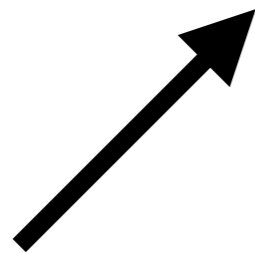


***SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS***  
***VIA***  
***GENERALIZED ABDUCTION***

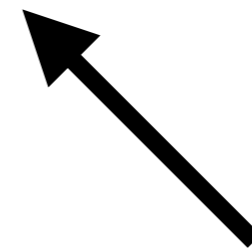
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# SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS

$$P \stackrel{?}{=} \Phi$$



*Program (single procedure)  
has calls to unknown procedures*



*Safety property*

# SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS

$$P[f \mapsto \varphi_f] \models \Phi$$

# SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS

```
y = 10  
x = foo()  
z = x + y  
assert(z >= 0)
```

$\varphi_{foo}$

$R_{foo} = 0$

$R_{foo} = 1$

*false*

$R_{foo} \geq -10$

*maximal*

# SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS

```
x = fx()  
y = fy()  
assert(x+y >= 0)
```

$\varphi_{fx}$        $\varphi_{fy}$

$R_{fx} \geq 0$        $R_{fy} \geq 0$

$R_{fx} \geq -1$        $R_{fy} \geq 1$

# SPECIFICATION SYNTHESIS

$$P[f \mapsto \varphi_f] \models \Phi$$

*s.t.* maximal( $\vec{\varphi}_f$ )

# WHY SPEC. SYNTHESIS?

Verification in the presence of absence

*Programs have calls to external libraries / proprietary code*

Top-down modular verification

*(1) Verify main, (2) compute specs of callees, (3) verify specs*

Code synthesis

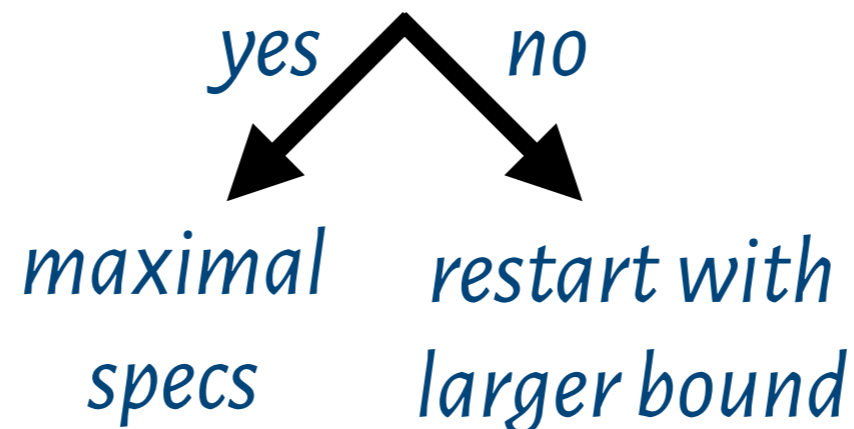
*(1) Specs fill holes, (2) transform specs into code*

# HOW SPEC. SYNTHESIS?

$$P_n = \text{unroll}(P, n)$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{spec}(P_n, \Phi)$$

Is  $P[\mathcal{M}] \models \Phi$ ?





# BOUNDED SYNTHESIS

$$\text{enc } P_n \Rightarrow \Phi$$

$$\bigwedge \bigvee \{a, b, \dots, K(\vec{x}), F(\vec{y})\} \Rightarrow \Phi$$

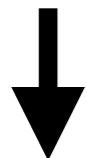
*CNF formula, where some atoms are unknown predicates*

# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

## Classical abduction

$$B \not\Rightarrow C$$

$$A(\vec{x}) \wedge B \Rightarrow C$$



*Abducible*

*Maximum solution*

$$\forall v \notin \vec{x} (B \Rightarrow C)$$

## Generalized abduction

$$\bigwedge \bigvee \{a, b, \dots, K(\vec{x}), F(\vec{y})\} \Rightarrow \Phi$$



*Multiple abducibles*

*Abducibles appear under arbitrary connectives*

*Same abducible can appear multiple times*

*with different arguments*

# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

**Step 1: flatten and compute upper bound**

$$\bigwedge \bigvee \{a, b, \dots, K(\vec{x}), F(\vec{y})\} \Rightarrow \Phi$$



*Transformations!*

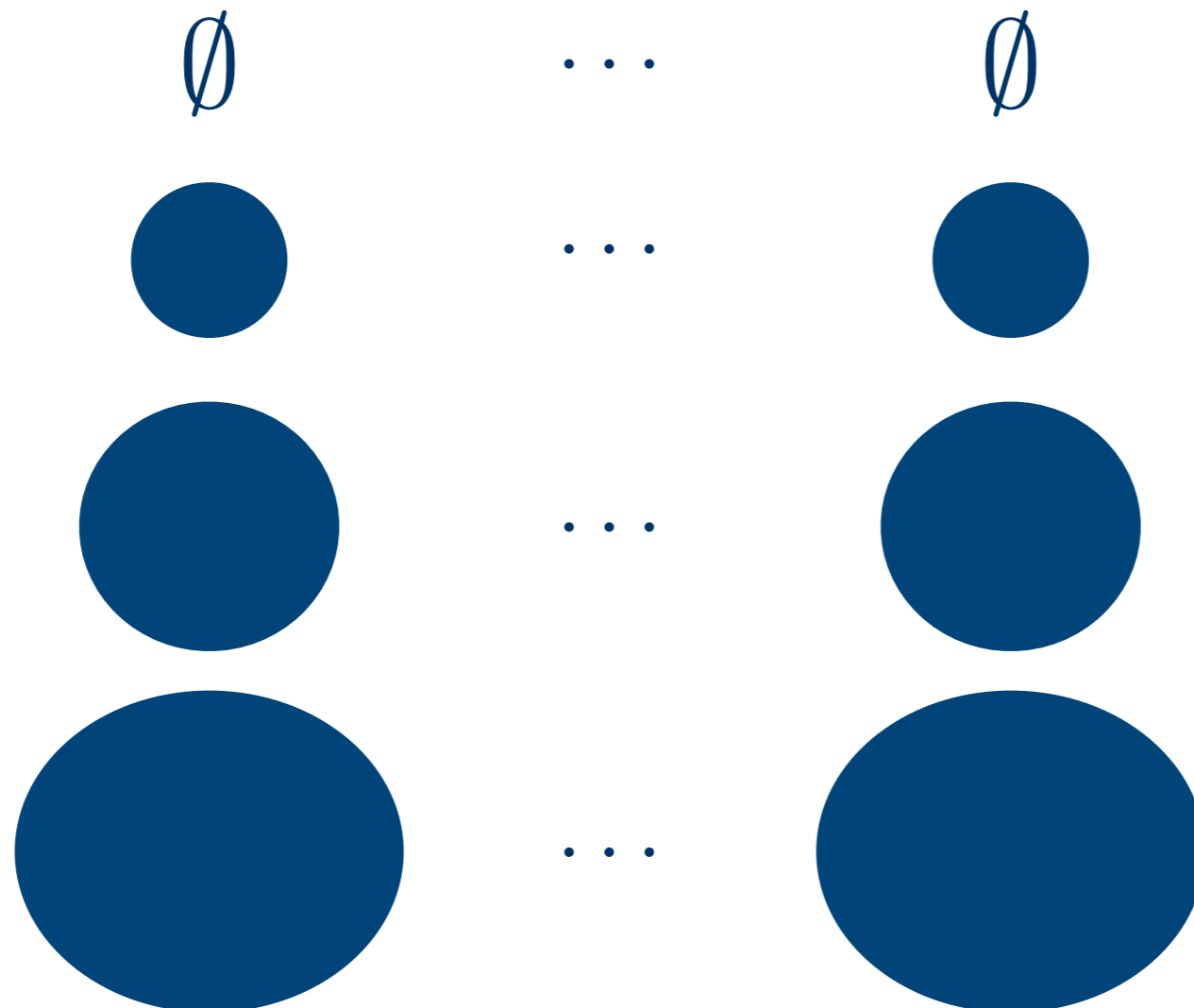
$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \Rightarrow \Psi$$

# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

## Step 2: cartesian decomposition

*For now, assume all abducibles are unique*

$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \Rightarrow \Psi$$



# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

## Step 2: cartesian decomposition

*For now, assume all abducibles are unique*

$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \Rightarrow \Psi$$

*false*                      *...*                      *false*

$$\vec{x}_1 = \vec{m}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \vec{x}_n = \vec{m}_n$$

