

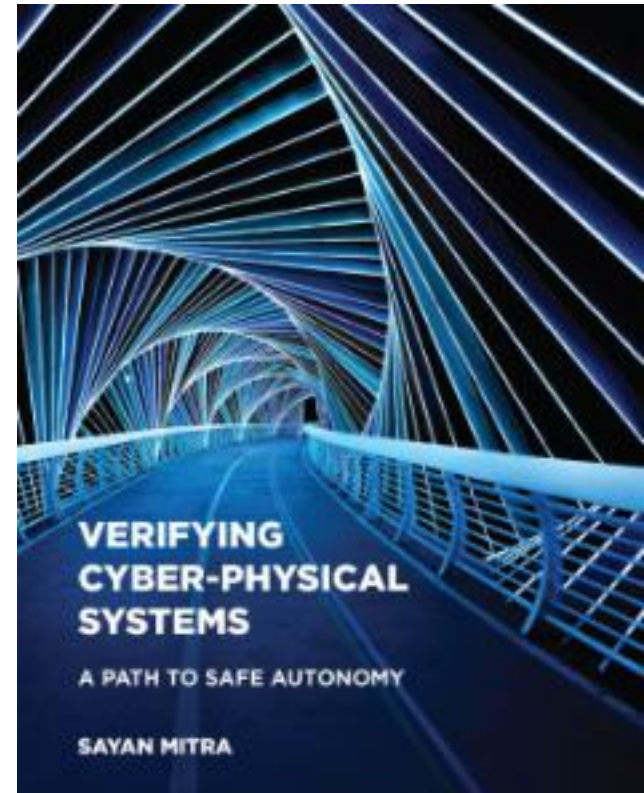
# Lecture 3: Satisfiability

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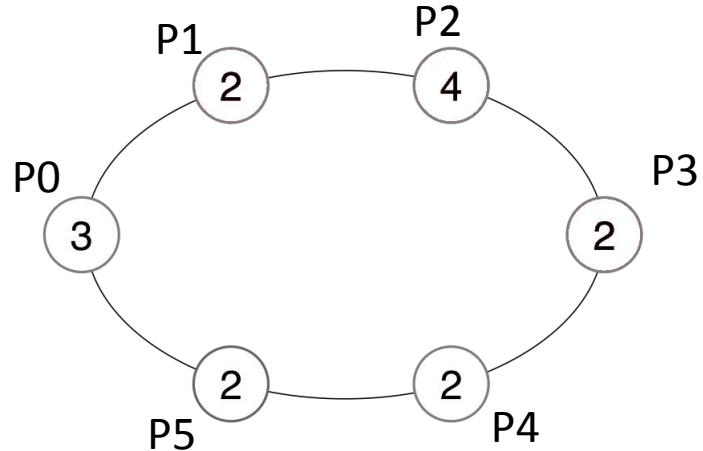
# Readings

- Chapter 7
- Appendix C

## Outline

- Review on the proofs of inductive invariance properties
- Propositional Satisfiability problem
- Normal forms
- DPLL algorithm (next lecture)

