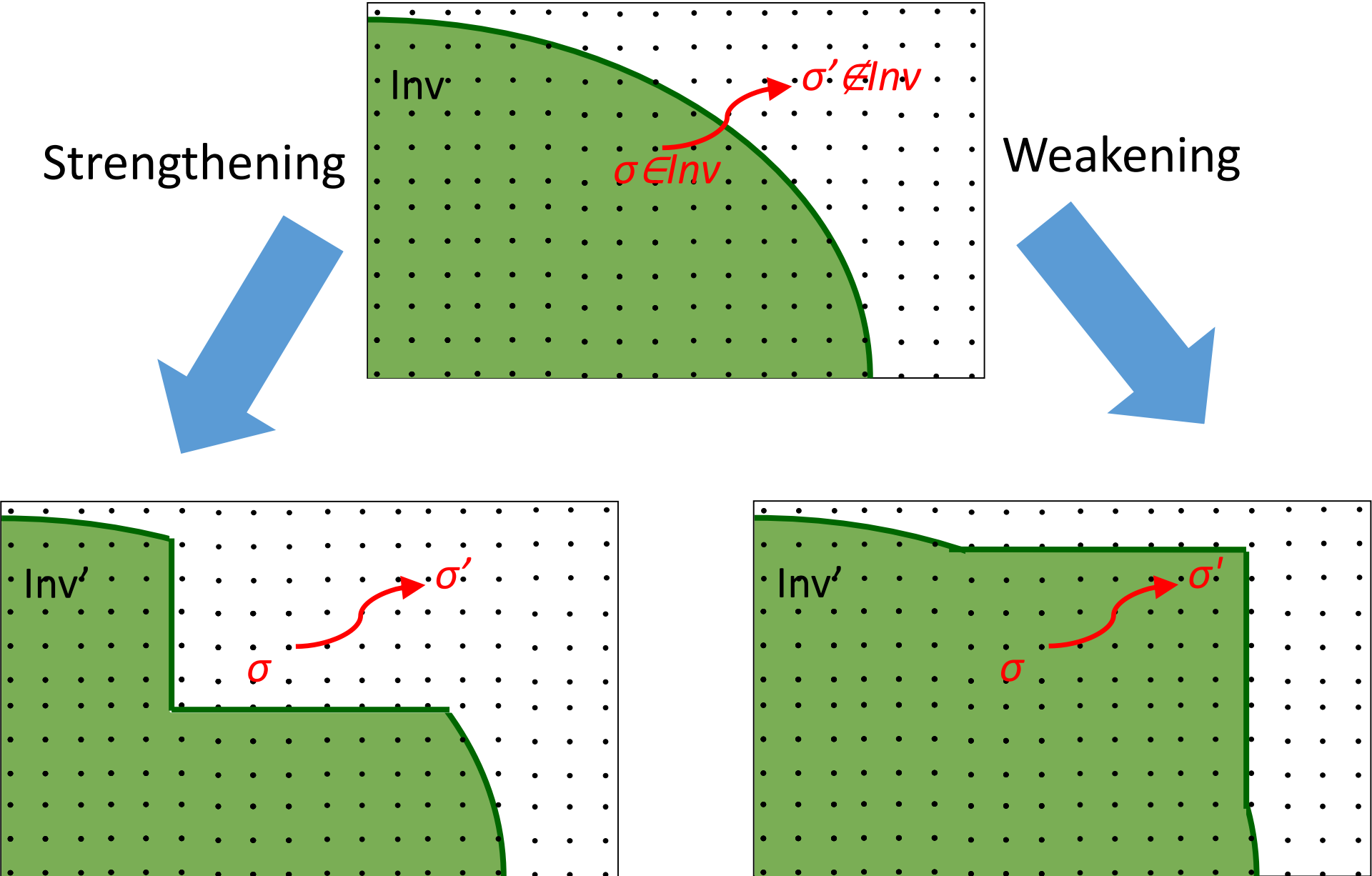
States σ,σ' are a CTI of Inv if:

- σ ∈ Inv
- σ' ∉ Inv
- σ → σ'

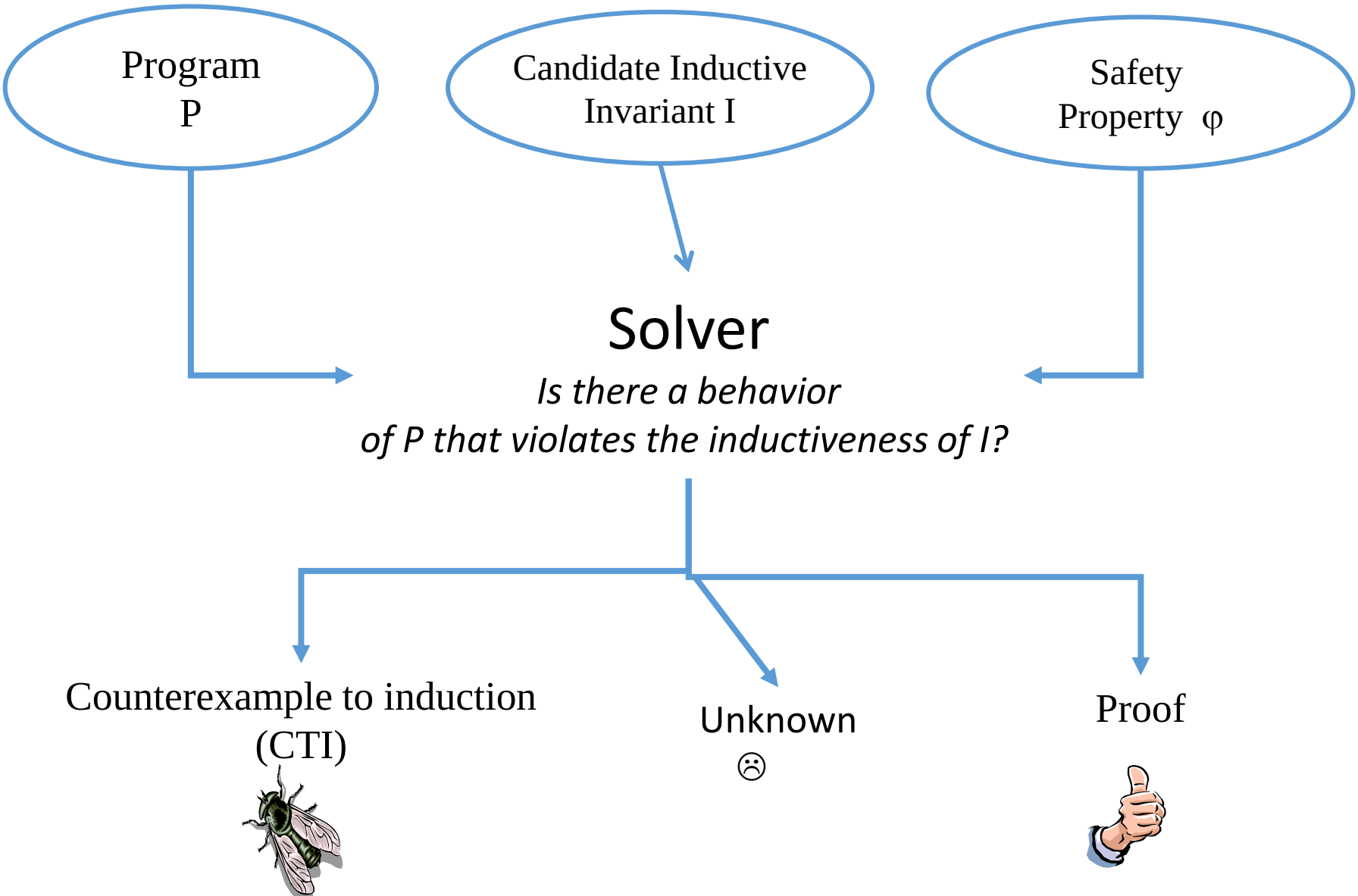


- A CTI may indicate:
  - A bug in the system
  - A bug in the safety property
  - A bug in the invariant
    - Too weak
    - Too strong

Strengthening & Weakening from CTI



Deductive (Semi-Automatic) Verification



Deductive Verification

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1: x := 1;
2: y := 2;
while * do {
   3: assert x ≥1;
   4:  x:= x + y;
   5:  y := y + 1
}
6:
```

$I = at(3) \Rightarrow x \geq 1$

$at(3) \Rightarrow x \geq 1$

Solver

Is there a behavior of P that violates the inductiveness of I?

