

COMBINING SAT AND COMPUTER ALGEBRA TO SUCCESSFULLY VERIFY LARGE MULTIPLIER CIRCUITS

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Bugs in circuits are expensive!

⇒ Use formal verification to guarantee that circuits are correct.

Challenge: Gate-level multiplier circuits.

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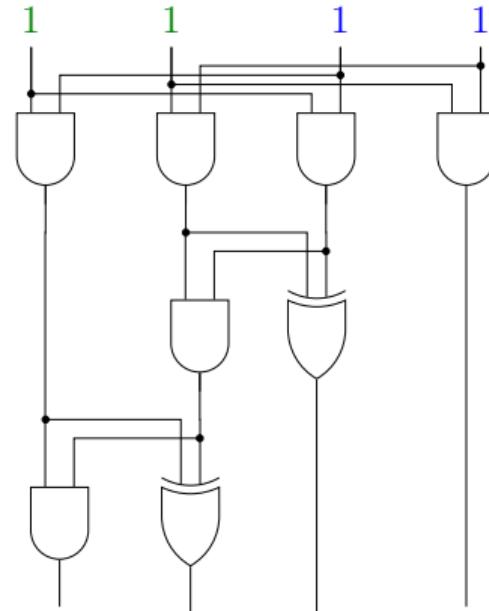
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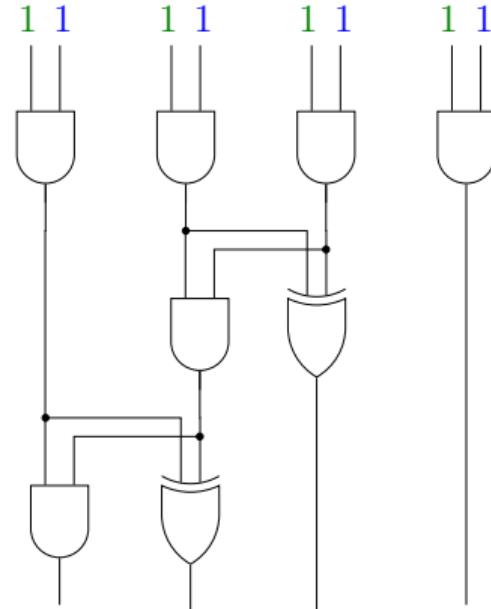
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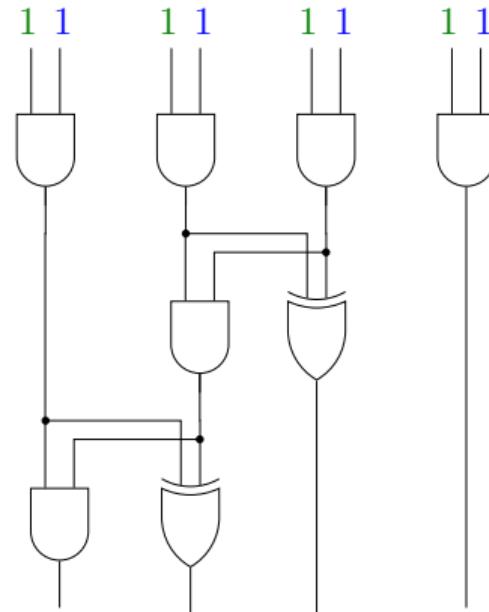
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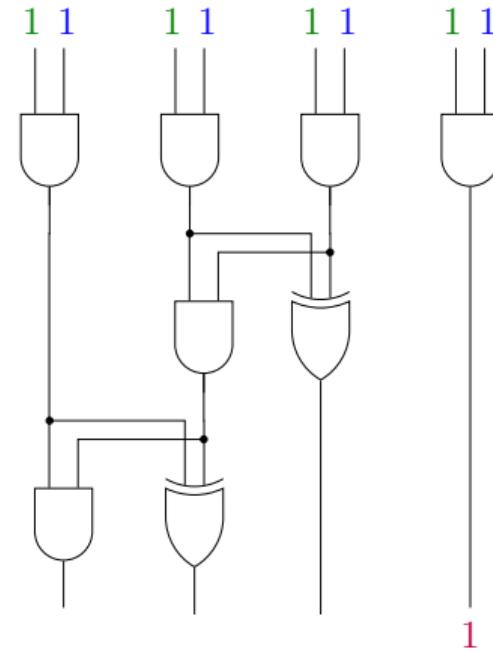
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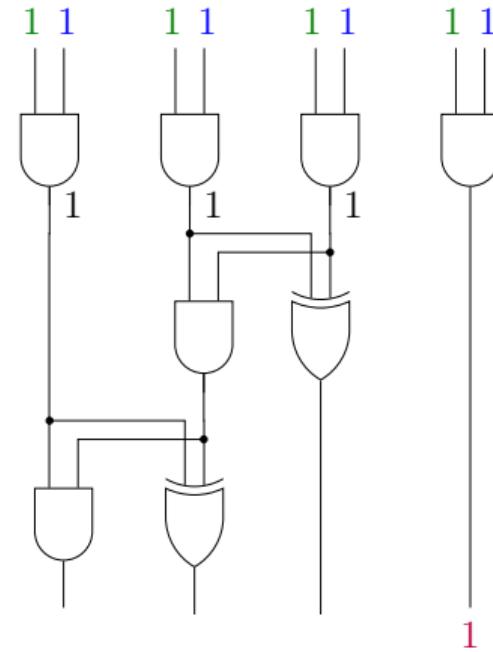
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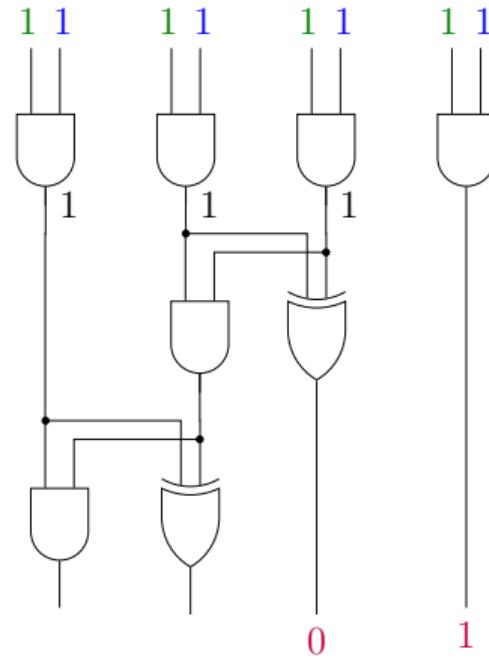
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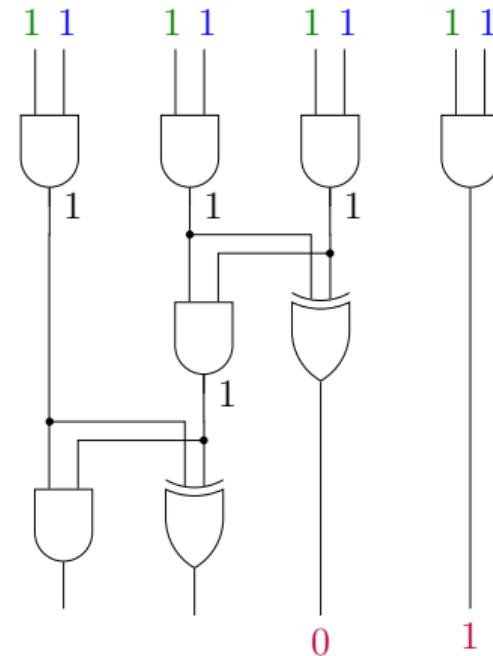
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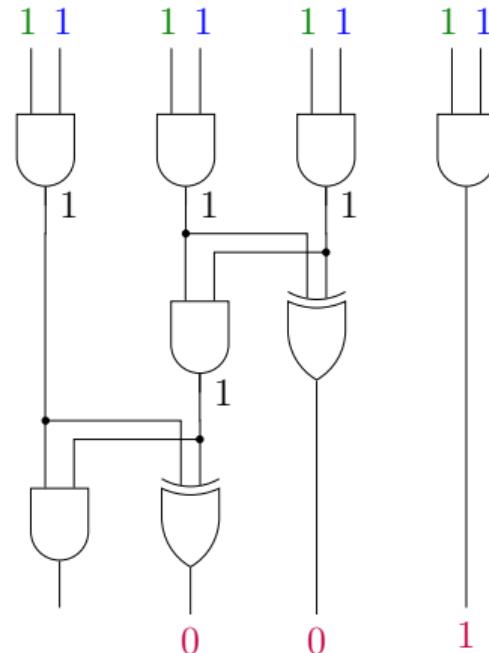
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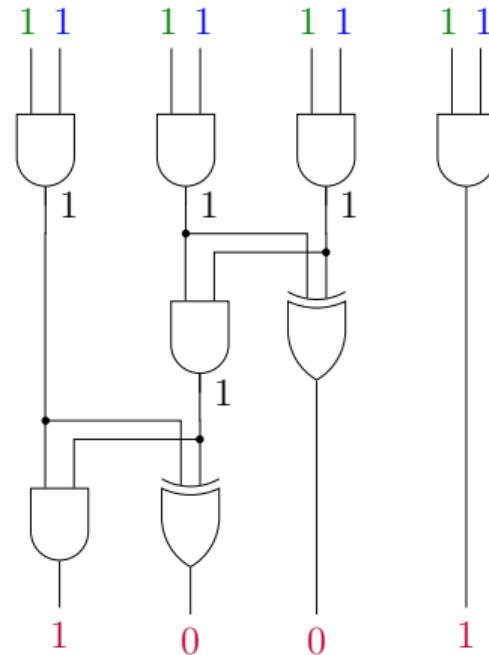
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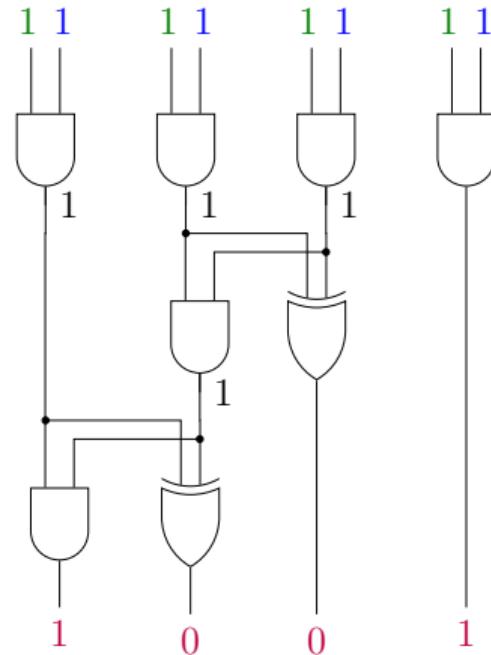
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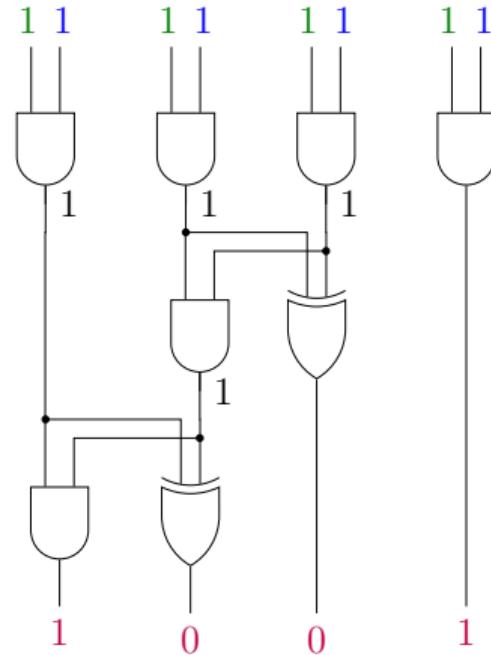
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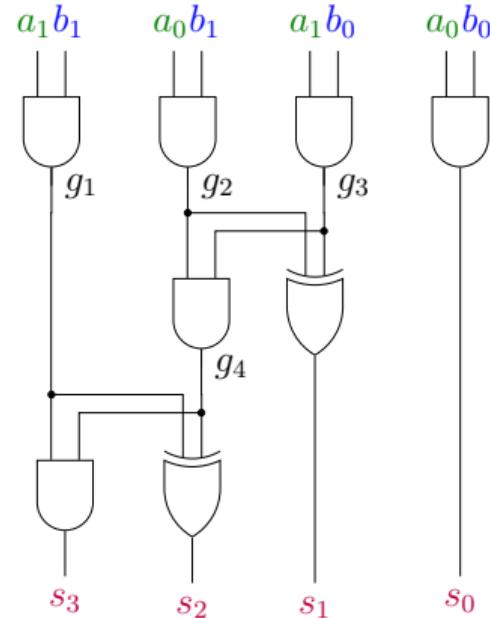
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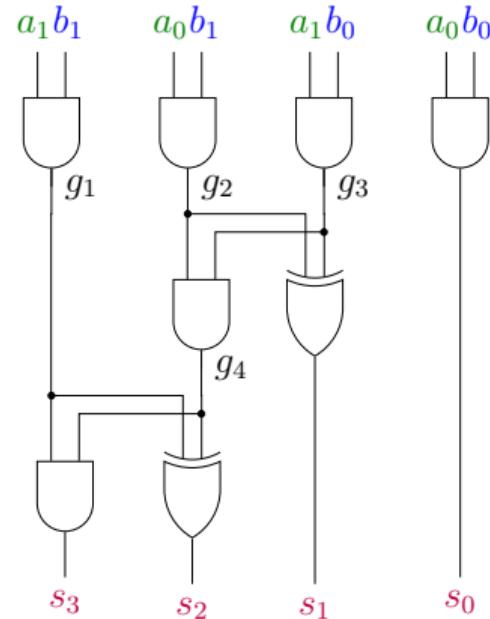
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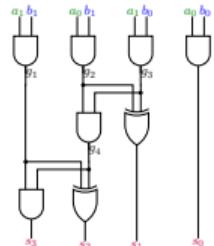
Solving Techniques

