

Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

# **Satisfiability Modulo Theories**

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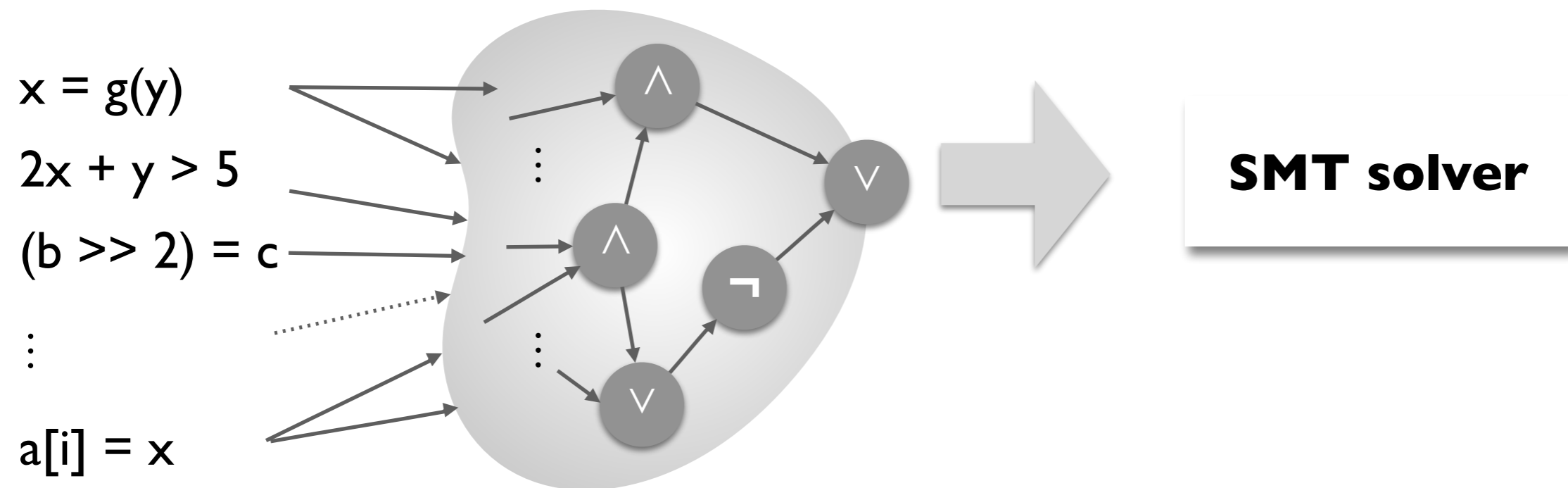
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