I

3: x=1, y=-2

x := x+y; y :=y+1

¬I

x= -1, y=-1

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$at(3) \Rightarrow x \geq 1 \wedge y \neq -2$

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3: x=1, y=-7

x := x+y; y :=y+1

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x=-6, y=-6

Deductive Verification

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$at(3) \Rightarrow x \geq 1 \wedge y \geq 0$

$at(3) \Rightarrow x \geq 1$

Solver

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Proof

Algorithmic Deductive Verification

- SAT/SMT has made huge progress in the last decade
- Great impact on verification:
  Dafny[ITP'13], IronClad/IronFleet[SOSP'15], and more
- State: finite first-order structure over vocabulary V
- Initial states and safety property (first-order formulas):
  - Init(V) – initial states
  - Bad(V) – bad states
- Transition relation:
  first-order formula TR(V, V')
  V' is a copy of V describing the next state

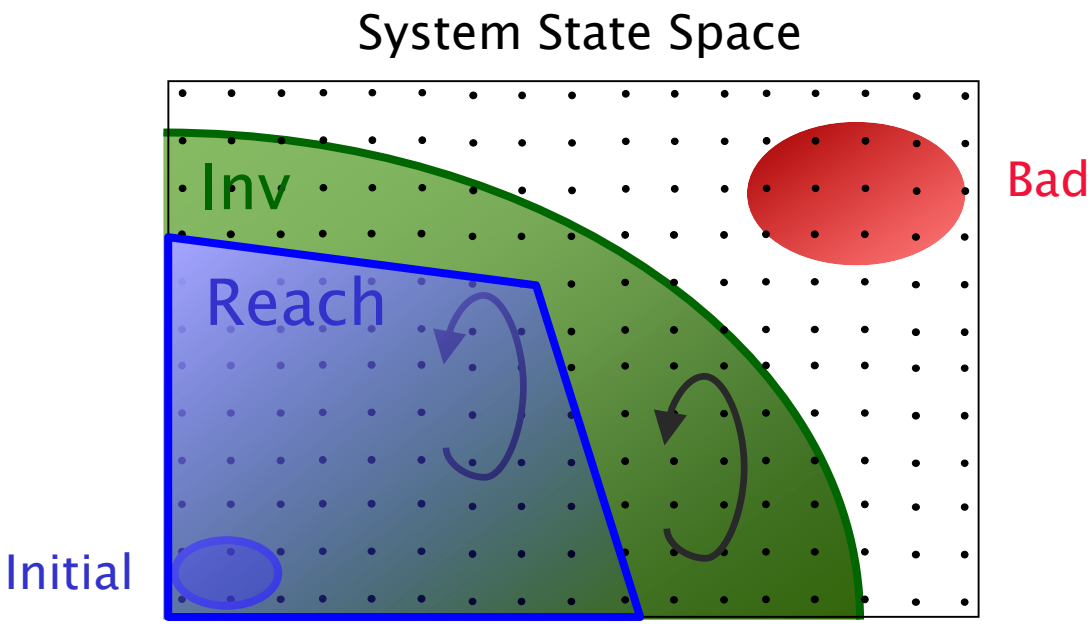
[ITP'13] K.R. Leino: Automating Theorem Proving with SMT. DAFNY

[SOSP'15] C. Hawblitzel, J. Howell, M. Kapritsos, J.R. Lorch, B. Parno, M. Roberts, S. Setty, B. Zill: IronFleet: proving practical distributed systems correct

Algorithmically Checking Inductiveness

Inv is an **inductive invariant** if:

• Initiation:	Init ⇒ Inv	Init∧¬Inv	unsat
• Safety:	Inv ⇒ ¬Bad	Inv∧Bad	unsat
• Consecution:	Inv ∧ TR ⇒ Inv’	Inv∧TR∧¬Inv’	unsat



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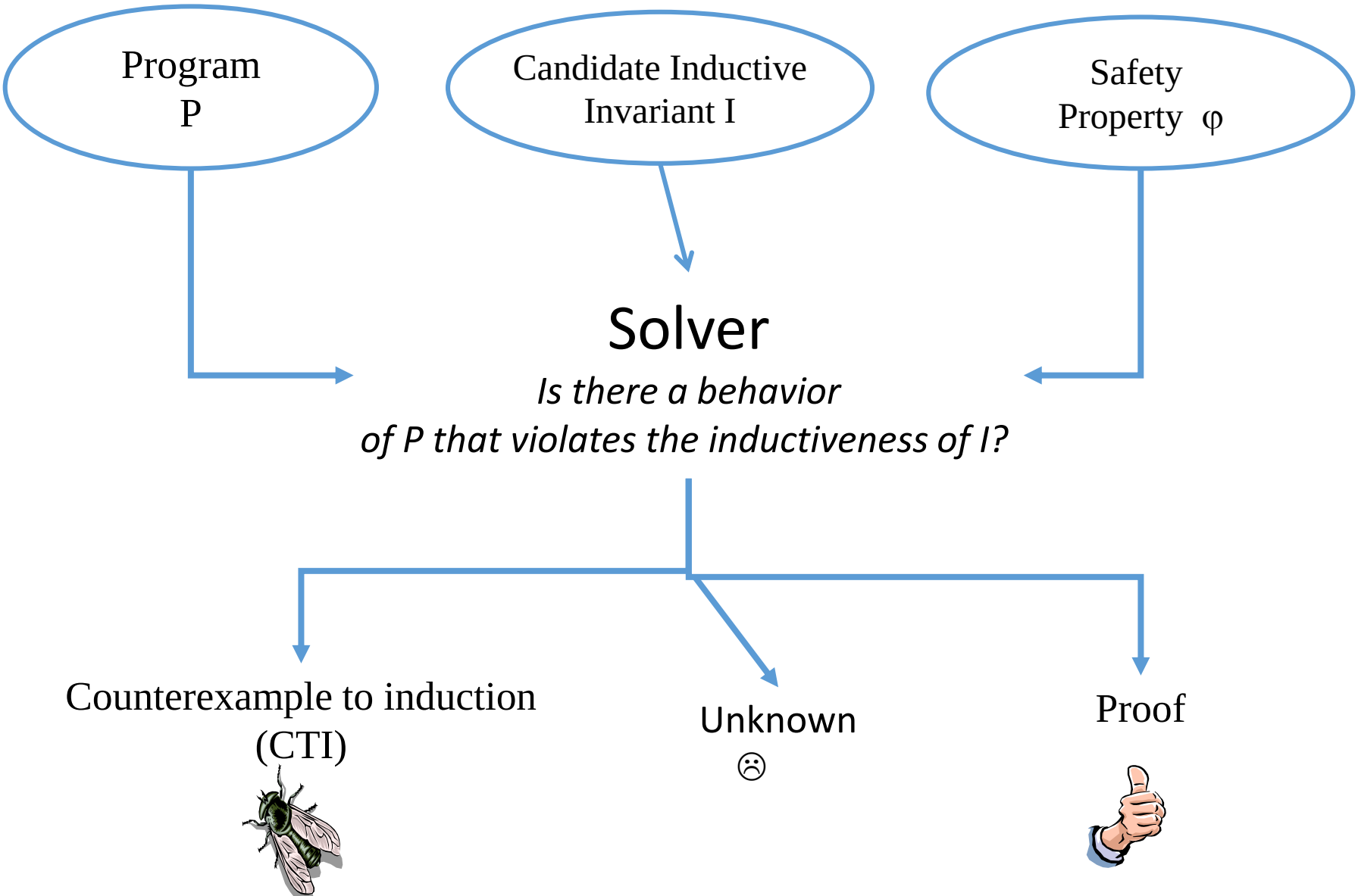

Challenges

1. Formal specification:
   - Modeling the system (TR, Init)
   - Formalizing the safety property (Bad)
2. Inductive Invariants (Inv)
   - Hard to specify manually
   - Hard to maintain
   - Hard to infer automatically
3. Deduction – Checking inductiveness
   - Undecidability of implication checking
     - Unbounded state, arithmetic, quantifier alternation

