Using Proofs-from-Tests to Verify Higher-Order Programs

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Liquid Types

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       then x {ν : int | ν = x}
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Extend standard types with refinement predicates that refer to program variables and primitive functions

Well-typed program implies correctness

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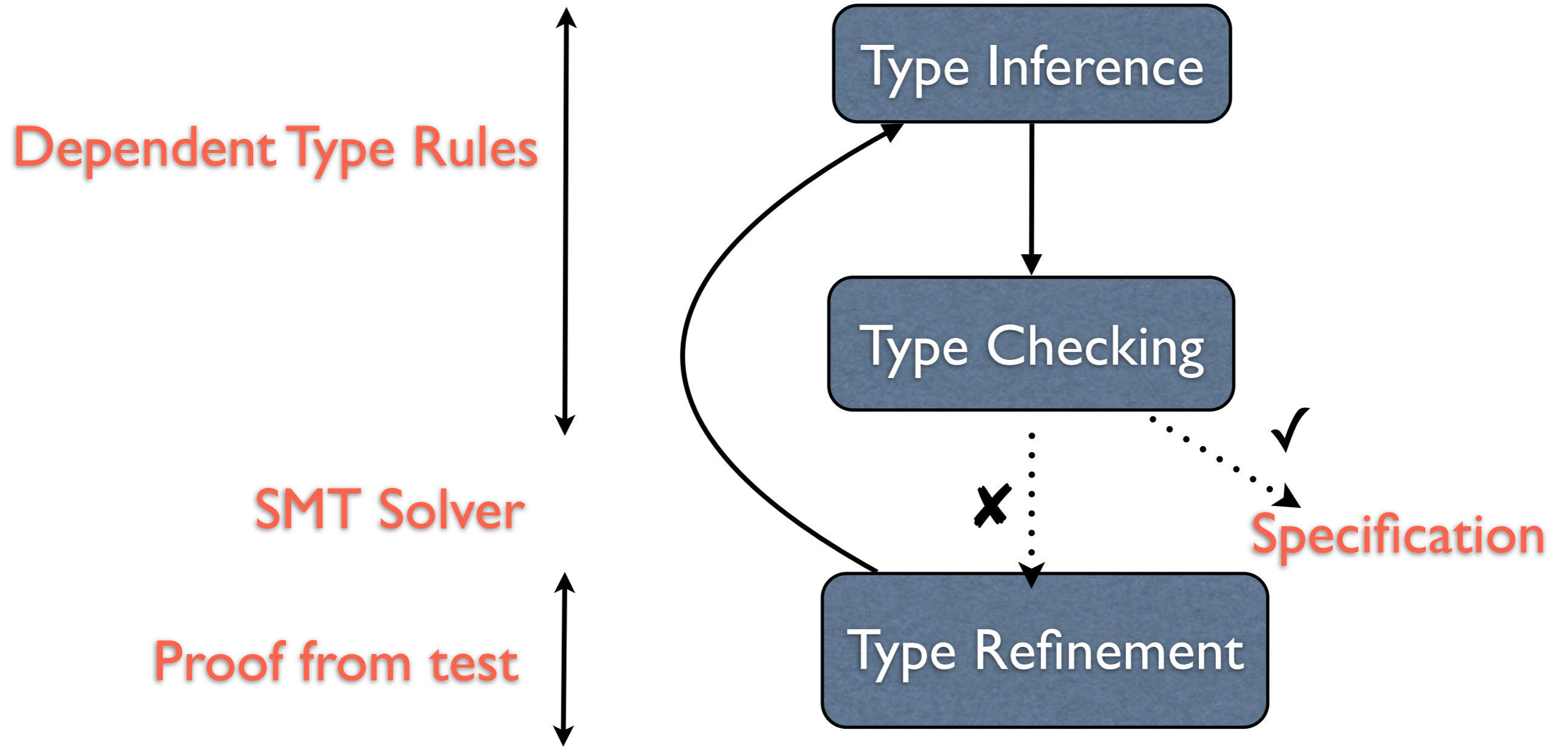 - ★ Use concrete tests to generate and mine dependent type predicates

