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## Deduction at Scale Seminar 2011

# Efficient Interpolant Generation in Satisfiability Modulo Linear Integer Arithmetic

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- ◆ **(Craig) Interpolation** for ground first-order theories successfully applied in formal verification
  - ◆ Efficient SMT-based algorithms for several theories and combinations (e.g. EUF, LA(Q), DL, UTVPI)
- ◆ **Interpolation for full LA(Z) is harder**
  - ◆ Some promising recent work [Brillout et al IJCAR'10, Kroening et al. LPAR'10], but still some drawbacks
- ◆ **This work:** propose a **novel, general** technique for interpolation in LA(Z)
  - ◆ to overcome some drawbacks of current approaches

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- ◆ **(Craig) Interpolant** for an ordered pair  $(A, B)$  of formulas s.t.  
 $A \wedge B \models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$  is a formula  $I$  s.t.
  - $A \models_{\mathcal{T}} I$
  - $B \wedge I \models_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$
  - all the uninterpreted (in  $\mathcal{T}$ ) symbols of  $I$  occur in both  $A$  and  $B$

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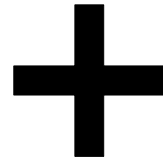
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# Interpolation and LA( $\mathbb{Z}$ )

- ◆ Linear Integer Arithmetic: constraints of the form

$$\sum_i c_i x_i + c \bowtie 0, \quad \bowtie \in \{\leq, =\}$$

- ◆ In general, no **quantifier-free interpolation for LA( $\mathbb{Z}$ )!**  
[McMillan05]

Example:  $A := (y - 2x = 0)$      $B := (y - 2z - 1 = 0)$

The only interpolant is:  $\exists w.(y = 2w)$

- ◆ Solution: **extend the signature** to include modular equations (divisibility predicates)

$$(t + c =_d 0) \equiv \exists w.(t + c = d \cdot w), \quad d \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$$

The interpolant now becomes:  $(y =_2 0)$

# SMT(LA(Z)) with modular equations

- ◆ Modular equations can be **eliminated** via preprocessing:

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with a fresh Boolean variable  $p_a$

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$$p_a \rightarrow (t + c - dw_1 = 0)$$

$$\neg p_a \rightarrow (t + c - dw_1 - w_2 = 0)$$

$$(-w_2 + 1 \leq 0)$$

$$(w_2 - d + 1 \leq 0)$$

where  $w_1, w_2$  are fresh integer variables

# Interpolation via quantifier elimination

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- ◆ Using modular equation, interpolants can be constructed via **quantifier elimination**:

$$I(A, B) := \text{ExistElim}(x_i \notin B)(A)$$

- ◆ However, this is **very expensive**, both in theory and in practice

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- ◆ **Interpolation by annotating proof rules** [McMillan05, Brillout et al. IJCAR'10]

- ◆ **Annotation** (in this talk): a set of pairs  $\{\langle t_i \leq 0, \bigwedge_j (t_{ij} = 0) \rangle\}_i$

- ◆ When  $\perp$  is derived, then

$$I := \bigvee_i (t_i \leq 0 \wedge \bigwedge_j \text{ExistElim}(x_i \notin B).(t_{ij} = 0))$$

is the computed interpolant



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(encoding the meaning of ceiling:  $\lceil t \rceil - 1 < t \leq \lceil t \rceil$ )

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where  $l$  is the least common multiple of the denominators of the coefficients in  $t$

