

Automated Program Reasoning

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Automated Reasoning

In a vague sense, **automated reasoning** involves:



1. Representing a problem as a **mathematical/logical statement**
2. **Computer-supported automatic check** whether this statement is **true**

Automated Reasoning

in Program Analysis

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(ex. ~200kLoC, VAMPIRE prover)



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Safety property:

$(\forall p)(0 \leq p < b \Rightarrow$

$(\exists q)(0 \leq q < a \wedge B[p]=A[q]+h(p) \wedge A[q]>0)$

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Automated Reasoning for Software Correctness

Generating and Ensuring
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Automated Reasoning for Security and Privacy



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- Leaking **hw** ?
(e.g. measure of side-channel leakage)

Verifying Relational Properties using Trace Logic

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Abstract—We present a logical framework for the verification of relational properties in imperative programs. Our framework reduces verification of relational properties of imperative programs to a validity problem in trace logic, an expressive instance of first-order predicate logic. Trace logic draws its expressiveness from its syntax, which allows expressing properties over computation traces. Its axiomatization supports fine-grained reasoning about intermediate steps in program execution, notably loop iterations. We present an algorithm to encode the semantics of programs as well as their relational properties in trace logic, and then show how first-order theorem proving can be used to reason about the resulting trace logic formulas. Our work is implemented in the tool RAPID and evaluated with examples coming from the security field.