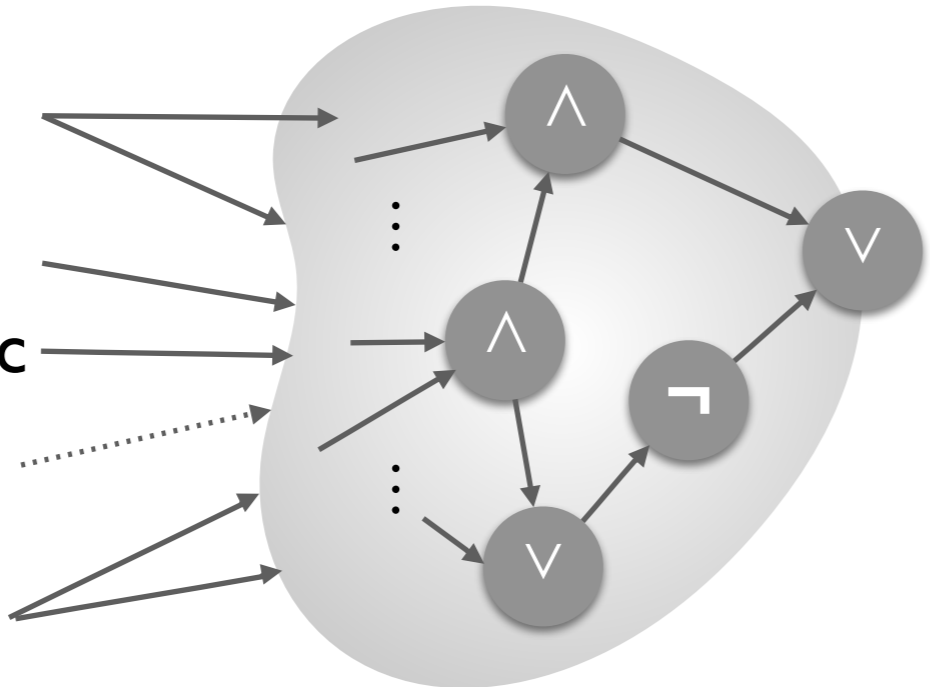
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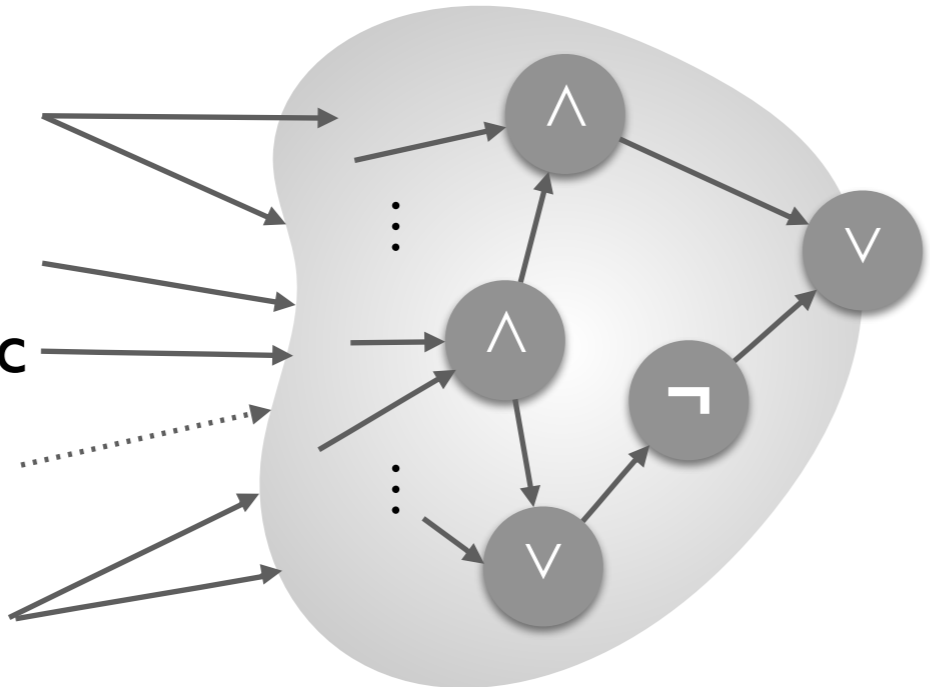
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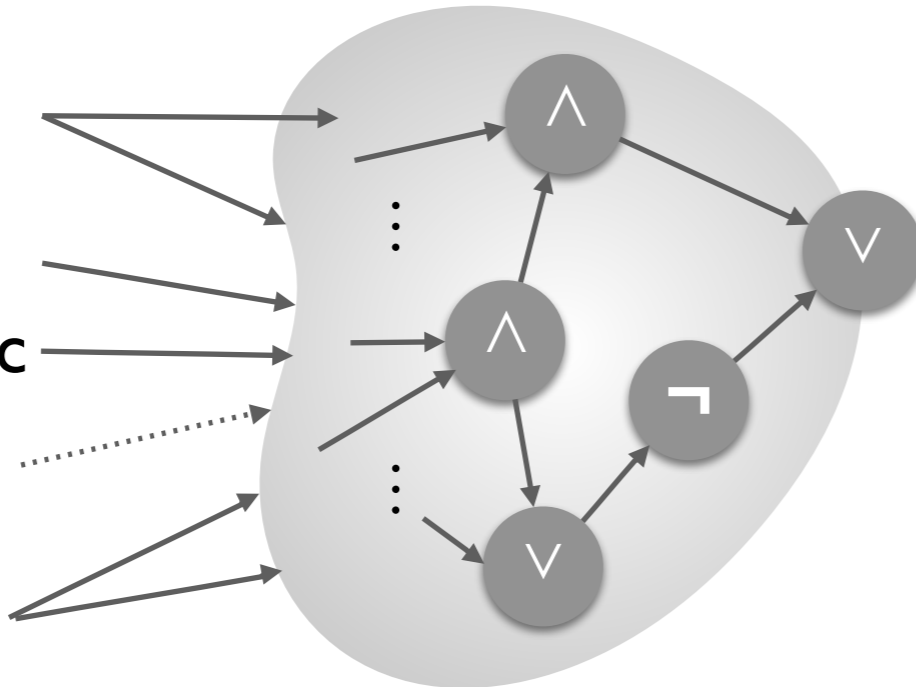
