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Verifica formale di modelli e programmi basata sulla trasformazione di clausole di Horn con vincoli

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Automatic Verification of (software) artifacts

Providing a **proof** that an artifact (for instance, a model or a program) satisfies its specification.

Use a **mathematical formalism** to:

- model artifacts, and
- derive specifications as theorems.

Constrained Horn Clauses (CHCs)

First order formulas of the form

$$\mathbf{B}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{B}_n \wedge \mathbf{c} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{B}_1, \dots, \mathbf{B}_n$, and \mathbf{H} are atomic formulas, and
- \mathbf{c} is a formula in a theory of constraints.

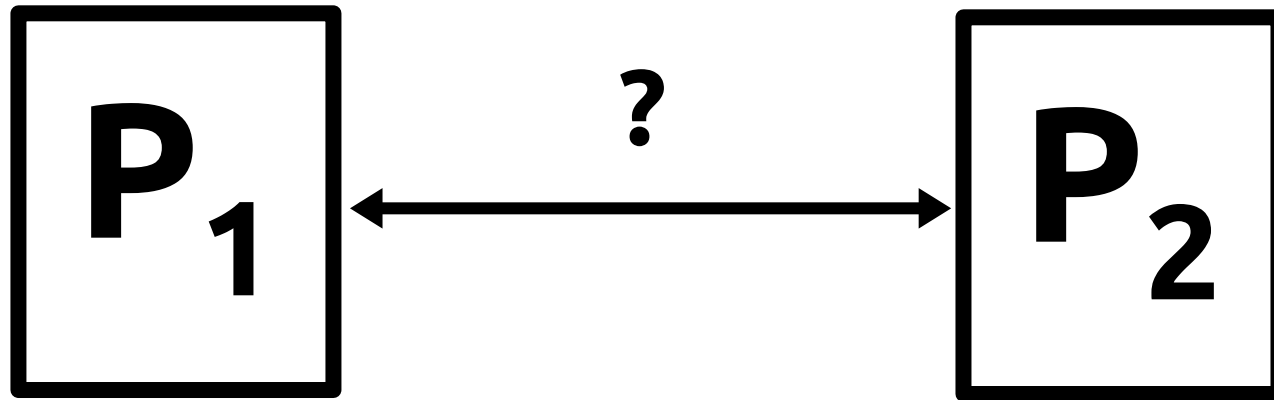
Formulas are universally quantified in front.

We use the syntax of Logic Programming

$$\mathbf{H} \leftarrow \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{B}_1, \dots, \mathbf{B}_n \quad (\text{Head} \leftarrow \text{Body})$$

Relational Verification

Proving relations between programs

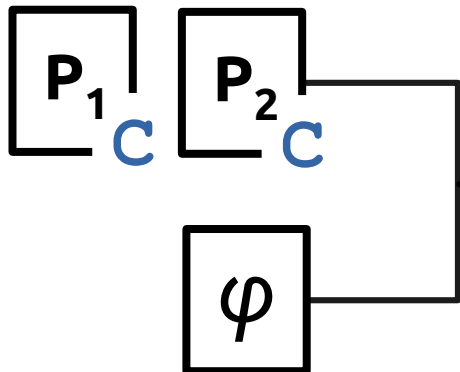


Program Equivalence

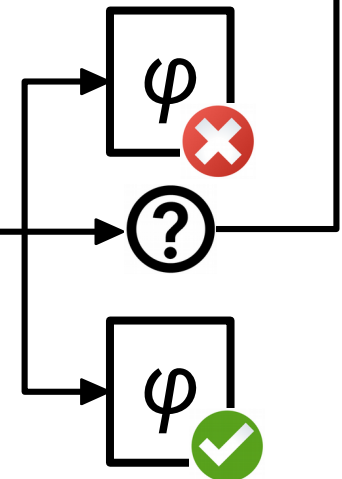
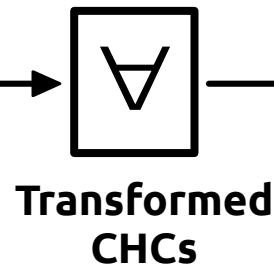
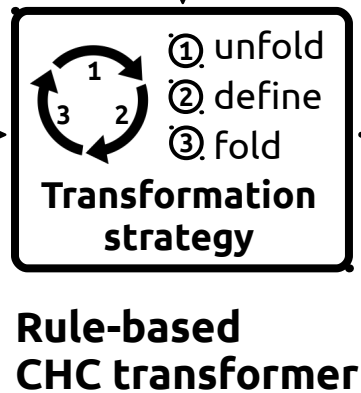
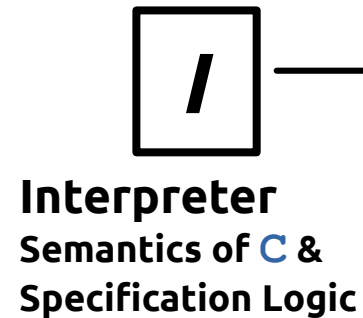
If P_1 terminates on the input i_1 producing o_1 &
 P_2 terminates on the input i_2 producing o_2 &
 i_1 equals to i_2
then
 o_1 equals to o_2

