Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

CSE507

Introduction

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Today

What is this course about?

Course logistics

Review of propositional logic

A basic SAT solver!

welcome

about

Tools for building better software, more easily

more reliable, faster,
more energy efficient

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

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

automatic verification, debugging & synthesis

Tools for building better software, more easily

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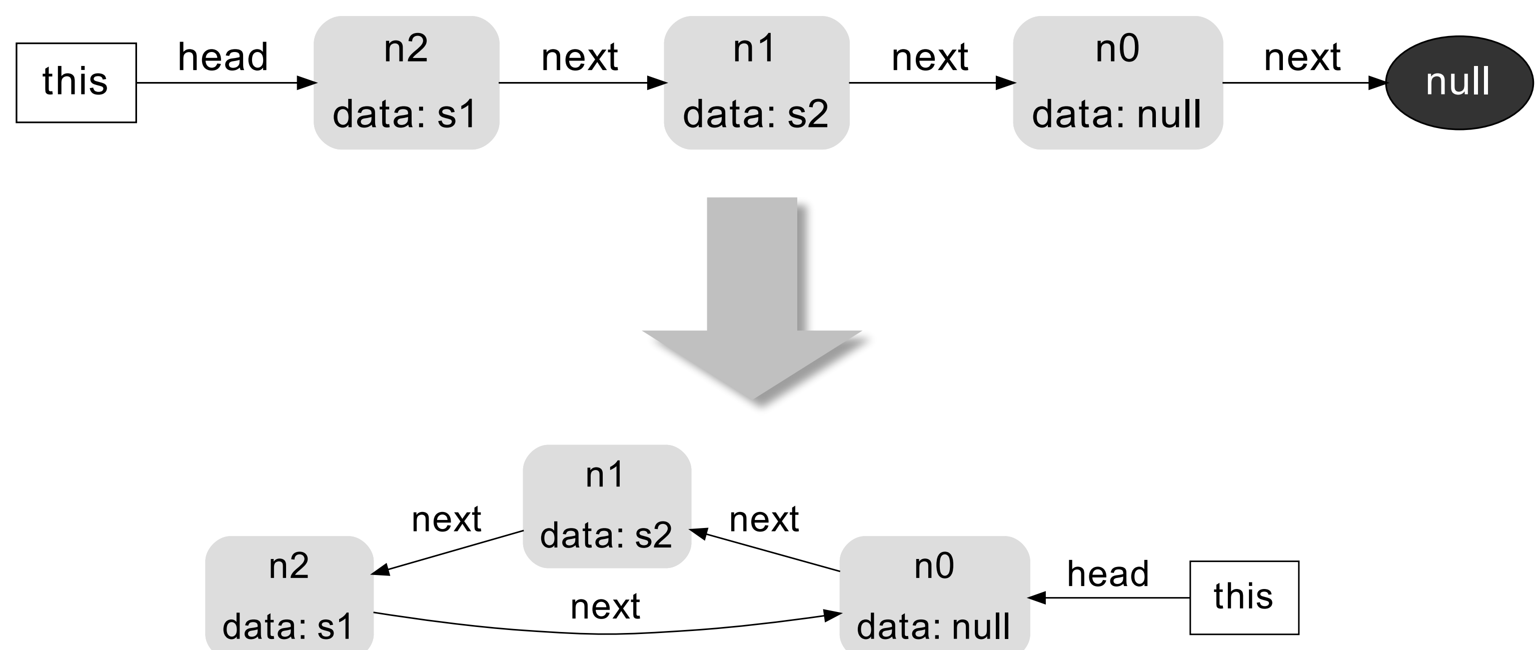

