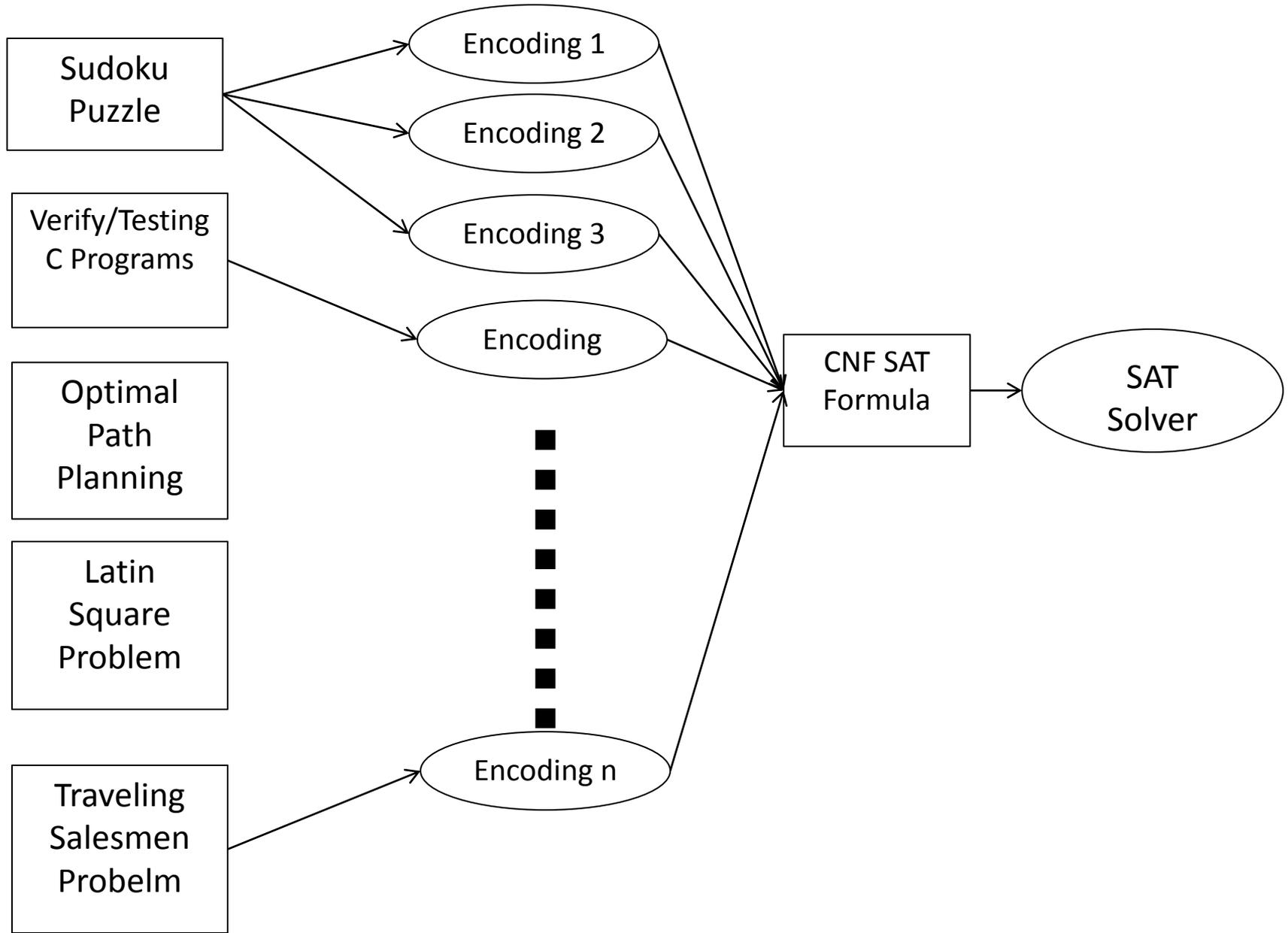


# Application of Propositional Logic II

## - How to Test/Verify my C program?

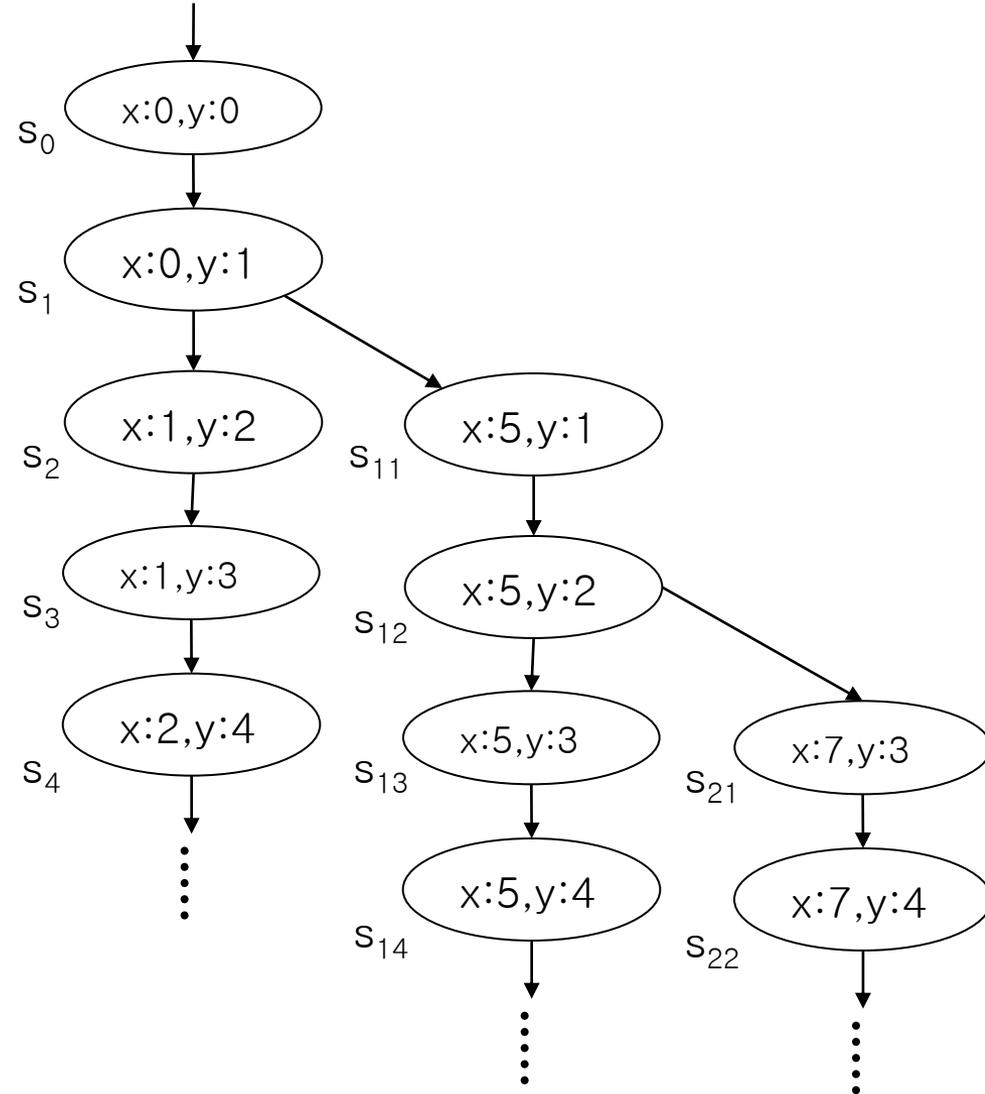
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# Solving Various Problems using SAT Solver



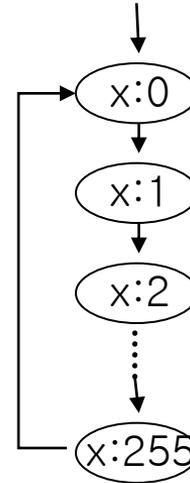
# Operational Semantics of Software

- A system execution  $\sigma$  is a sequence of states  $s_0 s_1 \dots$ 
  - A state has an environment  $\rho_s: Var \rightarrow Val$
- A system has its semantics as a set of system executions