Verification of Relational Properties using transformation of CHCs

Programs



Specification



Example

P1

```
void sum_upto() {
    z1=f(x1);
}
int f(int n1){
    int r1;
    if (n1 <= 0) {
        r1 = 0;
    } else {
        r1 = f(n1 - 1) + n1;
    }
    return r1;
}
```

non-tail recursive

global variables of **P1**: {x1, z1}

$$z1 = \sum_{i=0}^{x1} i$$

P2

```
void prod() {
    z2 = g(x2, y2);
}
int g(int n2, int m2){
    int r2;
    r2=0;
    while (n2 > 0) {
        r2 += m2;
        n2--;
    }
    return r2;
}
```

iterative

global variables of **P2**: {x2, y2, z2}

$$z2 = x2 \times y2$$

Relational property {x1 = x2, x2 ≤ y2} sum_upto ~ prod {z1 ≤ z2}

Specifying relational properties using CHCs

The relational property $\{\varphi\} \mathbf{P1} \sim \mathbf{P2} \{\psi\}$ is translated into the clause

$$post(X', Y') \leftarrow pre(X, Y), p1(X, X'), p2(Y, Y')$$

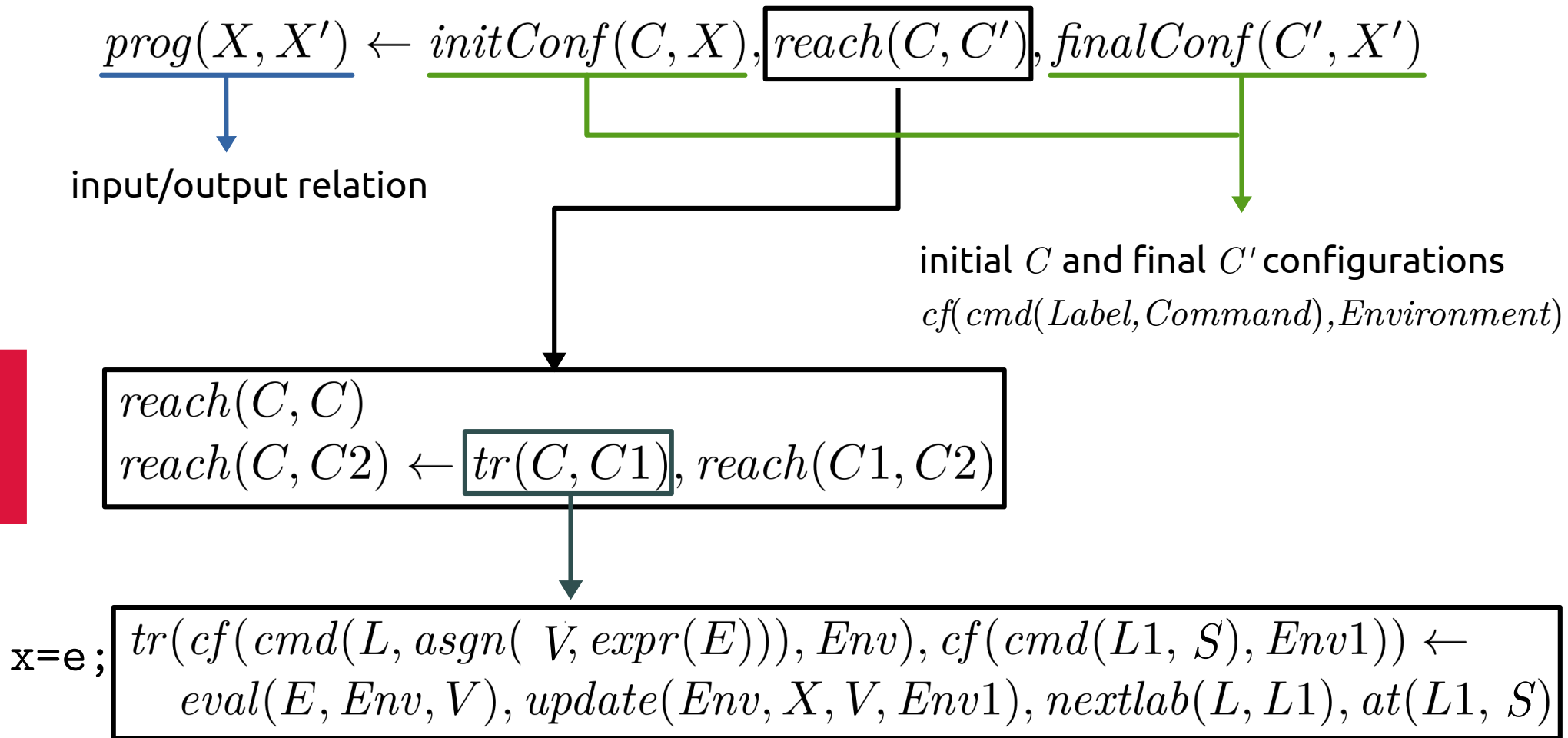
pre-relation	φ	$pre(X, Y)$	Linear Integer Arithmetic constraints
input/output relation	$\mathbf{P1}$	$p1(X, X')$	
input/output relation	$\mathbf{P2}$	$p2(Y, Y')$	
post-relation	ψ	$post(X', Y')$	