- SAT using CNF encoding
- Binary Moment Diagrams (BMD)
- Algebraic reasoning



Basic Idea of Algebraic Approach

Multiplier



Polynomials

$$B = \{$$
$$x - a_0 * b_0,$$
$$y - a_1 * b_1,$$
$$s_0 - x * y,$$
$$\dots$$
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Specification

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} 2^i s_i -$$
$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i a_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i b_i \right)$$

Ideal Membership Problem

= 0 ✓
≠ 0 ✗

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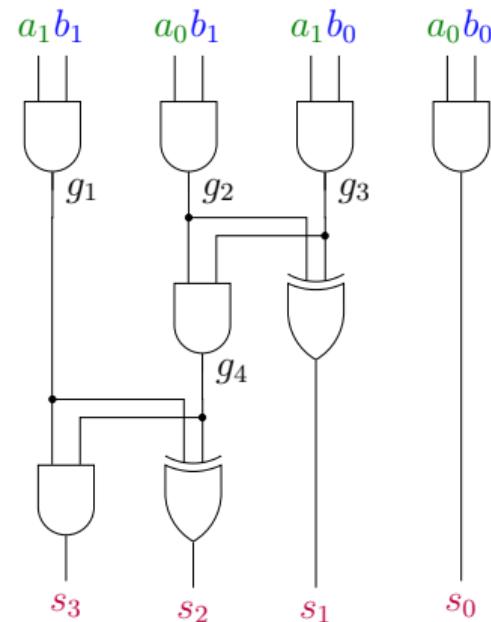
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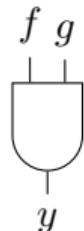
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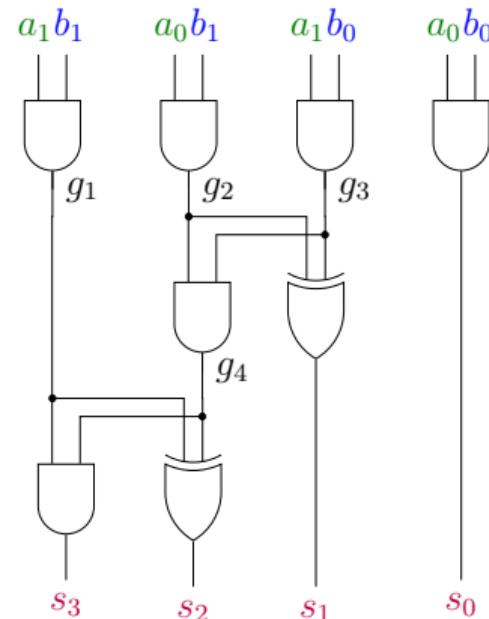
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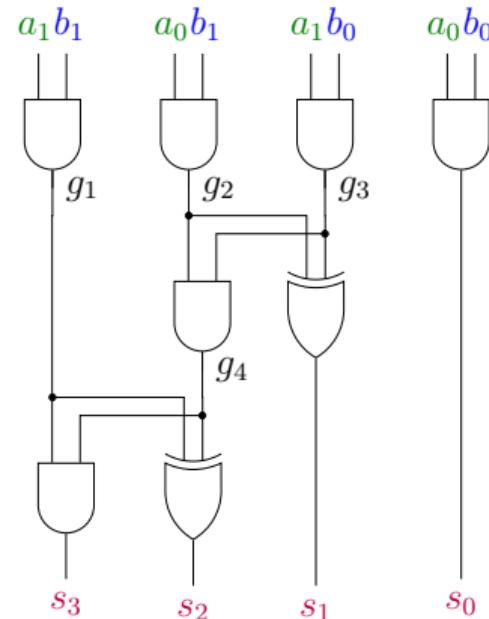
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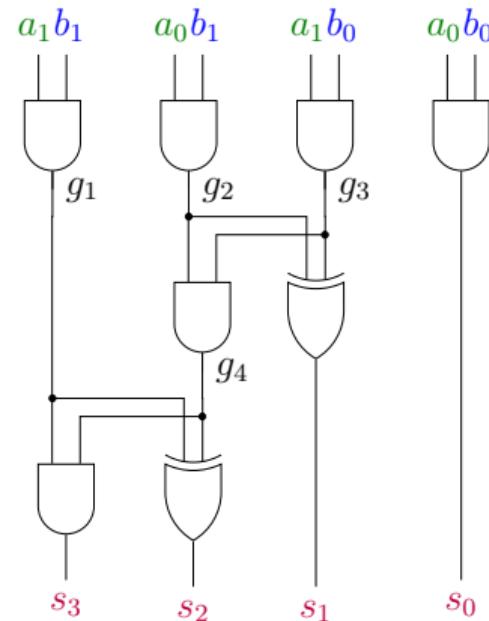
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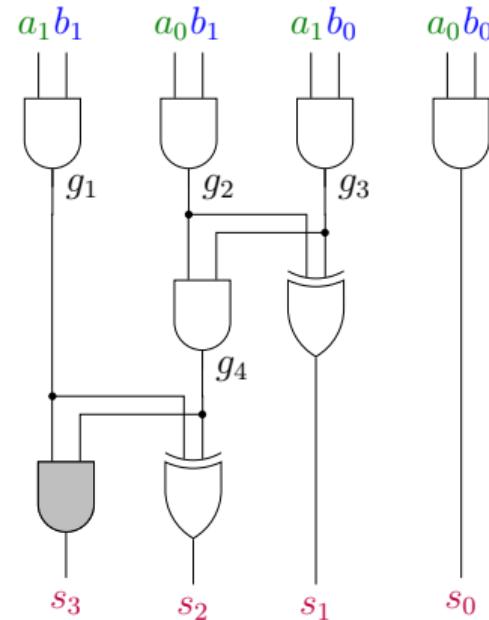
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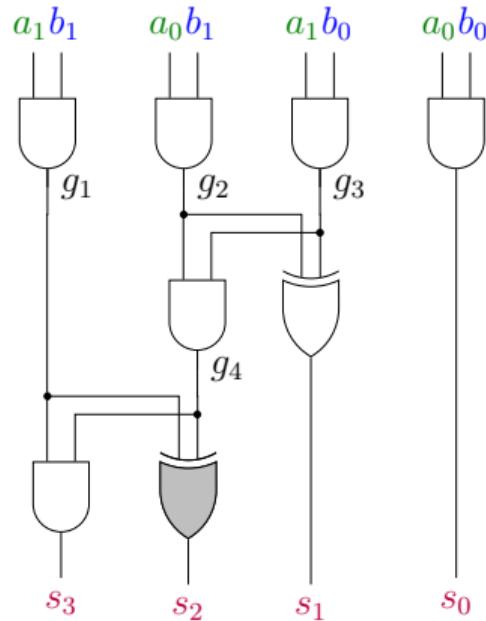