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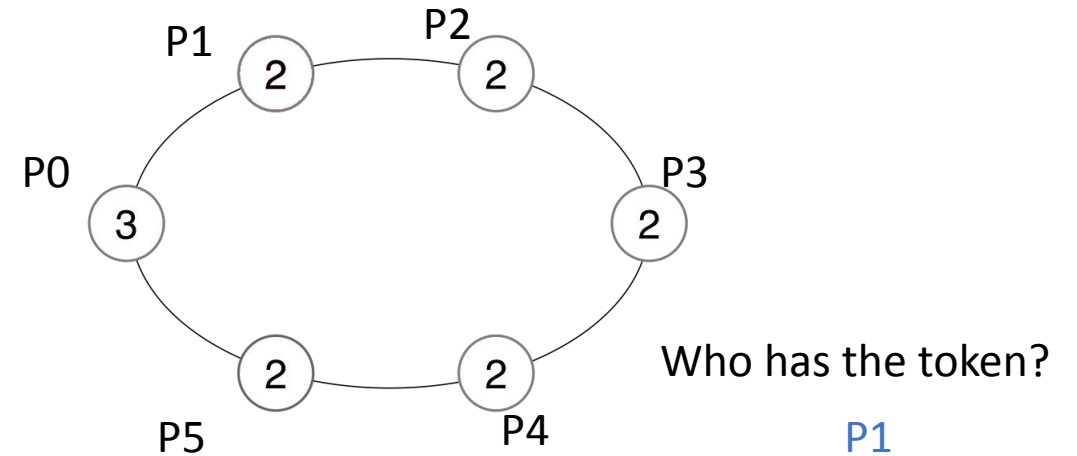
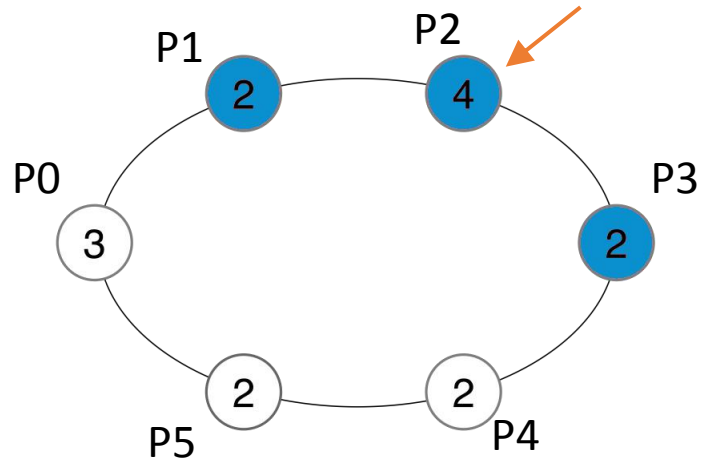
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# A language for specifying automata (IOA)

automaton `DijkstraTR`(`N: Nat`, `K: Nat`), where  $K > N$

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Automaton  $\mathcal{A} = \langle X, \Theta, A, \mathcal{D} \rangle$

# Reachable states and invariants

A state  $\mathbf{u}$  is **reachable** if there exists an execution  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha.lstate = \mathbf{u}$

$Reach_{\mathcal{A}}(\Theta)$ : set of states reachable from  $\Theta$  by automaton  $\mathcal{A}$

An **invariant** is a set of states  $I$  such that  $Reach_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq I$

# Proving invariants by induction (Chapter 7)

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Can we prove this part automatically?

Yes! Use a *satisfiability solver!* (HW1)

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# Boolean *satisfiability* problem

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Example:  $\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv (x_1 \wedge x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \wedge \neg x_3 \vee x_2)$

Set of variables:  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ ,

Each variable is Boolean:  $type(x_i) = \{0,1\}$

Formula  $\alpha$  is *well-formed* if it uses propositional operators, and  $\wedge$ , or  $\vee$ , not  $\neg$ , iff  $\leftrightarrow$  etc., properly

Recall, a valuation  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $X$  maps each  $x_i$  to a value 0 or 1

A valuation  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $X$  *satisfies*  $\alpha$  if each each  $x_i$  in  $\alpha$  replaced by the corresponding value in  $\mathbf{x}$  evaluates to *true*. We write this as  $\mathbf{x} \models \alpha$

Otherwise, we write  $\mathbf{x} \not\models \alpha$

Example: with  $\mathbf{x} \equiv \langle x_1 \mapsto 1, x_2 \mapsto 1, x_3 \mapsto 0 \rangle$ ;  $\mathbf{x} \models \alpha$

# Boolean *satisfiability* problem (SAT)

Given a well-formed formula in propositional logic, determine whether there exists a satisfying solution

Restatement:  $\exists \mathbf{x} \in \text{val}(X): \mathbf{x} \models \alpha$ ?

If the answer is "No" then  $\alpha$  is said to be *unsatisfiable*

**Aside.** If  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \text{val}(X): \mathbf{x} \models \alpha$  then  $\alpha$  is said to be *valid* or *a tautology*

