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# **Satisfiability Modulo Theories**

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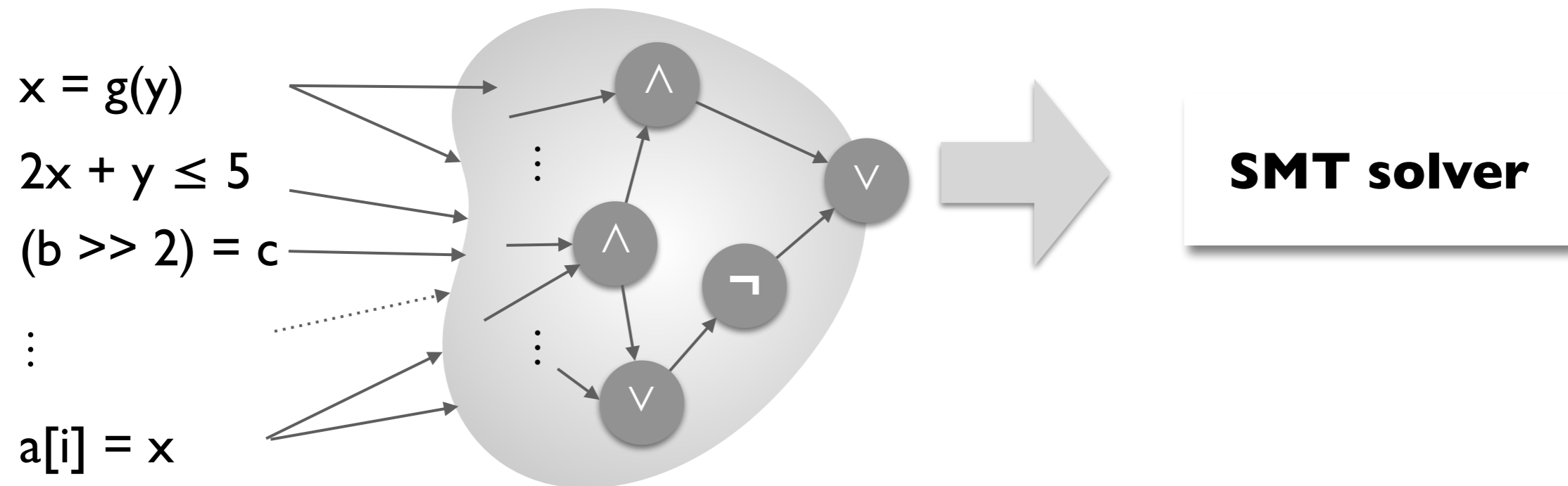
## Last lecture

- Practical applications of SAT and the need for a richer logic

## Today

- Introduction to Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)
- Syntax and semantics of (quantifier-free) first-order logic
- Overview of key theories