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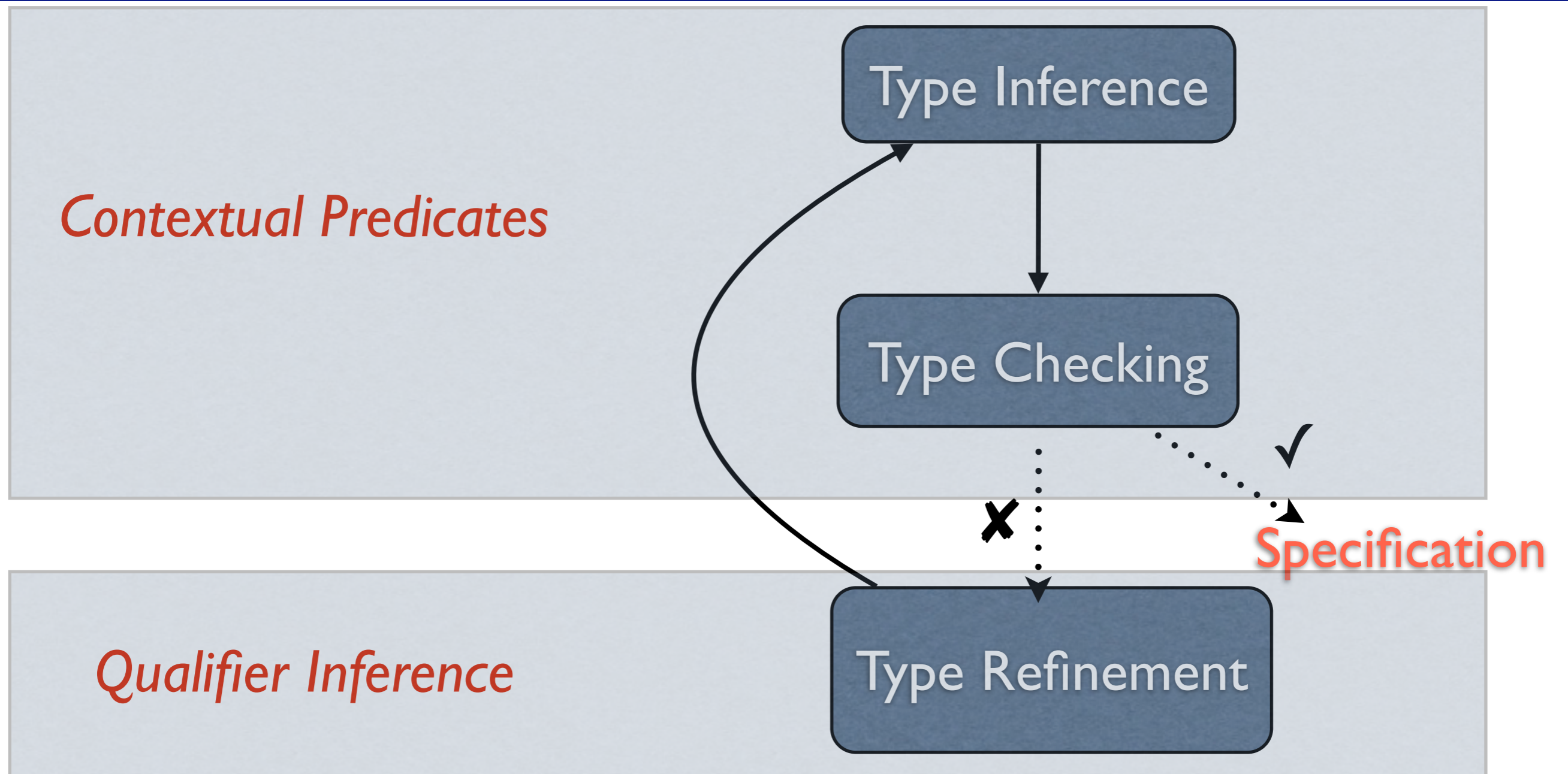 - ★ Iterative type-checking based on new qualifier inferences

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- Integrate these steps as a separate compiler phase

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- Construct a verification condition (VC) as a first-order formula from inferred dependent types

  - ★ Typing rules track path conditions that are encoded in the structure of the VC

- The condition to be verified by an SMT solver is the negation of the VC

  - ★ unsat => type checking successful

  - ★ sat => additional strengthening required to derive a consistent specification

