

# ddSMT: A Delta Debugger for the SMT-LIB v2 Format

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→ easier to debug  
→ in a time efficient manner

**Delta Debugging** = input minimization

- originally introduced by R. Hildebrandt and A. Zeller in [HZ00]
- related work: **shrinking** in QuickCheck [CH00]

**Basic Idea:**

Given executable **Ex**, failure-inducing input **I**:

- Minimize (simplify) **I** →  $I_{simp}$
- $I_{simp}$  still triggers the original faulty behavior

Original minimization strategy:

- divide-and-conquer (binary)
- remove parts irrelevant to the original faulty behavior

- highly customizable, wide range of applications

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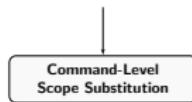
- input minimizer for the **SMT-LIB v2** format
- based on the exit code of a given executable
- supports **all** SMT-LIB v2 logics
- **not** based on deltaSMT
- implements divide-and-conquer delta debugging strategy
- employs simplification strategies for
  - macros (command **define-fun**)
  - command-level scopes (commands **push** and **pop**)
  - named annotations (attribute **:named**)
- especially effective in combination with fuzz testing

## Technical Side Notes

- implemented in Python 3
- provides a dedicated, modular, standalone SMT-LIB v2 parser

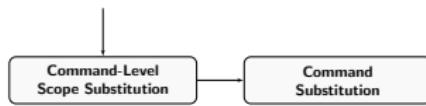
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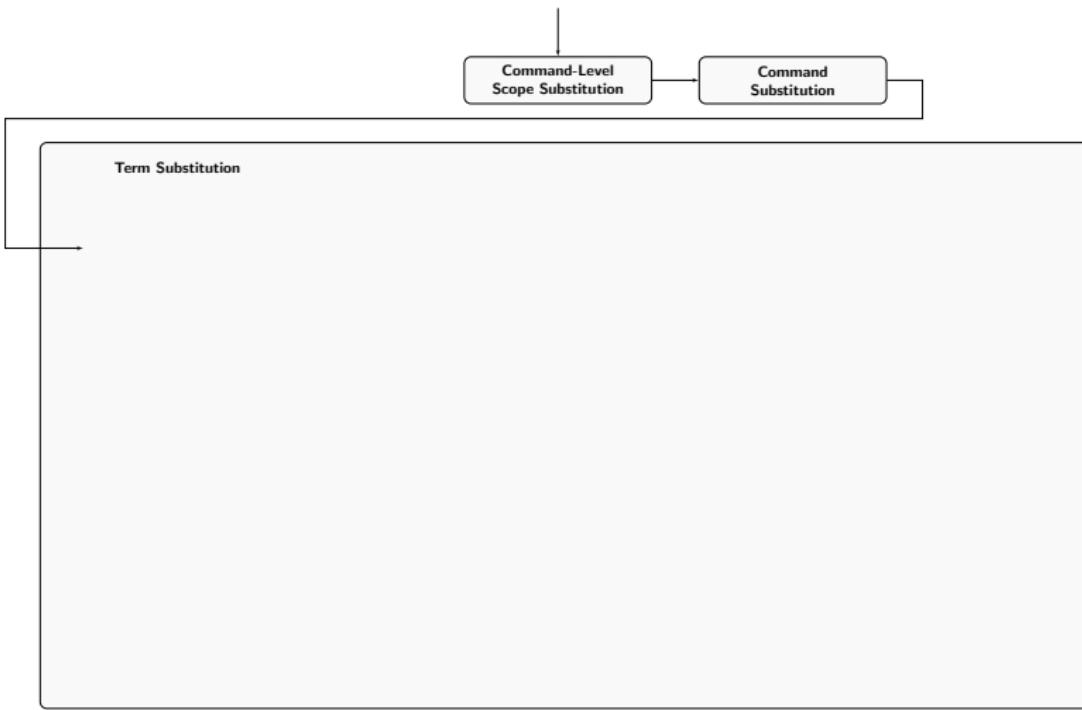
