

Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

# CSE 507 Finite Model Finding

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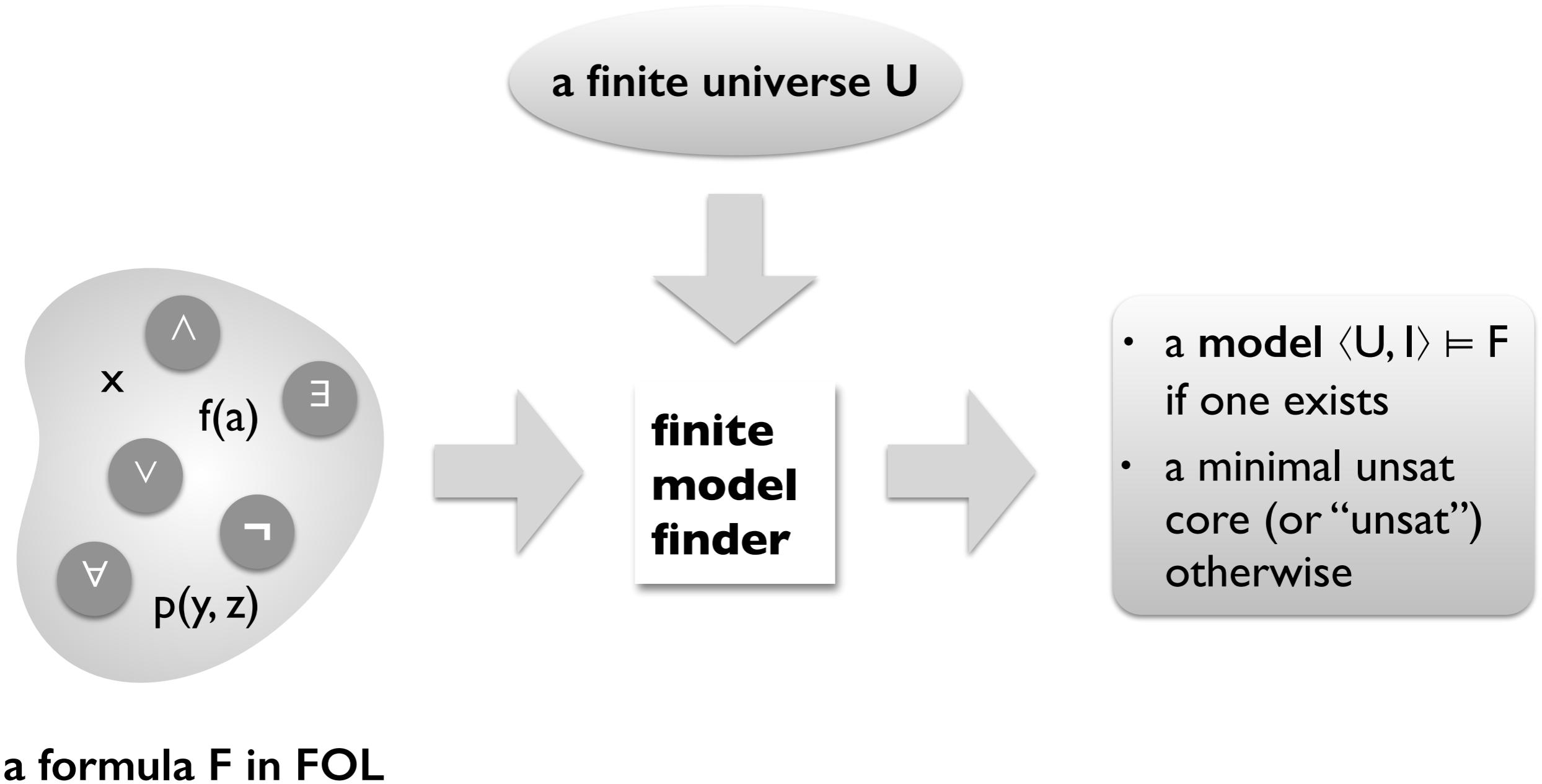
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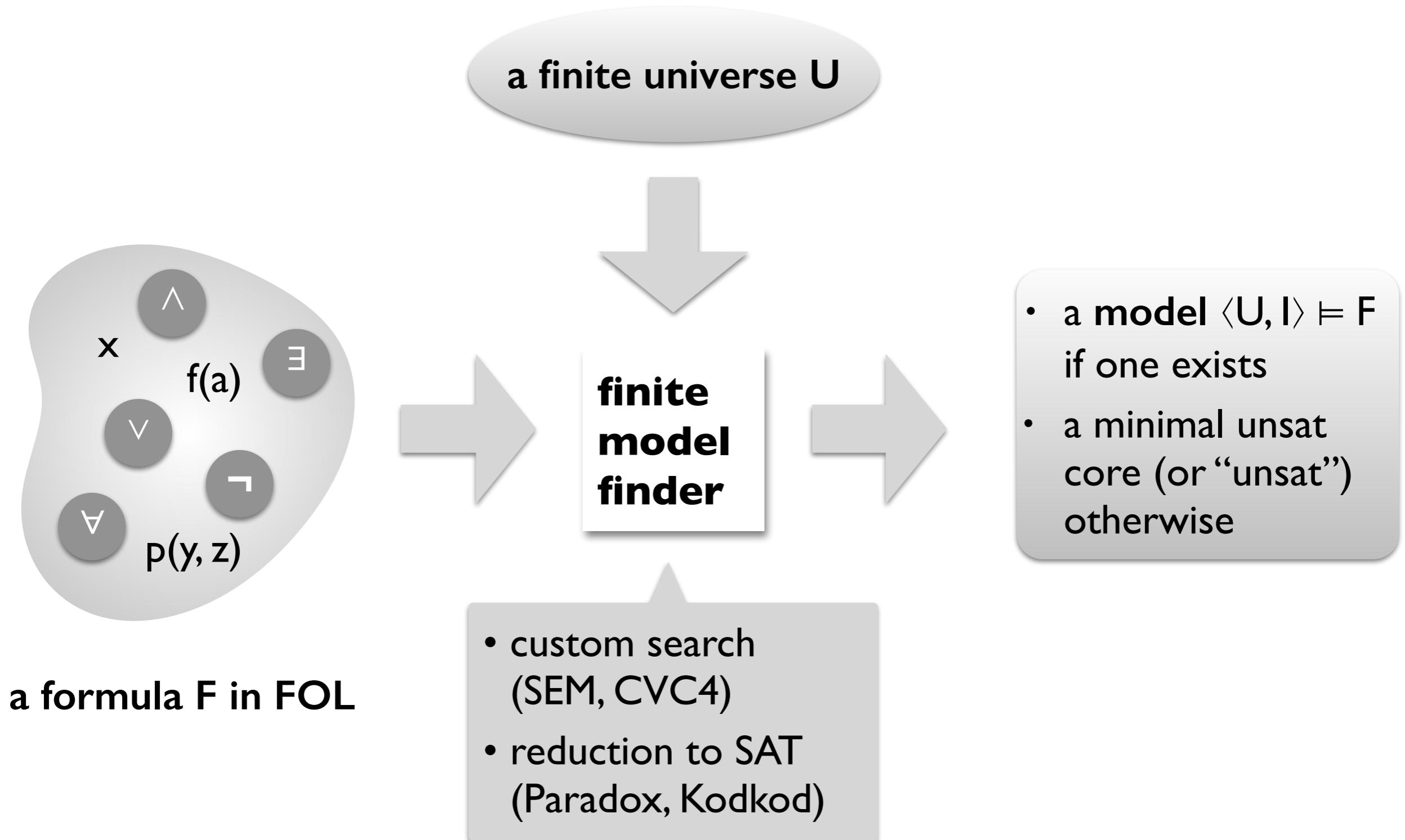
## **Announcements**

