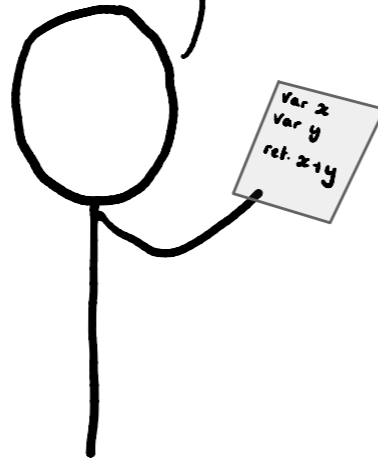


Satisfiability and Synthesis Modulo Oracles

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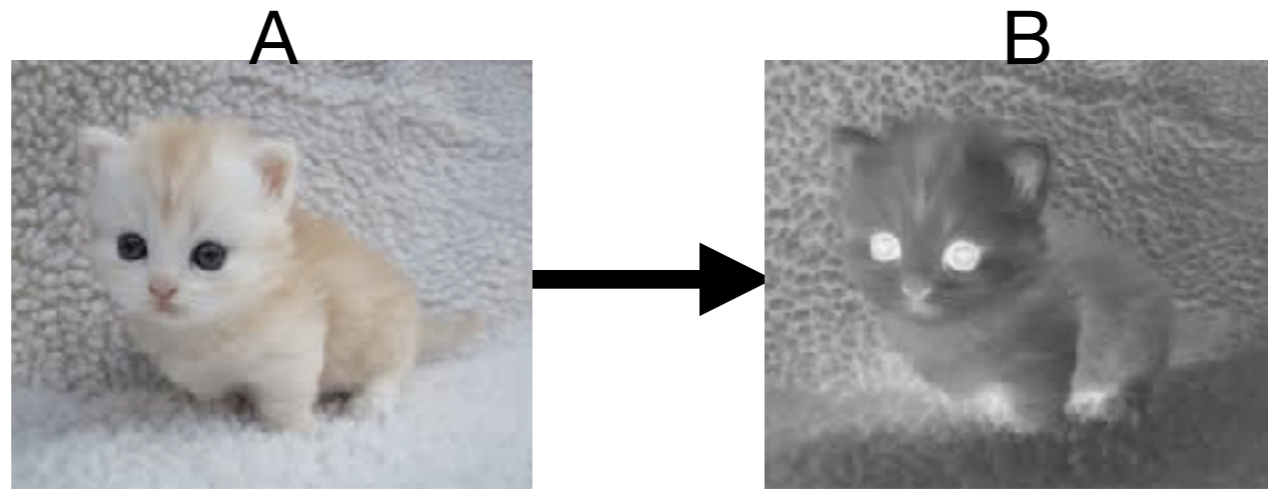
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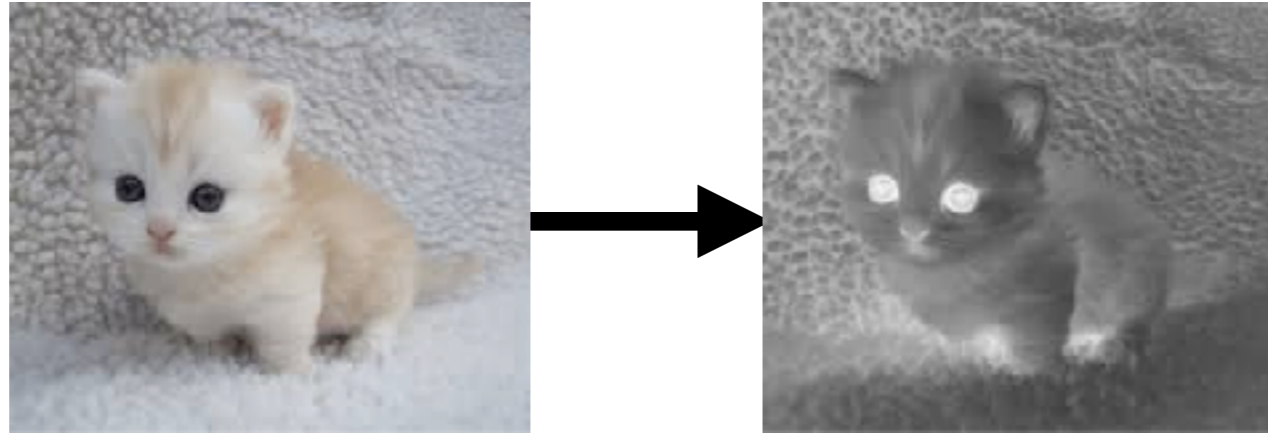
$$\exists f. f(\text{CatA}) = \text{CatB}$$

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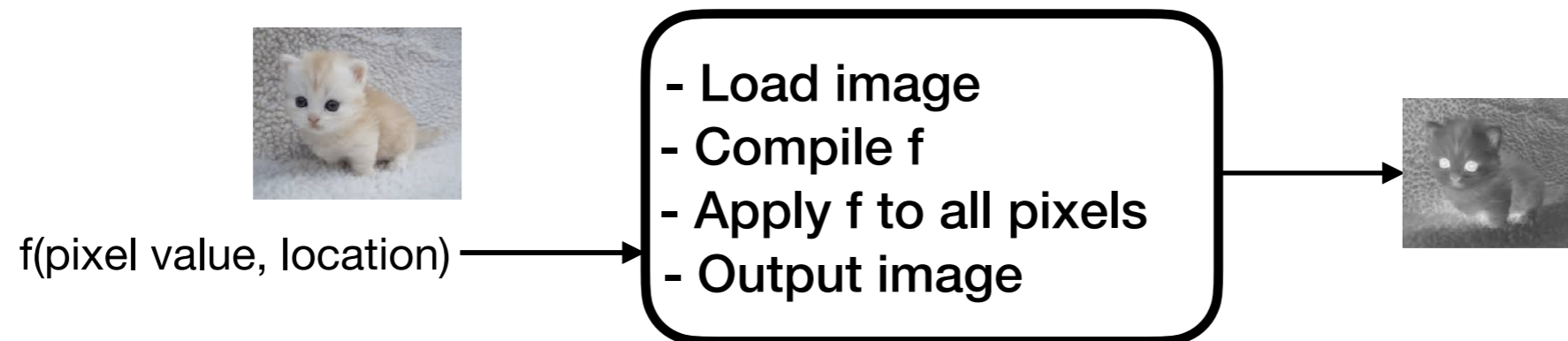
f is complicated! Needs to:

- load the JPG image
- apply transformation to all the pixels
- output a new image

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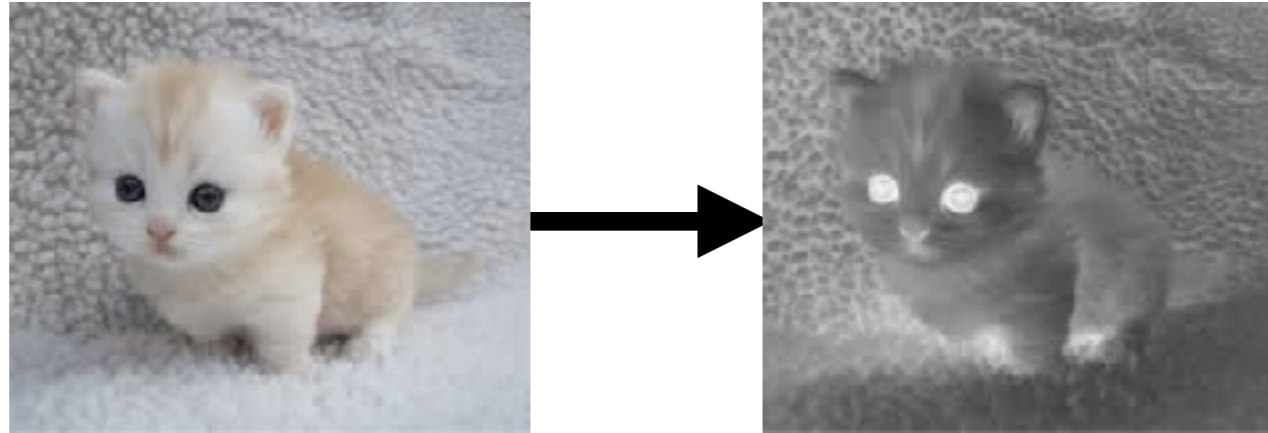


$$\exists f \forall pixels, locs . f(CatA(loc), loc) = CatB(loc)$$

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Synthesiser needs to interpret $CatA(loc)$

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Give all pixels input-output examples prior to solving?

$$\exists f. f(122,0) = 141 \wedge \dots \wedge f(133,65536) = 144$$

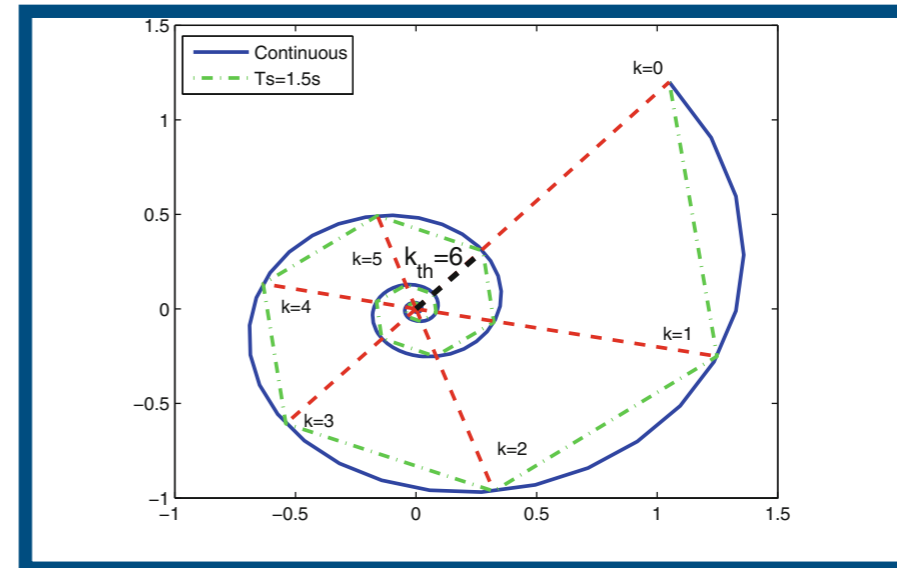
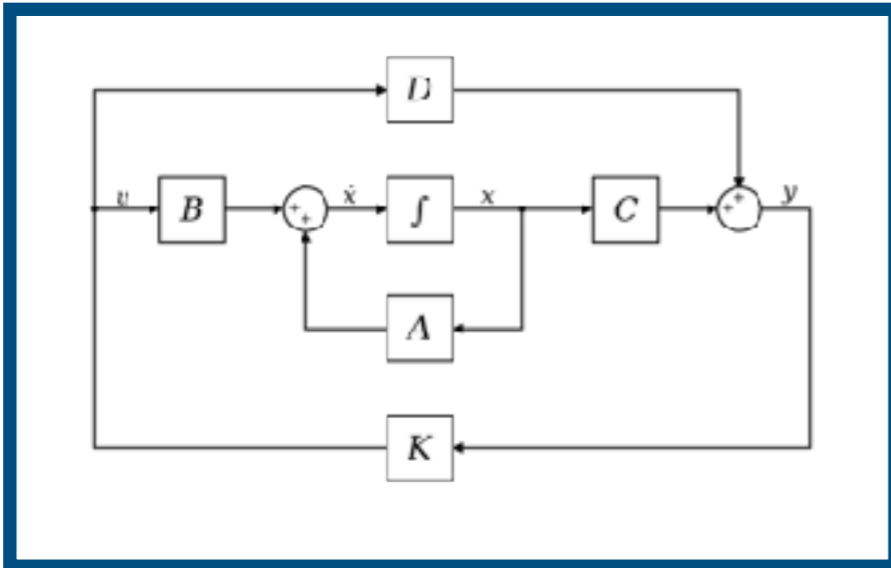
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We tried this!

- 65536 input-output examples
- Assumes that compiler/image processing library is all bug-free.

Do I need to build a new solver?

Find a digital controller K for this LTI system?



Can I use program synthesis?

$$\exists k . \text{Stable}(A - Bk) \wedge \forall x . \text{Safe}(x)$$

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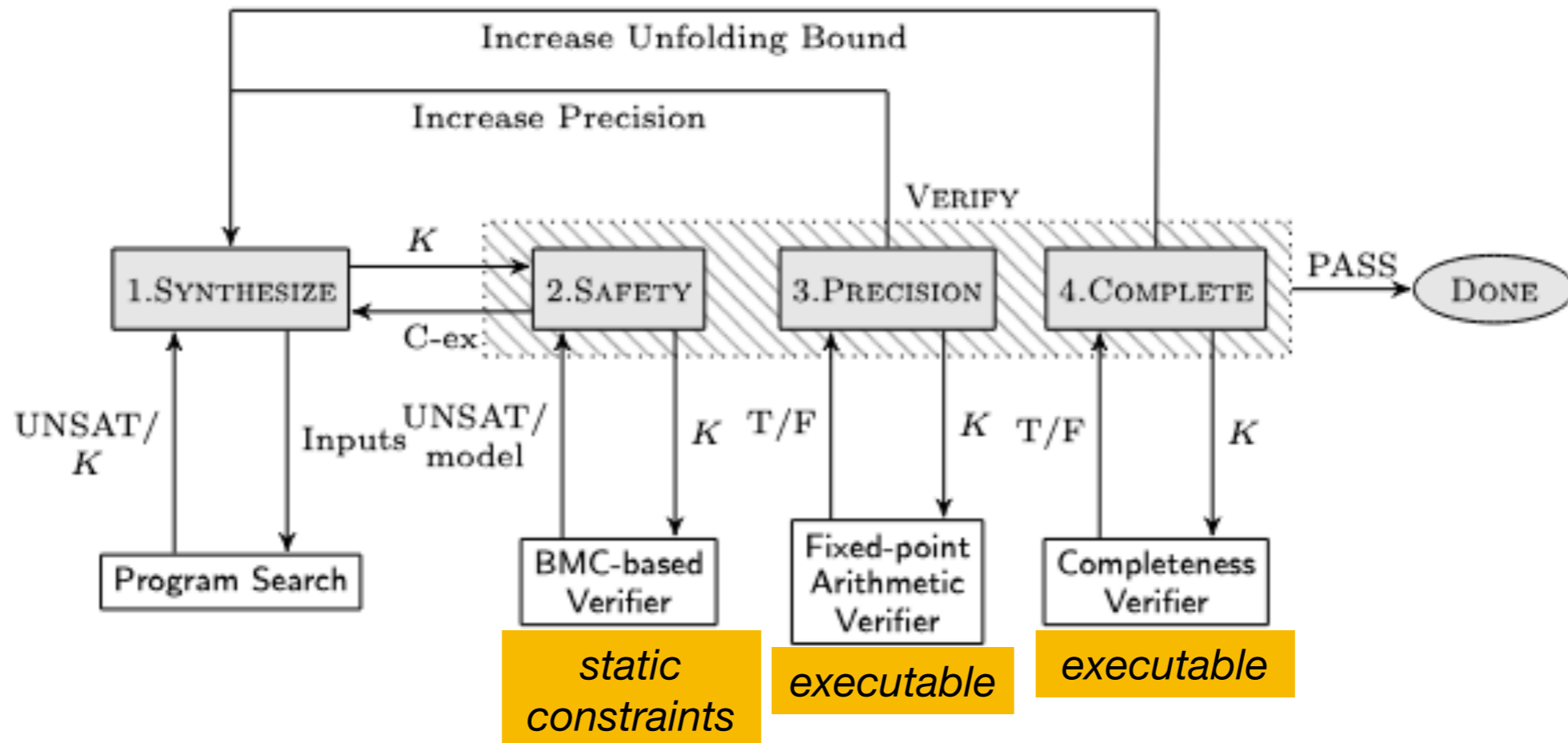
We tried this!