Relational property: $\{x1 = x2, x2 \leq y2\} \text{sum_upto} \sim \text{prod} \{z1 \leq z2\}$

CHC translation: $Z1 \leq Z2 \leftarrow X1 = X2, X2 \leq Y2, su(X1, Z1), pr(X2, Y2, Z2)$

Interpreter (a glimpse)

Operational semantics of the programming language



Interpreters & CHC specialization

Take advantage of static information, that is,

- actual programs
- relational property

to customize the interpreter.

By specializing the interpreter w.r.t. the static input, we get CHCs with no references to

- **reach**
- **tr**
- complex terms representing **configurations**

Input/Output relation of P1

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void sum_upto() {  
    z1 = f(x1);  
}
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int f(int n1) {  
    int r1;  
    if (n1<=0) {  
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    } else {  
        r1 = f(n1-1) + n1;  
    }  
    return r1;  
}
```

su(X,Z') ← f(X,Z')

f(X,Z) ← N≤0, Z=0

f(N,Z) ← N≥1, N1=N-1, Z=R+N, f(N1,R)

**input/output
relation**

Satisfiability of CHCs

$$\{\varphi\} \mathbf{P1} \sim \mathbf{P2} \{\psi\}$$

$$\boxed{Z1 \leq Z2} \leftarrow X1 = X2, X2 \leq Y2, su(X1, Z1), pr(X2, Y2, Z2)$$

$$su(X, Z) \leftarrow f(X, Z)$$

$$f(N, Z) \leftarrow N \leq 0, Z = 0$$

$$f(N, Z) \leftarrow N \geq 1, N1 = N - 1, Z = R + N, f(N1, R)$$

$$pr(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow W = 0, g(X, Y, W, Z)$$

$$g(N, P, R, R) \leftarrow N \leq 0$$

$$g(N, P, R, R2) \leftarrow N \geq 1, N1 = N - 1, R1 = P + R, g(N1, P, R1, R2)$$

P1

P2

prove the **validity** of a relational property **reduces** to
 prove the **satisfiability** of CHCs

$$false \leftarrow X1 = X2, X2 \leq Y2, \boxed{Z1 > Z2}, su(X1, Z1), pr(X2, Y2, Z2)$$

Satisfiability of CHCs

$false \leftarrow X1 = X2, X2 \leq Y2, Z1 > Z2, su(X1, Z1), pr(X2, Y2, Z2)$

$su(X, Z) \leftarrow f(X, Z)$

$f(N, Z) \leftarrow N \leq 0, Z = 0$

$f(N, Z) \leftarrow N \geq 1, N1 = N - 1, Z = R + N, f(N1, R)$

$pr(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow W = 0, g(X, Y, W, Z)$

$g(N, P, R, R) \leftarrow N \leq 0$

$g(N, P, R, R2) \leftarrow N \geq 1, N1 = N - 1, R1 = P + R, g(N1, P, R1, R2)$