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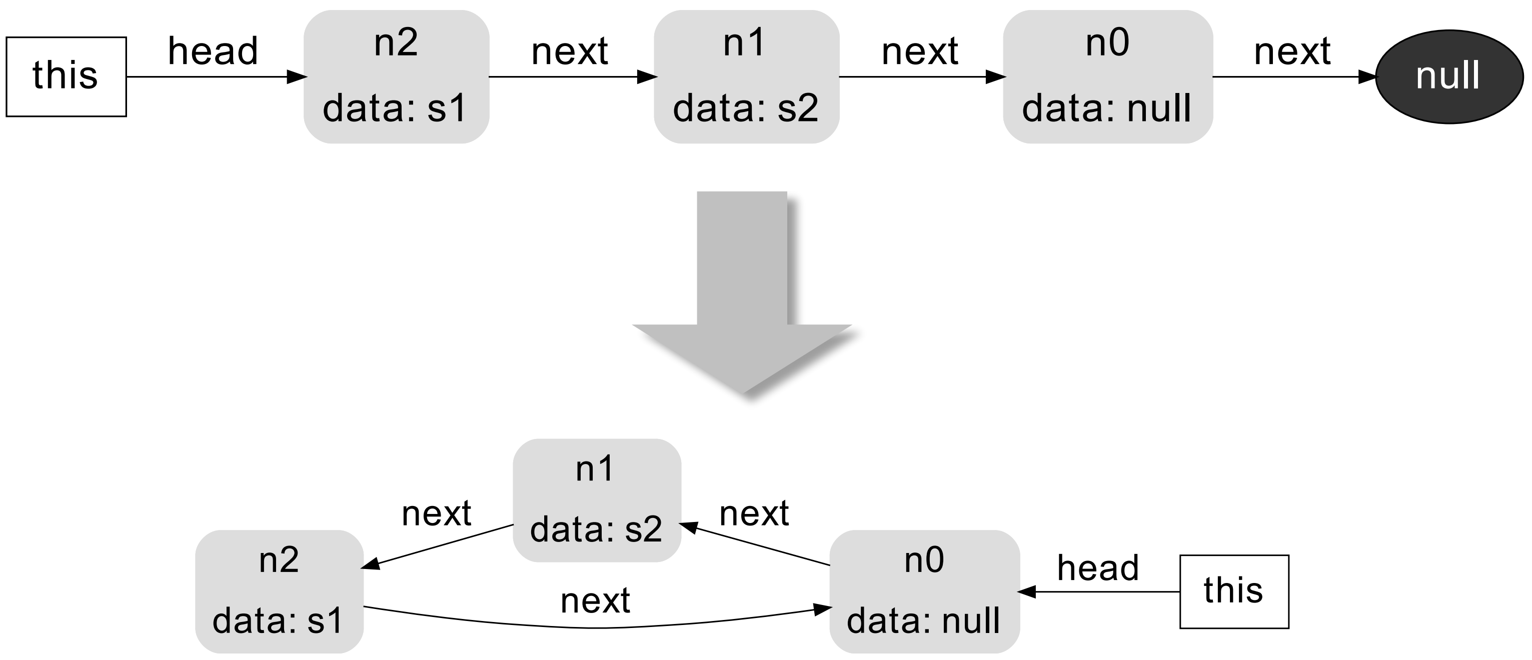

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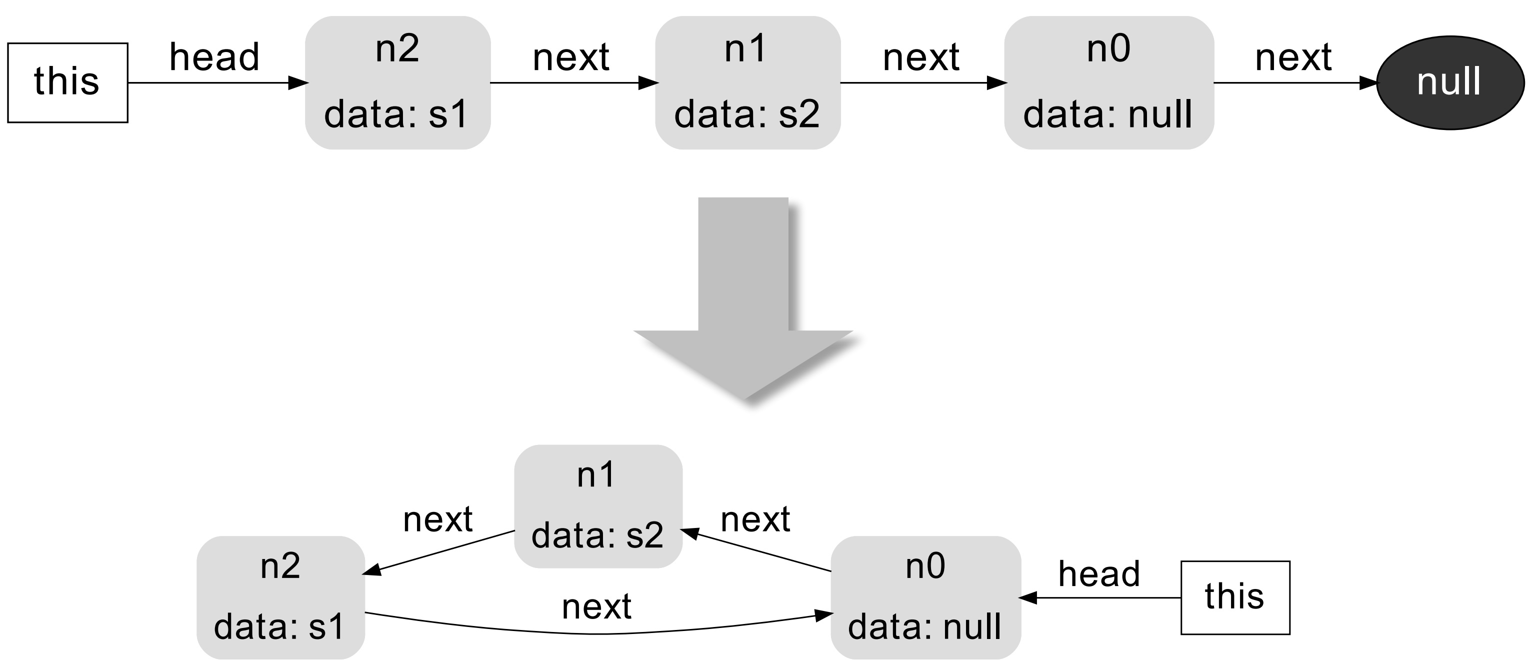

