**Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software** 

# **A Survey of Theory Solvers**

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# Today

#### Last lecture

Introduction to Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

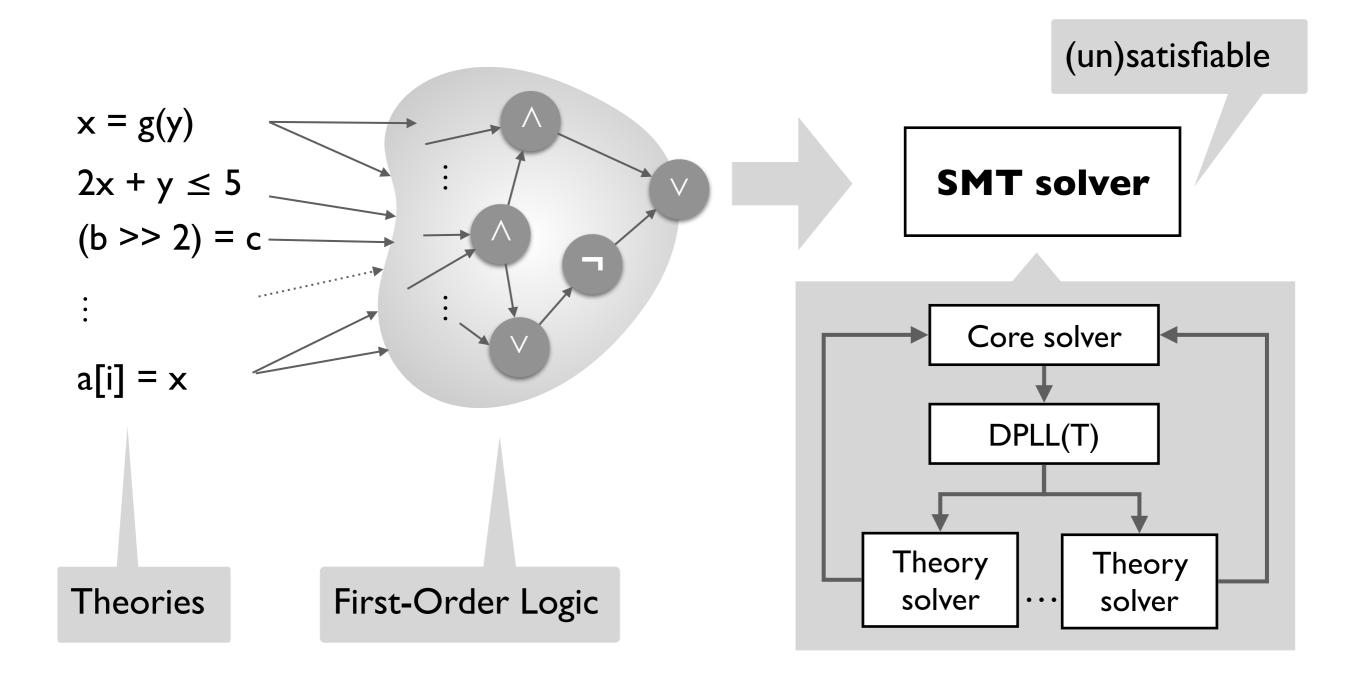
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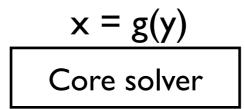
- A quick survey of theory solvers
- An in-depth look at the core theory solver (theory of equality and uninterpreted functions)

#### Reminder

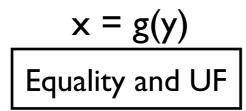
- Start thinking about your project & find a partner
- Pick up HWI during OH today at 4:30-5:30 in Gates 152

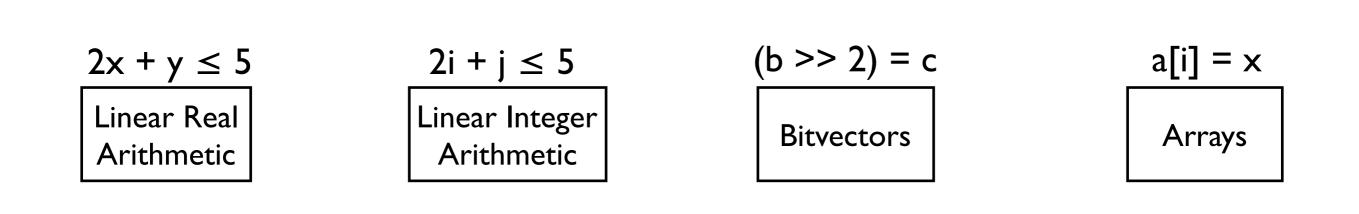
#### **Recall: Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)**