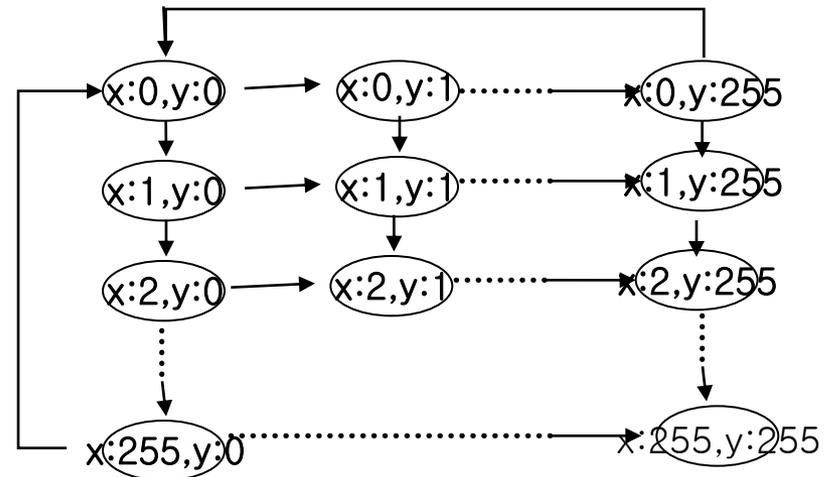
# Example of Model Checking

```
thread A() {  
  unsigned char x;  
  again:  
    x++;  
    goto again;  
}
```



```
thread A() {  
  unsigned char x;  
  again:  
    x++;  
    goto again;  
}
```

```
thread B() {  
  unsigned char y;  
  again:  
    y++;  
    goto again;  
}
```



# Pros and Cons of Model Checking

- Pros

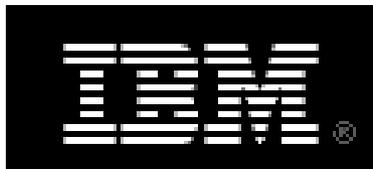
- Fully automated and provide complete coverage
- Concrete counter examples
- Full control over every detail of system behavior
  - Highly effective for analyzing
    - embedded software
    - multi-threaded systems

- Cons

- State explosion problem
- An abstracted model may not fully reflect a real system
- Needs to use a specialized modeling language
  - Modeling languages are similar to programming languages, but simpler and clearer

# Companies Working on Model Checking

**Microsoft**



**cadence**



**NEC**

Empowered by Innovation



Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
California Institute of Technology



# Model Checking History

1981 Clarke / Emerson: CTL Model Checking **10<sup>5</sup>**  
Sifakis / Quielle

1982 EMC: **Explicit Model Checker**  
Clarke, Emerson, Sistla

1990 **Symbolic Model Checking** **10<sup>100</sup>**  
Burch, Clarke, Dill, McMillan

1992 SMV: Symbolic Model Verifier  
McMillan

1998 **Bounded Model Checking using SAT** **10<sup>1000</sup>**  
Biere, Clarke, Zhu

2000 **Counterexample-guided Abstraction Refinement**  
Clarke, Grumberg, Jha, Lu, Veith



# Example. Sort (1/2)

9	14	2	255
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- Suppose that we have an array of 4 elements each of which is 1 byte long
  - unsigned char a[4];
- We want to verify sort.c works correctly
  - `main() { sort(); assert(a[0]<= a[1]<= a[2]<=a[3]);}`
- Hash table based **explicit model checker** (ex. Spin) generates at least  $2^{32}$  ( $= 4 \times 10^9 = 4\text{G}$ ) states
  - 4G states x 4 bytes = 16 Gbytes, no way...
- Binary Decision Diagram (BDD) based **symbolic model checker** (ex. NuSMV) takes 200 MB in 400 sec