- Verifier needs to find eigenvalues
- Extremely non-linear

Do I need to build a new solver?

Automated formal synthesis of provably safe digital controllers for continuous plants

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Find prime factors of a number?



Can I use SMT?

$$\exists f_1, f_2 . isPrime(f_1) \wedge isPrime(f_2) \wedge f_1 * f_2 = x$$

!! PROBLEM

isPrime is a recursive function!

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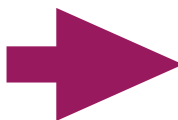
Why don't off-the-shelf solvers work?

- Parts are hard to model with static constraints e.g., the image processing library.
- Parts are hard to reason about e.g., eigenvalues, primes.
- Too many constraints, which ones are important? e.g., which pixels matter?



Solution: Use executable “oracles”

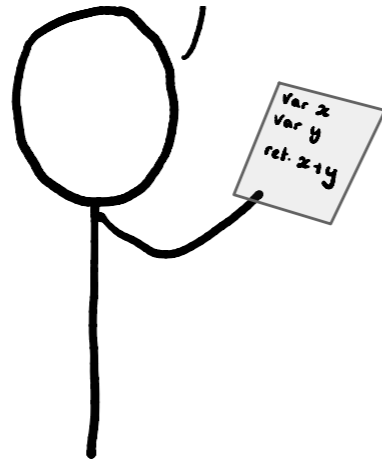
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Query

Is this number prime?



Response

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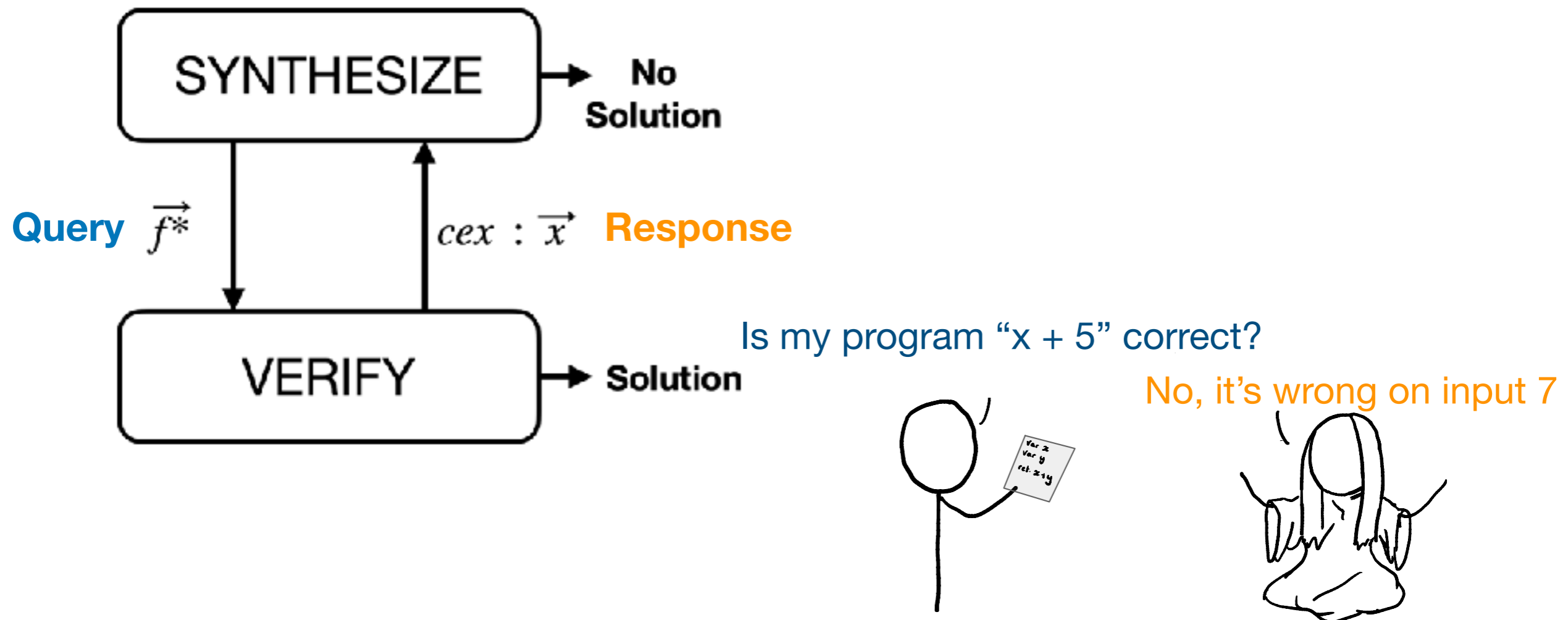


Existing use of oracles:

- Existing synthesis algorithms are using oracles!
- Jha and Seshia[1] set out the theory behind this.
- Our contribution: defining satisfiability/synthesis modulo oracles problem and proposing a unifying algorithm

Existing use of oracles:

- Counterexample Guided Inductive Synthesis [2]

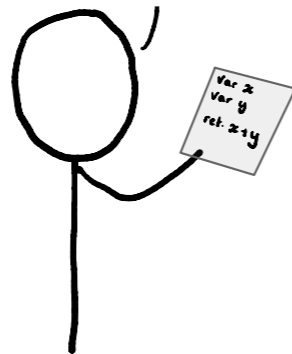


Existing use of oracles:

- CEGIS(T) [3]

Is my program “ $x + 5$ ” correct?

No, but if you replace 5 with 1, it would be



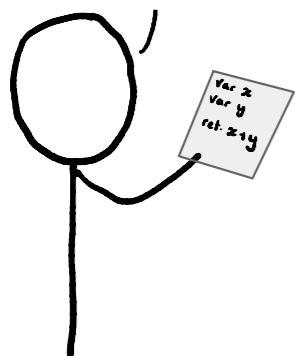
- ICE learning [4]

Is my invariant
“ $x > 5$ ” correct?

No, and
 $inv(6) \implies inv(5)$

No, and
 $inv(100) = false$

No, and
 $inv(0) = true$



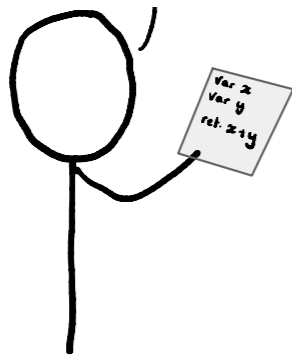
[3] Counterexample Guided Inductive Synthesis modulo Theories - Abate et al

[4] ICE: A robust framework for learning invariants - Garg et al

Existing use of oracles:

- Program lifting [5]

Is my program correct?



No, it's wrong on
this input



it should access
these memory
locations



the runtime
complexity should
be linear



Examples

People use oracles, but they build their own custom solver.
Why?

- Solver needs custom information about the oracles (what does the response from the oracle mean?)

What if we could communicate this information to an off-the-shelf SMT or SyGuS solver?

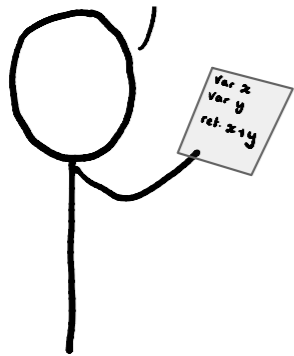
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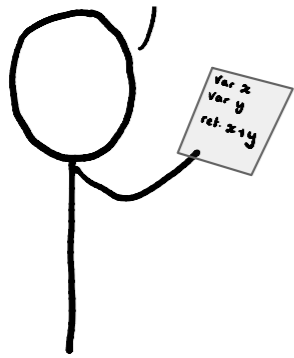


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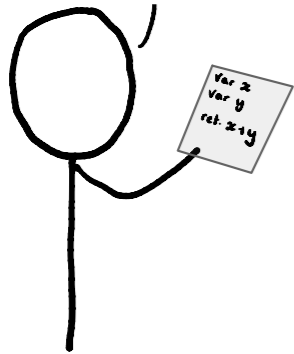
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 α_{gen} : assumption generator
 β_{gen} : constraint generator

- and **assumption** and **constraint** generators, which generate:
 - **assumptions** the solver is allowed to make
 - and **constraints** the solver must abide by

Example oracle: \mathcal{O}_{prime}

Is this number y prime?

No, $z=false$, it is not prime.



Solve: $\exists x . prime(x) \wedge (x \% 2 = 1)$

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$\vec{z} : (z : bool)$

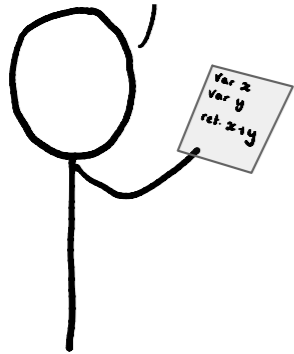
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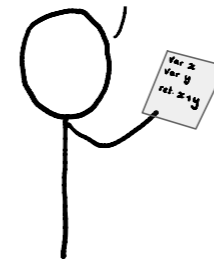
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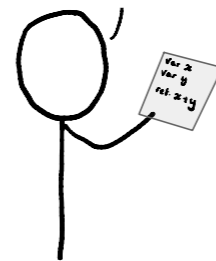
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$y = 1?$

$z = false$



Okay, now I know I can assume
 $prime(1) = false$



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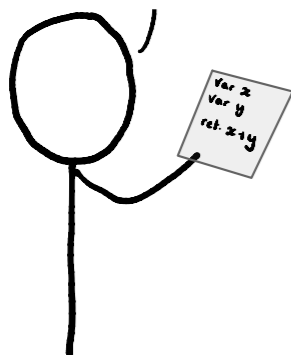
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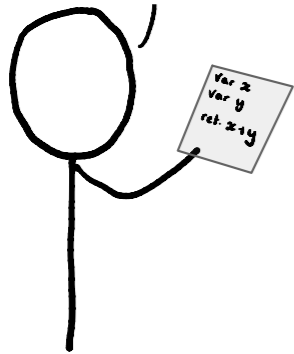
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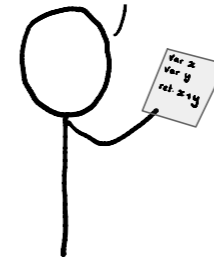
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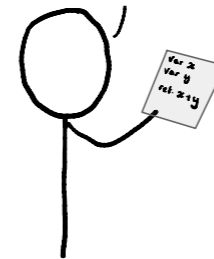
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$$f^* = x + 1 \quad z_1 = 7, z_2 = 13$$



Okay, now I know that a valid program f must satisfy $f(7) = 13$



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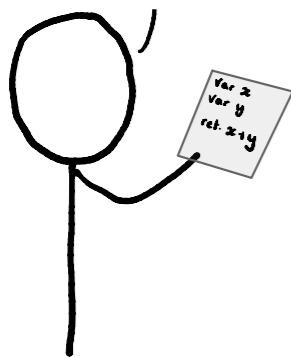
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Oracle function symbols

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An oracle function symbol is a symbol whose behaviour is defined to be the **same** as an external oracle.

Note: oracle must be **functional**

prime is an **oracle function symbol**

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$\vec{\theta} : \{prime\}$

$\rho : prime(f_1) \wedge prime(f_2) \wedge (f_1 * f_2 = 24)$

$\vec{\mathcal{O}} : \{\mathcal{O}_{prime}\}$

\mathcal{O}_{prime}

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Is this satisfiable? What is a valid assignment to f_1 and f_2 ?

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- If *prime* does what we expect, then yes! But we don't know that
- If we haven't called the oracle, an assignment must work for ALL possible behaviours of prime
- When we call \mathcal{O}_{prime} , we get **assumptions** about prime
- If the assumptions rule out all possible assignments: UNSAT

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Constraints must be obeyed by the solver:

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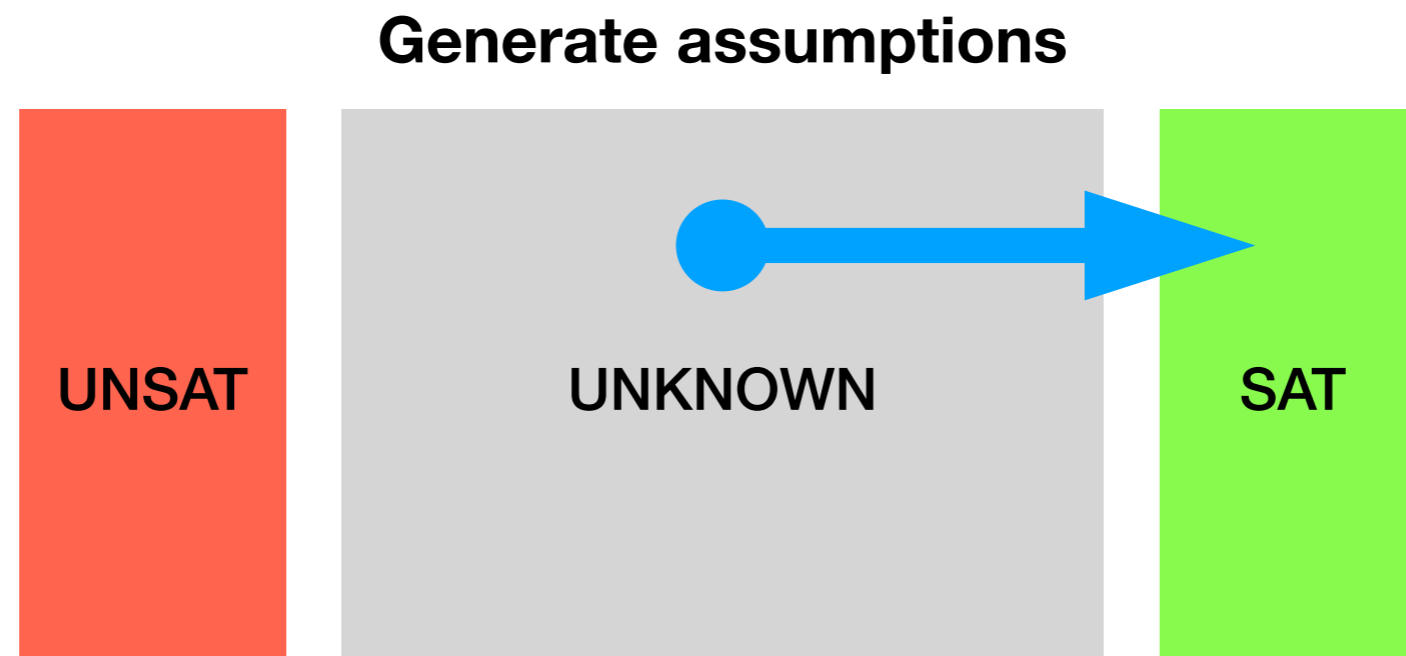