- Due date for **Homework 2** moved to October 30 at 11pm

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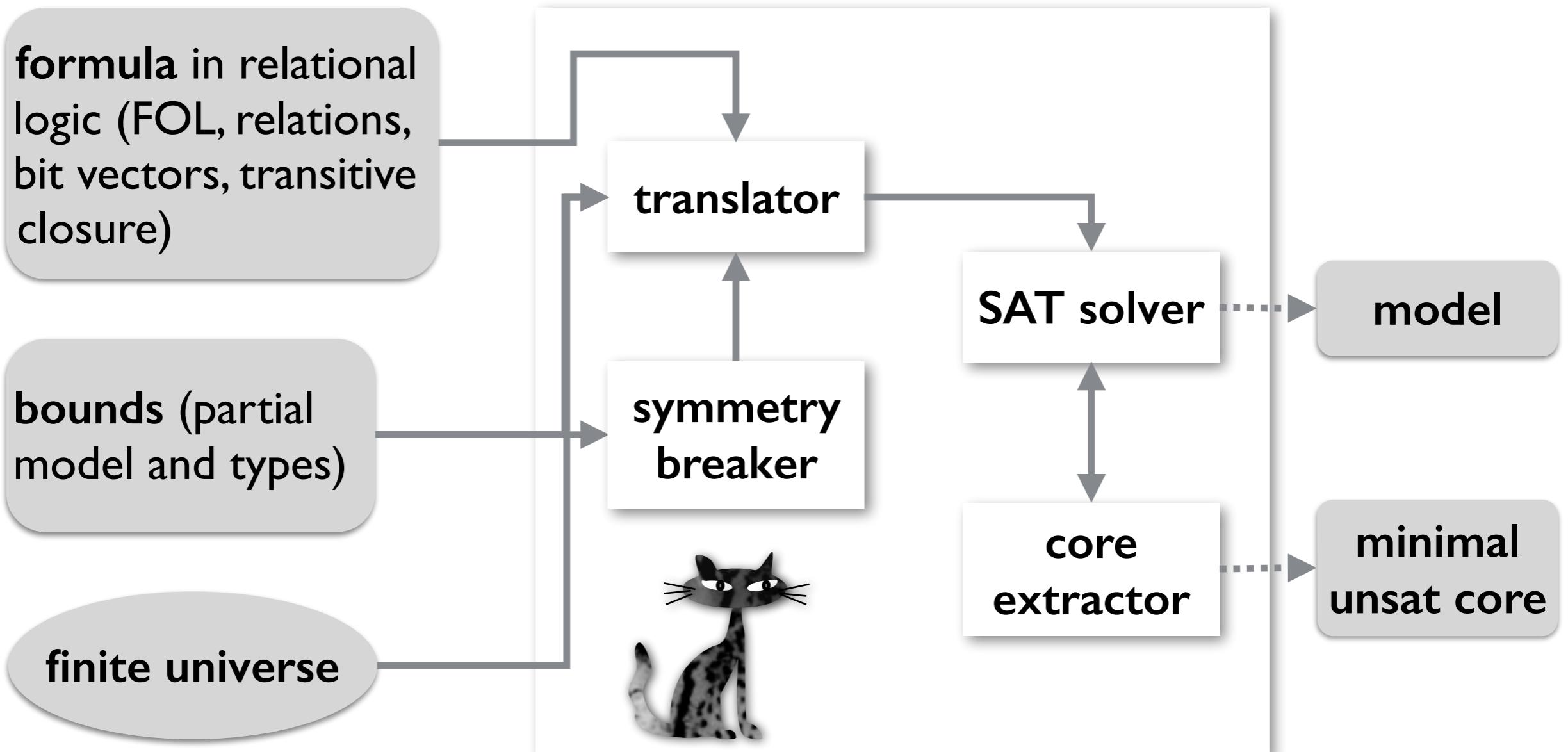
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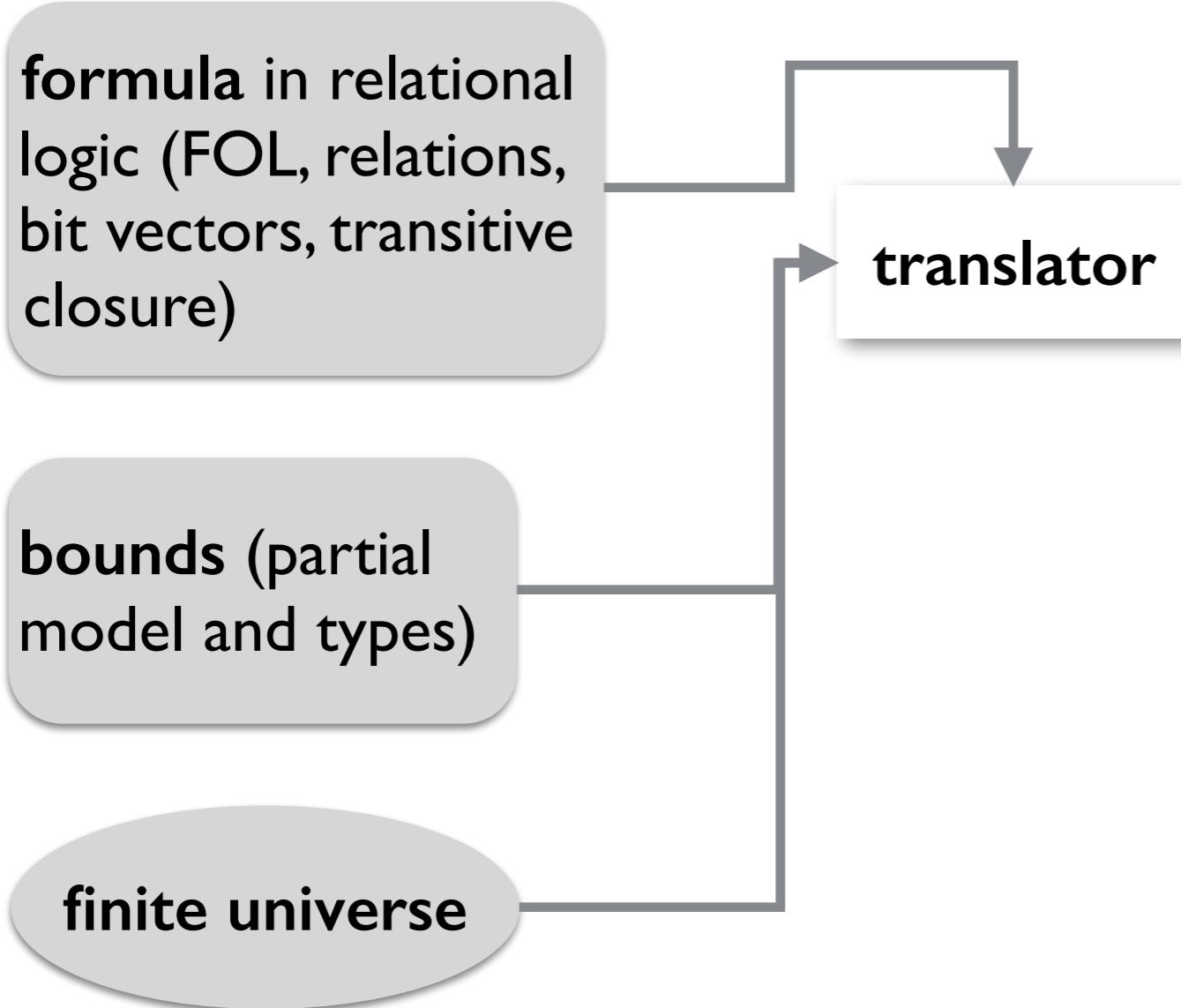
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**a minimalistic  
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Bounds for each relation:

- Tuples it *must* contain (partial model).
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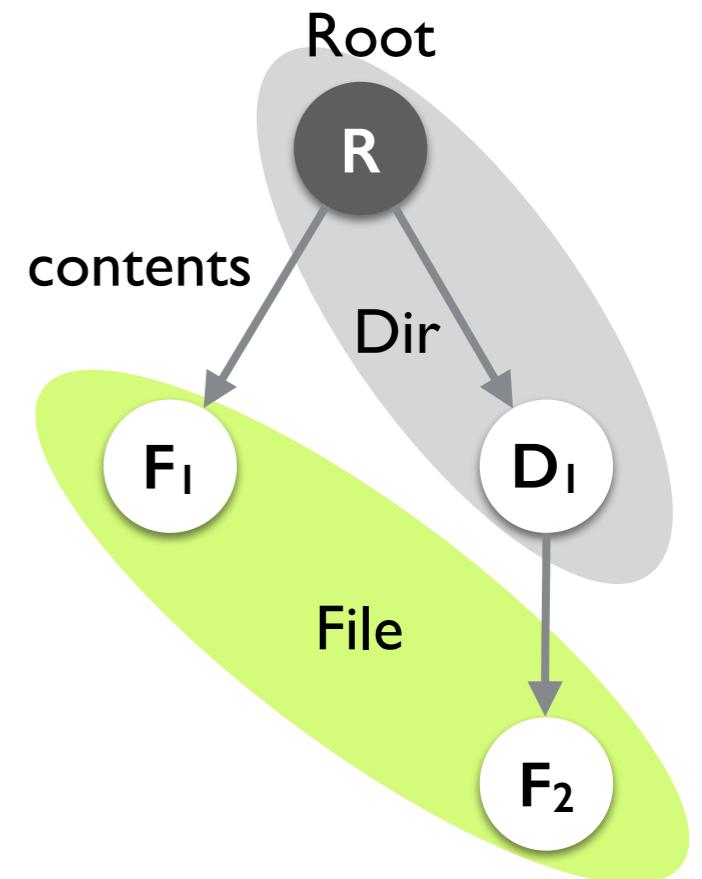
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## Encode

- relational constants as boolean matrices
- relational expressions as matrix operations
- formulas as constraints over matrix entries

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R	c <sub>0</sub>	c <sub>1</sub>	c <sub>2</sub>	c <sub>3</sub>	c <sub>4</sub>
D <sub>1</sub>	c <sub>5</sub>	c <sub>6</sub>	c <sub>7</sub>	c <sub>8</sub>	c <sub>9</sub>
D <sub>2</sub>	c <sub>10</sub>	c <sub>11</sub>	c <sub>12</sub>	c <sub>13</sub>	c <sub>14</sub>
F <sub>1</sub>	0	0	0	0	0
F <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0

$\{\} \subseteq contents \subseteq \{R, D_1, D_2\} \times \{R, D_1, D_2, F_1, F_2\}$

# Relational expressions as matrix operations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{File} \\ \boxed{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ f_0 \ f_1} \end{array} \vee \begin{array}{c} \text{Dir} \\ \boxed{d_0 \ d_1 \ d_2 \ 0 \ 0} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{File} \cup \text{Dir} \\ \boxed{d_0 \ d_1 \ d_2 \ f_0 \ f_1} \end{array}$$

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# Formulas as constraints over matrix entries

contents				
$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$
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$c_{10}$	$c_{11}$	$c_{12}$	$c_{13}$	$c_{14}$
0	0	0	0	0
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Dir  $\times$  (File  $\cup$  Dir)

$d_0 \wedge d_0$	$d_0 \wedge d_1$	$d_0 \wedge d_2$	$d_0 \wedge f_0$	$d_0 \wedge f_1$
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 & (c_3 \Rightarrow d_0 \wedge f_0) \wedge \\
 & (c_4 \Rightarrow d_0 \wedge f_1) \wedge \\
 & (c_5 \Rightarrow d_1 \wedge d_0) \wedge \\
 & \dots \\
 & (c_{14} \Rightarrow d_2 \wedge f_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Dealing with sparseness and redundancy

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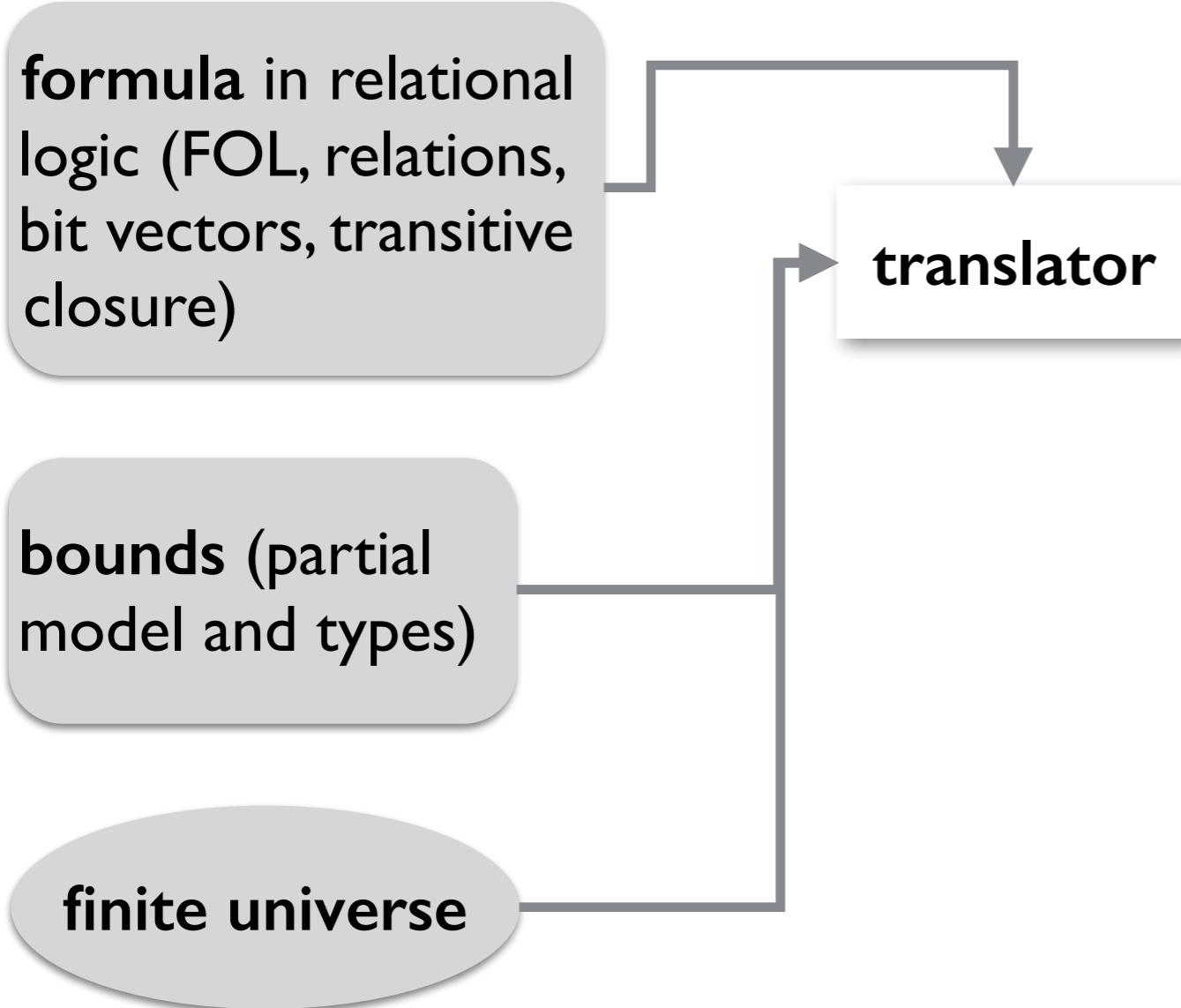
Compact Boolean Circuits (CBCs).