# Example. Sort (2/2)

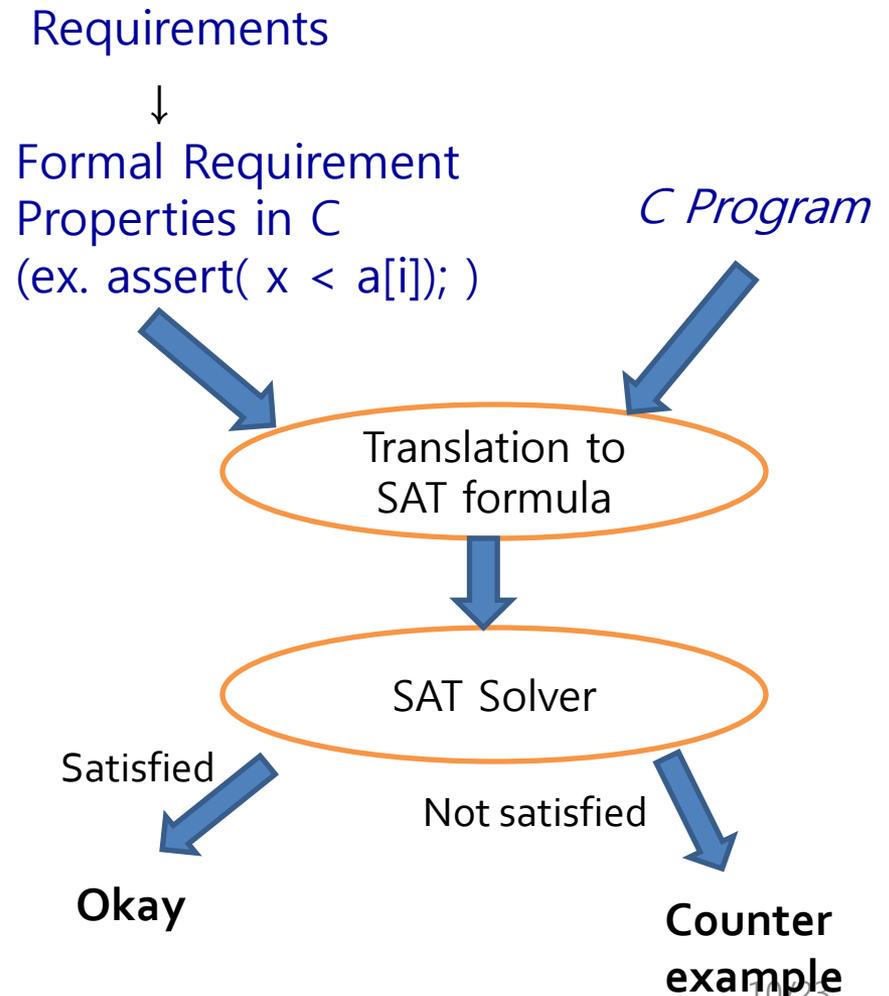
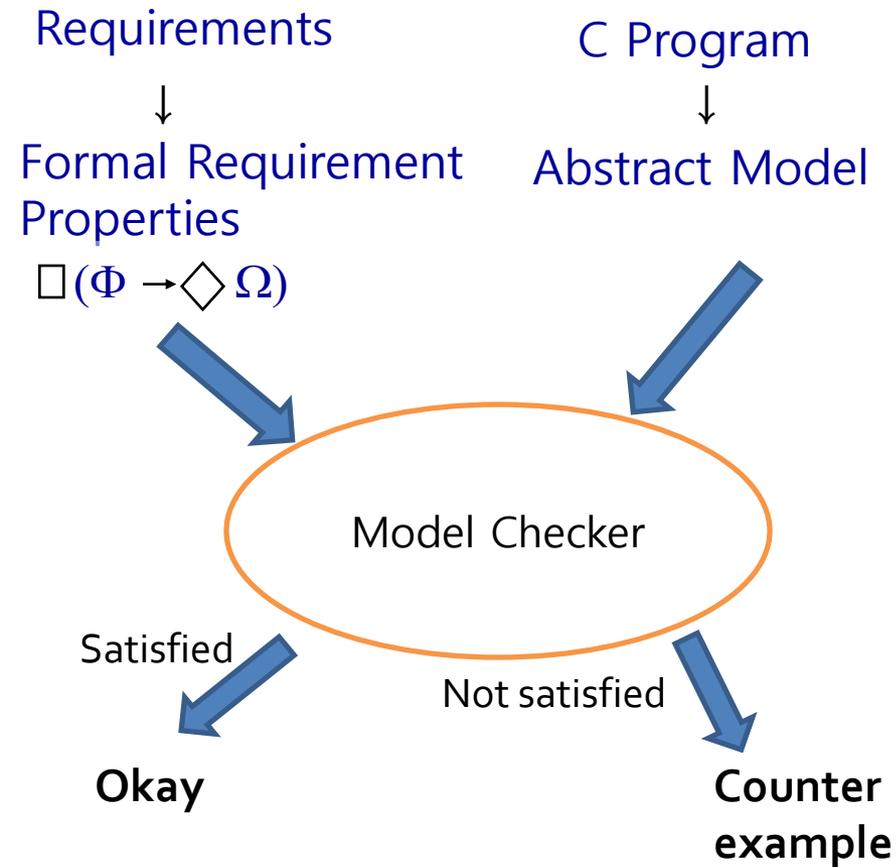
```
1. #include <stdio.h>
2. #define N 5
3. int main(){
4.     int data[N], i, j, tmp;
5.     /* Assign random values to the array*/
6.     for (i=0; i<N; i++){
7.         data[i] = nondet_int();
8.     }
9.     /* It misses the last element, i.e., data[N-1]*/
10.    for (i=0; i<N-1; i++){
11.        for (j=i+1; j<N-1; j++){
12.            if (data[i] > data[j]){
13.                tmp = data[i];
14.                data[i] = data[j];
15.                data[j] = tmp;
16.            }
17.        } /* Check the array is sorted */
18.        for (i=0; i<N-1; i++){
19.            assert(data[i] <= data[i+1]);
20.        }
21.    }
```

- SAT-based Bounded Model Checker
  - Total 19099 CNF clause with 6224 boolean propositional variables
  - Theoretically,  $2^{6224}$  choices should be evaluated!!!