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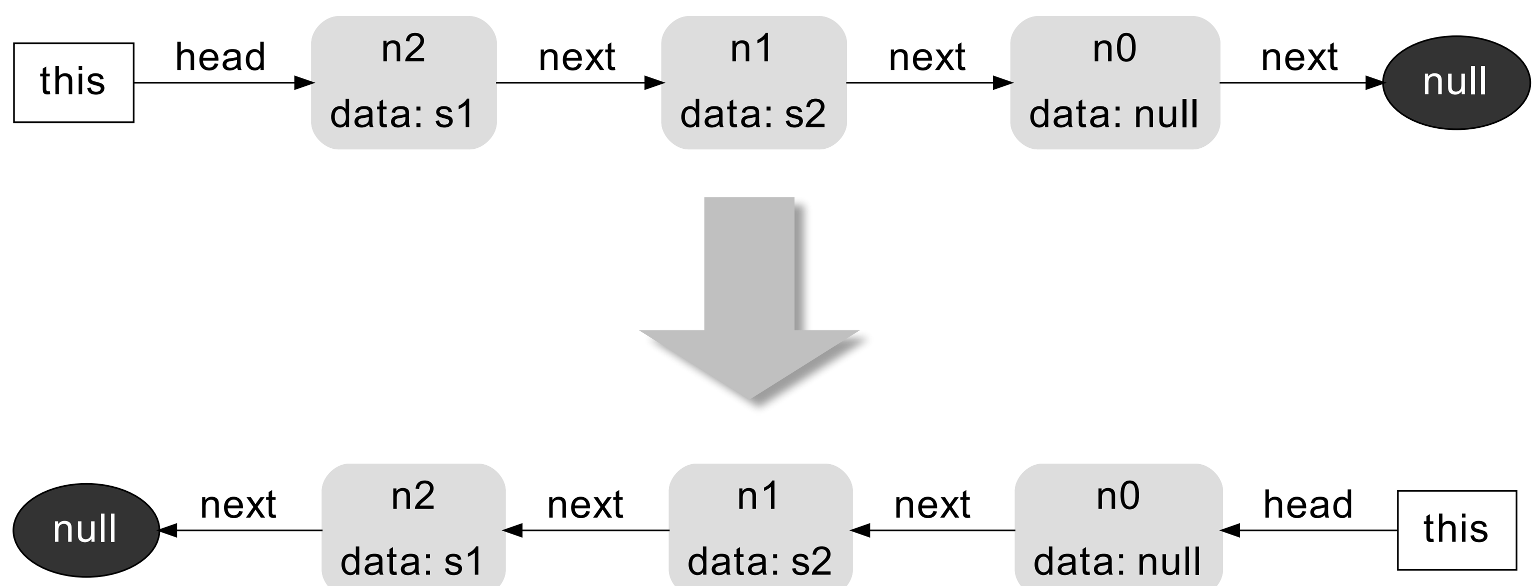