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5
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7      Int hw = 0;
8
9      while (i < alength)
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12         i = i + 1;
13     }
14 }
```

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```

- No matter what permutation of **a**, the **hw** is the same

Relational Verification

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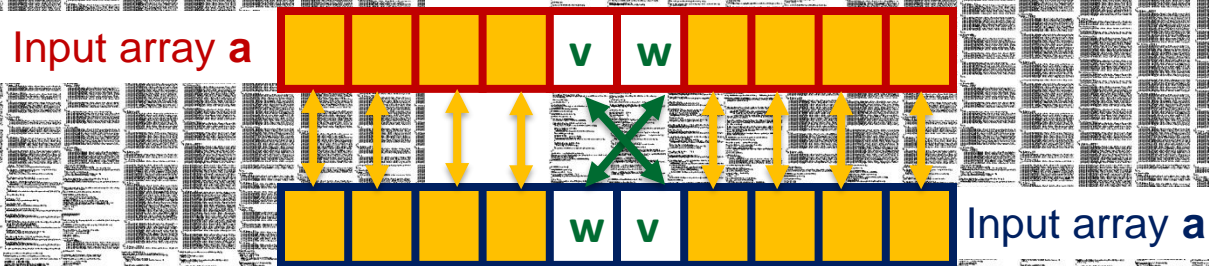


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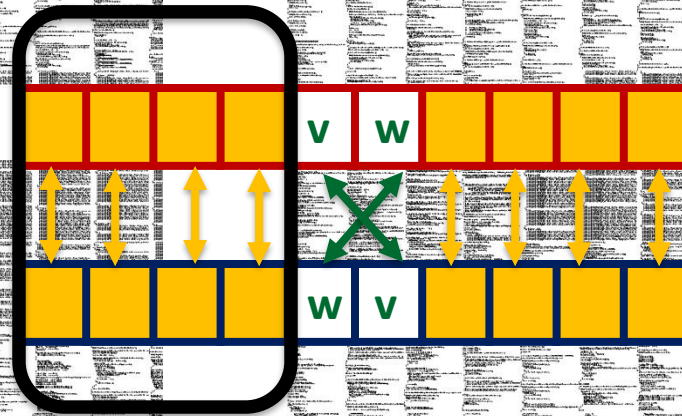
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Relational Verification

Induction

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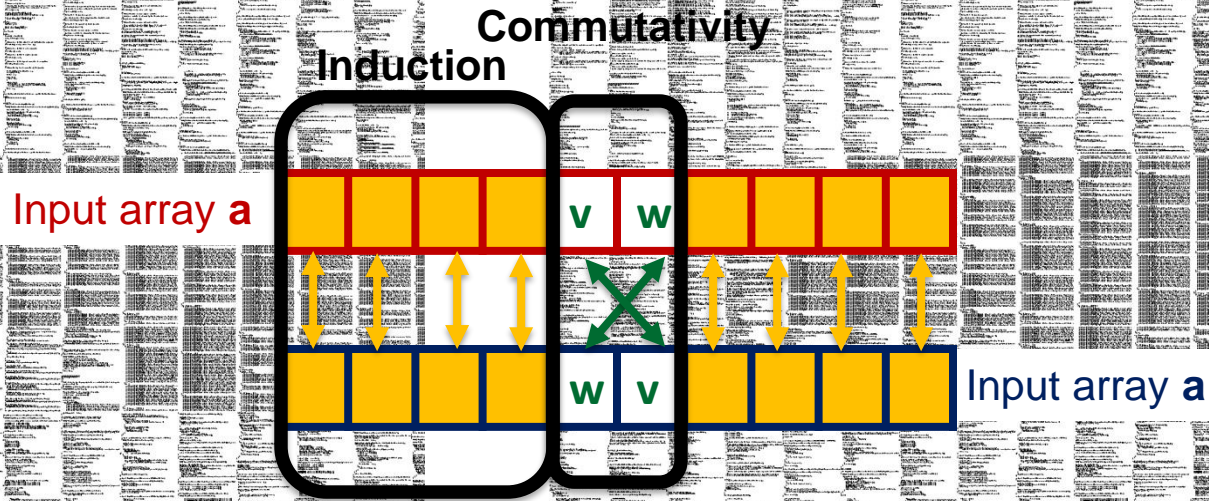
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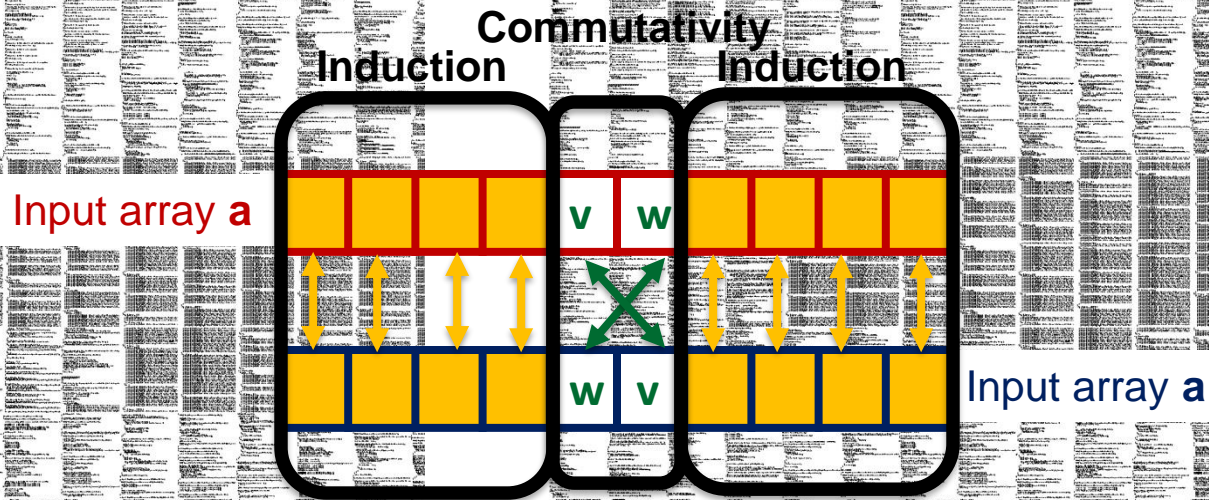


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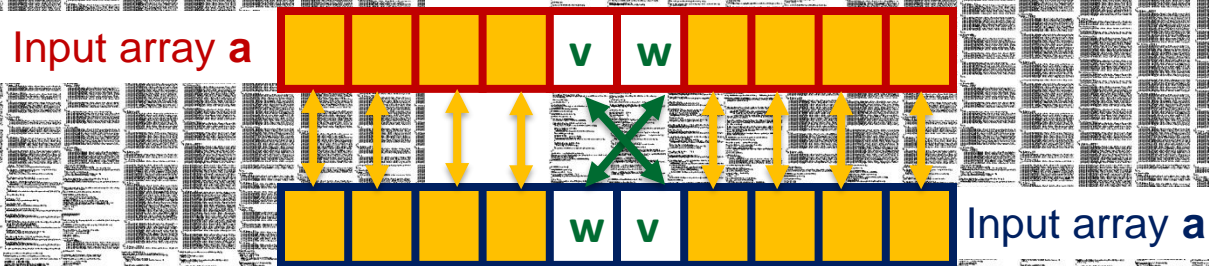


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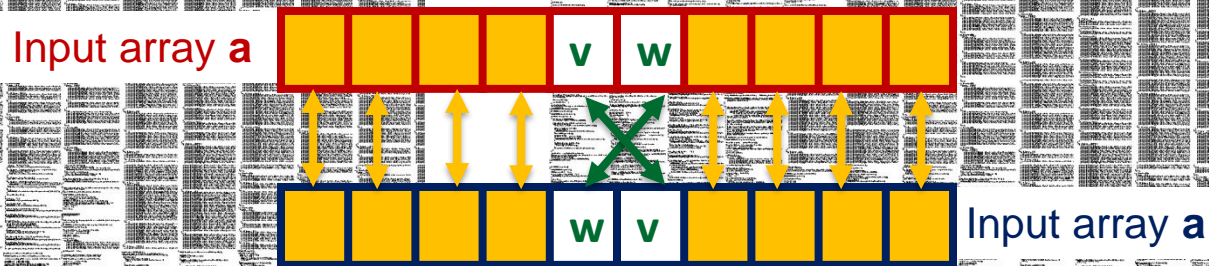
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Automated Reasoning for Security and Privacy

Relational Verification (non-interference, sensitivity)



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Benchmarks	Vampire				CVC4	Z3
