

# Proving Unrealizability for Syntax-Guided Synthesis

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- 1 Syntax-Guided Synthesis

# Syntax-Guided Synthesis (SyGuS)



Search space  $G$ :

$$\max(x, y) = \text{ITE}(> (x, y), x, y)$$

Start  $\rightarrow$   $+$ (Start, Start)  
|  $\text{ITE}$ (BExpr, Start, Start)  
|  $x$  |  $y$  | 0 | 1

BExpr  $\rightarrow$   $\text{Not}$ (BExpr)  
|  $>$  (Start, Start)  
|  $\text{And}$ (BExpr, BExpr)



# Syntax-Guided Synthesis (SyGuS)

- Goal: find a program  $e \in L(G)$  such that  $\forall x, y. \varphi(e, x, y)$ 
  - SyGuS-Competition
  - SyGuS Solvers: CVC4, EUSolver, Euphony, DryadSynth, LoopInvGen, E3Solver, Esolver

What if there **doesn't exist**  $e \in L(G)$  such that  
 $\forall x, y. \varphi(e, x, y)$  (Unrealizable)

# Proving <sup>2</sup>Unrealizability for

- ① Syntax-Guided Synthesis

# Example of Unrealizable SyGuS Problems

Specification

$$\forall x, y. \max(x, y) \geq x \wedge \max(x, y) \geq y \wedge (\max(x, y) = x \vee \max(x, y) = y)$$

Search space

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Start} = & +( \text{Start}, \text{Start} ) \\ & | \text{ITE}(\text{BExpr}, \text{Start}, \text{Start}) \\ & | x | y | 0 | 1 \end{aligned}$$

