

# Revisiting Amalgamation and Strong Amalgamation

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# Quantifier-free Interpolation

A first-order theory  $T$  has **quantifier-free interpolation** iff for every quantifier free formulae  $\phi, \psi$  such that  $\psi \wedge \phi$  is  $T$ -unsatisfiable, there exists a quantifier free formula  $\theta$  such that:

- (i)  $T \vdash \psi \rightarrow \theta$ ;
- (ii)  $\theta \wedge \phi$  is not  $T$ -satisfiable;
- (iii) only variables occurring both in  $\psi$  and in  $\phi$  occur in  $\theta$ .<sup>1</sup>

Quantifier-free interpolants are commonly used in formal verification during abstraction-refinement cycles (since [McMillan CAV 03], [McMillan TACAS 04], ...).

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<sup>1</sup>Warning: in these slides we use free variables and free constants interchangeably.

# Reachability: an example

Let's start explaining the story with a toy example.

Below we consider a program manipulating integer variables  $\underline{x} = pc, x, y$  (here  $pc$  is the program counter indicating the current location).

The code of the program is translated to a formula  $T(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')$  expressing the relation between current  $\underline{x}$  and next  $\underline{x}'$  state variables.

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Transition Formula  $T(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')$

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# Bounded Model Checking

Let  $\underline{x}^{(0)}, \dots, \underline{x}^{(n)}$  renamed copies of the  $\underline{x}$ .

The error location is reachable in  $n$  steps ( $n$  fixed) iff the formula

$$pc^{(0)} = 0 \wedge T(\underline{x}^{(0)}, \underline{x}^{(1)}) \wedge \dots \wedge T(\underline{x}^{(n)}, \underline{x}^{(n)}) \wedge pc^{(n)} = E$$

( $E := 7$  is the error location) is satisfiable.

We need **satisfiability of quantifier-free formulae modulo a theory** to discharge this<sup>2</sup>

SMT-solvers (Z3, Yices, MathSat, CVC, ...) are the dedicated tools.

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<sup>2</sup>NB: our quantifier free formulae have variables, so satisfiability of  $\phi$  means that there are a model of the theory and an assignment to the variables making  $\phi$  true.

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A first order theory  $T$  is stably infinite iff every model of  $T$  embeds into an infinite one. Without stable infiniteness, combined decidability can be lost [G. et al, IJCAR 2006].

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Since  $T$  is usually a disjunction of guarded assignments (i.e. of formulae of the form  $\psi(\underline{x}) \wedge \underline{x}' = \underline{t}(\underline{x})$  with quantifier-free  $\psi$ ), it is easily checked that  $Pre(T, \phi)$  is quantifier-free, in case  $\phi$  is.

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Since all proof obligations are quantifier-free and in the practical cases they involve stably infinite theories over disjoint signatures whose quantifier-free fragments are decidable, the plan is viable and SMT solvers can accomplish the task.

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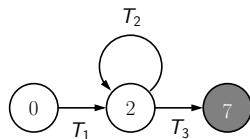
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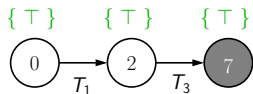
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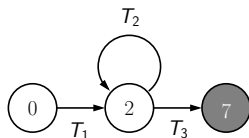
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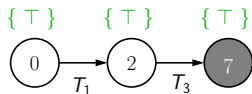
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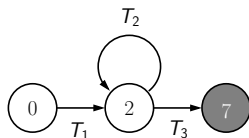
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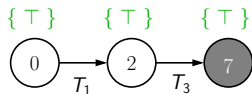
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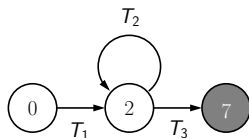
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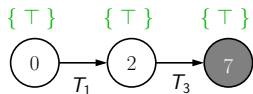
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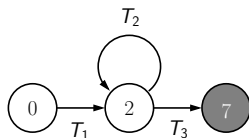
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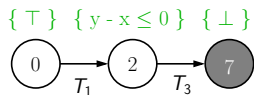
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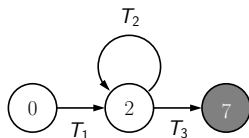
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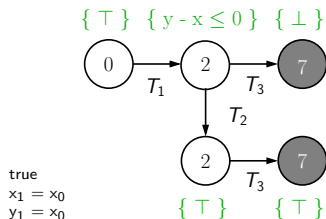
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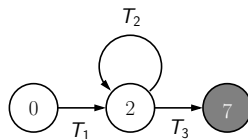