	S	S+A	F	F+A		
1-hw-equal-arrays	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
2-hw-last-position-swapped	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓
3-hw-swap-and-two-arrays	-	✓	-	-	-	-
4-hw-swap-in-array-lemma	-	✓	-	-	-	-
4-hw-swap-in-array-full	-	✓	-	-	-	-
1-ni-assign-to-high	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2-ni-branch-on-high-twice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3-ni-high-guard-equal-branches	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4-ni-branch-on-high-twice-prop2	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓
5-ni-temp-impl-flow	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
6-ni-branch-assign-equal-val	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
7-ni-explicit-flow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8-ni-explicit-flow-while	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
9-ni-equal-output	✓	-	-	-	-	✓
10-ni-rsa-exponentiation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
1-sens-equal-sums	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2-sens-equal-sums-two-arrays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3-sens-abs-diff-up-to-k	-	-	-	-	-	-
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5-sens-two-arrays-equal-k	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6-sens-diff-up-to-explicit-k	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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11-sens-equal-k-twice	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
12-sens-diff-up-to-forall-k	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Total VAMPIRE	15	18	17	19		
Unique VAMPIRE	1	4	0	0		
Total		25			14	13

We proved 11 unique problems from security and privacy.

Automated Reasoning for Security, Privacy, Safety, ...

New Reasoning Challenges:

- **Software semantics** in (extensions) of first-order logic
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What Kind of Automated Reasoners can be Used?

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What is VAMPIRE?

- An automated theorem prover for first-order logic and theories.

<https://vprover.github.io/download.html>

- **Completely automatic:** once you started a proof attempt, it can only be interrupted by terminating the process.
- **Champion** of the **CASC world-cup** in first-order theorem proving:
won CASC > 55 times.



VAMPIRE

- It produces detailed **proofs**
- It competes with SMT solvers on their problems