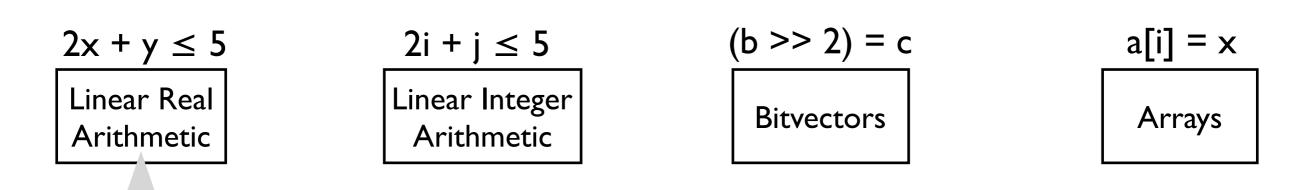




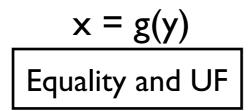


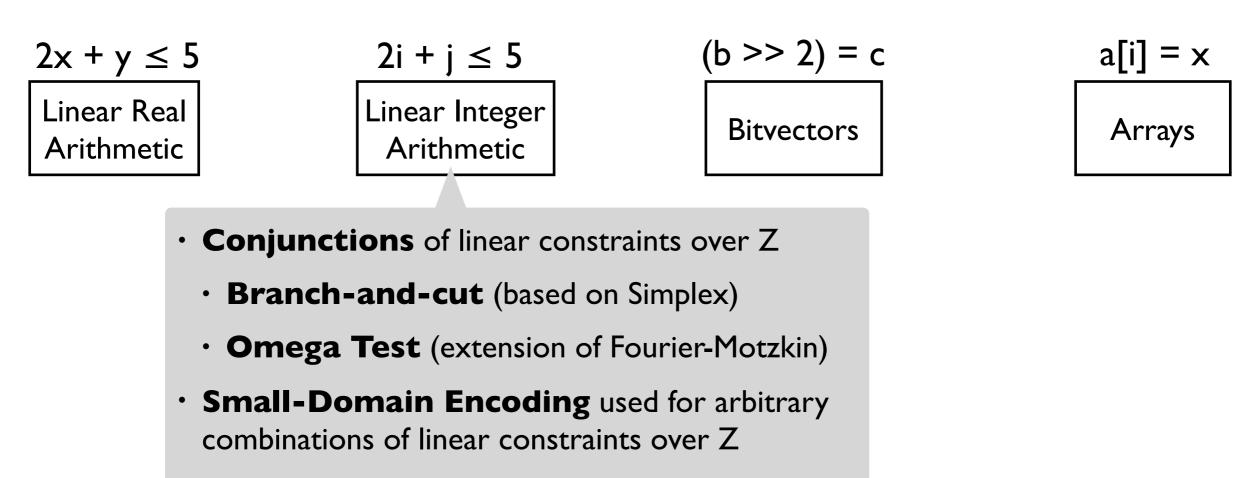




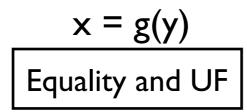


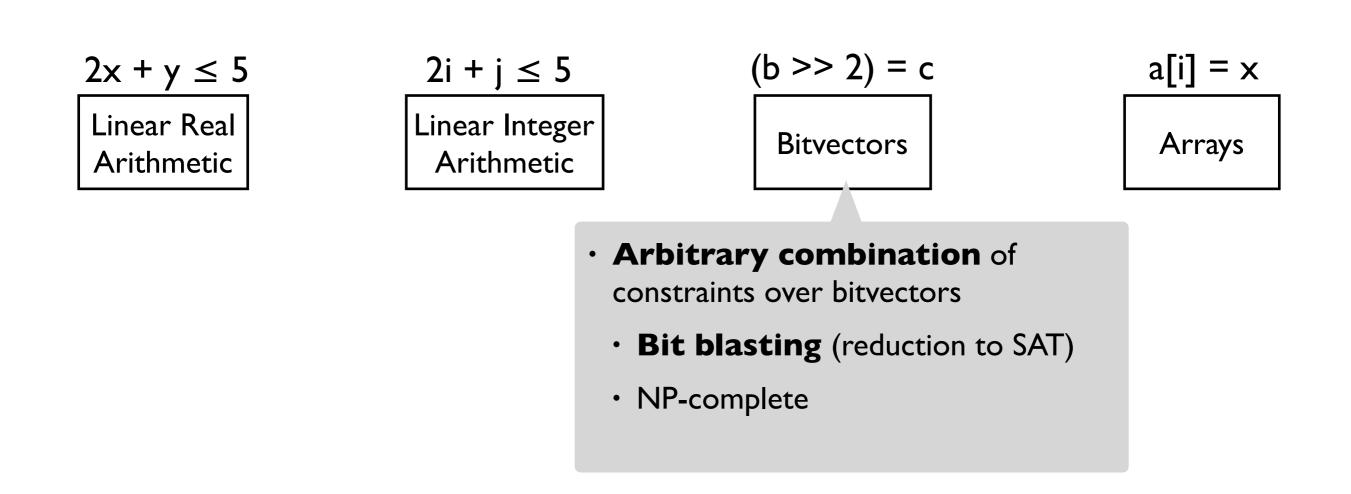
- Conjunctions of linear constraints over R
  - Can be decided in polynomial time, but in practice solved with the General Simplex method (worst case exponential)
  - Can also be decided with Fourier-Motzkin elimination (exponential)

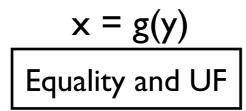


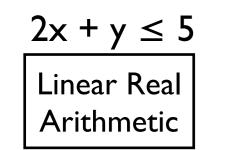


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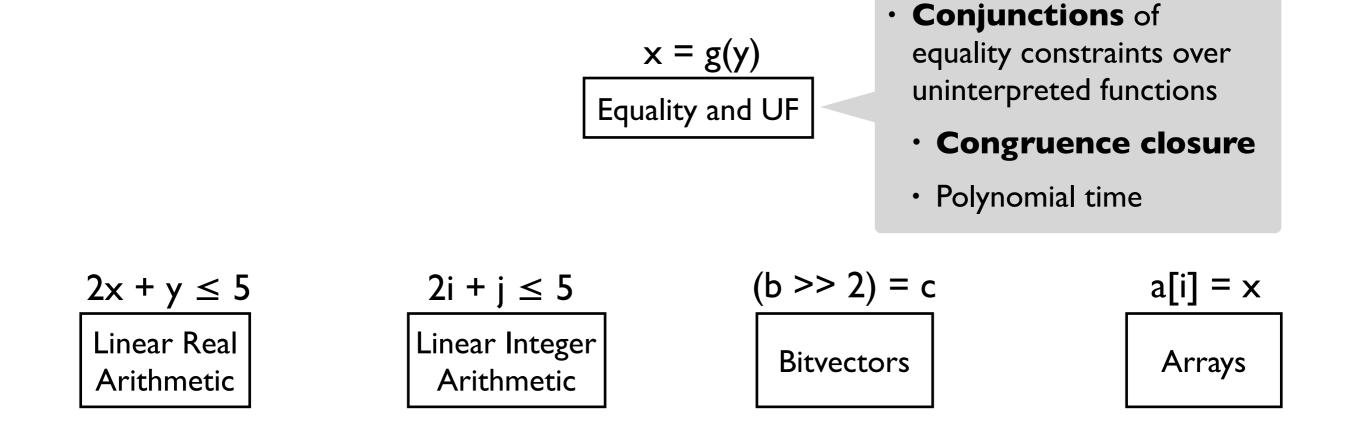




2i + j ≤ 5	
Linear Integer	
Arithmetic	

(b >> 2) = c a[i] = xBitvectors Arrays

- **Conjunctions** of constraints over read/write terms in the theory of arrays
  - Reduce to T= satisfiability
  - NP-complete (because the reduction introduces disjunctions)



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Replace predicates with equality constraints over functions:

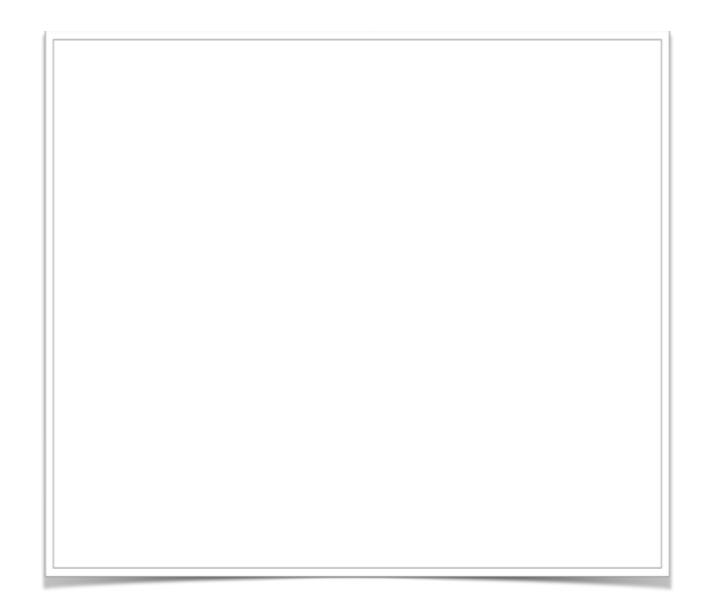
- introduce a fresh constant T
- for each predicate p, introduce a fresh function  $f_{\rm P}$
- $p(x_1, ..., x_n) \dashrightarrow f_p(x_1, ..., x_n) = T$

