

# Satisfiability Checking

## The Omega Test

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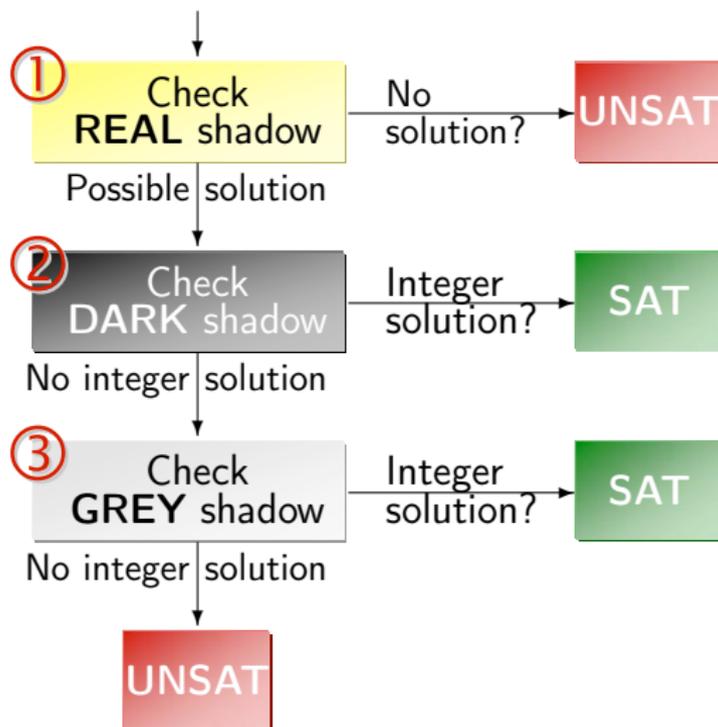
- Goal: Decide satisfiability for conjunctions of **linear** constraints of the form

$$\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} a_i x_i \geq b$$

over **integers**.

- Original application:  
Program optimizations done by a compiler.
- Extension of *Fourier-Motzkin* variable elimination:
  - Pick one variable and eliminate it.
  - Continue until all variables but one are eliminated.

# Overview of the Omega test



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Check  
**REAL** shadow

- Assume we eliminate variable  $z$
- For each pair of upper/lower bound:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \beta \leq bz & cz \leq \gamma \quad (b, c > 0) \\ c\beta \leq cbz & cbz \leq b\gamma \end{array}$$

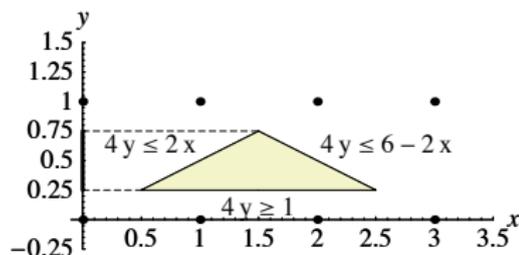
- Constraint for real shadow:

$$c\beta \leq b\gamma$$

# The real shadow: Example 1

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Check  
**REAL** shadow



$$4y \leq 2x$$

$$4y \leq -2x + 6$$

$$4y \geq 1$$

Eliminate  $x$ :

$$4y \leq 2x$$

$$4y \leq -2x + 6$$

$$4y \leq 6 - 4y$$

$$8y \leq 6$$

**Real Shadow:**

$$8y \leq 6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y \leq 0.75$$

$$4y \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y \geq 0.25$$

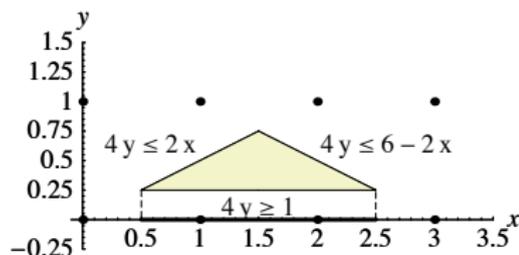
No integer solution

$\Rightarrow$  Original problem  
has no solution

# The real shadow: Example II

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Check  
**REAL** shadow



$$4y \leq 2x$$

$$4y \leq -2x + 6$$

$$4y \geq 1$$

Let's eliminate  $y$  instead:

$$1 \leq 4y$$

$$4y \leq 2x$$

$$1 \leq 2x$$

$$1 \leq 4y$$

$$4y \leq -2x + 6$$

$$1 \leq -2x + 6$$

**Real Shadow:**

$$1 \leq 2x$$

$$1 \leq -2x + 6$$

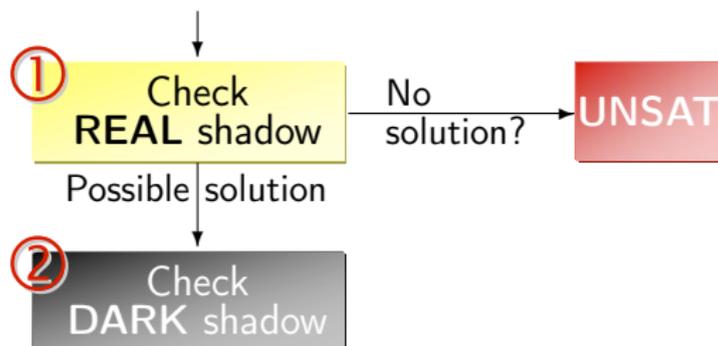
$$x \geq 0.5$$

$$x \leq 2.5$$

Integer solution!

But original problem  
has no integer solution!

# From real to dark shadow



- An integer solution for the REAL shadow **does not guarantee** that there is an integer solution for the original problem.
- Thus, we check the **DARK shadow** next.

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Check  
DARK shadow

- Idea of the DARK shadow:

$$\begin{array}{l} \beta \leq bz \quad | : b \\ \frac{\beta}{b} \leq z \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} cz \leq \gamma \quad | : c \\ z \leq \frac{\gamma}{c} \end{array} \quad z \in \mathbb{N}$$

- How to compute the dark shadow?
- Try to *prove* that there is an integer  $z$  between  $\frac{\beta}{b}$  and  $\frac{\gamma}{c}$ .

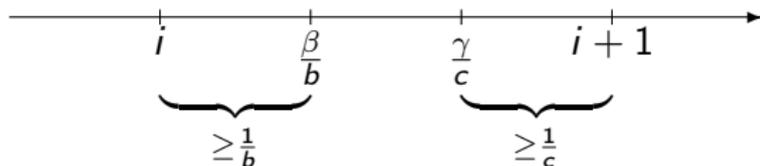
# Dark shadow: Proof by contradiction

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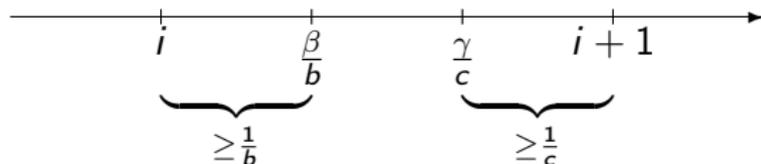
Check  
DARK shadow

Assume there is no integer  $z$  between  $\frac{\beta}{b}$  and  $\frac{\gamma}{c}$ . Then:

Let  $i := \lfloor \frac{\beta}{b} \rfloor \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}$



# Dark shadow: Proof by contradiction



$$\frac{\beta}{b} - i \geq \frac{1}{b}$$

$$i + 1 - \frac{\gamma}{c} \geq \frac{1}{c}$$

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$$\frac{\beta}{b} + 1 - \frac{\gamma}{c} \geq \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \quad | \cdot c \cdot b$$

$$c\beta + cb - b\gamma \geq c + b \quad | - cb$$

$$c\beta - b\gamma \geq -cb + c + b \quad | \cdot (-1)$$

$$b\gamma - c\beta \leq cb - c - b$$

- From previous slide:

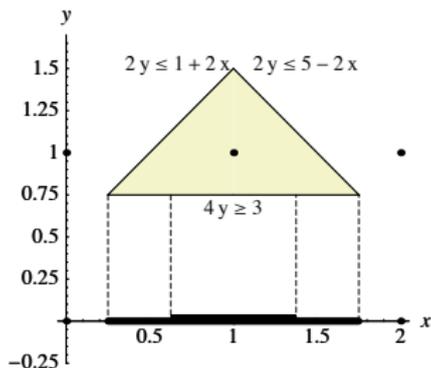
$$\begin{aligned} & b\gamma - c\beta \leq cb - c - b \\ \Leftrightarrow & \neg(b\gamma - c\beta > cb - c - b) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \neg(b\gamma - c\beta \geq cb - c - b + 1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \underbrace{\neg(b\gamma - c\beta \geq (c - 1)(b - 1))}_{*} \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, if \* holds, we know that there must be an integer solution.
- If  $c = 1$  or  $b = 1$ , then this is the same as the real shadow.  
This case is called an **exact projection**.