Existing Approaches for Verification

- Automated invariant inference
  - Abstract Interpretation
    - Ultimately limited due to undecidability
- Use SMT for deduction with manual program annotations (e.g. Dafny)
  - Requires programmer effort to provide inductive invariants
  - SMT solver may diverge (matching loops, arithmetic)
- Interactive theorem provers (e.g. Coq, Isabelle/HOL)
  - Programmer gives inductive invariant and proves it
  - Huge effort (10-50 lines of proof per line of code)

Abstract Interpretation

- Automatically prove that the program is correct by also considering infeasible executions
- Abstract interpretation of program statements/conditions
- Conceptually explore a superset of reachable states
- Sound but incomplete reasoning
- Automatically infer sound inductive invariants

Automatic Program Verification

Program
P

Desired
Properties φ

Solver

Is there a behavior
of P that violates φ?

Counterexample

Unknown

Proof

Interval Based Abstract Interpretation

pc: int(x)

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2: while true {x > 0} do

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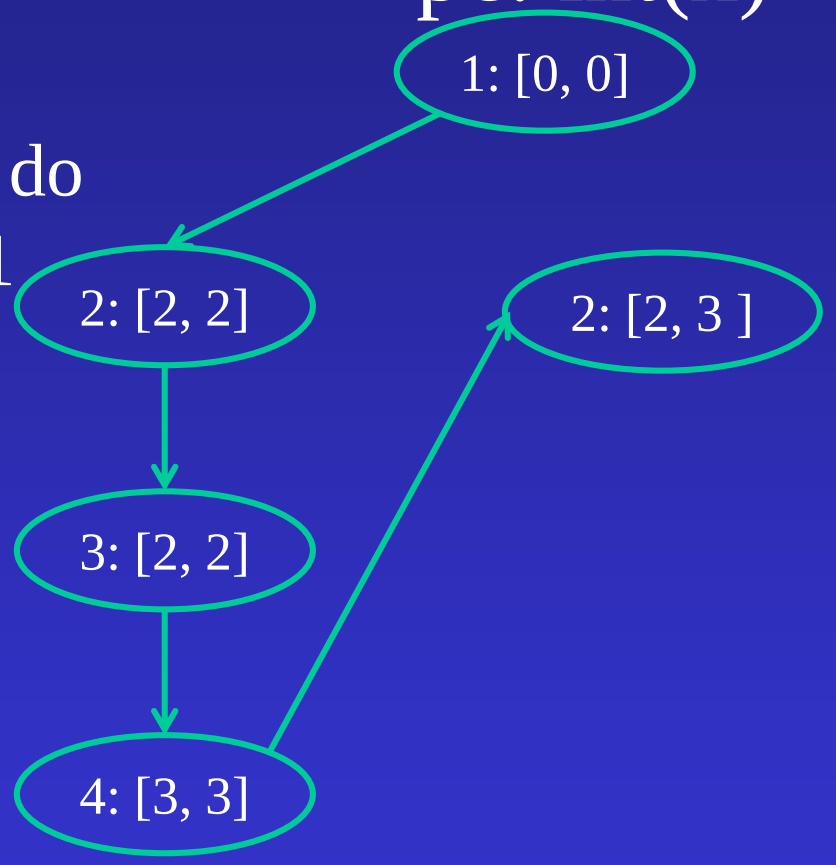
4:



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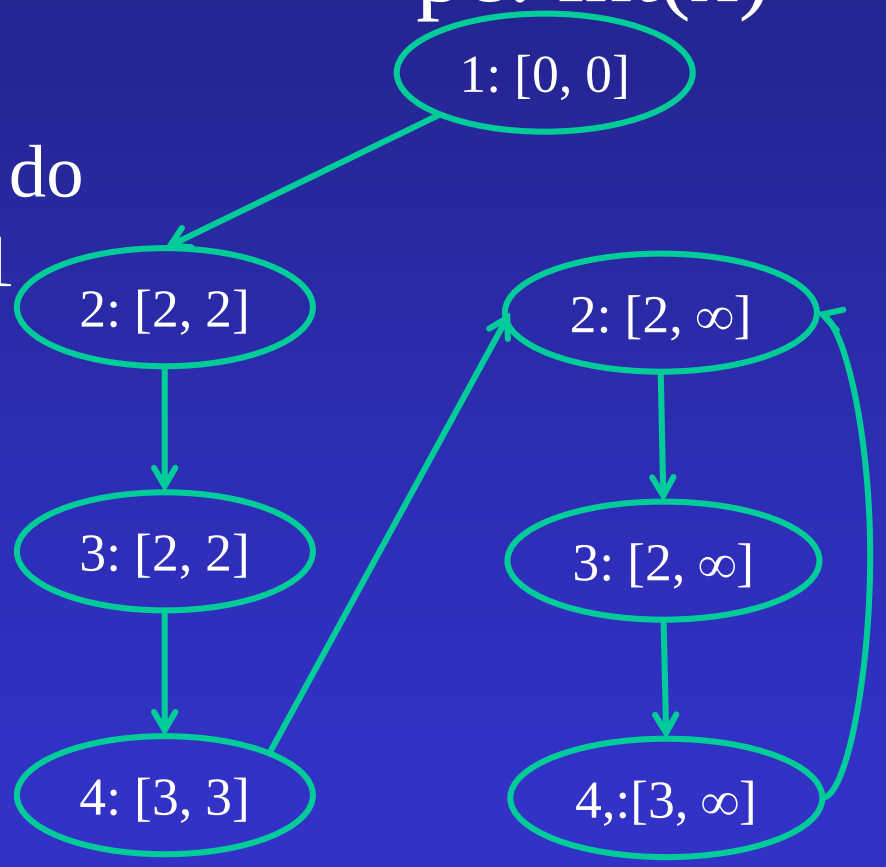

Interval Based Abstract Interpretation

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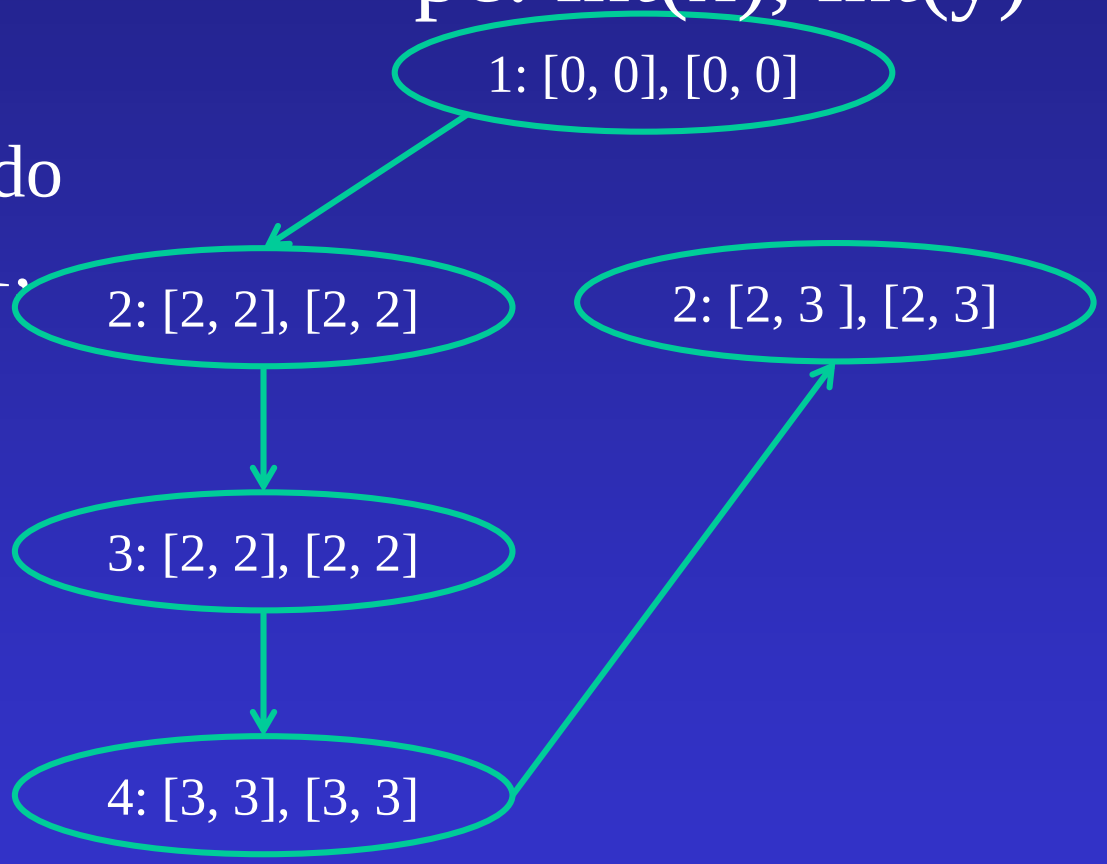

Shape-Based Abstract Interpretation

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   1:  node x = h;
   2:  while (h != NULL) {
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   }
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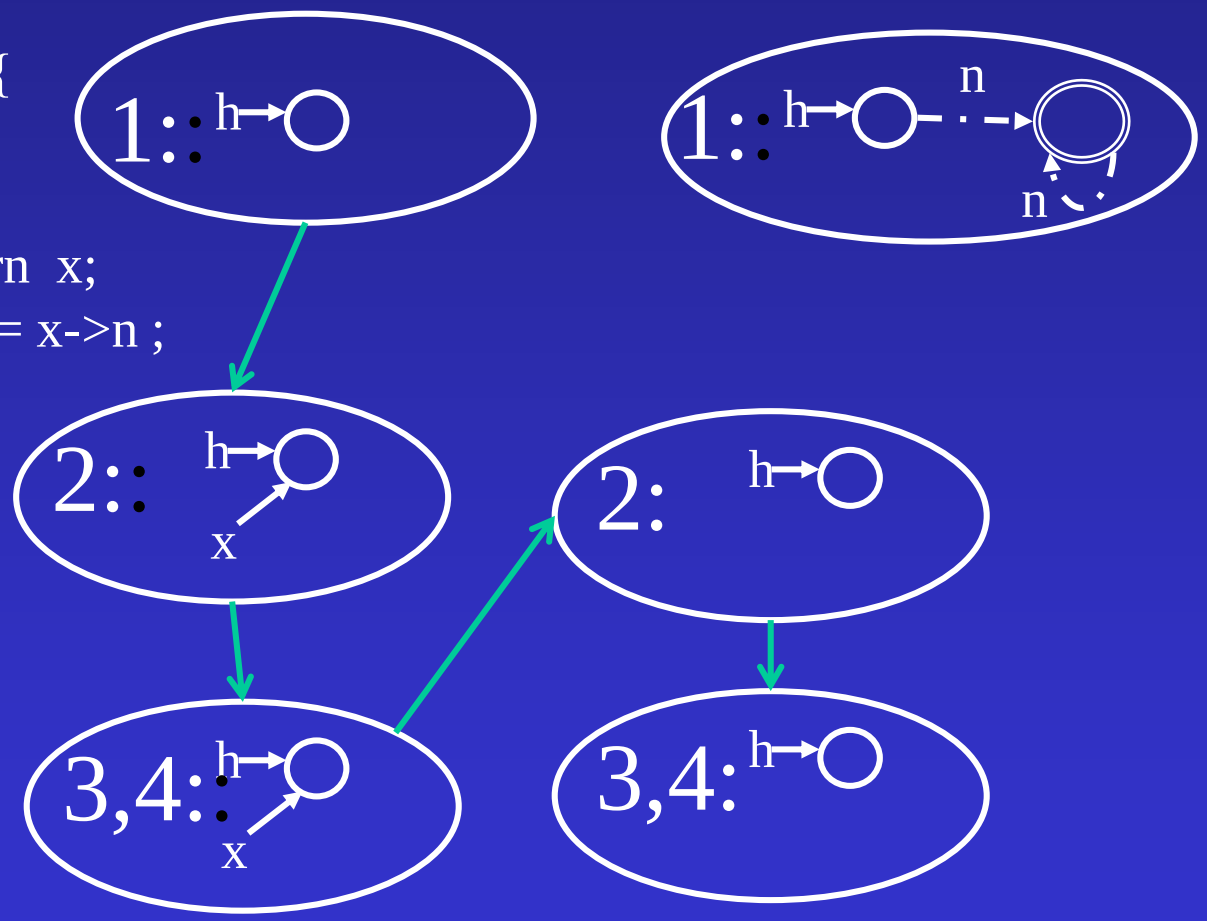

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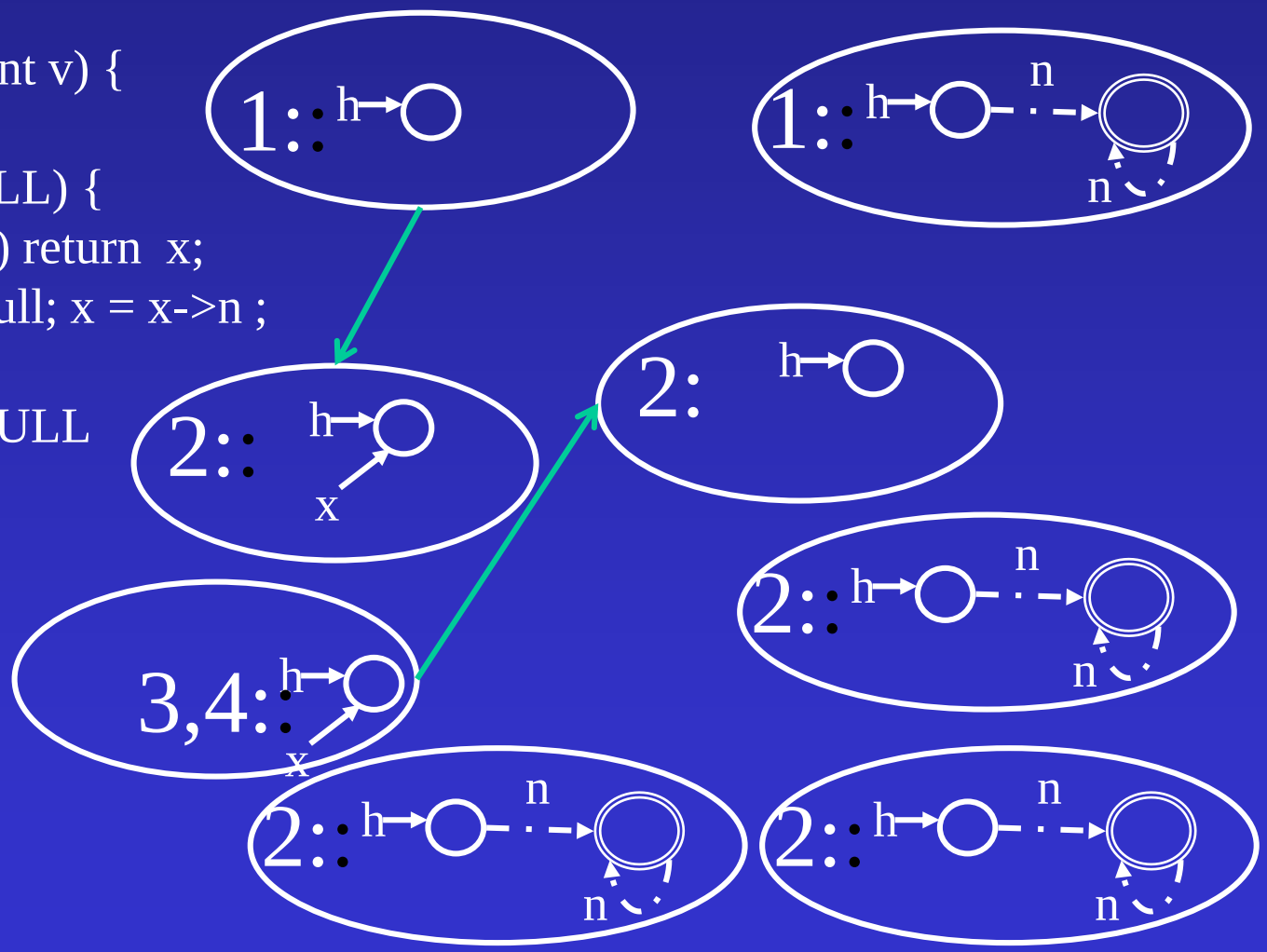

Odd/Even Abstract Interpretation

