

A Decision Procedure for (Co)datatypes in SMT Solvers

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μ -notation:

$xs \approx LCons(1, \mu ys. LCons(0, LCons(9, ys)))$

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Our contributions

- Generalized [Barrett et al. 2007] (used in CVC3) to codatatypes
 - First decision procedure for codatatypes in SMT solvers
- Efficient implementation in CVC4
- Evaluation on Isabelle benchmarks

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acyclicity resp. uniqueness
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Counterexamples:

codatatype a = A(a)

codatatype

b = B(b,c,b,unit) and

c = C(a,b,c)

datatype unit = Unity

⇒ “Corecursive singletons”

Calculus for Theory of (Co)datatypes \mathcal{DC}

- **Inputs:**

- A finite set of \mathcal{DC} -literals E

- **Outputs:**

- Either “ E is \mathcal{DC} -unsatisfiable” or “ E is \mathcal{DC} -satisfiable”

- Can be described as a set of derivation rules which

- Add additional literals to E until saturated or conflict

- Is a **decision procedure** for \mathcal{DC}

Calculus: Guarded Assignment Form

- Derivation rules of calculus written in **guarded assignment form**:

$$\frac{\dots \text{premises on } E \dots}{E := E'} \text{ [rule]}$$

- For example:

$$\frac{t \approx s, s \approx r \in E}{E := E, t \approx s} \text{ trans}$$

- Derivation rules may have \perp as conclusion:

$$\frac{t \approx s, t \not\approx s \in E}{\perp} \text{ conflict}$$

Calculus: Derivation Tree

$$\frac{\frac{t \approx s, s \approx r, t \neq r}{t \approx s, s \approx r, t \neq r, t \approx r}}{\perp}$$

trans
conflict

- A node is a set of \mathcal{DC} -literals
- Each node obtained as result of successfully applying rule to parent
- The derivation terminates when:
 - All leaves are \perp ... input is \mathcal{DC} -**unsatisfiable**
 - Some node is saturated ... input is \mathcal{DC} -**satisfiable**

Calculus: Overview

- Part 1:
 - Apply bidirectional closure (uniformly to both datatypes and codatatypes)
- Part 2:
 - Ensure all datatype values are acyclic
 - Ensure all codatatype values are unique
- Part 3:
 - Apply splitting/search, if necessary

Part 1: Bidirectional Closure

$$\frac{t \in \mathcal{T}(E)}{E := E, t \approx t} \text{ Refl} \quad \frac{t \approx u \in E}{E := E, u \approx t} \text{ Sym} \quad \frac{s \approx t, t \approx u \in E}{E := E, s \approx u} \text{ Trans}$$

$$\frac{\bar{t} \approx \bar{u} \in E \quad f(\bar{t}), f(\bar{u}) \in \mathcal{T}(E)}{E := E, f(\bar{t}) \approx f(\bar{u})} \text{ Cong} \quad \frac{t \approx u, t \not\approx u \in E}{\perp} \text{ Conflict}$$

$$\frac{C(\bar{t}) \approx C(\bar{u}) \in E}{E := E, \bar{t} \approx \bar{u}} \text{ Inject} \quad \frac{C(\bar{t}) \approx D(\bar{u}) \in E \quad C \neq D}{\perp} \text{ Clash}$$

- \mathbb{E} contains its upwards (congruence) and downwards (unification) closure
- Ensures: \mathbb{E} induces a set of equivalence classes

Part 2: Acyclicity and Uniqueness

- To determine datatype values are **acyclic**, codatatype values are **unique**
 - Compute the class of values for each (co)datatype term
 - **Assignment map** \mathcal{A} map from equivalence classes to μ -terms
 - For example:
 - $\mathcal{A}\{t\} := \mu x . C(x)$: the value of t is $C(C(C(\dots)))$
 - $\mathcal{A}\{t\} := \mu x . C(y)$: the top symbol of t is C
- Model construction will be based on \mathcal{A}