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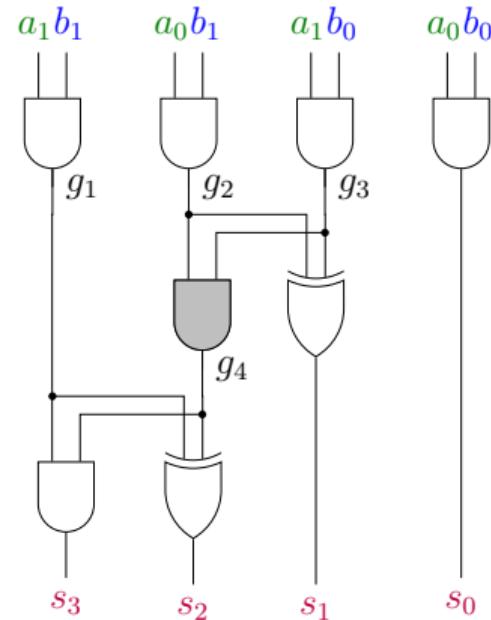
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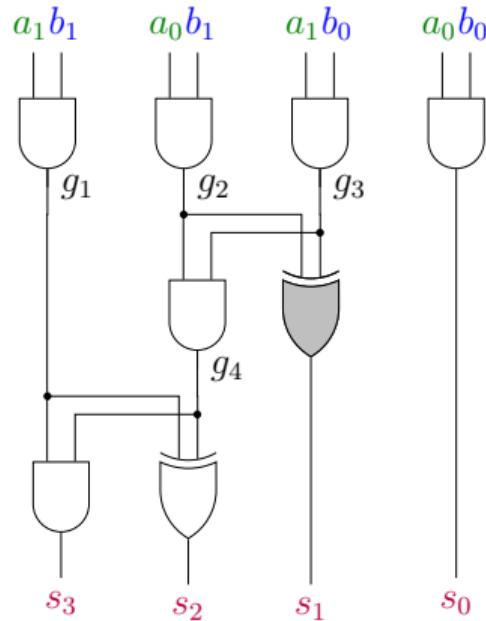
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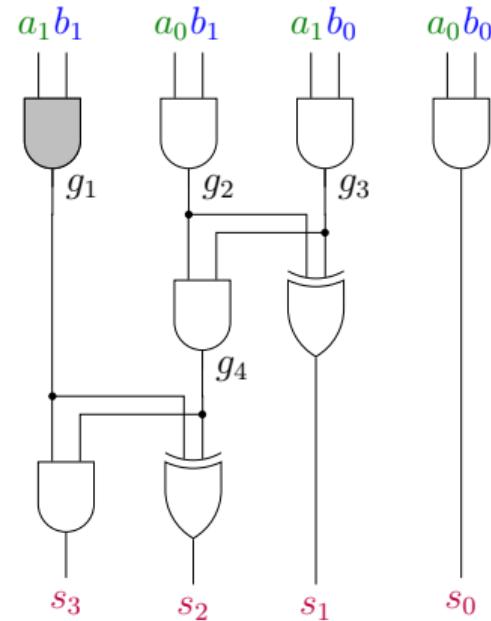
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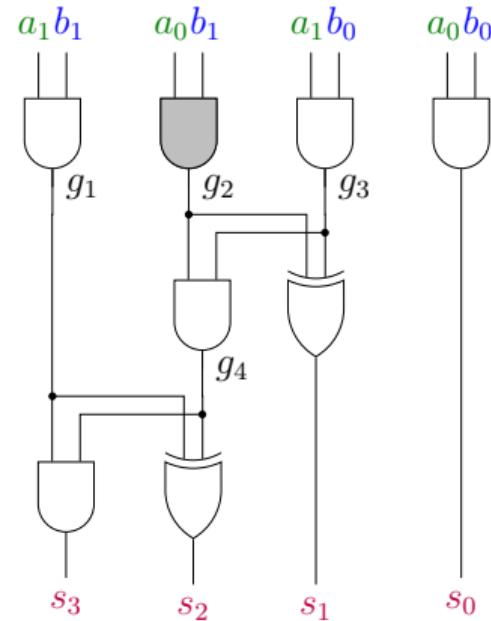
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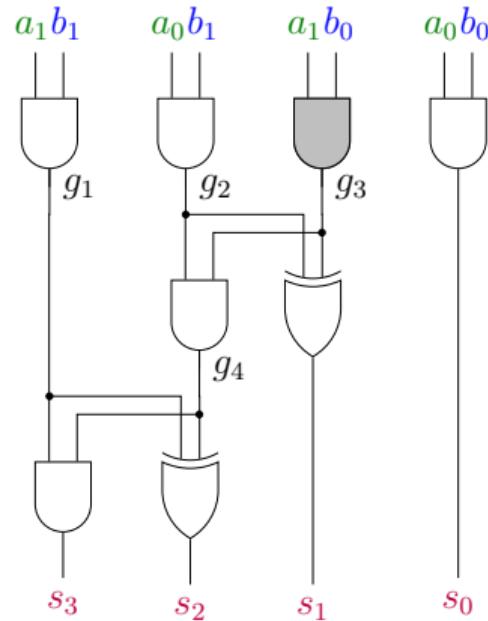
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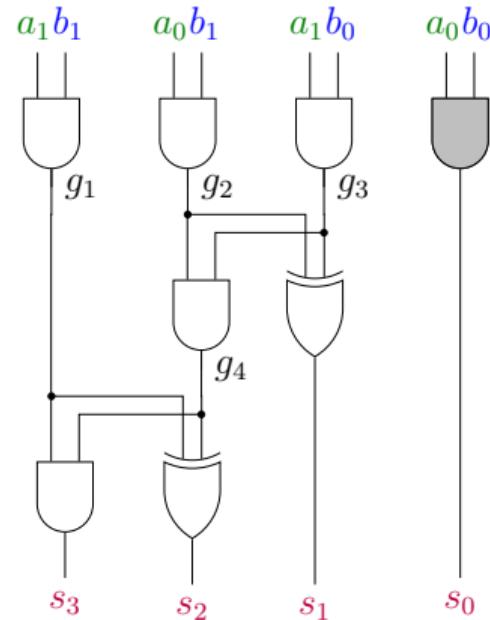
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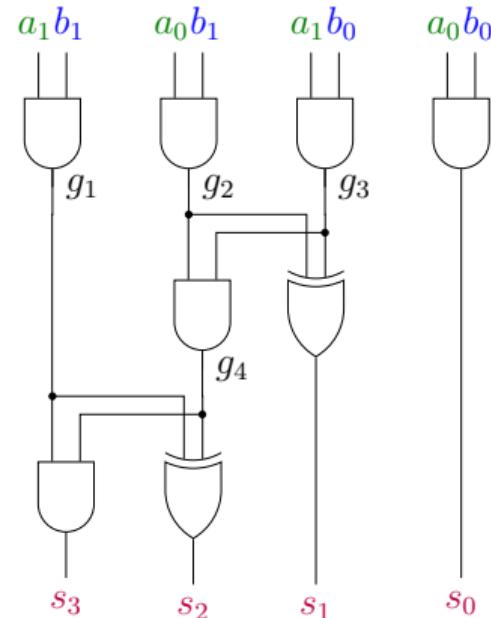
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Boolean value constraints $B_0(C)$.

$$\begin{aligned} a_1, a_0 &\in \mathbb{B} & a_1(1 - a_1), a_0(1 - a_0), \\ b_1, b_0 &\in \mathbb{B} & b_1(1 - b_1), b_0(1 - b_0) \end{aligned}$$



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UMLT. Let $P \subseteq R[X]$. If for a certain term order, all leading terms of P only consist of a single variable with exponent 1 and are unique and further $\text{lc}(p) \in R^\times$ for all $p \in P$, then we say P has *unique monic leading terms*.