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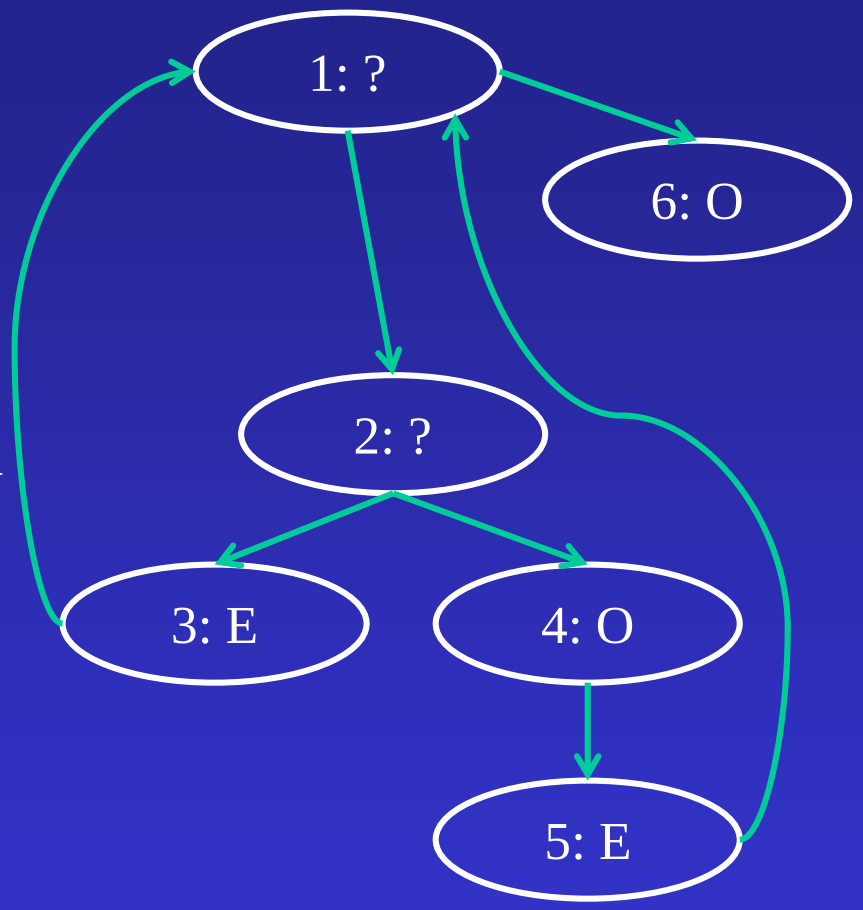

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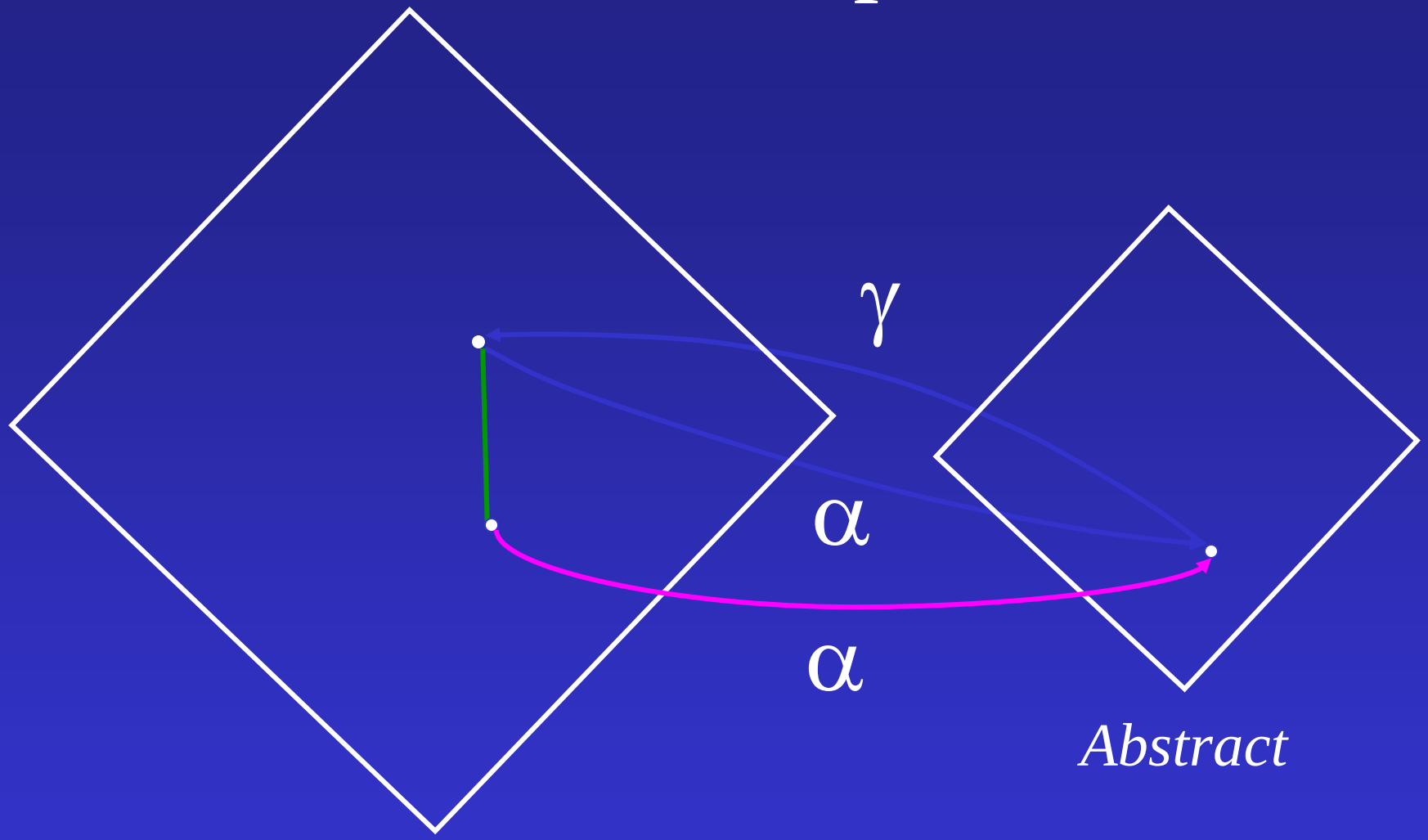

Sets of stores $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ *Descriptors of sets of stores*

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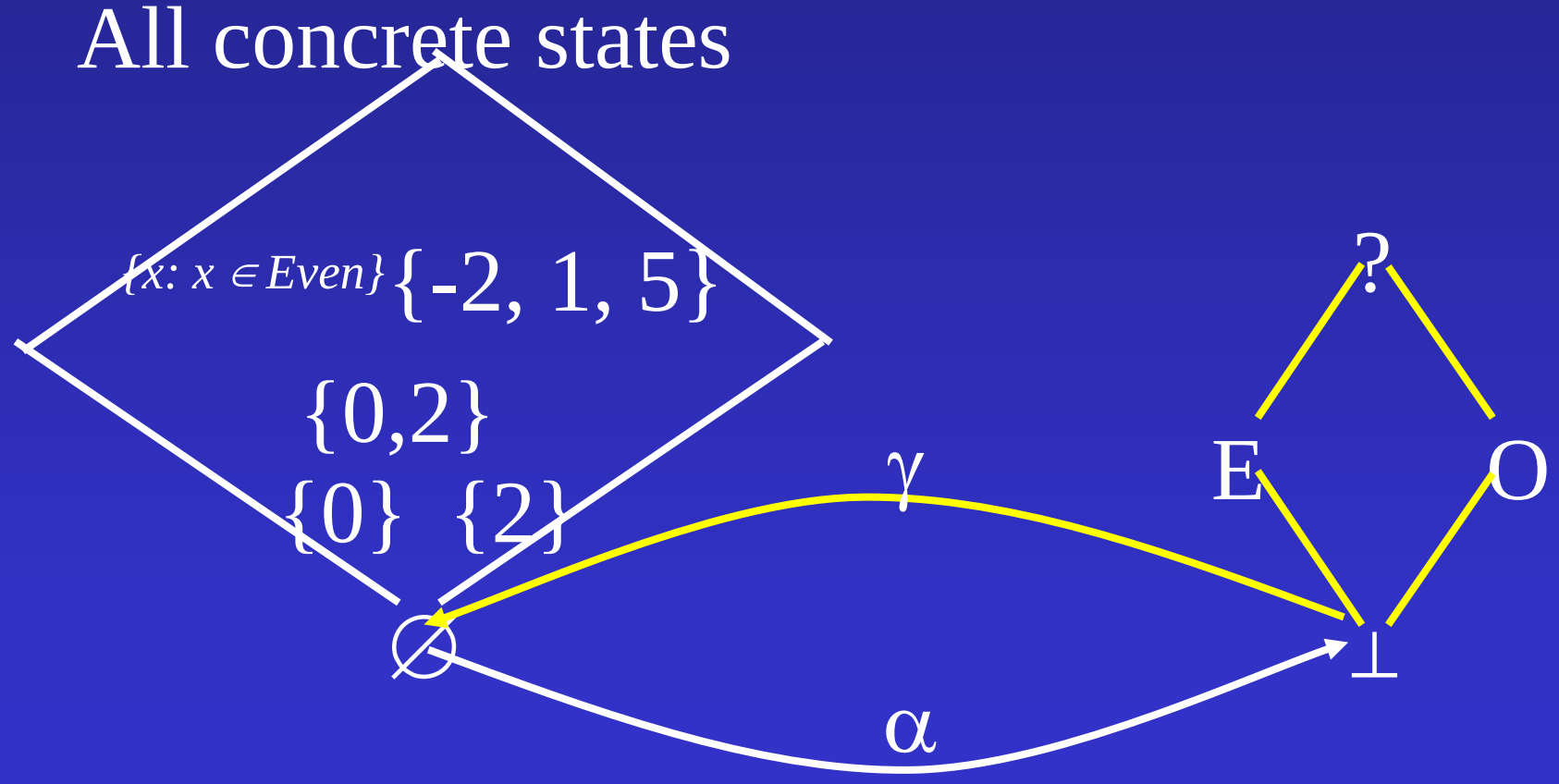

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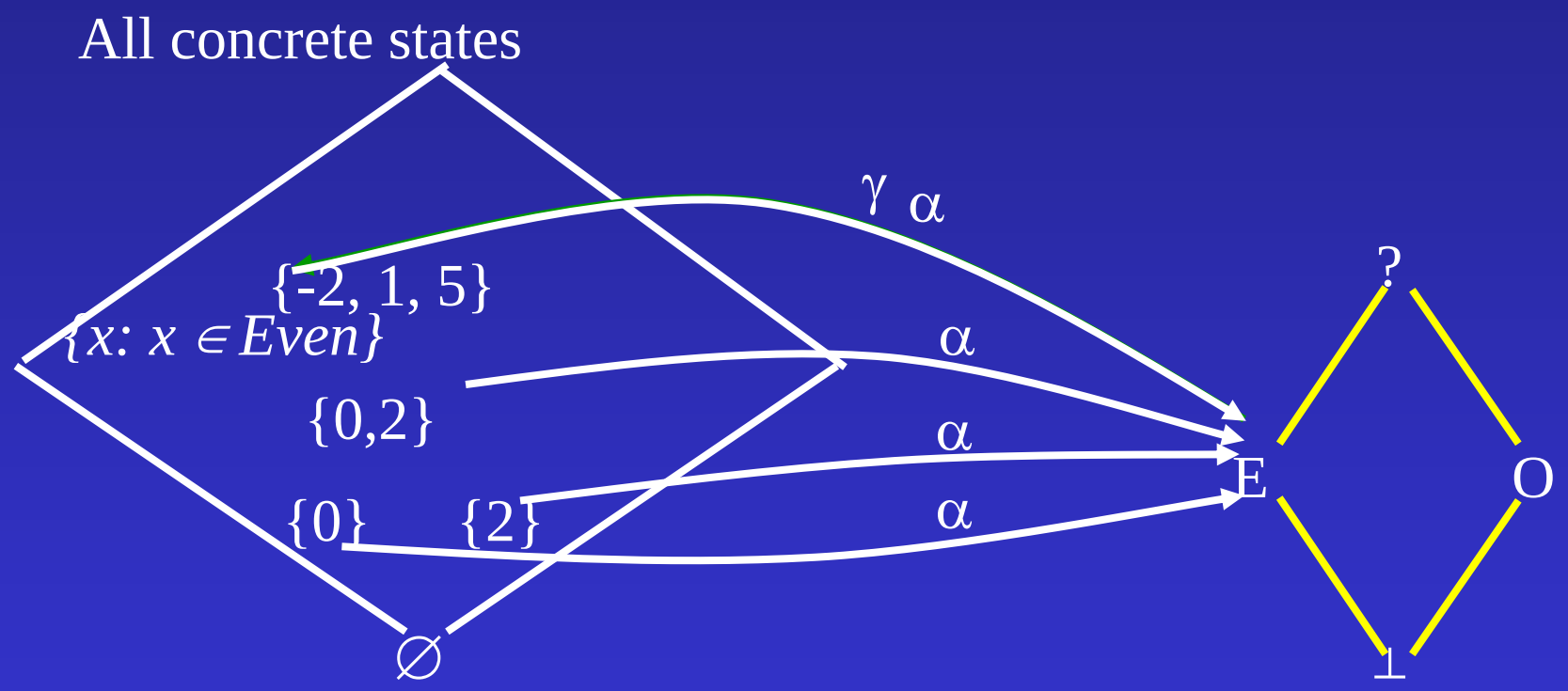

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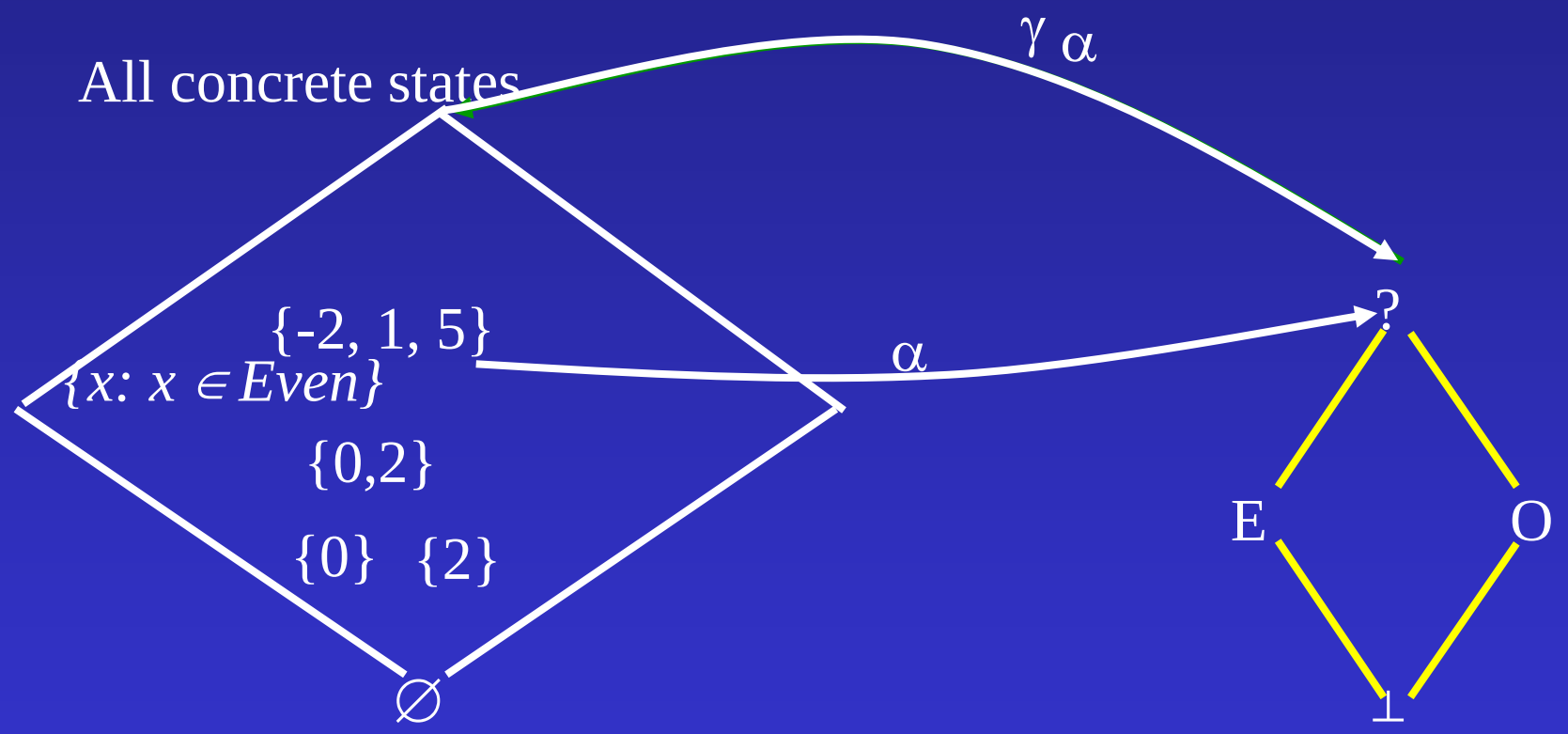

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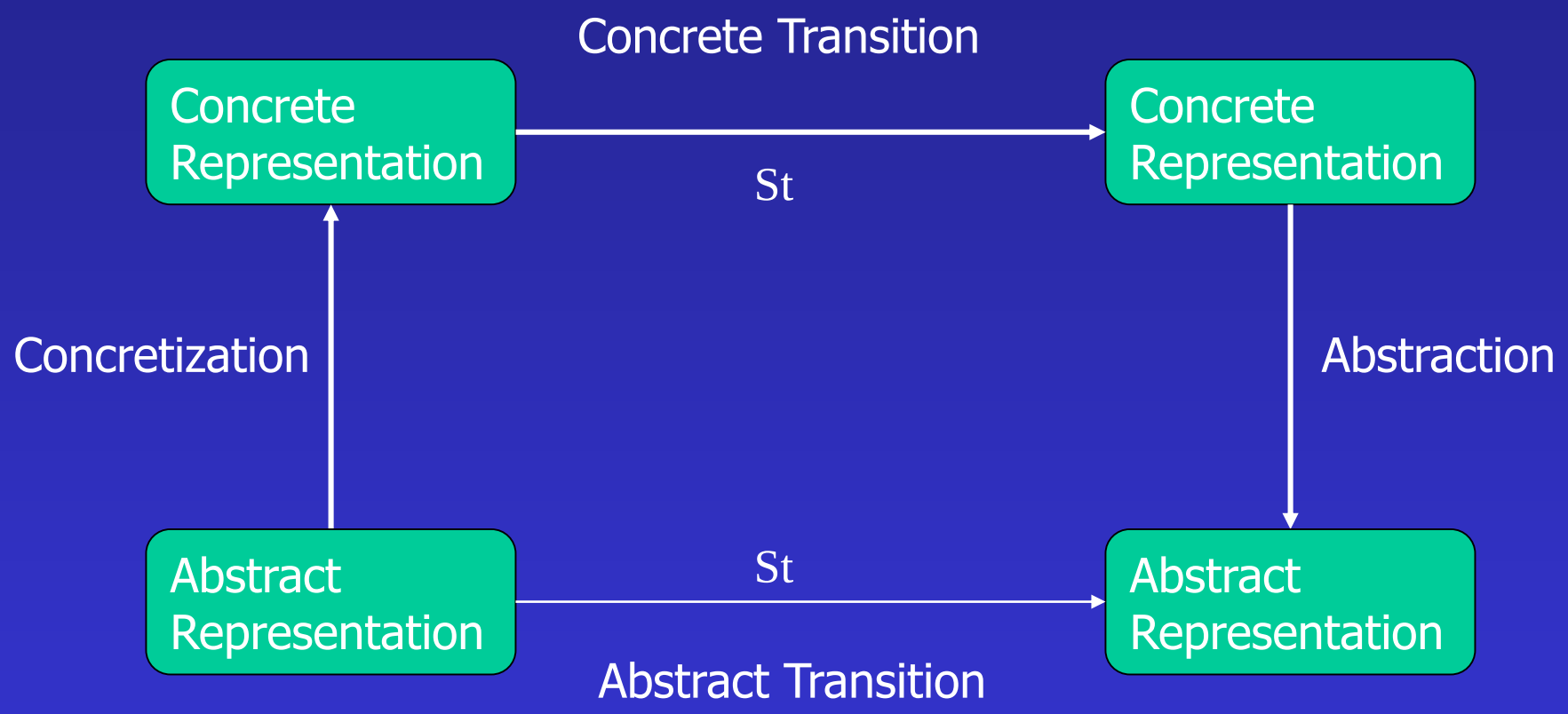

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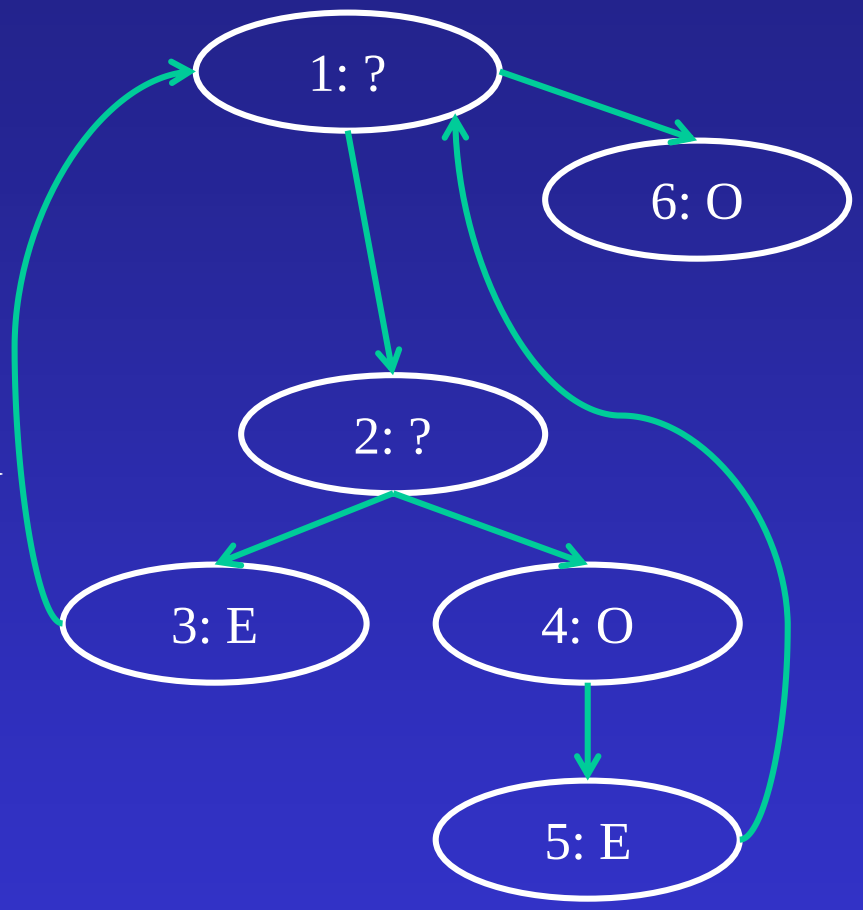
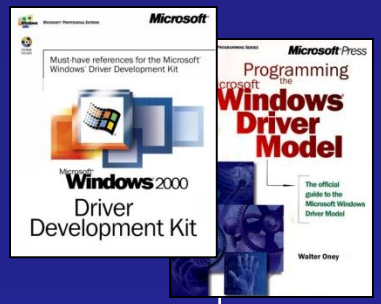


Summary Abstract Interpretation

- Conceptual method for building static analyzers
- A lot of techniques:
  - join, meet, widening, narrowing, procedures
- Can be combined with theorem provers