SAT	VSIDS
Conflicts	73
Decisions	2435
Time(sec)	0.015

UNSAT	VSIDS
Conflicts	35067
Decisions	161406
Time(sec)	1.89

# Overview of SAT-based Bounded Model Checking



# Software Model Checking as a SAT problem (1/4)

- Control-flow simplification
  - All side effect are removed
    - `i++ => i=i+1;`
  - Control flow is made explicit
    - `continue, break => goto`
  - Loop simplification
    - `for(;;), do {...} while() => while()`

# Software Model Checking as a SAT problem (2/4)

- Unwinding Loop

## Original code

```
x=0;
while (x < 2) {
  y=y+x;
  x++;
}
```

## Unwinding the loop 1 times

```
x=0;
if (x < 2) {
  y=y+x;
  x++;
}
/* Unwinding assertion */
assert (!(x < 2))
```

## Unwinding the loop 3 times

```
x=0;
if (x < 2) {
  y=y+x;
  x++;
}
if (x < 2) {
  y=y+x;
  x++;
}
if (x < 2) {
  y=y+x;
  x++;
}
/*Unwinding assertion*/
assert (!(x < 2))
```

# Examples

```
/* Straight-forward  
   constant upperbound */  
for(i=0,j=0; i < 5; i++) {  
    j=j+i;  
}
```

```
/*Constant upperbound*/  
for(i=0,j=0; j < 10; i++) {  
    j=j+i;  
}
```

```
/* Complex upperbound */  
for(i=0; i < 5; i++) {  
    for(j=i; j < 5;j++) {  
        for(k= i+j; k < 5; k++) {  
            m += i+j+k;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
/* Upperbound unknown */  
for(i=0,j=0; i^6-4*i^5 -17*i^4 != 9604 ; i++) {  
    j=j+i;  
}
```

# Model Checking as a SAT problem (3/4)

- From C Code to SAT Formula

Original code

```
x=x+y;  
if (x!=1)  
    x=2;  
else  
    x++;  
assert (x<=3);
```

Convert to static single assignment (SSA)

```
x1=x0+y0;  
if (x1!=1)  
    x2=2;  
else  
    x3=x1+1;  
x4=(x1!=1)?x2:x3;  
assert (x4<=3);
```

Generate constraints

$C \equiv x_1 = x_0 + y_0 \wedge x_2 = 2 \wedge x_3 = x_1 + 1 \wedge (x_1 \neq 1 \wedge x_4 = x_2 \vee x_1 = 1 \wedge x_4 = x_3)$

$P \equiv x_4 \leq 3$

Check if  $C \wedge \neg P$  is satisfiable, if it is then the assertion is violated

$C \wedge \neg P$  is converted to Boolean logic using a bit vector

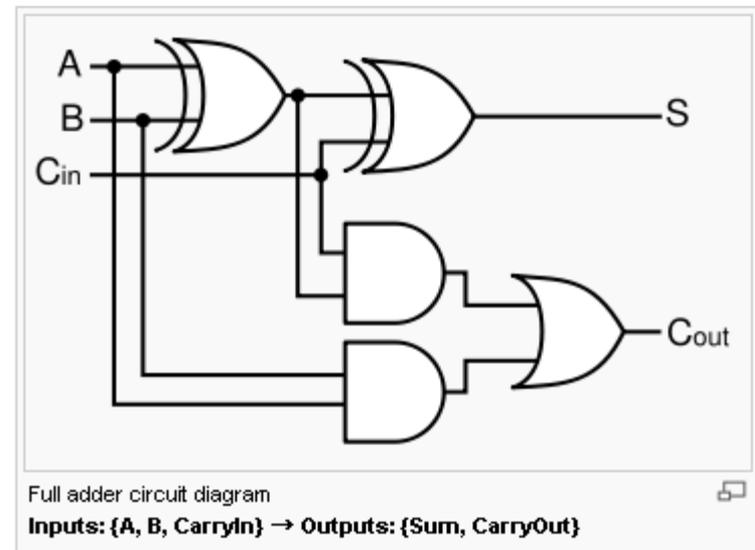
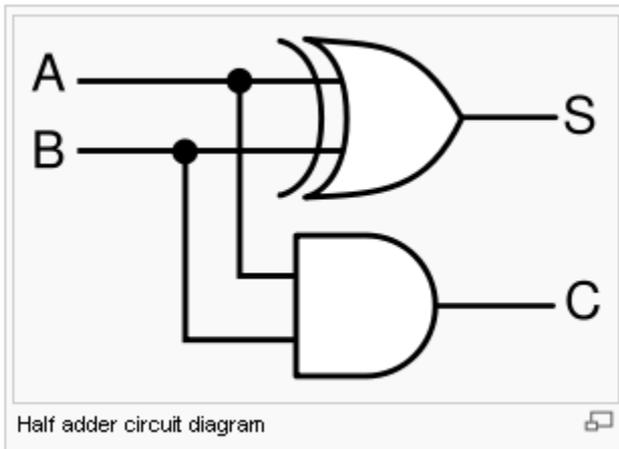
representation for the integer variables  $y_0, x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$