Soundness and completeness

- $P \vdash_R q \iff q \in \langle P \rangle + \langle B_0(P) \rangle$
- $P \models_R q \iff \forall \varphi : \forall p \in P : \varphi(p) = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(q) = 0$

Theorem (Soundness)

Let $P \subseteq R[X]$ be a finite set of polynomials with UMLT and $q \in R[X]$, then

$$P \vdash_R q \Rightarrow P \models_R q.$$

Theorem (Completeness)

Let $P \subseteq R[X]$ be a finite set of polynomials with UMLT. Then for every $q \in R[X]$ we have

$$P \models_R q \Rightarrow P \vdash_R q.$$

Modular reasoning

Previous work: $\mathbb{Q}[X]$

- unsigned integers
- contains $\mathbb{Z}[X]$
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Now: $\mathbb{Z}_l[X]$ for $l \in \mathbb{N}$

- truncated multiplication
- elimination of monomials

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Now: $\mathbb{Z}_l[X]$ for $l \in \mathbb{N}$

- truncated multiplication
- elimination of monomials

$\mathbb{Z}[X]$

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- D-Gröbner basis theory

D-Gröbner basis

- Gröbner bases theory, where coefficient domains D are PIDs.
- Offers decision procedure (D-reduction) for ideal membership problem in $D[X]$.

$$\text{Let } q \in D[X] \text{ and } P \subseteq D[X] : \qquad q \in \langle P \rangle \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad q \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

- UMLT property: D-reduction amounts to substitution.
- Every ideal of $D[X]$ has a D-Gröbner basis.
- There is an (expensive) algorithm which, given an arbitrary basis of an ideal, computes a D-Gröbner basis.

D-Gröbner basis applied to circuit verification

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Then $G(C) \cup B_0(C) \cup \{l\}$ is a D-Gröbner basis of $\langle G(C) \cup B_0(C) \rangle + \langle l \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[X]$.

Correspondence lemma

Lemma

Let $l \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[X]$ be an ideal. There is a bijective correspondence from

$$q \in I + \langle l \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[X] \quad \text{to} \quad [q] \in \{[p] \mid p \in I\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[X]/\langle l \rangle,$$

where $[q]$ is the equivalence class of q .

Furthermore $\mathbb{Z}[X]/\langle l \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_l[X]$.

Verification

Verification Algorithm

D-reduce specification polynomial $\sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} 2^i s_i - \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i a_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i b_i\right)$ by elements of $G(C) \cup B_0(C) \cup \{l\}$ until no further reduction is possible, then C is a multiplier iff remainder is zero.

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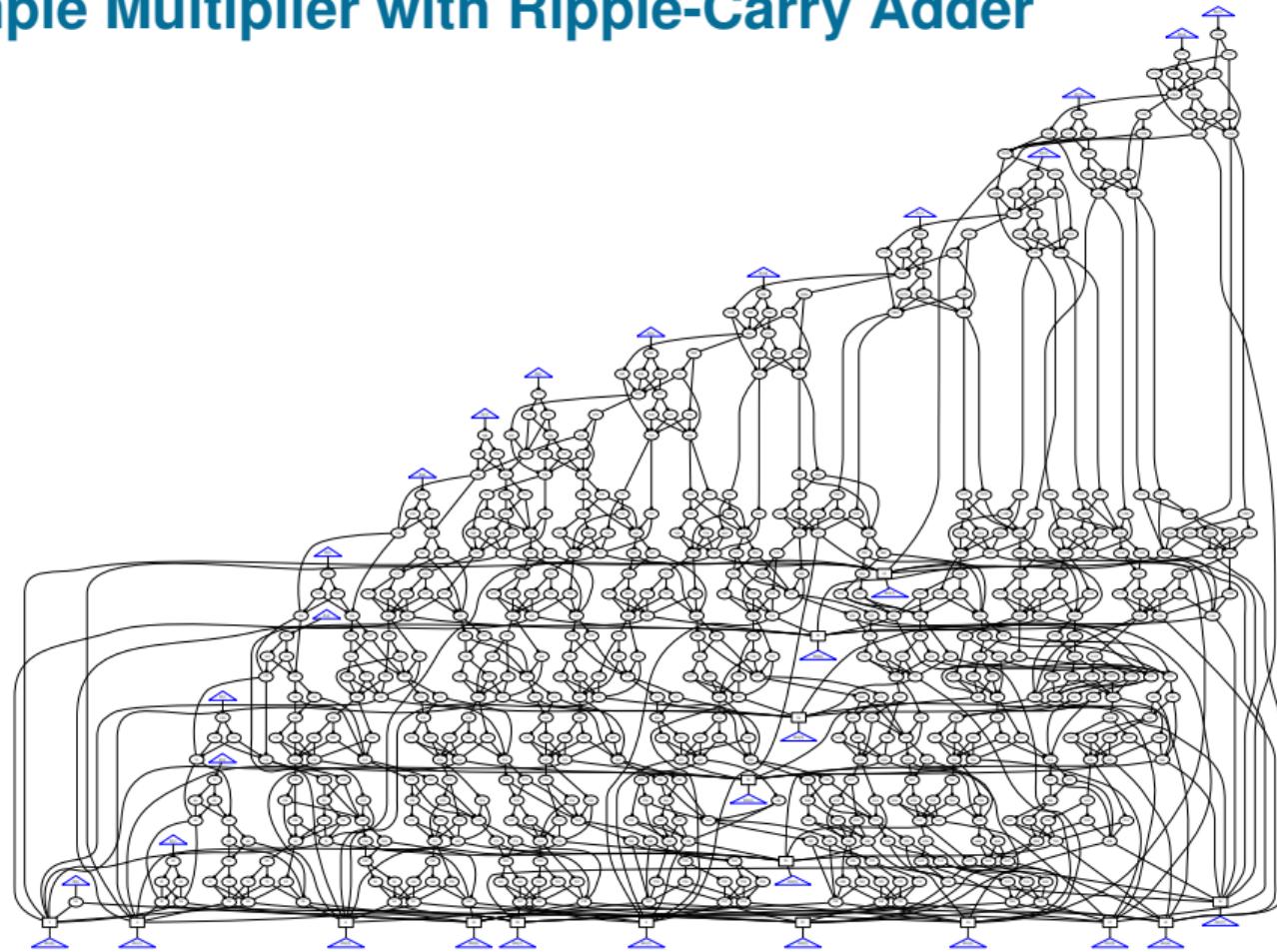
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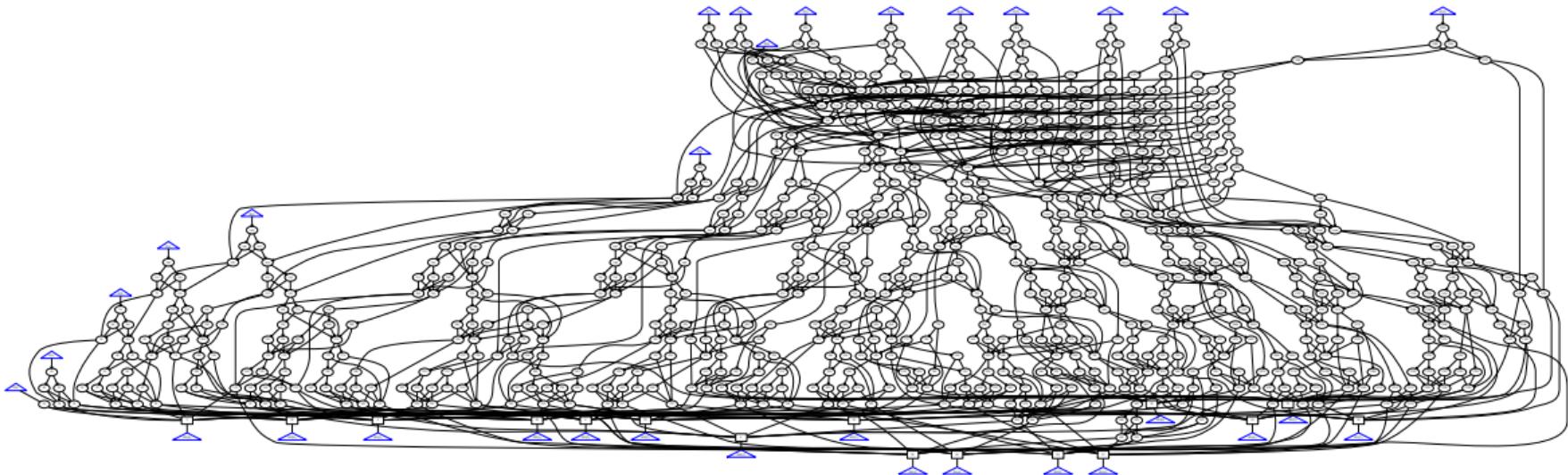
Computational Problems

- The number of monomials in the intermediate results increases drastically.
- 8-bit multiplier can not be verified within 20 minutes.

