

Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

# **Course Introduction**

# CSE507

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# **Today**

**What is this course about?**

**Course logistics**

**Review of basic concepts**

**about**

**Tools for building better software, more easily**

**more reliable, faster,  
more energy efficient**

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**automatic  
verification,  
debugging &  
synthesis**

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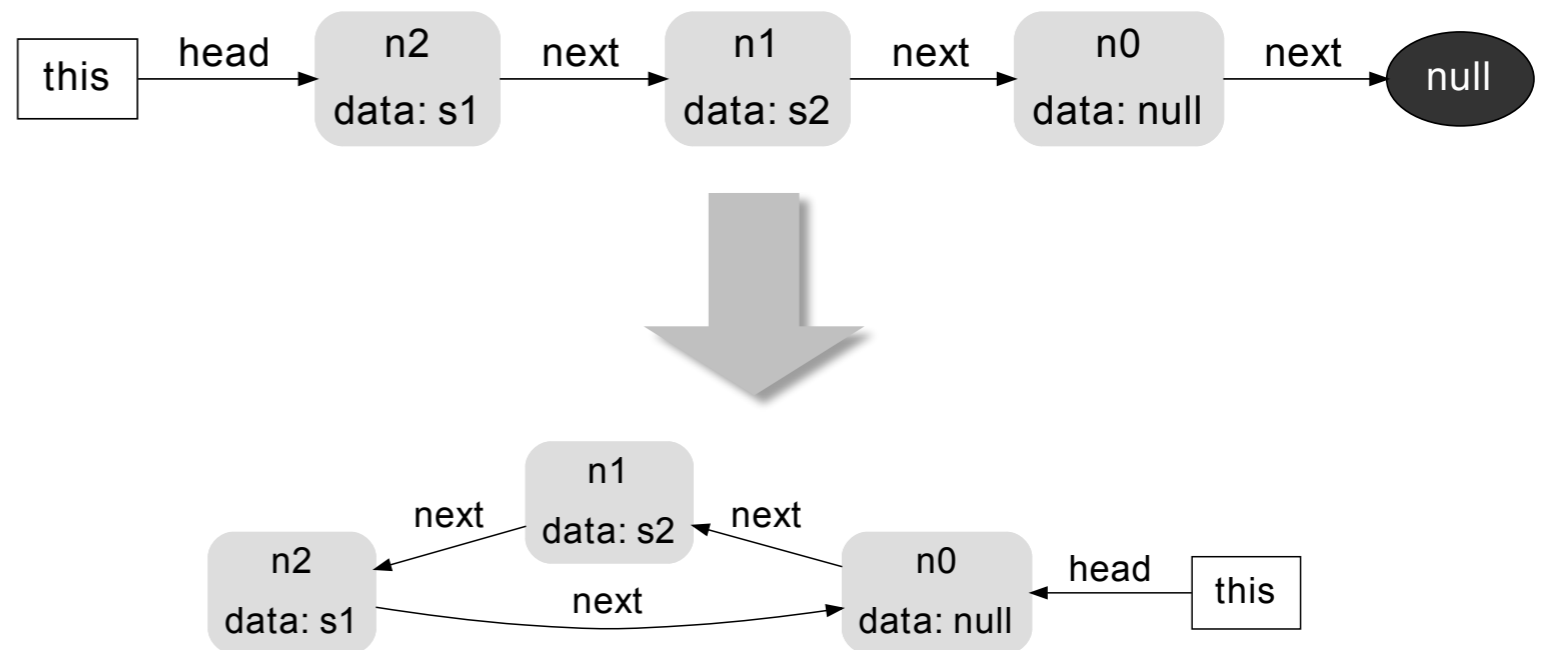
