

# Eunoia: A Framework for SMT Proof Calculi

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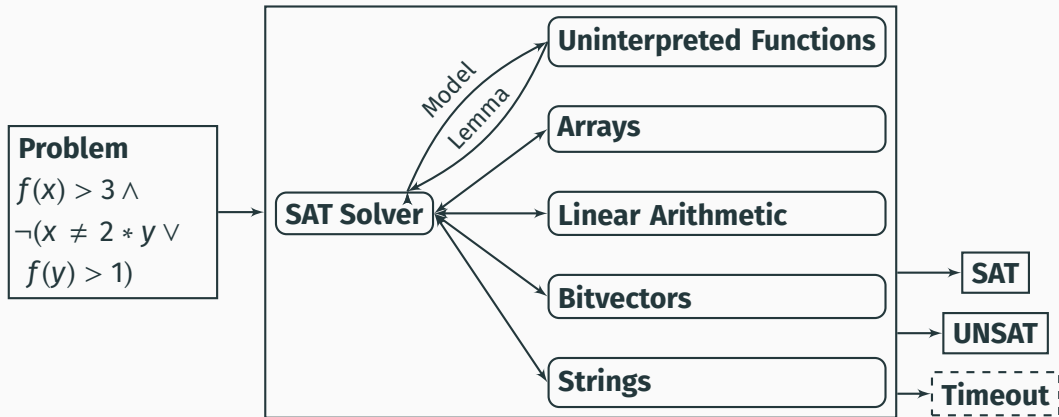
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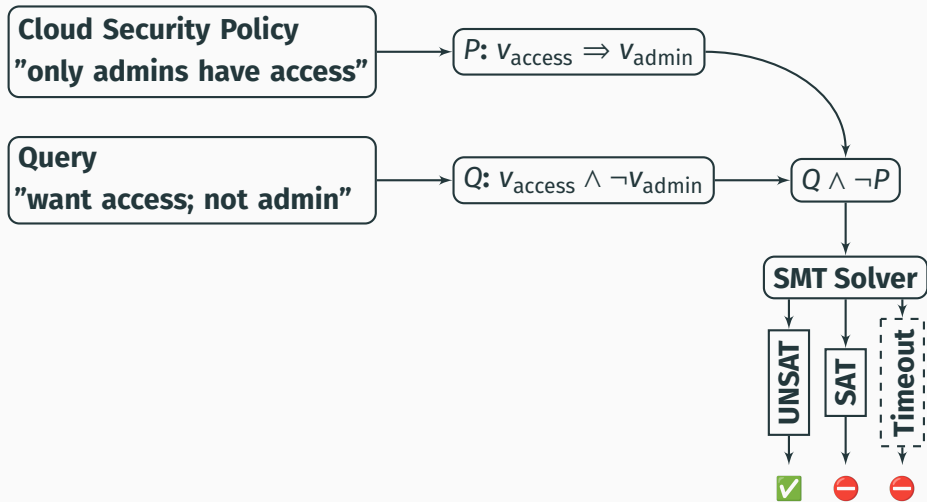
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# A Satisfiability Modulo Theories Solver



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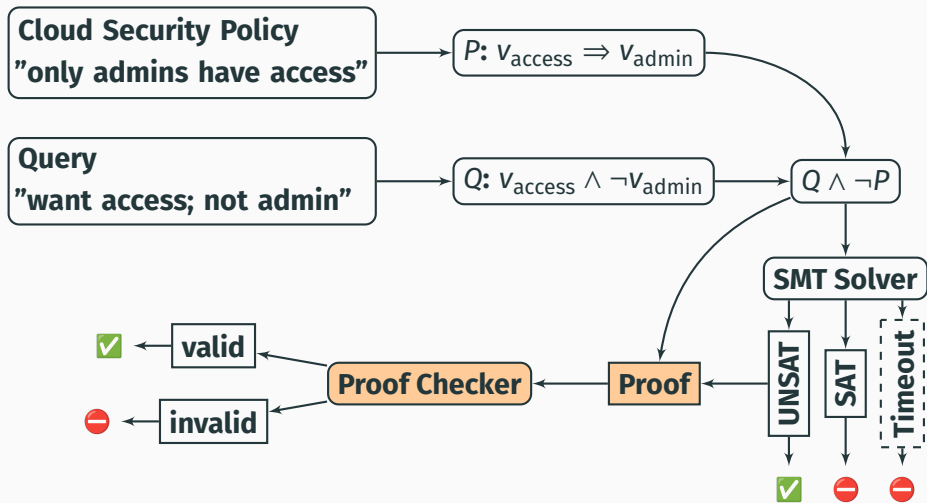
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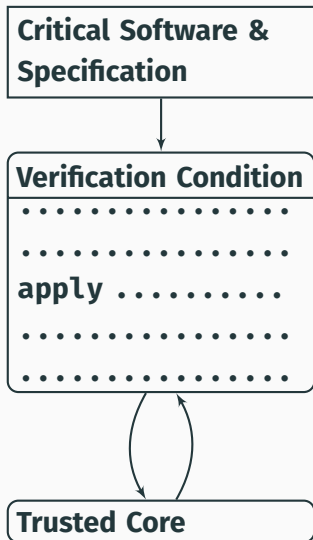
### Proof Certificates