# Model Checking as a SAT problem (4/4)

- Example of arithmetic encoding into pure propositional formula

Assume that  $x, y, z$  are three bits positive integers represented by propositions  $x_0x_1x_2, y_0y_1y_2, z_0z_1z_2$

$$\begin{aligned} C \equiv z=x+y \equiv & (z_0 \leftrightarrow (x_0 \oplus y_0) \oplus ((x_1 \wedge y_1) \vee ((x_1 \oplus y_1) \wedge (x_2 \wedge y_2)))) \\ & \wedge (z_1 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \oplus y_1) \oplus (x_2 \wedge y_2)) \\ & \wedge (z_2 \leftrightarrow (x_2 \oplus y_2)) \end{aligned}$$



# Example

```
/* Assume that x and y are 2 bit
unsigned integers */
/* Also assume that x+y <= 3 */
void f(unsigned int y) {
    unsigned int x=1;
    x=x+y;
    if (x==2)
        x+=1;
    else
        x=2;
    assert(x ==2);
}
```

# C Bounded Model Checker

- Targeting arbitrary ANSI-C programs
  - Bit vector operators (  $\gg$ ,  $\ll$ ,  $|$ ,  $\&$ )
  - Array
  - Pointer arithmetic
  - Dynamic memory allocation
  - Floating #
- Can check
  - Array bound checks (i.e., buffer overflow)
  - Division by 0
  - Pointer checks (i.e., NULL pointer dereference)
  - Arithmetic overflow/underflow
  - User defined assert(cond)
- Handles function calls using inlining
- Unwinds the loops a fixed number of times

# Modeling with CBMC

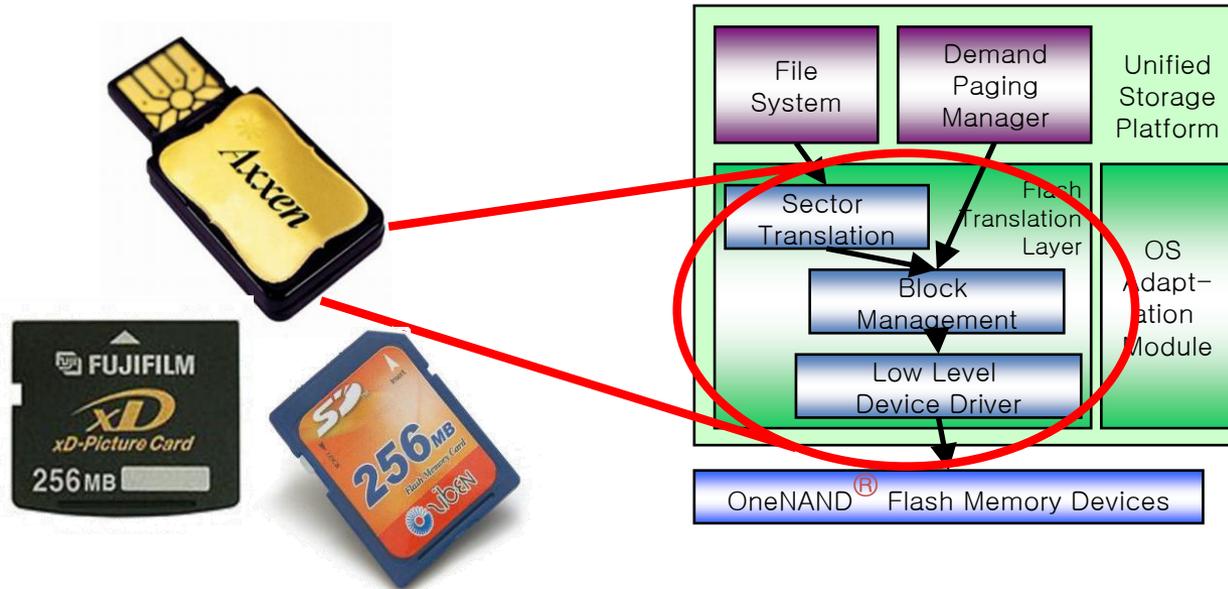
- Models an environment (i.e., various scenarios) using non-determinism
  1. By using undefined functions
  2. By using uninitialized local variables
  3. By using function parameters
  4. By explicitly using `__CPROVER_assume()`

```
foo(int x) {  
    __CPROVER_assume  
    (0 < x && x < 10);  
    x++;  
    assert (x*x <= 100);  
}
```

```
bar() {  
    int y=0;  
    __CPROVER_assume  
    ( y > 10);  
    assert(0);  
}
```