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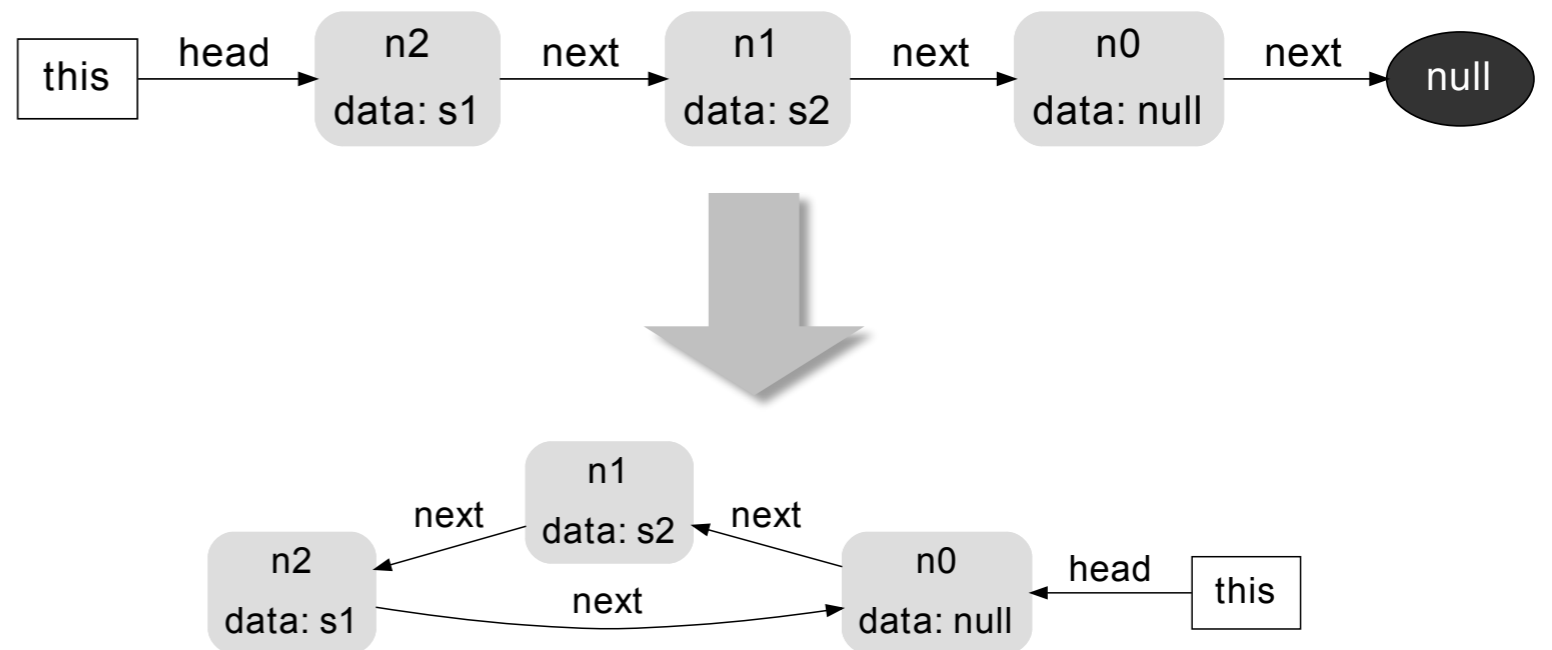
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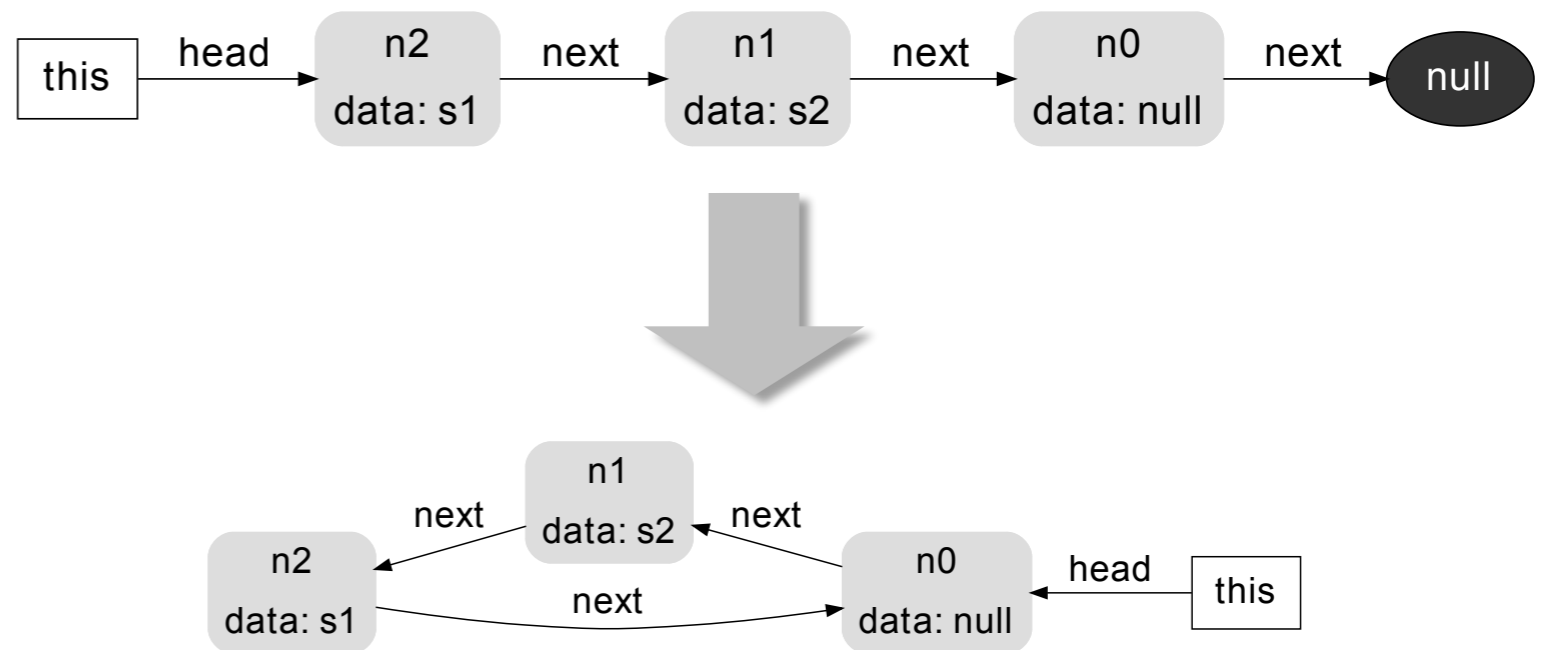
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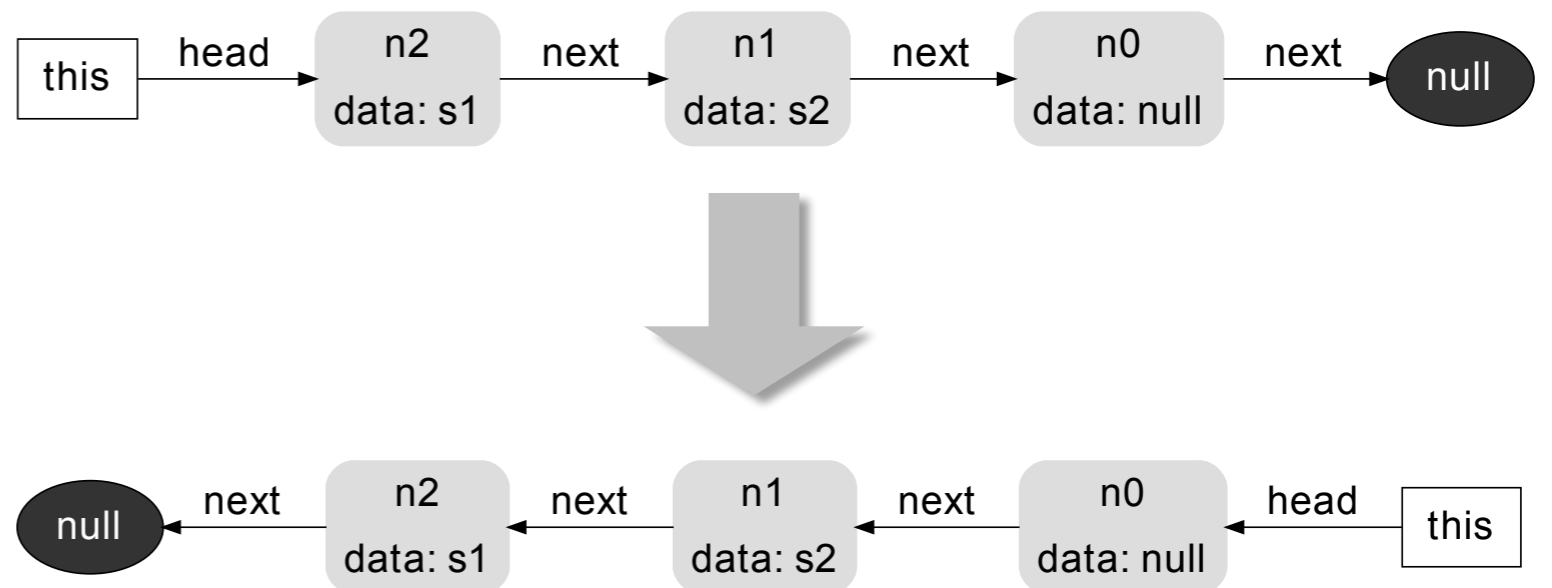
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**biology**