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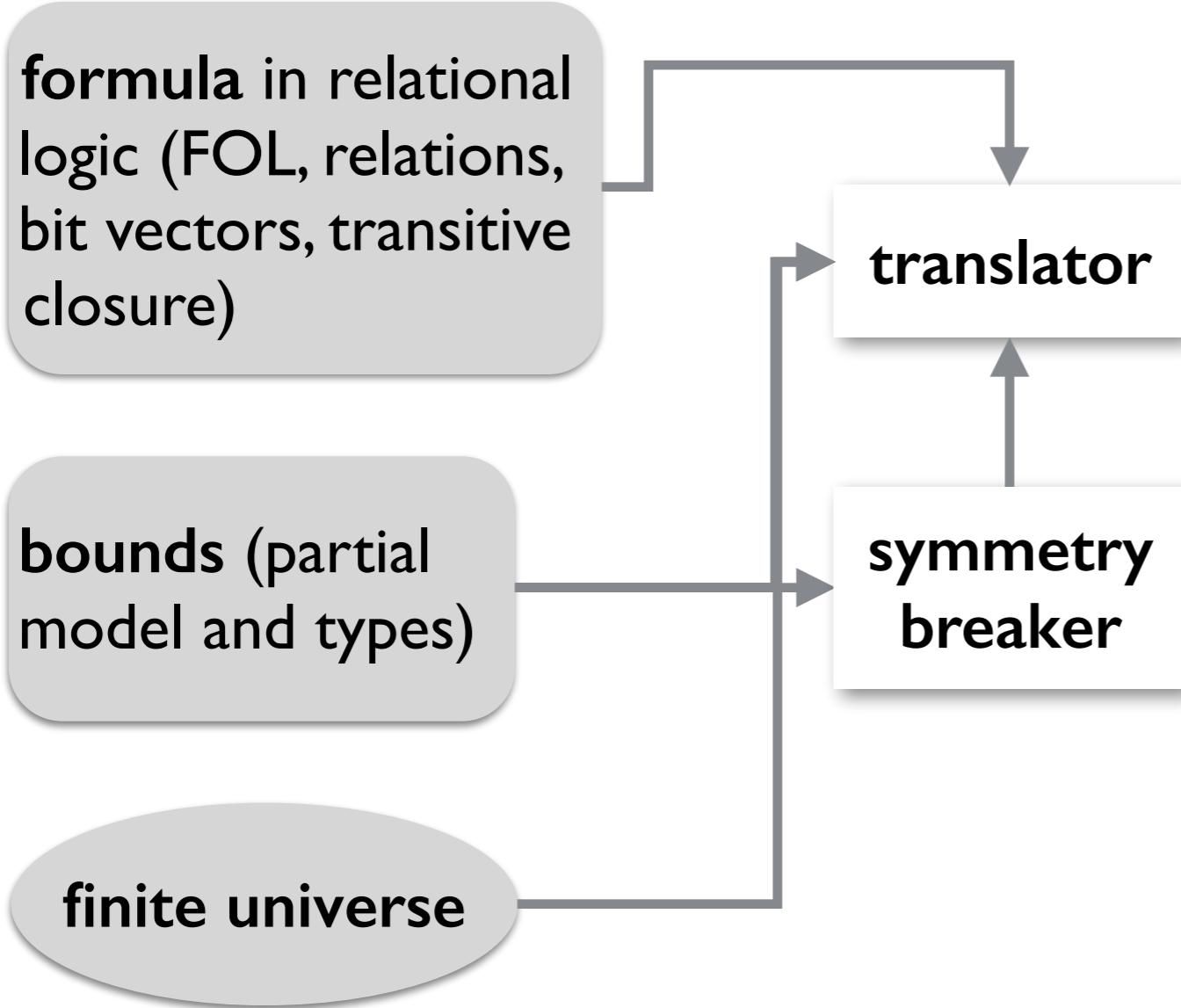
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Sparse matrices represented as interval trees.

