#### Word-level Quantifier Elimination

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    else { state = 0; done = 1;}
   else if (state == 2) {
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**Q: Can alarm be raised?** 

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Linear equality

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Boolean combination of Linear Arithmetic Formulae

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- Computing strongest post-condition (SP) of a loop
  - Suppose state at start of loop satisfies φ(Y)
  - What will state after one loop itern satisfy?
  - SP( $\phi(Y)$ , loop-body) =  $\exists Y$ . ( $\phi(Y) \land R(Y, Y')$ )

= a formula on Y'

- Bounded model checking
  - Values before iteration satisfy  $I(Y) = Z \subseteq Y$
  - Can values satisfy Bad(Z) at the end of k iterations?
  - Check satisfiability of  $I(Y_0) \land R(Y_0, Y_1) \land ... \land R(Y_{k-1}, Y_k) \land Bad(Z_k)$
  - Includes all variables in each unrolling
    - Bottleneck if k is large
  - Can we use an abstract transition relation?
    - $R'(W, W') = \exists (Y \setminus W) \exists (Y' \setminus W'). R(Y, Y')$
    - $W \subseteq Y$  and  $W' \subseteq Y'$

- Projections based state abstractions
  - State: Values of all variables in program at given program location
    - e.g. a = 0, b = 1, x = 0
  - Set of states:
    - $(a,b,x) \in \{(0,1,0), (2,8,3), (100,5,98), ...\}$
  - Symbolic state:
    - Formula on variables
    - Represents set of states that satisfy formula
    - e.g. (b + x) > a ... as integers

- Projections based state abstractions
  - What if values of only some variables are interesting or relevant?
  - Simply symbolic state formula
    - e.g. symbolic state  $\varphi(Y)$ , but only values of vars in  $W \subseteq Y$  relevant
    - Abstract( $\phi(Y)$ ) =  $\exists(Y \setminus W)$ .  $\phi(Y)$
- Program Synthesis
  - Several key steps involve existentially quantifying variables from formulae

## Why Eliminate Quantifiers?

- Reasoning about quantified formulas more difficult in practice
- Efficient decision procedures for several quantifierfree theories exist
  - Corresponding quantified theories may not have efficient decision procedures
  - E.g. linear arithmetic over reals
- Bounded Model Checking with abstract transition relations
  - Fewer vars in formula if abstract trans relation is quantifier-free

## Quantifier Elimination (QE)

- Theory T admits QE if
  - for every quantified formula  $\varphi(Y)$  in T, there is a quantifier-free formula  $\varphi'(Y)$  s.t.  $\varphi(Y) \equiv_{T} \varphi'(Y)$
- Not every theory admits QE
  - Theory of fixed-width bit-vectors does
  - Theory of monadic predicates does not
- **QE algorithm for T** (that admits QE)
  - Given a quantified formula in T, generates an equivalent quantifier-free formula in T<sup>14</sup>

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Focus on linear bit-vector arithmetic constraints

#### Notation

- <u>*LME*</u> :  $c_1 x_1 + ... + c_n x_n = c_0 \pmod{2^p}$
- <u>LMD</u>:  $c_1.x_1+...+c_n.x_n \neq c_0 \pmod{2^p}$
- <u>LMI</u>:  $c_1.x_1+...+c_n.x_n + c_0 \le d_1.x_1+...+d_n.x_n + d_0 \pmod{2^p}$
- <u>LMC</u>: LME, LMD or LMI (linear arithmetic modulo congruence)

p : a +ve integer constant  $2^{p}$  : modulus  $x_{1},...,x_{n}$  : p-bit non-negative integer variables  $c_{0},...,c_{n}, d_{0},...,d_{n}$  : p-bit non-negative integer constants Assume for now all LMCs have the same modulus

## **Quick Partial Literature Survey**

#### **Classical work**

Presburger Arithmetic with congruence relation admits QE [*Presburger 1929*]

QE algorithm results in exponential (in #vars quantified) blowup in all but the simplest cases **Scalability issues in practice** 

More Efficient Reasoning about LMEs and LMDs

Reducing LMEs into solved form : Ganesh & Dill., 2007

Interpolation algorithm for LMEs, hardness of satisfiability problem for LMDs/LMIs : Jain et al 2008, Bjorner et al 2008

QE algorithm for LMEs and LMDs : John & C. 2011, 2013 20

#### **Quick Literature Survey**

#### **QE from LMCs**

- Bit-blasting + QE at bit-level
  - Destroys the word-level structure
  - Does not scale well for LMCs with large modulus
- Conversion to Integer Linear Arithmetic (ILA) + ILA QE Brinkmann et al 2002
  - Converting back to modular arithmetic difficult
  - Blow-up in many practical cases

#### Outline

- QE from conjunctions of LMCs: layered algorithm
- Extending to Boolean combinations
- Experimental results
- Conclusion