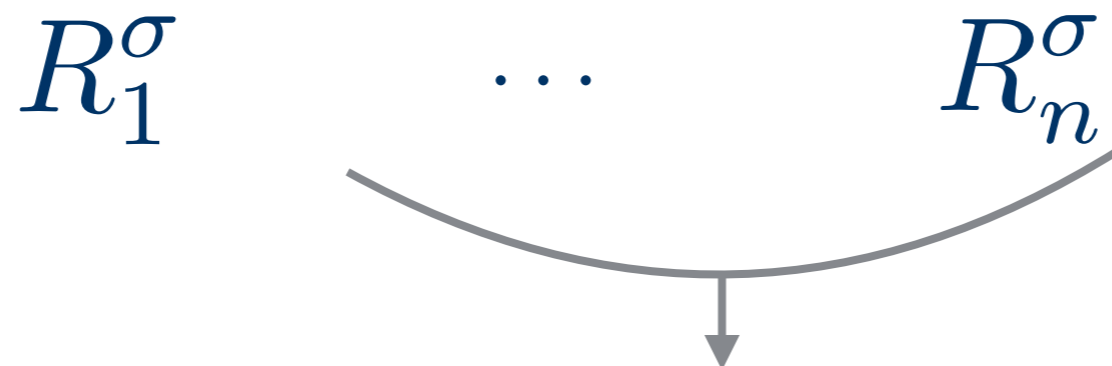
*Seed relations with  
a model of  $\Psi$*

$$\bigvee \begin{matrix} \vec{x}_1 = \vec{m}_1 \\ \vec{x}_1 = \vec{m}'_1 \end{matrix} \quad \cdots \quad \bigvee \begin{matrix} \vec{x}_n = \vec{m}_n \\ \vec{x}_n = \vec{m}'_n \end{matrix}$$

# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

## Step 2: cartesian decomposition

$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \Rightarrow \Psi$$



$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge B \Rightarrow \Psi$$

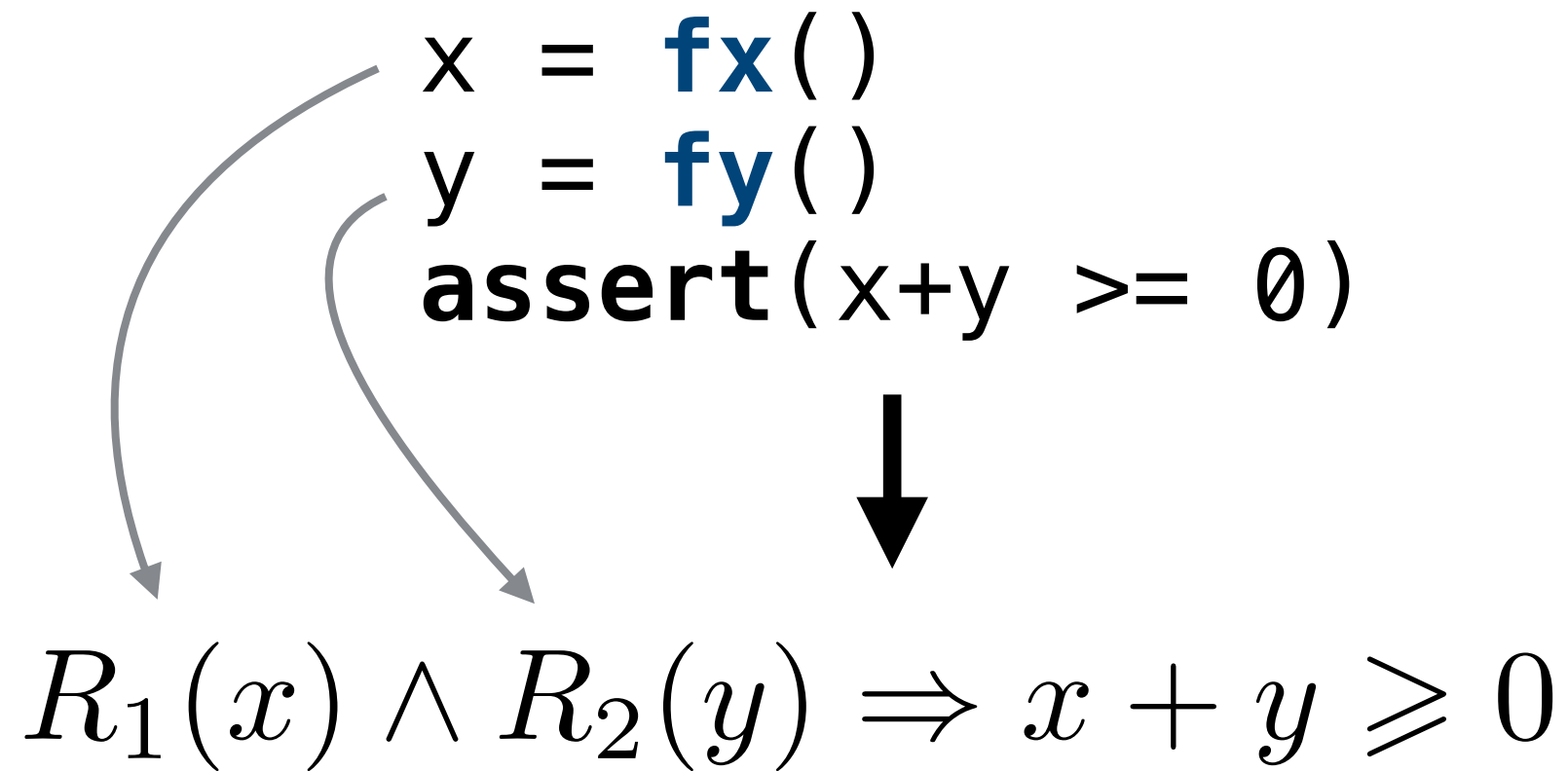
*Solve this classical abduction problem*