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No  
Solution



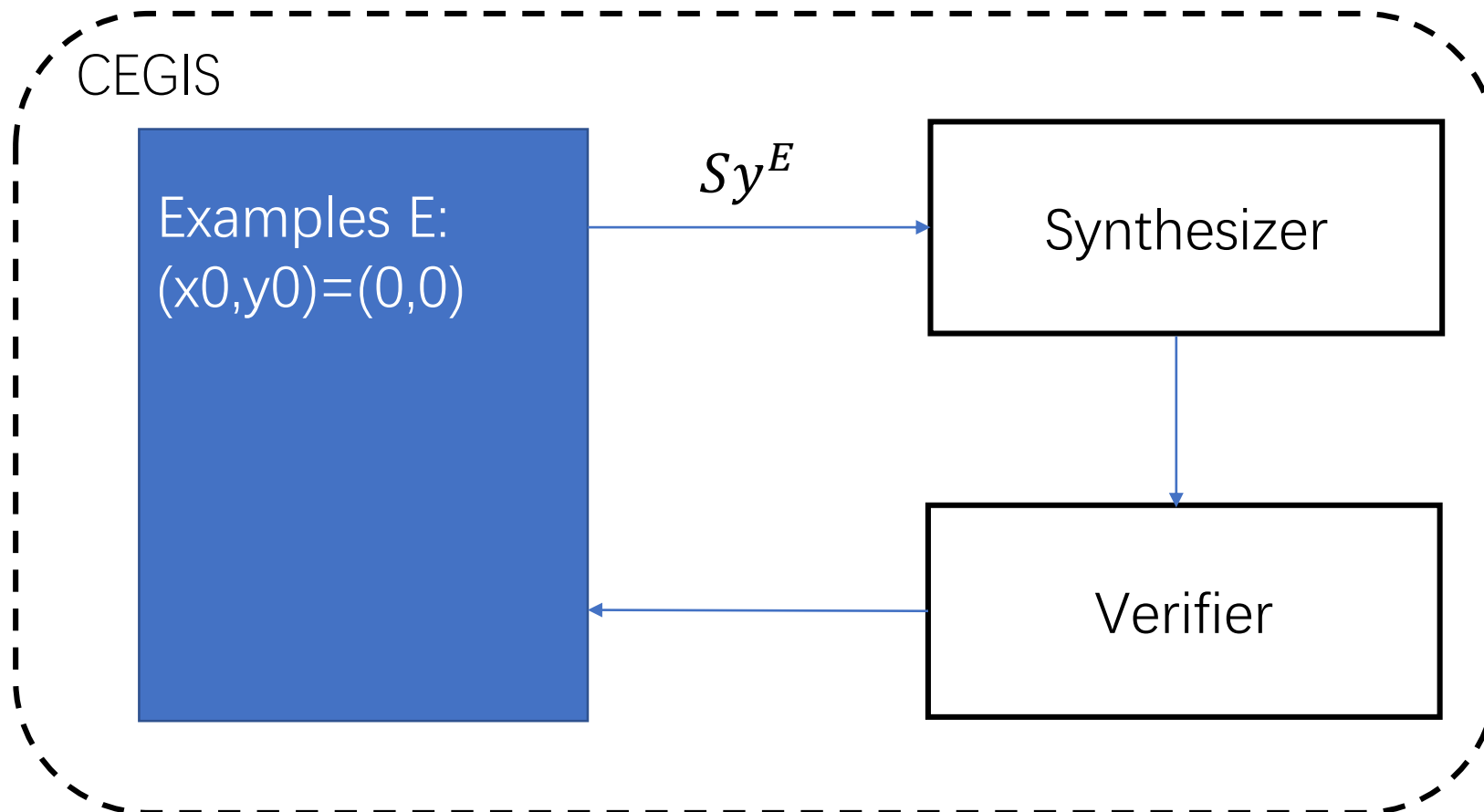
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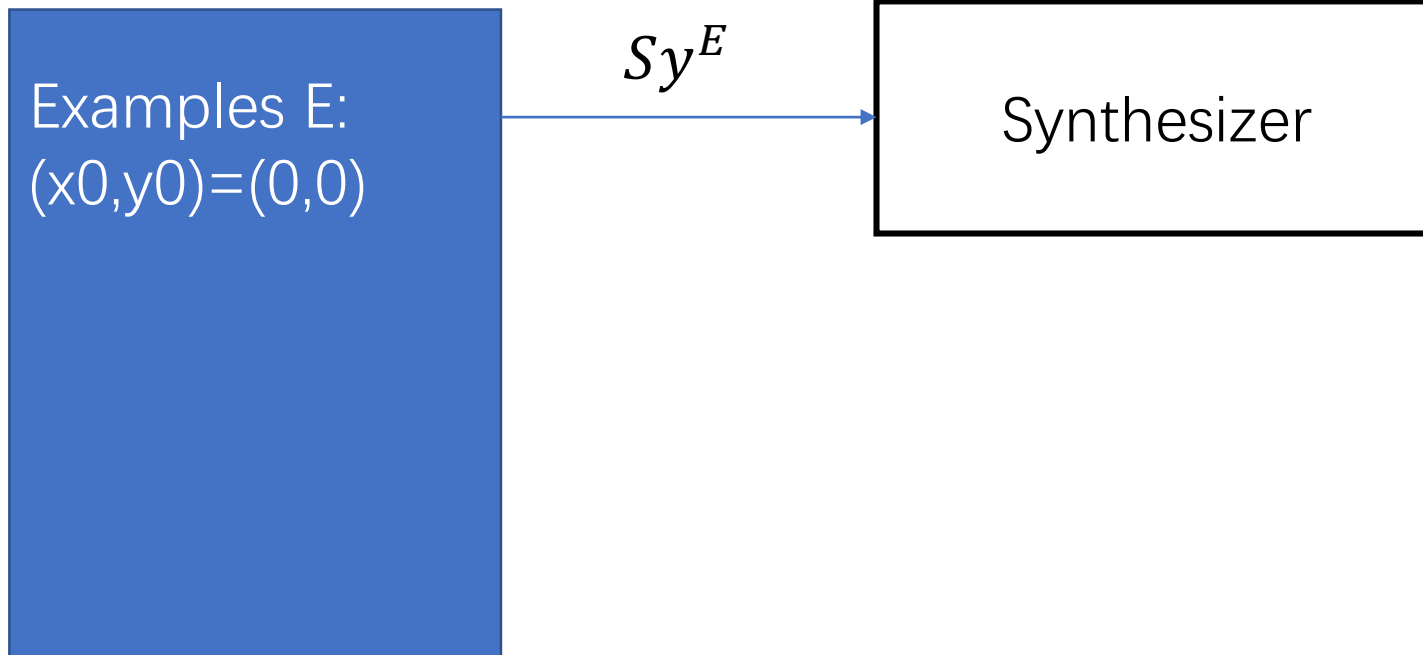
$$\varphi: f(x, y) \geq x \wedge f(x, y) \geq y \wedge (f(x, y) = x \vee f(x, y) = y)$$

