

Model Finding for Recursive Functions in SMT

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Recursive Functions

- Recursive function definitions:

$$f(x:\text{Int}) := \text{if } x \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } f(x-1) + x$$

- Are useful in applications:

- Software verification
- Theorem Proving

- Often, interested in **finding models** for

- Conjectures $(\exists k.) P[f, k]$ in the **presence of recursive functions** f
 - This poses a challenge to current Satisfiability Modulo Theories (**SMT**) solvers

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- Can be expressed in SMT as **quantified formulas** (with theories):

$\forall x:\text{Int}. f(x) = \text{ite}(x \leq 0, 0, f(x-1) + x)$

- SMT solver must handle inputs of the form:

$$\underbrace{\forall \mathbf{x}. f_1(\mathbf{x}) = t_1 \quad \dots \quad \forall \mathbf{x}. f_n(\mathbf{x}) = t_n}_{\text{Set of function definitions}} \quad \wedge \quad \underbrace{(\exists \mathbf{k}.) P[f_1 \dots f_n, \mathbf{k}]}_{\text{Conjecture}}$$

Set of function definitions

Conjecture

Outline

- In this talk:
 - **Existing techniques** for quantified formulas in SMT
 - Limited in their ability to find models when recursive functions are present
 - A **satisfiability-preserving translation** \bar{A} for function definitions
 - Allows us to use existing techniques for model finding
 - **Implementation** of translation \bar{A}
 - As a preprocessor in SMT solver **CVC4**
 - In model finder for HOL **Nunchaku**
 - **Evaluation** on benchmarks from theorem proving/verification

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} Focus of next slides

Complete Instantiation in Z3

- Complete method for \forall in **essentially uninterpreted fragment**

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All occurrences of **x** are children of UF

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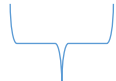
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Finite Model Finding in CVC4

- Finite Model-complete method for **finite/uninterpreted** \forall

$$\forall x y : \mathbf{U}. (x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)) \wedge a \neq b$$


All variables have finite/uninterpreted sort **U**

Finite Model Finding in CVC4

$$\forall x y : U . (x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)) \wedge a \neq b$$

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Model interprets U as the set $M(U) = \{a, b\}$

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- Finite Model Finding:

- Fails, since quantification is over infinite type \mathbf{Int}
 - $M(\mathbf{Int}) = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Running example

$$\forall x:\text{Int}. (\mathbf{f}(x) = \text{ite}(x \leq 0, 0, \mathbf{f}(x-1) + x)) \wedge \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{k}) > 100$$

- Example:
 - \mathbf{f} returns the sum of all positive integers up to x , when x is non-negative
 - $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{k})$ is greater than 100 for some \mathbf{k}
- Formula is satisfiable: interpret $k \geq 14$

\Rightarrow Neither **Z3** or **CVC4** can establish “sat” for this benchmark

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"A"

Use existing techniques for model finding in **Z3**, **CVC4** on $A(\Phi)$

Translation A

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- Introduce uninterpreted sort α
 - Conceptually, α represents the set of relevant arguments of f
 - Restrict the domain of function definition quantification to α
- Introduce uninterpreted function $\gamma : \alpha \rightarrow \text{Int}$
 - Maps between abstract and concrete domains

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- Add appropriate **constraints** regarding α, γ
 - Each relevant concrete value must be mapped to by some abstract value

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$\Rightarrow M$ is *correct only for relevant inputs* of original formula, and not e.g. $f(15) = \mathbf{0}$