- In normal operation, it is **saturation-based**
- It is **portfolio-based** - works best when uses lots of strategies
- It supports lots of **extra features** and **options** helpful, for example, **system security**, including induction and theory reasoning.

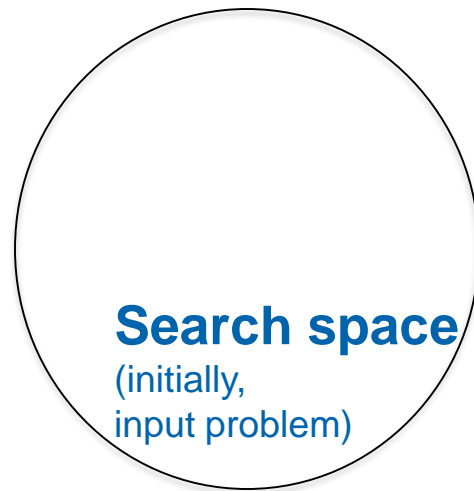
Automated Reasoning with VAMPIRE

Proof by Refutation

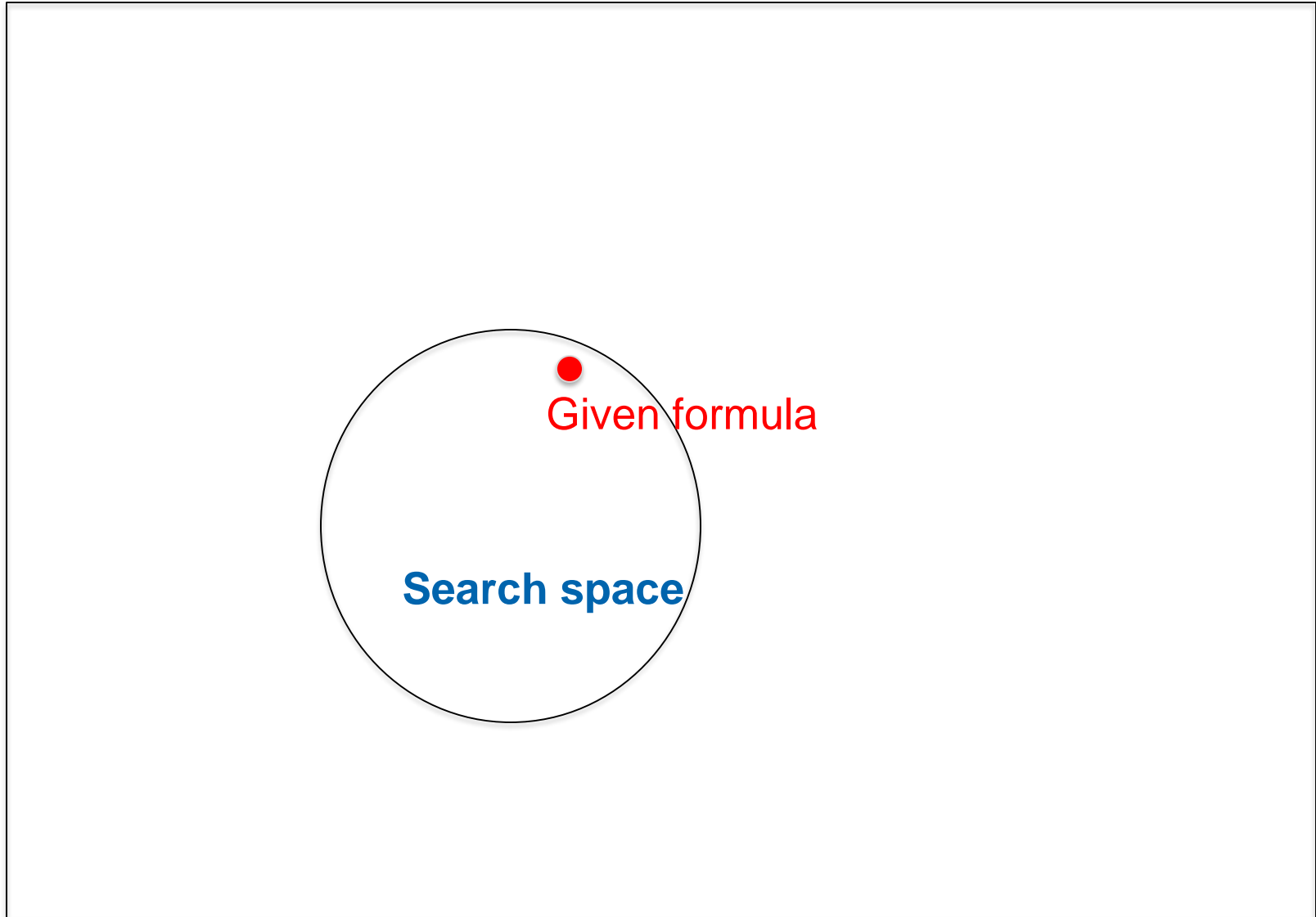
Given an input problem with assumptions F_1, \dots, F_n and goal G :

1. Negate the conjecture ($\neg G$);
2. Establish **unsatisfiability** of the set of formulas $F_1, \dots, F_n, \neg G$.

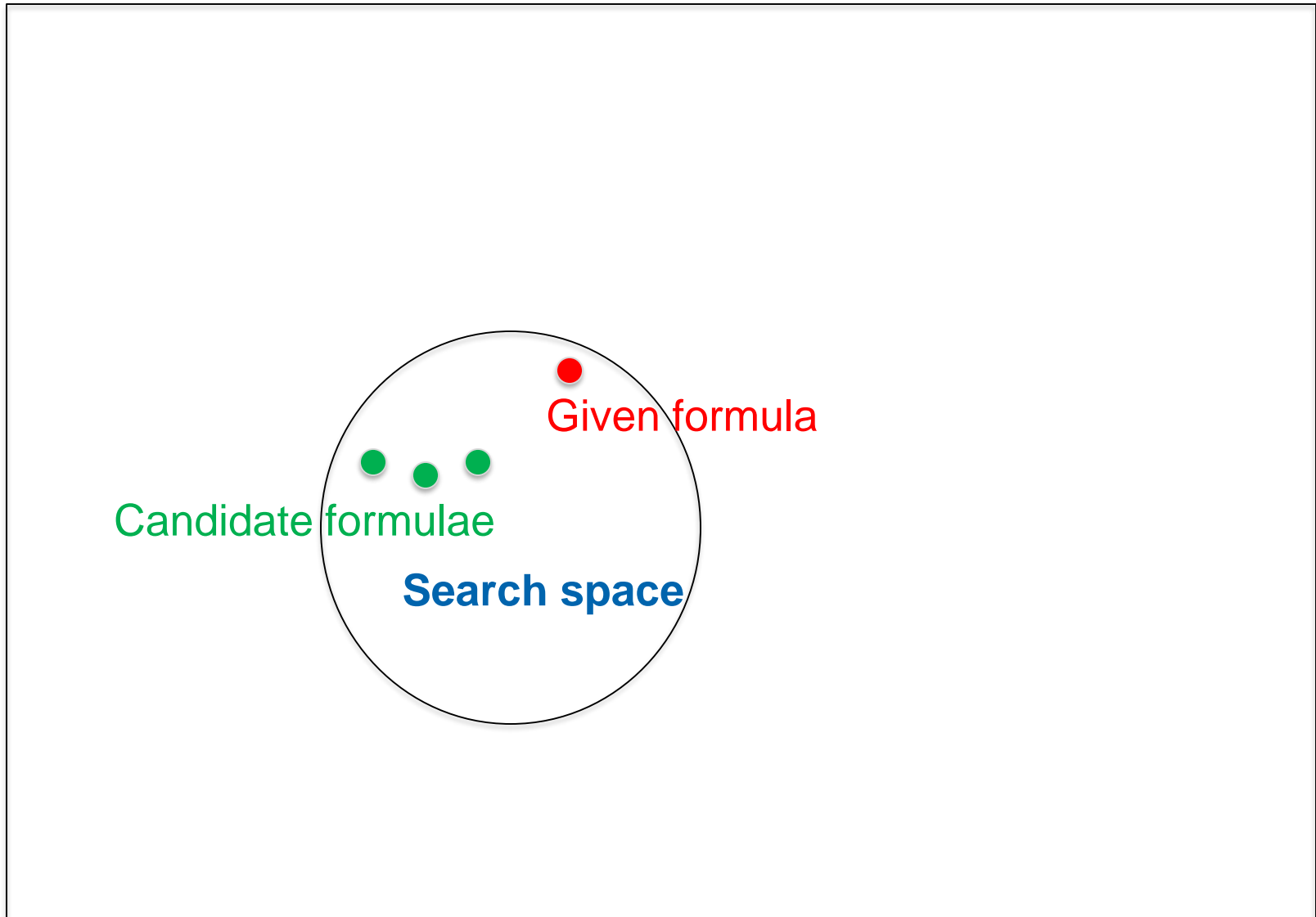
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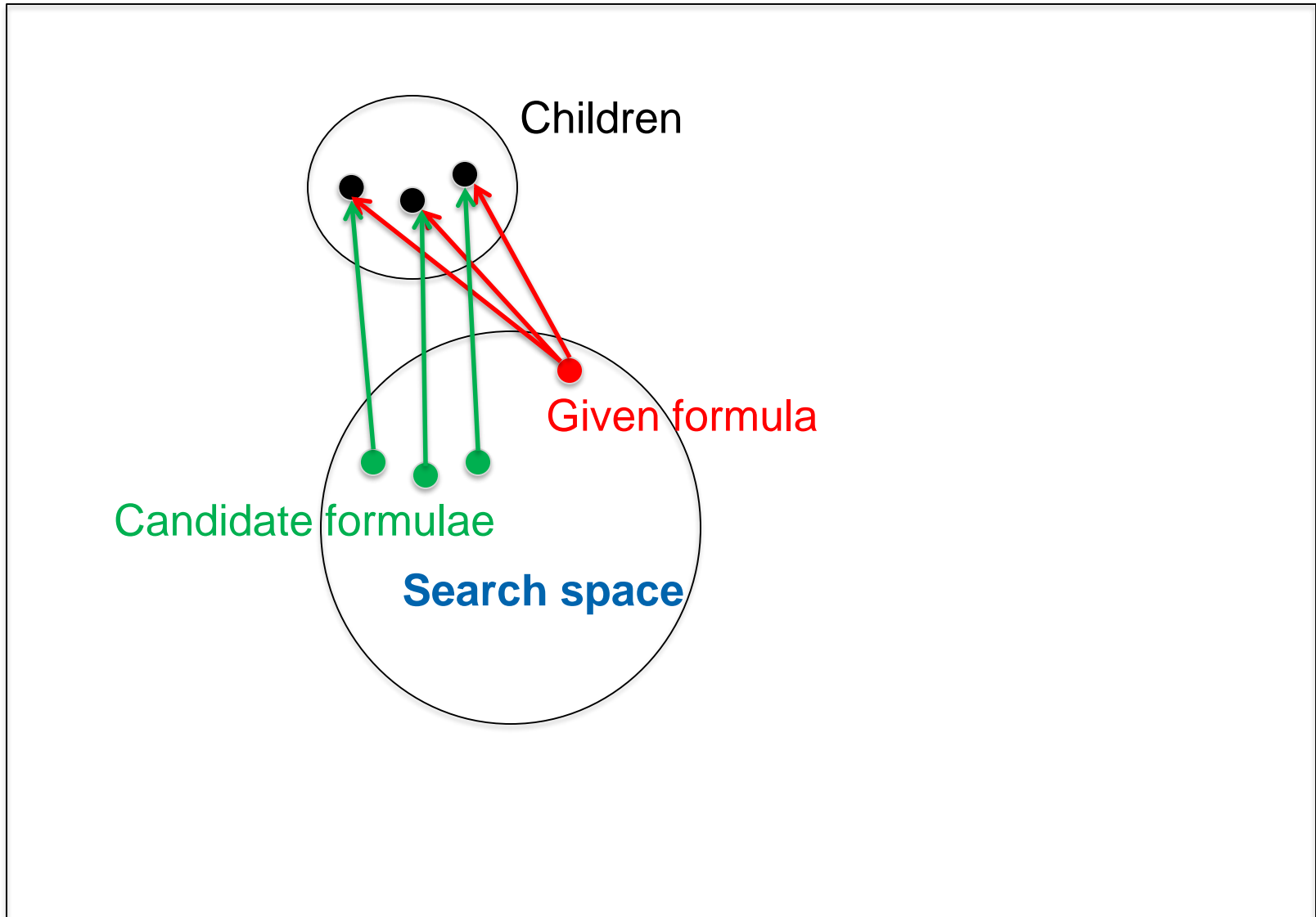
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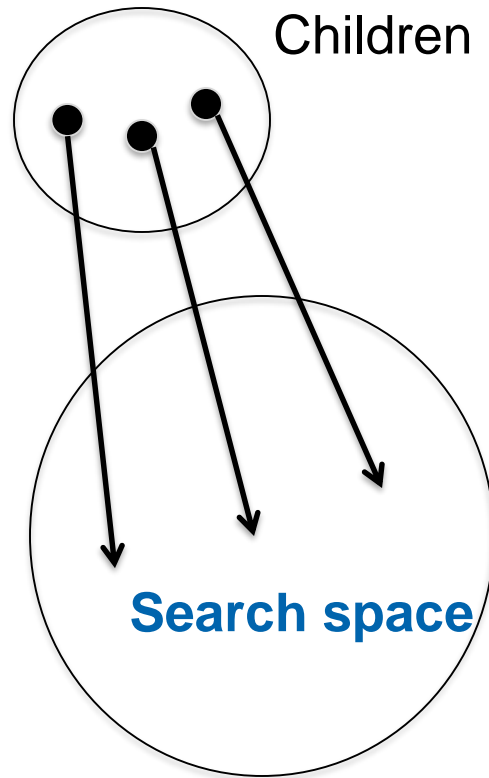
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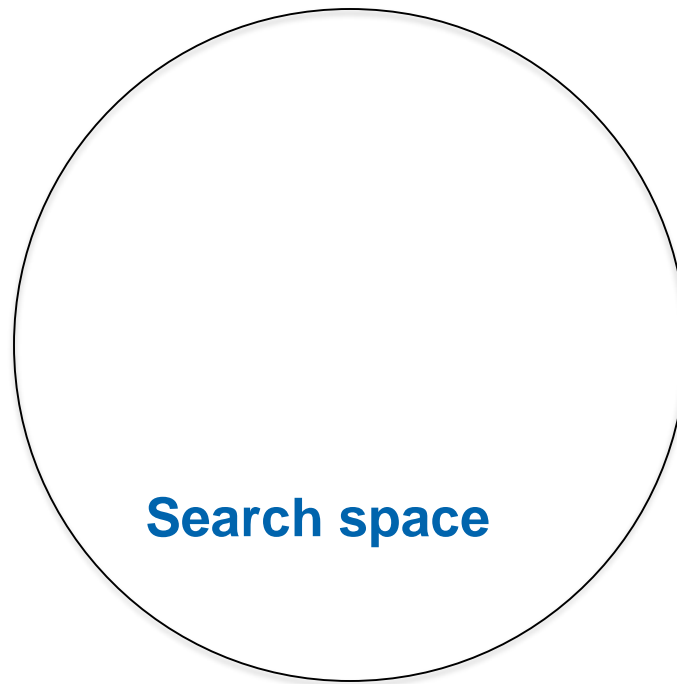
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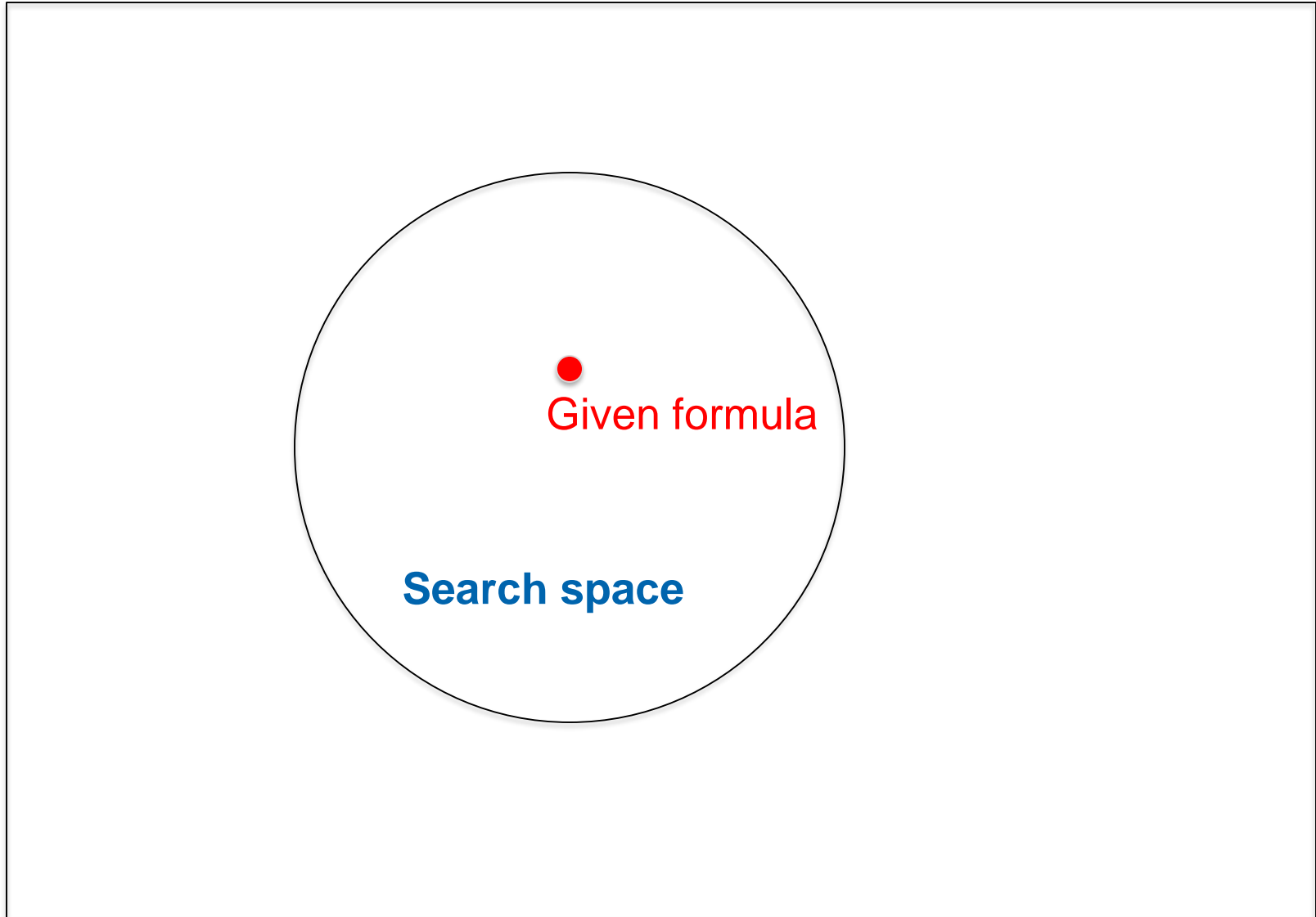
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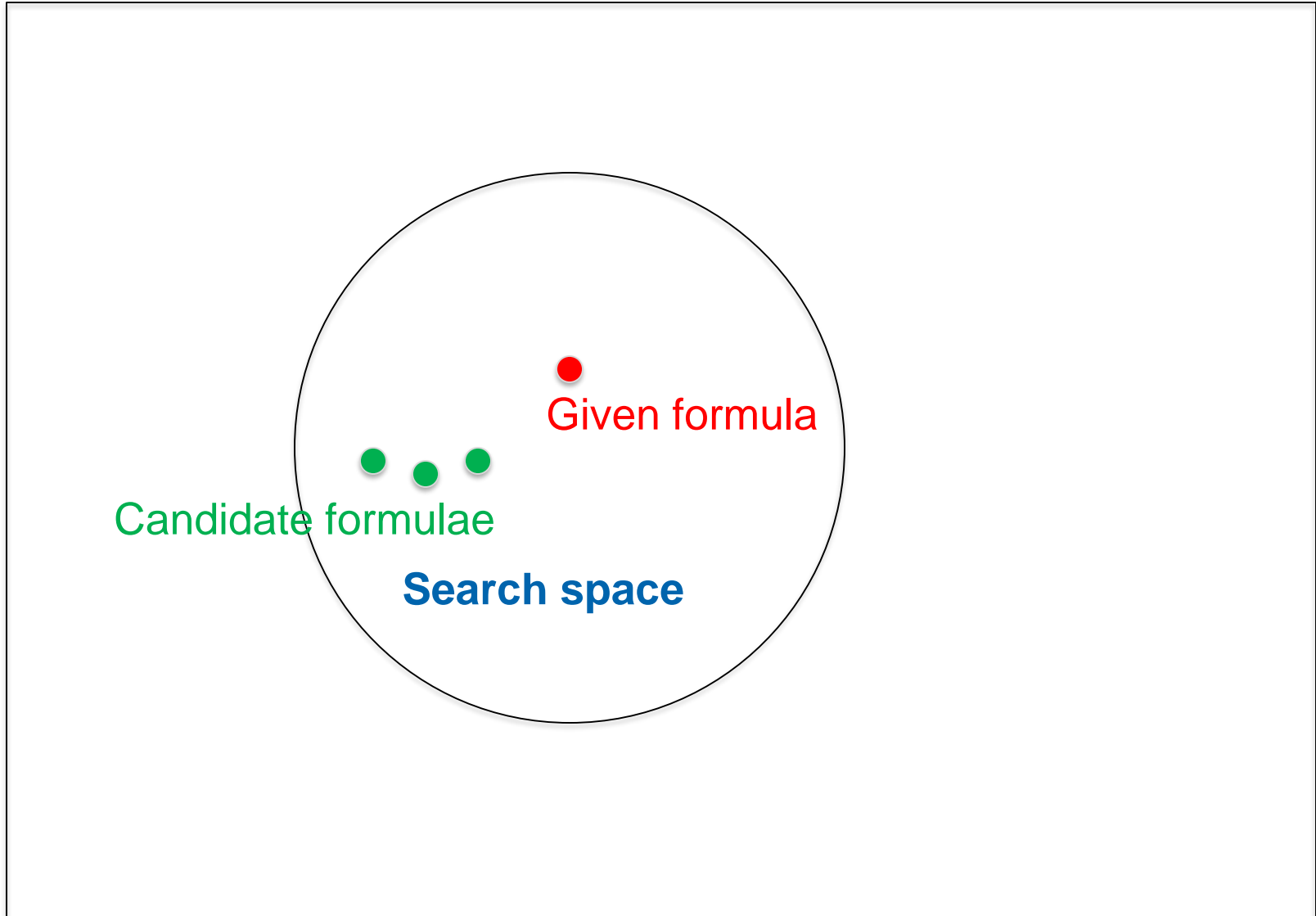
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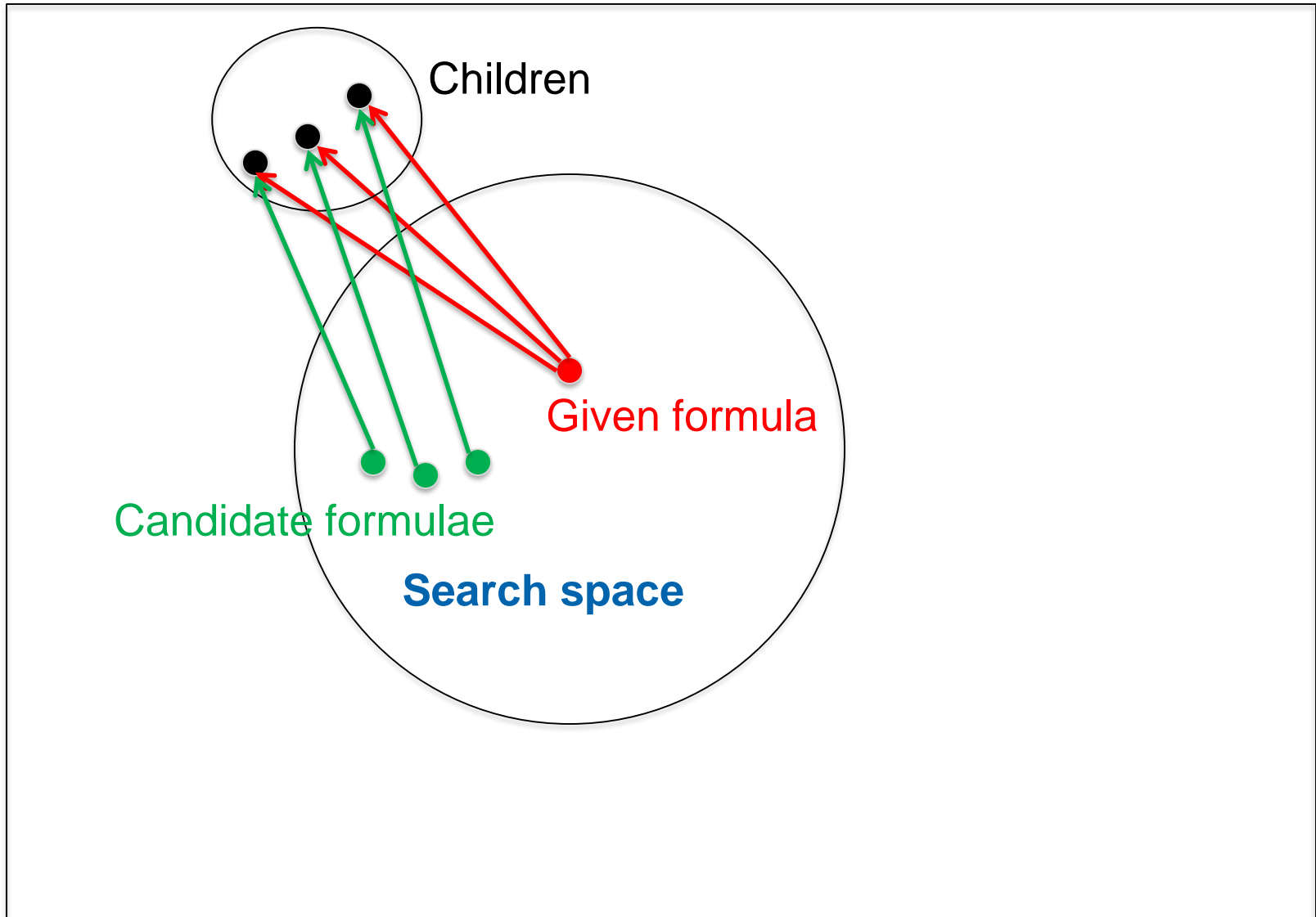
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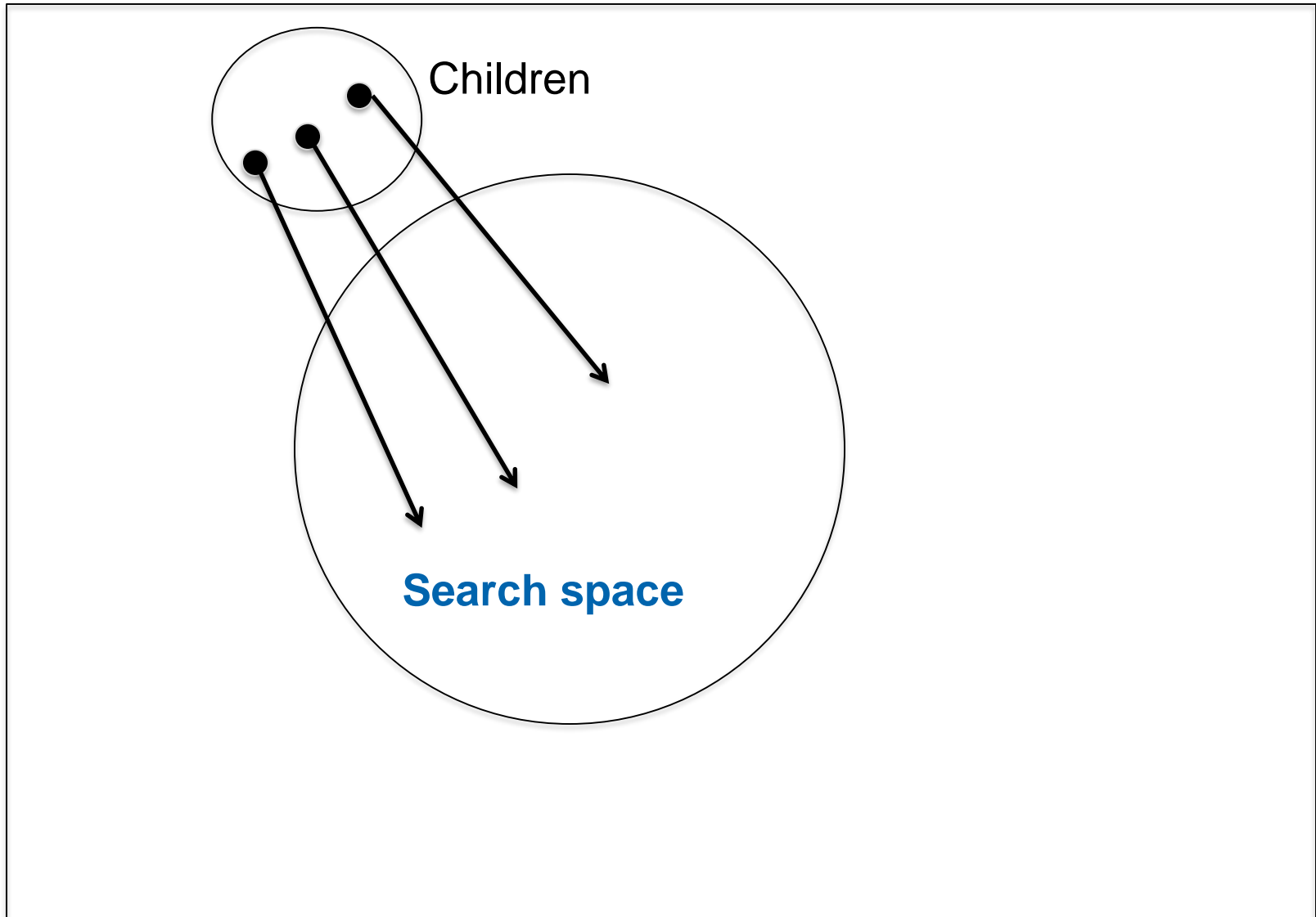