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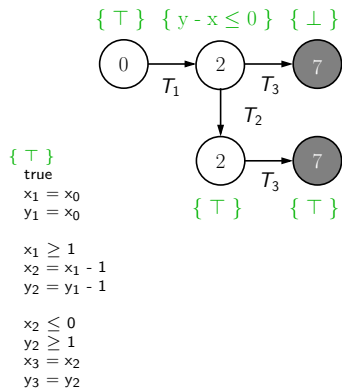
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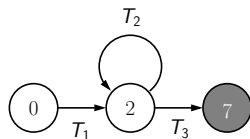
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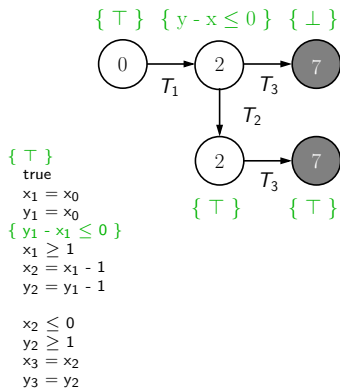
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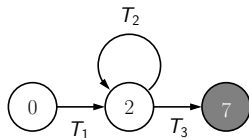
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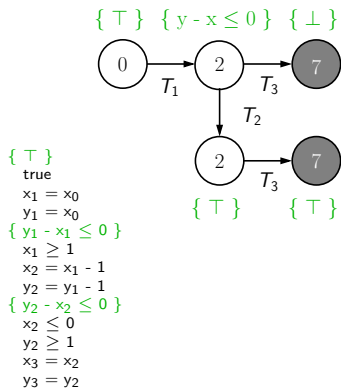
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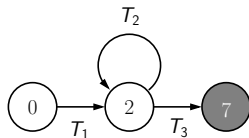
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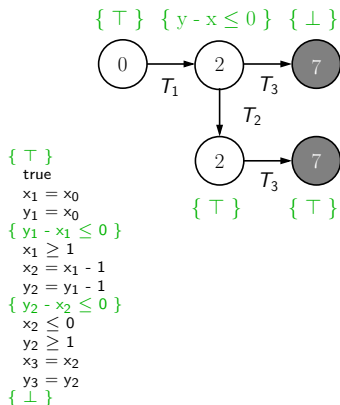
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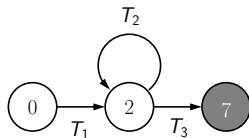
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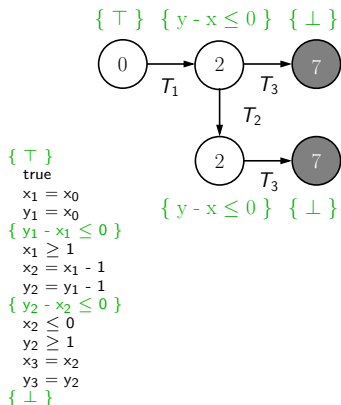
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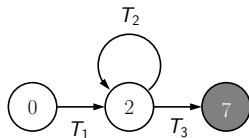
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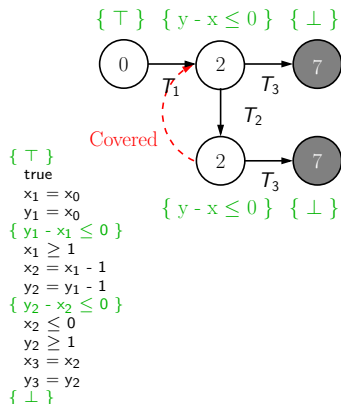
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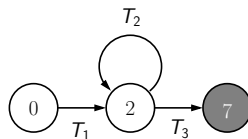
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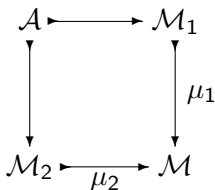
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We shall first take a **semantic approach** to clarify the situation.

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## Theorem (Bacsich 75)

*A (universal) theory  $T$  has the amalgamation property iff it has quantifier-free interpolation.*

This theorem is useful both for negative and for positive results. It gives the essential information about existence of interpolants: once the essential information is achieved, concrete algorithms can be designed.

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No identification is made in the amalgamated model!

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- (i)  $T \vdash \psi \rightarrow \theta$ ;
- (ii)  $\theta \wedge \phi$  is not  $T$ -satisfiable;
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Thus, the interpolation property commonly used in verification **corresponds to strong sub-amalgamability** (not just to plain sub-amalgamability).