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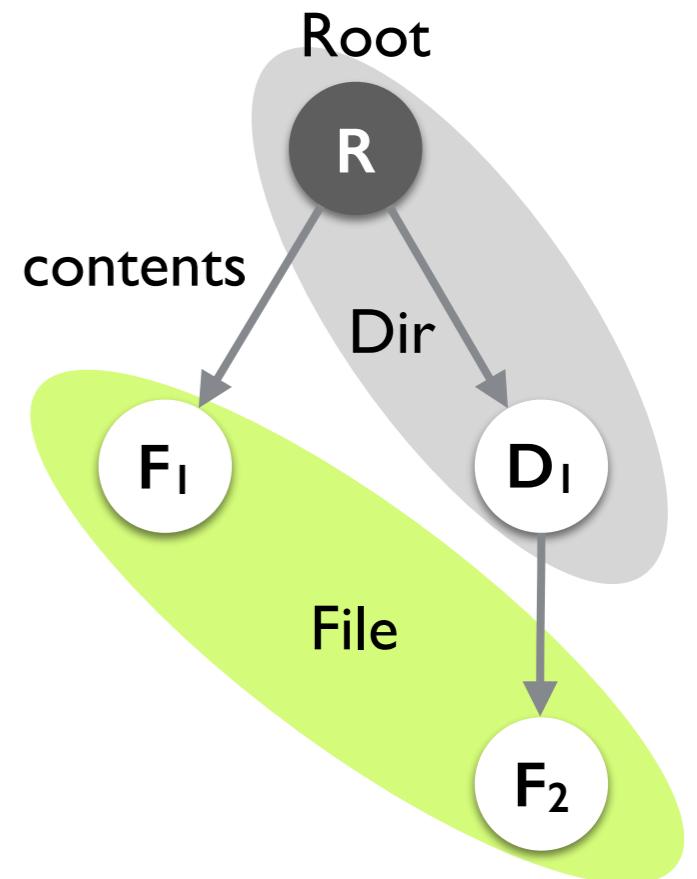
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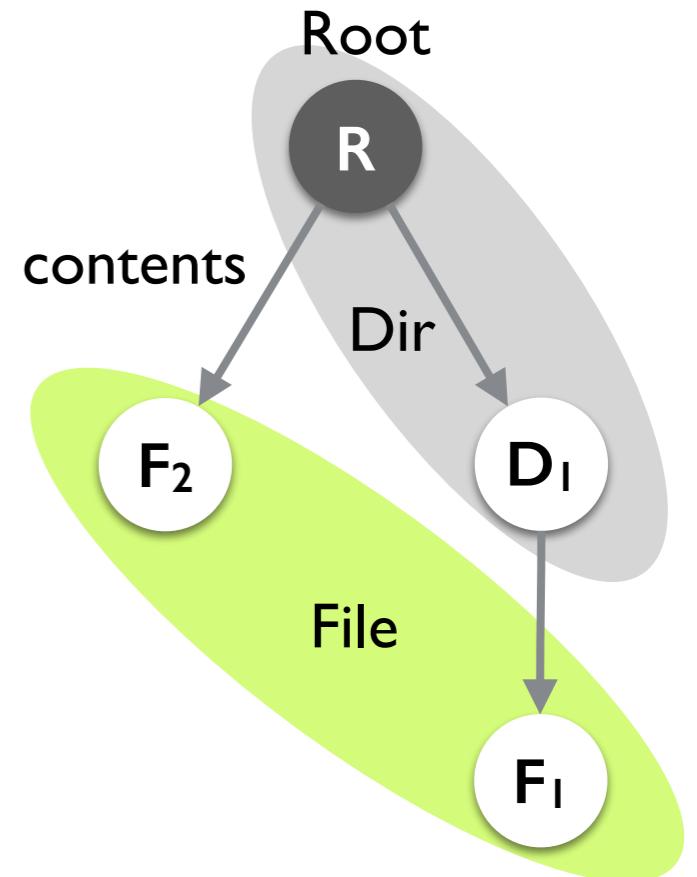
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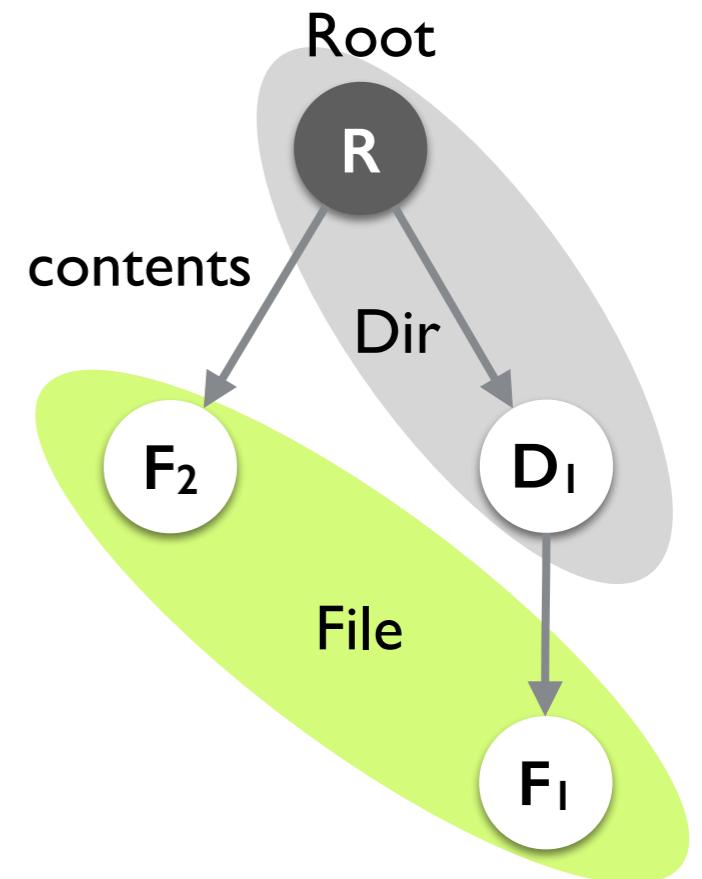
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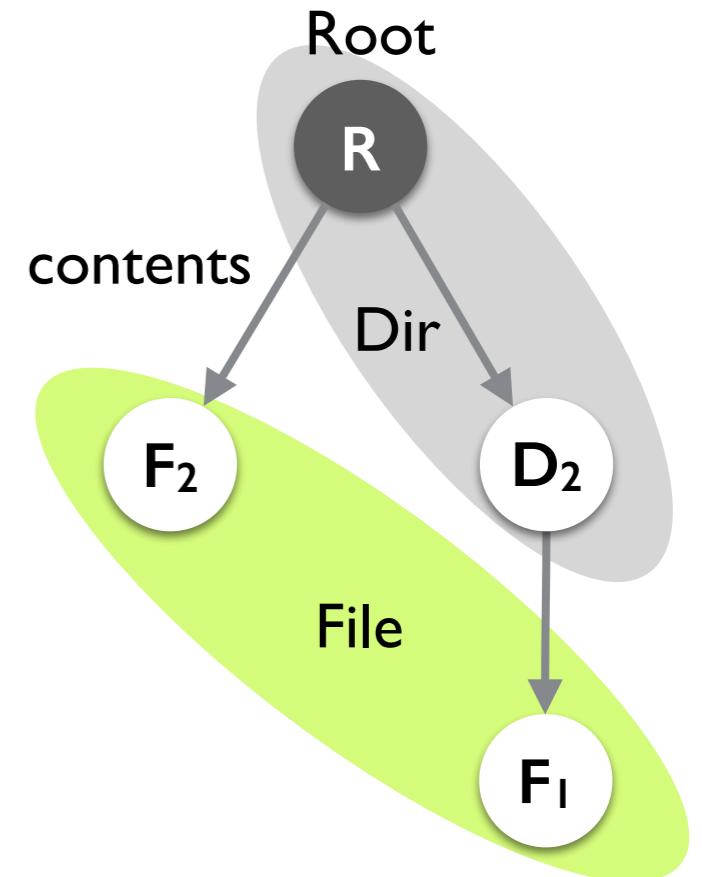
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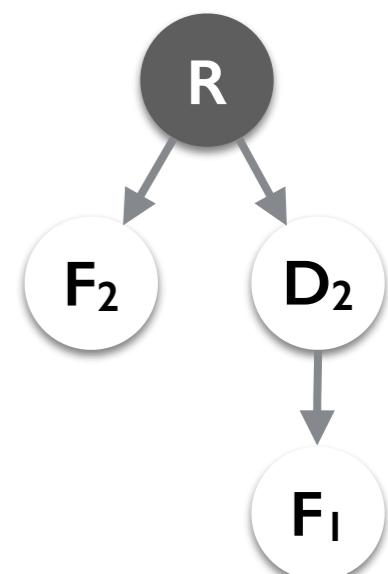
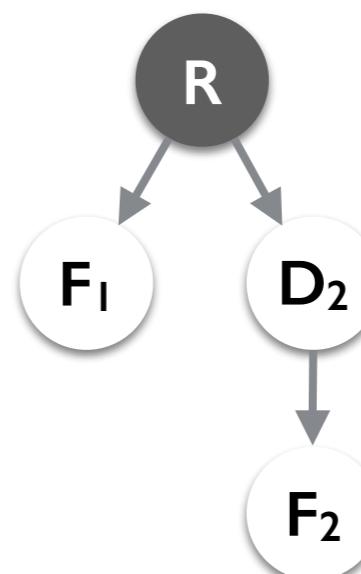
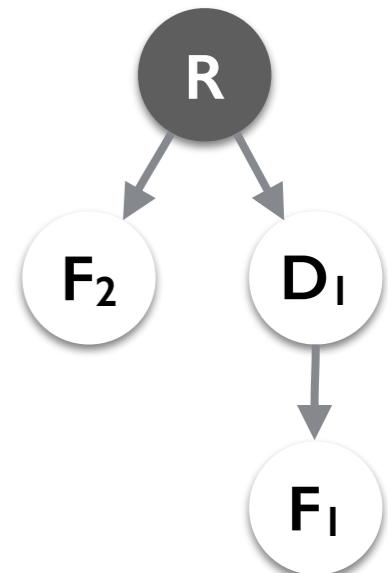
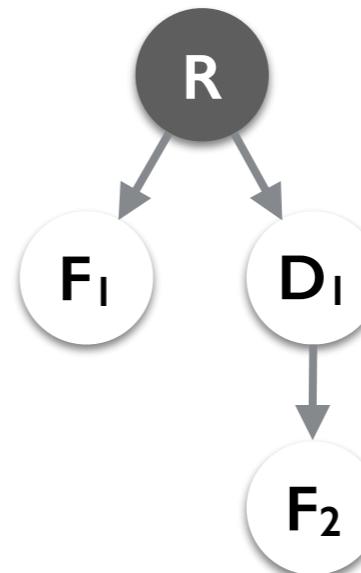


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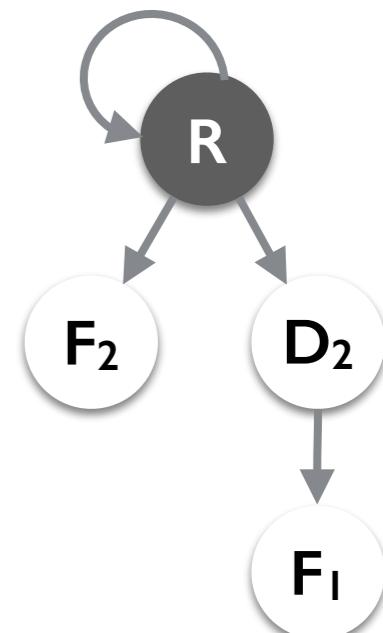
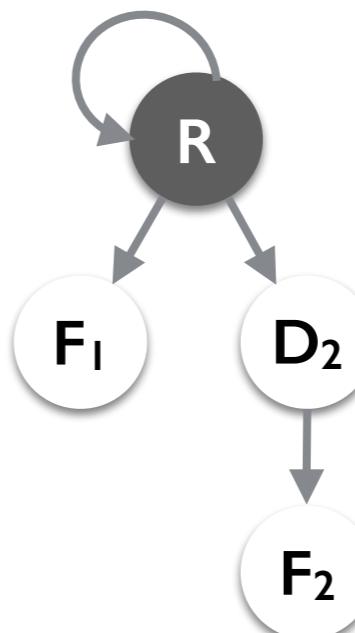
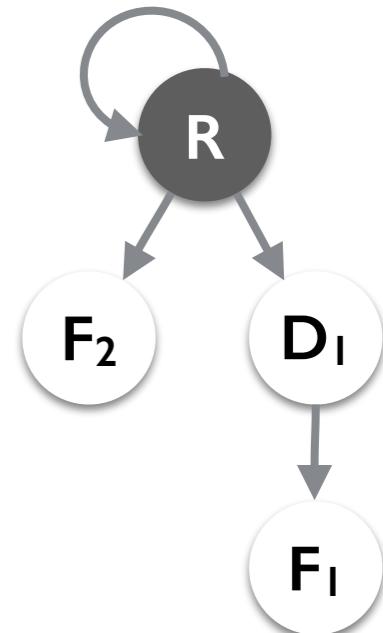
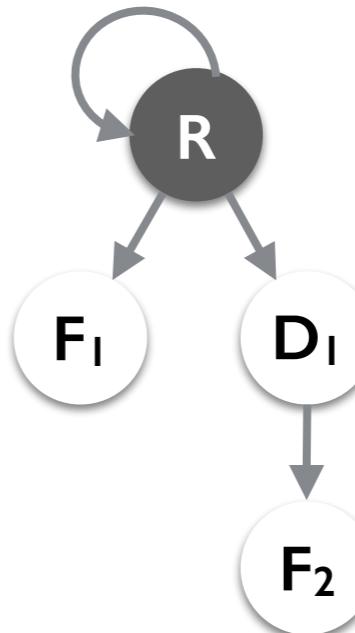