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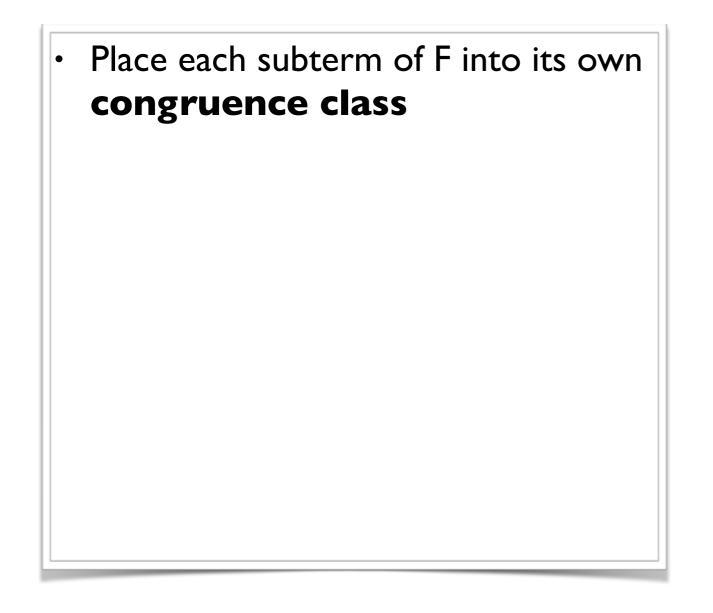
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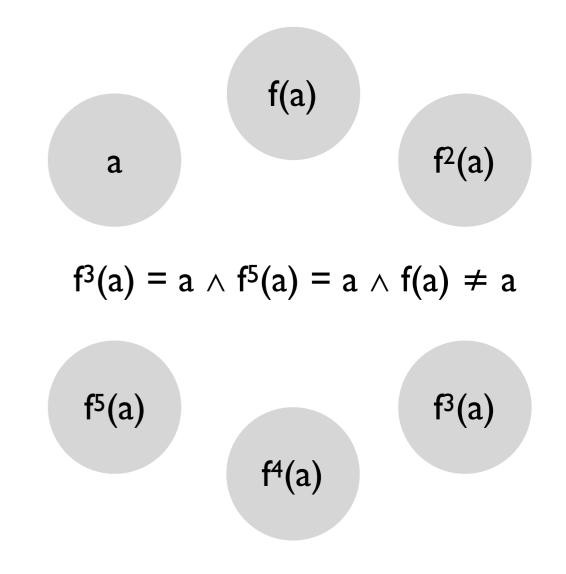
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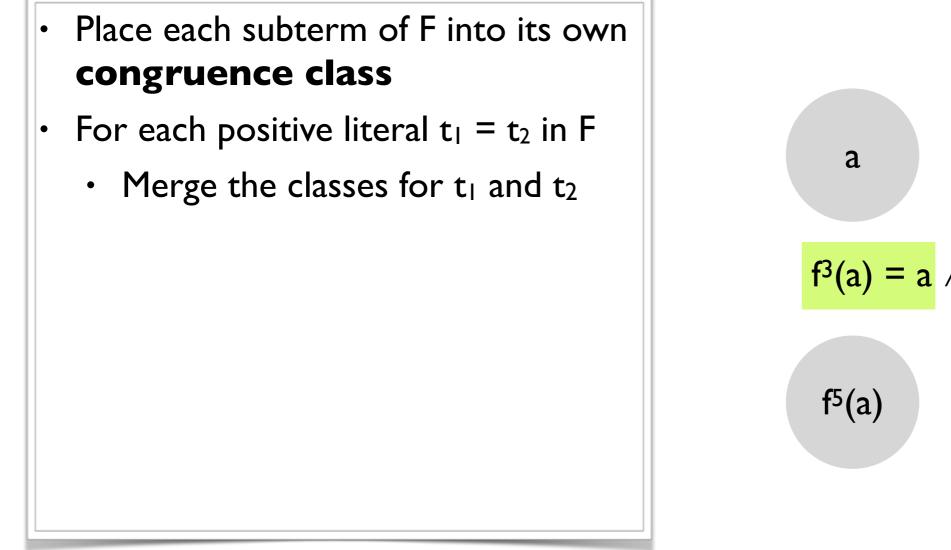
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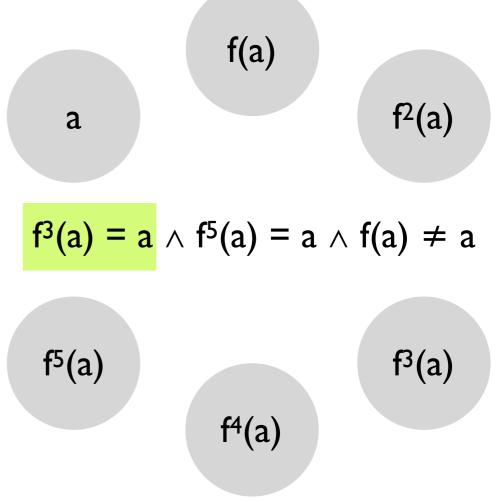