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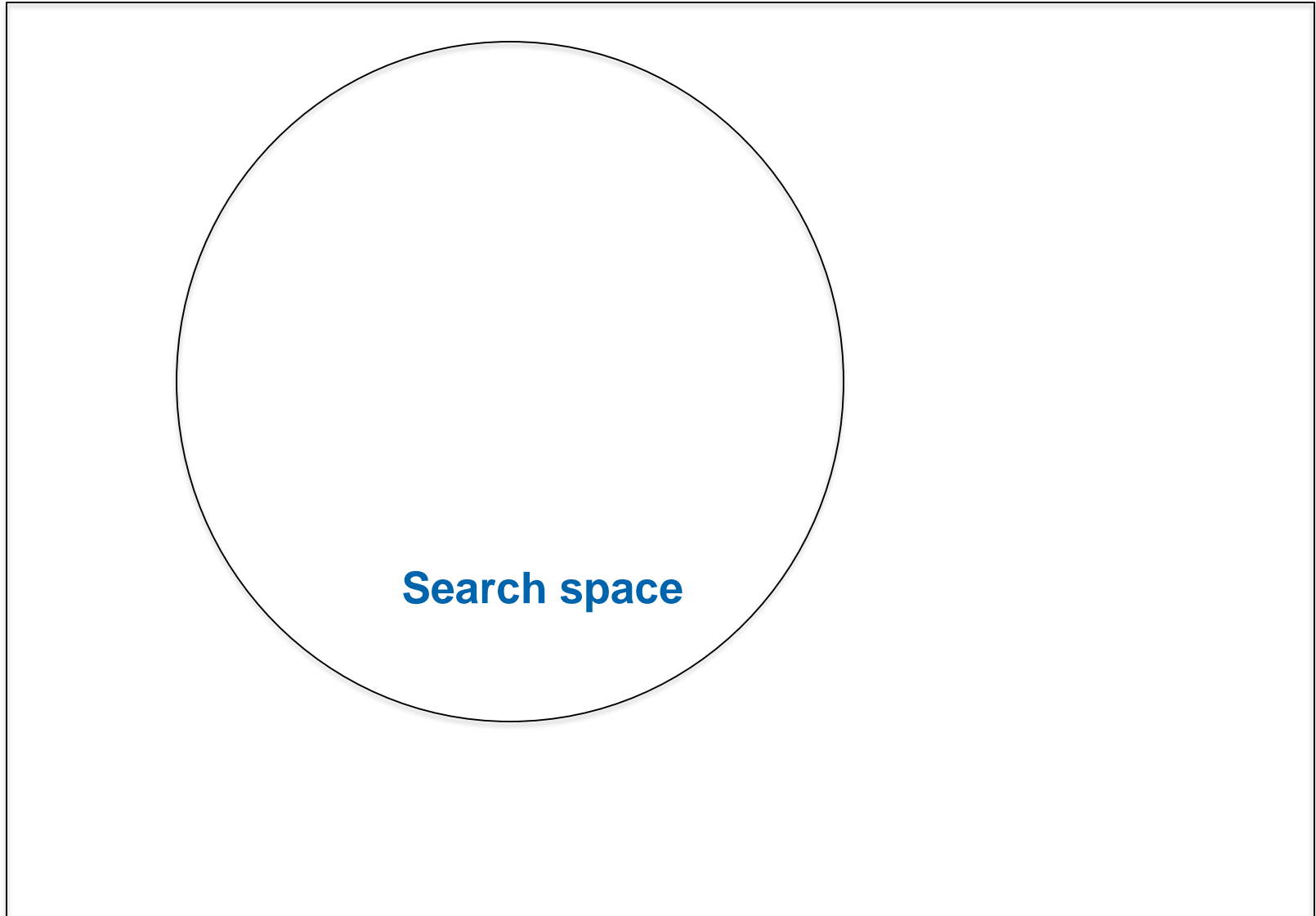
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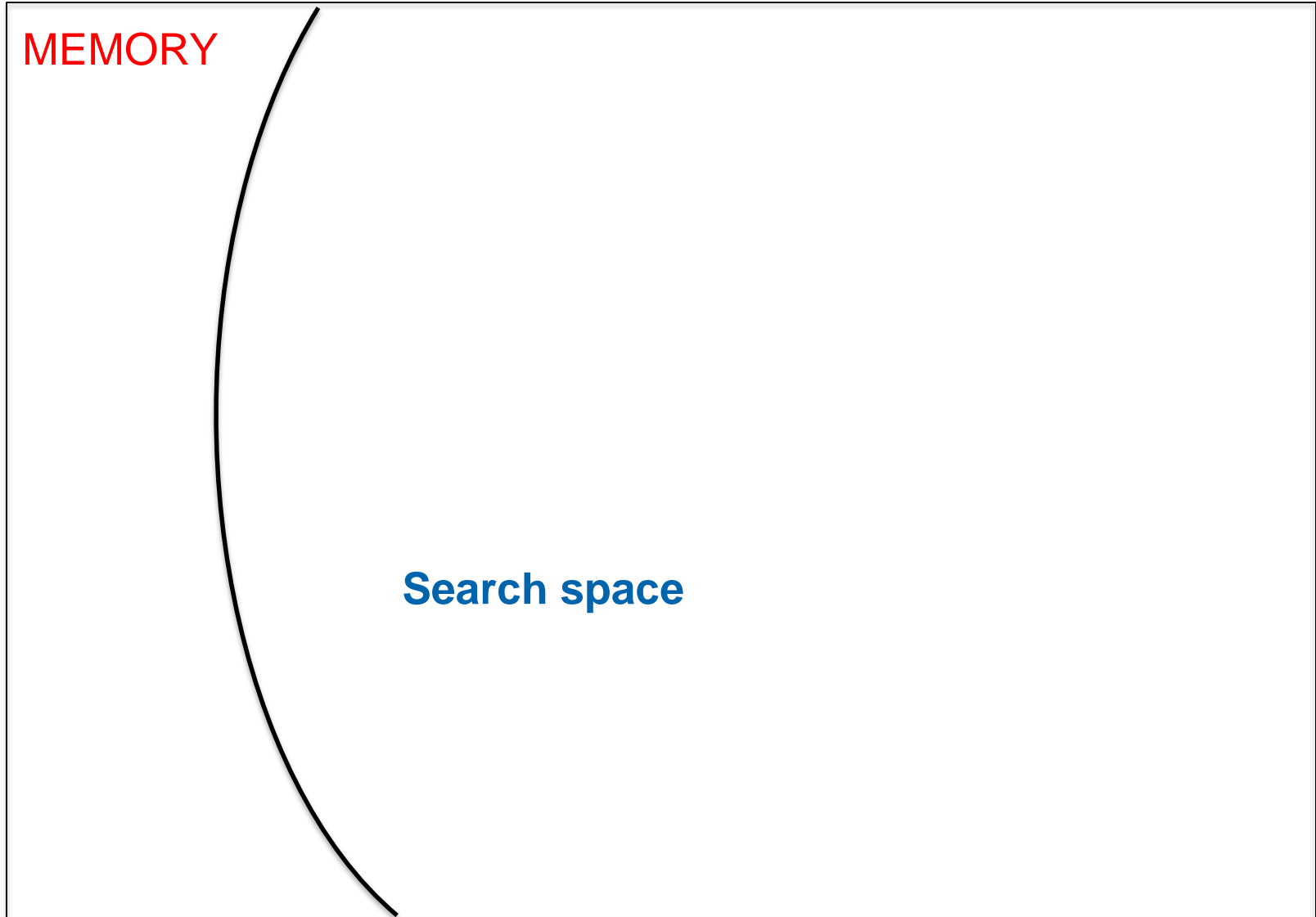
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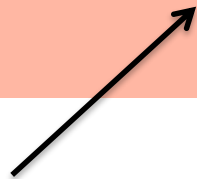
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Automated Program Reasoning – Our recipe

First-Order Theorem Proving in Software Development

Automated Program Reasoning – Our recipe



I can't get no **satisfaction**:

-and I try ...
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[The Rolling Stones]

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***New Reasoning Challenges** in Systems Engineering*

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Program variables as functions
capturing all variables values
throughout the loop

Trace Logic for Automated Loop Reasoning

Loop Language \rightarrow First-Order Language



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Extended Loop Language → First-Order Language Extended with Extra Symbols



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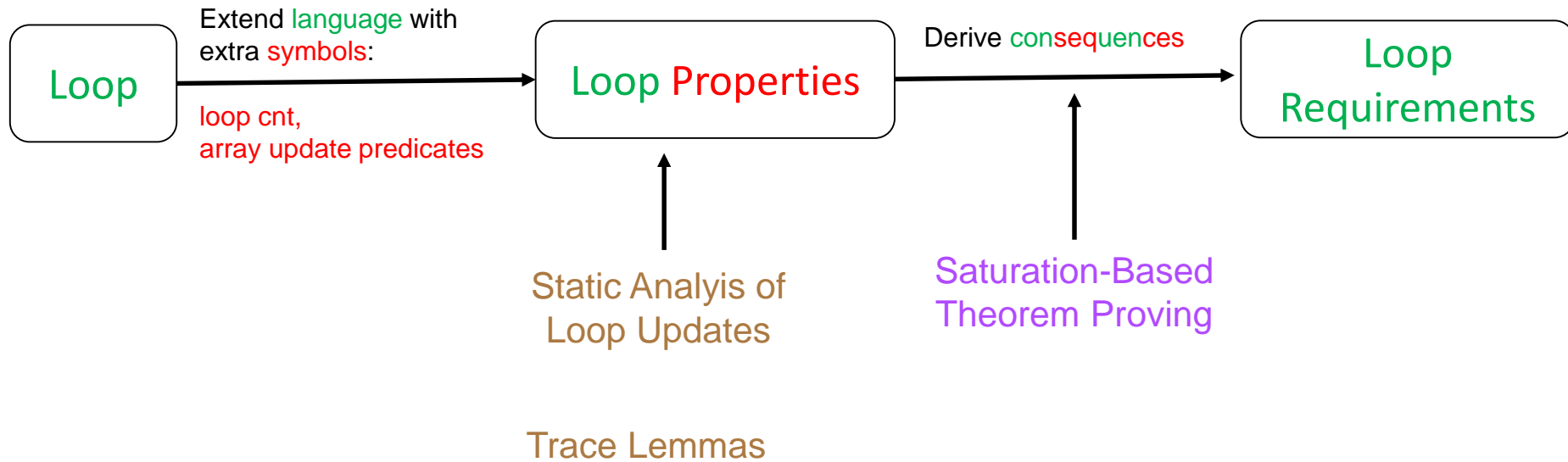