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biology

systems

education

security

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hardware

databases

networking

low-power computing

high-performance computing

logistics

Topics, structure, people

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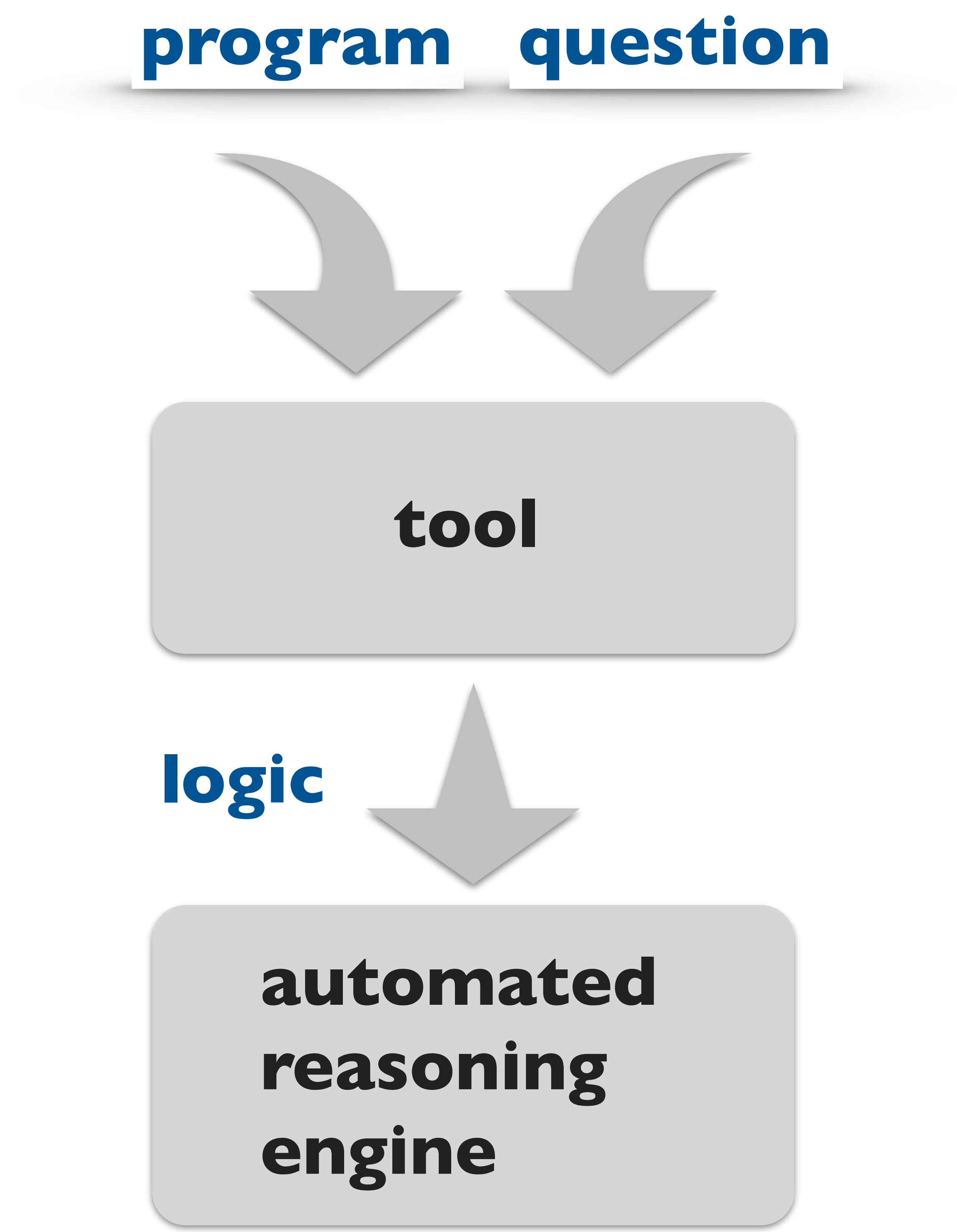

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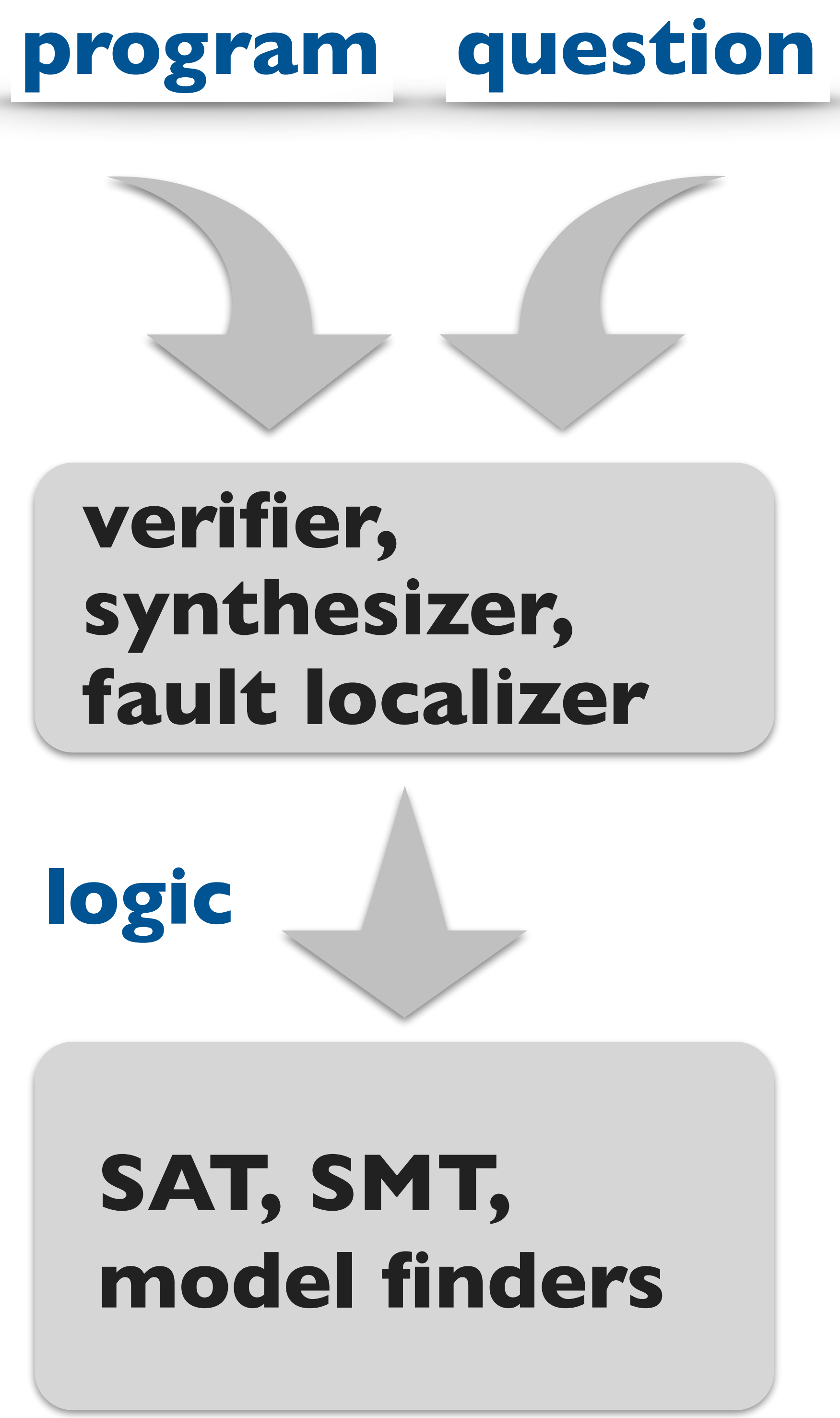