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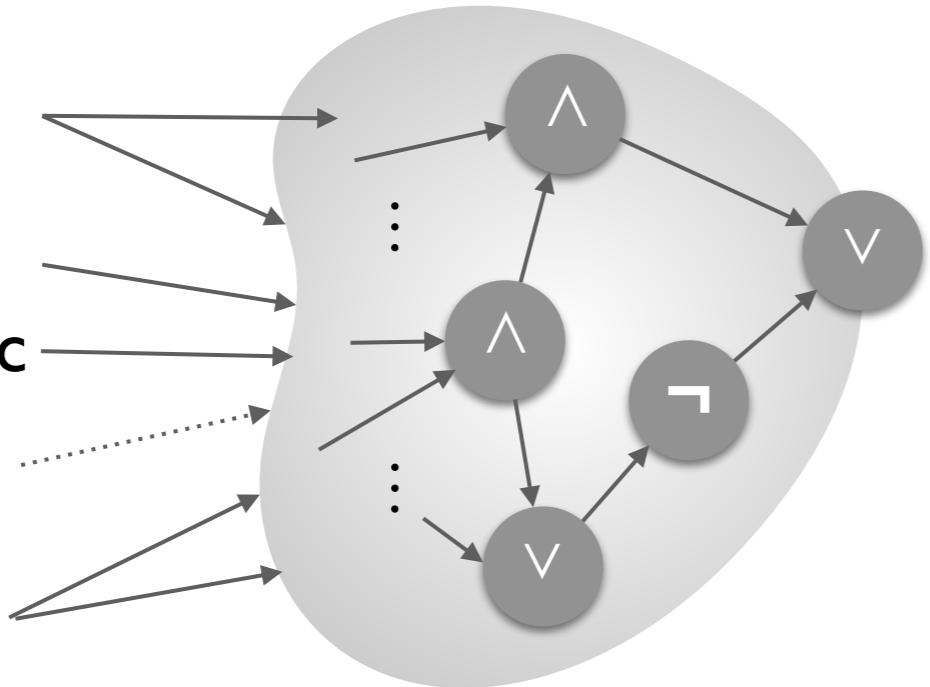
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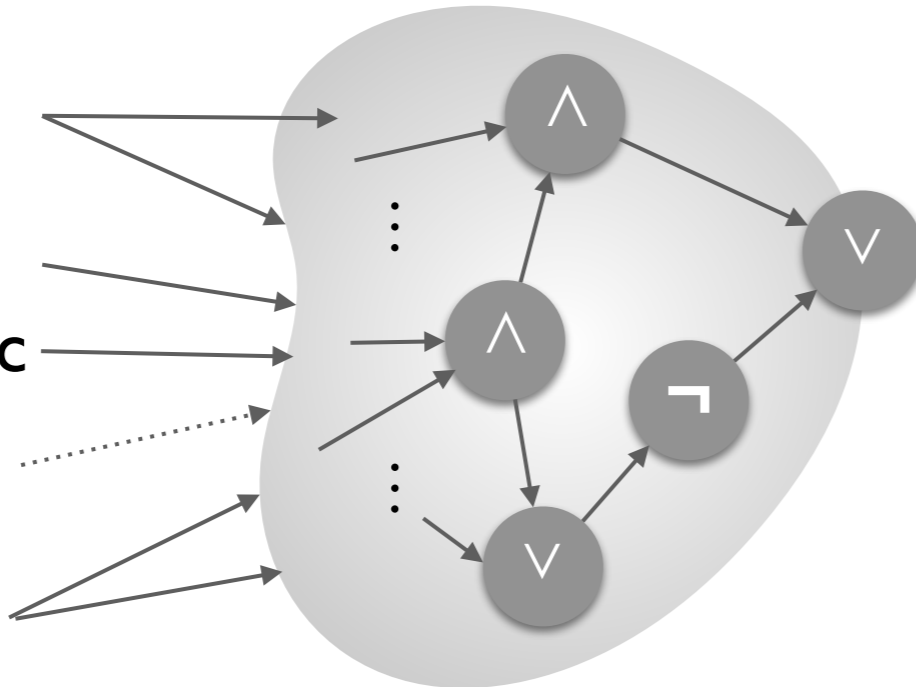
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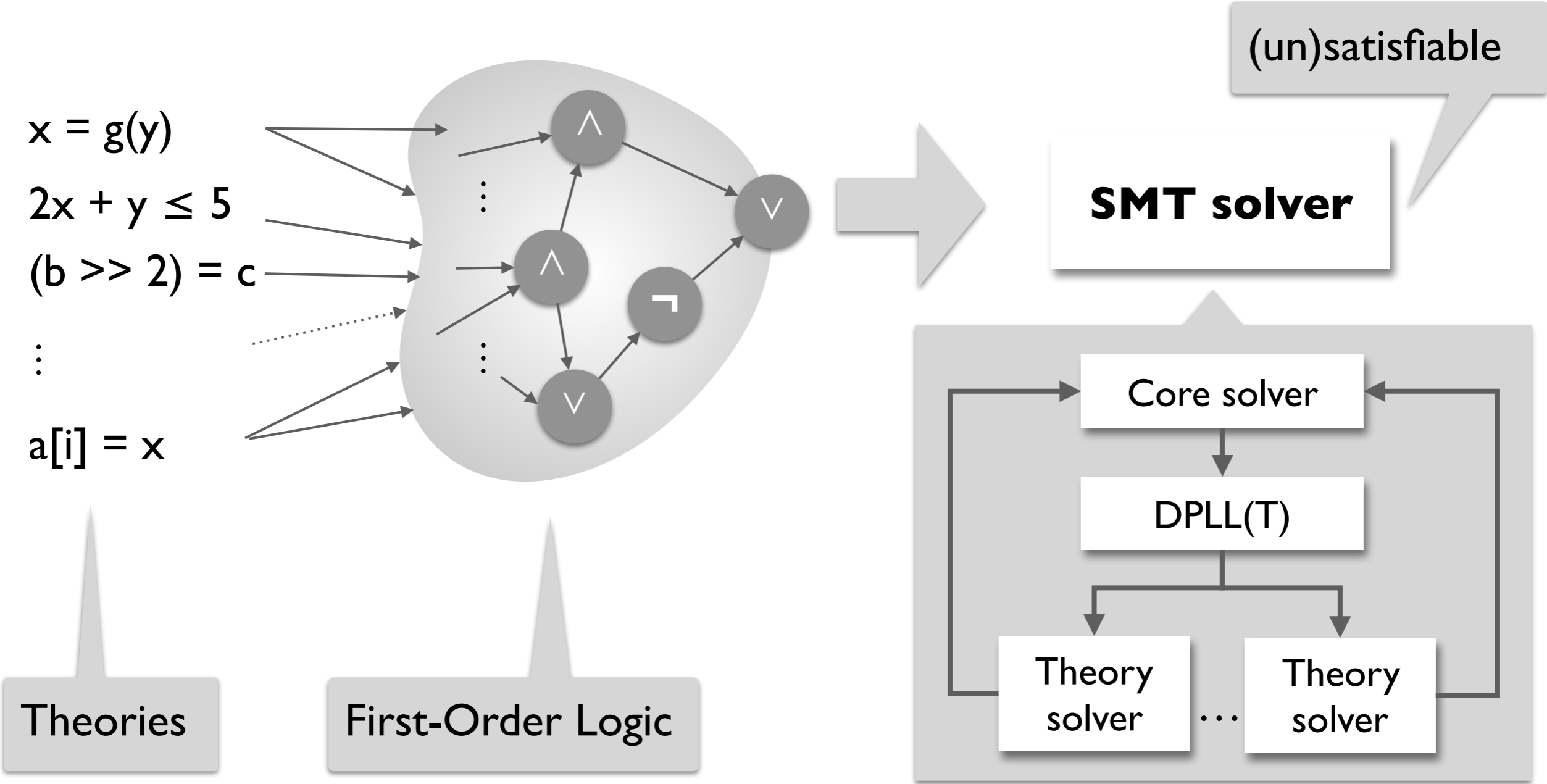
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A **term** is a constant, or an n-ary function applied to n terms.