# Example for the dark shadow

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Check  
DARK shadow



$$2y \leq 2x + 1$$

$$2y \leq -2x + 5$$

$$4y \geq 3$$

Eliminate  $y$  with the dark shadow:

$$2y \leq 2x + 1$$

$$4y \geq 3$$

$$4(2x + 1) - 2 \cdot 3 \geq (2 - 1)(4 - 1)$$

$$4y \geq 3$$

$$2y \leq -2x + 5$$

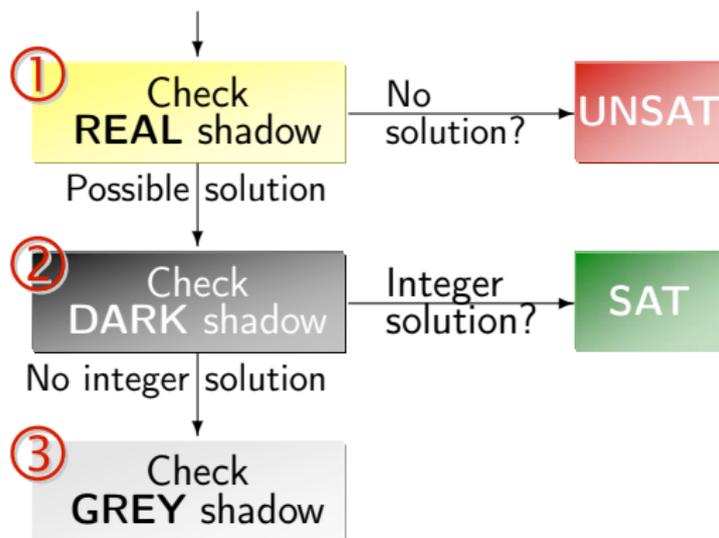
$$4(-2x + 5) - 2 \cdot 3 \geq (2 - 1)(4 - 1)$$

Dark Shadow:

$$\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow x \geq 5/8 \\ \Rightarrow x \leq 11/8 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integer solution!

# From dark to grey shadow



- No integer solution in the DARK shadow **does not guarantee** that there is no integer solution for the original problem.
- Thus, we check the **GREY shadow** next.

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Check  
**GREY** shadow

## Idea of the Grey shadow

If the real shadow  $R$  has integer solutions,  
but the dark shadow  $D$  does not, search  $R \setminus D$ .

$$\text{In } R: \quad b\gamma \geq cbz \geq c\beta$$

$$\text{Not in } D: \quad cb - c - b \geq b\gamma - c\beta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad cb - c - b + c\beta \geq b\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad cb - c - b + c\beta \geq cbz \geq c\beta \quad | : c$$

$$(cb - c - b)/c + \beta \geq bz \geq \beta$$

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Check  
**GREY** shadow

- Try all values of  $z$  such that

$$(cb - c - b)/c + \beta \geq bz \geq \beta$$

- Optimization: find the largest coefficient  $c$  in any upper bound and try the following for each lower bound  $bz \geq \beta$ :

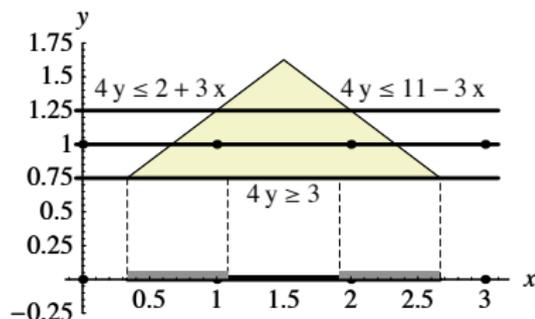
$$bz = \beta + i \quad \text{for } (cb - c - b)/c \geq i \geq 0$$

- As before, combine this with the original problem, and solve recursively.

# Example of the grey shadow

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Check  
**GREY** shadow



$$4y \leq 3x + 2$$

$$4y \leq -3x + 11$$

$$4y \geq 3$$

- Eliminate  $y$ :  
 $c = 4, b = 4, \beta = 3$

- New constraint:  
 $4y = 3 + i$  for  
 $2 \geq i \geq 0$ :

$$4y = 3$$

$$4y = 4$$

$$4y = 5$$

$\implies$  Integer solution  
with  $4y = 4$