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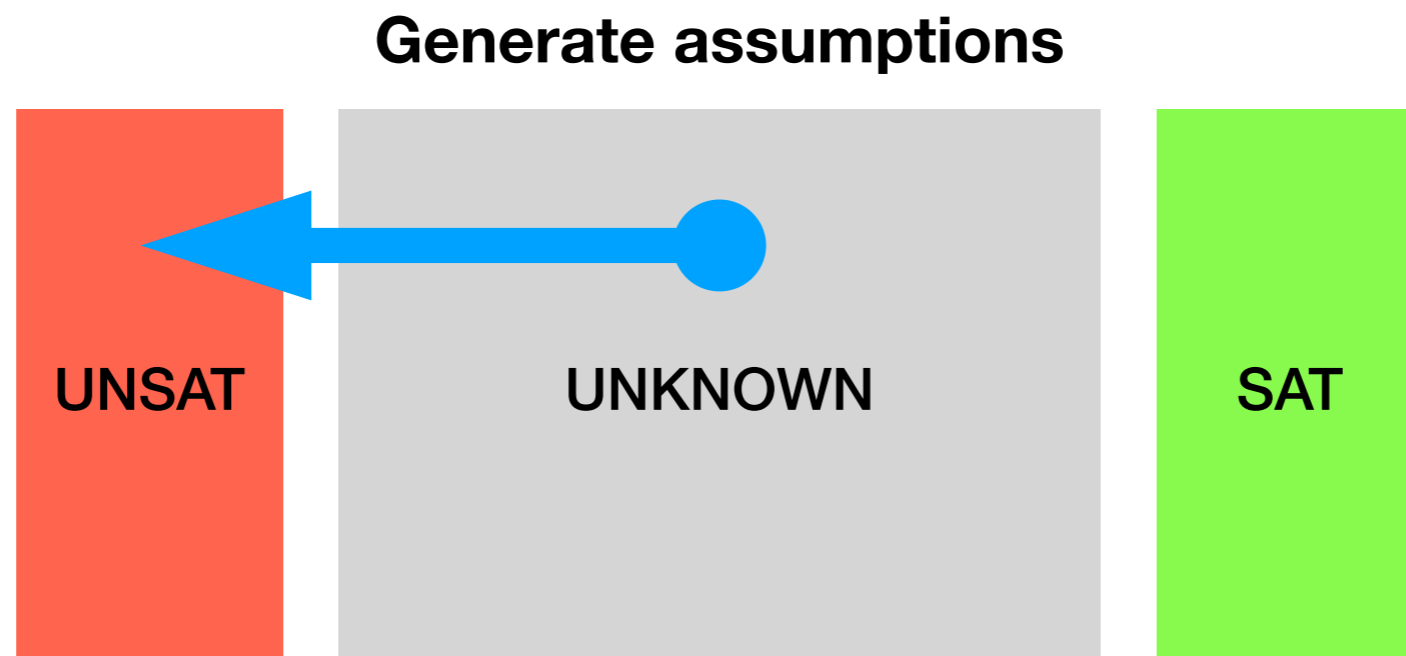


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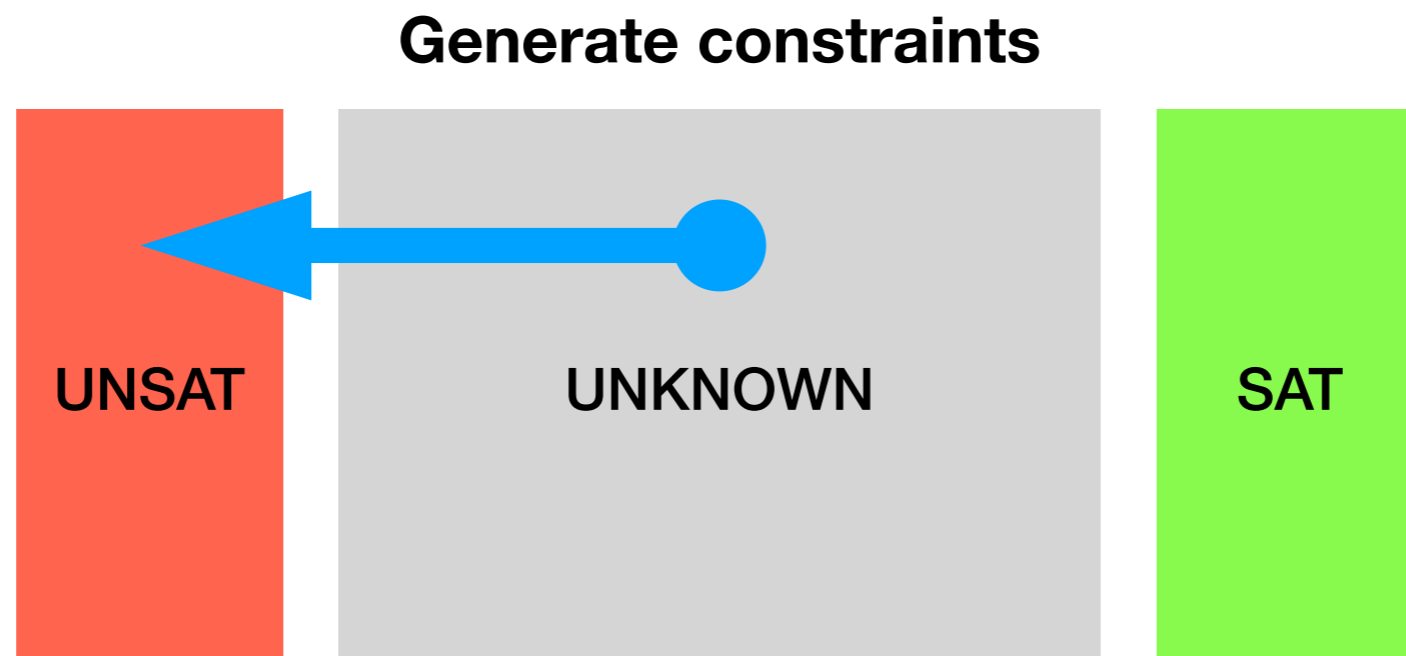


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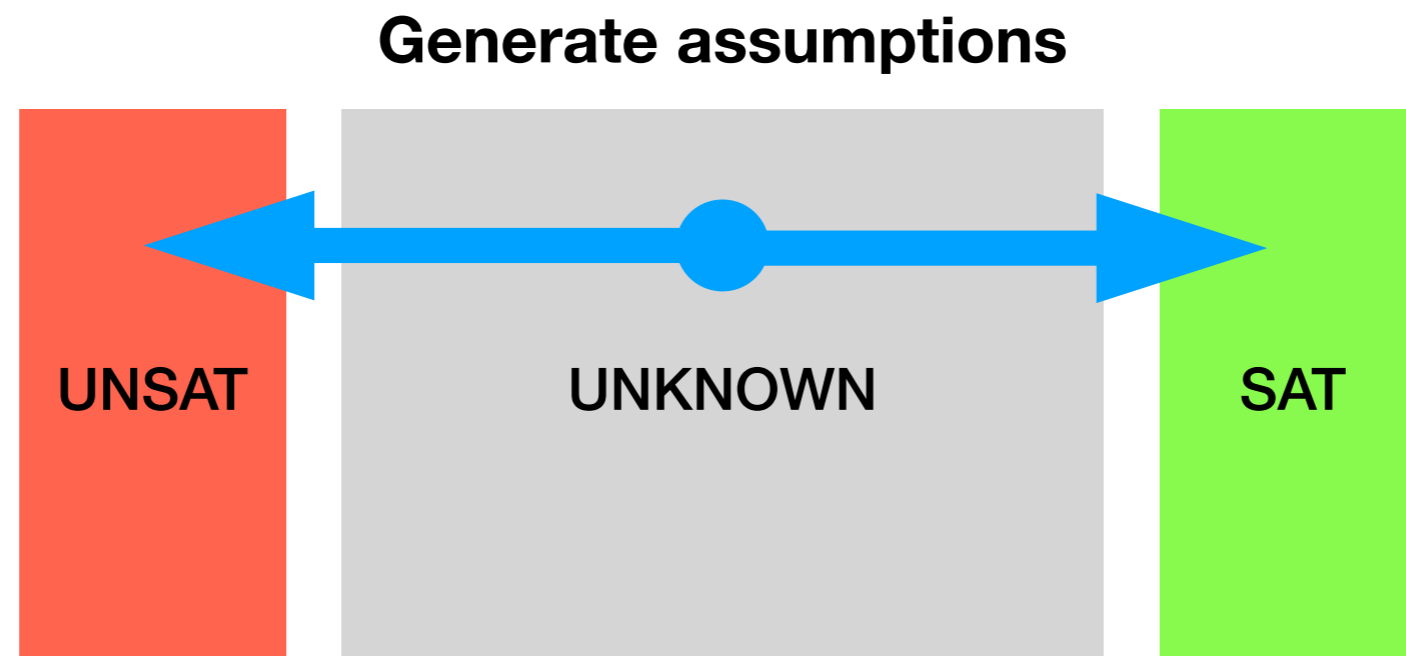


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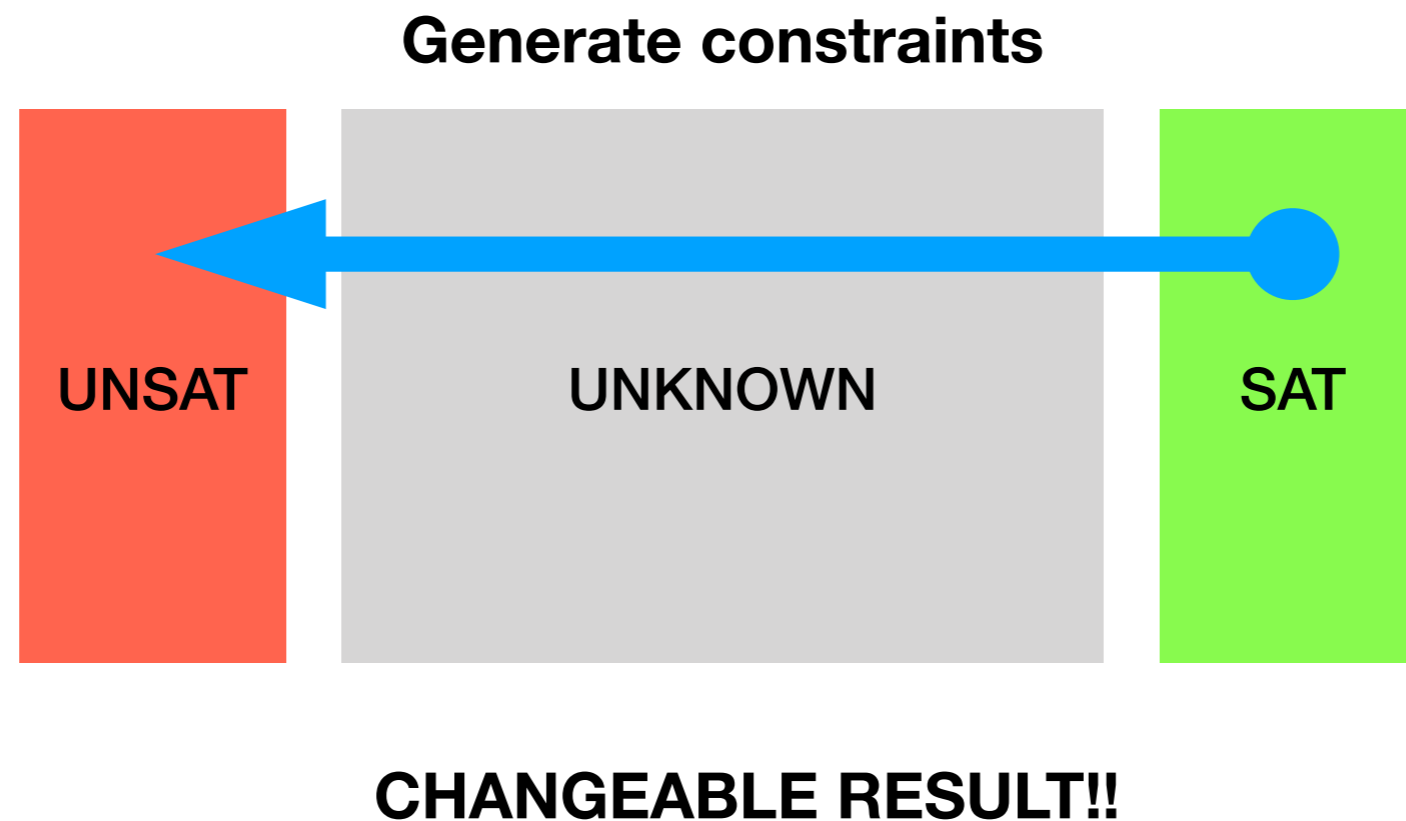
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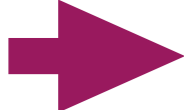
And:

- All oracle interfaces define oracle functions
- There are no constraint generators

\implies No conflicting assumptions (only functional oracles)