**systems**

**security**

**education**

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**hardware**

**networking**

**databases**

**low-power computing**

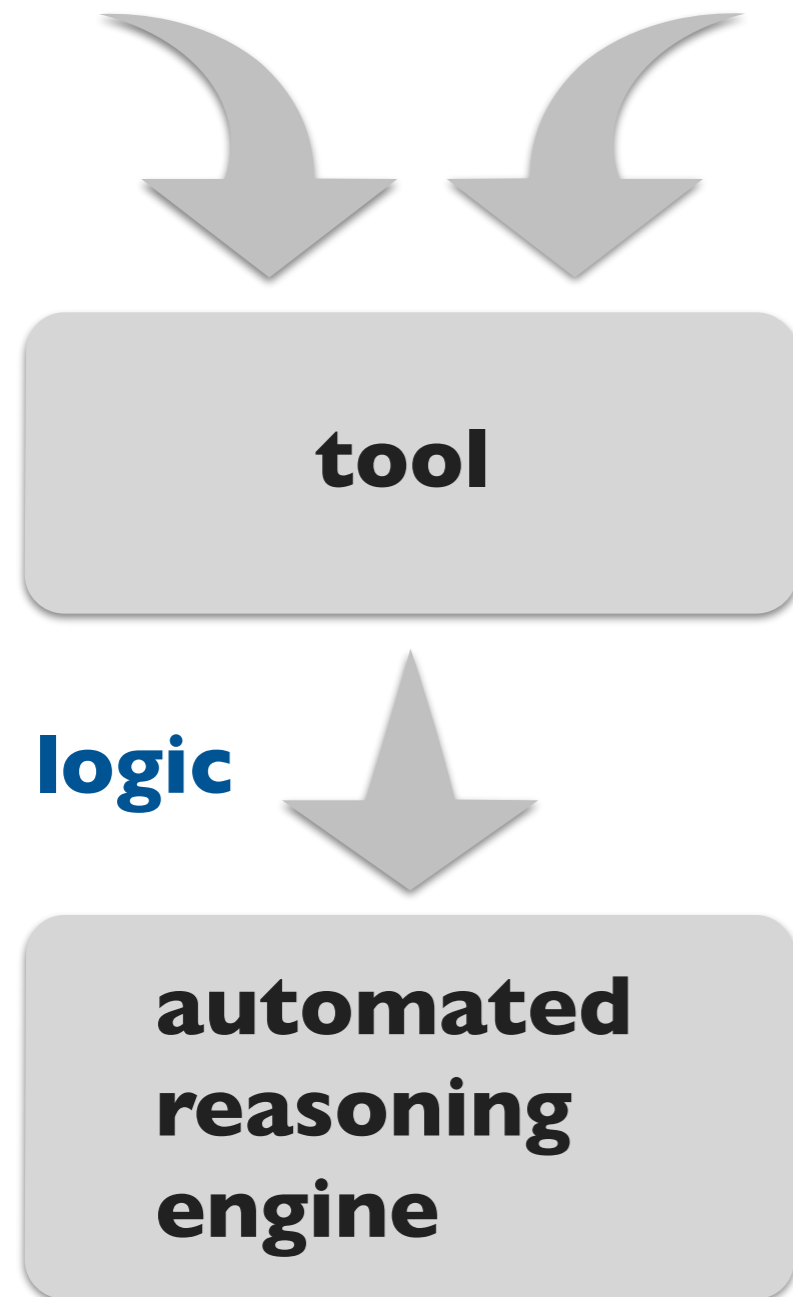