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 ground) **formula** is a literal or the application of logical connectives to formulas.

# A quantifier-free ground FOL formula: example

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$\text{isPrime}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{isInteger}(\text{sqrt}(x))$

# Semantics of FOL: first-order structures $\langle \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$U = \{\odot, \bullet\}$$

$$I[x] = \odot$$

$$I[y] = \bullet$$

$$I[f] = \{\odot \mapsto \bullet, \bullet \mapsto \odot\}$$

$$I[p] = \{\langle \odot, \odot \rangle, \langle \odot, \bullet \rangle\}$$

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

# Satisfiability and validity of FOL

$F$  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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A formula  $F$  is **satisfiable modulo  $T$**  iff  $M \models F$  for some **T**-model  $M$ .

A formula  $F$  is **valid modulo  $T$**  iff  $M \models F$  for all **T**-models  $M$ .

# Common theories

## Equality (and uninterpreted functions)

- $x = g(y)$

## Fixed-width bitvectors

- $(b \gg l) = c$

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

- $2x + y \leq 5$

## Arrays

- $a[i] = x$

# Theory of equality with uninterpreted functions

**Signature: a binary = predicate, plus all other symbols**

- $\{=, x, y, z, \dots, f, g, \dots, p, q, \dots\}$

## Axioms

- $\forall x. x = x$
- $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow y = x$
- $\forall x, y, z. x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$
- $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n) \rightarrow (f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$
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**Conjunctions of ground formulas modulo T= decidable in polynomial time**



# T= example: checking program equivalence

```
int fun1(int y) {  
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Using 32-bit integers, a SAT solver fails to return an answer in 5 min.

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Using T=, 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

## Signature

- constants
- fixed-width words (modeling machine ints, longs, etc.)
- arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /, etc.)
- bitwise operations (&, |, ^, etc.)
- comparison operators (<, >, etc.)
- equality (=)

**Satisfiability problem: NP-complete.**



# Theories of linear integer and real arithmetic

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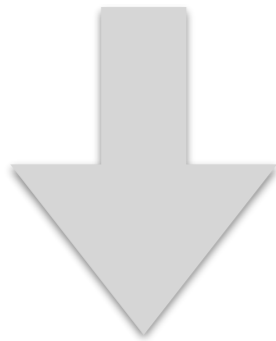
- $\{\dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, -2, 2, \dots, +, -, =, \leq, x, y, z, \dots\}$
- Constants, integers (or reals), multiplication by an integer (or real) value, addition, subtraction, equality, greater-than.

## Satisfiability problem:

- NP-complete for linear integer arithmetic (LIA).
- Polynomial time for linear real arithmetic (LRA).
- Polynomial time for difference logic (conjunctions of the form  $x - y \leq c$ , where  $c$  is an integer constant).

# LIA example: compiler optimization

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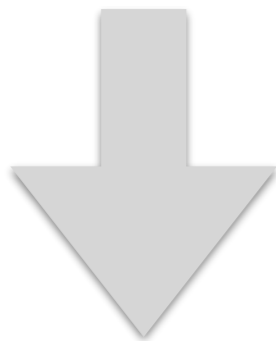


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$$(i \geq 1) \wedge (i \leq 10) \wedge (j + i = j)$$

**Polyhedral model**

# Theory of arrays

## Signature

- {read, write, =, x, y, z, ...}

## Axioms

- $\forall i. \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), i) = v$
- $\forall i, j. \neg(i = j) \rightarrow (\text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), j) = \text{read}(a, j))$
- $(\forall i. \text{read}(a, i) = \text{read}(b, i)) \rightarrow a = b$

**Satisfiability problem: NP-complete.**

**Used in many software verification tools to model memory.**

# Summary

## Today

- Introduction to SMT
- Quantifier-free FOL (syntax & semantics)
- Overview of common theories

## Next lecture

- Survey of theory solvers