- Can be independently checked.
- Proof checkers are smaller.
- Removes the SMT solver from the critical path.
- Only needed for **UNSAT**.
- One checker per solver. 😞

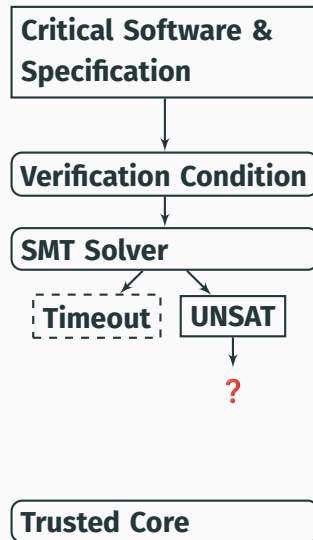
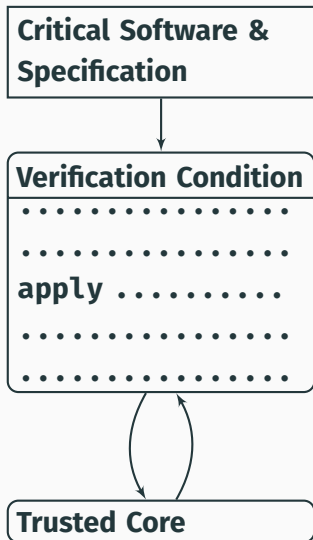
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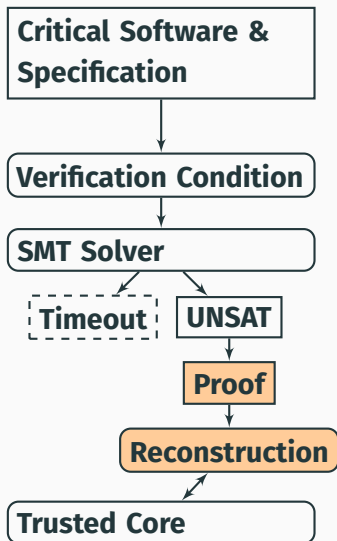
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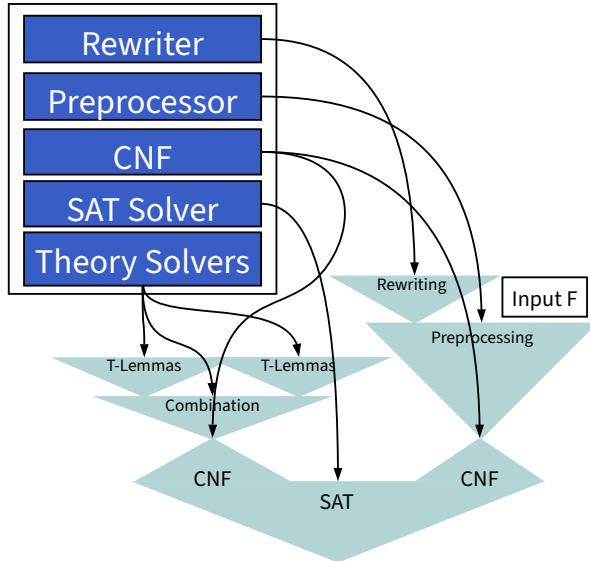


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- Originally for Z3
- Then for veriT and cvc5
- Very labor intensive to build!
- Performance is critical.