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- This indicates:
 - The value of y in all models is of the form $C(D(C(D(C(\dots)\dots)))$
 - The value of x in all models is of the form $D(C(D(C(D(\dots)\dots)))$

Part 2: Acyclicity and Uniqueness

$$\frac{\delta \in \mathcal{Y}_{dt} \quad \mathcal{A}[t^\delta] = \mu x. u \quad x \in \text{FV}(u)}{\perp} \text{Acyclic} \qquad \frac{\delta \in \mathcal{Y}_{codt} \quad \mathcal{A}[t^\delta] =_\alpha \mathcal{A}[u^\delta]}{E := E, t \approx u} \text{Unique}$$

- Rule **Acyclic**:

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- Rule **Unique**:

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Part 3: Splitting

$$\frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 t^\delta \in \mathcal{T}(E) \quad \mathcal{F}_{\text{ctr}}^\delta = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\} \\
 (\mathbf{s}(t) \in \mathcal{T}(E) \text{ and } \mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{sel}}^\delta) \text{ or } (\delta \in \mathcal{Y}_{\text{dt}} \text{ and } \delta \text{ is finite})
 \end{array}
 }{
 E := E, t \approx C_1(s_1^1(t), \dots, s_1^{n_1}(t)) \quad \dots \quad E := E, t \approx C_m(s_m^1(t), \dots, s_m^{n_m}(t))
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$$\frac{
 t^\delta, u^\delta \in \mathcal{T}(E) \quad \delta \in \mathcal{Y}_{\text{codt}} \quad \delta \text{ is a singleton}
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 } \text{ Single}$$

- **Split** on the type of constructor for terms t such that either:
 - There exists a selector applied to t , or
 - t is of finite type
- Add equalities between all pairs of corecursive **singleton** terms t, u

Calculus is a Decision Procedure for \mathcal{DC}

- Calculus is:
 - **Terminating**
 - All derivation trees are finite
 - **Refutation-sound**
 - If a closed derivation tree exists, then indeed \mathbb{E} is \mathcal{DC} -unsatisfiable
 - **Model-sound**
 - If a saturated node exists, then indeed \mathbb{E} is \mathcal{DC} -satisfiable
 - Proof is constructive
- Thus, is a decision procedure for \mathcal{DC}

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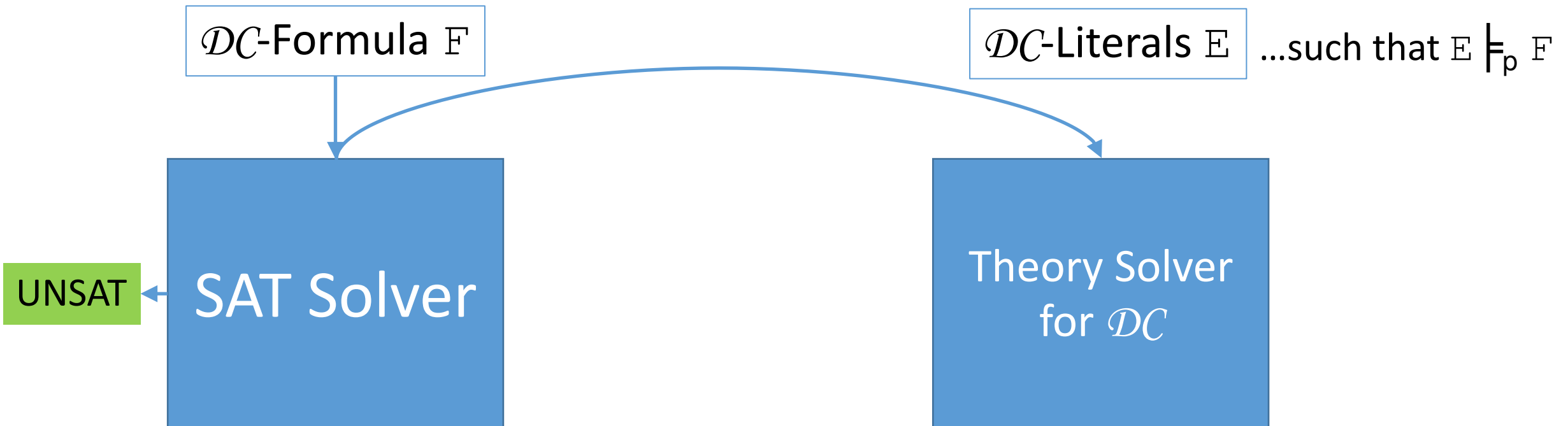
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- SAT solver reasons about DC -formulas at propositional level