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verifier, synthesizer, fault localizer

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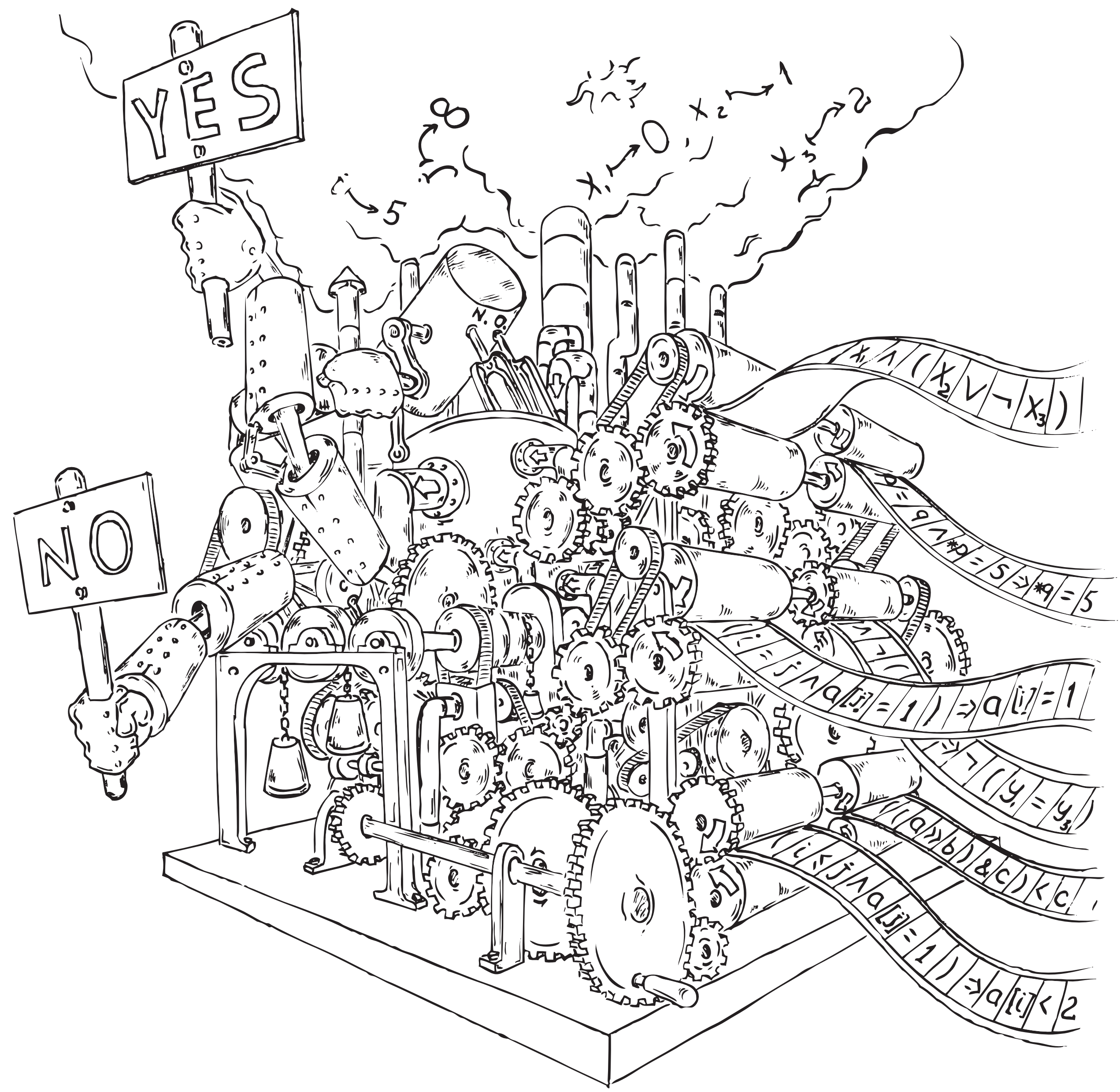