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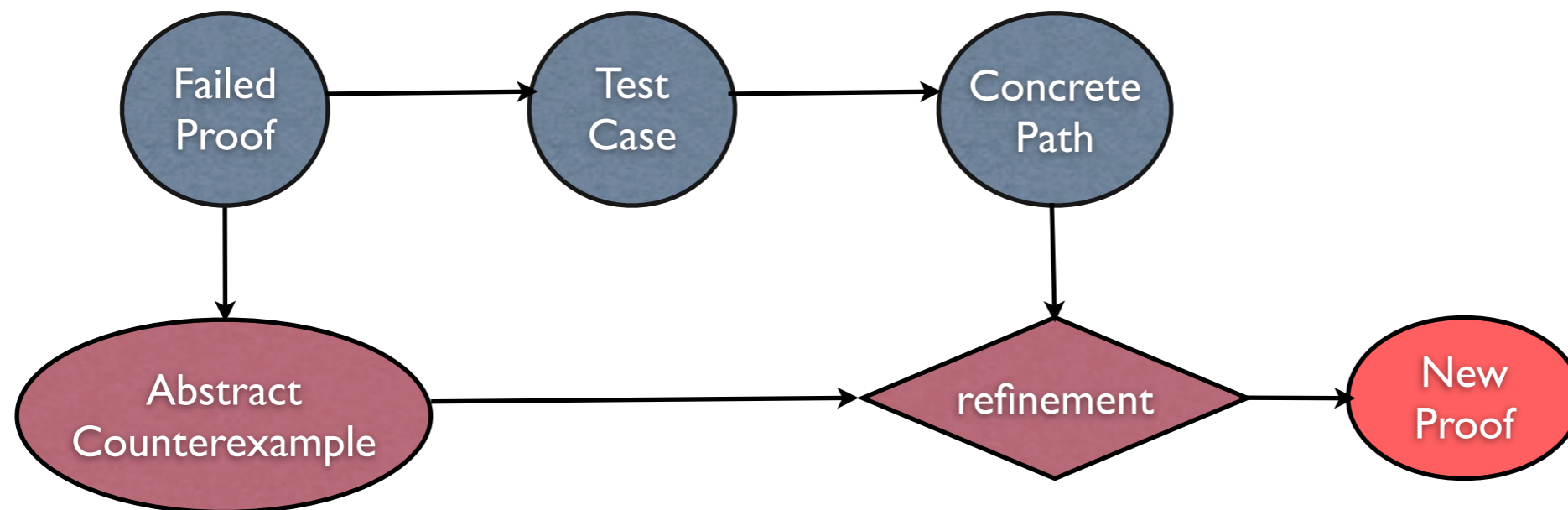*Need to solve:* `¬(i < n ) /\ (v = i) => {v >= 0 /\ v < n}` to strengthen invariants

App

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash v_2 : P_x \quad \Gamma \vdash e_f : (x : P_x \to P)}{\Gamma \vdash e_f(v_2) : [v_2/x]P}$$

IF

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathrm{bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash P \quad \Gamma; e_1 \vdash e_2 : P \quad \Gamma; \neg e_1 \vdash e_3 : P}{\Gamma \vdash \mathrm{if}\ e_1\ \mathrm{then}\ e_2\ \mathrm{else}\ e_3 : P}$$
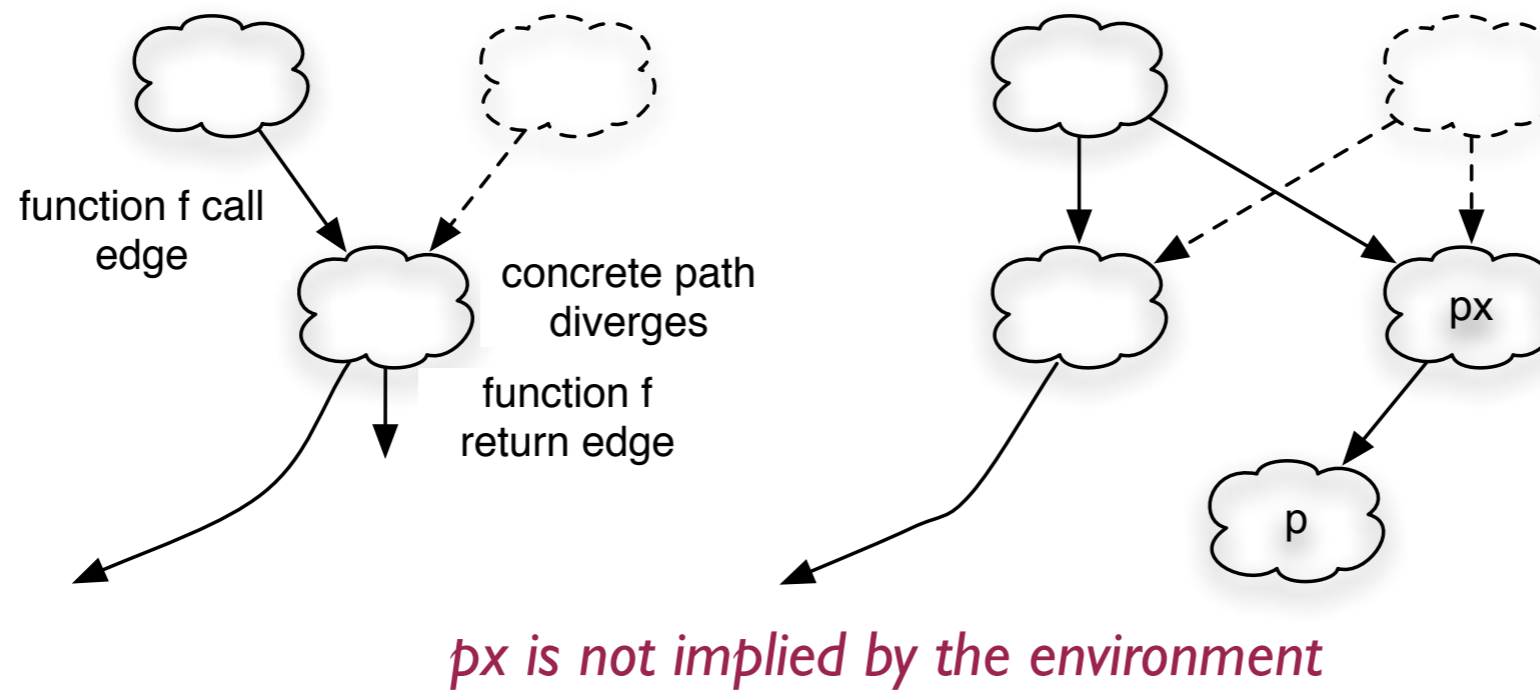
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Type Refinement