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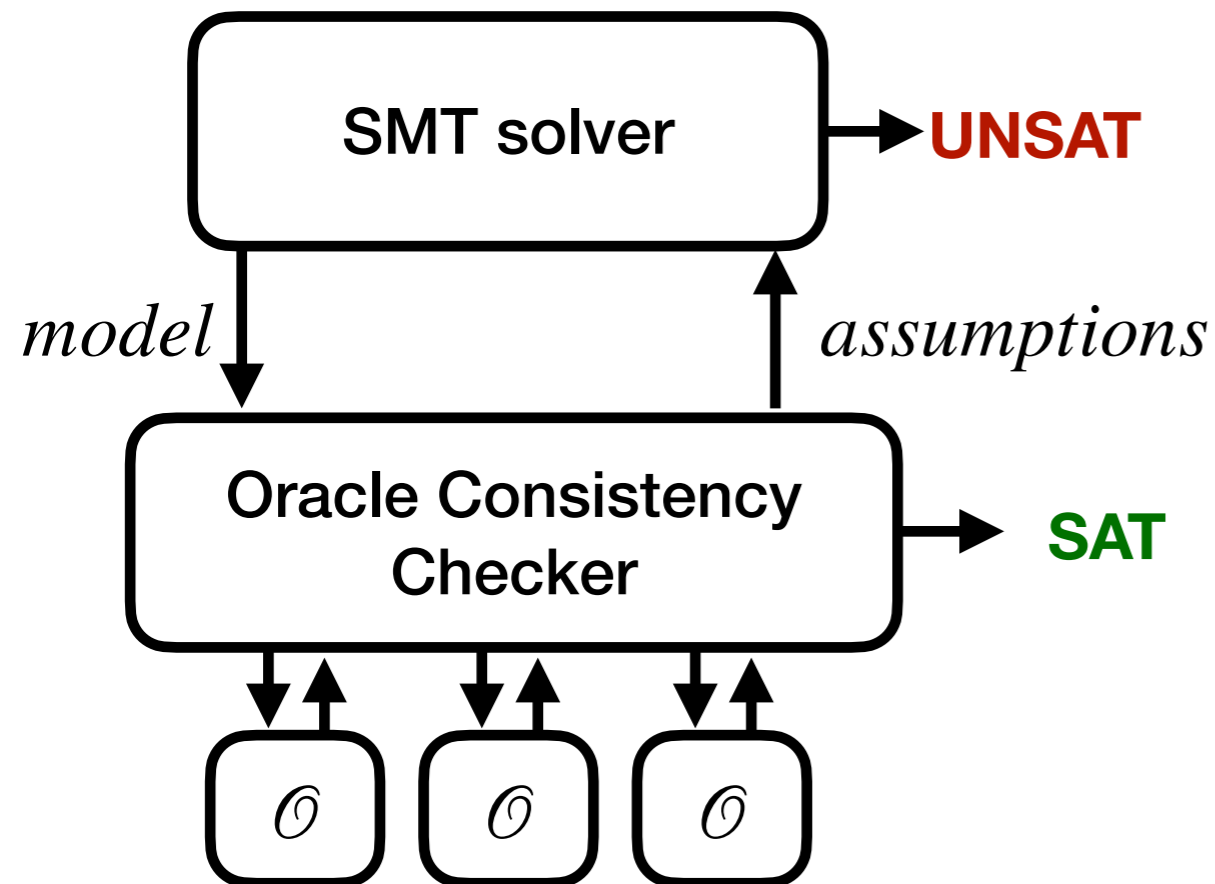
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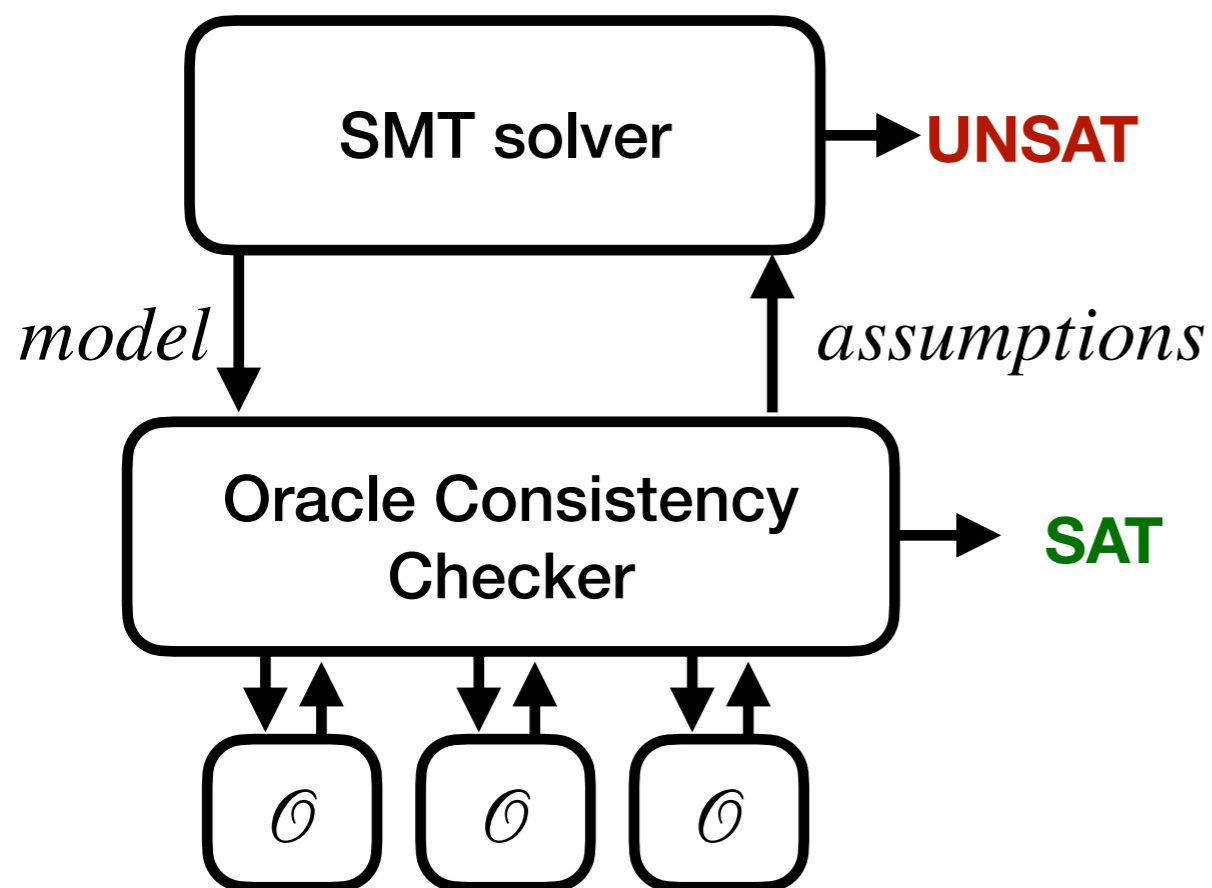
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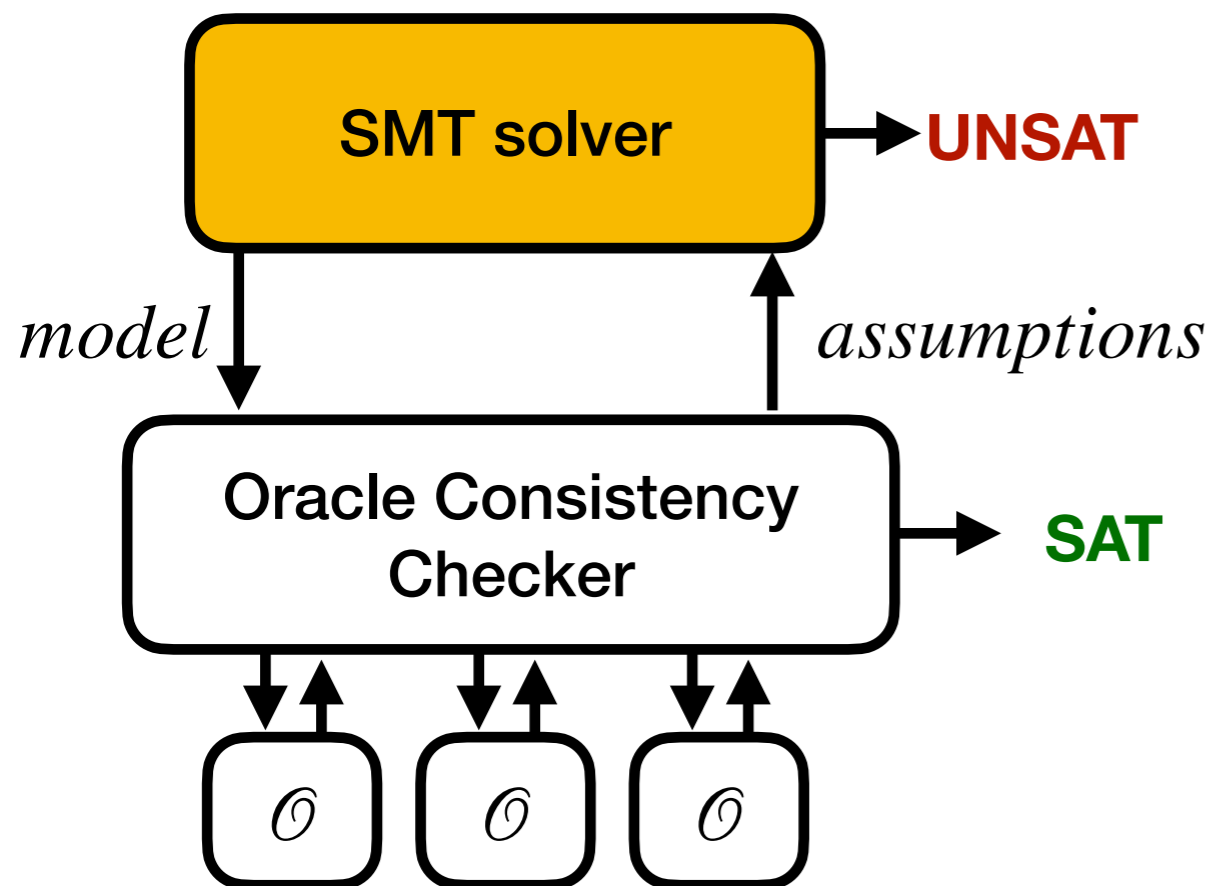
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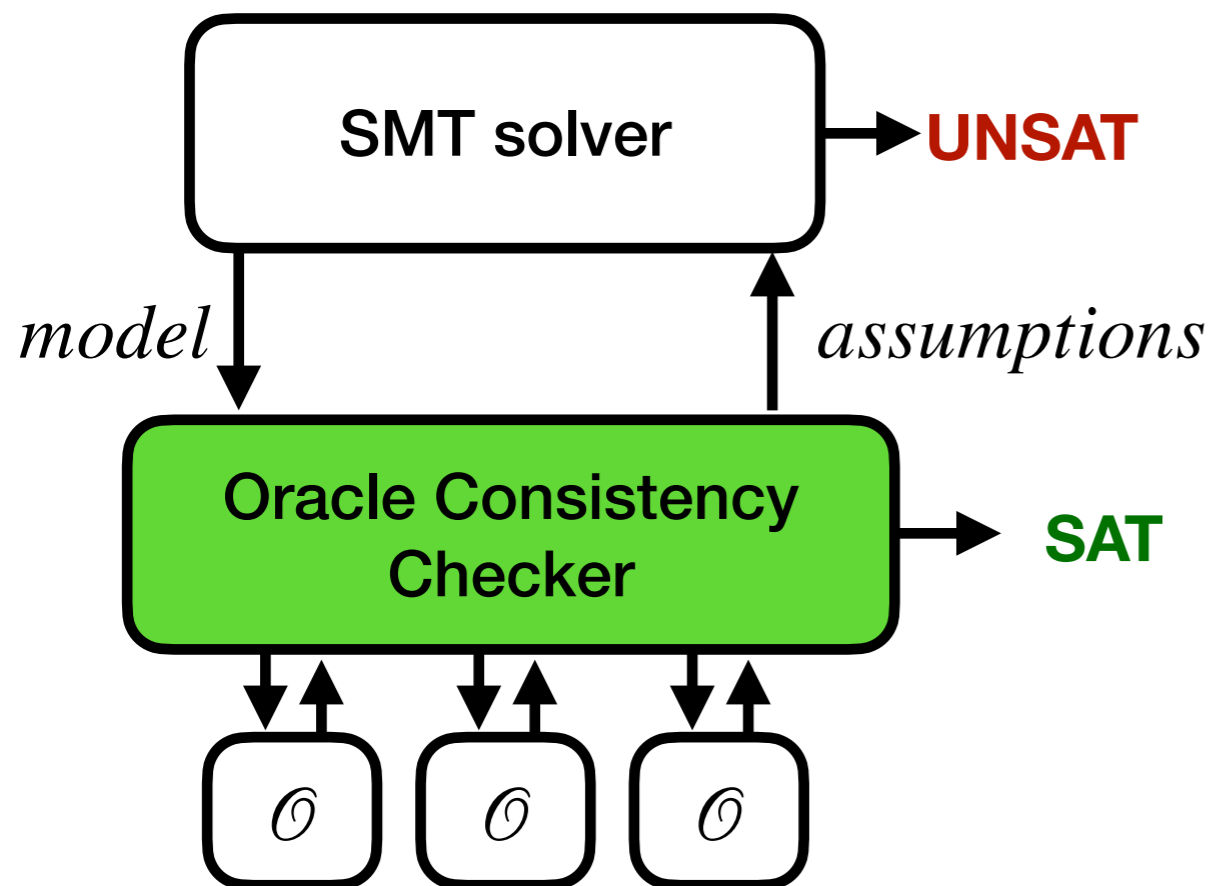
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- \vec{f} : $\{f\}$
- $\vec{\theta}$: $\{corr\}$
- $\forall \vec{x} . \phi$: $\forall x . corr(f) \wedge f(x) < 256$
- $\vec{\mathcal{O}}$: $\{\mathcal{O}_{corr}\}$

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What is a valid f ?