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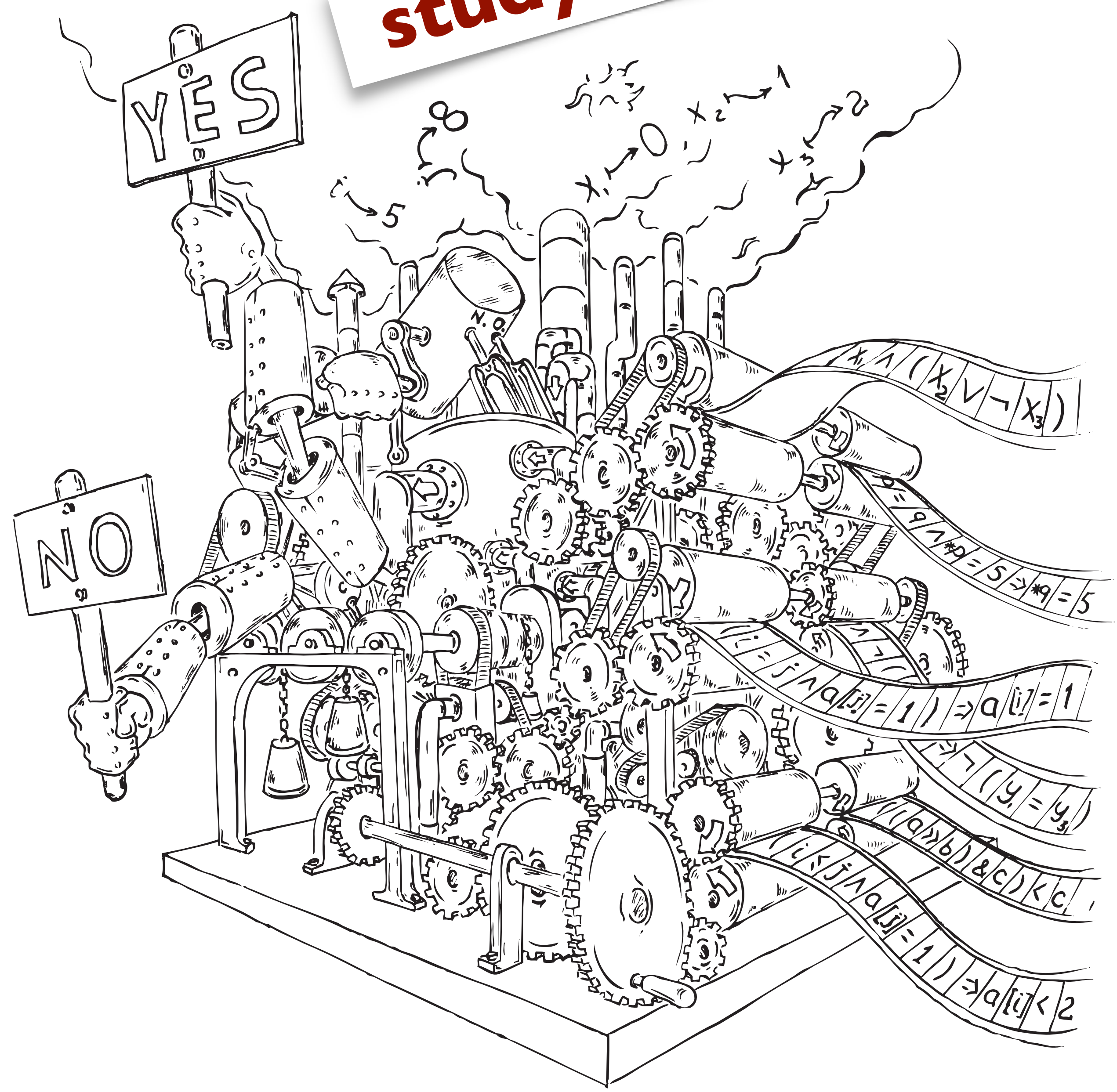