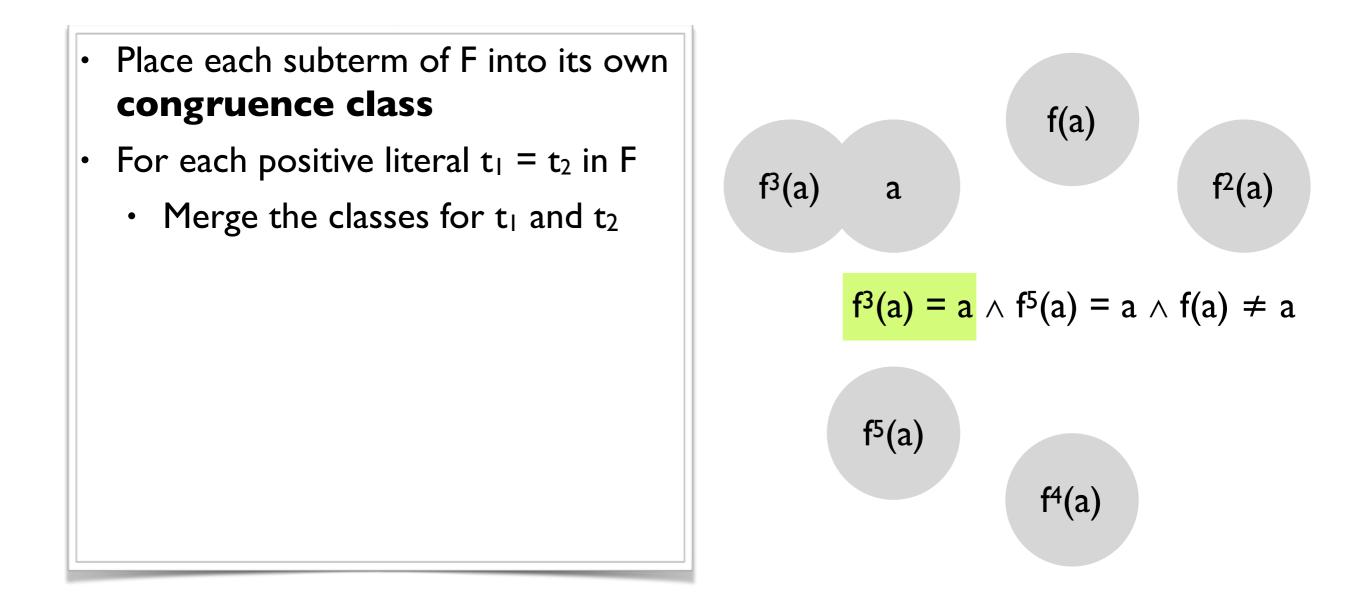
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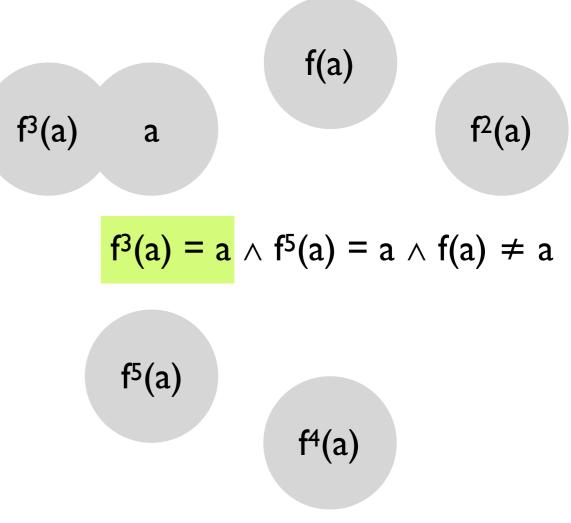