**high-performance computing**

# Logistics

**Topics, structure, people**

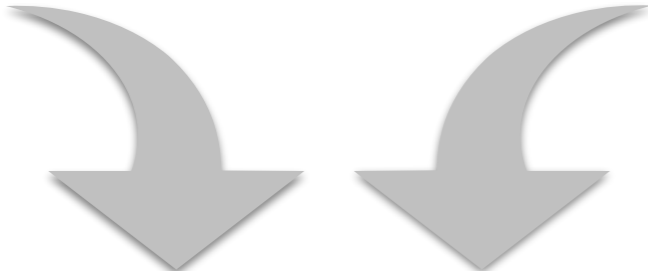
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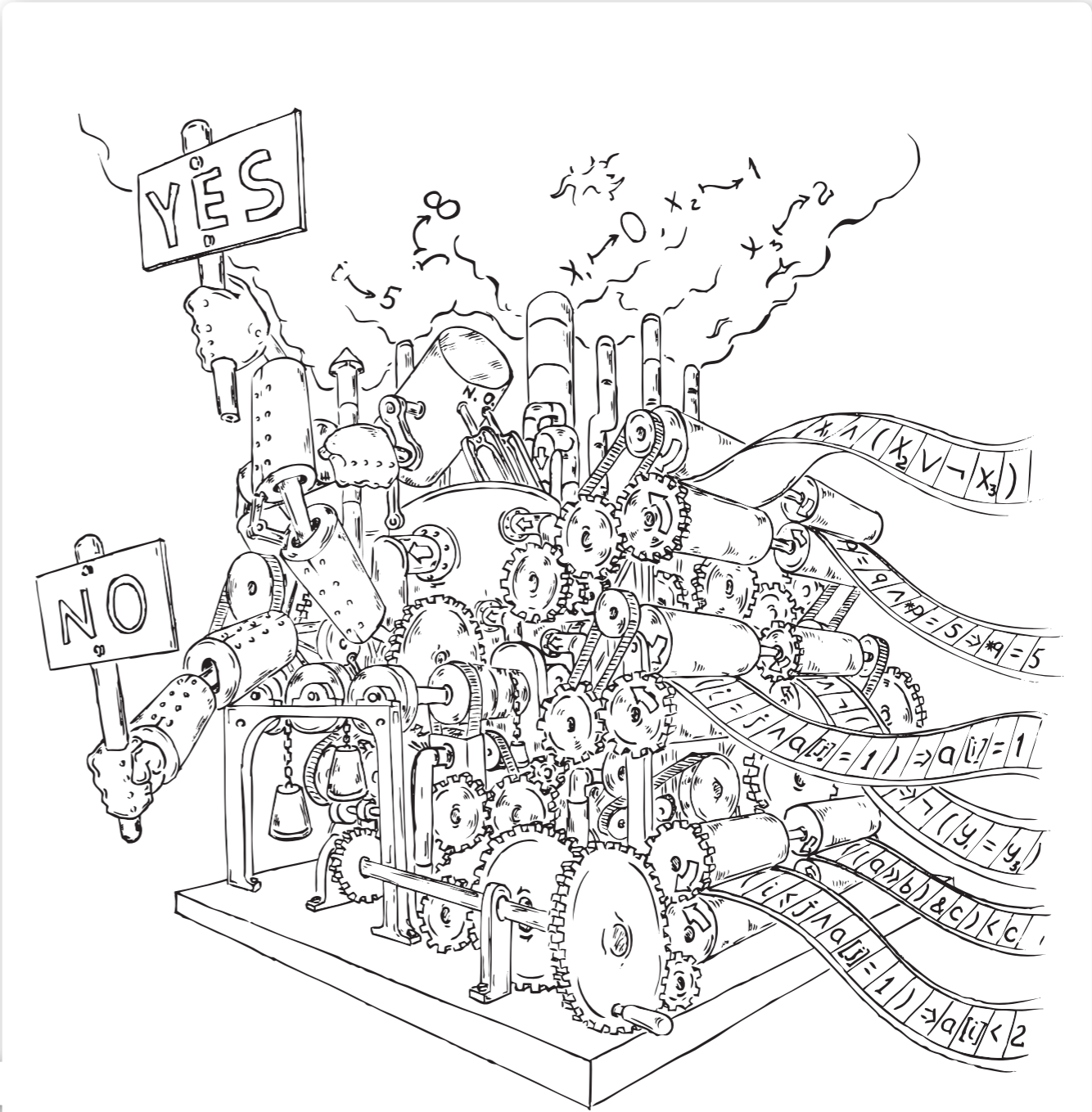