State-of-the-art solvers for CHCs with **Linear Integer Arithmetic (LIA)** look for **models of single atoms**: su and pr

Hence, LIA solvers should discover quadratic relations:

$$Z1' = X1 \times (X1 - 1) / 2$$

$$Z2' = X2 \times Y2$$

Predicate pairing transformation

“**Solution 1**”: use a solver for non-linear integer arithmetic
drawback: satisfiability of constraints is **undecidable**
(decide satisfiability of Diophantine equations)

Solution 2: predicate pairing transformation

- composes the predicates f and g into a new predicate fg equivalent to their **conjunction**
- objective: discover linear relations among variables occurring in f and g may help solvers in proving the satisfiability of CHCs

Satisfiability of CHCs

Transformed CHCs

$$\begin{aligned} \text{false} &\leftarrow N \leq Y, W=0, Z1 > Z2, fg(N, Z1, Y, W, Z2) \leftarrow \\ fg(N, Z1, Y, Z2, Z2) &\leftarrow N \leq 0, Z1=0 \\ fg(N, Z1, Y, W, Z2) &\leftarrow N \geq 1, N1=N-1, Z1=R+N, M=Y+W, \\ &fg(N1, R, Y, M, Z2) \end{aligned}$$

Predicate Pairing makes it possible to **infer linear relations** among variables in the conjunction fg of predicates f and g