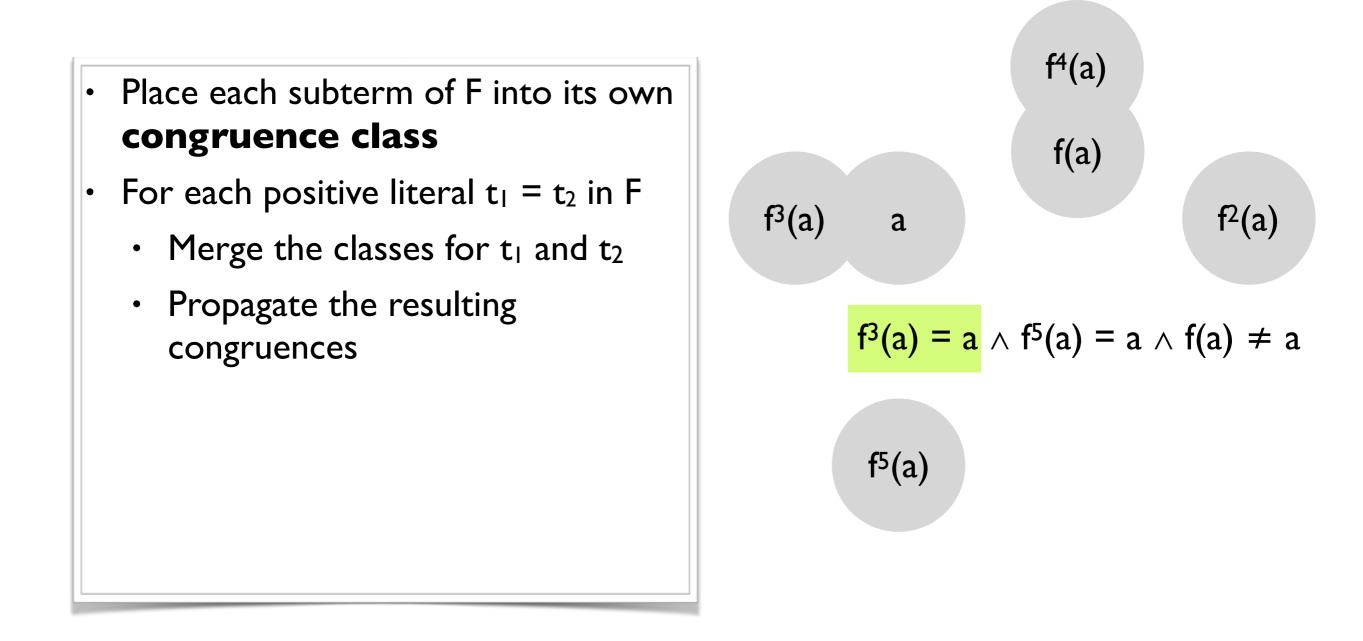


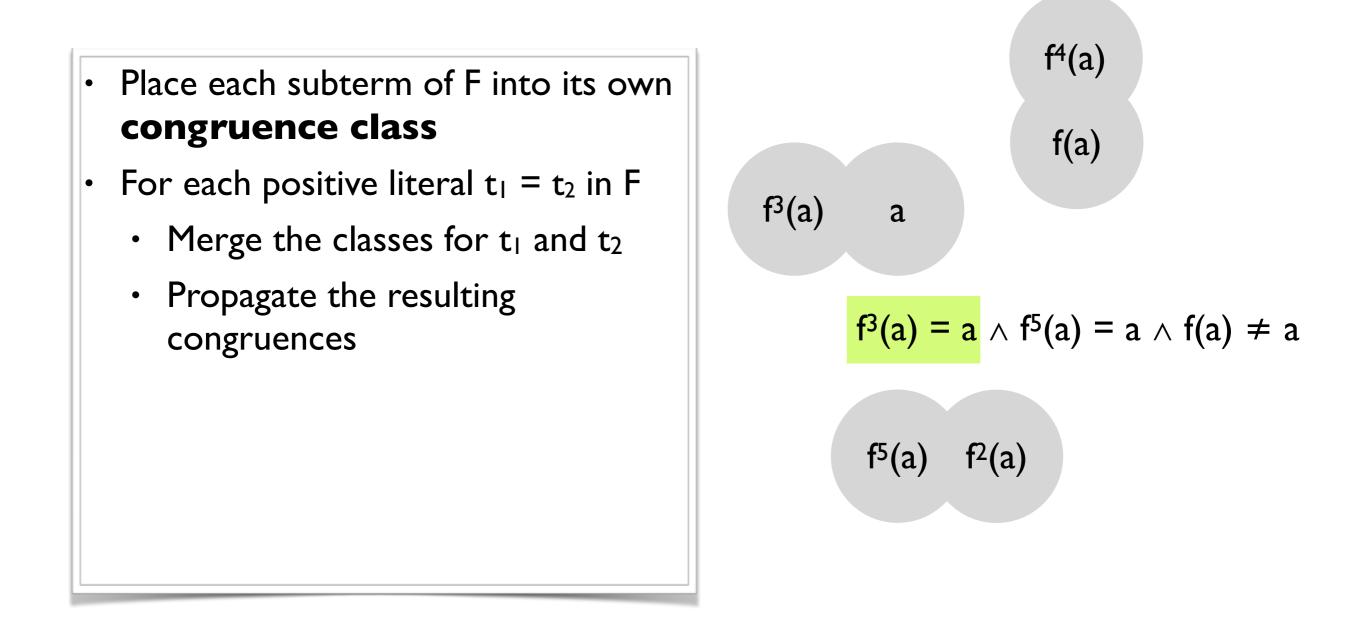


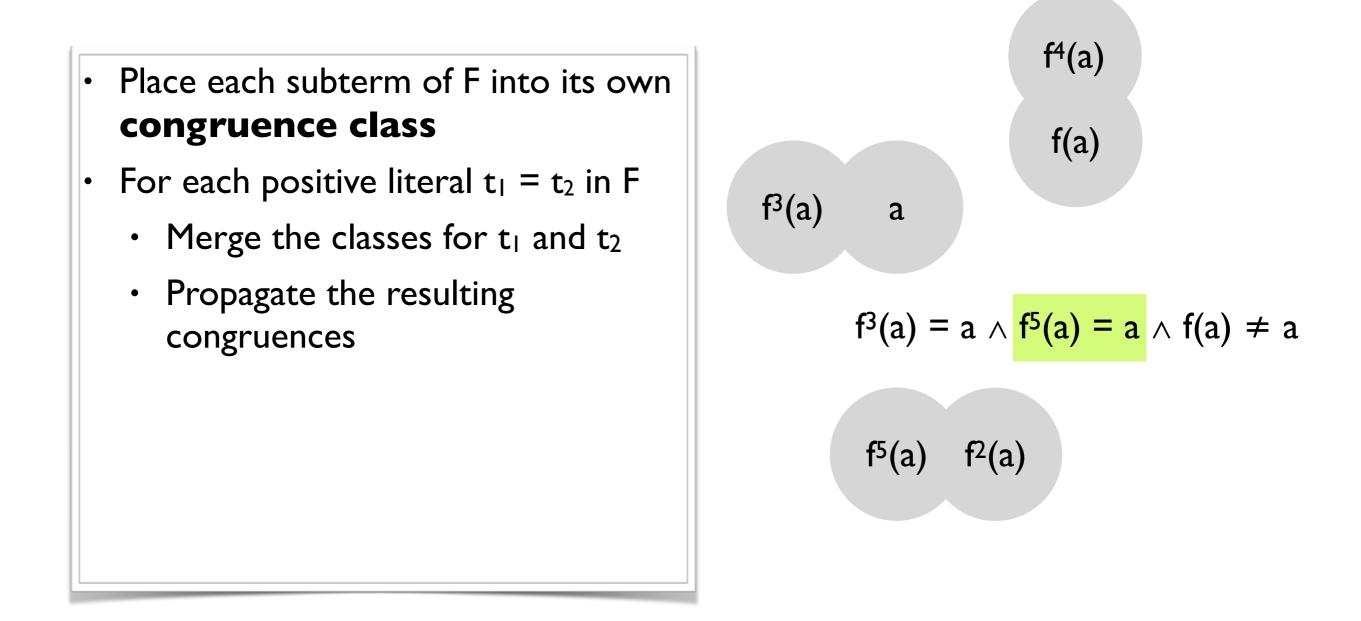


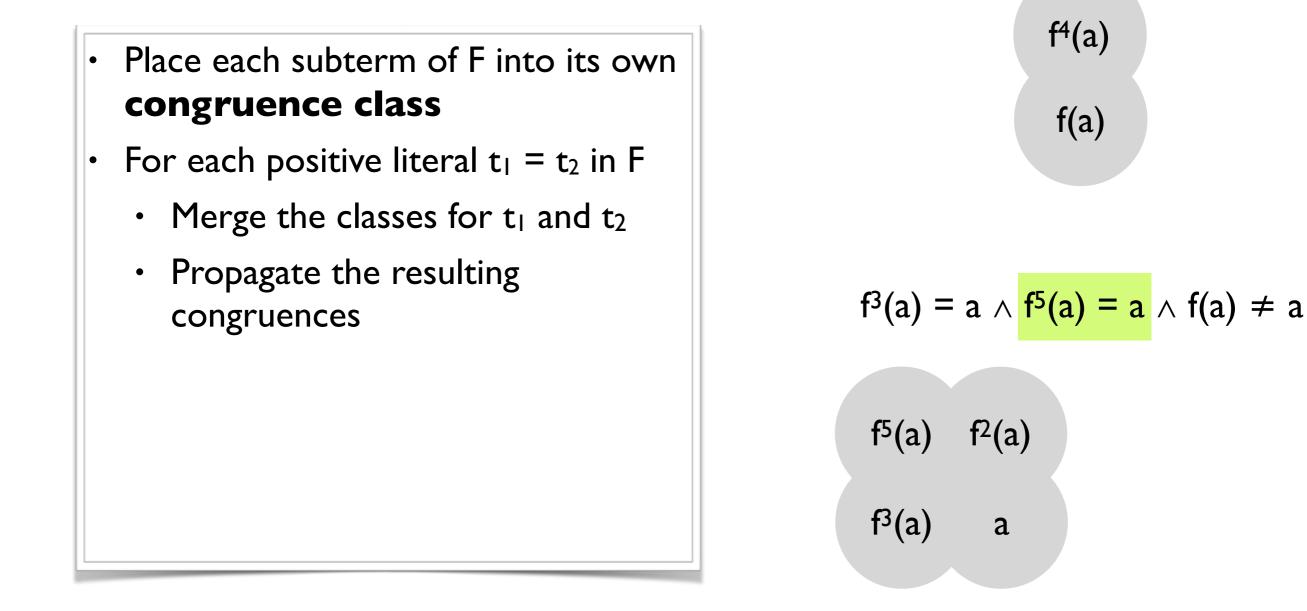
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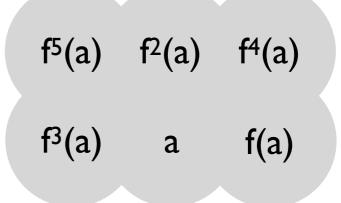