# Strong Amalgamation Syntactically

For computational purposes, it is essential to have a syntactic characterization of strong amalgamability in order to design combined interpolation algorithms.

**NOTATION.** Given two finite tuples  $\underline{t} \equiv t_1, \dots, t_n$  and  $\underline{v} \equiv v_1, \dots, v_m$  of terms,

the notation  $\underline{t} \cap \underline{v} \neq \emptyset$  stands for the formula  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{j=1}^m (t_i = v_j)$ .

We use  $\underline{t}_1 \underline{t}_2$  to denote the juxtaposition of the two tuples  $\underline{t}_1$  and  $\underline{t}_2$  of terms. So, for example,  $\underline{t}_1 \underline{t}_2 \cap \underline{v} \neq \emptyset$  is equivalent to

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A theory  $T$  is **equality interpolating** iff it has the quantifier-free interpolation property and satisfies the following condition:

- for every quintuple  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}_1, \underline{z}_1, \underline{y}_2, \underline{z}_2$  of tuples of variables and pair of quantifier-free formulae  $\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{y}_1)$  and  $\delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, \underline{y}_2)$  such that

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We are now in the position of making a large list of theories that can be combined while keeping quantifier-free interpolation property (all these theories are universal, stably infinite and strongly amalgamable/equality interpolating).

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## Theorem

*A convex amalgamating first order theory  $T$  has the above Beth definability property iff it is equality interpolating.*

A first order theory  $T$  is said to be *convex* iff for every conjunction of literals  $\delta$ , if

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( $n \geq 1$ ) then there exists  $i = 1, \dots, n$  such that

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Conventions, notations and free assumptions on  $A, B$ :

- we replace variables with free constants;
- we assume that all atoms occurring in it are **pure**, i.e. either  $\Sigma_1$ - or  $\Sigma_2$ -atoms;
- constants, literals, formulae, etc. are called **transparent** if they contain either only free constants from  $A$  or only free constants from  $B$ ;
- we shall manipulate only ground formulae built up from pure and transparent atoms;
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Thus, in the end, if we exhaustively apply case-split and the above procedure making constants shared, we must result in a situation where  $A_i \cup B_i$  is  $T_i$ -inconsistent (for some  $i = 1, 2$ ) and thus interpolants can be computed.



Thanks for attention!

We say that a theory  $T$  satisfies **condition YMc** iff it has the quantifier free interpolation property and for every pair  $y_1, y_2$  of variables, for further tuples  $\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2$ , for every pair of conjunctions of literals  $\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, y_1), \delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, y_2)$  such that

$$\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, y_1) \wedge \delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, y_2) \vdash_T y_1 = y_2 \quad (6)$$

there exists a term  $v(\underline{x})$  such that

$$\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, y_1) \wedge \delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, y_2) \vdash_T y_1 = v \wedge y_2 = v. \quad (7)$$

Condition YMc is equivalent to our condition of being equality interpolating **in case  $T$  is convex**. In case  $T$  is not convex, **YMc is insufficient for combined interpolation**: there is an example of a theory  $T$  (the 'golden cuff links theory') that satisfies YMc but such that  $T \cup \mathcal{EUF}$  does not have quantifier free interpolation.

# YM conditions

We say that a theory  $T$  satisfies **condition YMc** iff it has the quantifier free interpolation property and for every tuples  $\underline{x}$ ,  $\underline{z}_1$ ,  $\underline{z}_2$  of variables, further tuples  $\underline{y}_1 = y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n}$ ,  $\underline{y}_2 = y_{21}, \dots, y_{2n}$  of variables, and pairs  $\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{y}_1)$ ,  $\delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, \underline{y}_2)$  of conjunctions of literals,

$$\text{if } \delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{y}_1) \wedge \delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, \underline{y}_2) \vdash_T \bigvee_{i=1}^n (y_{1i} = y_{2i}) \text{ holds,}$$

then there exists a tuple  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}) = v_1, \dots, v_n$  of terms such that

$$\delta_1(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{y}_1) \wedge \delta_2(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_2, \underline{y}_2) \vdash_T \bigvee_{i=1}^n (y_{1i} = v_i \wedge v_i = y_{2i}).$$

Condition YM is **sufficient to guarantee combined quantifier free interpolation** but it is **too strong** in this sense (it is stronger than our equality interpolating condition).