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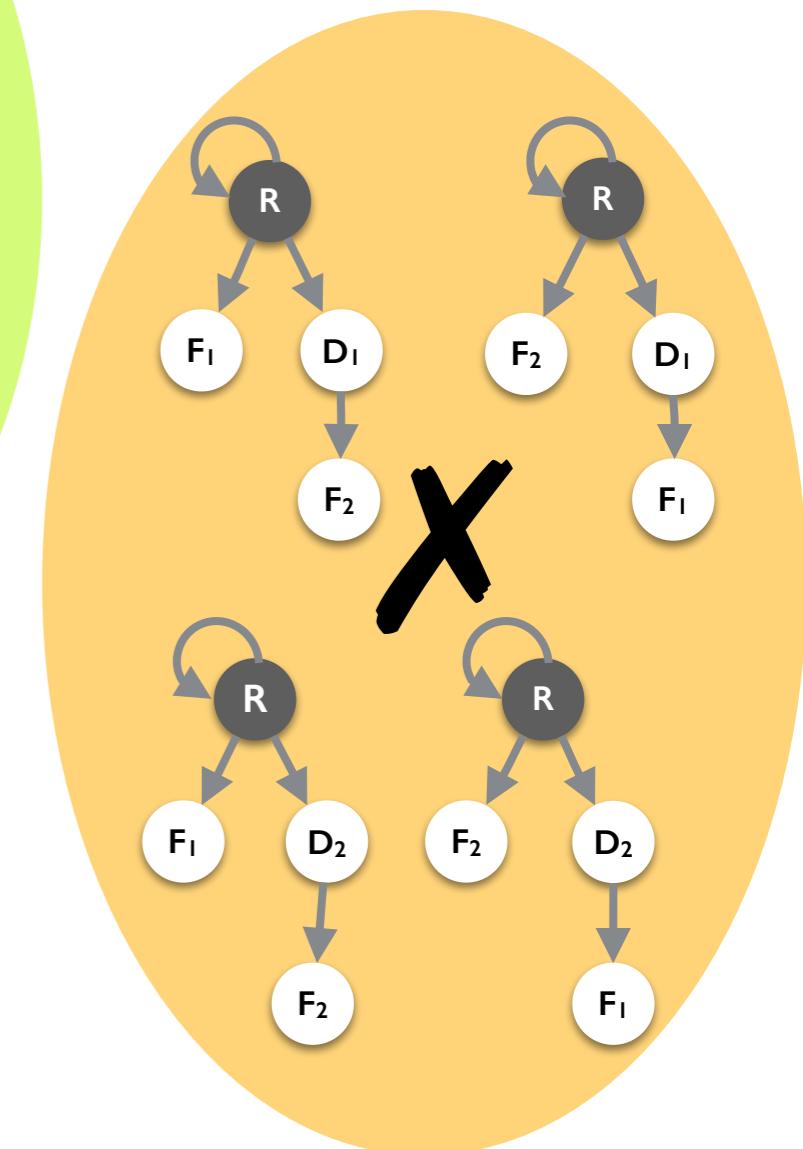
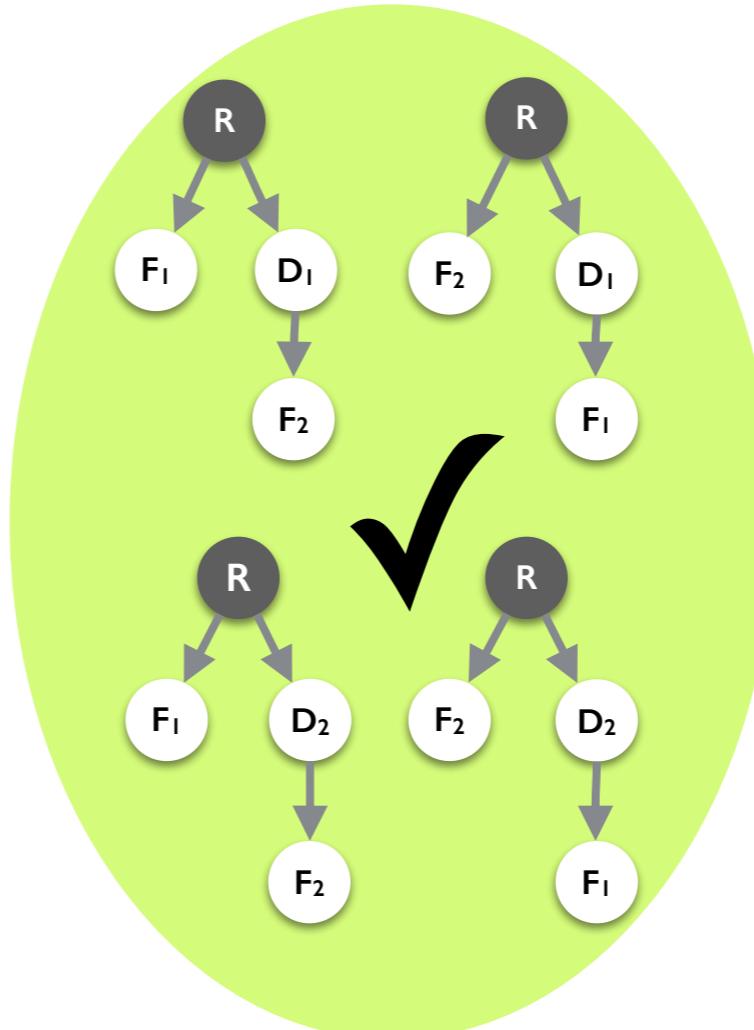
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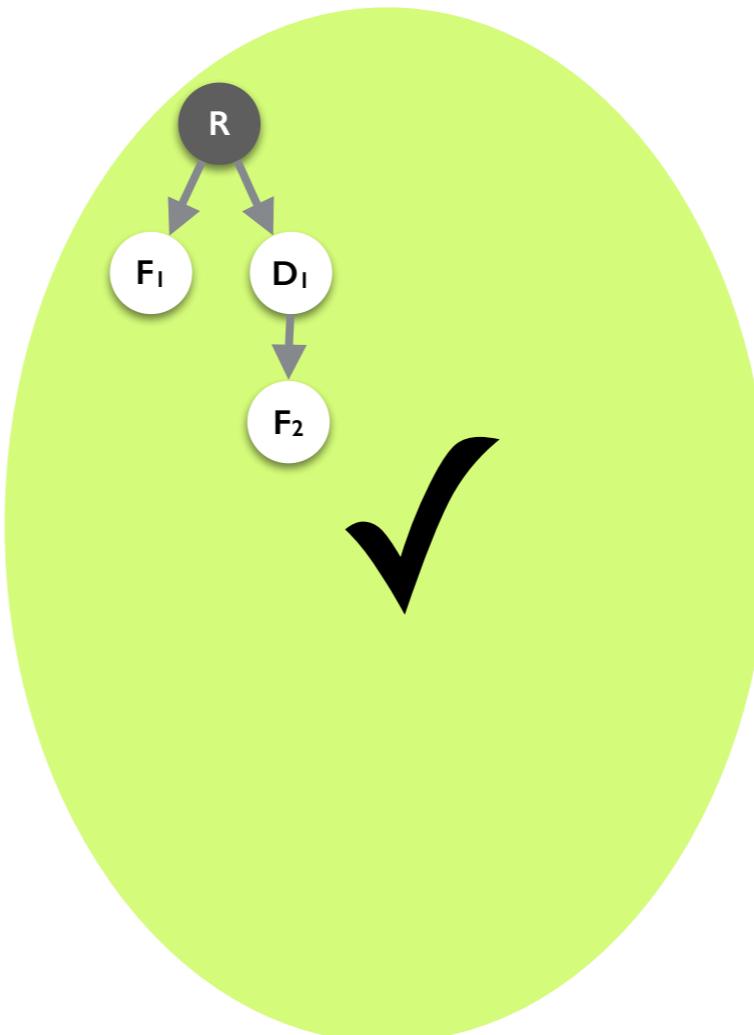
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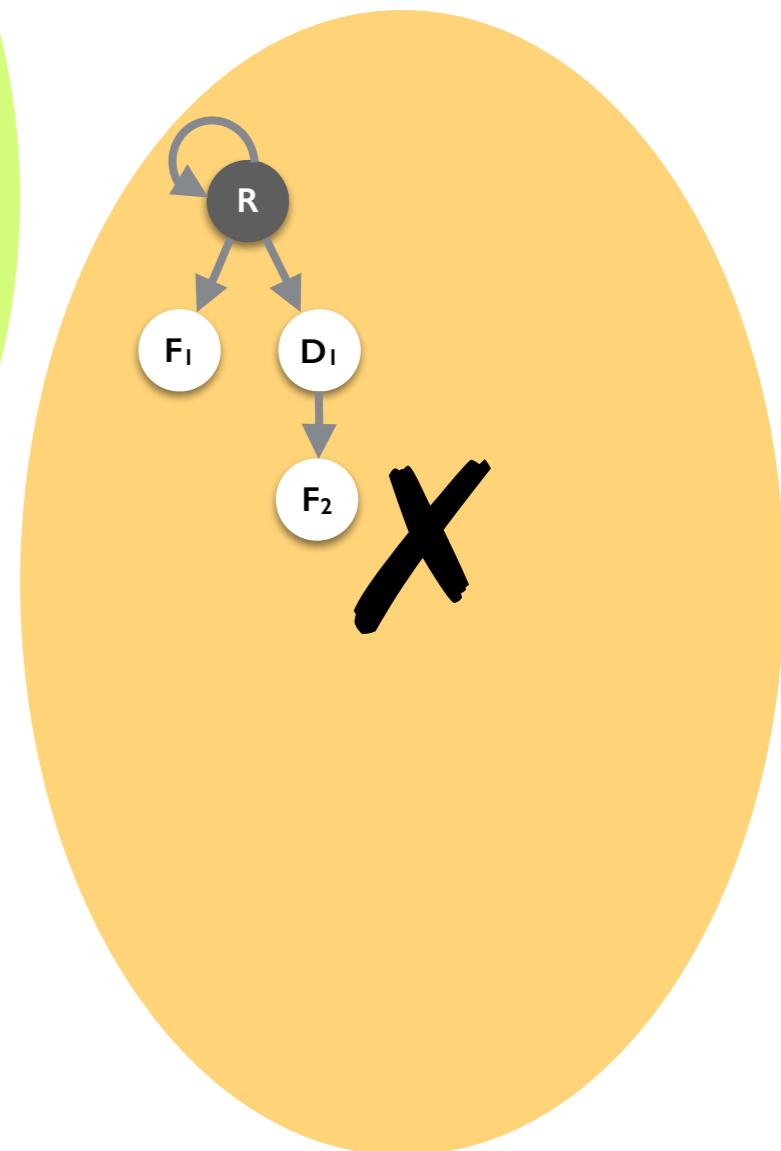
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sufficient to test  
one binding per  
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# Symmetry detection

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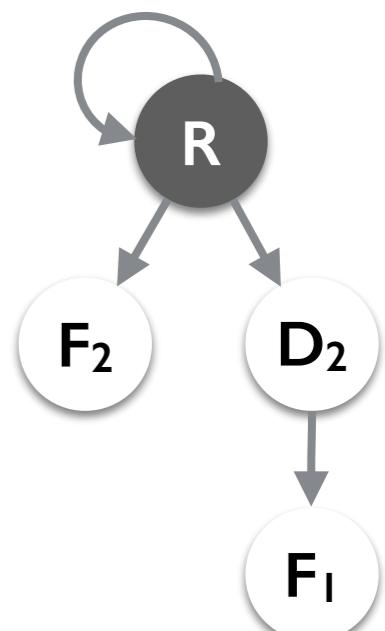
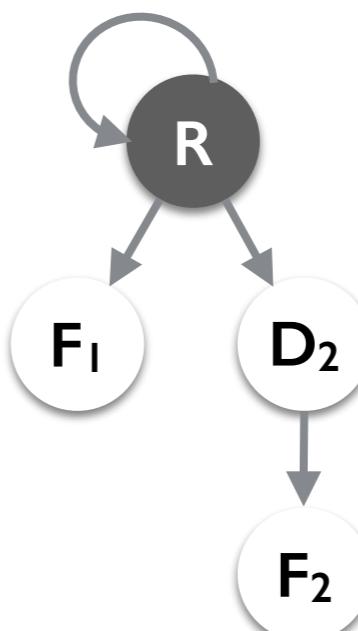
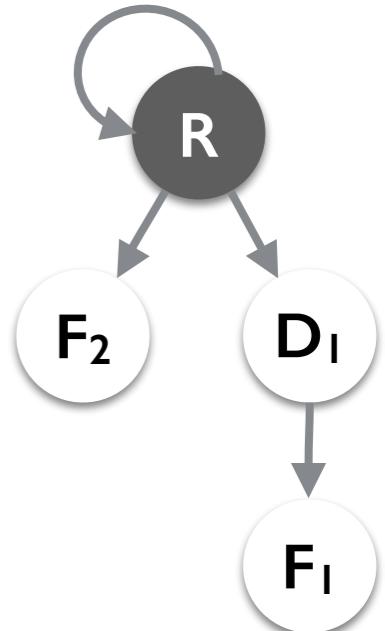
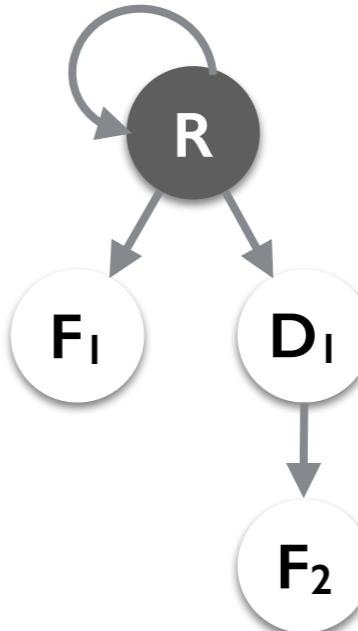
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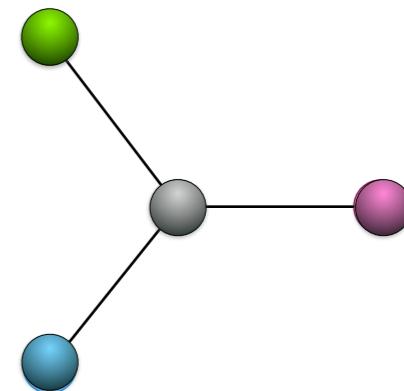