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$$\forall x . \phi : \forall x . \text{corr}(f) \wedge f(x) < 256$$

f is **VALID** if **there is no** x such that ϕ is false

i.e., if the SMTO problem $(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}, \neg\phi\{\vec{f} \rightarrow \vec{f}^*\}, \vec{\mathcal{O}})$ is **UNSAT**

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And:

- All **assumption** generators define **oracle function symbols**
- All oracles are **functional**

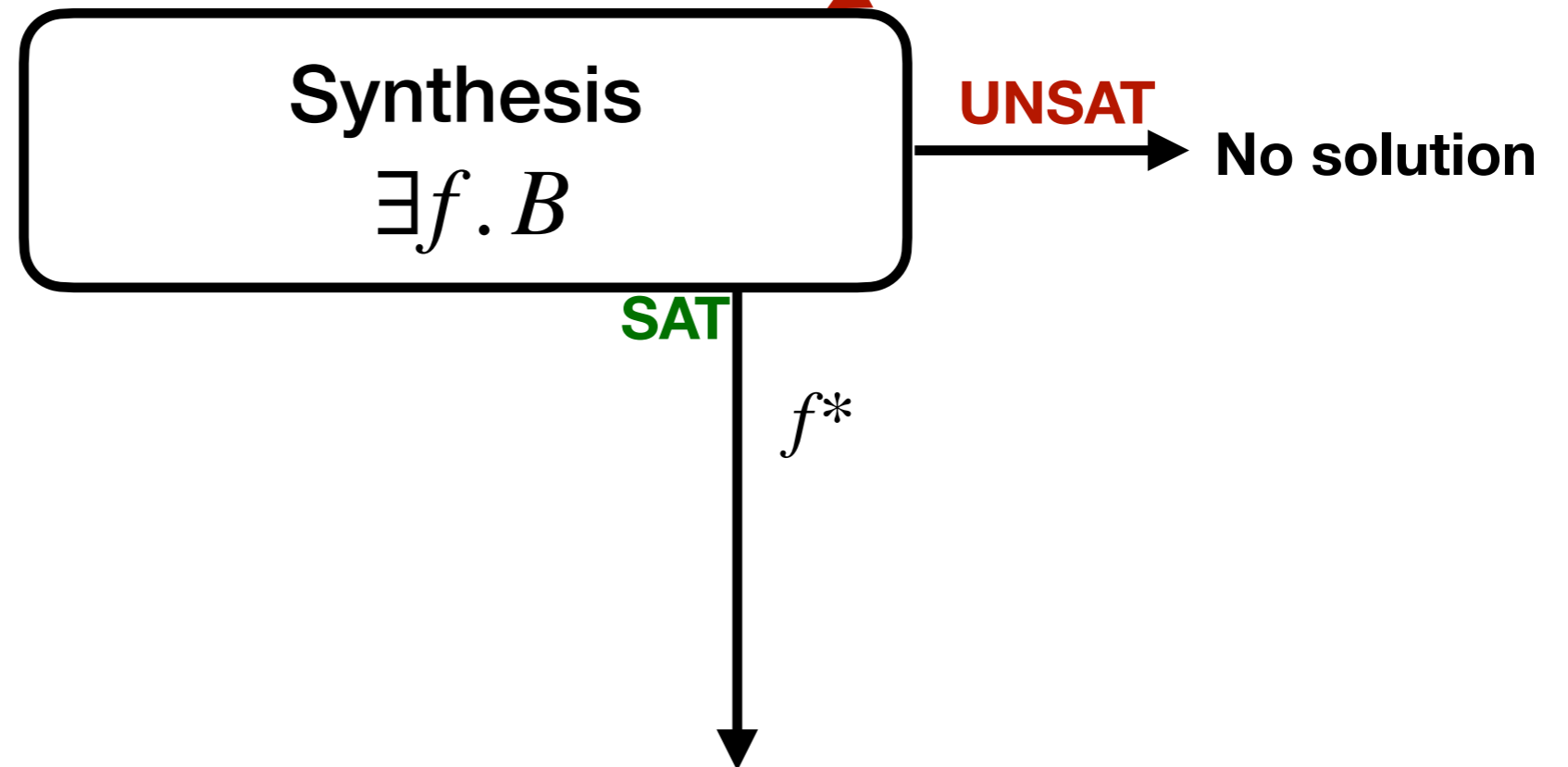
\implies checking \vec{f} is valid is now **definitional SMTO**

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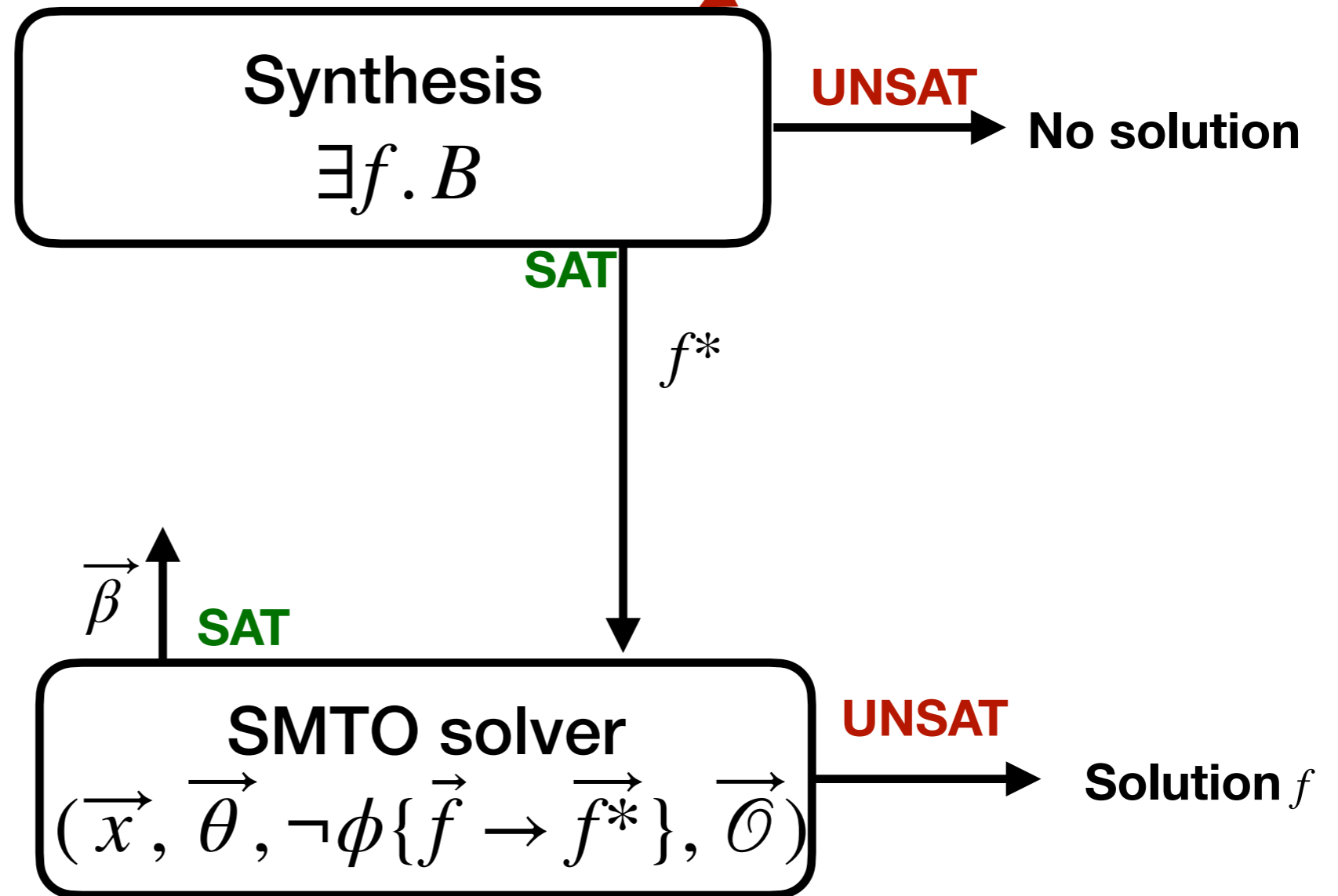
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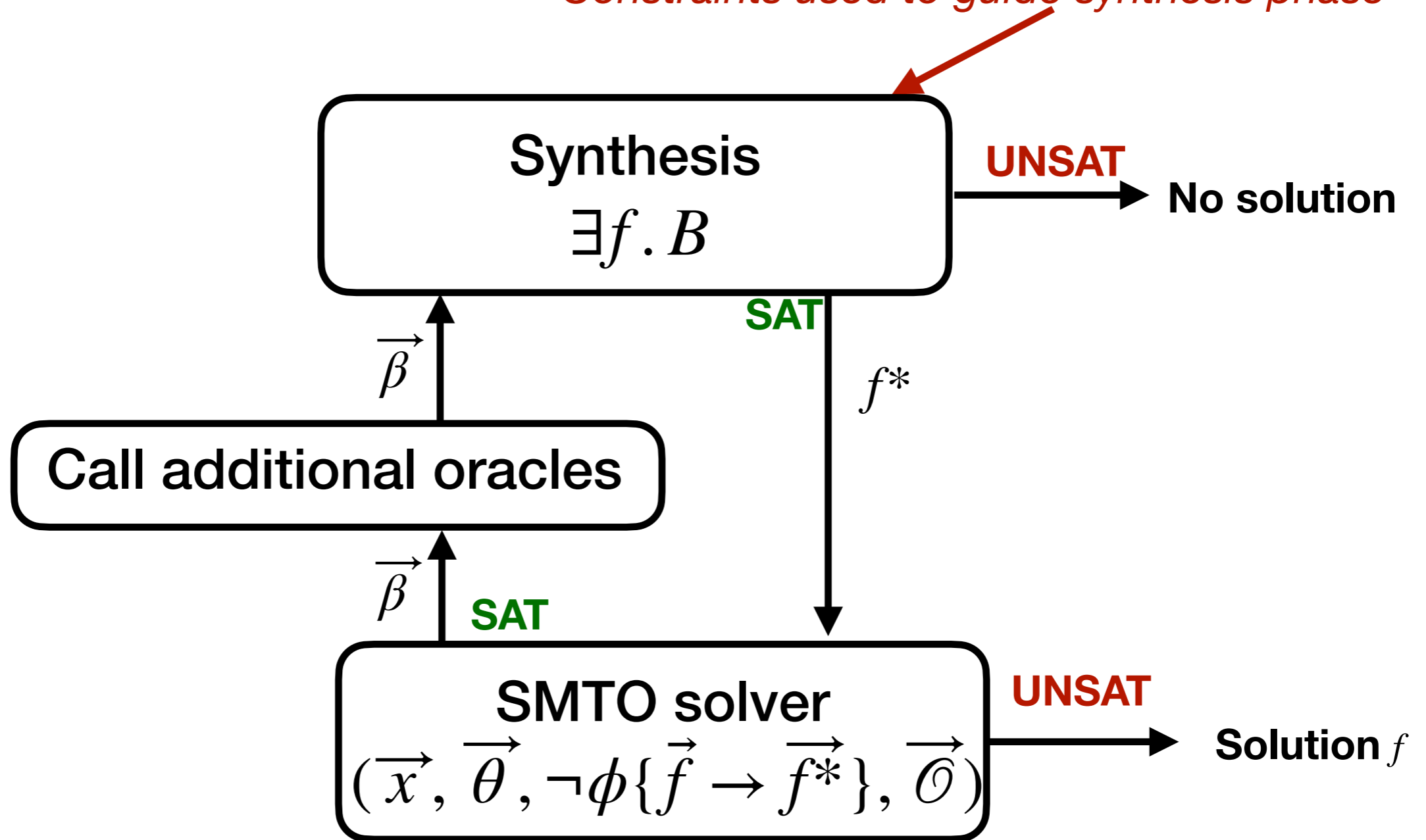
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We also pass the assignment model back from the SMTO solver as a constraint

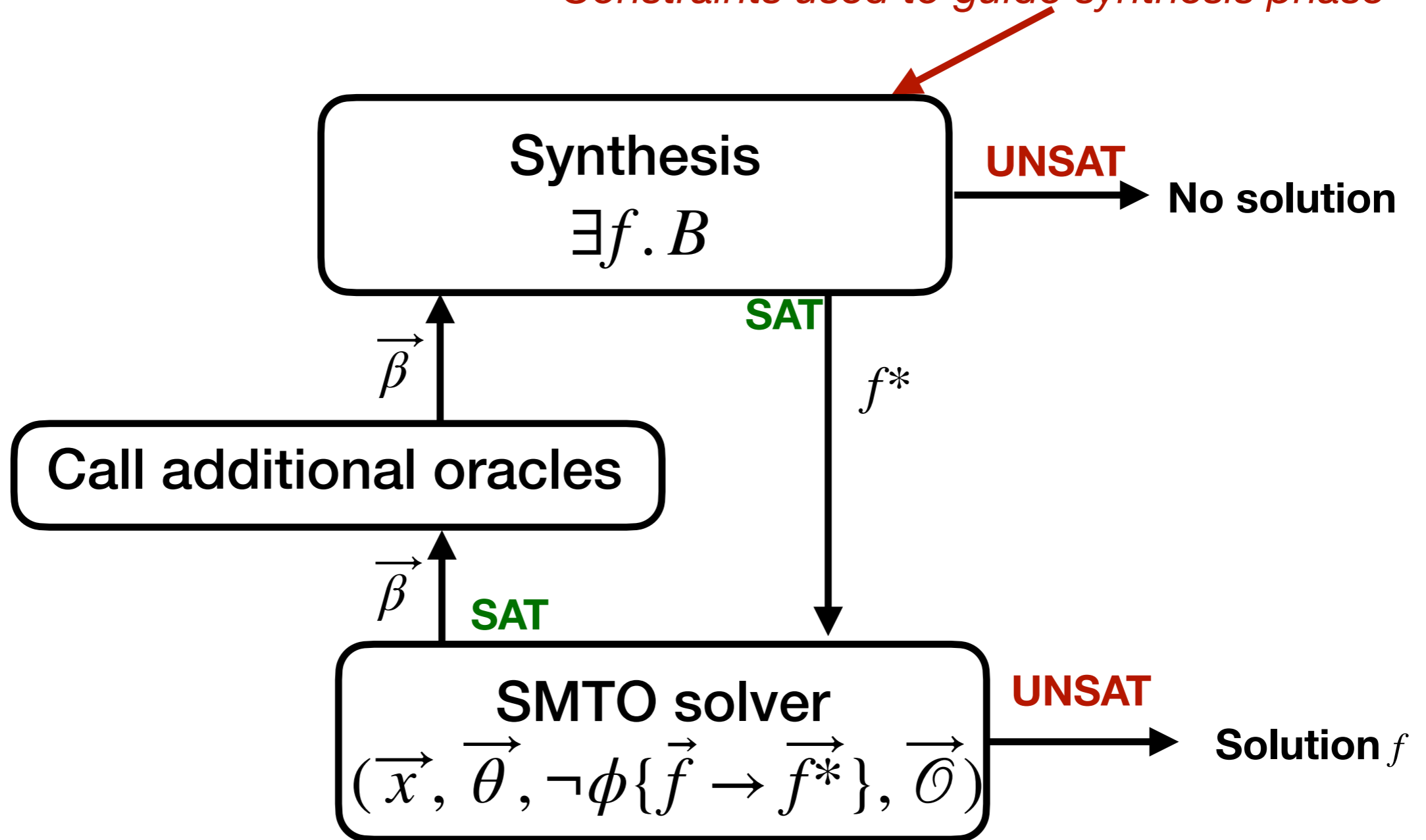
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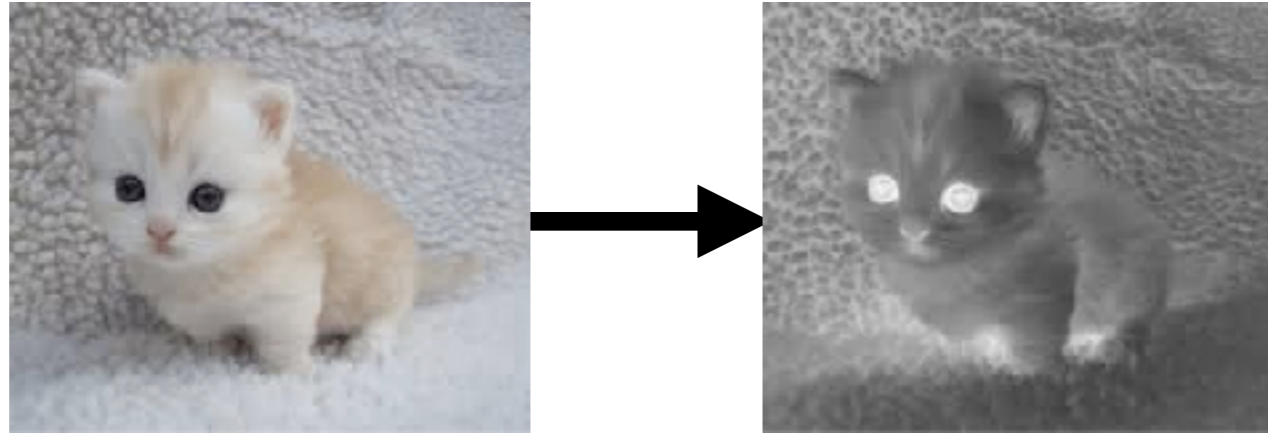
Note: f^* is guaranteed to satisfy B so the SMT solver doesn't need to consider B

Thus definitional SMT!