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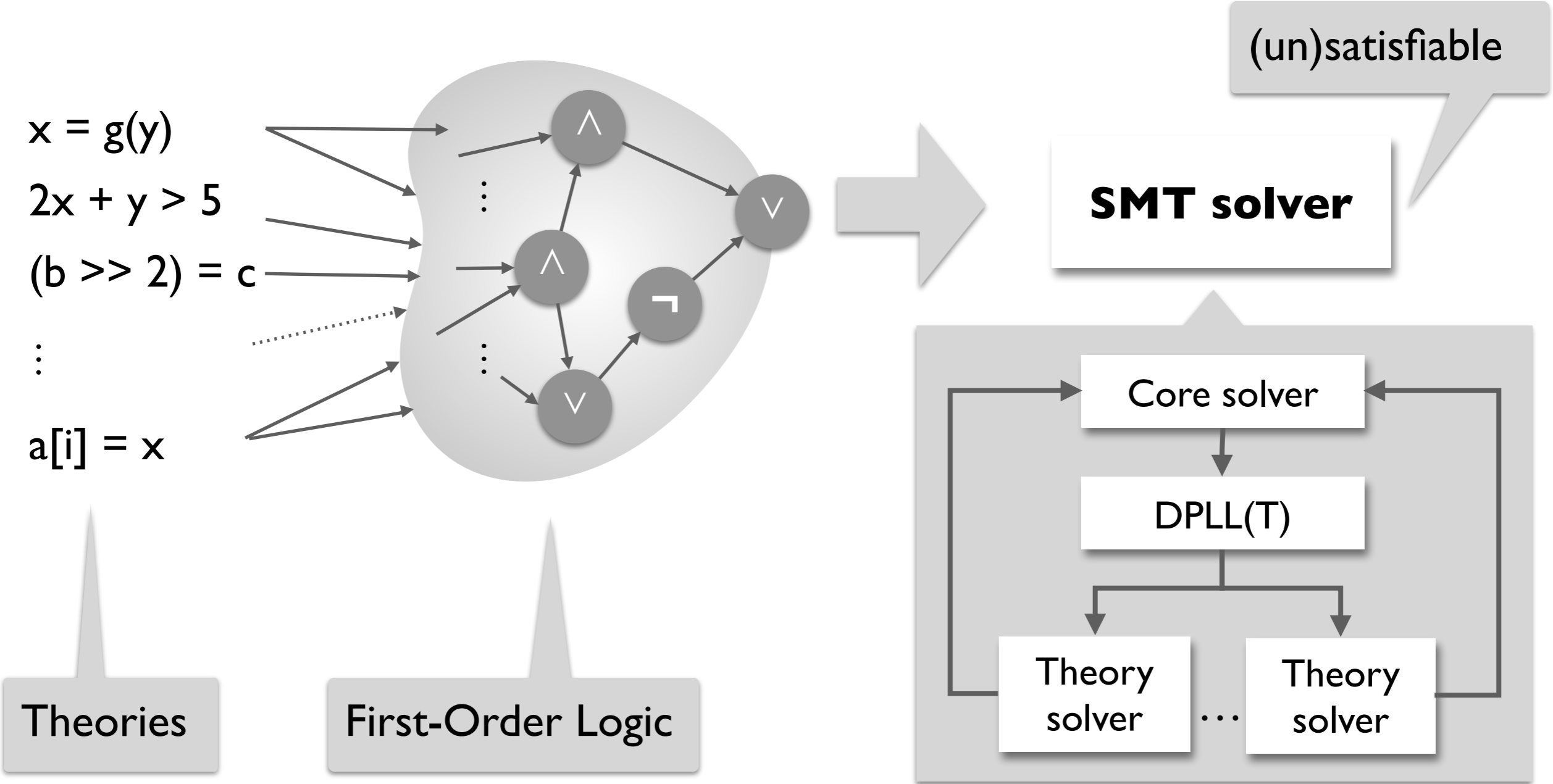
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A **term** is a constant, or an n-ary function applied to n terms.