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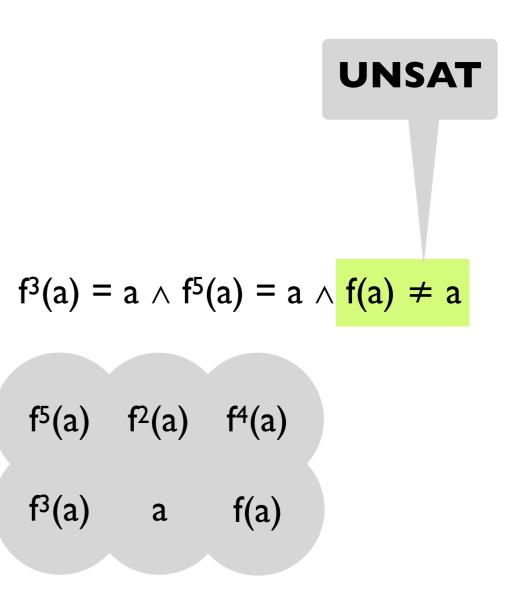
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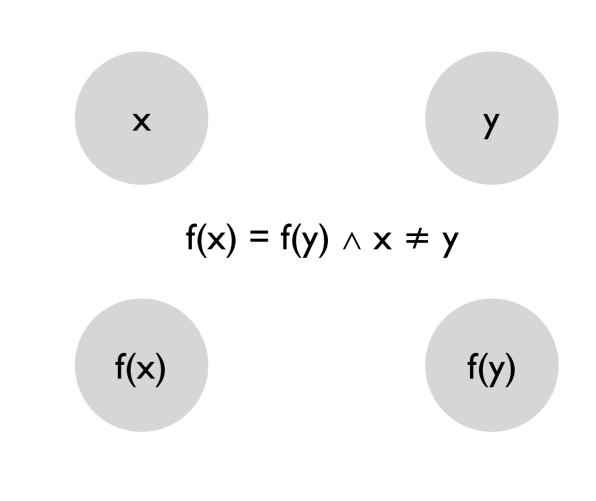
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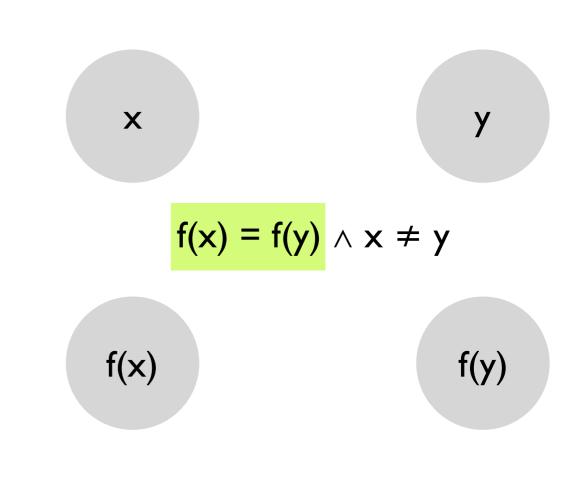
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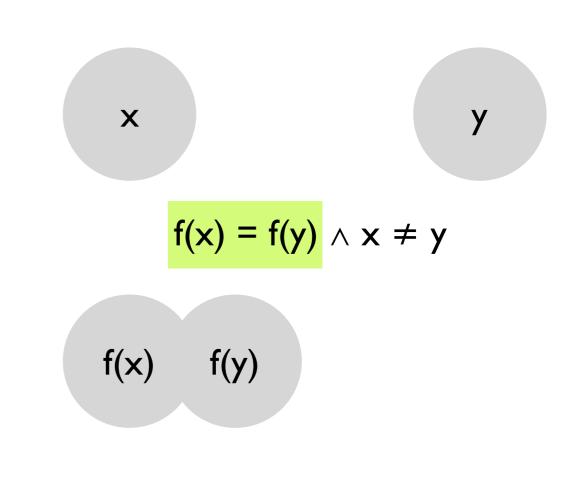
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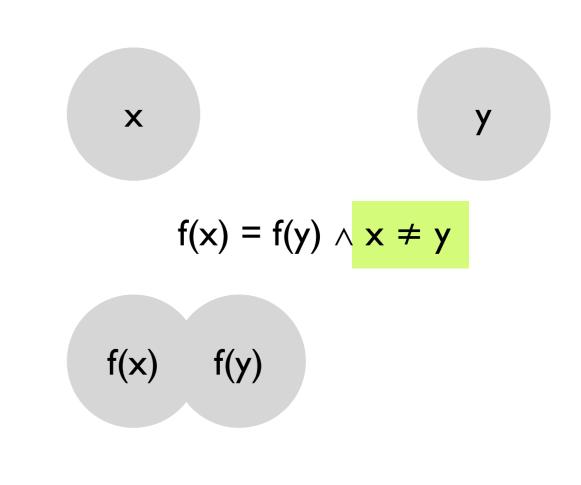
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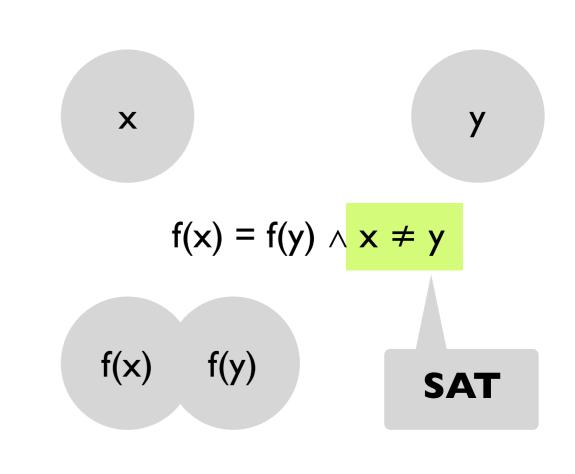
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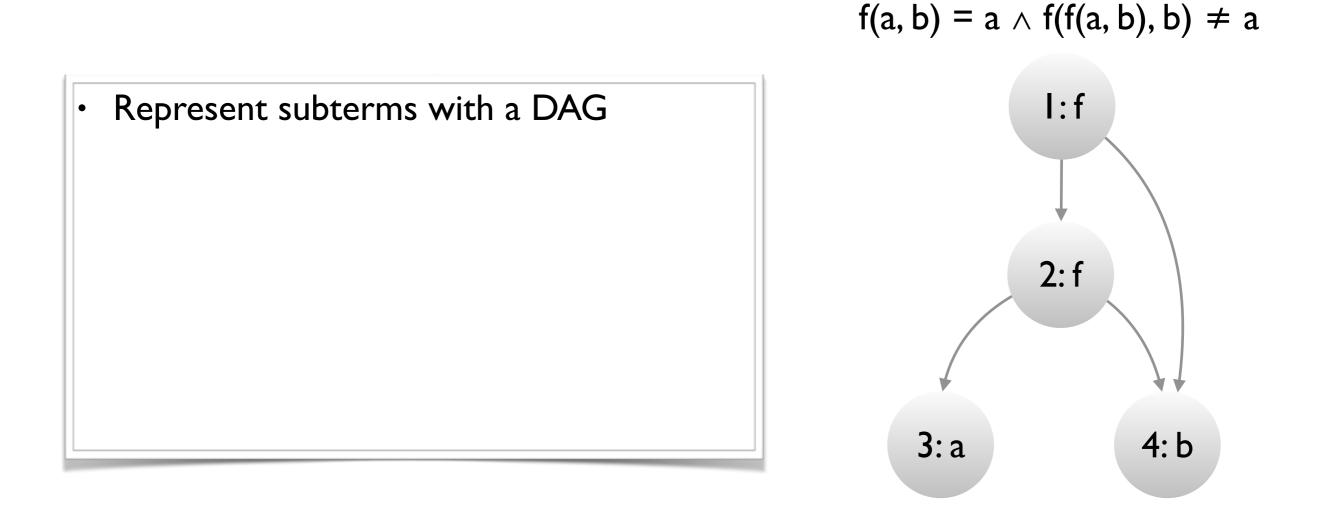
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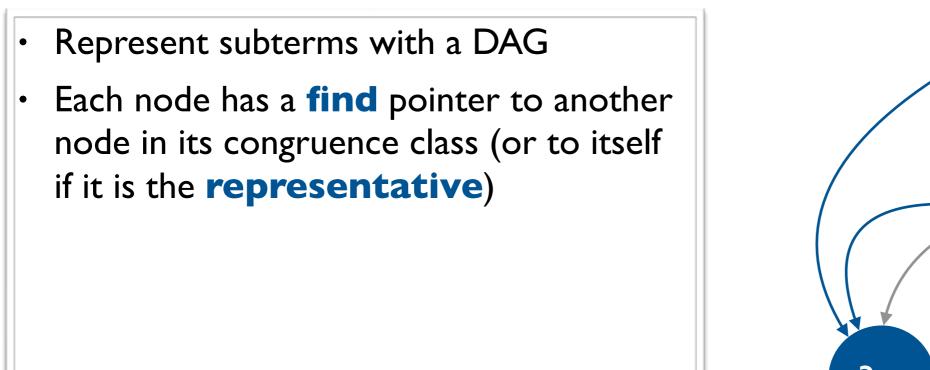
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The congruence closure algorithm computes the congruence closure of the equality relation over terms asserted by a conjunctive quantifier-free formula in  $T_{=}$ .