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assert $(\forall p) (0 \leq p < b \Rightarrow (\exists i)(0 \leq i < n \wedge A[i]=B[p]))$

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Extra Symbols of Trace Logic

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- loop counter **cnt**

- loop iteration predicate **iter**

- loop variable **v** as functions **v⁽ⁱ⁾** of iteration **i**

- array update properties **upd_v(i,p)**, **upd_v(i,p,x)**
for array variable **V**, loop iteration **i**, array
position **p**, array element value **x**

Trace Logic for Automated Loop Reasoning

Loop Properties in Trace Logic

assume $((\forall x) h(x)=0) \wedge (0 < n < a.length)$

$a=0, b=0, c=0;$

while $(a < n)$ do

if $A[a] > 0$ then $B[b]=A[a]+h(b);$

$b=b+1;$

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$(\forall i) (i \in \text{iter} \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq i < \text{cnt})$

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```
1  func main() {
2      const Int[] a;
3
4      Int[] b;
5      Int i = 0;
6      Int j = 0;
7      while (i < a.length) {
8          if (a[i] ≥ 0) {
9              b[j] = a[i];
10             j = j + 1;
11         }
12         i = i + 1;
13     }
14 }
15 assert (∀k₁.∃l₁.((0 ≤ k < j ∧ a.length ≥ 0)
16           → b(k) = a(l)))
```