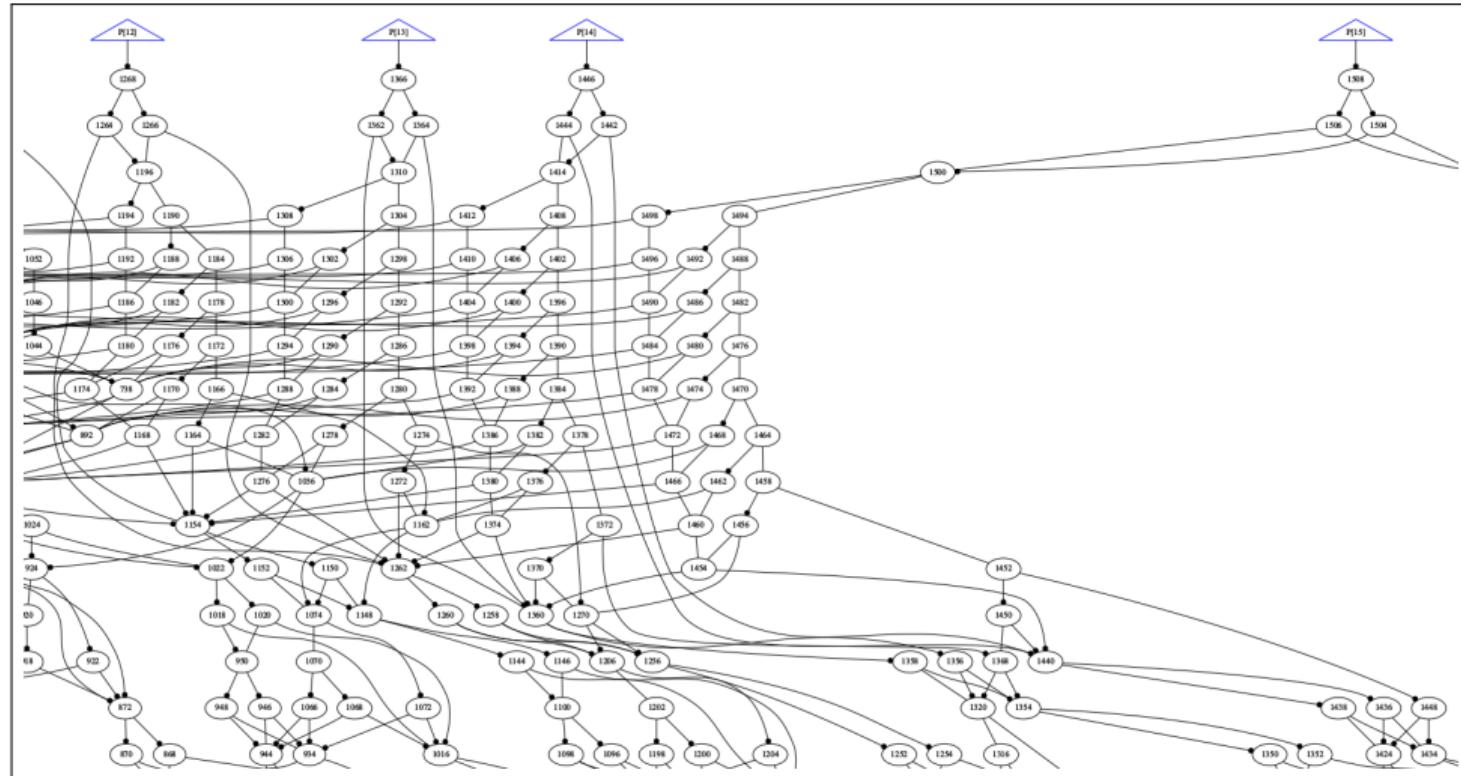
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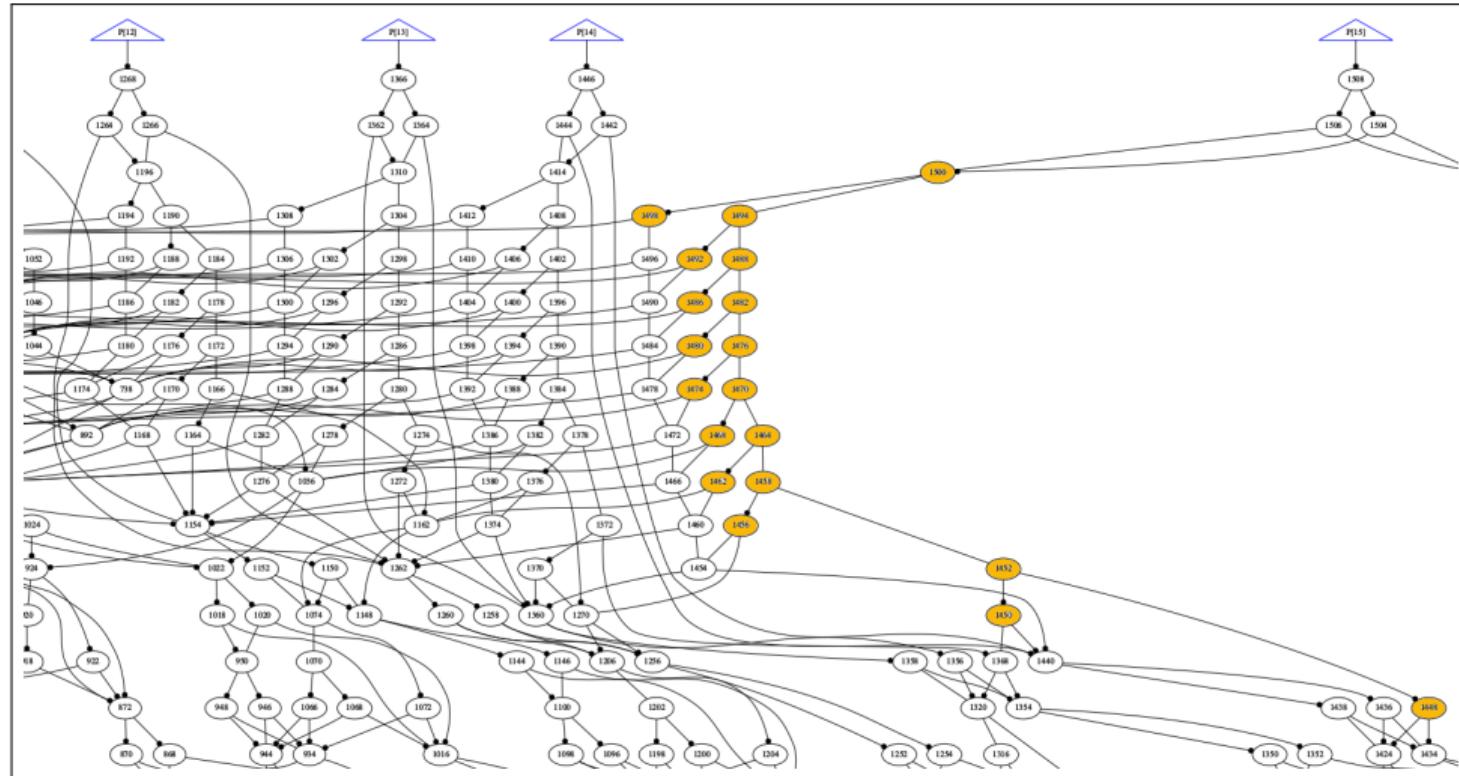
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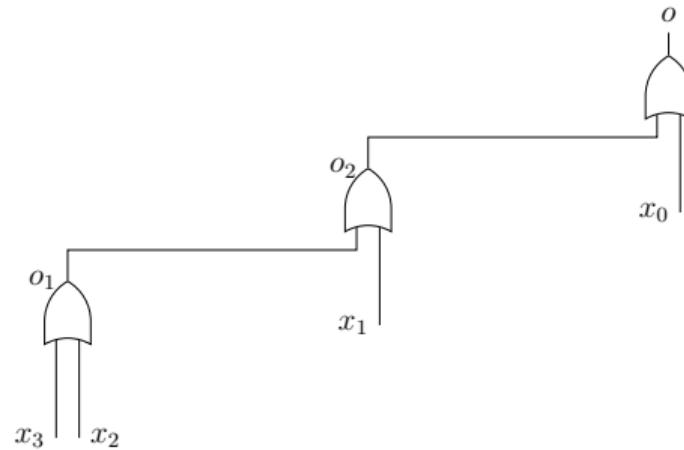