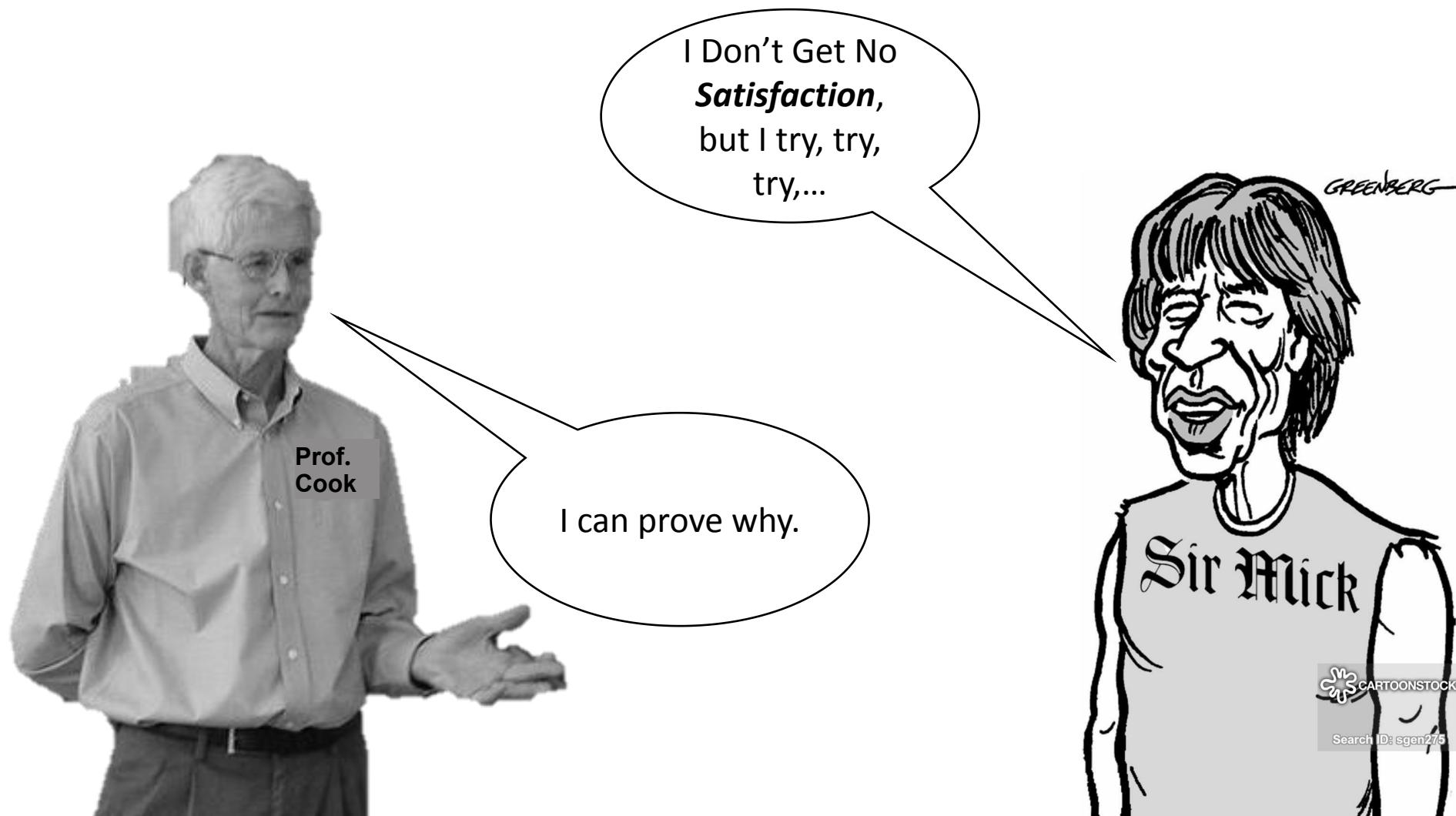
If  $\alpha$  is valid then  $\neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable

$\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  are *tautologically equivalent* if they have the same truth tables

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \text{val}(X): \mathbf{x} \models \alpha \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} \models \alpha'$$

What is a naïve method for solving SAT?

What is the complexity of this approach? How many evaluations of  $\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ?



# SAT is NP-complete

SAT was the first problem shown to be NP-complete [Cook 71]

2-SAT can be solved in polynomial time (Exercise)

(Read definition of NP: Nondeterministic Polytime in Appendix C)

This has real implications

1. Essentially we don't know better than the naïve algorithm
2. A solver for SAT can be used to solve any other problem in the NP class with only polytime slowdown. i.e., makes a lot of sense to build SAT solvers
3. SAT/SMT solving is the cornerstone of *many* verification procedures

Stephen Cook, The complexity of theorem-proving procedures. In Proceedings of the third annual ACM symposium on theory of computing. STOC '71.