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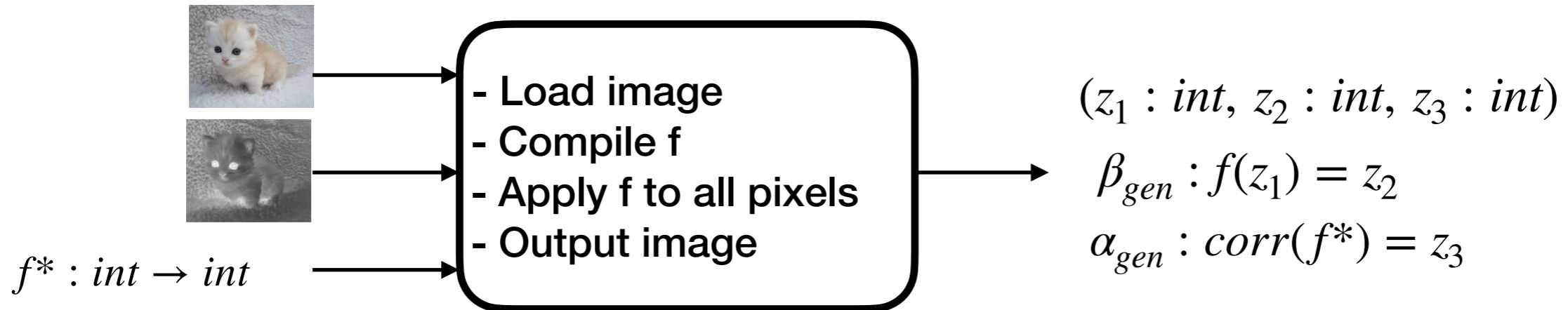
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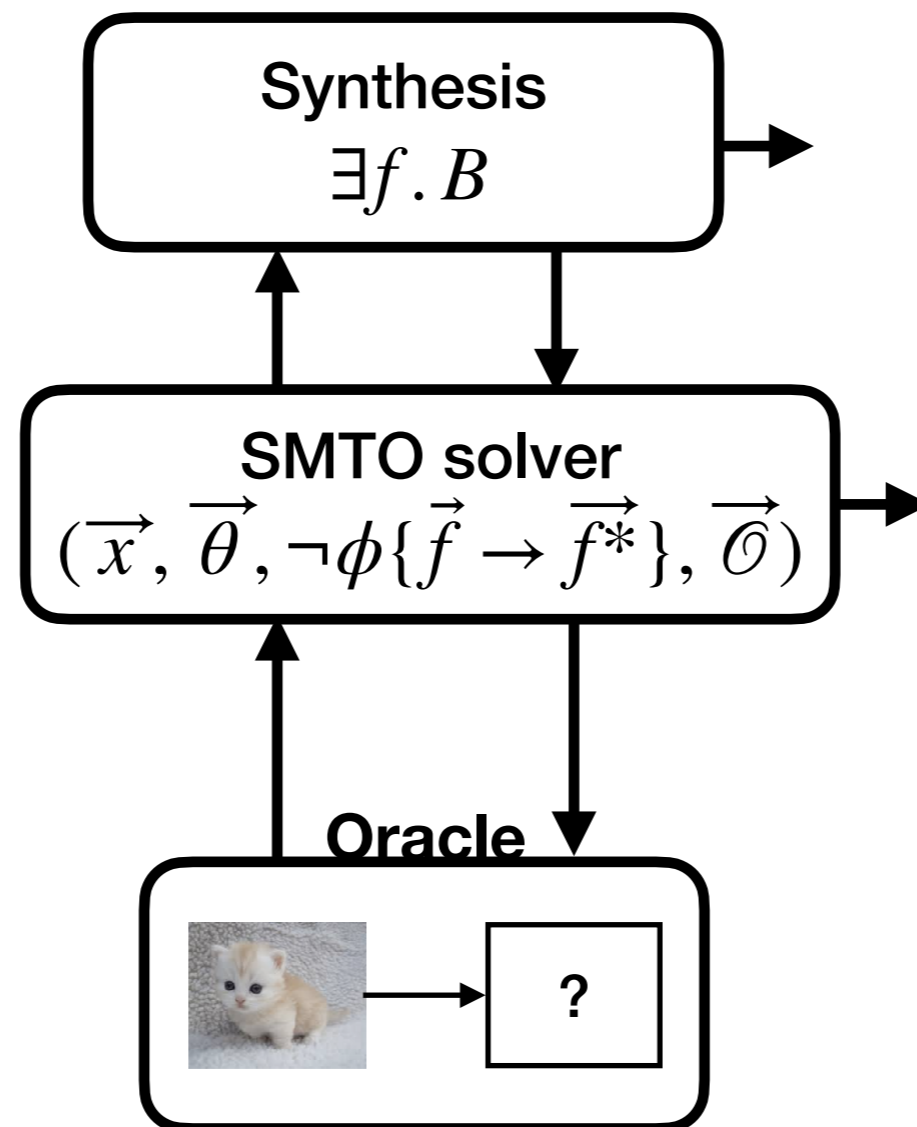
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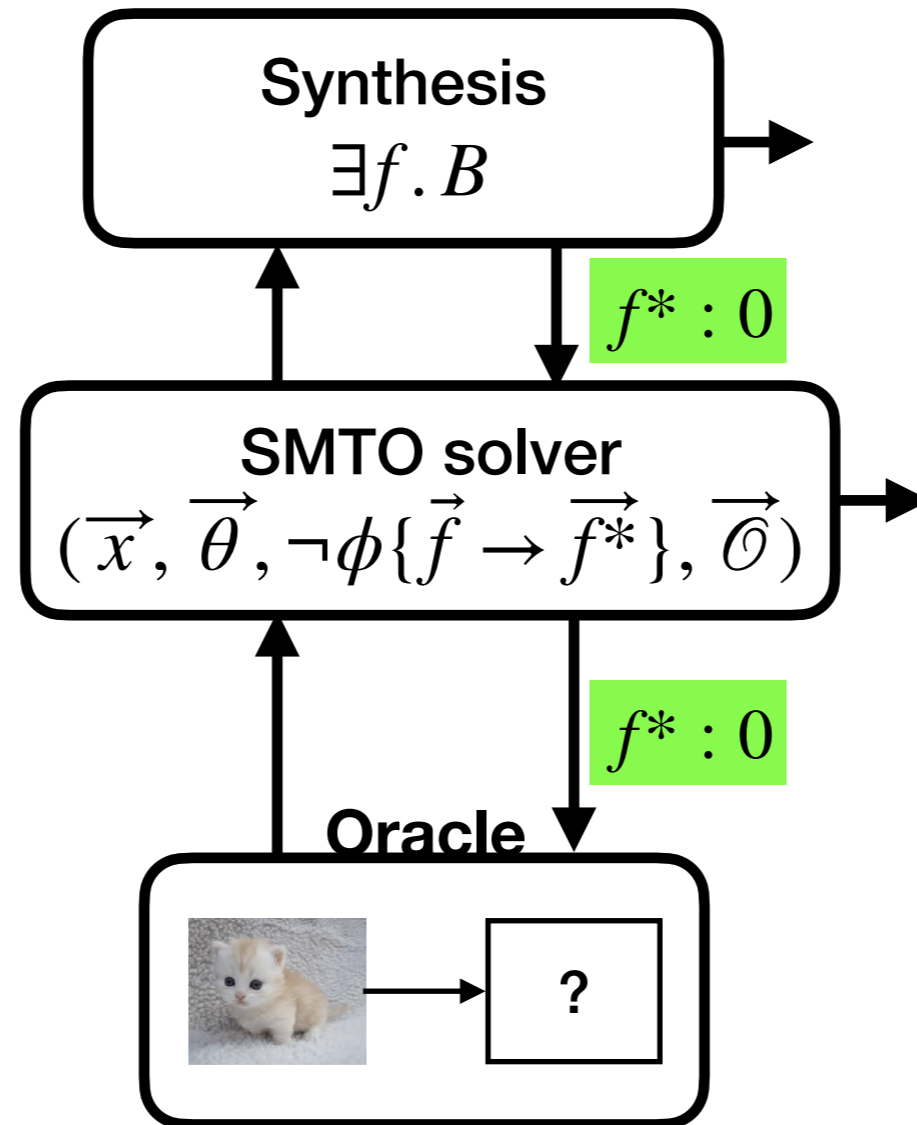
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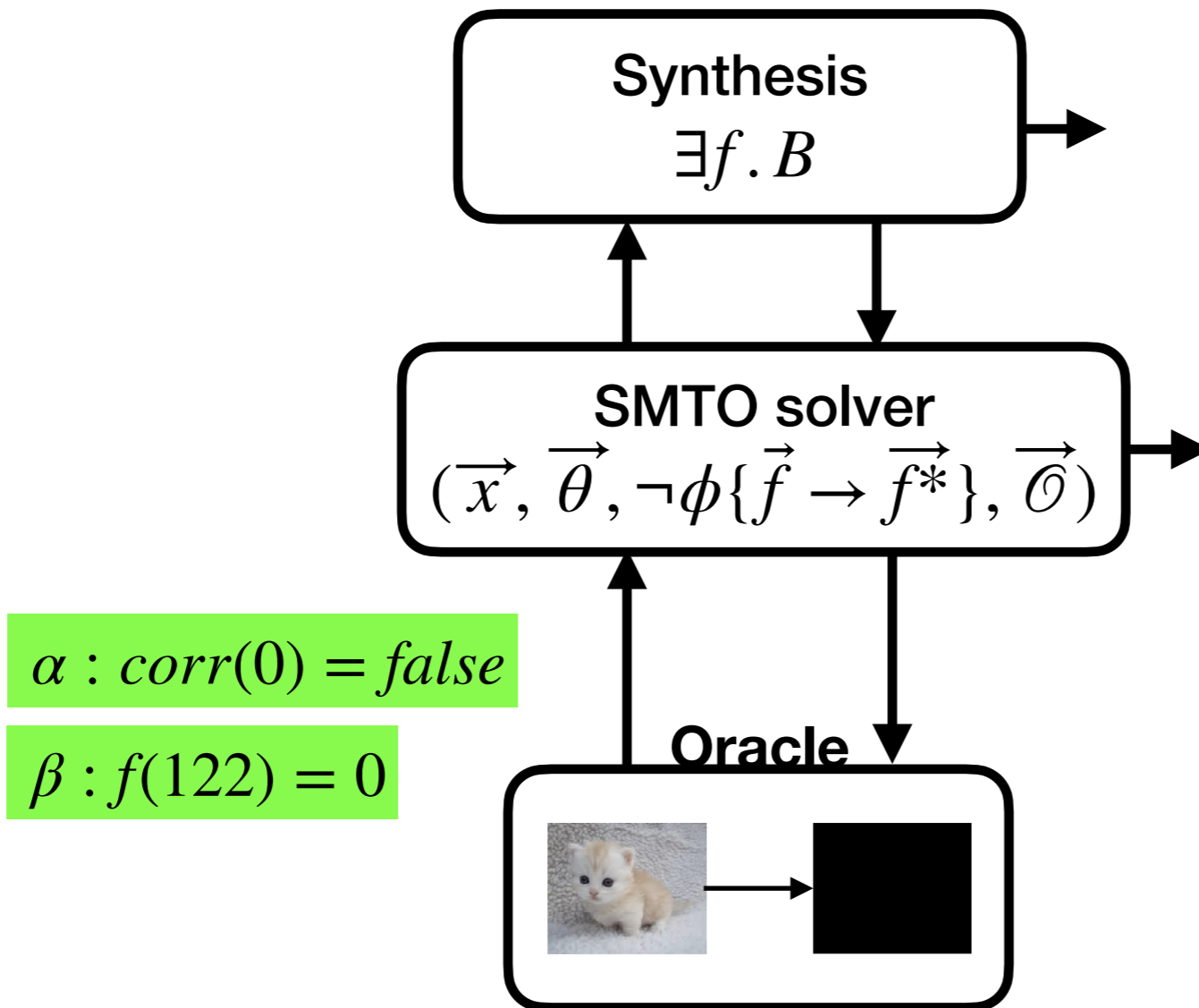
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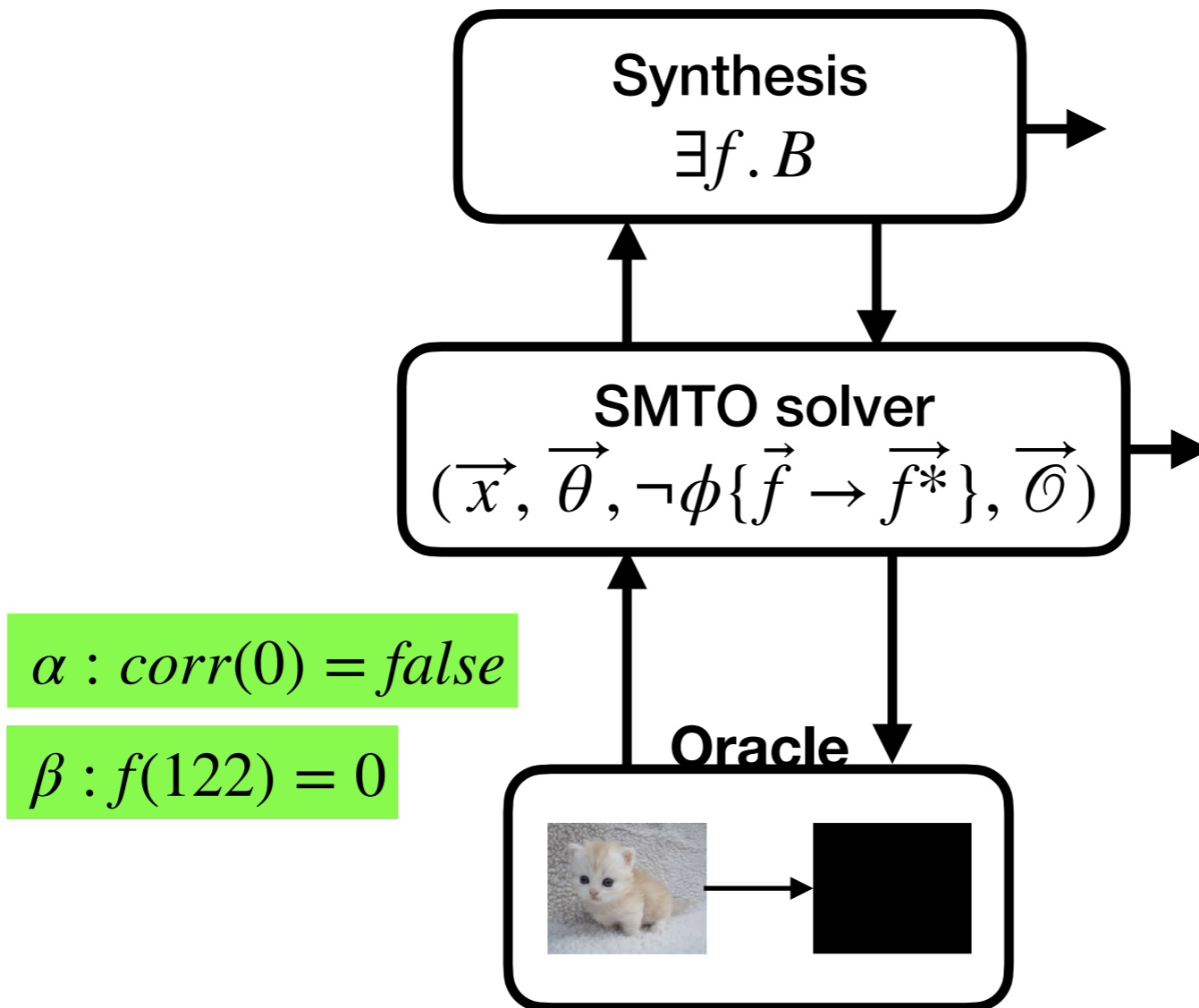
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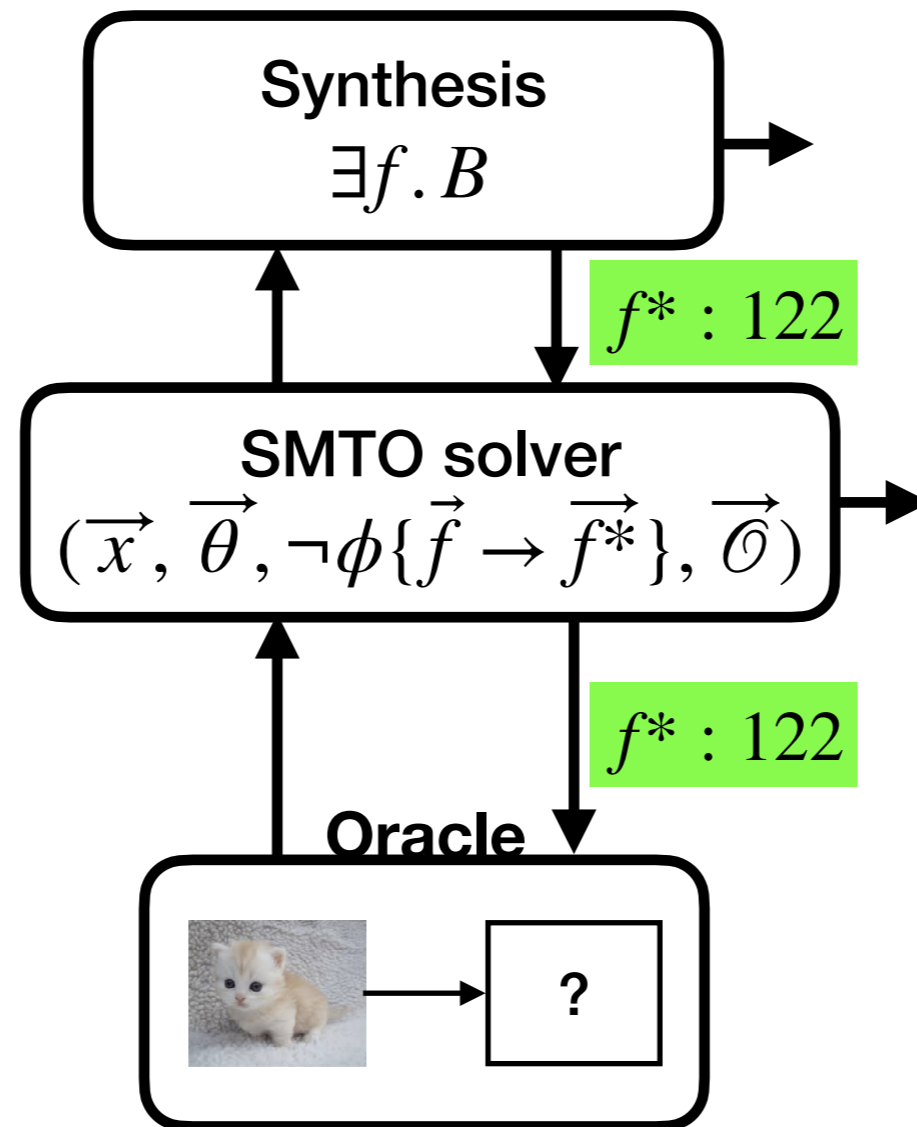
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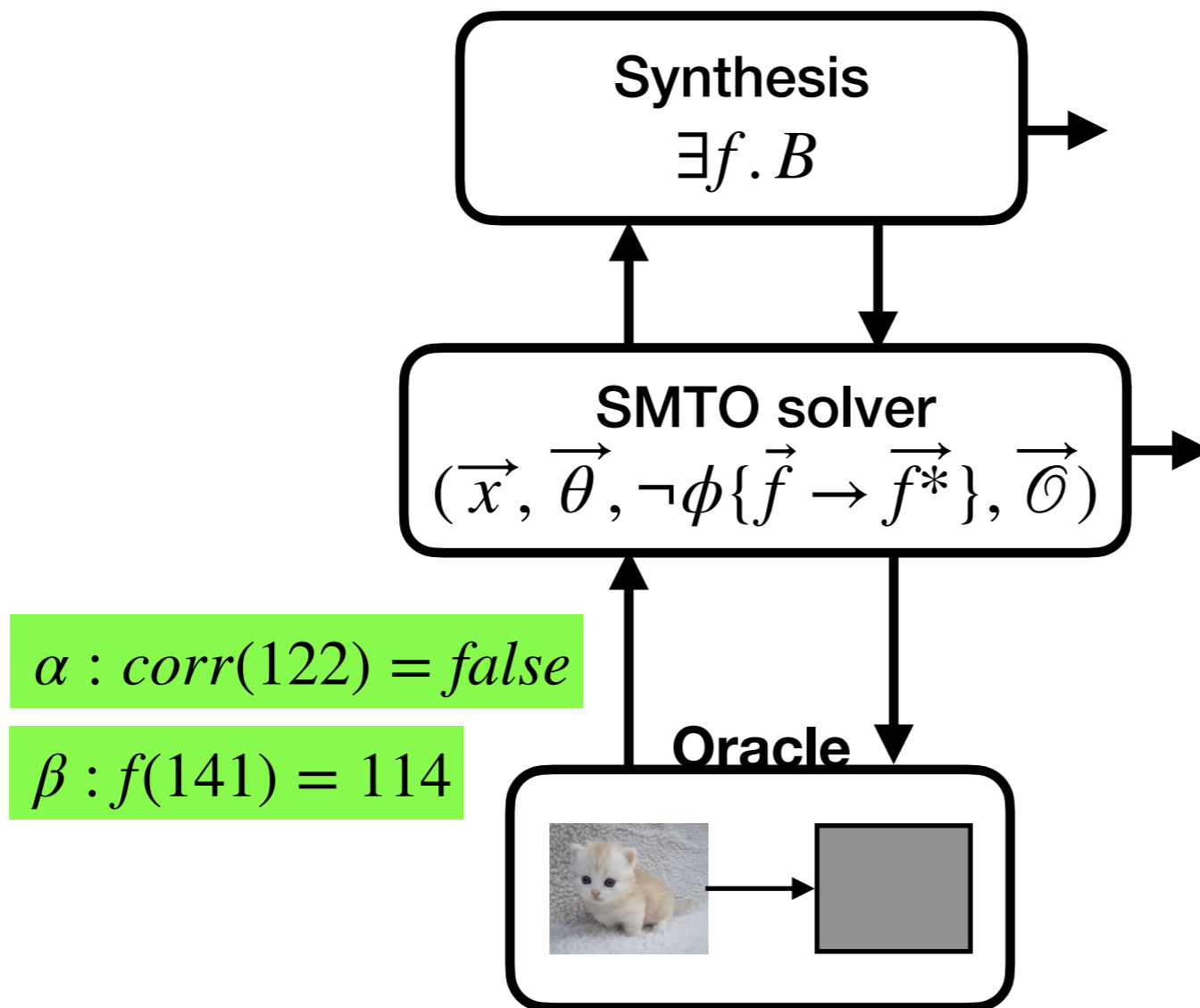