- Type Refinement is used to augment the set of qualifiers
  - ★ We could re-analyze the body of called functions along a counterexample (inter-procedural) path from a call-site.
  - ★ But, within a compiler, can explore concrete paths fairly easily
    - ✦ Internally, build a compile-test-run loop over an optimized well-typed IR
- Use lightweight testing to determine where and how to refine the type system. (Proofs-from-tests aka Dash)
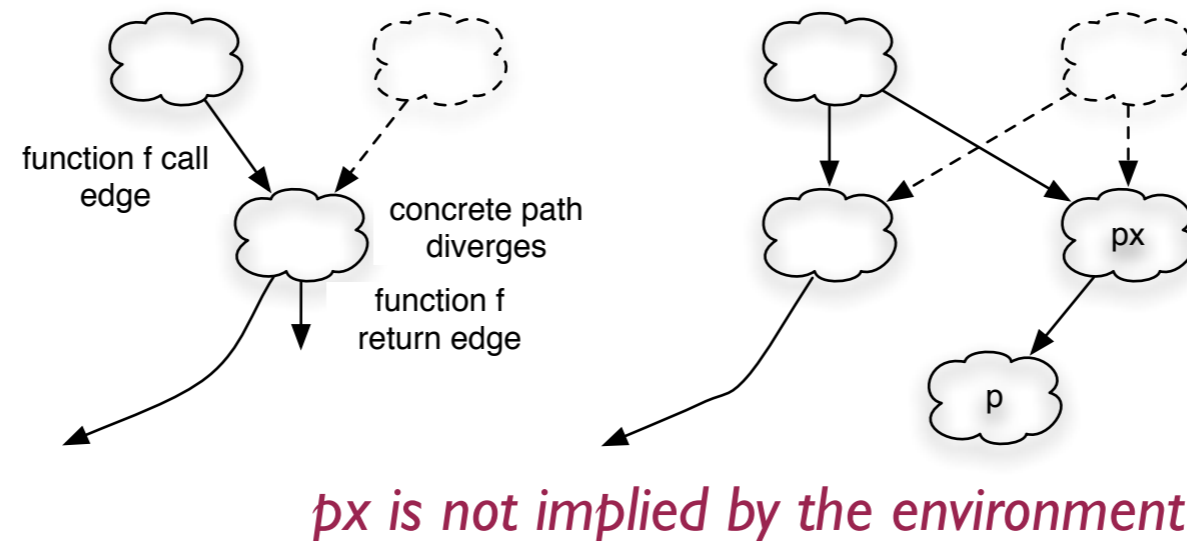

- Testing provides a concrete witness to guide how existing invariants can be strengthened.

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- If environment at a call-site

  ★ implies the called function's pre-condition, then original counterexample will no longer be reported if we strengthen called function's post-condition and compute weakest precondition.

  ★ does not imply the called function's precondition, then must strengthen function's pre-condition to force divergence.

- Goal: either eliminate the counterexample by strengthening callee's post-condition, or direct test case execution to converge to counterexample, strengthening caller's pre-condition

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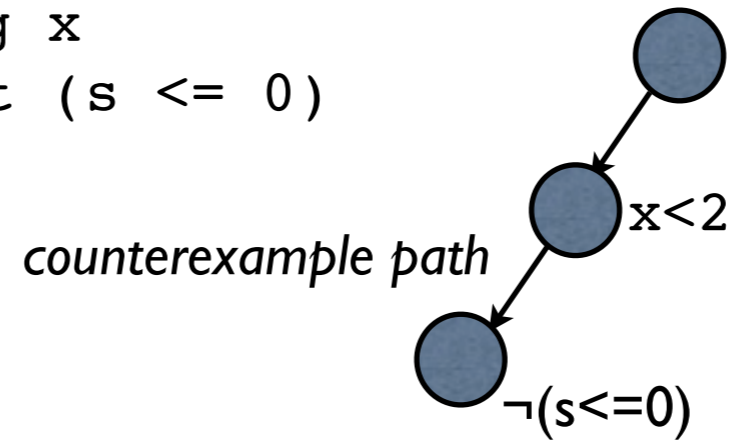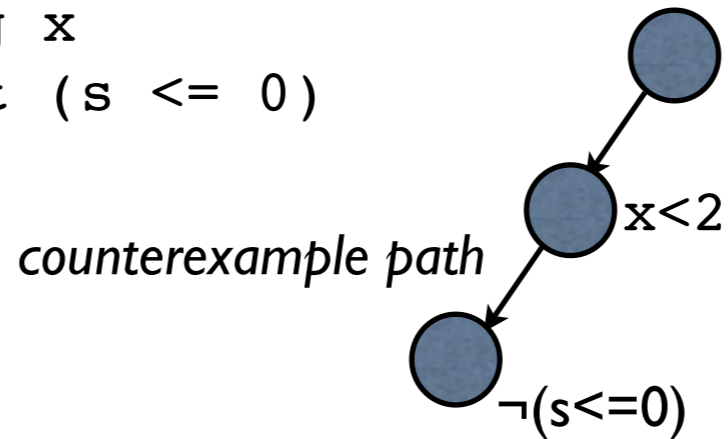# Example