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$$2x = 5y + 4$$
  
$$(5y+4+z \neq 0) \land \exists x.((2x = 5y+4) \land (x+y \leq 3)) \mod 8$$

Layer1 may not eliminate quantifier

# Layer 2: Drop unconstraining LMCs $\exists x.((2x = 5y+4)\land(x+y \le 3)) \mod 8$ x is a bit-vector of size 3 $x_2$ $x_1$ $x_0$

 $(2x=5y+4) X_1 X_0 0 = 5y+4$ 

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 $\exists x.((2x = 5y+4) \land (x+y \le 3)) \mod 8 \equiv \exists x.((2x = 5y+4)) \mod 8$  $\oint 0 = (5y + 4) \mod 2$  $\equiv (4y = 0) \mod 8$ 



# Layer 2: Intuition

- Take an arbitrary solution of C
  - In how many ways can it be "engineered" to satisfy Z1 without affecting bit-slice that affects C?
- Take an arbitrary solution of C 
  A Z1
  - In how many ways ... to satisfy Z2 without affecting bit-slices that affect C or Z1?
  - If answer > 1, then  $\exists x. C \Rightarrow \exists x. (C \land Z1 \land Z2)$
- Closed form, efficiently computable, conservative formula for answer

- Fourier-Motzkin: QE from linear inequalities on reals, rationals
- Normalization:
  - Preservation of inequalities under addition and multiplication by positive terms
  - Existence of multiplicative, additive inverses

$$\exists x.((4x+4 \le 8y) \land (x \ge z))$$
  
$$\exists x.((4x \le 8y-4) \land (x \ge z))$$
  
$$\exists x.((x \le 2y-1) \land (x \ge z))$$

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 $(4x+4 \le 8y) \not\equiv (x \le 2y-1)$  $\exists x.((2x \le y) \land (2x \ge z)) \not\equiv (z \le y)$ 

Need to adapt Fourier-Motzkin



• Weak normal form for LMIs: (ax  $\leq$  t) and (ax  $\leq$  bx)

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if  $overflow(4x+2, 6) \equiv overflow(y, 6)$  then  $4x \le y+6$  else 4x > y+6

condition under which (4x+2)+6 overflows 3 bits

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i.e.  $(y \le z) \land (4y = 0)$ 



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  - $(y \le z) \land (z \ge y+3) \land (y \le 12)$
  - $(y \le z) \land (4y = 0)$
  - $(y \le z) \land (z \le y+3) \land (4y \ge 4z)$

#### Layer 3: Model enumeration

#### $\exists x.((y \le 2x) \land (3x \le z)) \mod 8$

Last resort: model enumeration

• 
$$V_{i=0..7}[(y \le 2x) \land (3x \le z)]_{|x=i|}$$

#### Eliminating multiple quantifiers

• Eliminate each quantifier using Layer 1 to Layer 3

• Procedure to eliminate multiple quantifiers called *Project* 

## QE for Boolean combinations of LMCs

 Decision diagram based approach (extending Chaki et al., 2009, John et al. 2011)

• SMT-solver based approach (extending *Monniaux, 2008, John et al. 2011*)

Hybrid approach

# QE using Decision Diagrams (DD)

- Represents formula as a DD: BDD with nodes labeled as LMEs and LMIs
- Our procedure QE\_LMDD eliminates quantifiers from DD by applying Project to each path
- Simplifications
  - Eliminates single variable at a time
  - Simplifies the DD using the LMEs

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# QE using Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) solver

 Monniaux et al. 2008: Algorithm to extend Fourier-Motzkin to Boolean combinations of Linear Inequalities over Reals

Our procedure extends Monniaux's approach

- Predicates are LMCs, not Linear Inequalities over Reals
- Project in place of Fourier-Motzkin

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• Given 3X.f, where f is a DD



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- Each  $\exists X.(f_i \wedge C_i)$  computed by DD based approach
- $V_{i=1..n}$ [ $\exists X.(f_i \land C_i)$ ] computed by Monniaux style loop



# **Experimental Results**

#### **Benchmarks**

- Existentially quantified Boolean combinations of LMCs
- I98 LinDD benchmarks (from Chaki et al. 2009)
  - $ax+by \leq k$  over integers,  $a, b \in \{-1, 1\}$
  - Converted to LMCs assuming 16-bits for integers

23 VHDL benchmarks (from transition relation abstraction)

# QE\_LMDD vs Monniaux vs QE\_Combined



DD and SMT based approaches incomparable

Hybrid approach inherits strengths of both

#### Project details



Project Vs Layer1 + Bit-level QE



• Project compared with Layer1 followed by blasting + QE using BDDs

Project Vs Layer1 + Omega Test



Project compared with Layer1 followed by conversion to ILA + QE using Omega Test

• Project outperforms

#### Layer3 Vs Omega Test



• Layer3 compared with conversion to ILA + QE using Omega Test

Layer3 outperforms
## Conclusions

 Modular arithmetic based techniques exist for QE from LMEs, LMDs, and LMIs

• Keep the final result in modular arithmetic

 Outperform Integer Linear Arithmetic and bit-blasting based techniques

Further work needed on other non-linear constraints

## Questions ?

## QE using SMT-solver



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