Fig. 1. Program copying positive elements from array a to b.

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Fig.

Benchmark	VAMPIRE				CVC4				Z3			
	A+T	A+I	F+T	F+I	A+T	A+I	F+T	F+I	A+T	A+I	F+T	F+I
absolute-prop1	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
absolute-prop2	✓	✓	t	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
atleast-one-iteration	✓	t	✓	t	t	t	t	t	✓	✓	✓	✓
both-or-none	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	✓
check-equal-set-flag	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-nonzero-prop1	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-nonzero-prop2	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-odd	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-partial	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-positive	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
copy-two-indices	t	✓	t	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
find1-prop1	✓	t	✓	t	t	t	t	t	✓	✓	✓	✓
find1-prop2	✓	t	✓	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
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find-sentinel	✓	✓	✓	✓	t	t	t	t	t	✓	t	t
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Unique	24				0				2			

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Coming to Terms with Quantified Reasoning

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Abstract

The theory of finite term algebras provides a natural framework to describe the semantics of functional languages. The ability to efficiently reason about term algebras is essential to automate program analysis and verification for functional or imperative programs over algebraic data types such as lists and trees. However, as the theory of term algebras is not finitely axiomatizable, reasoning about them is challenging.

In this paper, we present a first-order reasoning about properties of term algebras, and describe two methods for automated first-order theorem proving. Our first method is a conservative extension of the theory of term algebras, while our second method is a more expressive extension.

program analysis. Terms may be used to formalize the semantics of programming languages (Goguen et al. 1977; Clark 1978; Courcelle 1983); they can also themselves be the object of computation. The latter is especially obvious in the case of functional programming languages, where algebraic data structures are manipulated. Consider for example the following declaration, in the functional language ML:

```
datatype nat = zero | succ of nat;
```

Although the functional programmer calls this a data type declaration, the logician really sees the declaration of an (initial) algebra whose signature is composed of two symbols: the constant *zero* and the unary function *succ*. The elements of this data type/algebra

	Total	Vampire	CVC4	Z3	Unique-Vampire	Unique-CVC4	Unique-Z3
Data types only	3457	999	721	947	23	0	0
Co-data types only	1301	430	415	292	16	2	0
Both	1524	356	341	334	11	2	0
Union	6282	1785	1712	1663	50	4	0

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 - **Arrays**: **polymorphic** theory with **extensionality**
 - **Integers/reals**: **incomplete but sound** set of axioms
 - **Natural numbers**: integer vs term algebra **encoding**

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Induction with Generalization in Superposition Reasoning

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Abstract. We describe an extension of automating induction in superposition-based reasoning by strengthening inductive properties and generalizing terms over which induction should be applied. We implemented our approach in the first-order theorem prover VAMPIRE and evaluated our work against state-of-the-art reasoners automating induction. We demonstrate the strength of our technique by showing that many interesting mathematical properties of natural numbers and lists can be proved automatically using this extension.

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	Theory	VAMPIRE*	VAMPIRE**	VAMPIRE	CV4	ZIPPERPOSITION	ZENO	IMANDRA	ACL2	CV4-GEN	ZIPREWRITE
$\forall x, y. (x + y = y + x)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
$\forall x. (x + s(x) = s(x + x))$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall x, y, z. (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\forall x. (x + (x + x) = (x + x) + x)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall x. ((x + x) + ((x + x) + x) = x + (x + ((x + x) + x)))$	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall x, y. (y + (x + x) = (x + y) + x)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall x. (x \leq x)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\forall x, y. (x \leq x + y)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\forall x. (x \leq x + x)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\forall x. (x + x \leq (x + x) + x)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-
$\forall l, k, j. (l ++ (k ++ j) = (l ++ k) ++ j)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\forall l. (l ++ (l ++ l) = (l ++ l) ++ l)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall l, k. (l ++ (k ++ (l ++ l)) = (l ++ k) ++ (l ++ l))$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
$\forall l, k. \text{prefix}(l, l ++ k)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\forall l. \text{prefix}(l, l ++ l)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\forall l : \mathbb{L}, x : \mathbb{N}. (\text{cons}(x + s(x), l) ++ (l ++ l) = (\text{cons}(s(x) + x, l) ++ l) ++ l)$	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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