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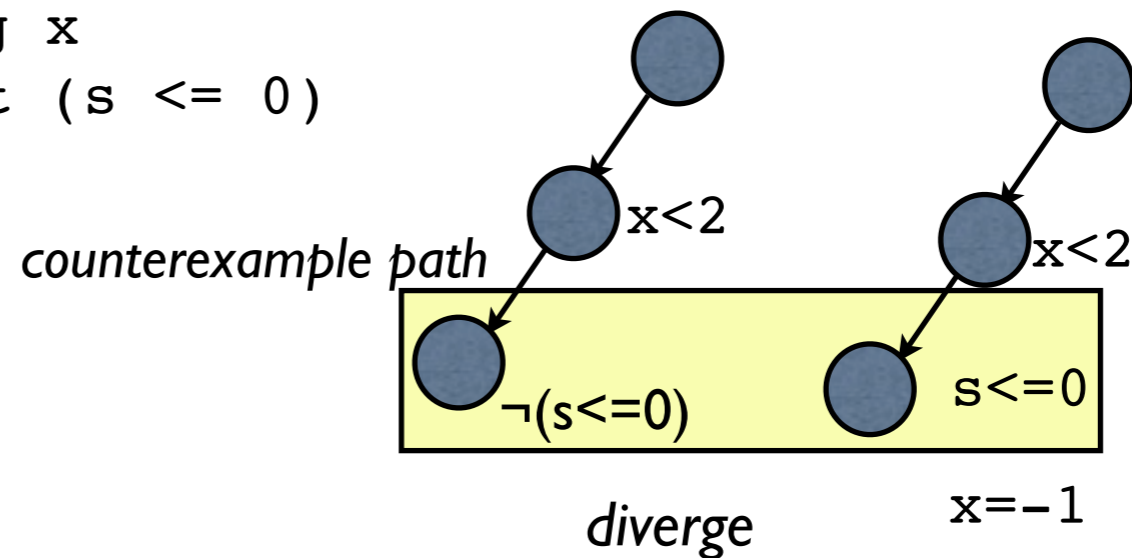
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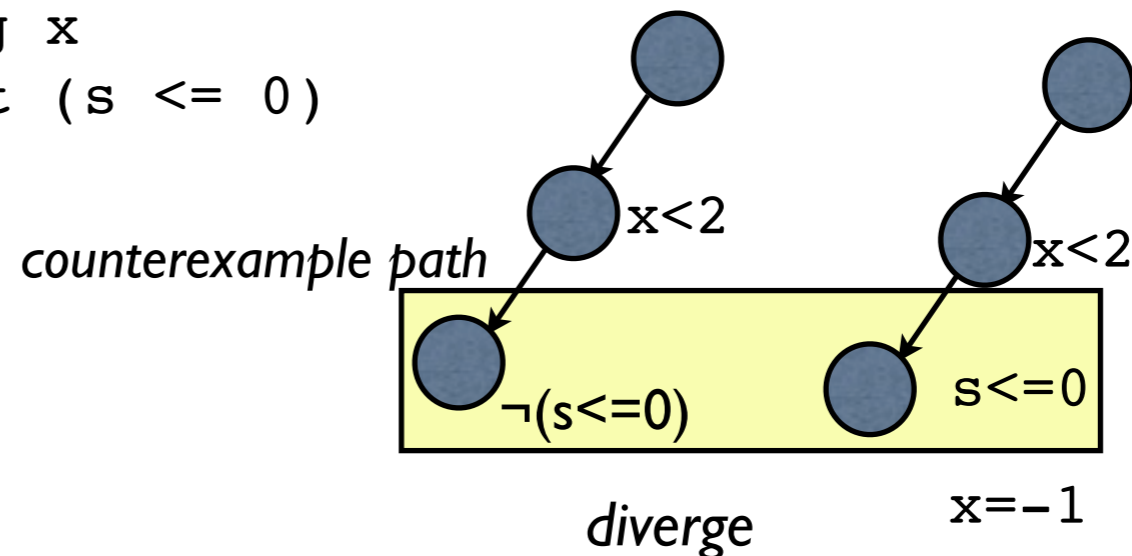# Example