$Sy :=$

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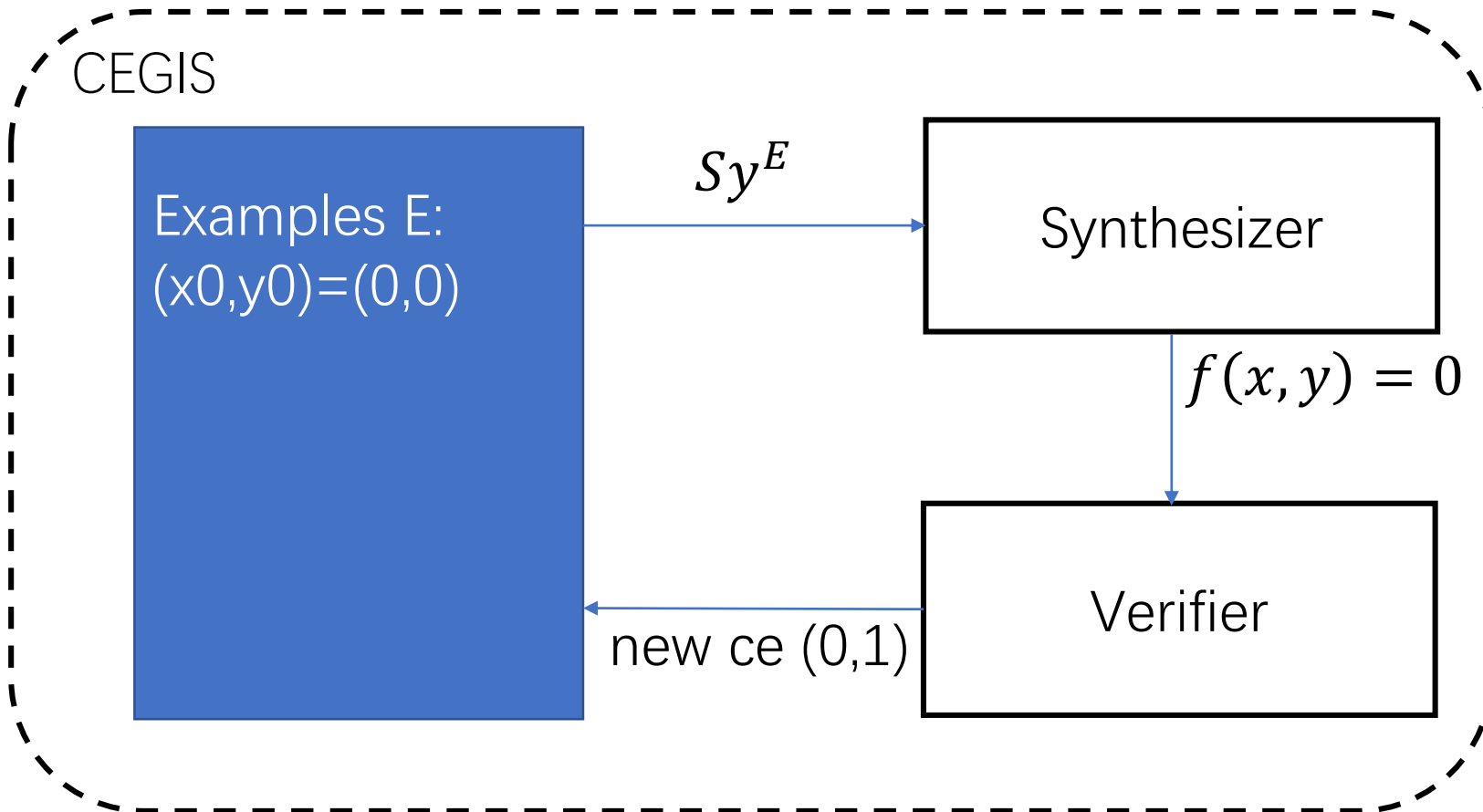
$$Sy^E: \bigwedge_{(x,y) \in E} \varphi(f, x, y)$$