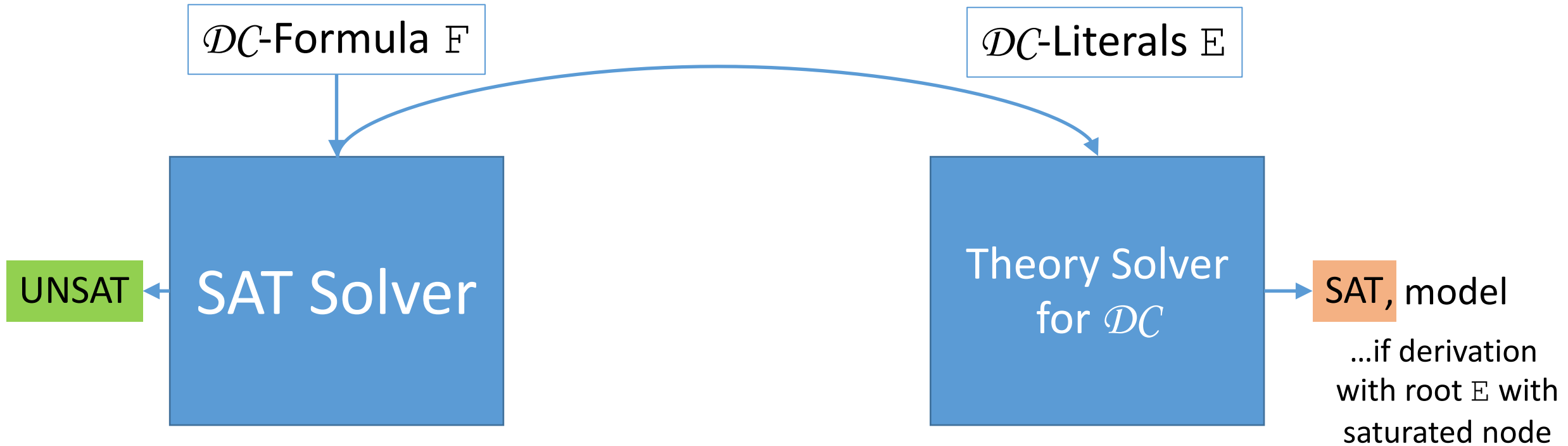
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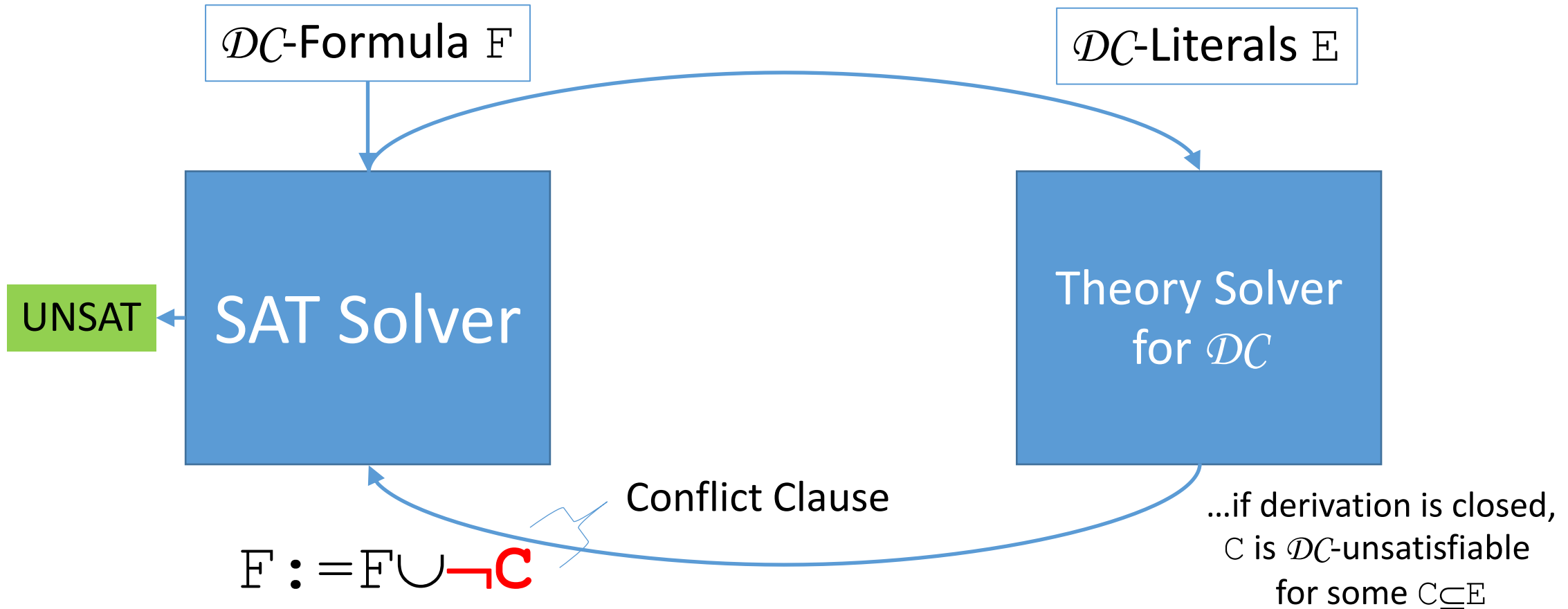
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Evaluation