An **atom** is  $\top, \perp$ , or an n-ary predicate applied to n terms.

A **literal** is an atom or its negation.

A (quantifier-free) **formula** is a literal or the application of logical connectives to formulas.

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$$I[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)] = I[p](I[t_1], \dots, I[t_n])$$

$$\langle U, I \rangle \models \top$$

$$\langle U, I \rangle \not\models \perp$$

$$\langle U, I \rangle \models p(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ iff } I[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)] = \text{true}$$

$$\langle U, I \rangle \models \neg F \text{ iff } \langle U, I \rangle \not\models F$$

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$$\mathbf{U} = \{ \odot, \clubsuit \}$$

$$\mathbf{I}(x) = \odot$$

$$\mathbf{I}(y) = \clubsuit$$

$$\mathbf{I}(f) = \{ \odot \mapsto \clubsuit, \clubsuit \mapsto \odot \}$$

$$\mathbf{I}(p) = \{ \langle \odot, \odot \rangle, \langle \odot, \clubsuit \rangle \}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{I} \rangle \models p(f(y), f(f(x))) ?$$

# FOL satisfiability and validity

$F$  is **satisfiable** iff  $M \models F$  for some structure  $M = \langle U, I \rangle$ .

$F$  is **valid** iff  $M \models F$  for all structures  $M = \langle U, I \rangle$ .

**Duality** of satisfiability and validity:

$F$  is valid iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.

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# Common theories

## Equality (and uninterpreted functions)

- $x = g(y)$

## Fixed-width bitvectors

- $(b \gg l) = c$

## Linear arithmetic (over $\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{Z}$ )

- $2x + y > 5$

## Arrays

- $a[i] = x$

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**Decidable in polynomial time**

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Using QF\_UF, an SMT solver proves unsatisfiability in a fraction of a second.

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No, we need the theory of fixed-width bitvectors to reason about  $\wedge$  (xor).

# Theory of fixed-width bitvectors (QF\_BV)

## Signature

- constants
- fixed-width words (modeling machine ints, longs, etc.)
- arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /, etc.)
- bitwise operations (&, |, ^, etc.)
- comparison operators (<, >, etc.)
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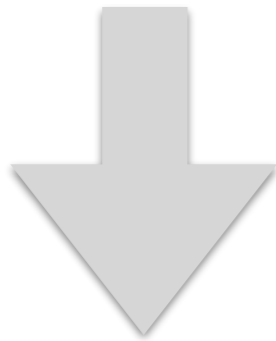
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**Difference Logic (QF\_DIA) can also be decided in polynomial time**

- Conjunctions of the form  $x - y \leq c$ , where  $c$  is an integer constant

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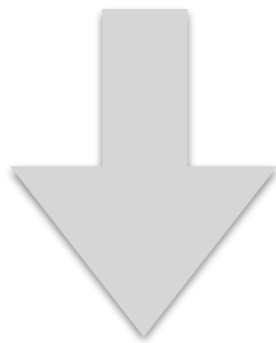


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**Used in many software verification tools to model memory (e.g., Dafny)**

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