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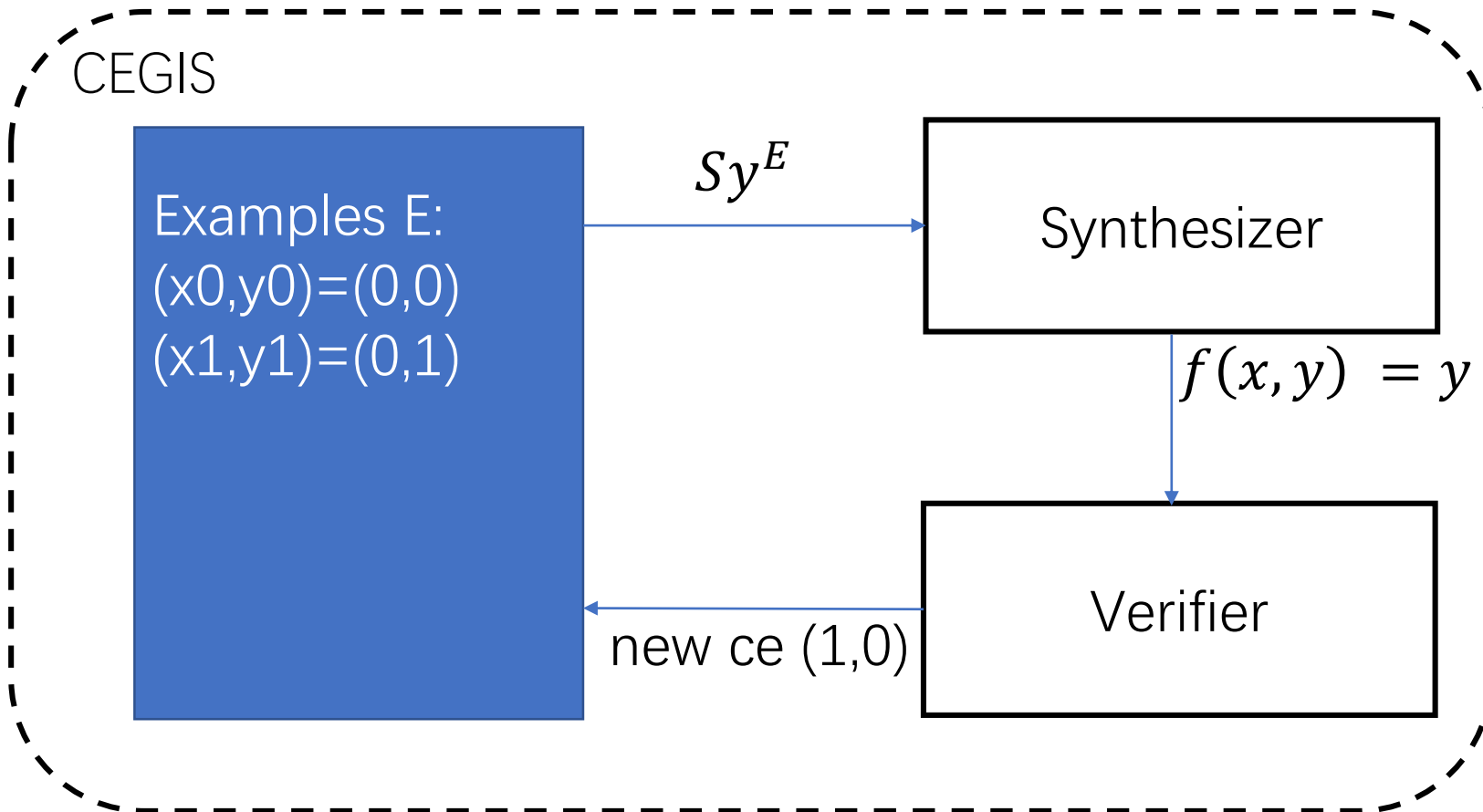
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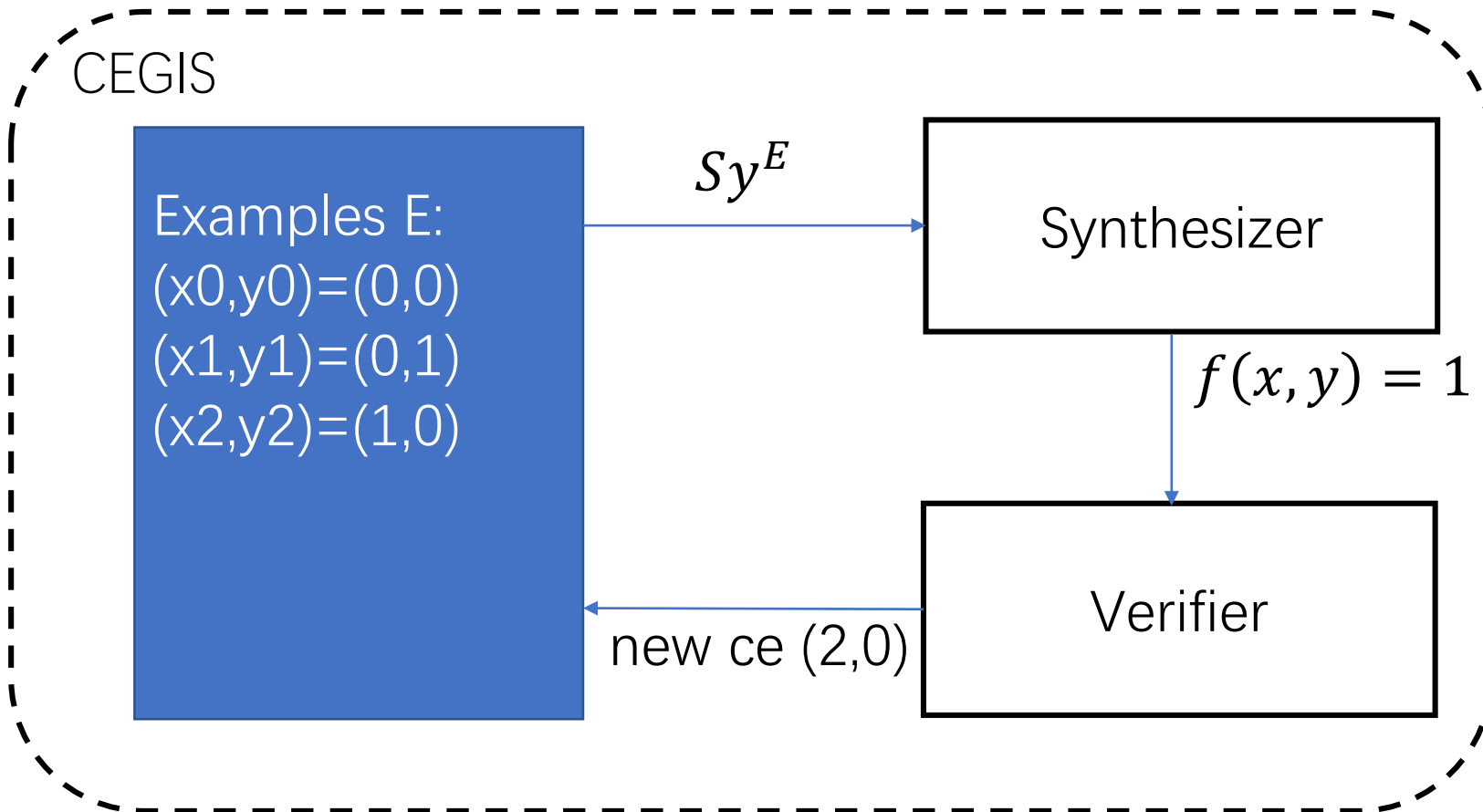
