Scalable Algorithms for Abduction via Enumerative Syntax-Guided Synthesis

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Abduction

"What facts am I missing to reach a conclusion?"

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The abduction problem
Given axioms Ax and a goal G, find a solution S such that:

P Ax \land S \models G,

P Ax \land S is satisfiable
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Some applications of abduction

▷ Finding missing facts for discharging proof obligations [DDA12] ▷ Inferring library specifications [ZDD13] Synthesizing specifications for unknown subprocedures [ADG16] ▷ Loop invariant generation [DDLM13; EPS19] ▷ Compositional program verification [LDD+13] \triangleright Synthesis of missing guards for memory safety [DDC14]

▷ ...

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- ▷ Few standalone tools for abductive reasoning
 - ► GPID
 - ► EXPLAIN

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Abduction via syntax-guided synthesis (SyGuS)

- $\,\vartriangleright\,$ Can be used with any background theory supported by SMT solvers
- Syntax restrictions can encode different criteria for solutions
- ▷ Standardized language: SyGuS-IF built on top of SMT-LIB

The (syntax-restricted) abduction problem for theory T

Given axioms Ax, goal G, theory T and grammar R, find a solution S such that:

- $\triangleright \mathsf{Ax} \land \mathsf{S} \models_T \mathsf{G},$
- \triangleright Ax \land S is *T*-satisfiable
- \triangleright S is generated by a context-free grammar R.

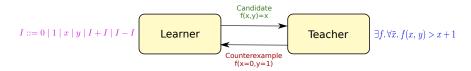
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- ▷ Commonly solved via enumerative CEGIS [STB+06; URD+13; RBN+19]



▷ We exploit the specification requiring that
 ▷ Ax[x̄] ∧ S[x̄] ∧ ¬G[x̄] be unsatisfiable
 to eagerly discard candidates

- \triangleright Accumulate points (values \bar{p} for \bar{x}) on which
 - Axioms are satisfied: $EVAL(Ax[\bar{p}]) = \top$
 - ▶ Goal is falsified: $EVAL(\neg G[\bar{p}]) = \top$
- ▷ Every candidate solution must be false on such points! ▷ Otherwise EVAL $(Ax[\bar{p}] \land S[\bar{p}] \land \neg G[\bar{p}]) = \top$

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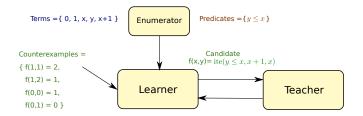
Enumerative CEGIS is effective but limited by the explosion of the enumeration space as term size increases

For this bit-vector grammar, enumerating

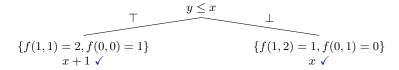
- \triangleright Terms of size = 1 : .05 seconds
- \triangleright Terms of size = 2 : .6 seconds
- \triangleright Terms of size = 3 : 48 seconds
- \triangleright Terms of size = 4 : 5.8 hours
- \triangleright Terms of size = 5 : ??? (100+ days)

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(synth-fun f ((s (BitVec 4))
  (t (BitVec 4)))
(BitVec 4) (
  (Start (BitVec 4) (
  st #x0
  (bvneg Start)
  (bvnd Start)
  (bvadd Start Start)
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  (bvalsh Start Start)
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Divide and conquer SyGuS



Generate partial solutions correct on examples seen so far
 Unify partial solutions (e.g. via decision tree learning)



D&C provides much better scalability

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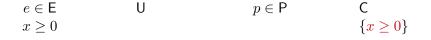
Otherwise C is inconsistent with Ax

> Leverages unsat cores to improve eagerly discarding candidates











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 \triangleright Algorithms can be extended to incrementally generate weaker solutions

- $\,\vartriangleright\,$ Generate new abduct C and test if C $\wedge\, \mathsf{Ax} \wedge \neg S$ is T-satisfiable
 - \blacktriangleright If yes, then C has more models than S consistent with Ax
 - \blacktriangleright S is updated to S \lor C

Evaluation

Setup

▷ Two configurations of CVC4SY

CVC4SY+B	abduction via enumerative CEGIS
CVC4SY+U	abduction via divide and conquer

- ▷ GPID and EXPLAIN as baselines
- ▷ 300s timeout, 8gb RAM, Intel E5-2637 v4 CPUs, Ubuntu 16.04
- ▷ We had to generate our own benchmarks
 - ▶ No existing standard benchmark library for abduction
 - Integration into verification tools was beyond the scope of this work

Full data at http://cvc4.cs.stanford.edu/papers/abduction-sygus/

Benchmark selection

- ▷ Three relevant-to-verification SMT-LIB logics:
 - ▶ QF_LIA, QF_NIA, and QF_SLIA
- \triangleright From SAT benchmarks $\varphi = \psi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \psi_n$:
 - $\begin{array}{c|c} & \psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_{n-1} \wedge \mathsf{S} \models \neg \psi_n \\ & \mathsf{Axioms} & \mathsf{Solution} & \mathsf{Goal} \end{array}$
- > Grammars are generated based on logic and benchmark variables
- \triangleright Example of grammar for QF_LIA problem with variables x_1, \ldots, x_n :

$$\begin{array}{rrr} A & \rightarrow & x_1 \mid \cdots \mid x_n \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid A + A \mid A - A \mid \mathsf{ite}(B, \, A, \, A) \\ B & \rightarrow & A \geq A \mid A \simeq A \mid \neg B \end{array}$$

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- ▷ Who finds weaker solution overall?
 - ▶ CVC4SY+U has better success rate but often produces stronger solutions

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▷ In incremental mode CVC4SY+U finds solution with minimal number of variables to 25 of the 33 EXPLAIN solves

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- \vartriangleright $\rm CVC4SY+U$ 30% slower on average than $\rm GPiD\textsc{-}1$ on commonly solved

Conclusions

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- $\,\triangleright\,$ New scalable enumerative SyGuS framework for abduction
 - General
 - Flexible
- $\,\vartriangleright\,$ Evaluation shows favorable comparison with abduction tools
- \triangleright Future work:
 - Integration into verification engines
 - ► Generating conditional rewrite rules for SMT solvers
 - Synthesize most general condition under which two terms are equivalent
 - Generalizes semi-automated development of rewrite rules [NRB+19]
 - Lifting approach to interpolation

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Completing UNSAT cores

 \triangleright From SMT-LIB benchmarks with minimal unsat cores U:

▶ $U \setminus \{\psi_{\mathsf{G}}, \psi_{\max}\} \land \mathsf{S} \models \neg \psi_{\mathsf{G}}$, with S as weak as ψ_{\max} , where

▶ ψ_{\max} is U's component with maximal size, used as a reference ▶ $\psi_{\mathsf{G}} \in U \setminus \{\psi_{\max}\}$

▷ We chose the goal as the last formula in the core (viewed as a list) after the reference was removed

 \triangleright We used Z3 to compute minimal unsat cores (120s)

Excluded cores with less than three assertions

 \triangleright Can any solution at least as weak as the reference be found in 300s?

		CVC4SY+B		cvc4	SY+U
Logic	#	Solved	Unique	Solved	Unique
QF_LIA	97	6	0	6	0
QF_SLIA	2546	2546	32	2514	0
QF_NIA	781	86	49	41	4
Total	3424	2638	81	2561	4

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▷ CVC4SY+B significantly outperforms CVC4SY+U in QF_SLIA

- > Small references (generally size < 3) void need for specialized procedure
- $\triangleright~$ Overall $_{\rm CVC4SY+B}$ has an advantage for finding weaker solutions



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