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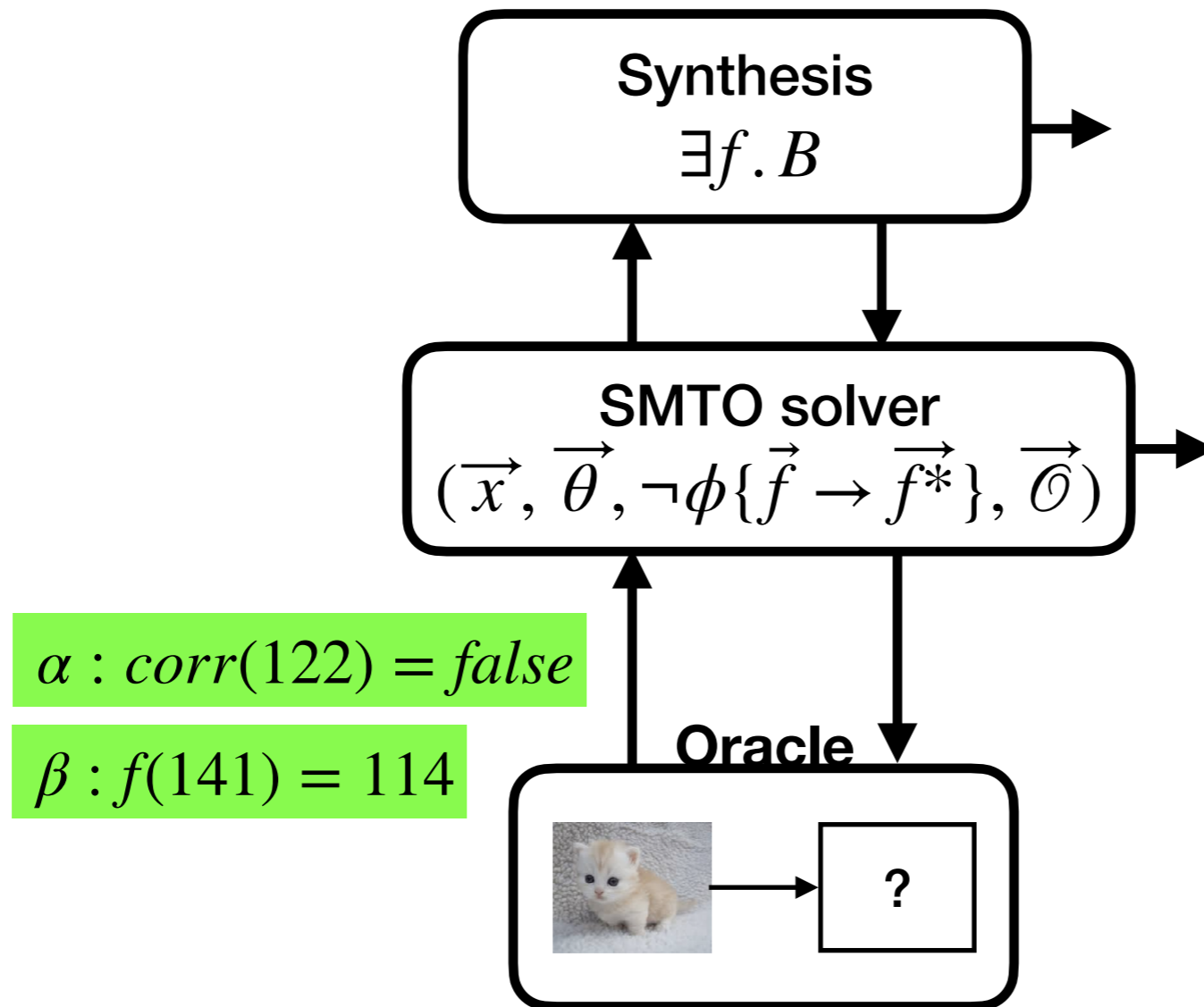
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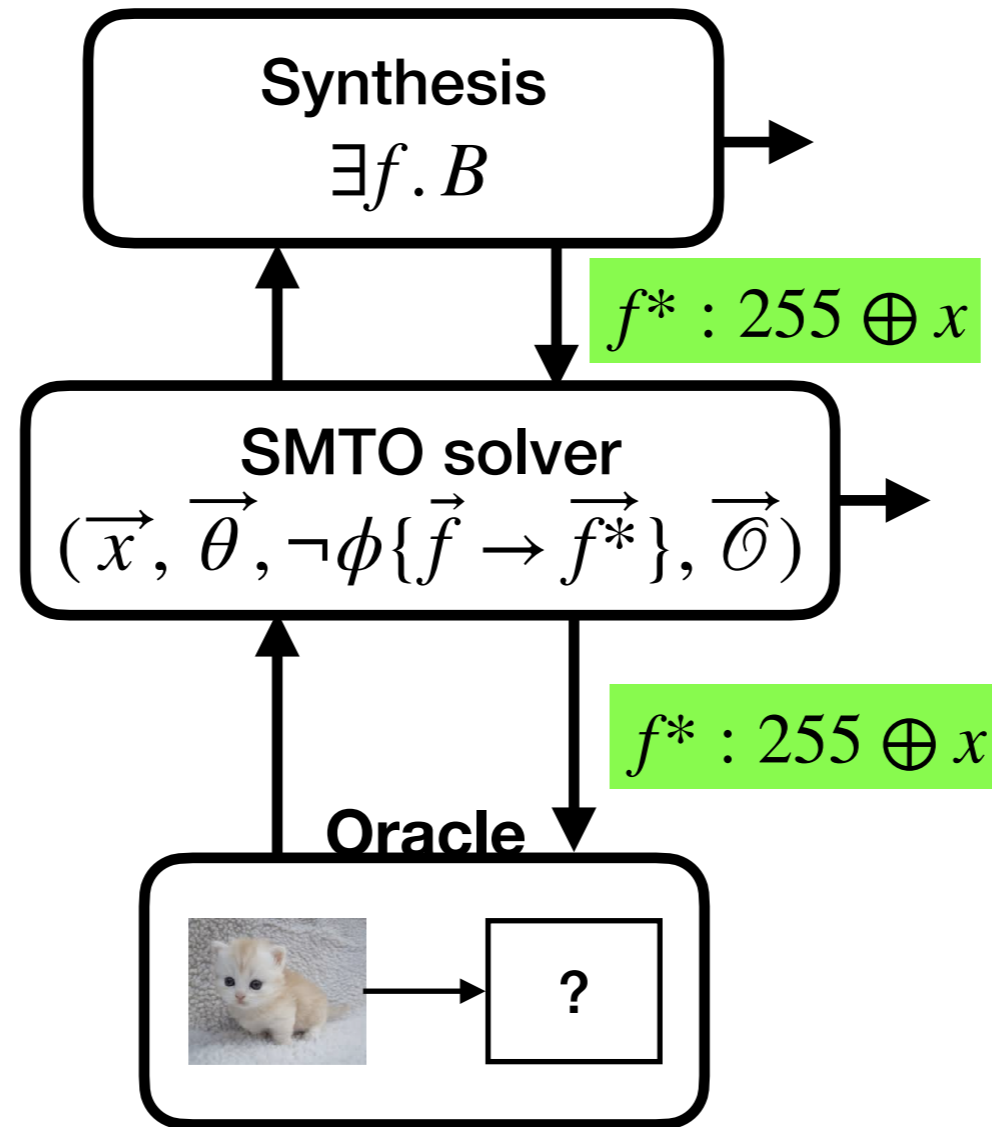
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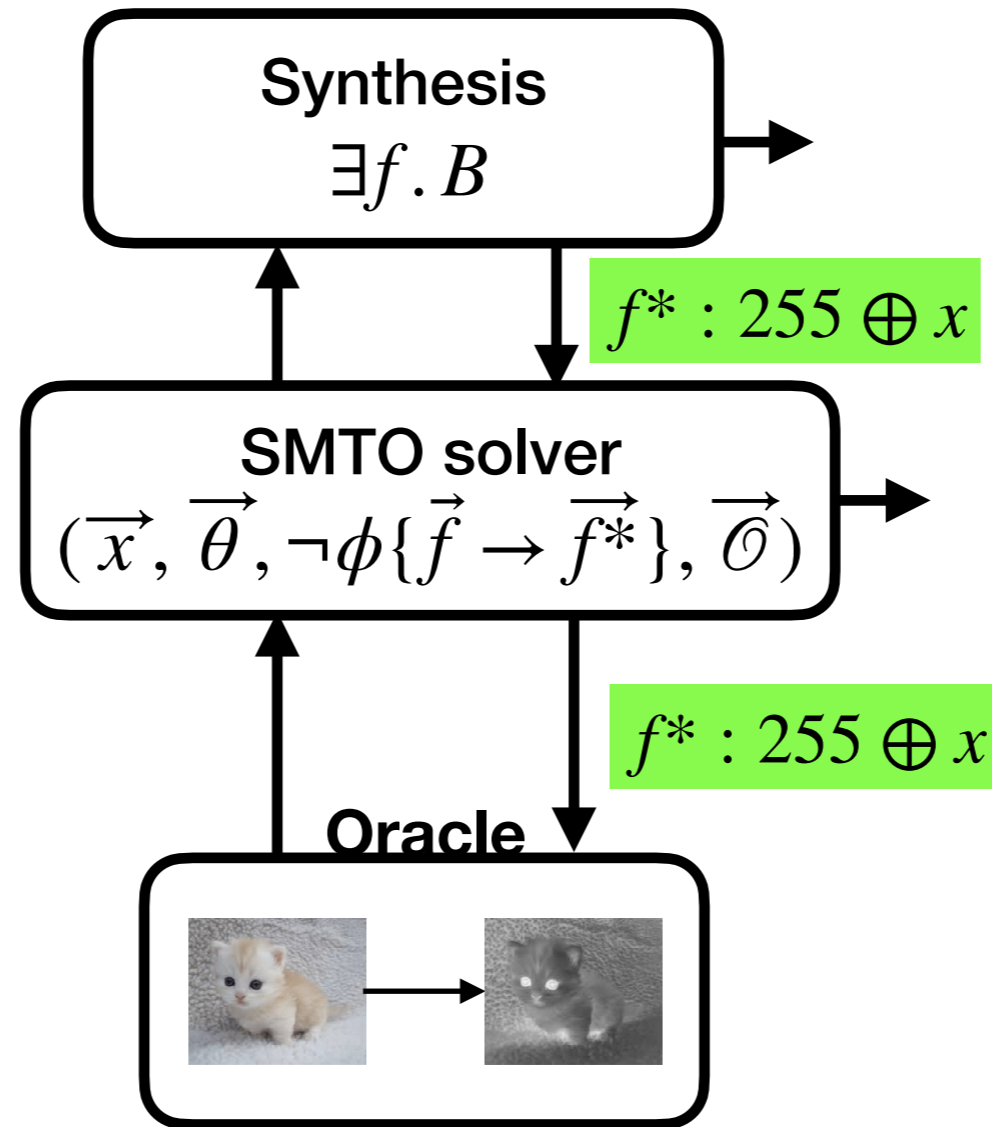
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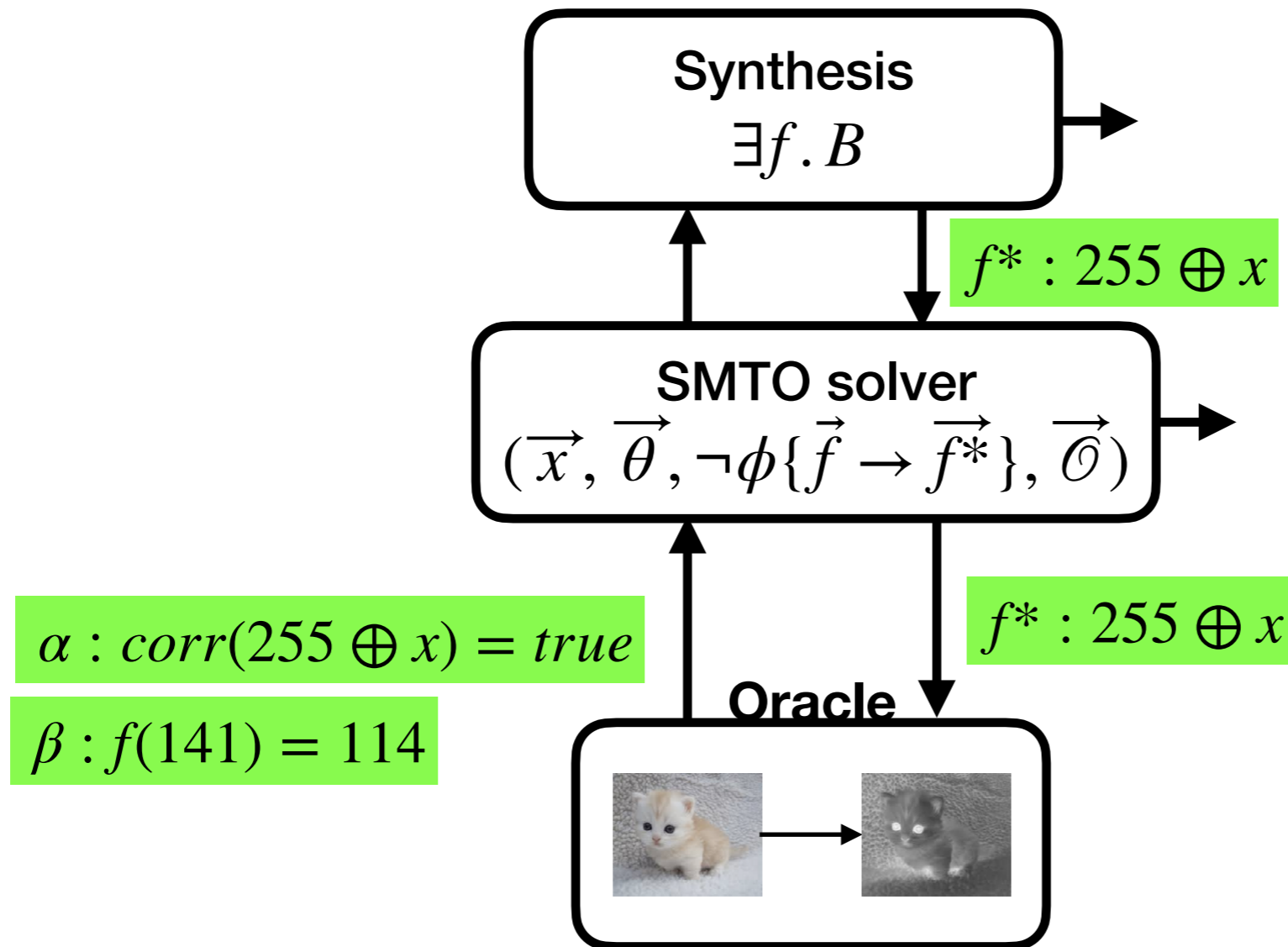
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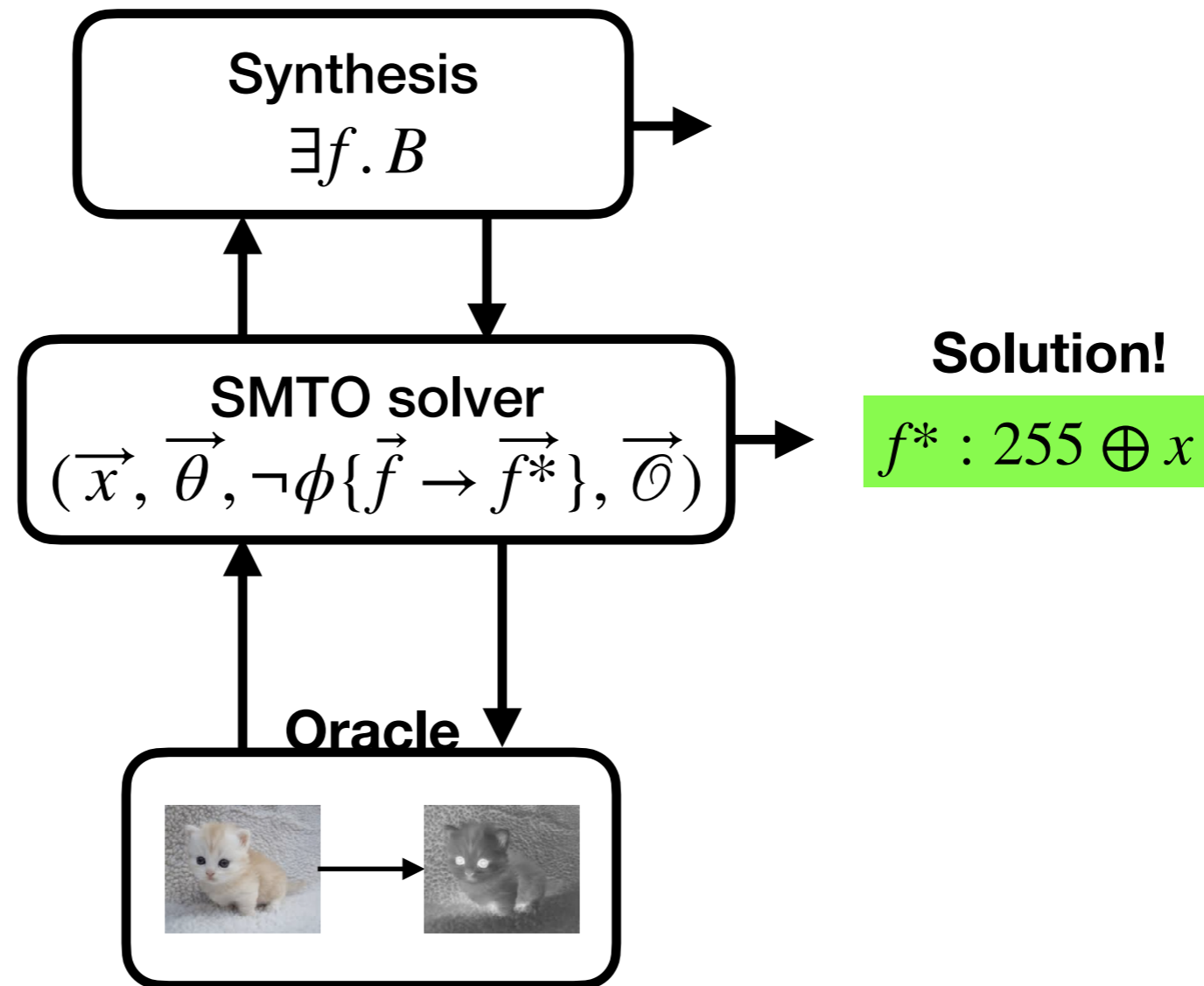
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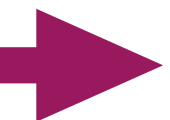
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Case studies