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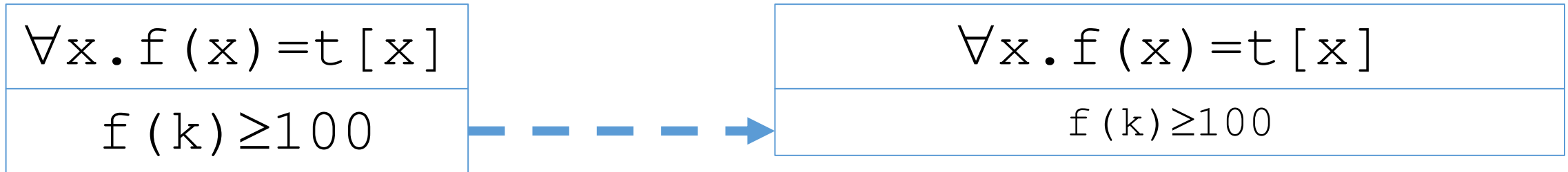
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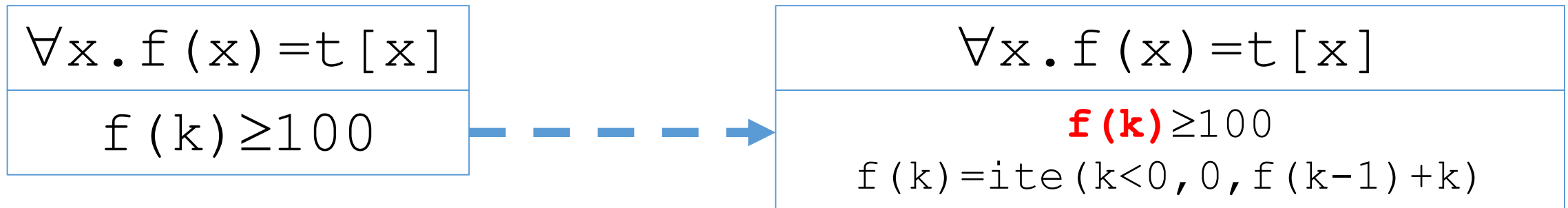
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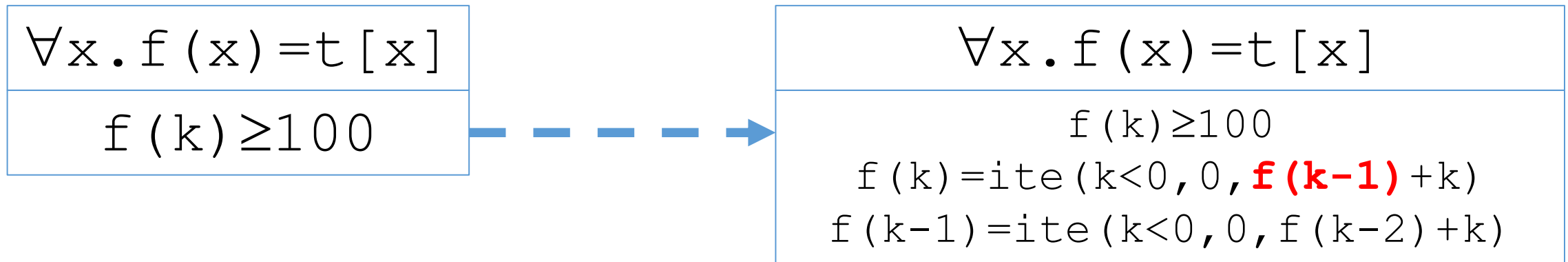
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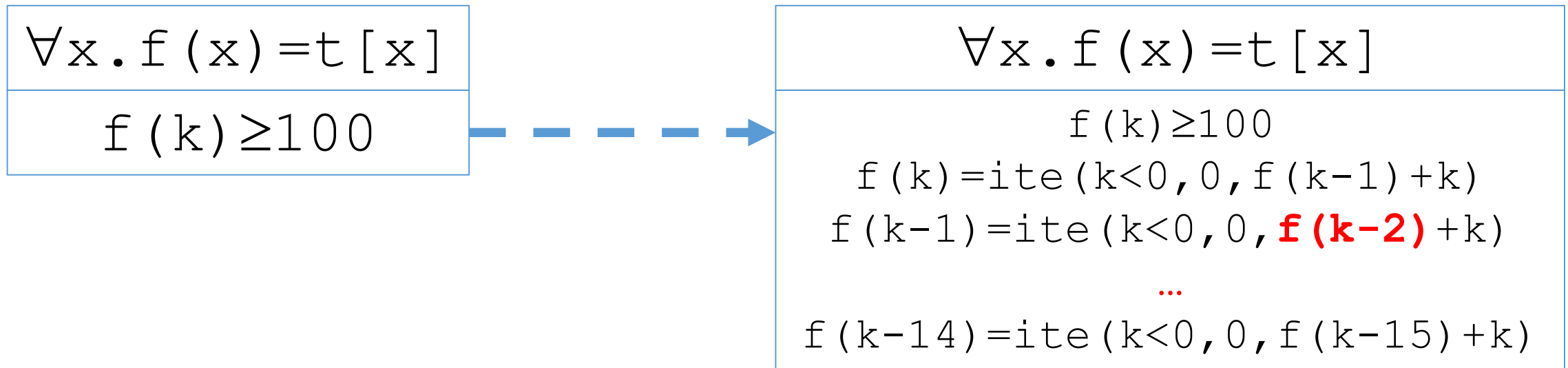