# Detecting symmetries is hard ...

**Assignment symmetries  
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**Graph automorphism  
detection**

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# **But only a few symmetries needed in practice**

**Greedy algorithm that partitions the universe into equivalence classes**



**Graph automorphism detection**



# Base partitioning: practical symmetry detection

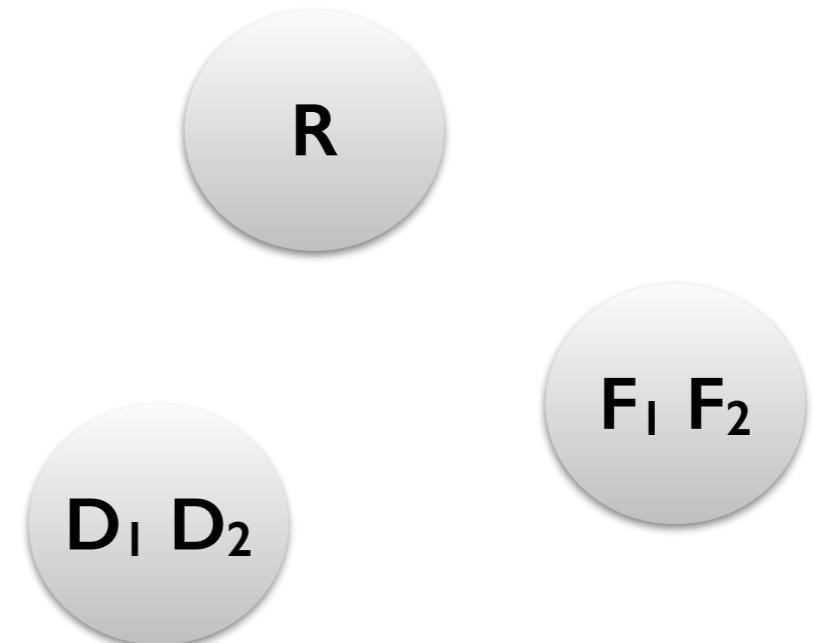
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The coarsest partitioning of the universe such that all non-empty bounds are expressible as unions of products of partitions.

# Finding the base partitioning

R D<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub> F<sub>1</sub> F<sub>2</sub>