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Drawing from "Decision Procedures" by Kroening & Strichman





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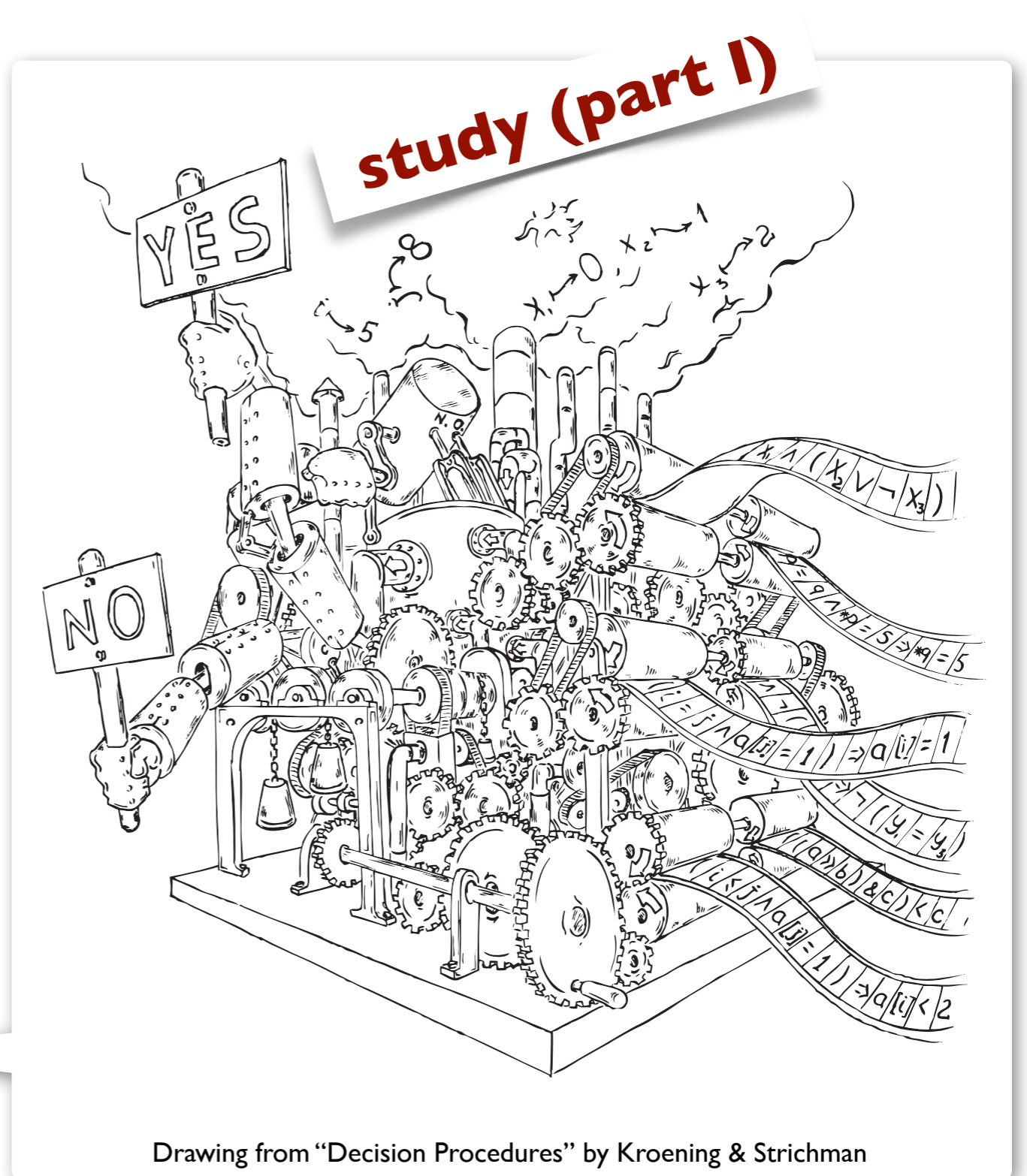
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(part II)