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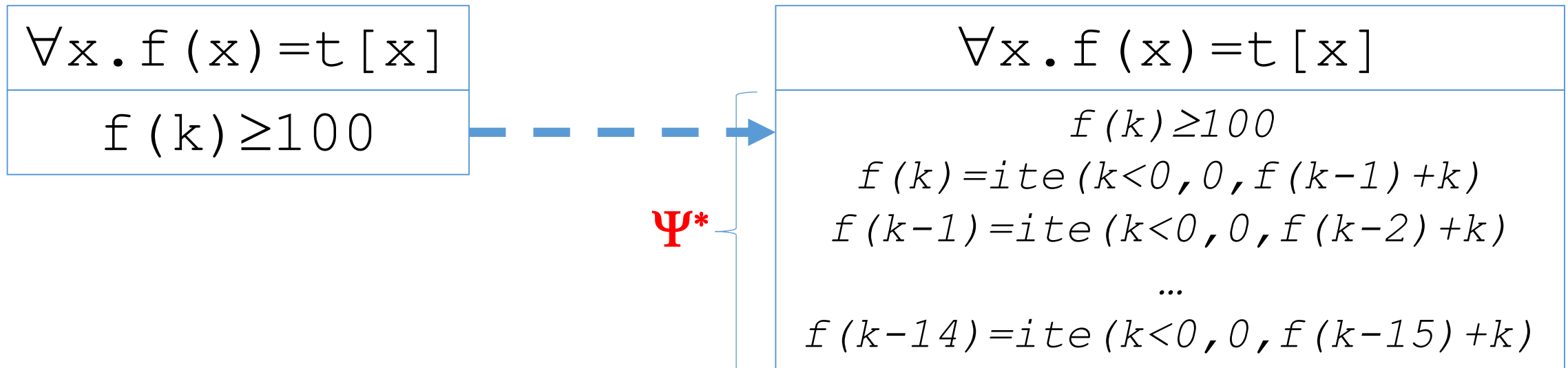
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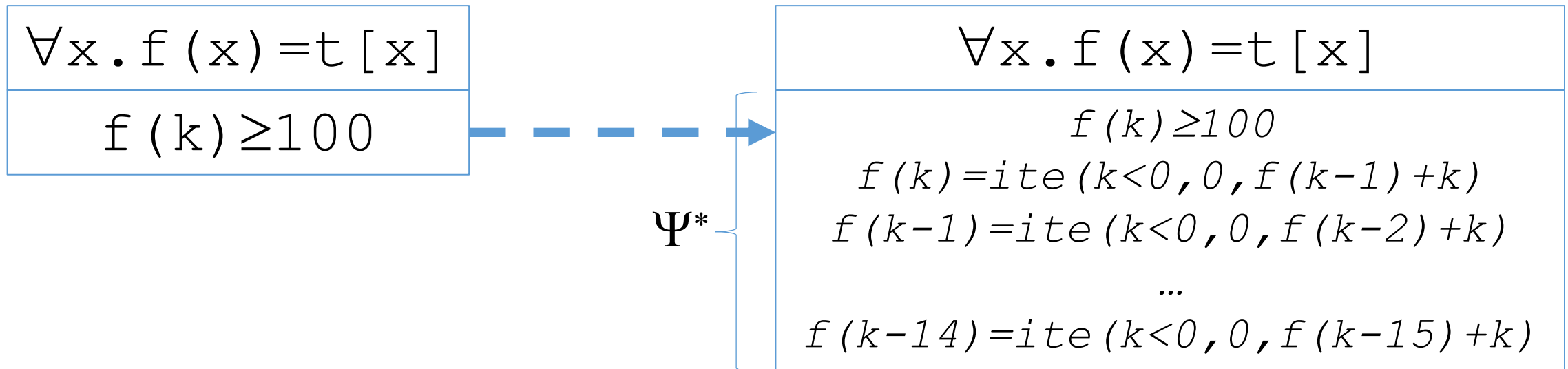
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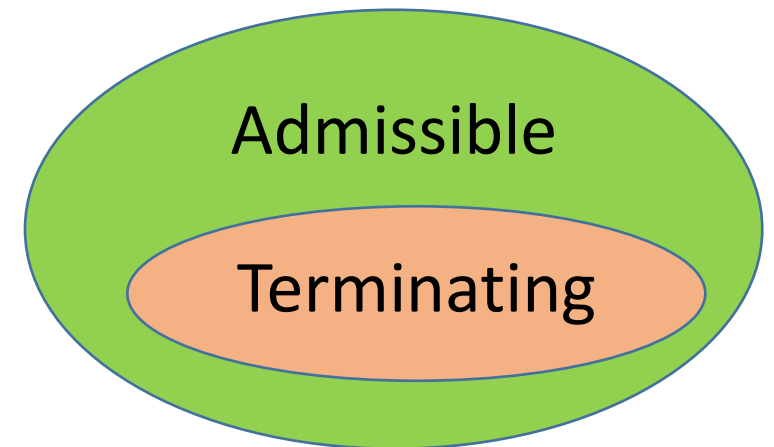
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The SMT solver can do this