start with a single partition  
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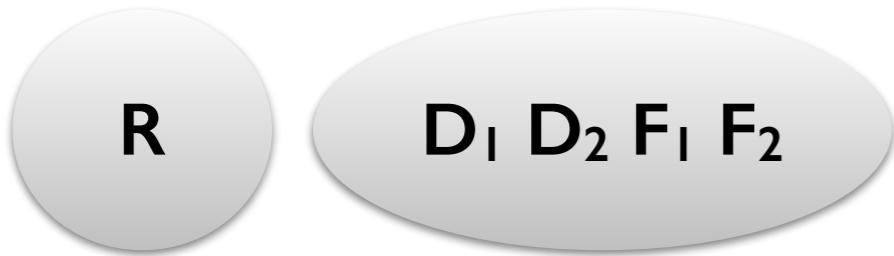
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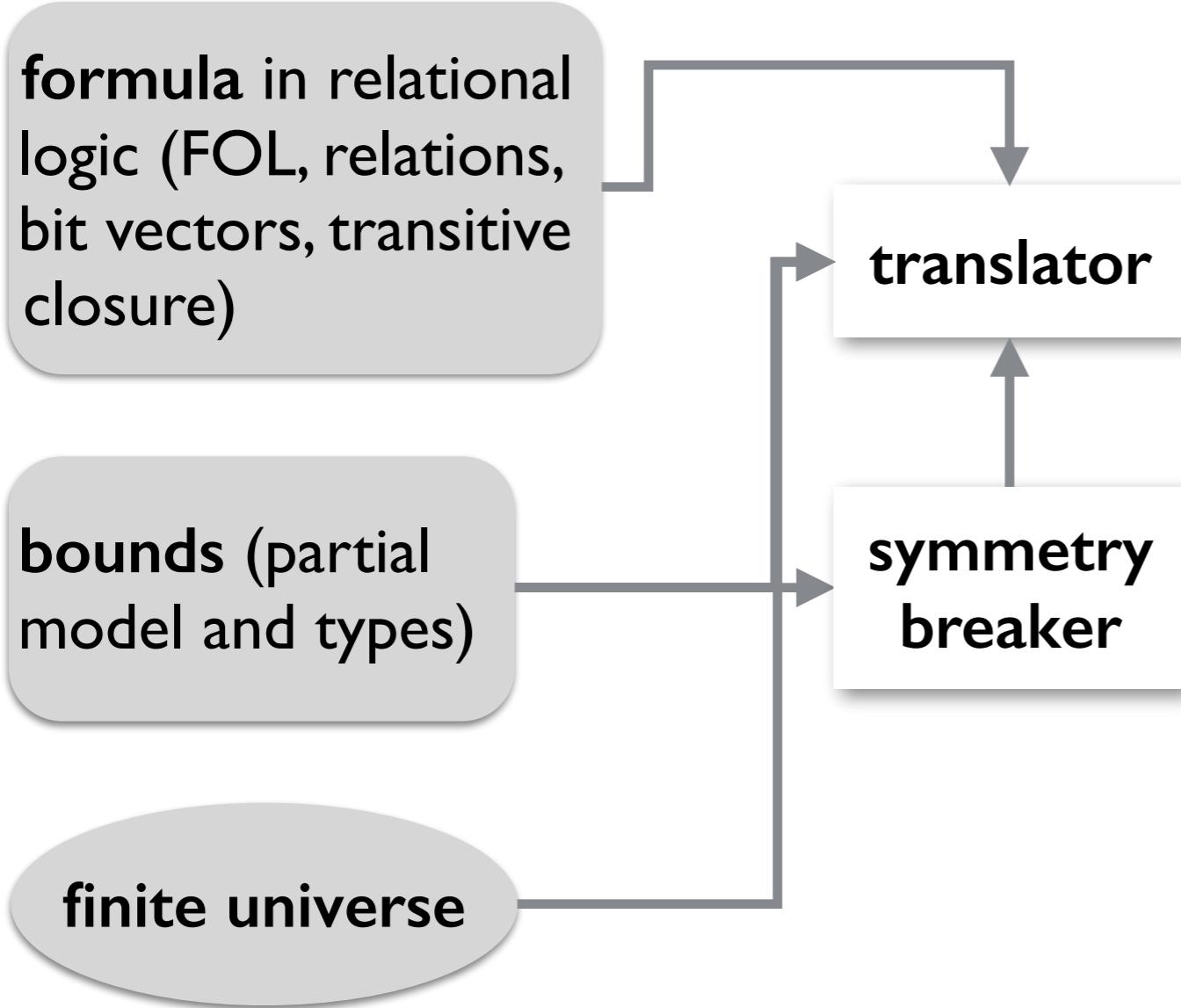
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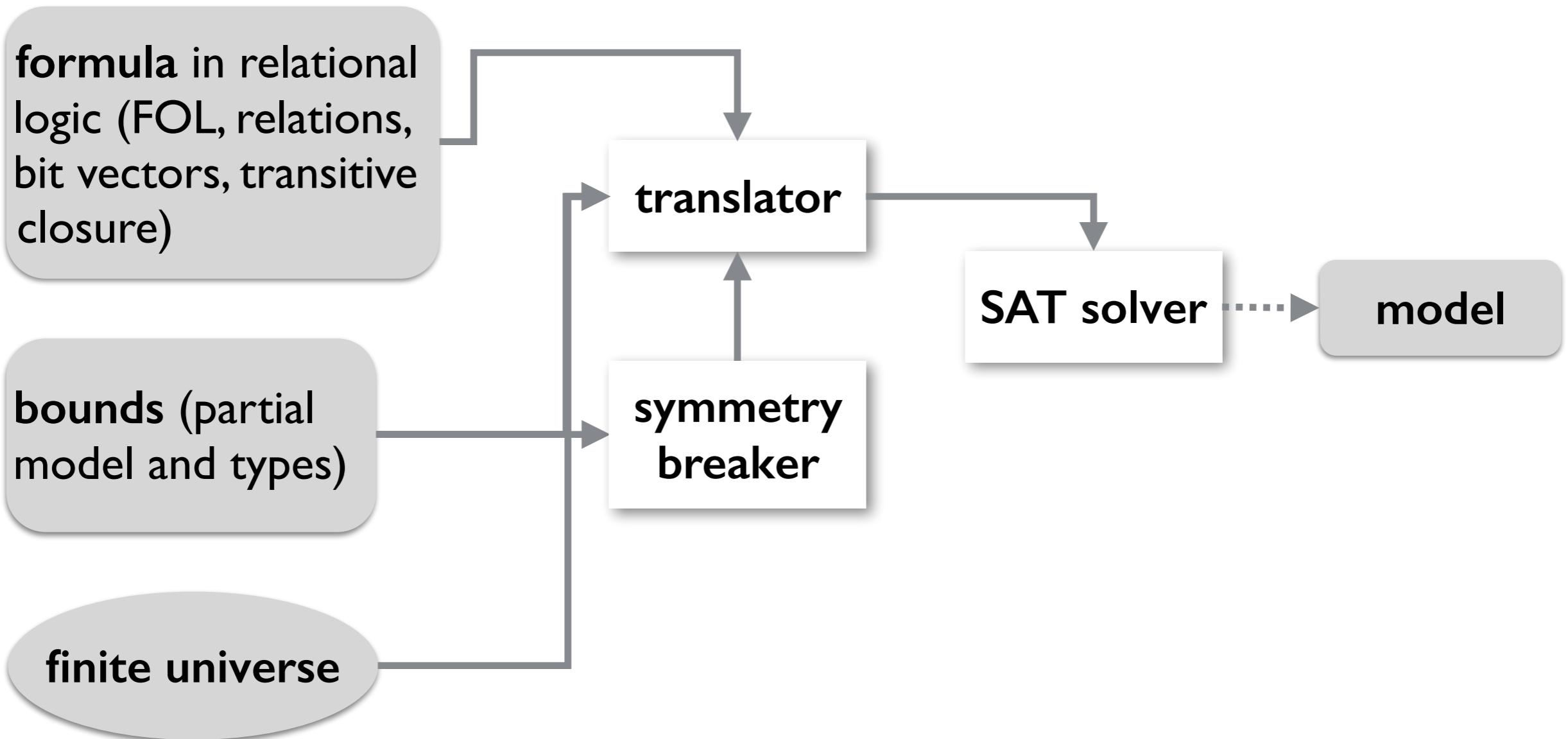
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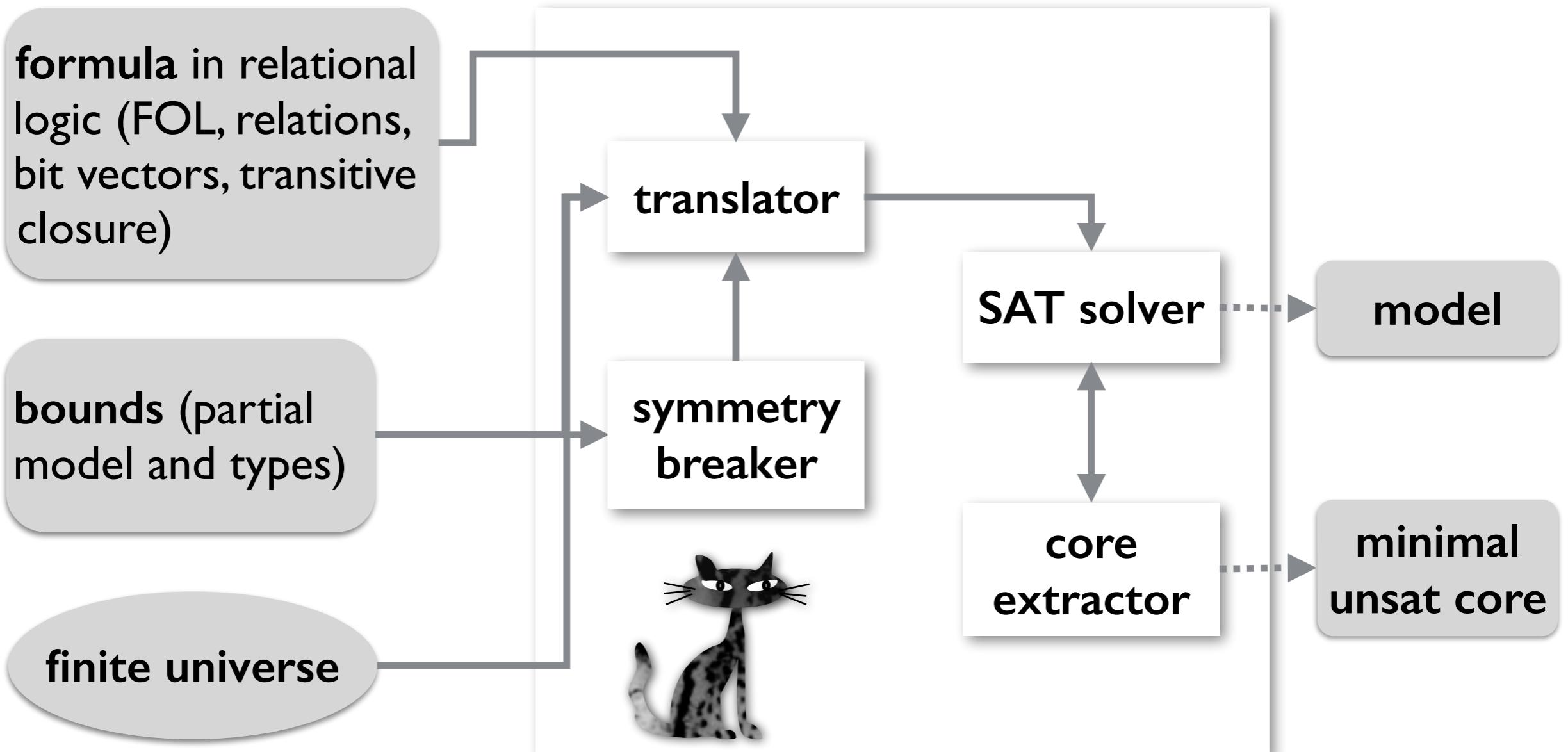
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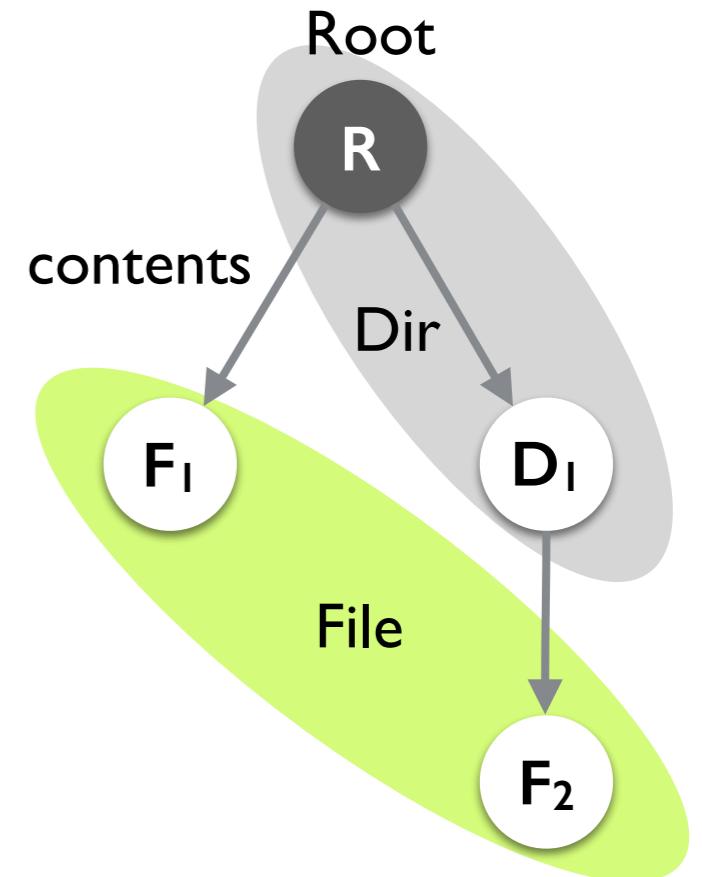
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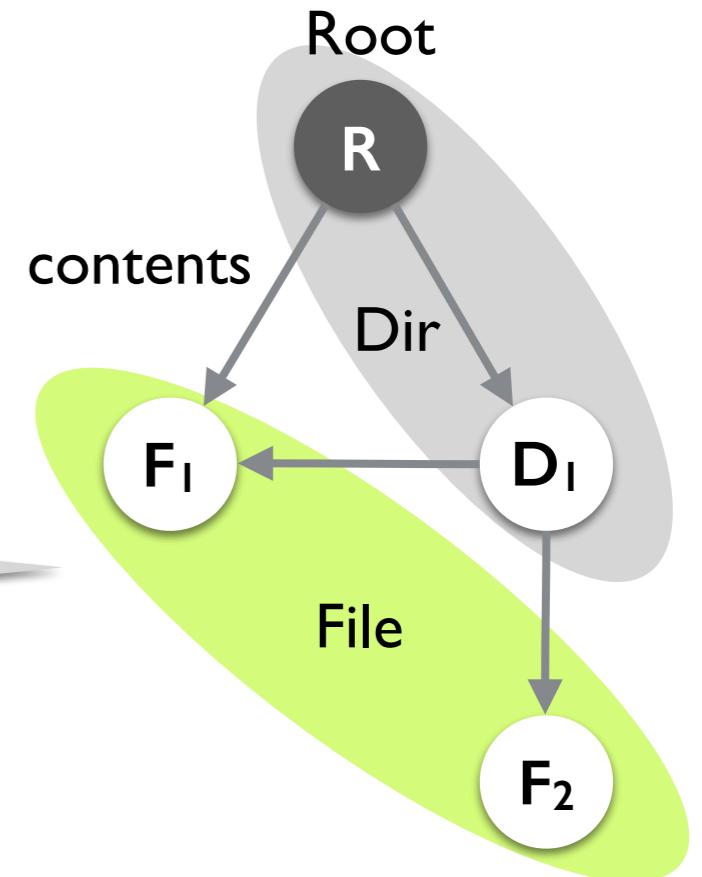
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The spec allows multiple parents.



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**Minimal unsatisfiable core:**  
an unsatisfiable subset of a formula that becomes satisfiable if any of its members are removed.