- Evaluated SMT solvers
 - **CVC4** : support for (co)datatypes from this talk
 - Z3 : supports datatypes only
- ...on Isabelle benchmarks from three libraries:
 - Isabelle Distribution (**Distro**)
 - Archive of Formal Proofs (**AFP**)
 - Two unpublished theories involving Bird and Stern-Brocot trees (**G&L**)
 - ⇒ Benchmarks involve quantified formulas + (co)datatypes

Evaluation : Results

		Distro		AFP		G&L		Overall		
		CVC4	Z3	CVC4	Z3	CVC4	Z3	CVC4	Z3	
Weaker		No (co)datatypes	221	209	775	777	52	51	1048	1037
		Datatypes without Acyclic	227	–	780	–	52	–	1059	–
		Full datatypes	227	213	786	791	52	51	1065	1055
		Codatatypes without Unique	222	–	804	–	56	–	1082	–
		Full codatatypes	223	–	804	–	59	–	1086	–
Stronger		Full (co)datatypes	229	–	815	–	59	–	1103	–

- Stronger decision procedures subsume weaker ones
 - Rules for acyclicity, uniqueness contribute to precision of solvers
- Dedicated support for codatatypes in CVC4 **improves state of the art**
 - CVC4 with full (co)datatypes solves **1103**
 - CVC4 and Z3 with only datatypes solve 1065 and 1055 respectively

Summary

- Decision procedure for theory of (co)datatypes
 - Proved correct
 - Can be implemented in SMT solvers
- Evaluation on Isabelle benchmarks
 - Beneficial to use stronger decision procedures

Future Work

- Reconstruction proofs in Isabelle
- Apply to higher-order model finding
(Our original motivation)