Approximate model

	Problem	Delphi (oracles)			CVC5 (no oracles)	
		#	#	s	#	s
SyMO	Images	10	9	21.6s	0	
	Control stability	112	104	29.3s	16	19.4s
	Control safety	112	31	59.9s	0	
	PBE	150	148	0.5s	150	<0.5s
SMT0	Math	12	9	<0.5s	5	2.2s

<https://github.com/polgreen/delphi>

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SyGuS-IF extension

- Syntax for declaring oracle constraints, oracle assumptions and oracle functions

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⟨OracleCmd⟩ ::= (oracle-assume (⟨SortedVar⟩* ) (⟨SortedVar⟩* ) ⟨Term⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
              | (oracle-constraint (⟨SortedVar⟩* ) (⟨SortedVar⟩* ) ⟨Term⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
              | (declare-oracle-fun ⟨Symbol⟩ (⟨Sort⟩* ) ⟨Sort⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
              | (oracle-constraint-io ⟨Symbol⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
              | (oracle-constraint-cex ⟨Symbol⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
              | (oracle-constraint-membership ⟨Symbol⟩ ⟨Symbol⟩ )
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<https://github.com/SyGuS-Org/docs>

Conclusion

- Defined oracle interfaces, grouping responses into **assumptions** and **constraints**
- Presented algorithms for SMTO and SyMO
- Performs synthesis with complex oracles without building new solvers

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Oracles can be (almost) anything!

- Must be able to say “yes” or “no” for correctness
- Must provide semantic guidance to the learner
- Can be used with traditional SMT constraints

Do you have oracles? Talk to us!

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