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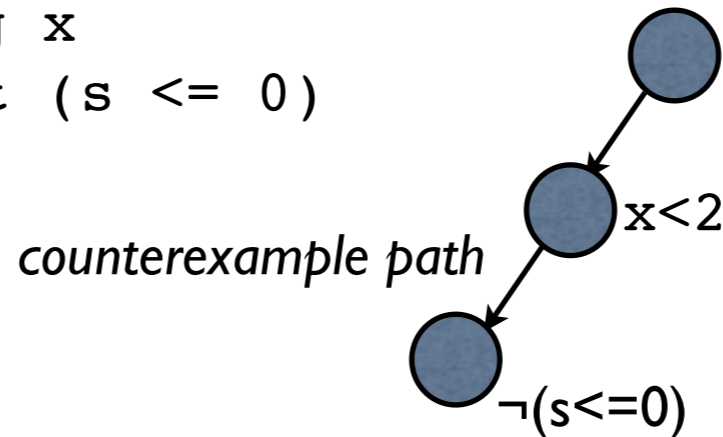$$\{\nu \leq 0\} \rightarrow \{\nu \leq 0\}$$

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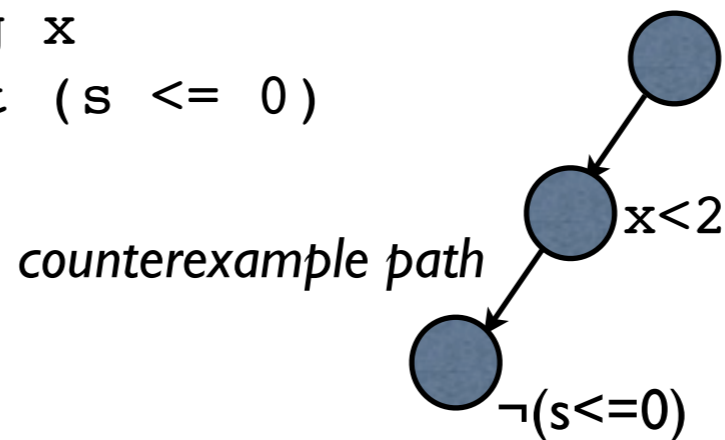$$\{\nu \leq 0\} \rightarrow \{\nu \leq 0\}$$

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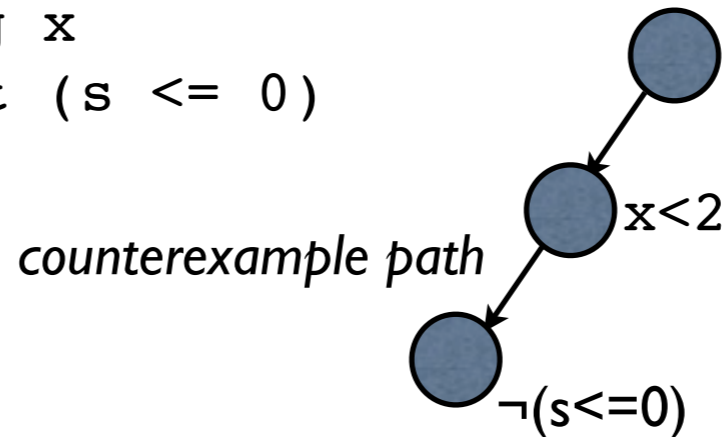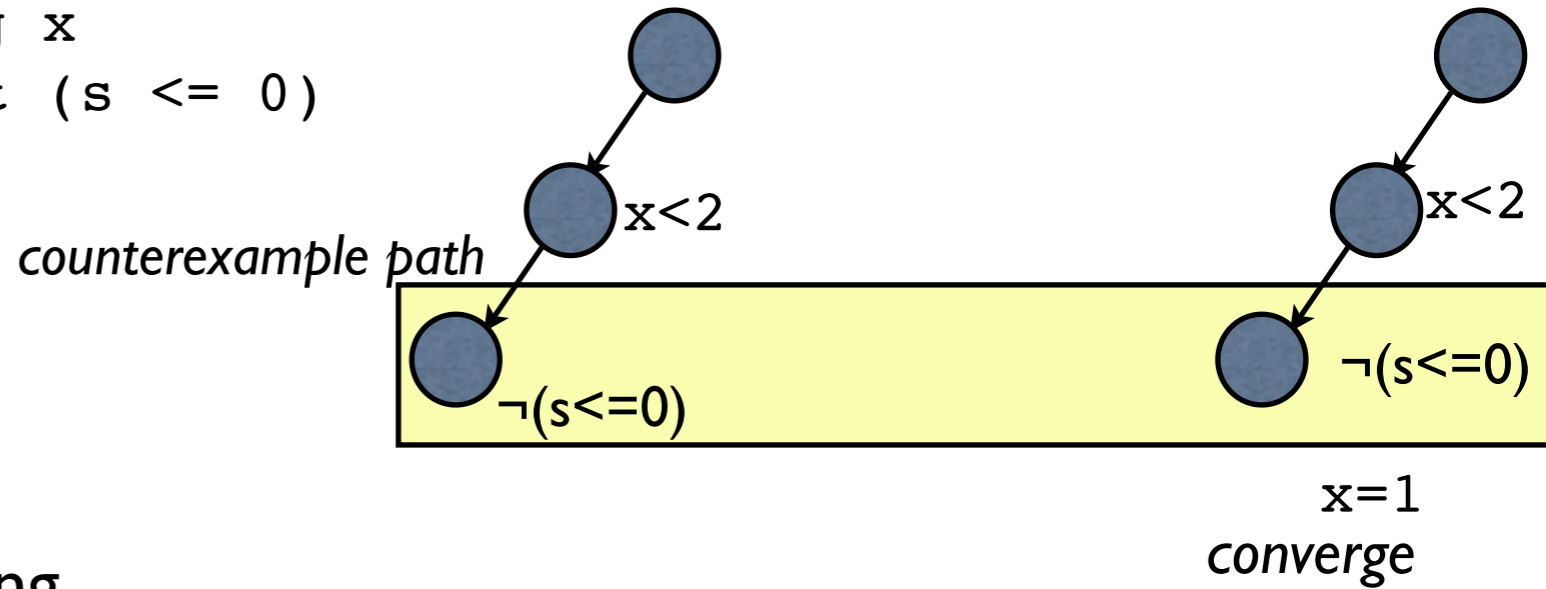
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Language