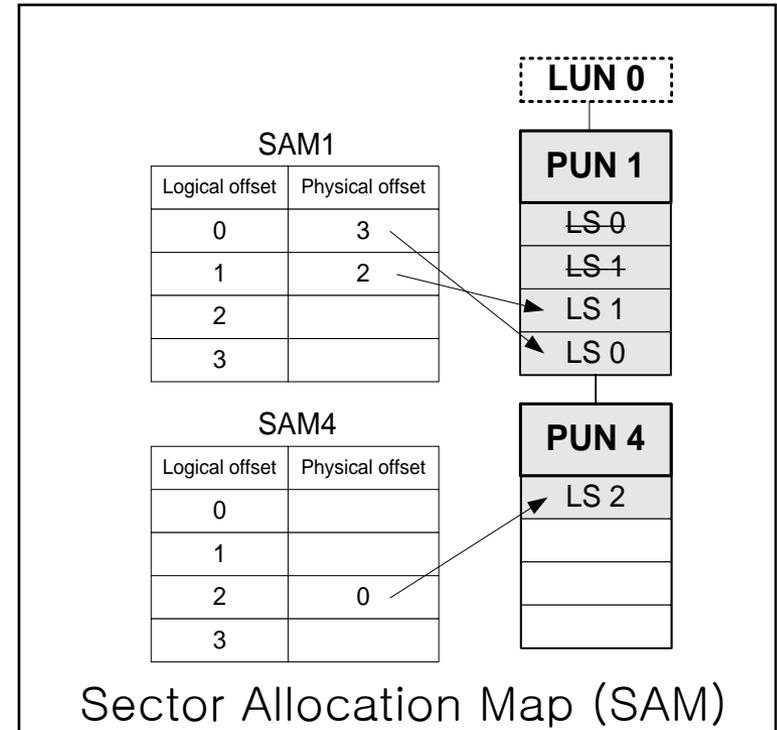
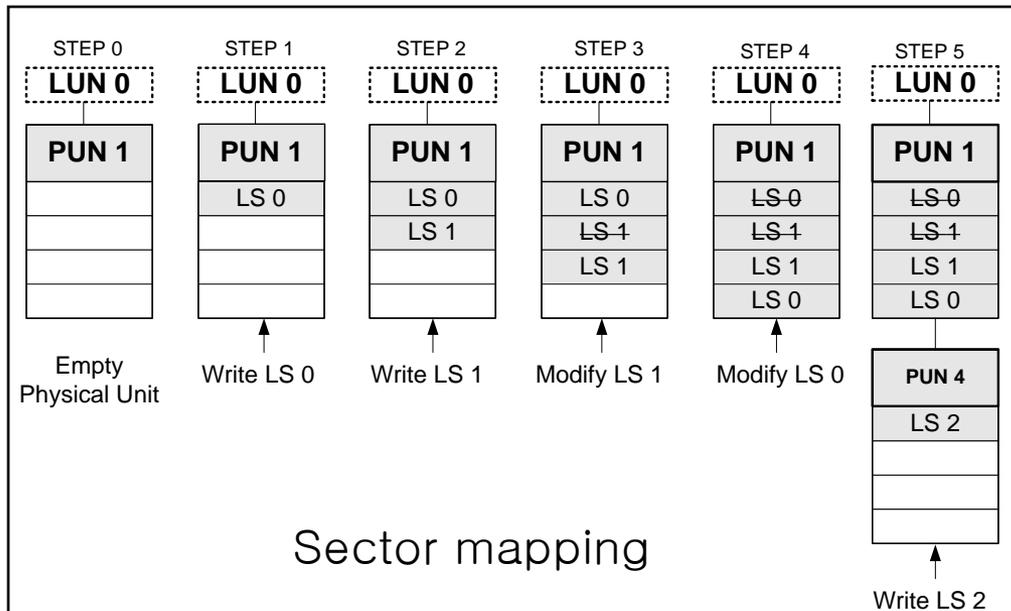
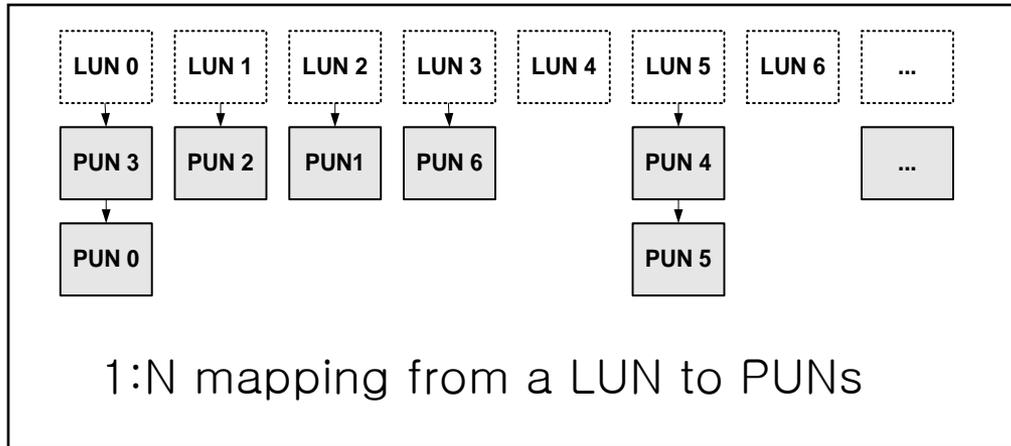
```
int x = nondet();  
bar() {  
    int y;  
    __CPROVER_assume  
    (0 < x && 0 < y);  
    if(x < 0 && y < 0)  
        assert(0);  
}
```