# What Goes Into a Proof



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### LFSC

A logical framework (with side conditions).

- + High performance checker
- + Declarative
- Hard to read
- Side conditions from another world
- Limited theories



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## Non Goal

Rules can be specified freely. It is not necessary to prove them correct.  
Not Curry-Howard correspondence based.

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## Eunoia: Example 1

```
(assume a1 (and true (= a b)))  
(assume a2 (= b c))  
(step s1 (= a b) :rule andE :premises (a1) :args (2))  
(step s2 (= a c) :rule trans :premises (s1 a2))  
(step s3 (= (f a) (f c)) :rule cong :premises (s2) :args (f))
```

## Eunoia: Example 1 (Under The Hood)

$\Gamma \vdash (\text{cong } f \text{ (trans$

$(\text{andE } 2 \text{ (assume } (\top \wedge (a = b))))$

$(\text{assume } (a = b)))) : \text{Proof } (f \ a = f \ b)$

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(declare-rule trans ((T Type) (a T) (b T) (c T))
  :premises ((= a b) (= b c))
  :conclusion (= a c)
)
(declare-rule cong ((T Type) (S Type) (a T) (b T) (f (-> S T)))
  :premises ((= a b))
  :args (f)
  :conclusion (= (f a) (f c))
)
```

## Eunoia: Example 1 (The Rules)

```
(program select ((a Bool) (b Bool) (i Int))
  :signature (Int Bool) Bool
  (
    ((select 1 (and a b)) a)
    ((select 2 (and a b)) b)
  )
)
(declare-rule andE ((a Bool) (b Bool) (i Int))
  :premises ((and a b))
  :args (i)
  :conclusion (select i (and a b))
)
```



## Eunoia: Example 1 (The Rules, Abstractly)

$\Gamma \vdash \text{trans} : \text{Proof } a = b \rightarrow \text{Proof } b = c \rightarrow \text{Proof } a = c$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{cong} : (f : T \rightarrow S) \rightarrow \text{Proof } a = b \rightarrow \text{Proof } (f \ a) = (f \ b)$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{andE} : (i : \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Proof } a \wedge b \rightarrow \text{Proof } (\text{select } i \ (a \wedge b))$

## Eunoia: Example 2 (Recursion)

```
(program selectLast ((a Bool) (b Bool))
  :signature (Bool) Bool
  (
    ((selectLast (and a b)) (selectLast b))
    ((selectLast a)
      a )
  )
)
(declare-rule andLast ((a Bool))
  :premises (a)
  :conclusion (selectLast a)
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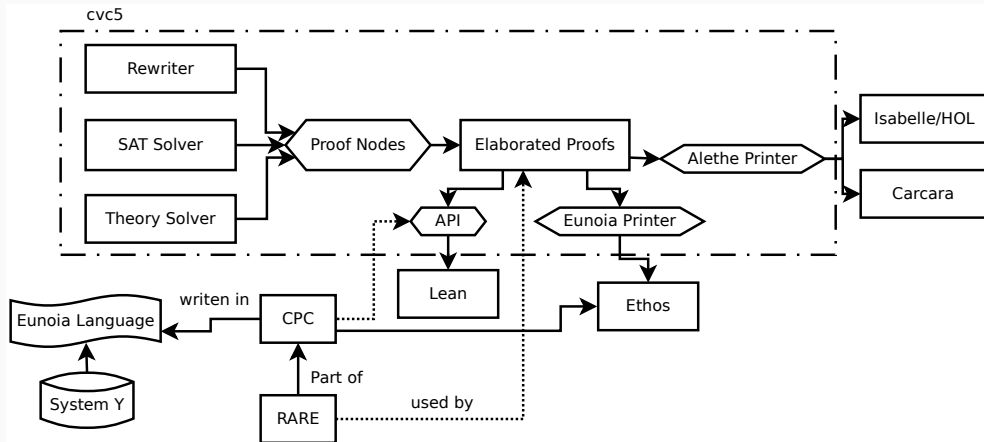
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## Alethe in Eunoia

- models the Alethe calculus
- with Eunoia syntax
- working proof of concept

# The cvc5 Ecosystem



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# Ethos: a Proof Checker, Not a Type Checker

Ethos checking model (roughly):

1. Check only that (constants, programs, rules) signature is well-formed.
  2. Iterate over proof steps.
    - Observe that all terms have concrete type!
- 2.1 Instantiate variables in types.
  - 2.2 Recurse into type constraints.
  - 2.3 Perform computations.
    - Divergence, exception: proof reject.