Rules

Development

Read for understanding

New API rules

Static Driver Verifier

Precise API Usage Rules (SLIC)

Defects

SLAM

100% path coverage

Drive testing tools

Testing

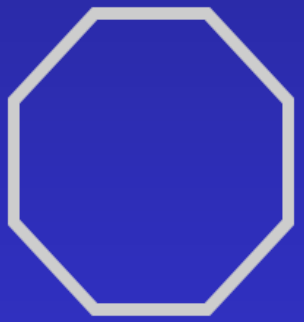
Software Model Checking

"Things like even[illegible]ftware verification, t[illegible] is has been the Holy Grail of computer science for many deca[illegible]les but now in some very key areas, for example, dr[illegible]'re building tools that can do actual proof o[illegible]nd how it works in order to guarantee the reliability" Bill Gates

Source Code

Success Story: Astrée

- Developed at ENS
- A tool for checking the absence of runtime errors in Airbus flight software



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Success: Panaya Making ERP easy

- Static analysis to detect the impact of a change for ERP professionals (slicing)
- Developed by N. Dor and Y. Cohen
- Acquired by Infosys

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Exciting Times for Formal Methods

- Adapted by the Network and System's communities
- The beginning of industry adaption
- New applications
  - Networks
  - Biology
  - Education

Tentative Schedule

Week	Lecture	Recitation	Exercise
1	Overview	No Recitation	No assignment
2	SAT and SMT Solvers	Z3	Graph algorithms with Z3
3	Bounded Model Checking	CBMC	CBMC
4	Concolic Testing	KLEE	KLEE
5	Deductive Verification 1	No Recitation	No assignment
6	Deductive Verification 2	Dafny	Dafny
7	Static Analysis	Apron, Absint	Apron and AbsInt
8	Random Testing	Quickcheck, Randoop, Simullant, Autotest, YETI, GramTest	Use the tools
9	Fuzz Testing	TBD	TBD
10	Mutation Testing	TBD	TBD
11	Unit Testing	TBD	TBD
12	Delta Debugging	TBD	TBD
13	Program Synthesis	TBD	TBD
14	System's Code	TBD	TBD
15	Network and Cloud	TBD	TBD

Course Benefits

- Learn about research which is becoming mature
- Understand the limits of formal methods