Expressions

$$e' ::=$$
$$|\nu, v, x \in Var$$
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$$|\lambda x.e'$$
$$|\text{if } e' \text{ then } e' \text{ else } e'$$
$$|\text{let } x = e' \text{ in } e'$$
$$|\text{assert } e'; e'$$
$$e_f ::=$$
$$|v$$
$$|e_f\ v$$
$$e ::=$$
$$|[\Lambda\alpha]e'$$
$$|[\gamma]e'$$

similar to Core ML intermediate representation in MLton

Base Types

$$B ::=$$
$$|int$$
$$|bool$$

Dependent Types, Schemas

$$P ::=$$
$$|\{\nu : B|e\}$$
$$|P \to P$$
$$|\alpha$$
$$|\forall\alpha.\forall x.P$$
$$|P \wedge P$$

Intersection types to distinguish predicates at different call-sites

Materialization to express non-lexical constraints

Derived from weakest precondition generation and propagated along subtyping chains

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Dependent type encoding

- Liquid type rules provide well-formedness and subtyping constraints on dependent types

- Encode dependent types of local variables and terms using program terms and pre/post-conditions of functions
  - ★ Local dependent types encode intra-procedural path information
    - ✦ Extract program error path from a (weak) dependent type system

- Abstract dependent types of functions
  - ★ Initially, all argument and return of functions are abstracted to true
  - ★ Strengthen pre- and post-conditions based on the program error path

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Encoding Type Rules

- Encode type rules as constraints over first-order formula
- Encoding should preserve {path,context} sensitivity
- Facilitate test generation and predicate refinement

Example:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \texttt{bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; e_1 \vdash e_2 : P \quad \Gamma ; \neg e_1 \vdash e_3 : P}{\Gamma \vdash \texttt{if } e_1 \texttt{ then } e_2 \texttt{ else } e_3 : P}$$

Generate constraint for P from this rule as:

$$P = \mathcal{C}(e_1) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(e_2) \wedge \neg\mathcal{C}(e_1) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(e_3)$$

Constraint relates value of guard to specific branches

$\mathcal{C}(e)$ defines the constraints generated for e based on the structure of the liquid type rules

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ASSERT

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e' : bool \quad \Gamma \vdash \{\_|true\} <: \{\_|e'\} \quad \Gamma \vdash e : P}{\Gamma \vdash \text{assert } e'; e : P}$$

Prove [Γ@e']⇒e' where [Γ@e'] represent the conjunction of dependent types of variables in e' from Γ

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Two issues:

1. Want to preserve some measure of context-sensitivity
    keep pre- and post-condition constraints at different call sites distinct
2. Make "must-hold" properties defined by assertions within the function body explicit

Address these issues using intersection types

$$P_x \to P \bigwedge_i P_{x_i} \to P_i$$

The left conjunct captures constraints induced by assertions on function arguments that occur within the function body:

These constraints must always hold

Verification condition Γ |- v2 : Px $\mathcal{C}(P) = [v_2/x]P$

The right conjunct discriminates over different call-sites

Constraints deduced for post-conditions at a call inform structure of pre-conditions