## Upsides

- Correct!
- Fast.
- Easy to implement.
- Easy to extend.

## Downsides

- Bugs in rules can be missed.
- Unexpected.
- Wasted work (e.g., function composition).



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J. Garrett Morris solving a problem. 21

**System Y:** *Decidable* Dependent Type Theory with explicit evaluation evidence.

$\mu$ Eunoia is not a subset of Eunoia.

$\mu$ Eunoia checking model (abstractly):

1. Write your signature in  $\mu$ Eunoia (auto translation is future work).
2. Typecheck your signature.
3. Run modified Ethos on an **Eunoia** proof.
  - Divergence, exceptions: reject proof
  - Otherwise: output proof with evaluation evidence ( $\mu$ Eunoia proof)
4. Typecheck your  $\mu$ Eunoia proof.

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## Status

100% Language, Evaluation, Typing

100% Unicity

100% Decidability

100% Progress

75% Preservation

10% Soundness Case Study



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## **Downsides**

- Does not give guarantees for the soundness of rules.
- i.e., it's trivial to define false : Proof  $\perp$ .
- Ethos is not verified.
- Does not simplify proof reconstruction.

# The Future: Panproof

Elaborate **solver specific** rules into **common standard rules** on demand.

```
data ProofRule (@0  $\Gamma$  : Signature) : Set where
  Rule :
    (name : String)
    → (infer      : (prems : List (Sequent  $\Gamma$ )) → Maybe (Sequent  $\Gamma$ )))
    → (elaborate  : (prems : List (Sequent  $\Gamma$ )) → Maybe (Step  $\Gamma$  prems))
    → (@0 proof   : (prems : List (Sequent  $\Gamma$ ))
        → (infer prems) == (checkStep (elaborate prems)))

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→ ProofRule  $\Gamma$ 
```

Prototype:

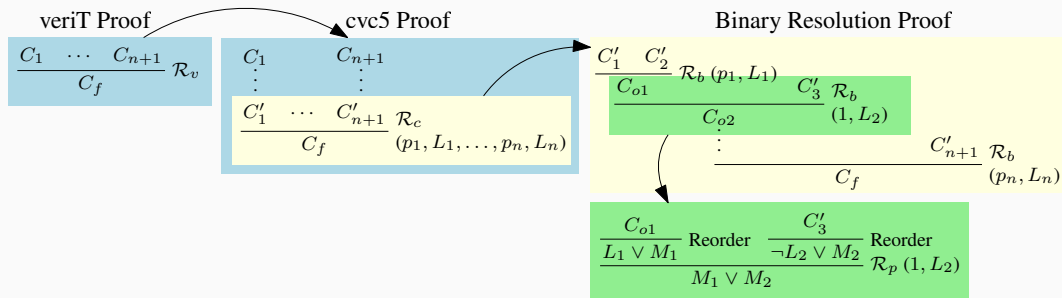
<https://github.com/hansjoergschurr/Panproof>





**Thank You!**

# Panproof: Rule Example



# Eunoia Variables: Declaration-Scoped

```
(declare-parameterized-const ubv_to_int
  ((m Int :implicit))
  (-> (BitVec m) Int))
(program fromBvAdd ((n Int) (bv (BitVec n)))
  :signature (Int (BitVec n)) Int
  ( ((fromInt n bv) (+ n (ubv_to_int bv)) )
  )
```

“Quote” Arrow

$ex : [n + m : \mathbb{Z}] \mapsto \text{BitVec } n$

$ex (1 + 2) : \text{BitVec } 1$

- Every declaration has  $n$  variables.
  - `Vec Bool n` to mark assigned, free, bound variables
  - `Vec Term n` for typing, substitution.
- Kills De Bruijn indices 😞
- Matching with vectors that track free/bound variables 😎
- Spine-local type inference to assign types in applications.
- Big problem: `d!et` leaks variables to outer context!
  - Solution: Program calls must transfer variables into the caller context.

# Rule Sketches

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash_c M : A}$$

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