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# Grading structure

## 3 individual homework assignments (50%)

- conceptual problems & proofs (Tex)
- implementations in various programming languages
- may discuss problems with others but solutions must be your own

**study (part I)**

## Course project (50%)

- build a computer-aided reasoning tool for a domain of your choice
- teams of 2-3 people strongly encouraged
- see the [course web page](#) for timeline, deliverables and other details

**build!  
(part II)**

# Reading and references

## Required readings posted on the [course web page](#)

- Complete each reading before the lecture for which it is assigned

## Recommended text books

- Bradley & Manna, [The Calculus of Computation](#)
- Kroening & Strichman, [Decision Procedures](#)

## Related courses

- Isil Dillig: [Automated Logical Reasoning](#) (2013)
- Viktor Kuncak: [Synthesis, Analysis, and Verification](#) (2013)
- Sanjit Seshia: [Computer-Aided Verification](#) (2012)

# **Advice for doing well in 507**

## **Come to class (prepared)**

- Lecture notes are enough to teach from, but not enough to learn from

## **Participate**

- Ask and answer questions

## **Meet deadlines**

- Turn homework in on time
- Start homework and project sooner than you think you need to
- Follow instructions for submitting code (we have to be able to run it)

# People



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**Your name**  
**Research area**  
**Survey**

# review

**Propositional logic: syntax, semantics & proof methods**



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## Formula

a literal or the application of a **logical connective** to formulas

$\neg F$	“not”	(negation)
$F_1 \wedge F_2$	“and”	(conjunction)
$F_1 \vee F_2$	“or”	(disjunction)
$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	“implies”	(implication)
$F_1 \longleftrightarrow F_2$	“if and only if”	(iff)

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$I$  is a **falsifying interpretation** of  $F$ , written as  $I \not\models F$ , if  $F$  evaluates to  $\perp$  under  $I$ .

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**SAT solver**

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Valid.

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Invalid;  $I$  is a falsifying interpretation.

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# Summary

## Today

- Course overview & logistics
- Review of propositional logic

## Next Lecture (by Zach Tatlock)

- Normal forms
- A basic SAT solver
- ★ Take the [course survey](#)
- ★ Read [Chapter 1](#) of Bradley & Manna