## Online SAT solvers [edit]

- BoolSAT – Solves formulas in the DIMACS-CNF format or in a more
- Logictools – Provides different solvers in javascript for learning, co
- minisat-in-your-browser – Solves formulas in the DIMACS-CNF for
- SATRennesPA – Solves formulas written in a user-friendly way. R
- somerby.net/mack/logic – Solves formulas written in symbolic logic

## Offline SAT solvers [edit]

- MiniSAT – DIMACS-CNF format and OPB format for it's companion
- Lingeling – won a gold medal in a 2011 SAT competition.
  - PicoSAT – an earlier solver from the Lingeling group.
- Sat4j – DIMACS-CNF format. Java source code available.
- Glucose – DIMACS-CNF format.
- RSat – won a gold medal in a 2007 SAT competition.
- UBCSAT. Supports unweighted and weighted clauses, both in the
- CryptoMiniSat – won a gold medal in a 2011 SAT competition. C++ MiniSat 2.0 core, PrecoSat ver 236, and Glucose into one package, i
- Spear – Supports bit-vector arithmetic. Can use the DIMACS-CNF
  - HyperSAT – Written to experiment with B-cubing search space solver from the developers of Spear.
- BASolver
- ArgoSAT
- Fast SAT Solver – based on genetic algorithms.
- zChaff – not supported anymore.

thousands variables  
millions of clauses  
are solvable

The international SAT Competitions web page

### Current Competition

SAT 2019 Race	
Organizers	Marijn Heule, Matti Järvisalo, Martin Suda

### Past Competitions

SAT 2018 Competition	
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# Details

We will assume  $\alpha$  to be in *conjunctive normal form (CNF)*

*literals*: variable or its negation, e.g.,  $x_3$ ,  $\neg x_3$

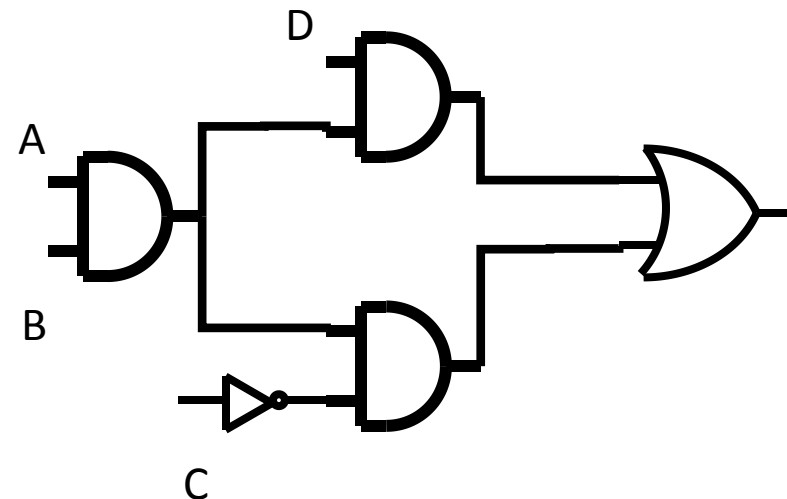
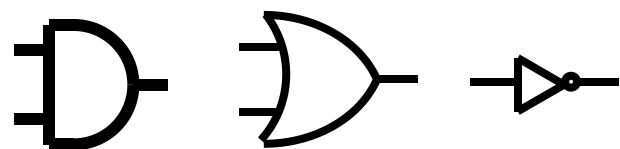
*clause*: disjunction (or) of literals, e.g.,  $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$

*CNF formula*: conjunction (and) of clauses,

e.g.,  $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_1)$

A variable may appear *positively* or *negatively* in a clause

# Logic and circuits



$$I \equiv (D \wedge (A \wedge B)) \vee (\neg C \wedge (A \wedge B))$$

Repeated subexpression is inefficient

Solution: rename  $(A \wedge B) \leftrightarrow E$

$$I' \equiv (D \wedge E) \vee (\neg C \wedge E) \wedge ((A \wedge B) \leftrightarrow E)$$