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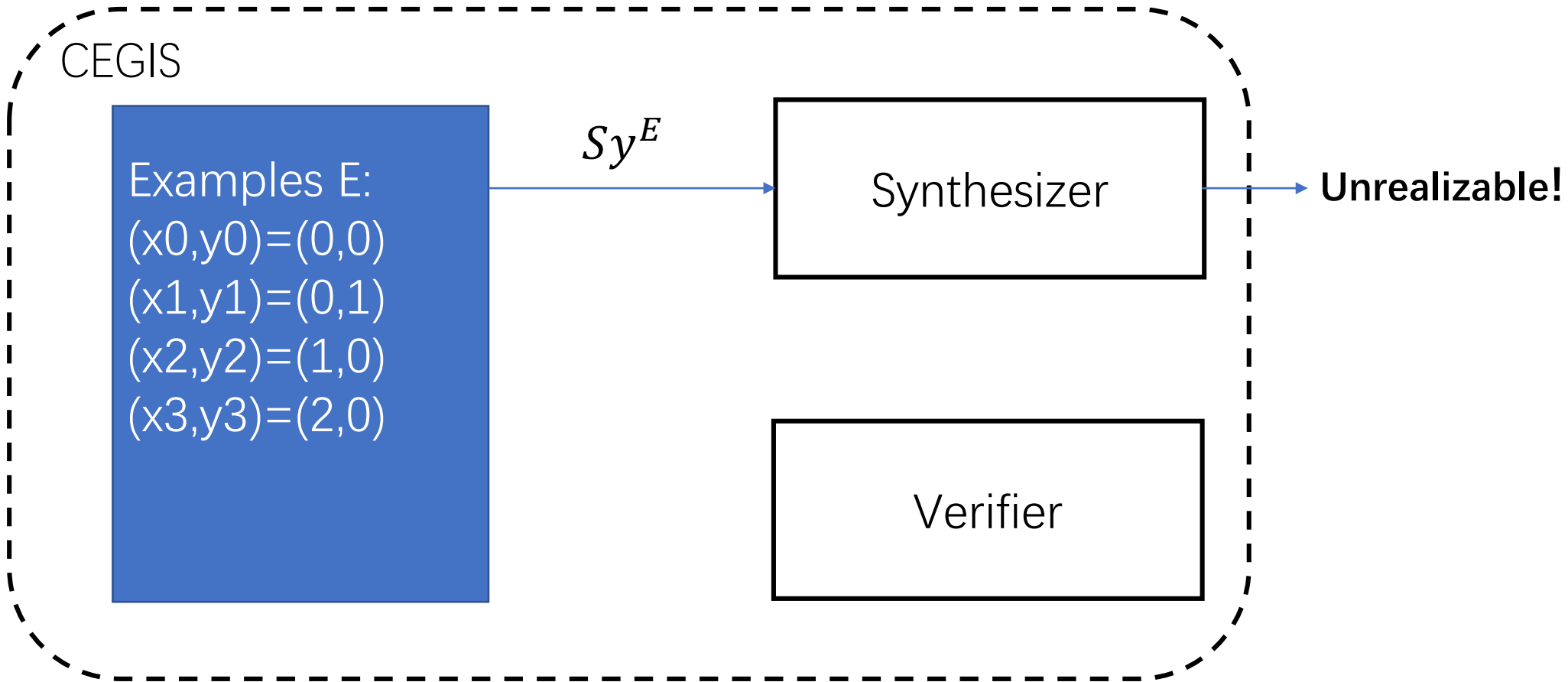
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$sy^E$  is unrealizable  
No solution over  $E$