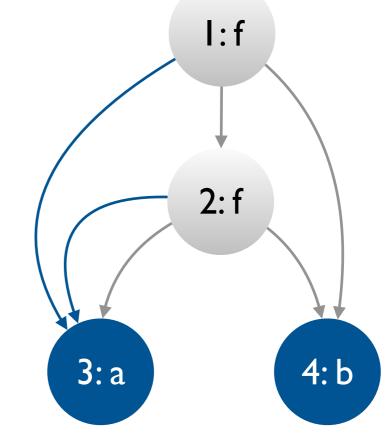


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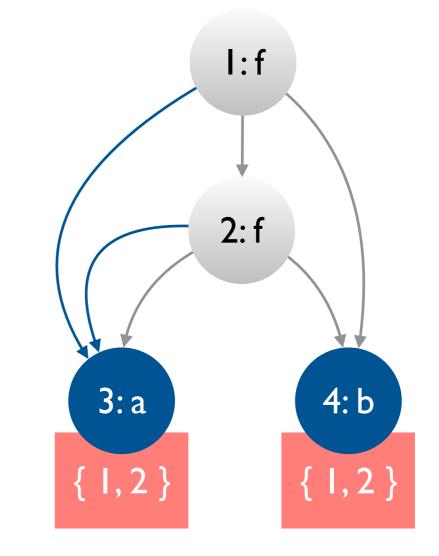
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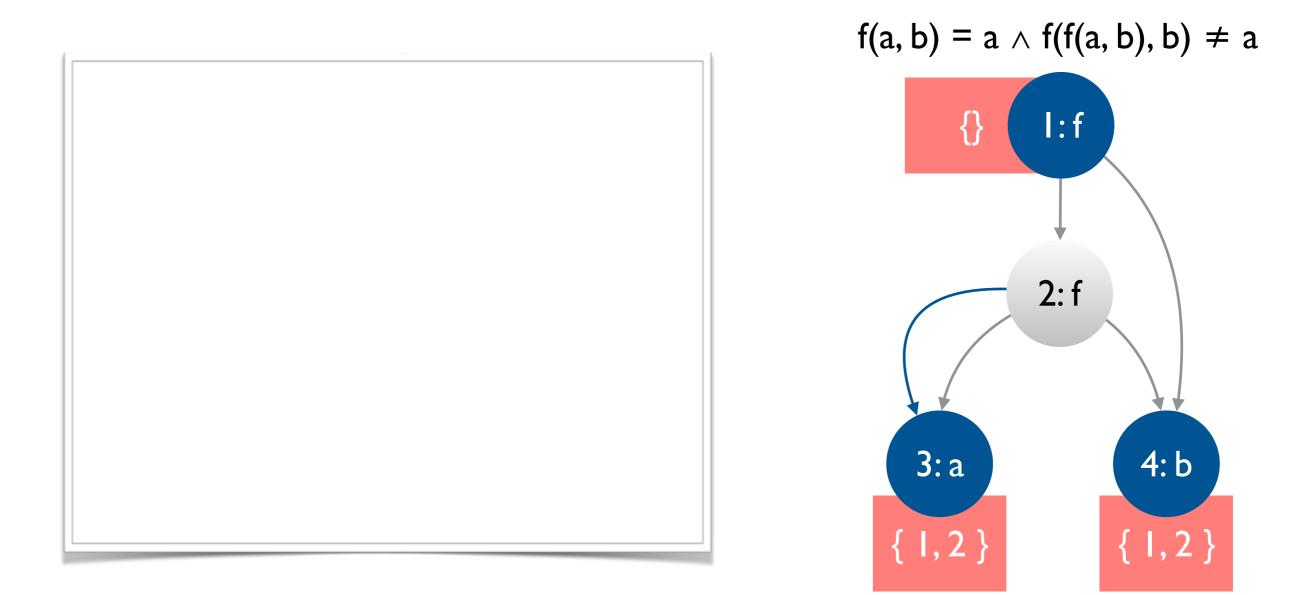




- Each node has a **find** pointer to another node in its congruence class (or to itself if it is the **representative**)
- Each representative has a ccp field that stores all parents of all nodes in its congruence class.