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- Examples of **admissible** definitions:
 - Terminating functions: $\forall x . f(x) = \text{ite}(x \leq 0, 0, f(x-1) + x)$
 - ... f is well-founded (terminating)
 - Some non-terminating, tail recursive: $\forall x . f(x) = f(x-1) + 1$
 - ...and productive corecursive functions



Inadmissible Function Definitions

- Examples of **inadmissible** definitions:
 - Inconsistent definitions: $\forall x . f(x) = f(x) + 1$
 - ...no model for $\forall x . f(x) = f(x) + 1$
 - Others: $\{ \forall x . f(x) = f(x) + g(x) , \forall x . g(x) = g(x) \}$
 - ...some ground formulas are inconsistent wrt these definitions
 - Such cases are subtle, but rarely occur in practice

Translation as Preprocessor in CVC4

- CVC4 supports SMT LIB version 2.5 command:

...

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(declare-fun g (a) Int)
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    (and (= (f (g x)) (+ (f (- (g x) 1)) (g x))
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⇒ Enabled as preprocessor by command line parameter “**--fmf-fun**”

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- Model (with \bar{A}) found is:

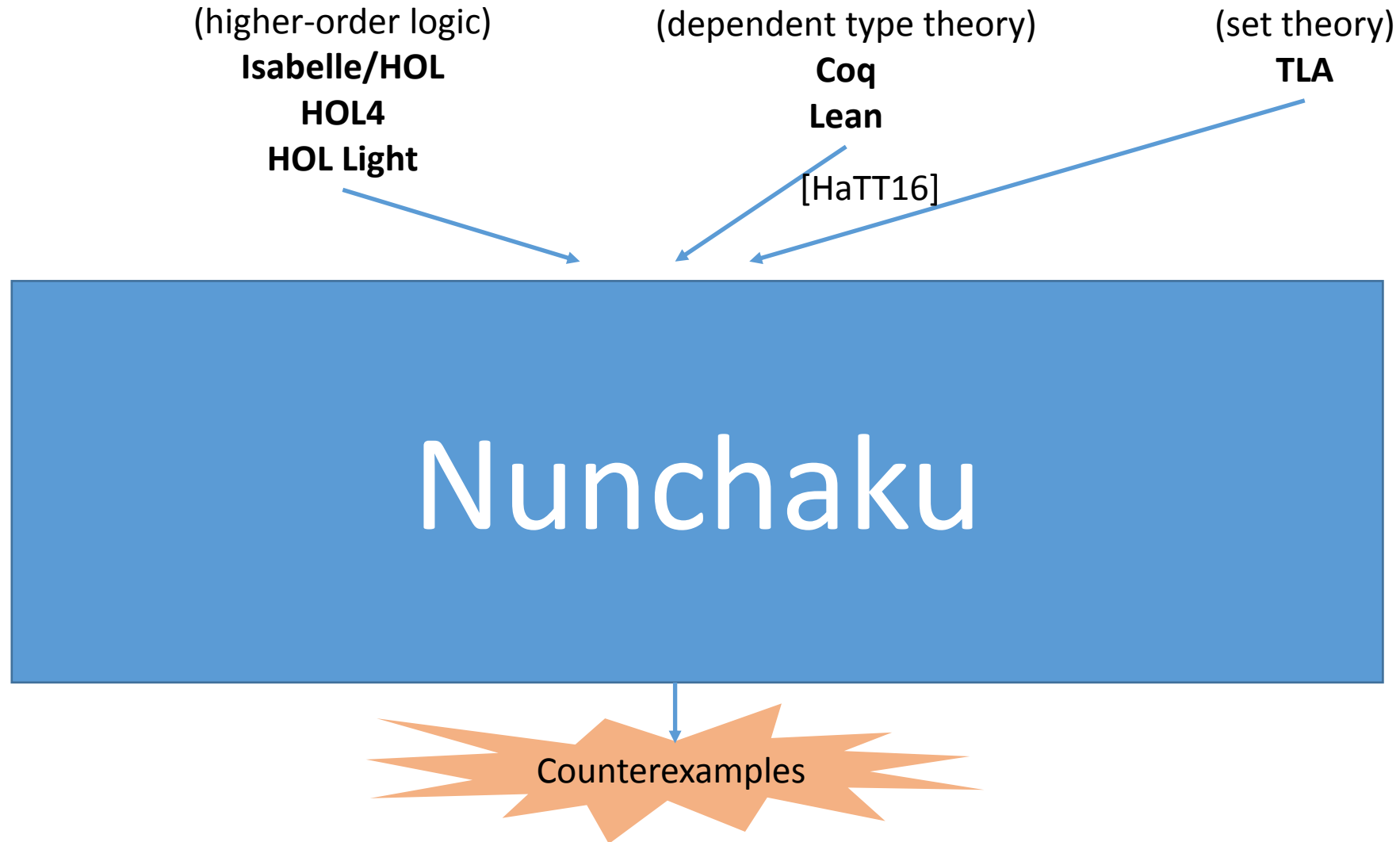
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(model
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          (ite (= $x1 2) 3 (ite (= $x1 1) 1 0))))))))))))))
(define-fun k () Int 14))
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- Gives model that is correct for **relevant inputs** of function f