$sy$  is unrealizable  
No solution over all inputs

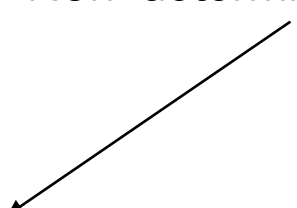
From SyGuS over Examples  
to a Reachability Problem



# Reachability Problem

```
void main(){  
    int x = 0;  
    while(nd()){  
        x++;  
    }  
    assert(x<0)  
}
```

Non-deterministic choice



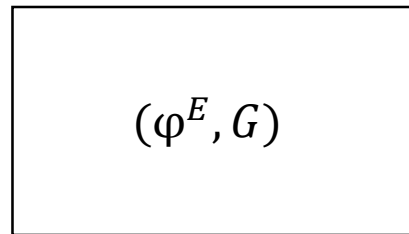
Reachability solver:  
CPA-checker  
Uautomizer  
Seahorn  
...

**Goal:** can the **assert** be falsified?

# Overview

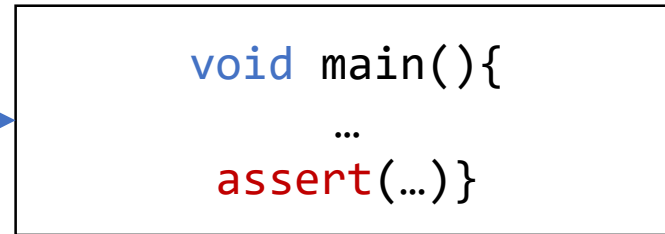
SyGuS over examples

$sy^E$



Reachability problem

$Re^E$



$sy^E$  is unrealizable  $\longleftrightarrow$  **assert** cannot be falsified

$Sy^E$  to  $Re^E$

Set input to  $E$

$$\vec{x} \leftarrow E$$



$f_G$  is non-deterministically drawn from  $L(G)$

$$\vec{o} \leftarrow f_G(\vec{x})$$

Check if  $\vec{o}$  doesn't satisfy  $\varphi$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $f_G(\vec{x})$

satisfy  $\varphi$  on  $E$

**assert** $(\neg \wedge x_i \in E. \varphi(o_i, x_i))$



$Sy^E$  is unrealizable

Set input to  $E$

$$\vec{x} \leftarrow E$$

Examples  $E$ :  
 $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$   
 $(x_1, y_1) = (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 0; \\y_0 &= 0; \\x_1 &= 0; \\y_1 &= 1;\end{aligned}$$

$Sy^E$  to  $Re^E$

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Check if  $\vec{o}$  doesn't satisfy  $\varphi$

```
assert( $\neg \wedge x_i \in E. \varphi(o_i, x_i)$ )
```

```
void main(){  
    ...  
    assert(!(spec(x0,y0,o0)&&spec(x1,y1,o1)));  
}  
bool spec(x,y,o){  
    return (o>=x)&&(o>=y)&&(o==x || o==y);  
}
```

$\varphi(f(x,y)) := f(x,y) \geq x \wedge f(x,y) \geq y \wedge (f(x,y) = x \vee f(x,y) = y)$

$Sy^E$  to  $Re^E$

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$$\vec{o} \leftarrow f_G(\vec{x})$$