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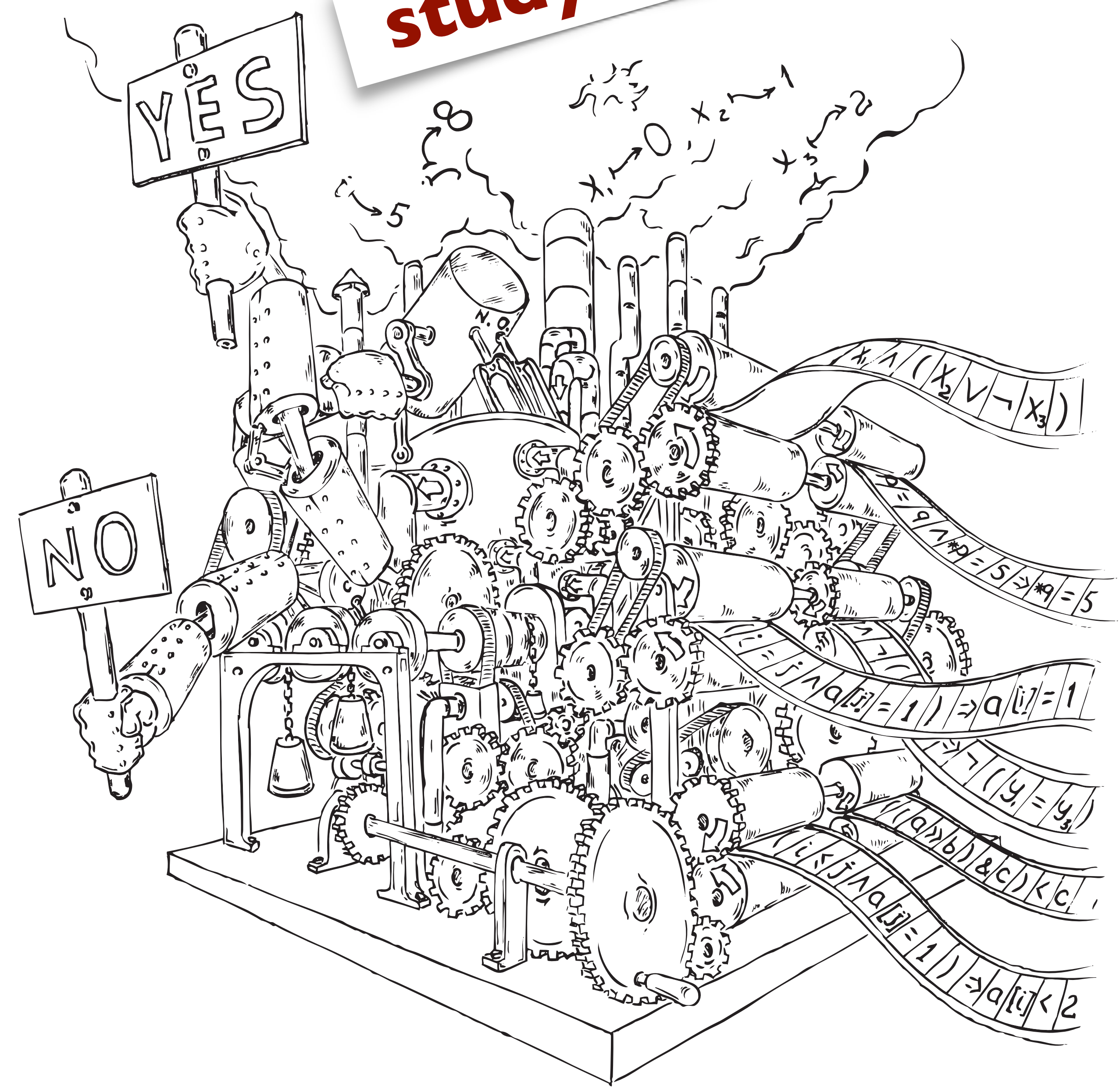

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Grading

study (part I)

3 individual homework assignments (75%)

- conceptual problems & proofs (TeX)
- implementations (Racket)
- completed on your own (may discuss HWs with course staff only)

Course project (25%)

- build a computer-aided reasoning tool for a domain of your choice
- teams of 2-3 people
- 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 (2016)

Advice for doing well in 507

Come to class (prepared)

- Lecture slides 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)
- No proof should be longer than a page (most are ~1 paragraph)

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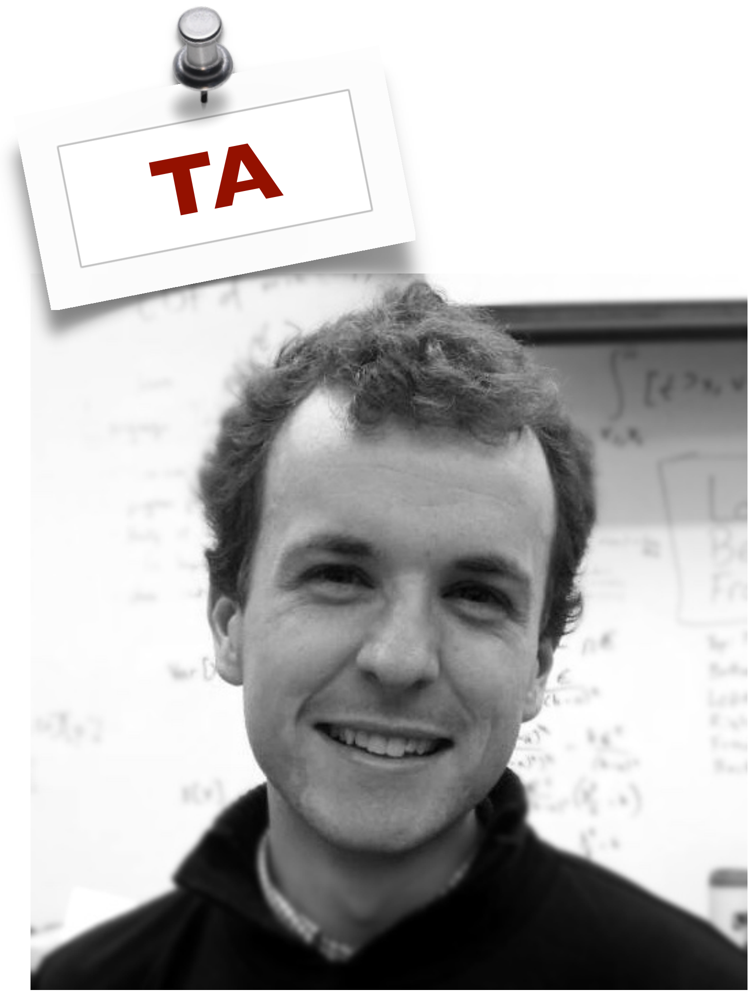