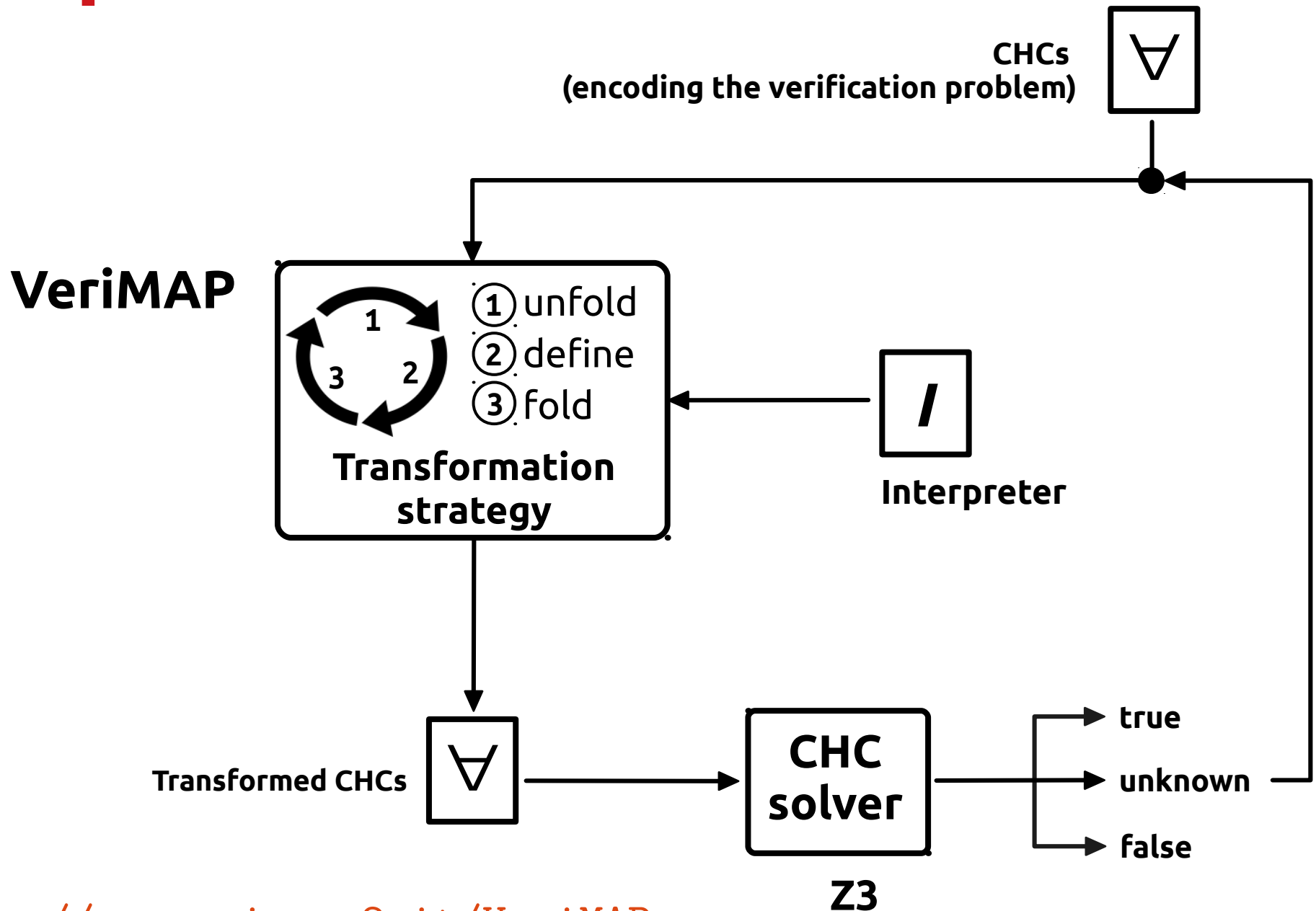
$$fg(N, Z1, Y, W, Z2) \leftarrow f(N, Z1), g(N, Y, W, Z2)$$

Whenever $W=0$ the conjunction fg enforces the linear constraint

$$(N > Y) \vee (Z1 \leq Z2)$$

Hence the satisfiability of the first clause _____

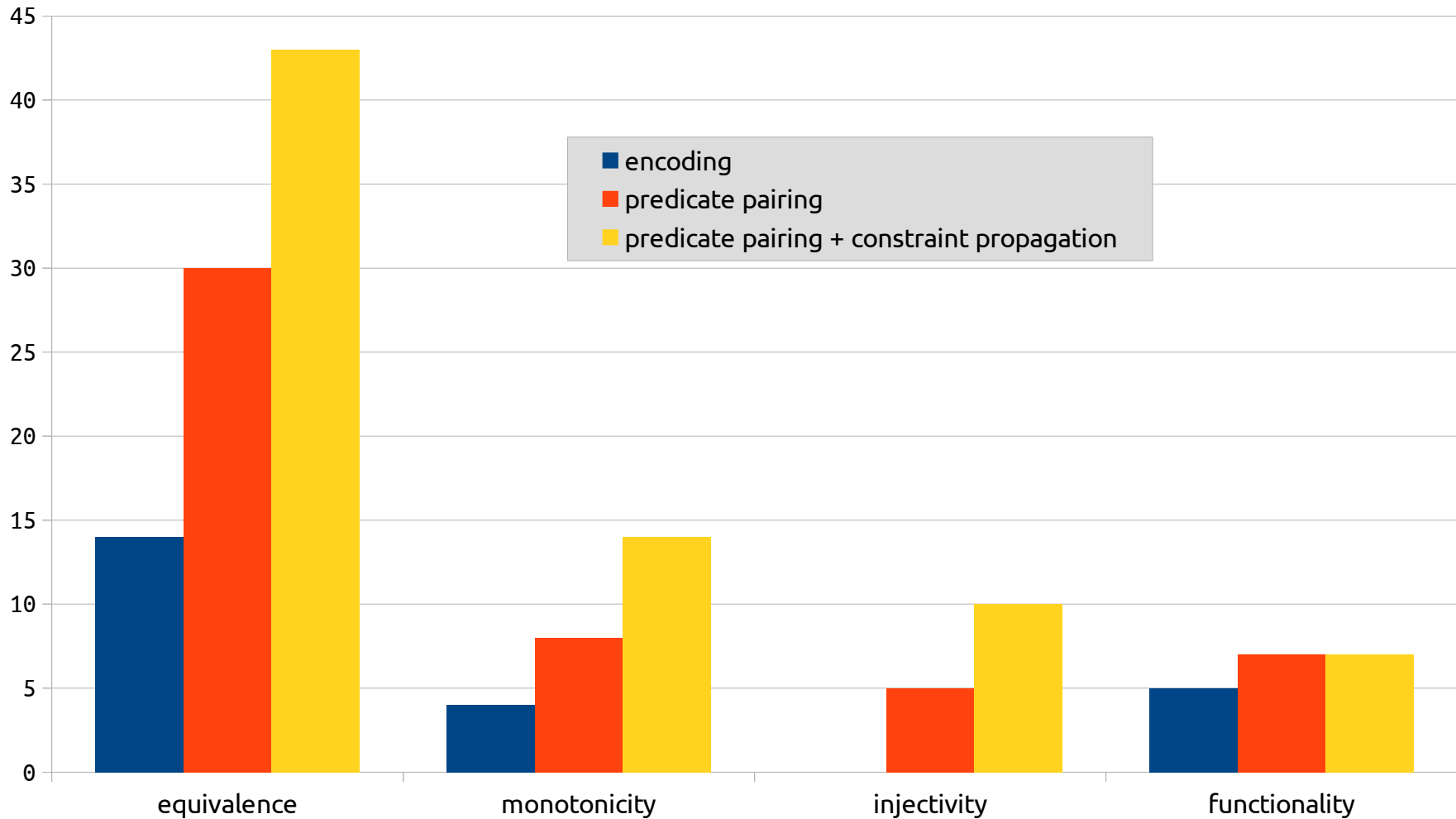
Implementation



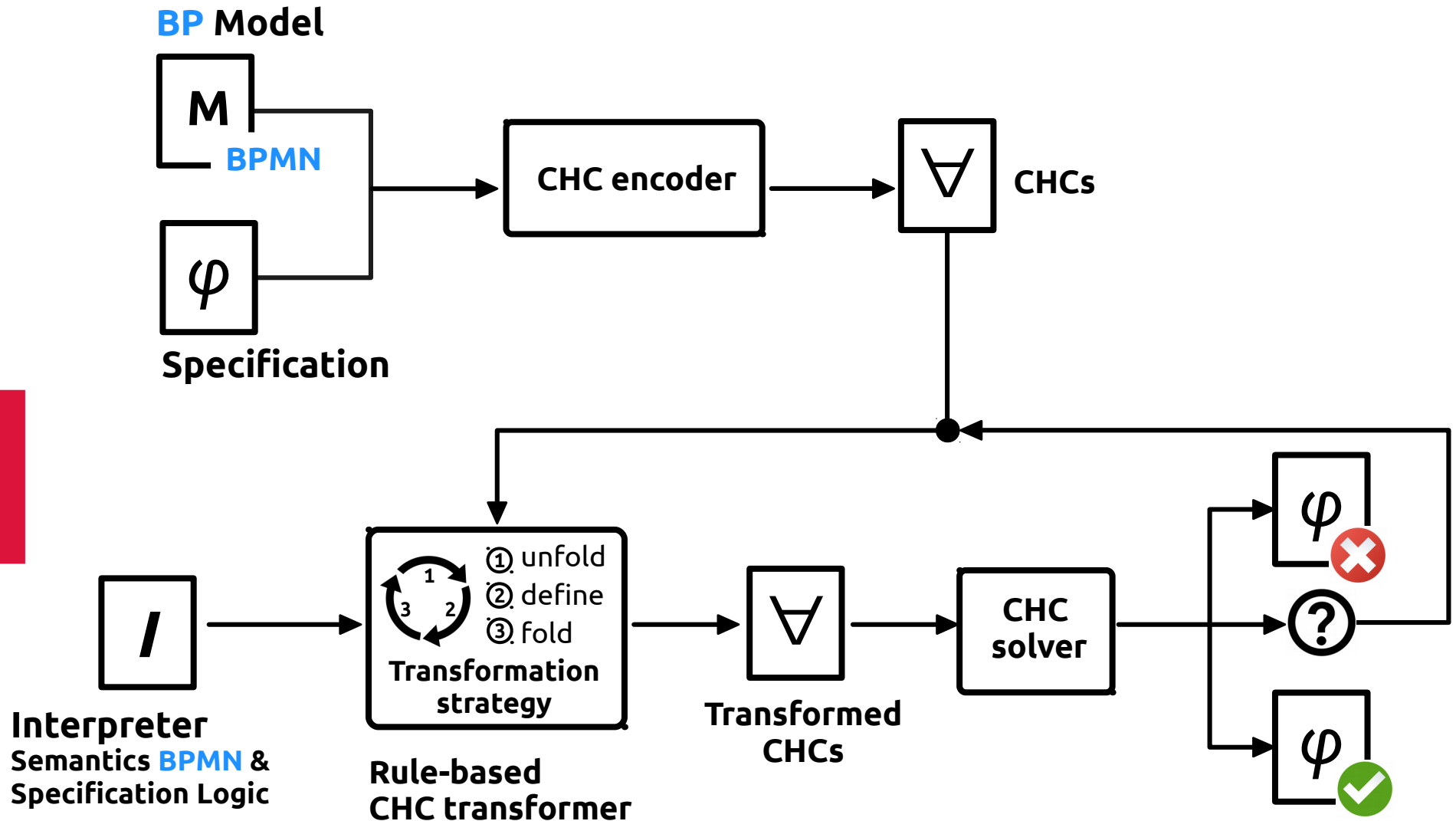
Results

Equivalence	$p_1(X,X'), p_2(Y,Y'), X = Y \rightarrow X' = Y'$
Monotonicity	$p(X,X'), p(Y,Y'), X \leq Y \rightarrow X' \leq Y'$
Injectivity	$p(X,X'), p(Y,Y'), X' = Y' \rightarrow X = Y$
Functionality	$p(X,f(X),X'), p(Y,f(Y),Y'), X = Y \rightarrow X' = Y'$

Relational properties



Verification of Models using transformation of CHCs



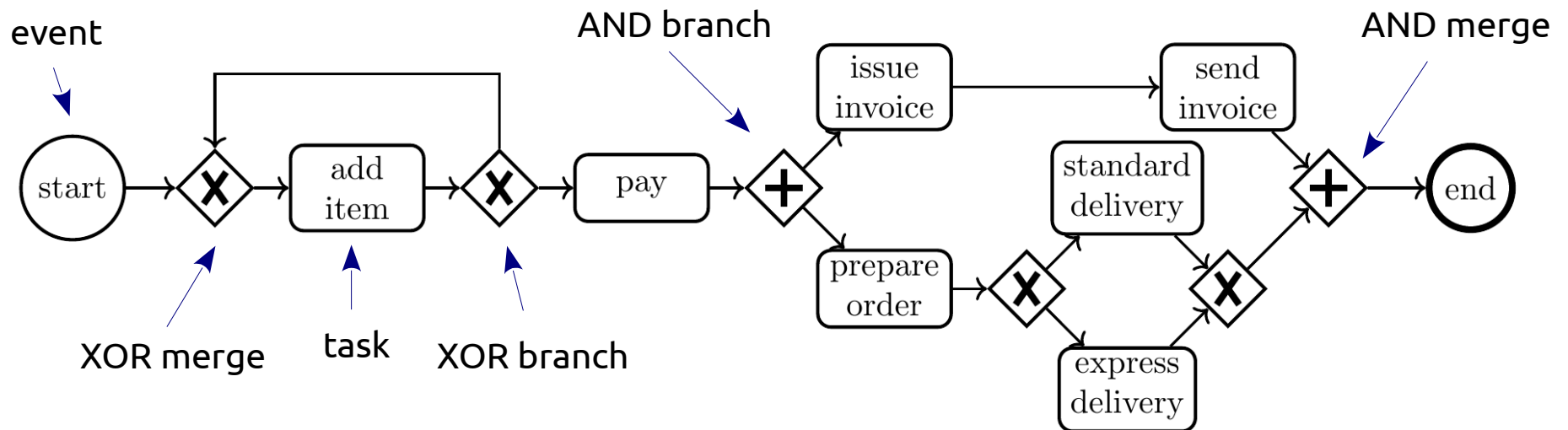
Business Process

A Business Process (BP) **coordinates** the activities of an organization towards a business goal.

A BP can be represented using the **Business Process Modeling Notation**.

Purchase Order

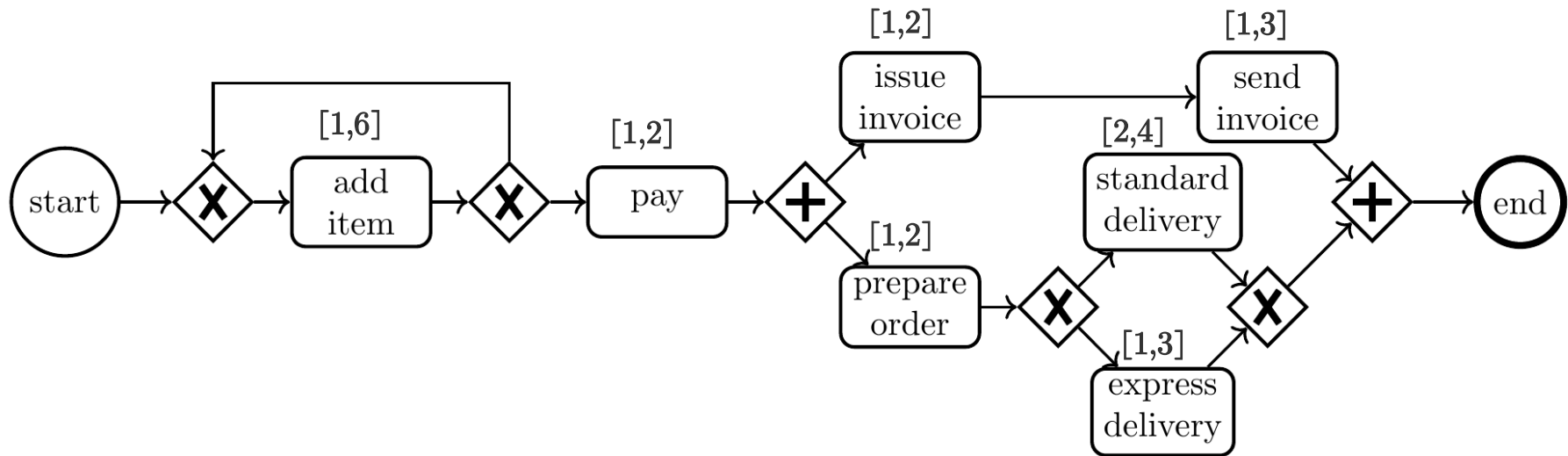
A customer adds one or more items to the shopping cart and pays. Then, the vendor sends the invoice and delivers the order.