`o0 = fStart(x0,y0);`

```
int fStart(x0,y0){
  if(nd()){ return 0;}    \\ Start -> 0
  if(nd()){ return 1;}    \\ Start -> 1
  if(nd()){ return x0;}   \\ Start -> x
  if(nd()){ return y0;}   \\ Start -> y
  if(nd()){               \\ Start -> +(Start,Start)
    left = fStart(x0,y0);
    right = fStart(x0,y0);
    return left + right;}
}
```



$o_1 = f_{\text{Start}}(x_1, y_1);$   
 $o_1$  is  $f_G(x_1, y_1)$  for **some**  $f_G$  in  $L(G)$

$o_0 = f_{\text{Start}}(x_0, y_0);$   
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Can be different

$f_G$  is non-deterministically drawn from  $L(G)$

$$\vec{o} \leftarrow f_G(\vec{x})$$

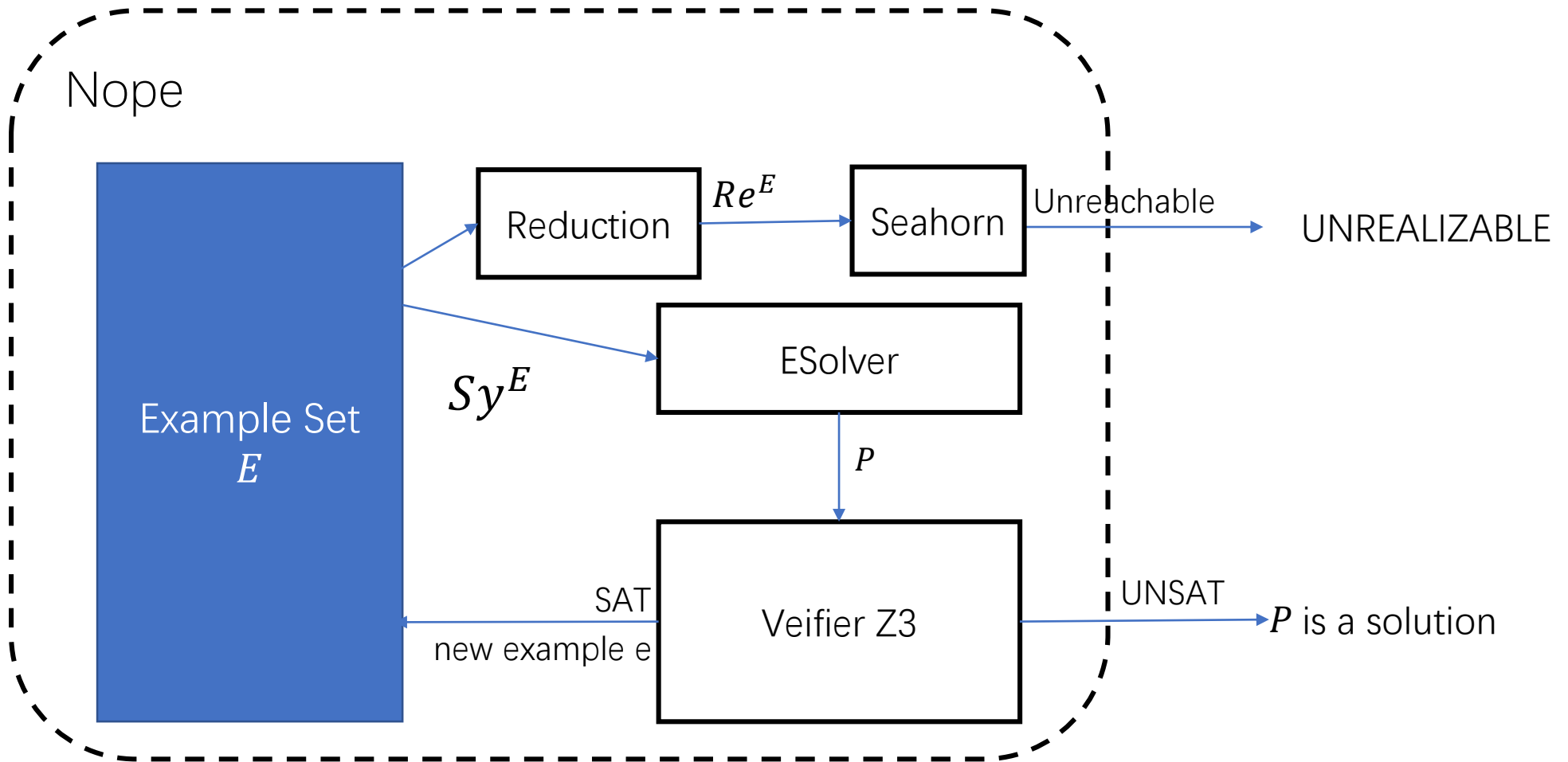
$(o_0, o_1) = \text{Start}(x_0, y_0);$

```
<int,int> fStart(x0,y0,x1,y1){
  if(nd()){ return (0,0);}      \\ Start -> 0
  if(nd()){ return (1,1);}      \\ Start -> 1
  if(nd()){ return (x0,x1);}    \\ Start -> x
  if(nd()){ return (y0,y1);}    \\ Start -> y
  if(nd()){                      \\ Start -> +(Start,Start)
    (a0,a1) = Start(x0,y0,x1,y1);
    (b0,b1) = Start(x0,y0,x1,y1);
    return (a0+b0,a1+b1);}
}
```