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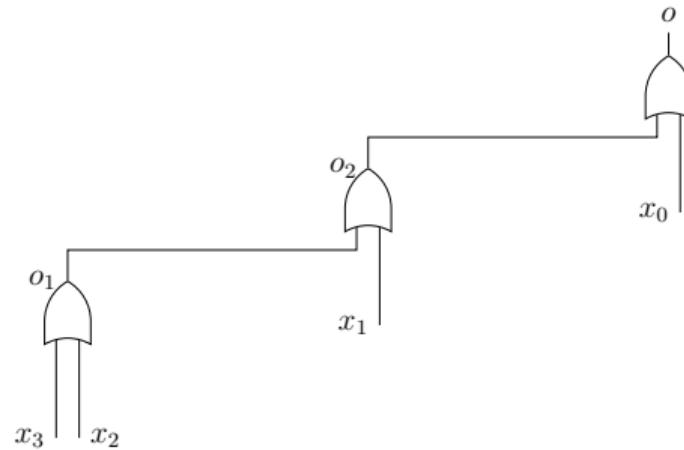
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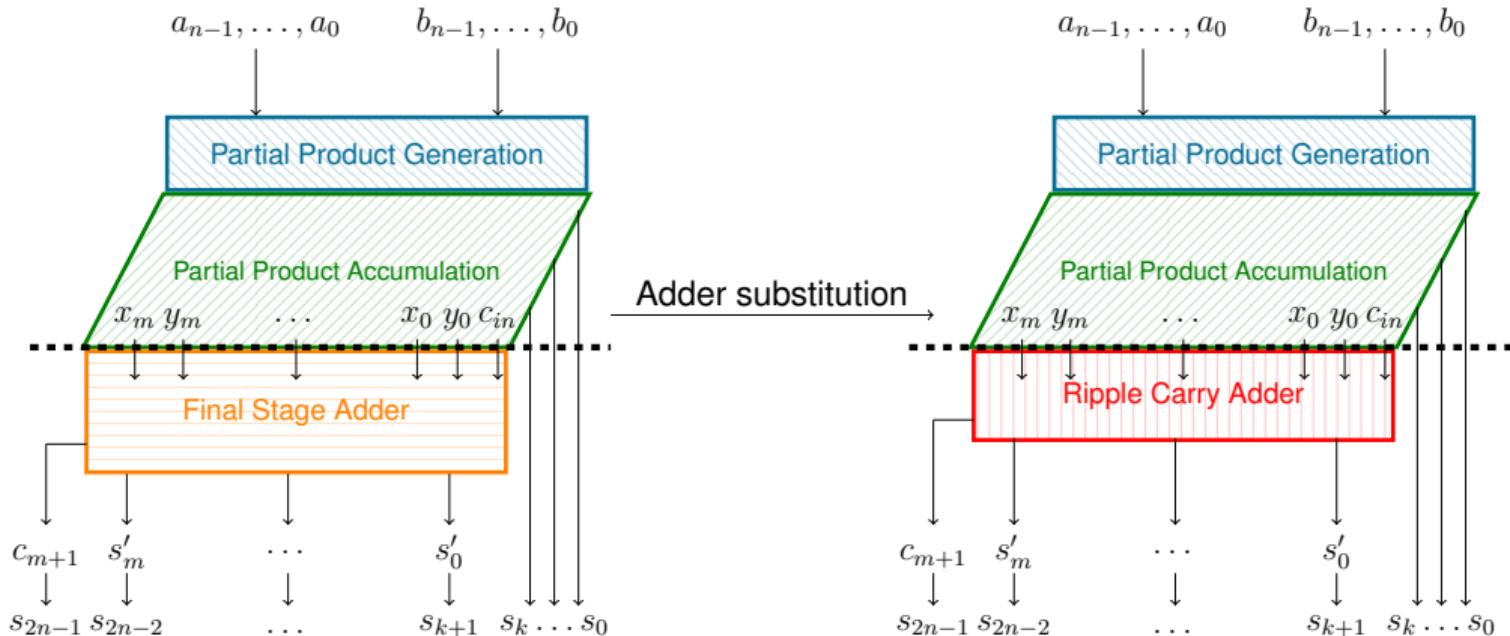
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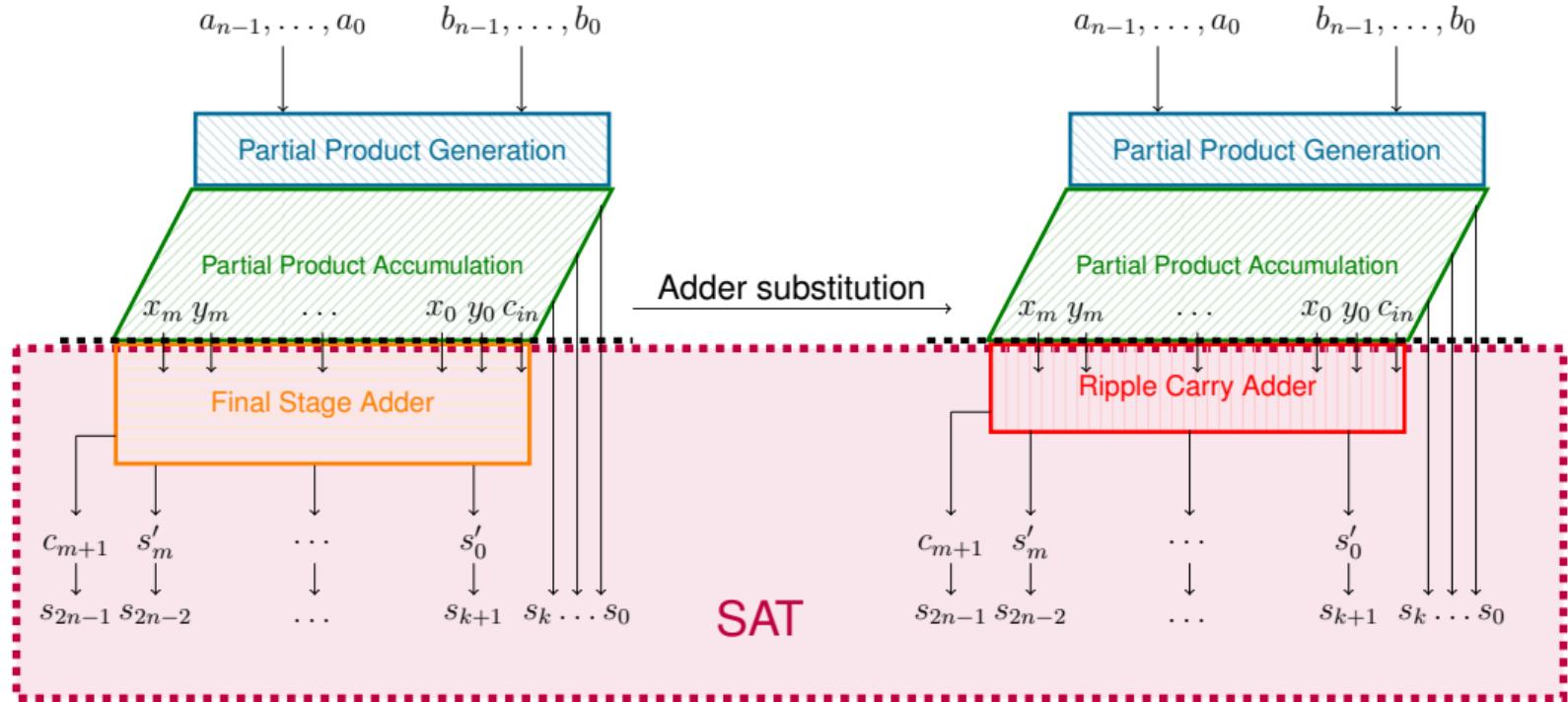
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$15 = 2^4 - 1$ monomials

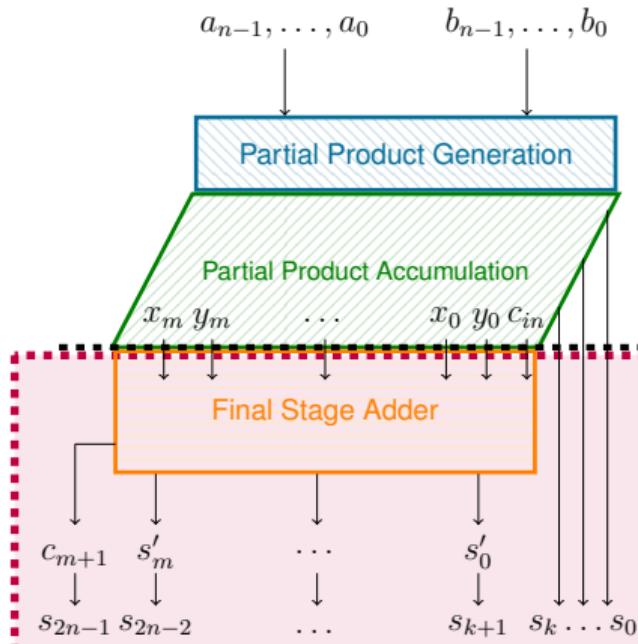
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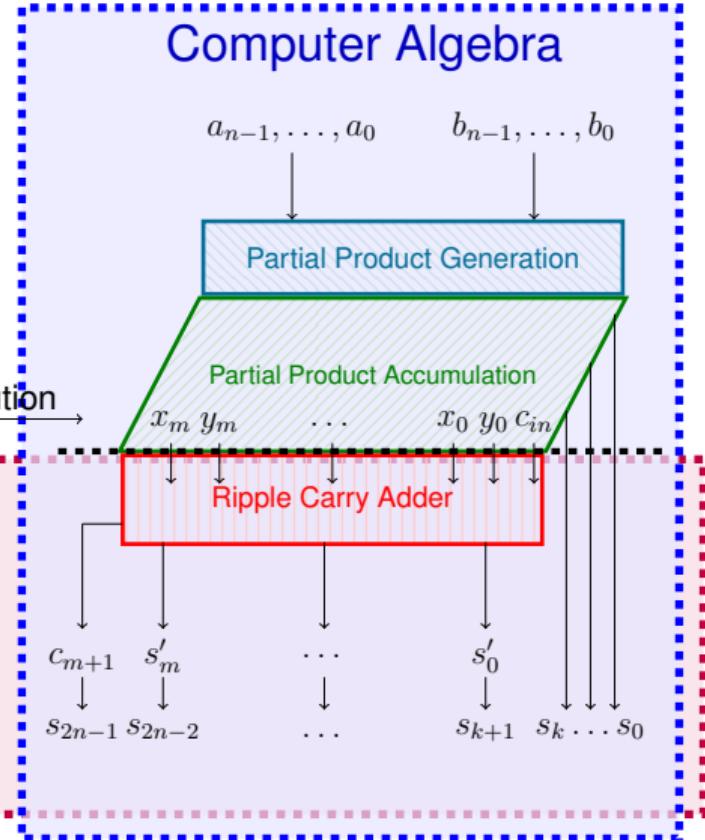
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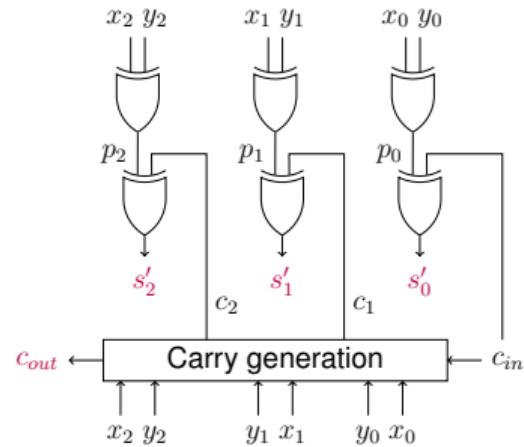
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SAT