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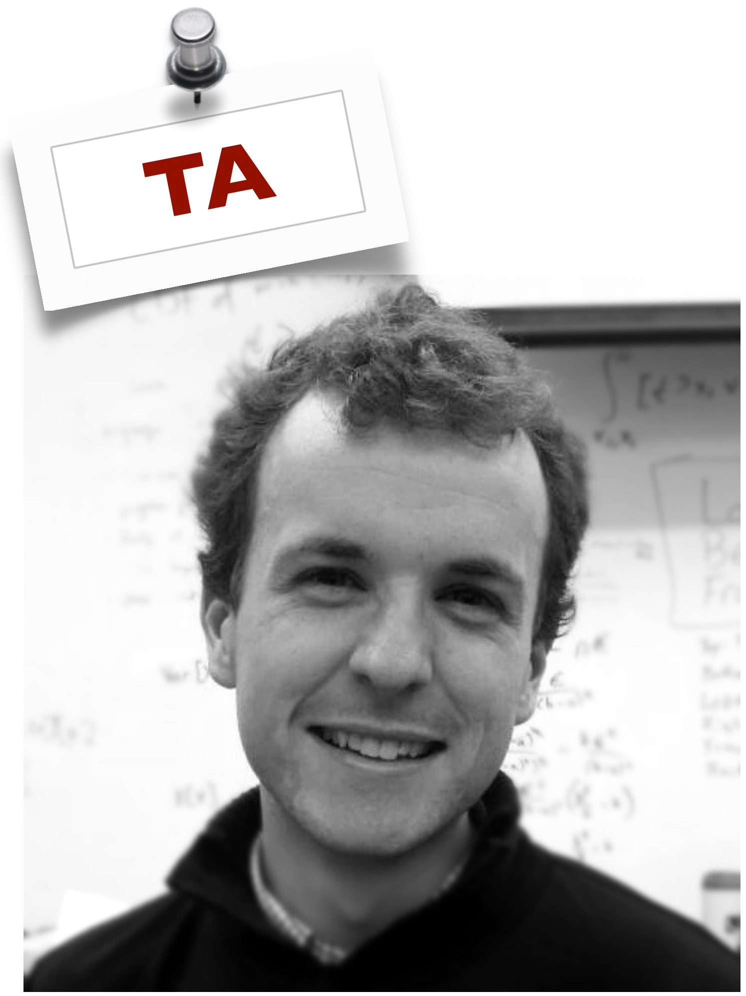

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students!

Your name
Research area

review

Let's get started! A review of propositional logic

- Syntax
- Semantics
- Satisfiability and validity
- Proof methods
- Semantic judgments
- Normal forms (NNF, DNF, CNF)

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Formula	a literal or the application of a **logical connective** to formulas F, F_1, F_2:

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

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I is a **falsifying interpretation** of F, written as $I \nvDash F$, if F evaluates to false under I.

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- $I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ iff $I \not\models F_1$ or $I \models F_2$
- $I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$, or $I \not\models F_1$ and $I \not\models F_2$

Semantics of propositional logic: example

F: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee \neg q)$

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Assume the formula is invalid, apply proof rules, and check for contradiction in every branch of the proof tree.

SAT solver

Proof by search (truth tables)

$F: \quad (p \land q) \to (p \lor \neg q)$

p	q	$p \land q$	$\neg q$	$p \lor \neg q$	F
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Proof by deduction (semantic arguments)

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Invalid; I is a falsifying interpretation.

Semantic judgements

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$F_1 \iff F_2$ and $F_1 \implies F_2$ are not propositional formulas (not part of syntax). They are properties of formulas, just like validity or satisfiability.

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Why do we care?

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Three important normal forms for propositional logic:

- Negation Normal Form (NNF)
- Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)
- Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

Negation Normal Form (NNF)

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op := $\wedge$ | $\vee$

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- $\neg$ can appear only in literals.

Conversion to NNF performed using **DeMorgan's Laws**:

$\neg(F \wedge G) \iff \neg F \vee \neg G$ $\neg(F \vee G) \iff \neg F \wedge \neg G$

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To convert to DNF, convert to NNF and distribute ∧ over ∨:

$(F \wedge (G \vee H)) \iff (F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H)$

$((G \vee H) \wedge F) \iff (G \wedge F) \vee (H \wedge F)$

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Why CNF? Doesn't the conversion explode just as badly as DNF?

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$(F \lor (G \land H)) \iff (F \lor G) \land (F \lor H)$

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Boolean constraint propagation applies *unit resolution* until fixed point:

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Summary

Today

- Course overview & logistics
- Review of propositional logic
- A basic SAT solver

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- Read Chapter 1 of Bradley & Manna