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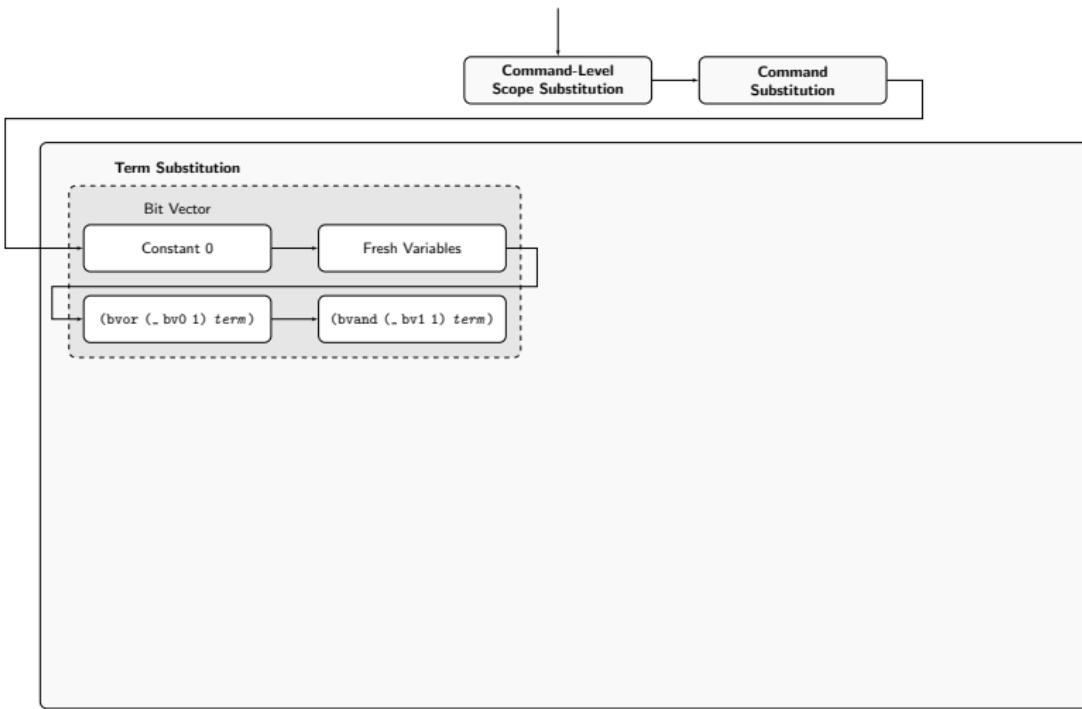
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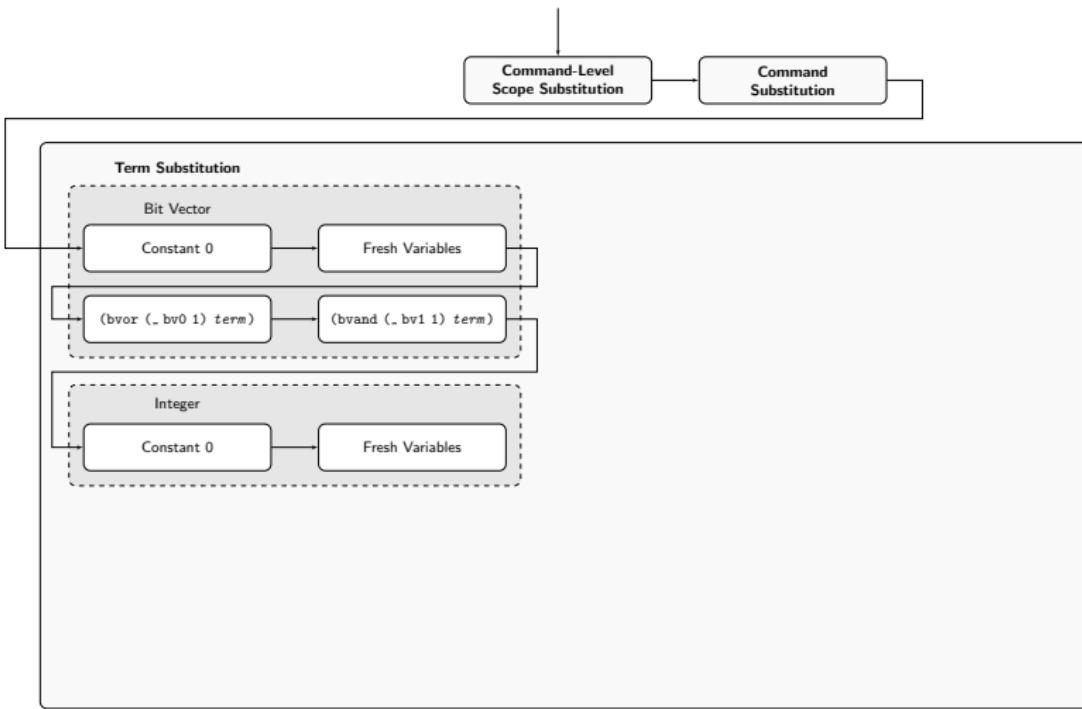
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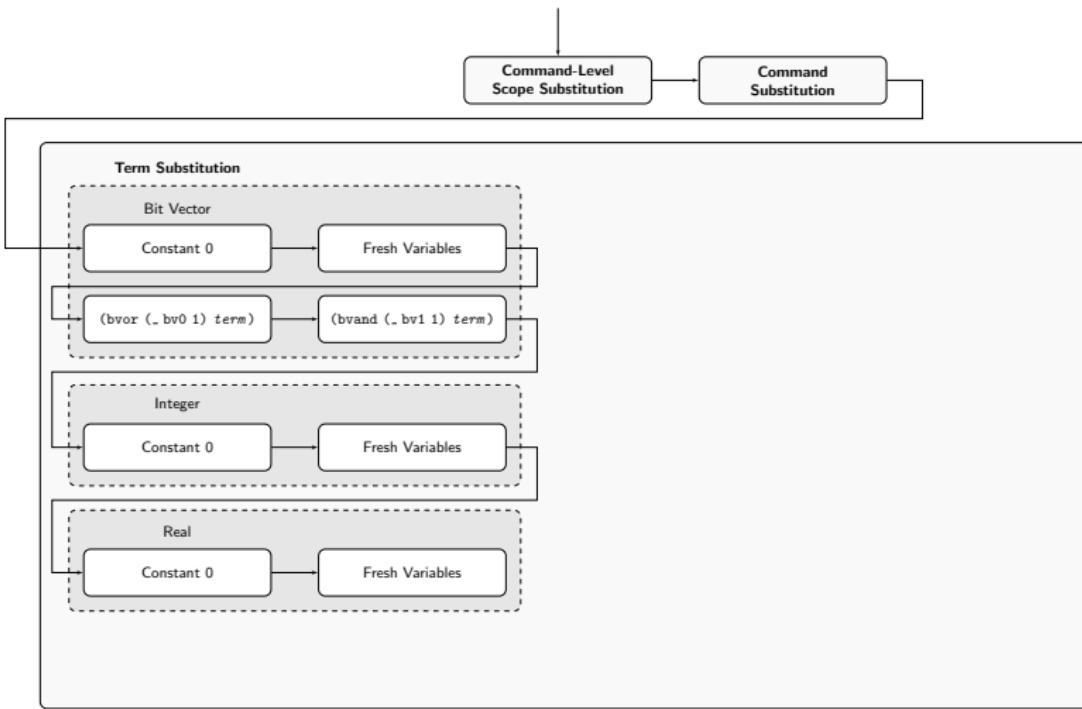
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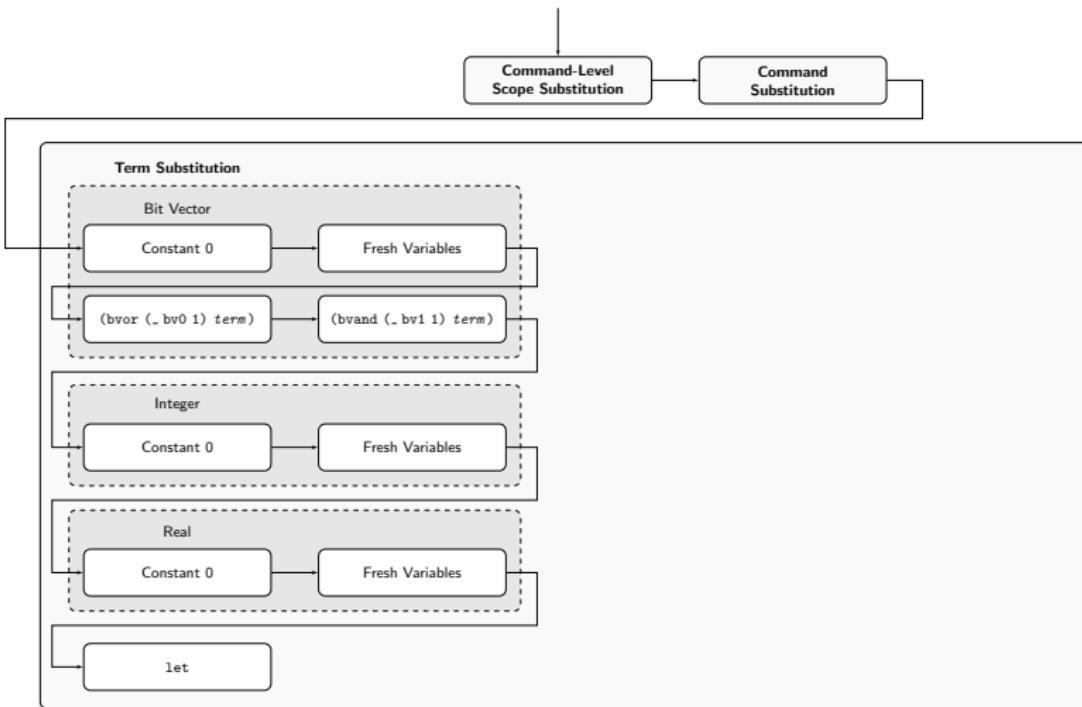
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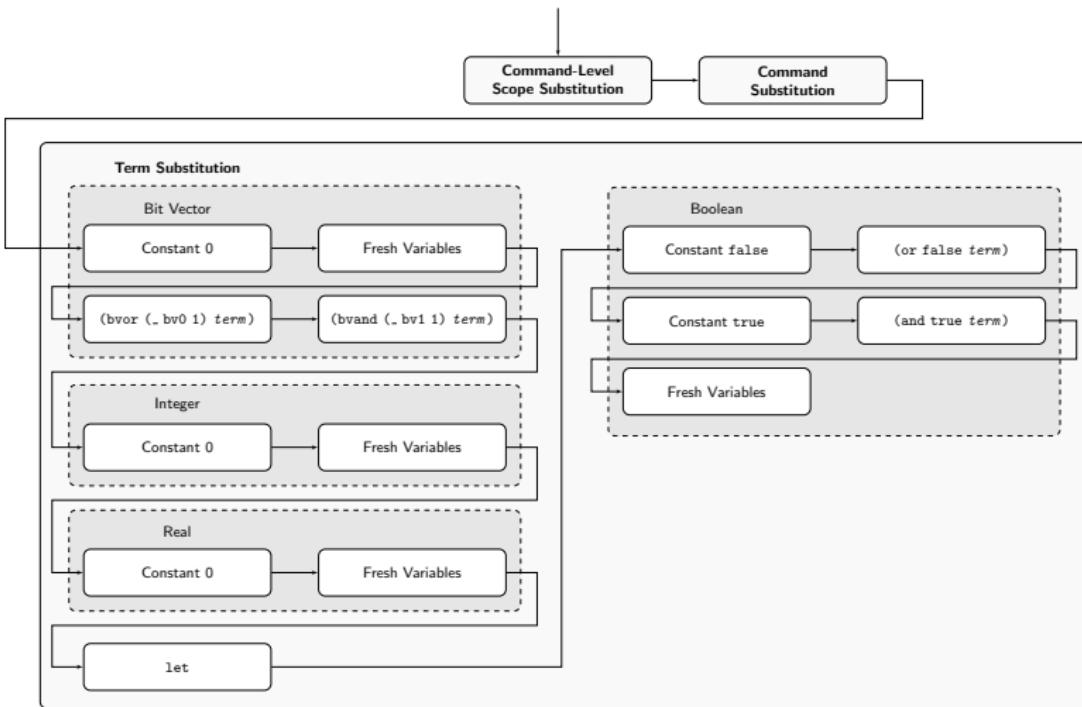
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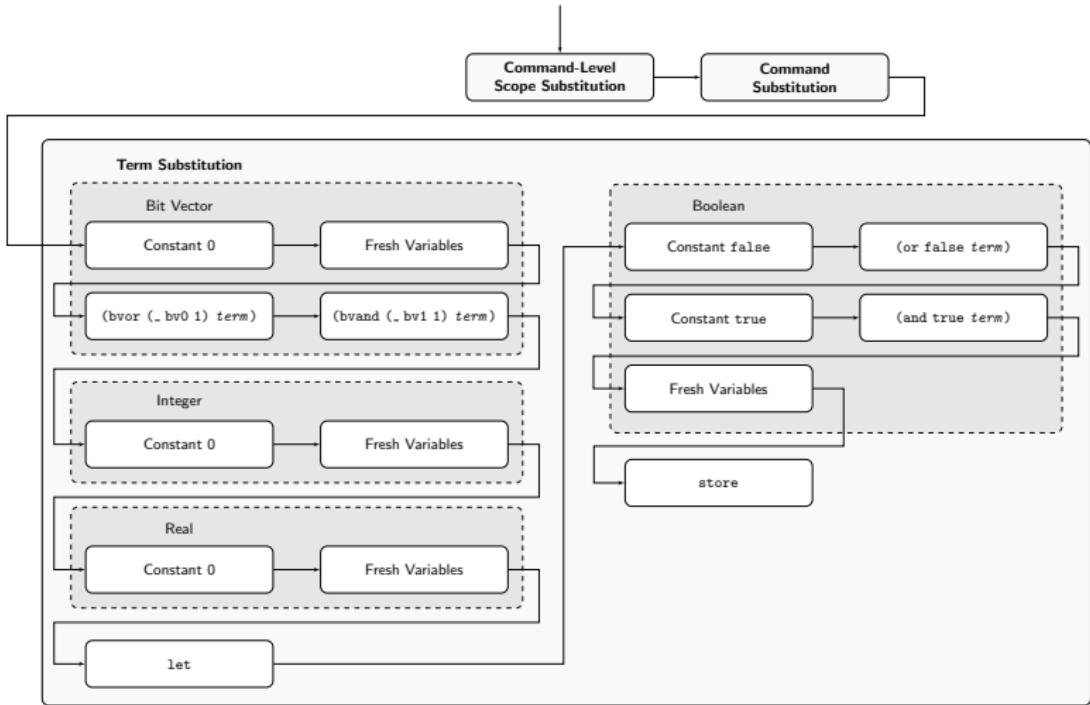
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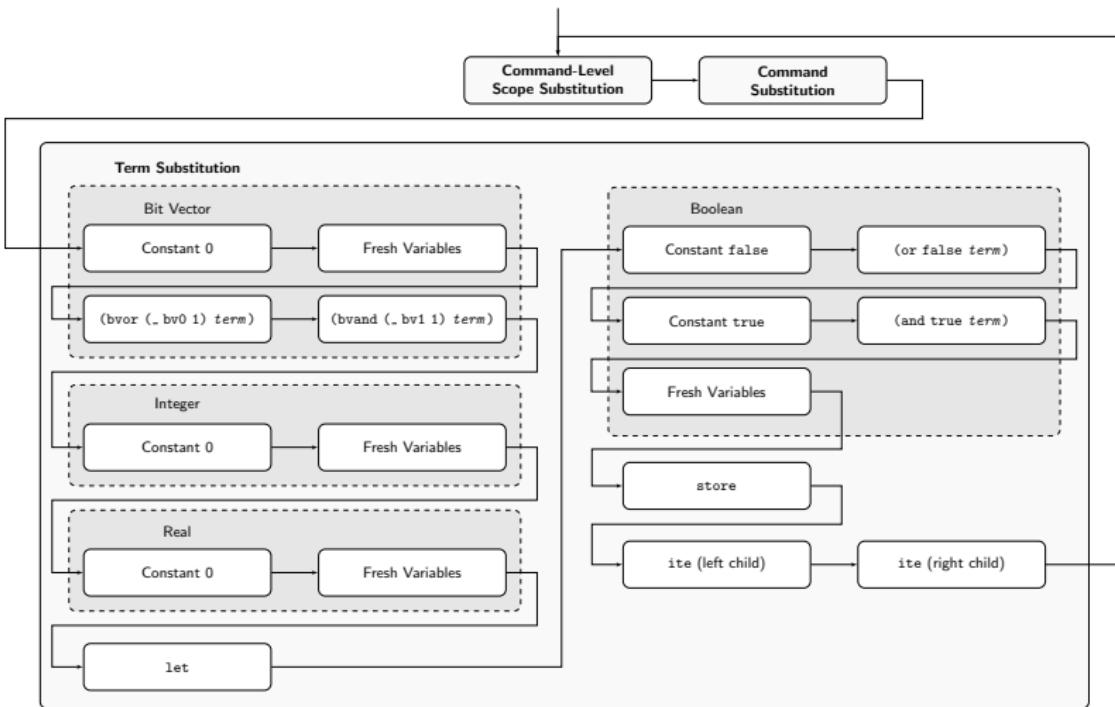
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① filter nodes by some criteria and collect into list **superset**

② **substitute:**

① divide superset into  $n := \lceil \text{len}(\text{superset})/g \rceil$  subsets,  
start with granularity  $g := \text{len}(\text{superset})$ ,  $n = 1$

② for each **subset** in subsets:

- substitute all **not substituted** items in subset with **simpler** expression or **None**
- test current configuration
- if successful keep substitution of subset, **subsets := subsets \subsetset**
- else reset substitutions of current subset

③  $g := g/2$

④  $k := \text{len}(\text{subsets})$ , **superset :=**  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{subset}_i$

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## Example Executable

```
1  #!/bin/sh
2
3  if [ `grep -c "<get-value>" $1` -ne 0 ];
4      then exit 1
5  fi
6
7  exit 0
```

→ simulates: SMT Solver does not support **get-value** commands

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all variable bindings substituted



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## Final Result

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## Future Work

- further simplification strategies for **annotations** (other than :named)
- **hybrid** approach: selective hierarchical delta debugging strategies
- comparison with model-based delta debugging on the **API** level

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