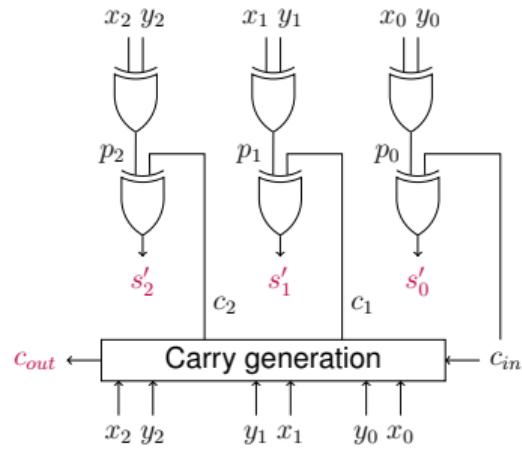


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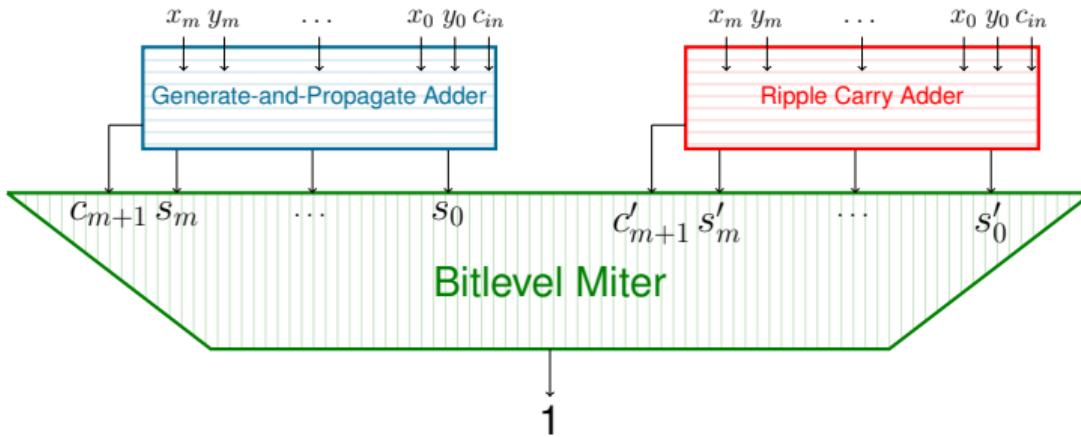
Algorithm: Identifying GP adders in AMULET

Input : Circuit C in AIG format

Output: Determine whether C might contain a GP adder

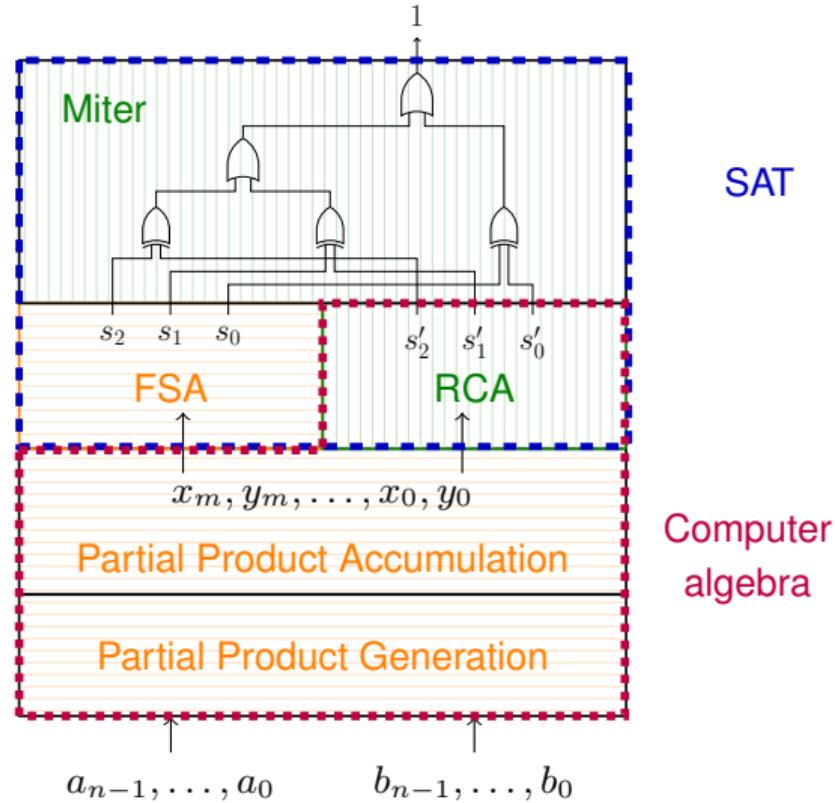
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1  $j \leftarrow 2n - 2, \tau \leftarrow 1;$ 
2 while  $\tau$  and  $j \geq 0$  do
3    $\tau, c_j, p_j \leftarrow \text{Check-if-XOR-and-Identify-}p_j\text{-and-}c_j(s_j);$ 
4    $x_j, y_j \leftarrow \text{Declare-Adder-Inputs}(p_j, \tau);$ 
5    $j \leftarrow j - 1;$ 
6 end
7  $c_{in} \leftarrow c_j;$ 
8 for  $i \leftarrow j$  to  $2n - 1$  do
9    $| m \leftarrow \text{Follow-and-Mark-Paths}(s_i);$ 
10 end
11 return  $m = 0$ 
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SAT

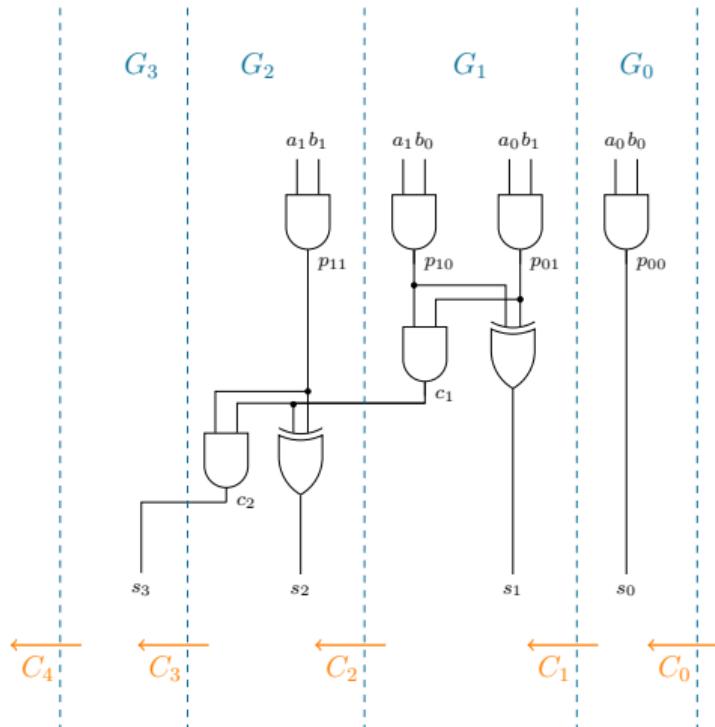


- AIG is translated to CNF.
- CNF is given to SAT solver.
- To show correctness SAT solver needs to return UNSAT.

Generated Circuit



Computer Algebra



Algorithm: Verification flow in AMULET

Input : Substituted circuit C in AIG format

Output: Determine whether C is a multiplier

```
1 for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $2n - 1$  do
2    $S_i \leftarrow$  Define-Cone-of-Influence( $i$ );
3   Order ( $S_i$ );
4   Search-for-Booth-Encoding ( $S_i$ );
5   Local-Elimination ( $S_i$ );
6 end
7 Global-Elimination ();
8  $C_0 \leftarrow$  Incremental-Reduction (); FMCAD'17
9 return  $C_0 = 0$ 
```

Variable Elimination

Local Elimination

- iterate over each slice
- eliminate leading variable if it only occurs in one other polynomial inside the slice
- repeat until all leading variables are either contained in other slices or occur in multiple polynomials
- subsumes “Adder-Rewriting”, “XOR-Rewriting”, “Common-Rewriting”.

Global Elimination

- eliminate marked variables found in “Search-for-Booth-Encoding()”
- need to consider all slices

Incremental Reduction

Computer Algebra System

- Too general for our purpose.