CVC4: Optimizations for Finite Model Finding

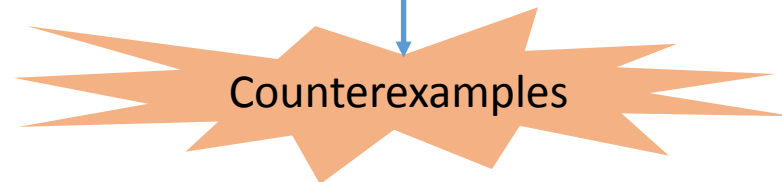
- Considered optimizations specialized to recursive functions:
 - Allow sorts of cardinality 0
 - Infer the monotonicity of sorts
 - Compute minimal satisfying assignments based on relevancy

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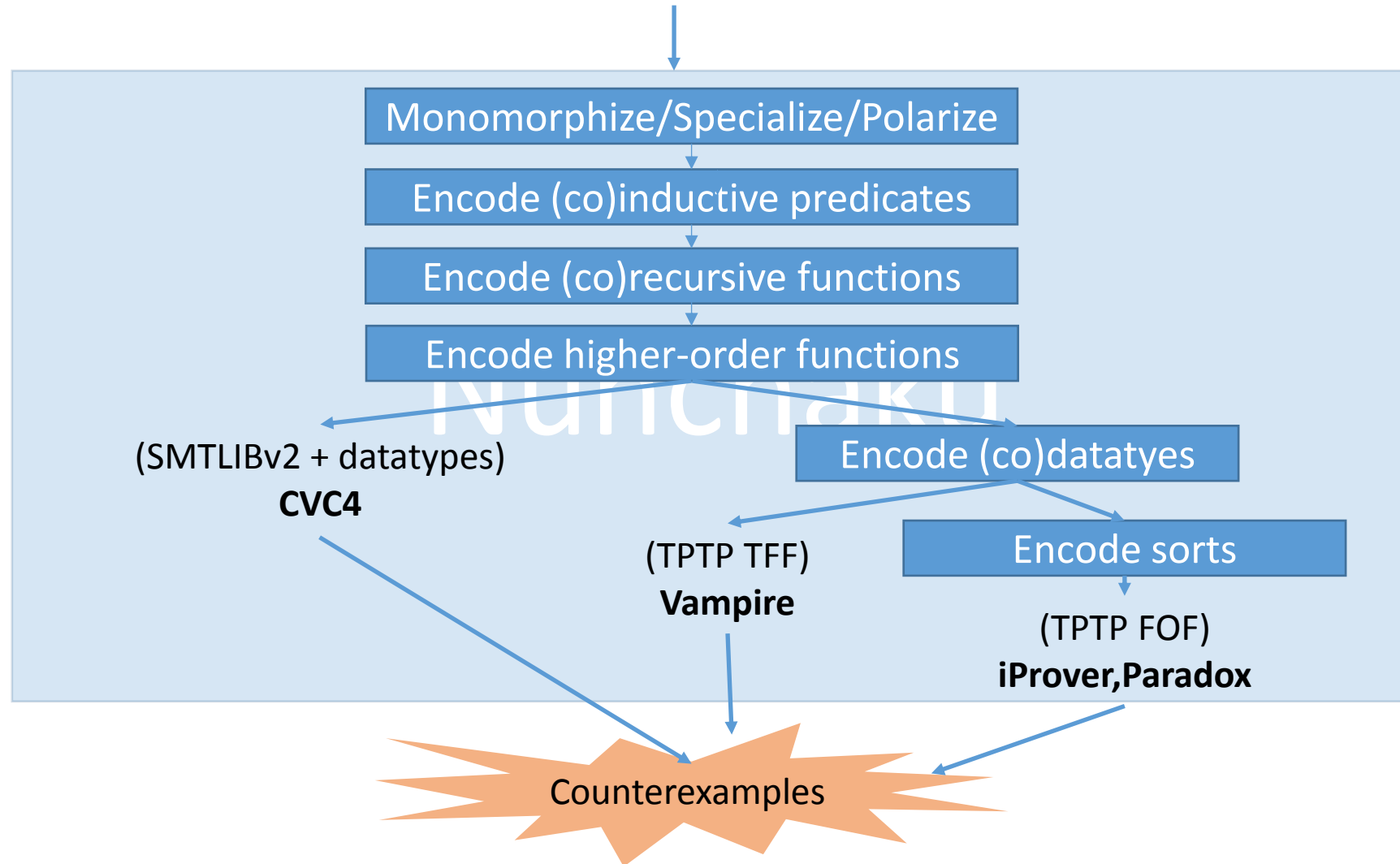
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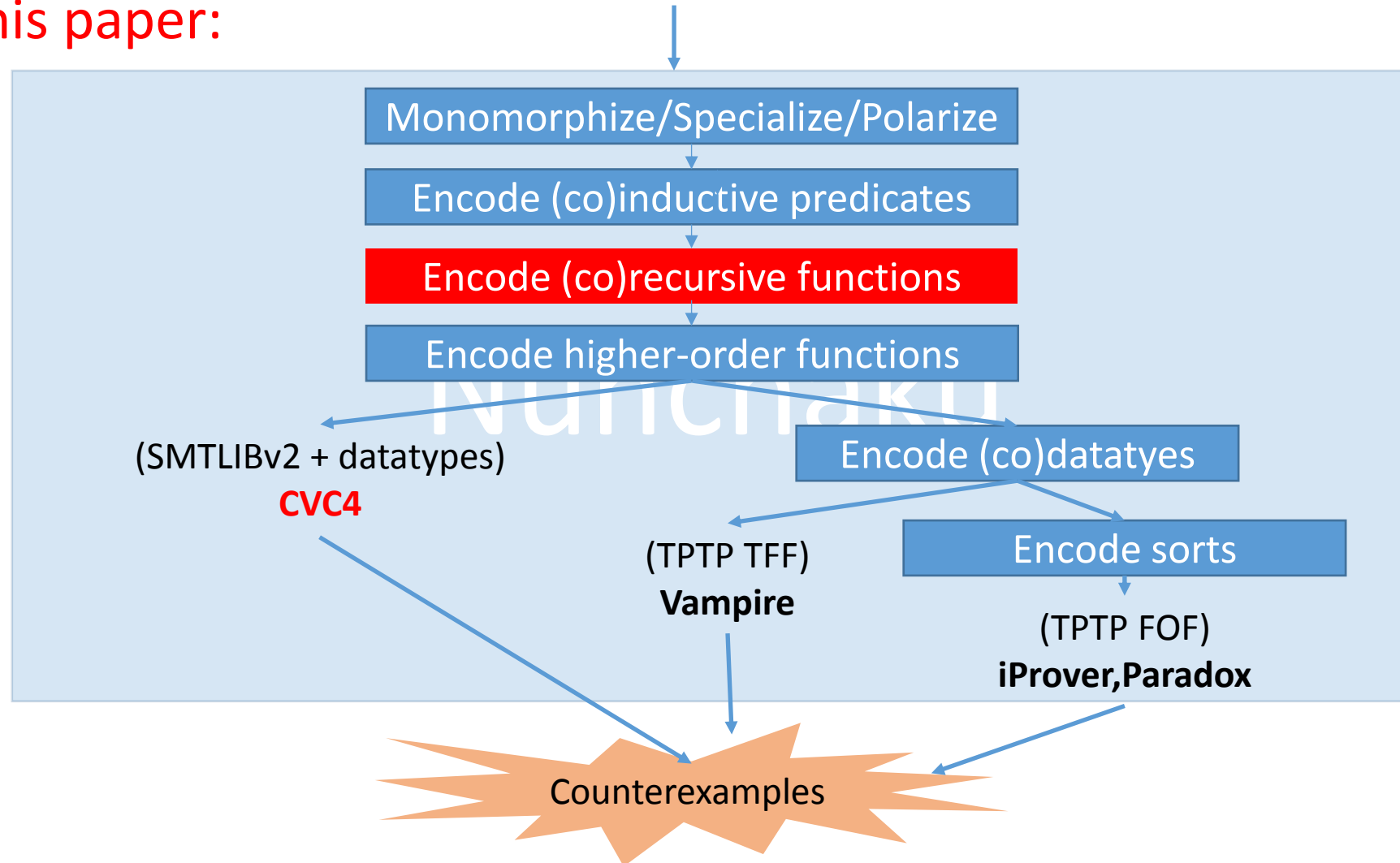
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In this paper:



Evaluation

- Considered three sets of **benchmarks**:
 - **Ip**
 - Challenge problems for inductive theorem provers
 - Datatypes + recursive functions
 - **Leon**
 - Verification conditions from Leon verification tool (EPFL)
 - Many theories: datatypes + recursive functions + bitvectors + arrays + sets + arithmetic
 - **Nun-Mut**
 - Mutated form of Isabelle conjectures of interest to Nunchaku project
 - (Co)datatypes + (co)recursive functions
- Consider mutated forms of the first two sets (**Ip-mut, Leon-mut**)
 - Obtained by swapping subterms in conjectures
- All benchmarks considered with/without translation \bar{A}

Evaluation : solved SAT benchmarks

	Z3		CVC4h		CVC4f		#
	φ	$\mathcal{A}(\varphi)$	φ	$\mathcal{A}(\varphi)$	φ	$\mathcal{A}(\varphi)$	
IsaPlanner	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
IsaPlanner-Mut	0	41	0	0	0	153	166
Leon	0	2	0	0	0	9	213
Leon-Mut	11	78	6	6	6	189	427
Nunchaku-Mut	3	27	0	0	3	199	357
Total	14	148	6	6	8	550	885

- Translation **increases ability** of SMT solvers for finding models:
 - Z3: 14 \rightarrow 148
 - CVC4f: 8 \rightarrow 550
- Finds counterexamples to verification conditions of interest in **Leon**

Evaluation : solved UNSAT benchmarks

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Nunchaku-Mut	61	59	46	53	45	59	357
Total	251	269	263	264	91	270	885

- Translation also **improves performance** on UNSAT benchmarks:
 - Z3 : 251 \rightarrow 269
 - CVC4 : 263 \rightarrow 264
 - CVC4f : 91 \rightarrow 270

Summary

- Translation \mathbb{A} :
 - Increases ability of SMT solvers for **model finding recursive functions**
 - Complete instantiation in Z3
 - Finite Model Finding in CVC4
 - Is **model-sound** for **admissible** function definitions
 - Implemented:
 - As a **preprocessor in CVC4** “`-- fmf - fun`”
 - In **Nunchaku**, a counterexample generator for higher-order logic

Future Work

- Use translation in **Nunchaku**
 - Support of multiple backends: CVC4, Paradox, Vampire?
- Improved support for **finite model finding in SMT**
 - Currently the bottleneck
- Identify additional sufficient conditions for **admissibility**
 - E.g. productive corecursive functions

Thanks!

- CVC4:
 - Available at <http://cvc4.cs.nyu.edu/downloads/>
 - To use translation \bar{A} as a preprocessor:
 - Use command line option “`--fmf-fun`”
- Nunchaku
 - Available at <https://github.com/nunchaku-inria/>