*Solution is maximal for  $R_1$*

$$\widehat{R}_1^\sigma \quad \dots \quad R_n^\sigma$$

# EXAMPLE

$x = \mathbf{fx}()$   
 $y = \mathbf{fy}()$   
**assert**( $x+y \geq 0$ )


$$R_1(x) \wedge R_2(y) \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0$$

# EXAMPLE

$$R_1(x) \wedge R_2(y) \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \textit{false} & \textit{false} \\ x = -1 & y = 1 \end{array}$$

$$R_1(x) \wedge y = 1 \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0 \quad \textit{Generalize!}$$

$$x \geq -1 \quad y = 1$$

$$R_2(y) \wedge x \geq -1 \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0 \quad \textit{Generalize!}$$

$$x \geq -1 \quad y \geq 1$$

*Maximal solution!*



**WHERE ARE**

**THE INTERPOLANTS?**

# EXAMPLE (w/ INTERPOLANTS)

$$R_1(x) \wedge R_2(y) \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0$$

*false*  
 $x = -1$

*false*  
 $y = 1$

$$\boxed{x = -1} \wedge \boxed{y = 1 \wedge \neg x + y < 0}$$

*UNSAT*

*A*

*B*

$$x \geq -1$$

$$y = 1$$

# SYMMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

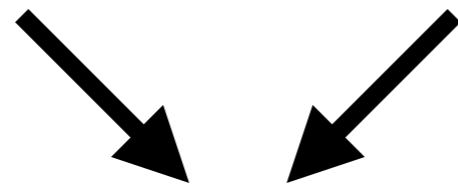
$$R(\vec{x}) \wedge R(\vec{y}) \Rightarrow \Psi$$

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## Example

$$R(x) \wedge R(y) \Rightarrow x + y \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 0 \quad y \geq 0$$



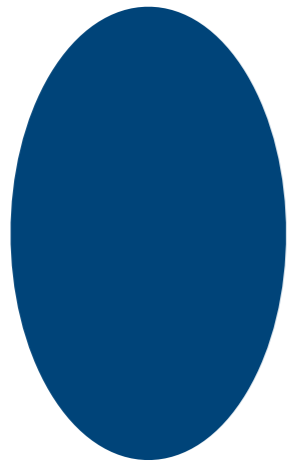
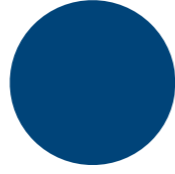
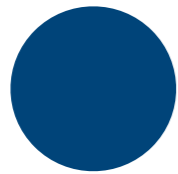
*same formula (modulo renaming)  
maximal solution*

# SYMMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

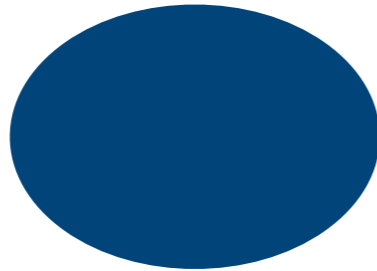
$$R(\vec{x}) \wedge R(\vec{y}) \Rightarrow \Psi$$