$\mathcal{C}(P) = \wedge_i([v2/\nu)P_{x_i} \Rightarrow [v_2/x]P_i$ if v2 is of base type

$\mathcal{C}(P) = \wedge_i[v2/x]P_i$ otherwise because implication is made to hold by
subtyping relation for functions

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Type Checking/Refinement Algorithm

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Generate verification conditions

solve each condition using SMT

examine counterexample

extract and run test case from assignment

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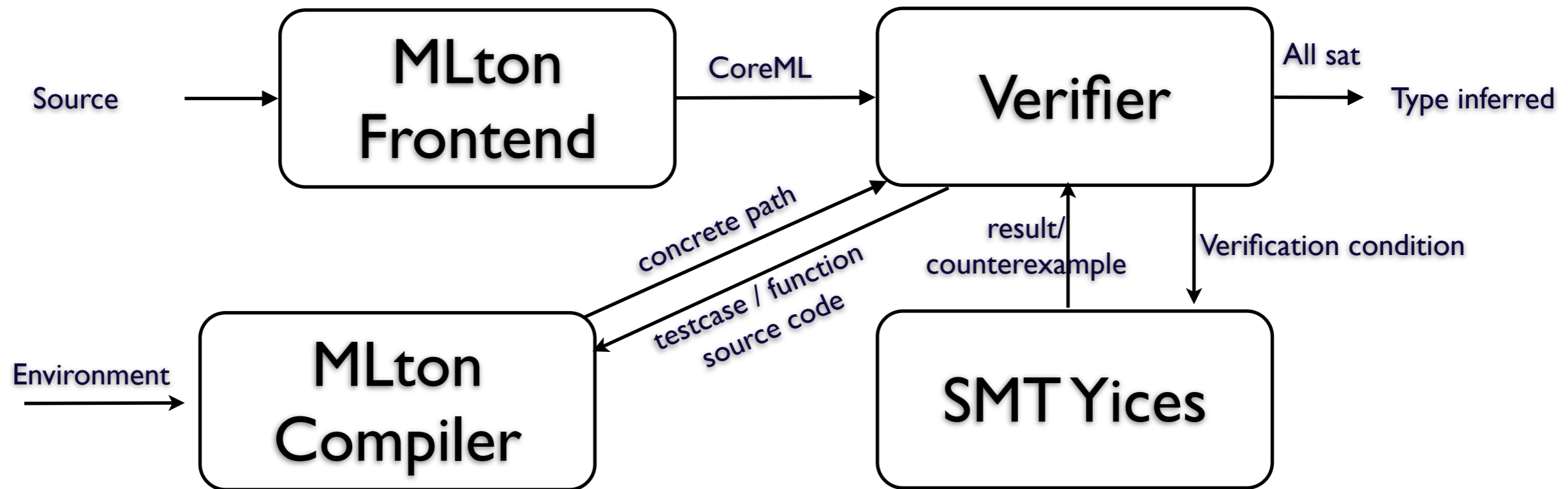*strengthen post-condition when they diverge*

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Type Checking/Refinement Algorithm

- Functions are put into worklist (WL) based on call relations

- Each iteration of the fixed-point picks a function from WL and verifies it using `verify`

- Generate pre/postcondition

  ★ Can strengthen the dependent type of this function and callee function.

  ★ Put all function whose dependent type has changed into WL (worklist)

- When precondition of a function is strengthened, invoke type constraint propagation algorithm

Implementation

- Implementation is based on MLton, an open-source optimizing Standard ML compiler
  - ★ Incorporate verification mechanism as a front-end pass in Core ML
    - ✦ After defunctorization (no modules) and local simplification
      - ▶ Type information and original program variables still available
    - ✦ Before closure conversion, monomorphisation, and SSA translation
- Use theorem prover Yices as the verification engine
  - ★ Use MLton's FFI interface to interact with a binary version of this prover
- A total of 7.5 KLOC

Implementation

- MLton frontend defunctorizes, type-checks, and does local simplification yielding CoreML, an intermediate representation which is polymorphic, higher-order and has nested patterns.

- Verifier generates verification conditions from typing rules for CoreML and feeds them to Yices.

- Obtain counterexample along with a testcase witness.

- Compile and run the function under verification with the testcase to obtain a concrete path

- Verifier uses the concrete path and counterexample to strengthen type system

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Related Work

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  ★ Qualifier discovery vs. selection

- **Higher-Order Program Model Checking** (Kobayashi et. al [PLDI'11]),

  ★ First-order vs. higher-order verification engine

- **Dependent Types from Counterexamples** (Terauchi [POPL'10])

  ★ Concrete tests vs. abstract counterexamples

- **Verifying Functional Programs using Abstract Interpreters** (Jhala et. al, [CAV'11])

  ★ Program analysis vs. program transformation

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Conclusions

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⭐A first step towards devising optimizations that leverage automatically derived "rich" specifications

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