No quantitative time information (such as the durations of tasks).

Time-aware Business Process

Specify intervals of task duration $D \in [d_{\min}, d_{\max}] \subset \mathbb{N}$



Properties

- **Reachability**
The time to reach 'end' from 'start' is less than T.
- **Controllability**
It is possible to determine the durations of some (controllable) tasks so that a given reachability property holds.

Interpreter (a glimpse)

Semantics of Business Process Modeling Notation

Reachability

$reach(S, S, U, C).$

$reach(S, S2, U, C) \leftarrow tr(S, S1, U, C), reach(S1, S2, U, C)$

where tr encodes the semantics of BPMN (Interpreter I).

Reachability Property

$reachProp(U, C) \leftarrow c(T, U, C), reach(init, fin(T), U, C)$

where $c(T, U, C)$ is a constraint.

Controllability Property

Weak $I \cup LIA \models \forall U. adm(U) \rightarrow \exists C reachProp(U, C)$

Strong $I \cup LIA \models \exists C \forall U. adm(U) \rightarrow reachProp(U, C)$

where $adm(U)$ iff the durations in U belong to the given intervals.

Applying CHCs solvers

Validity of weak and strong controllability properties

- **cannot be proved** by CHC solvers over LIA (such as Z3), because of complex terms occurring in the interpreter
- **cannot be proved** by CLP systems, because of $\exists\forall$ and $\forall\exists$
- CHC solvers and CLP system **may not terminate**, because of recursive definition of reach

Transformation techniques can be applied

- to get CHCs with no complex terms, and
- to avoid expensive quantifier elimination by reducing the problem of verifying controllability to the problem of verifying simpler properties where quantification is restricted to LIA constraints

Conclusions

A method for **proving** correctness of (software) artifacts

- **Independent of the formalism** used to represent the **artifact** and its **specification**

The only language specific element is the **interpreter**

- **Improves effectiveness** of state-of-the art **CHC solvers**

Future work:

- more formalisms (programming and modeling languages)
- more properties

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