$\emptyset$

$\emptyset$



$\wedge$



# SYMMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

$$R(\vec{x}) \wedge R(\vec{y}) \Rightarrow \Psi$$

*In the propositional case, keep adding models*

*In theories, there are cases with infinite  
ascending chains...*

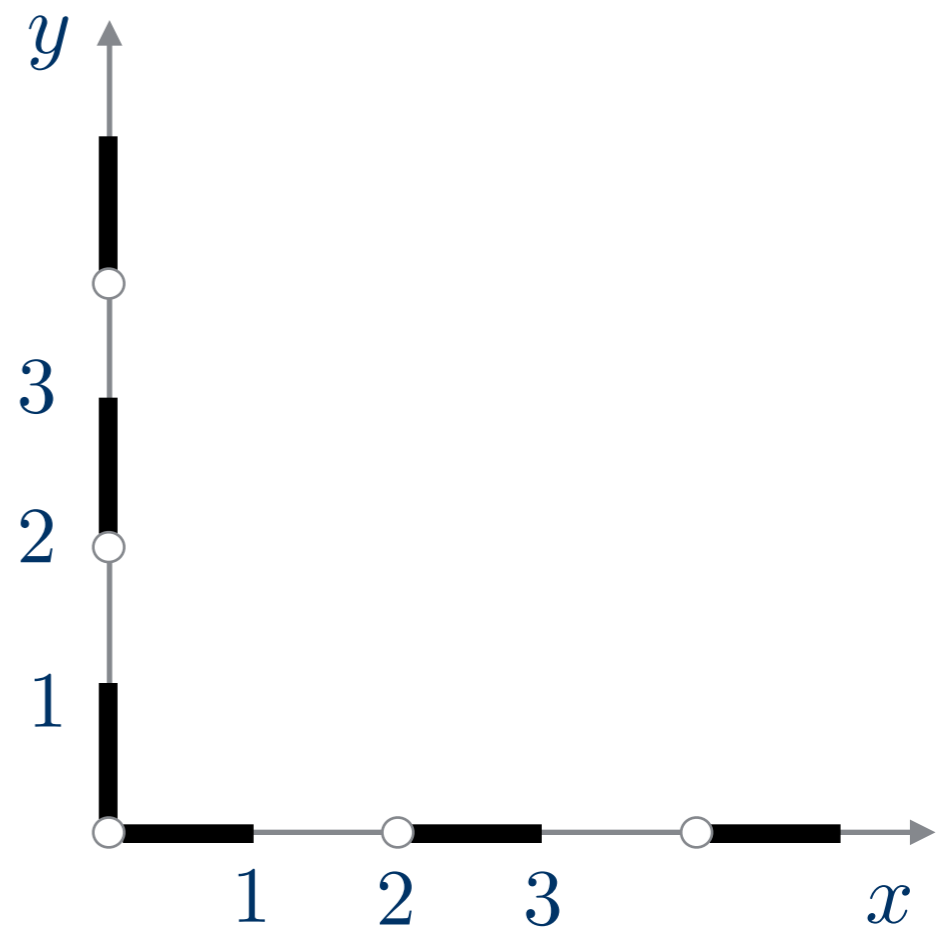
# SYMMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

**Example (thanks to Ken McMillan)**

$$R(x) \wedge R(y) \Rightarrow x \neq y - 1$$

$$0 < x \leq 1 \quad 0 < y \leq 1$$

$$\bigvee \begin{matrix} 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 2 < x \leq 3 \end{matrix} \quad \bigvee \begin{matrix} 0 < y \leq 1 \\ 2 < y \leq 3 \end{matrix}$$



# CONCLUSION

Specification synthesis

*maximal specs*

Reduction to generalized abduction

*CEGIS loop*

A technique for solving generalized abduction

*tough stuff*





# GENERALIZED ABDUCTION

**Step 1: flatten and compute upper bound**

$$\bigwedge \bigvee \{a, b, \dots, K(\vec{x}), F(\vec{y})\} \Rightarrow \Phi$$



*syntactic transformation*

$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \wedge B \Rightarrow \Phi$$



*classical abduction*

$$A(\vec{x}) \wedge B \Rightarrow \Phi$$

$$R_1(\vec{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge R_n(\vec{x}_n) \Rightarrow \Psi$$