# Resolution-based core extraction

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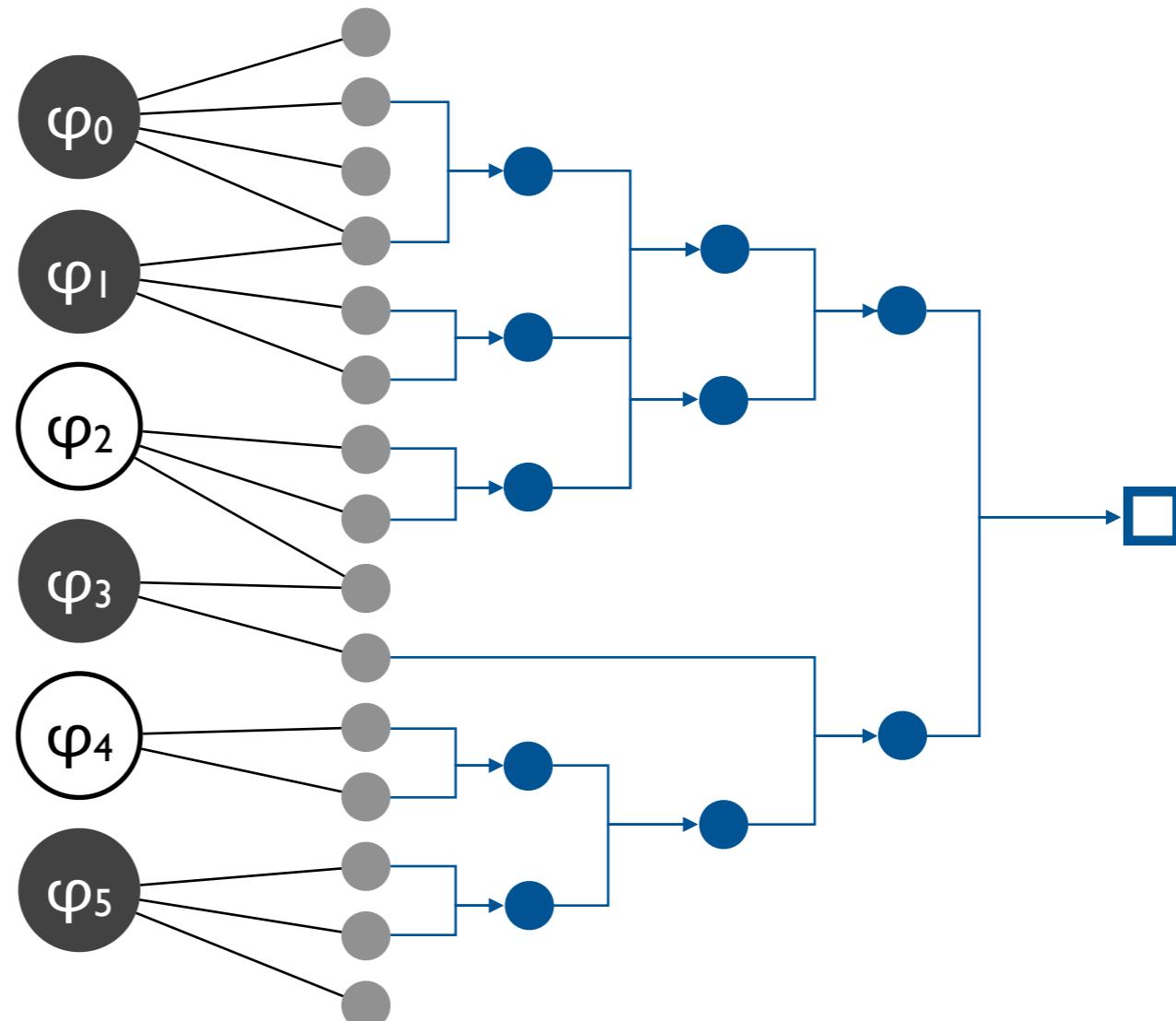
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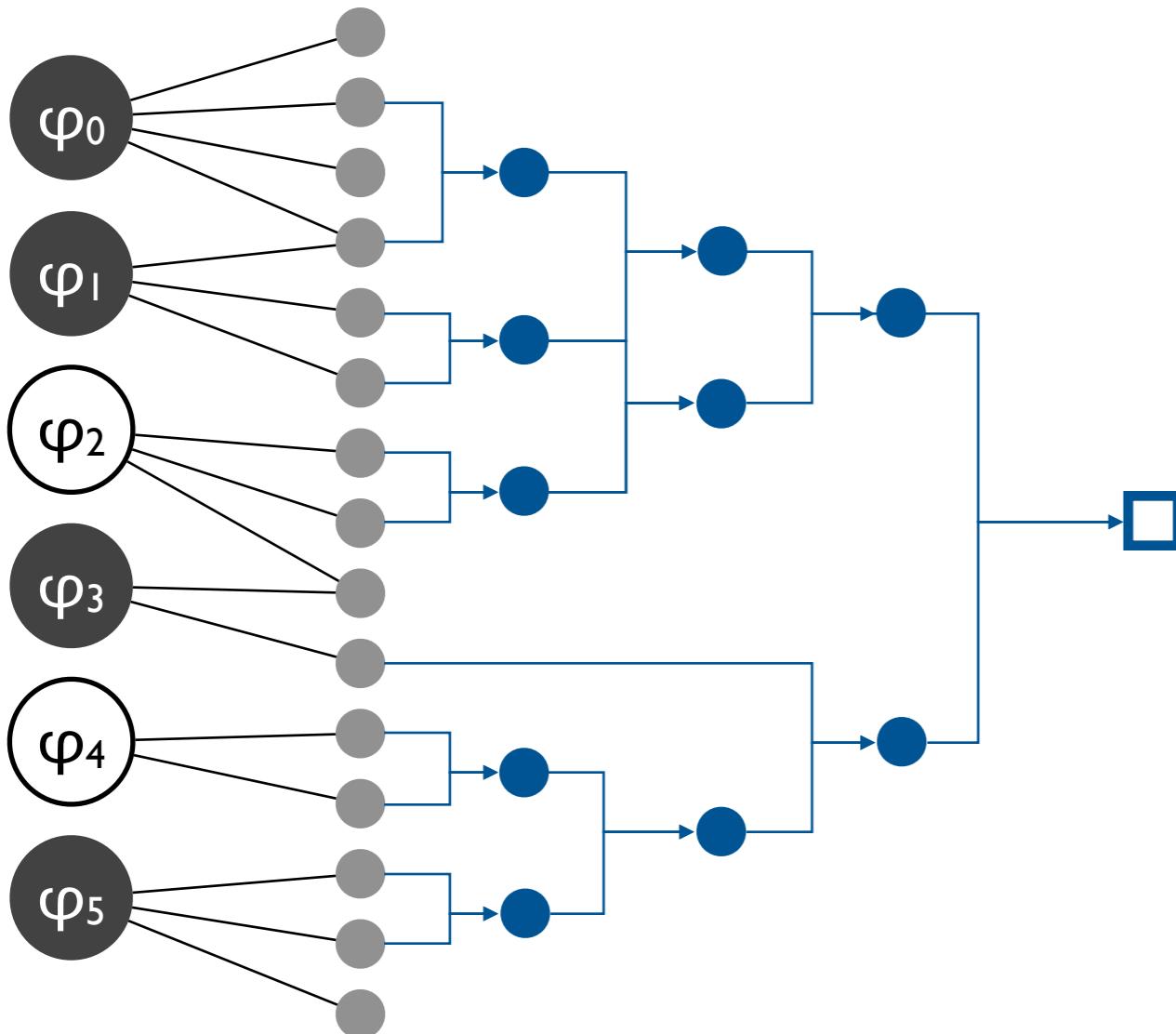
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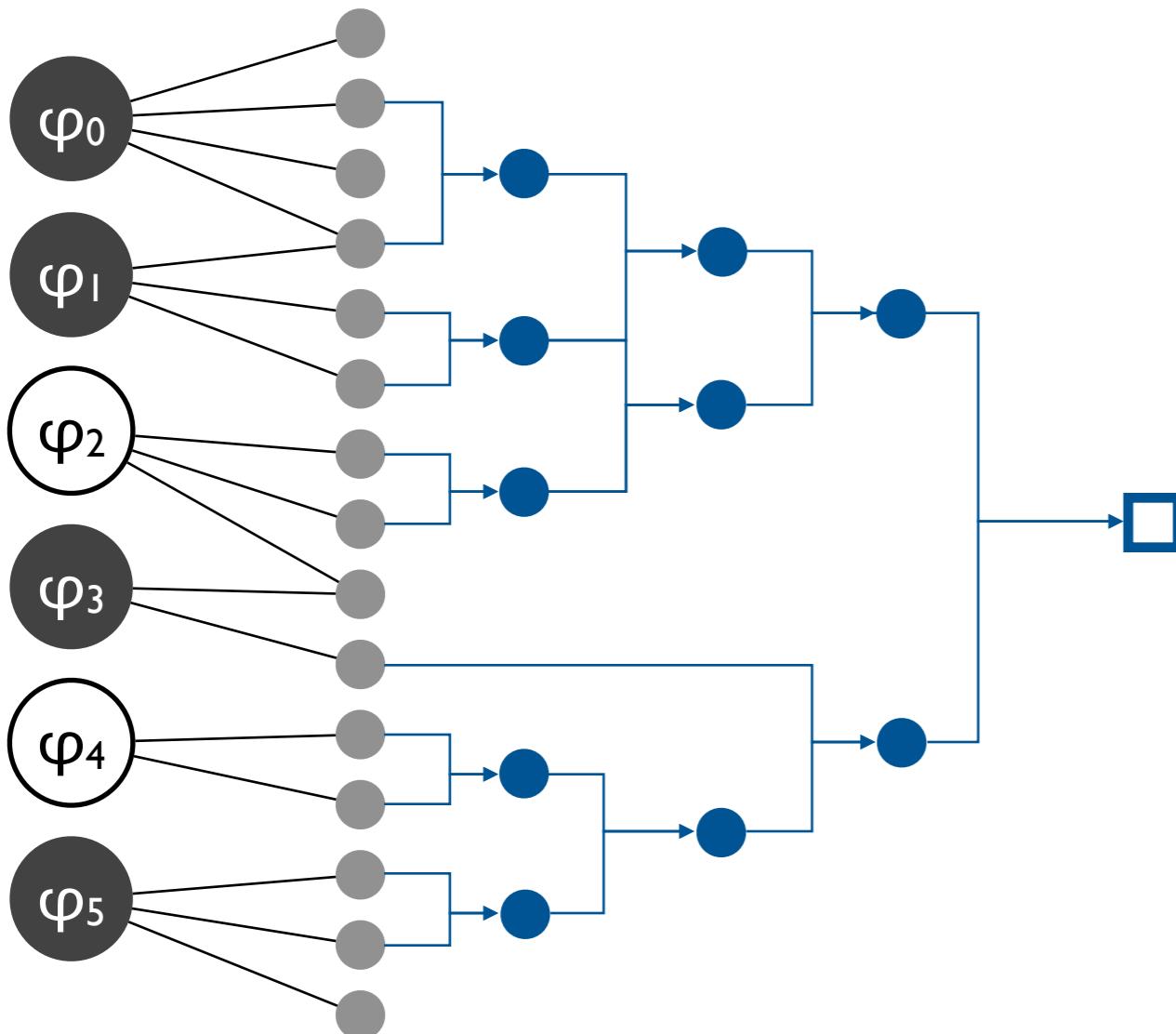
# High-level minimal cores from low-level proofs



How to use the proof at the SAT level to find a minimal core at the specification level when

- SAT proof is not minimal
- minimal SAT core may map to a large specification core?

# Recycling core extraction



Key idea: minimize core by removing constraints at the specification level but re-use valid resolvents from the previous step so that the solver doesn't have to re-derive them.

# **Summary**

## **Today**

- Finite model finding for first-order logic with quantifiers, relations, and transitive closures

## **Next lecture**

- Reasoning about program correctness