$I$  and  $I'$  are **not tautologically equivalent**

$C = 0, A = B = 1, E = 0$  satisfies  $I$

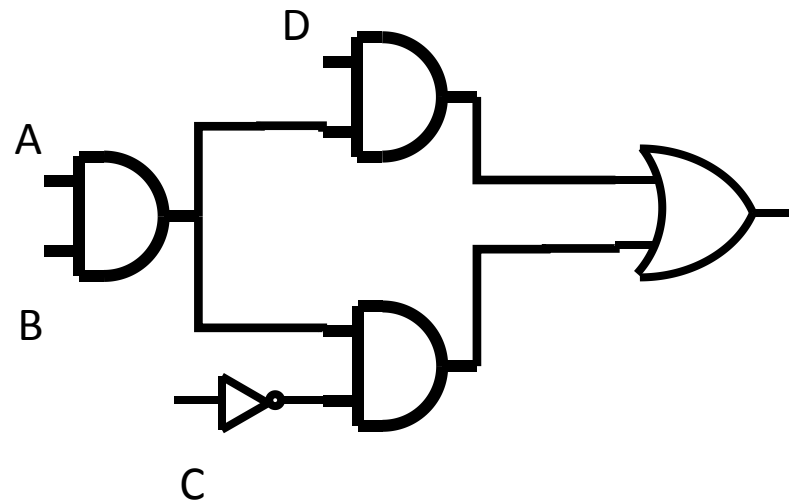
But they are *equisatisfiable*, i.e.,  $I$  is satisfiable iff  $I'$  is also satisfiable

Recall that:

$$\begin{aligned} A \leftrightarrow B \\ (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A) \\ (\neg A \vee B) \wedge (\neg B \vee A) \end{aligned}$$

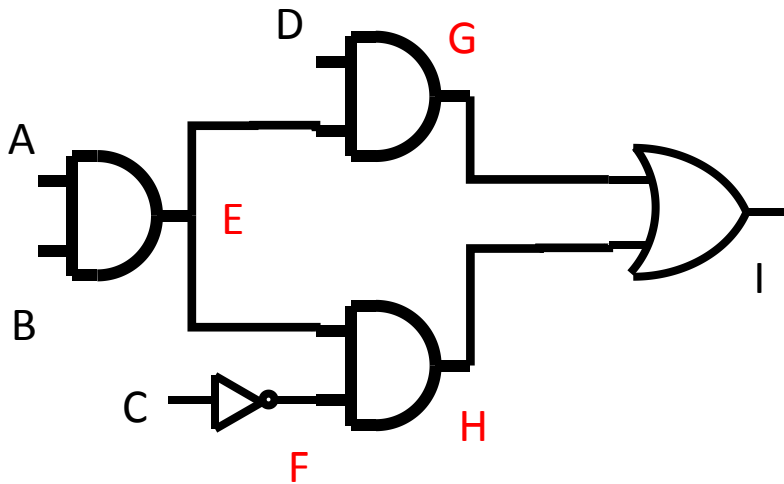
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- View the formula as a graph
- Give new names (variables) to non-leaves
- Relate the inputs and the outputs of the nonleaves and add this as a new clause
- Take conjunction of all of this





# Converting to CNF



- $F \leftrightarrow \neg C$ 
  - $F \rightarrow \neg C \wedge \neg C \rightarrow F$
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# Standard representations of CNF

- $(\neg A \vee \neg B \vee E) \wedge (\neg E \vee A) \wedge (\neg E \vee B)$
- $(A' + B' + E)(E' + A)(E' + B)$
- $(-1 \ -2 \ 5)(-5 \ 1)(-5 \ 2)$  DIMACS
- SMTLib: computer readable, standard format

<https://smtlib.cs.uiowa.edu/language.shtml>

# Davis Putnam Logemann Loveland Algorithm (DPLL) 1962

Transform the given formula  $\alpha$  by applying a **sequence of satisfiability preserving rules**

If final result has an empty clause then *unsatisfiable*

if final result has no clauses then the formula is *satisfiable*

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Then the resolved clause is  $(\ell_1 \vee \ell_2 \vee k_1 \vee k_2)$

Pairwise, resolve each clause in which  $p$  appears positively with a clause in which  $p$  appears negatively, and take the conjunction of all the results

Why is the result equisatisfiable?

What is the size of the resulting formula?

DPLL modifies resolution in DP with recursive DFS rule

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Rule 3'. Let  $\Delta$  be the current set of clauses. Choose a literal  $p$  in  $\Delta$ .

Check satisfiability of  $\Delta \cup \{ p \}$  (guessing  $p = 1$ )

If satisfiable then return True else

return result of checking satisfiability of  $\Delta \cup \{ \neg p \}$

This is essentially a depth first search

# Assignments

- HW1 (due Feb 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Install Z3
- Keep thinking about class projects! Form teams (max 2 people).
- More on DPLL next lecture