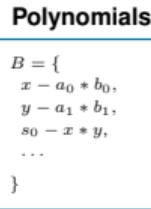
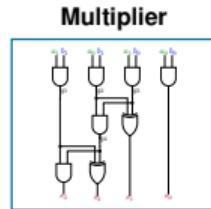
Reduction Engine: AMULET

- Designed to make use of UMLT property.
- D-reduction amounts to substitution.
- On-the-fly reduction of Boolean value constraints.
- On-the-fly generation of proof certificates in PAC format¹.

¹D. Ritirc, A. Biere, M. Kauers. A Practical Polynomial Calculus for Arithmetic Circuit Verification. In SC2, 2018.

Is the circuit really really correct?

Proofs

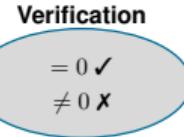


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- Can we trust our own implementation?

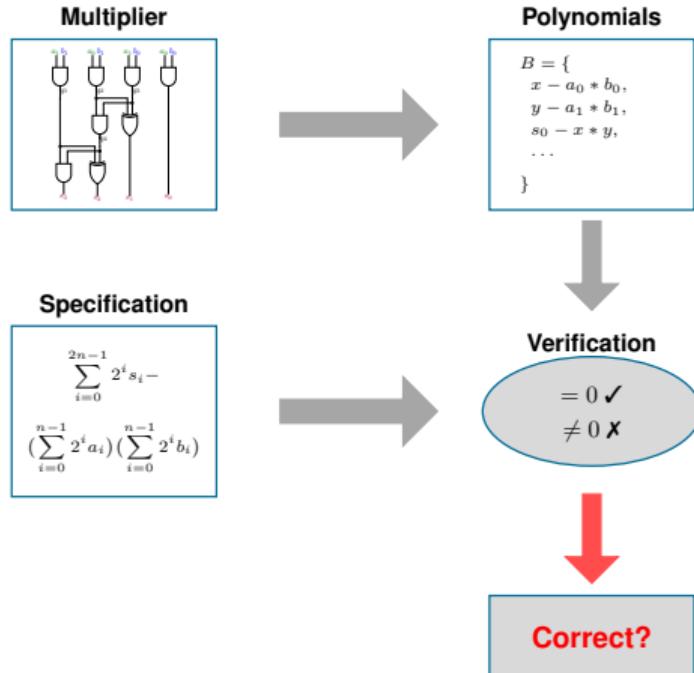
Specification

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} 2^i s_i -$$
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Correct?

Proofs



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Solution:

Validate result of verification process

- Generate machine-checkable proofs
- Check by independent proof checkers

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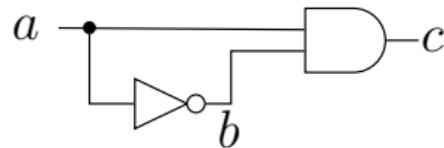
Practical algebraic calculus: Sequence $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$, where each p_k is obtained by:

d + : $p_i, p_j, p_i + p_j$; p_i, p_j appearing earlier in the proof or are contained in $G(C)$ and $p_i + p_j$ being reduced by $B(X)$

d * : p_i, q, qp_i ; p_i appearing earlier in the proof or is contained in $G(C)$ and $q \in R[X]$ being arbitrary and qp_i being reduced by $B(X)$

Optional *deletion* information **d.**

Example - PAC

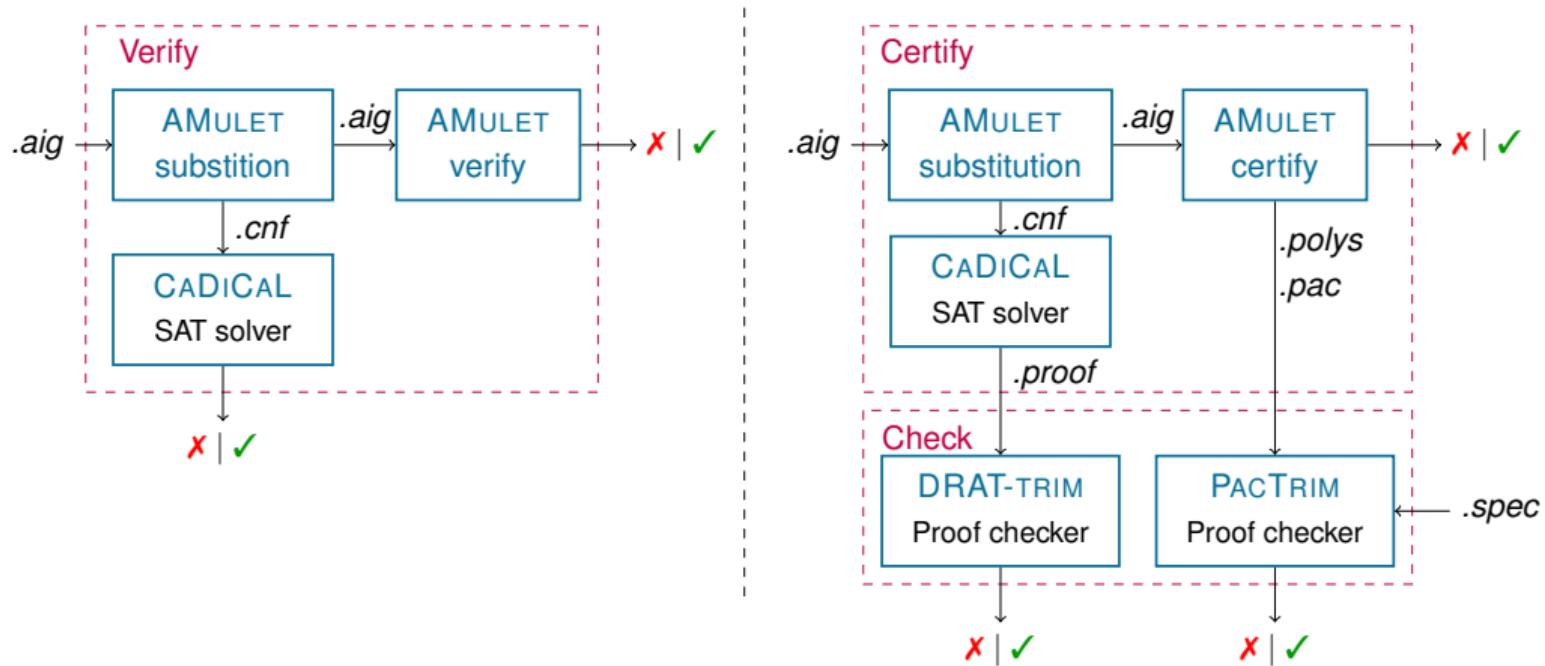


$$G(C) = \{ -b + 1 - a, \\ -c + ab \}$$

$$f = c$$

d * : -b+1-a,	a,	-a*b;
d + : -a*b,	-c+a*b,	-c;
d * : -c,	-1,	c;

Tool Flow



Verification Time

architecture	<i>n</i>	SPEC	nosub nomod noelim			Verify				MGD	CSYY	KBK
			sub	cnf	aig	tot	DAC19	TCAD19	FMSD19			
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sp-wt-cl	64	u	TO	TO	3	0	9	1	11	96	NA ₃	TO
sp-bd-ks	64	u	TO	TO	2	0	1	1	3	162	NA ₃	TO
sp-ar-ck	64	u	TO	1	2	0	0	1	1	143	NA ₃	TO
bp-ar-rc	64	u	1	TO	118	0	0	1	1	53	NA ₃	TO
bp-ct-bk	64	u	TO	TO	100	0	0	1	2	119	NA ₃	TO
bp-os-cu	64	u	2	TO	TO	0	0	2	2	95	NA ₃	TO
bp-wt-cs	64	u	1	TO	114	0	0	1	1	75	NA ₃	TO
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time in sec NA₁: tool not applicable to type SPEC NA₂: tool not yet available NA₃: incompleteness TO: 3600 sec

Verification and Certification Time

architecture	<i>n</i>	SPEC	Verify				Certify				Check			total	proof size	
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bp-ct-bk	64	u	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	5	27 552	138 179
bp-os-cu	64	u	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	3	0	4	4	7	0	166 967
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btor	64	t	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	70 374

time in sec

Verification and Certification Time of Large Multipliers

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kjvnkv	512	0	0	13	13	0	0	15	15	0	9	9	25	3m	0	12m
sp-ar-rc	512	0	0	13	13	0	0	16	16	0	10	10	26	3m	0	12m
sp-dt-lf	512	1	1	25	26	1	1	25	26	0	11	11	37	3m	1m	12m
sp-wt-bk	512	1	0	26	27	0	0	26	26	0	11	11	38	3m	626k	12m
btor	1024	2	0	177	179	2	0	219	219	0	51	51	272	8m	0	31m
kjvnkv	1024	2	0	91	93	2	0	172	172	0	72	72	245	12m	0	49m
btor	2048	17	0	1493	1510	17	0	2552	2552	0	430	430	2982	33m	0	125m
kjvnkv	2048	18	0	1129	1147	18	0	2077	2077	0	1228	1228	3307	50m	0	196m

time in min

Conclusion

- SAT and Computer Algebra
- Adder substitution
- Polynomial reasoning over more general rings
- Modular reasoning
- AMULET
- Variable elimination
- Combination of these ideas scales up to 2048 bits

Is the circuit really really really correct?

We don't know yet. Our proof checker is not certified (yet).

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