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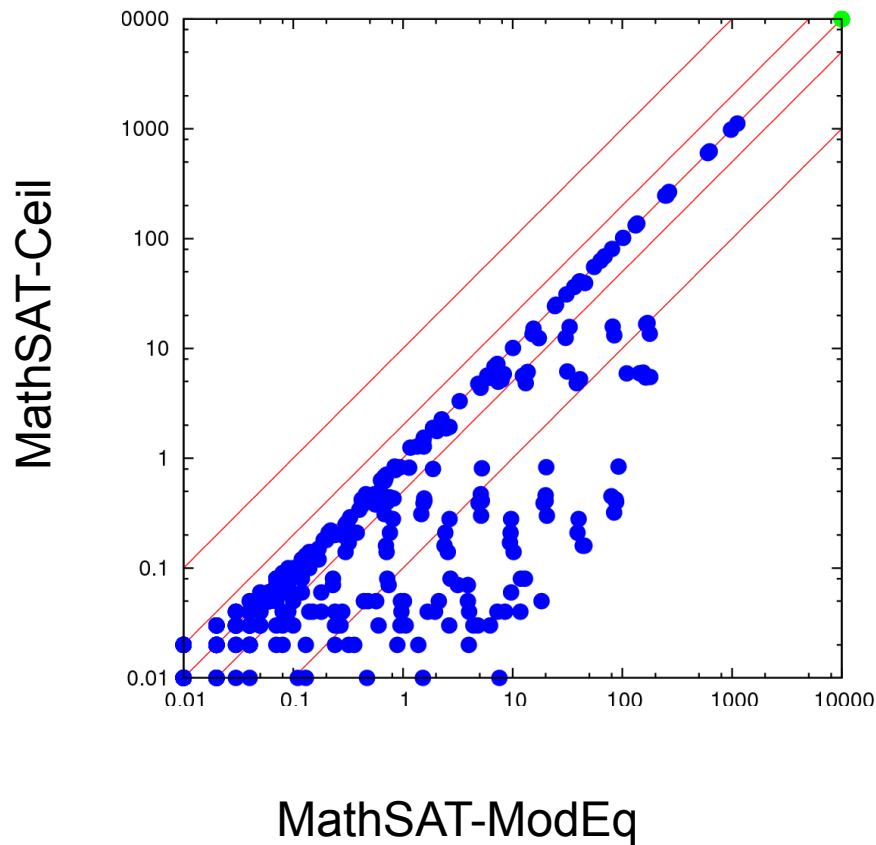
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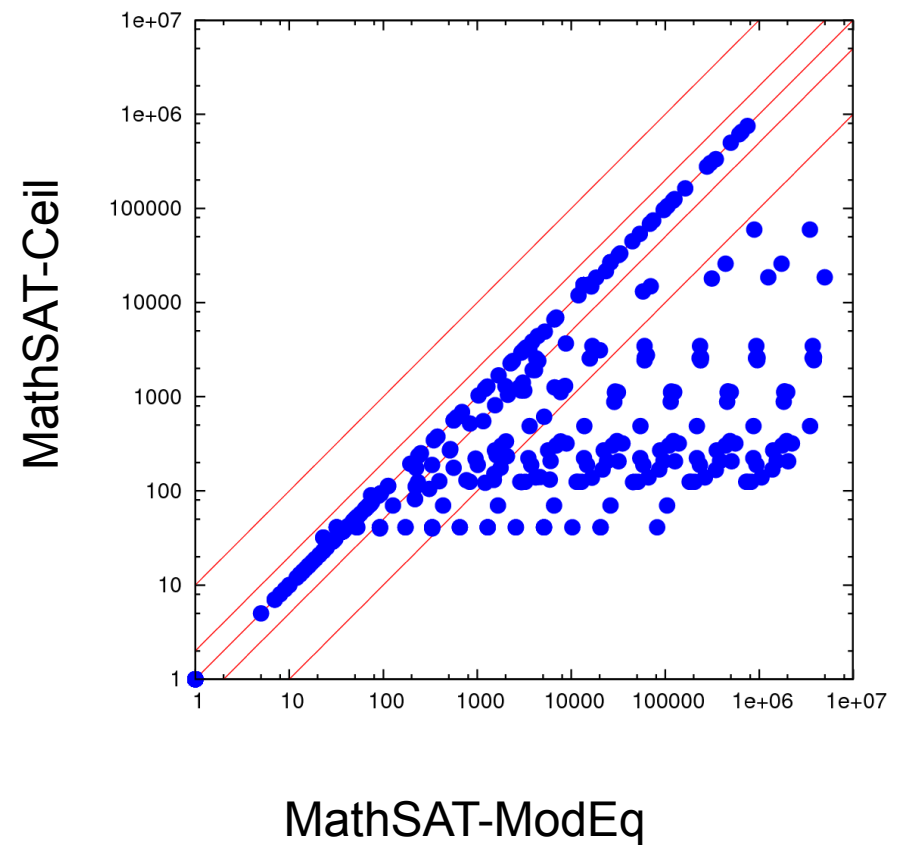
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  - ◆ Use also algorithm for Diophantine equations and Boolean interpolation algorithm for dealing with Branch and Bound
  - ◆ Implemented both algorithm based on Strengthen (**MathSAT-ModEq**) and on ceilings (**MathSAT-Ceil**)
- ◆ Use benchmarks that require non-trivial integer reasoning

# Results – Strengthen vs. ceilings

Execution Time



Size of Interpolants



Thank You