# Industrial Application of CBMC [ASE'08, TSE'11]



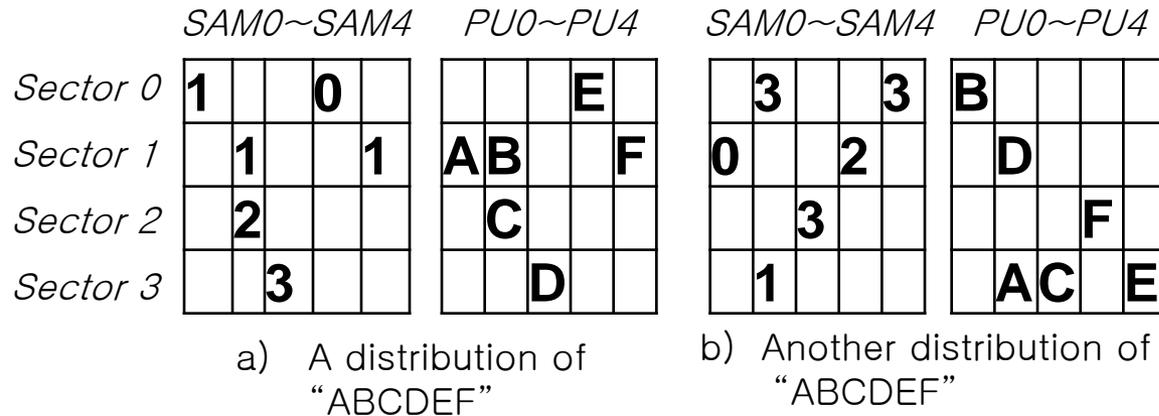
- In 2007, Samsung requested to debug the **device driver** for the OneNAND™ flash memory
- We reviewed the requirement specifications, the design documents, and C code to **identify code-level properties** to check.
- Then, we applied **CBMC (C Bounded Model Checker)** to check the properties
  - Found several bugs
  - Provided high confidence in multi-sector read operation through exhaustive exploration

# Logical to Physical Sector Mapping



- In flash memory, logical data are distributed over physical sectors.

# Multi-sector Read Operation (MSR)



- MSR reads adjacent multiple physical sectors once in order to improve read speed
  - MSR is 157 lines long, but highly complex due to its 4 level loops
- We built a small test environment for MSR
  - The test environment contains only upto 10 physical units
  - The test environment should follow constraints, which are described by `_CPROVER_assume( Boolean exp )` statement
    - SAM tables and PUs should correspond each other
    - For each logical sector, at least one physical sector that has the same value exists

# Performance Comparison for Verifying Multisector Read