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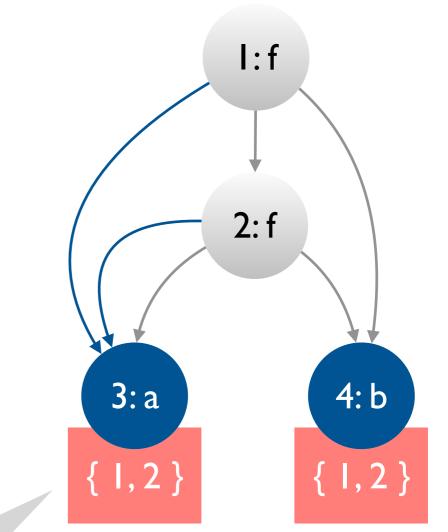
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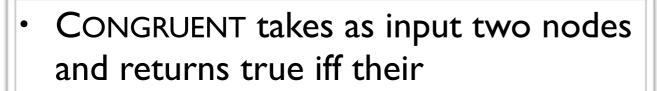
- CONGRUENT takes as input two nodes and returns true iff their
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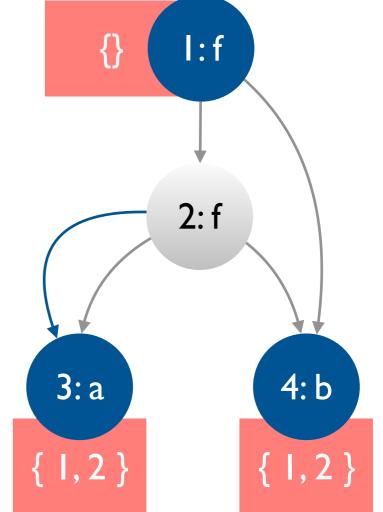
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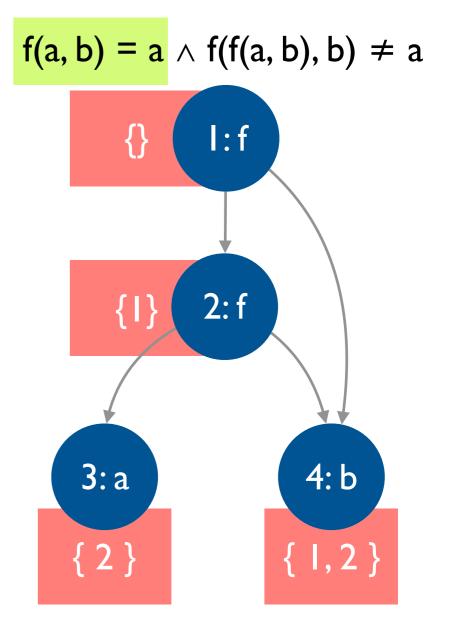
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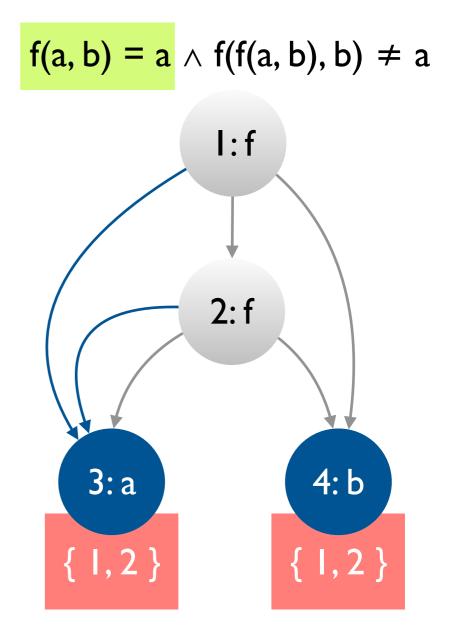
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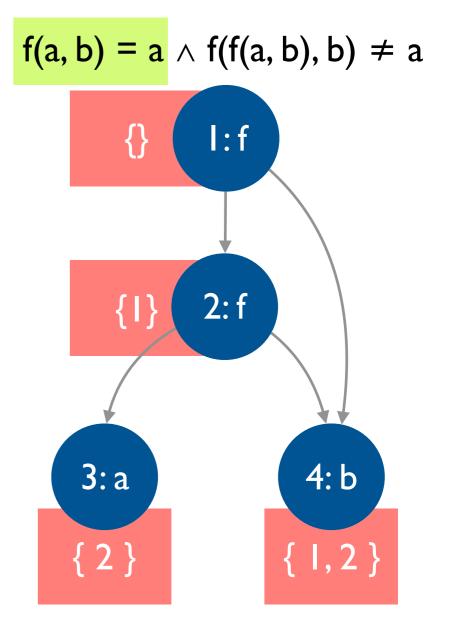
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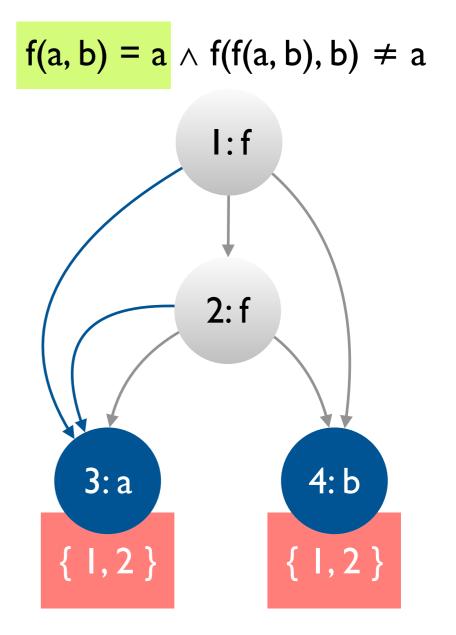
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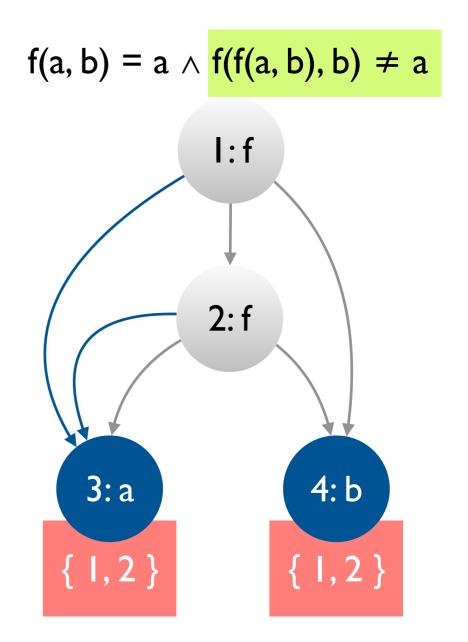
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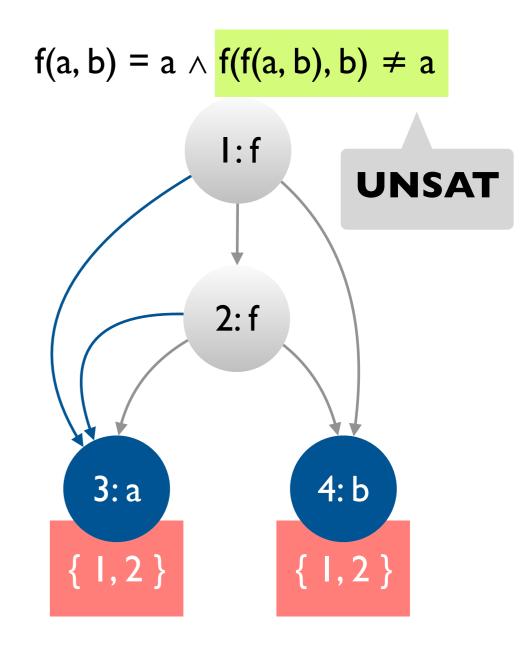
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# Summary

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- A brief survey of theory solvers
- Congruence closure algorithm for deciding conjunctive  $T_{=}$  formulas

#### **Next lecture**

• Combining (decision procedures for different) theories