**assert** cannot be falsified  $\longleftrightarrow$   $sy^E$  unrealizable  $\longrightarrow$   $sy$  unrealizable

Evaluation

# The tool NOPE



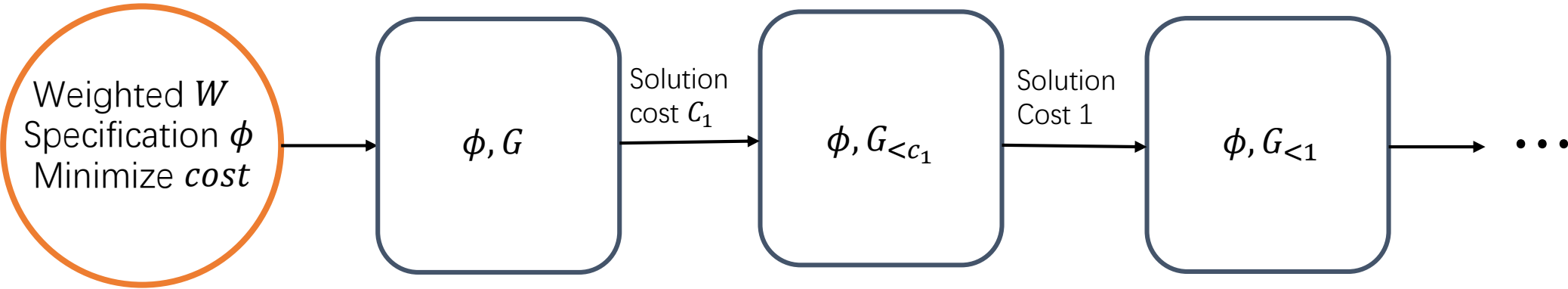
# Application

QSyGUS<sub>[cav18]</sub>

$\max(x, y) = \text{ITE}(> (x, y), x, y)$  Optimal?

QSyGuS

SyGuS



*Minimize # ITE*

$(\varphi, G_{< 1})$  is unrealizable

# Benchmarks

60 SyGuS benchmarks



132 SyGuS benchmarks  
which should be unrealizable

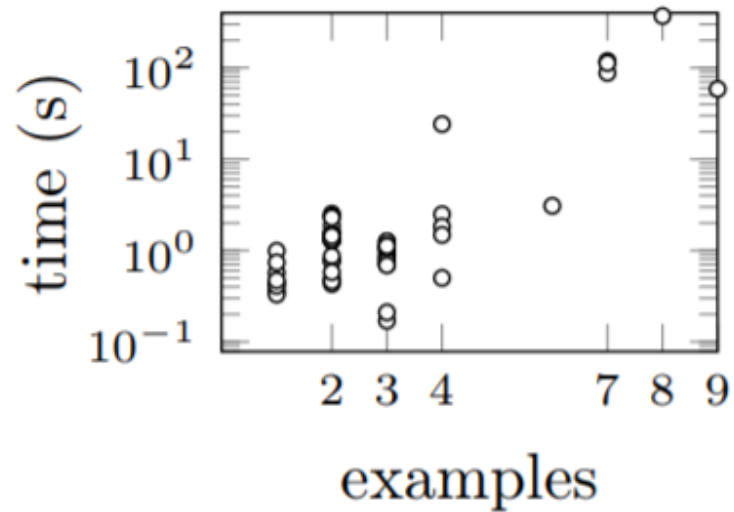
# Overall performance of NOPE

132 variants of benchmarks taken from SyGuS	Solved
1. bounded number of if-operators	13/57
2. bounded number of plus-operators	1/30
3. restricted range of constants	45/45
	59/132



# Limitation 1 of NOPE: number of examples

	number of nonterminals	number of productions	number of examples	total SEAHORN time (s)	total SEAHORN time (s)
array_sum_4_5	5	34	14	X	X
array_sum_4_15	5	34	16	X	X



# Limitation 2 of NOPE: size of grammars

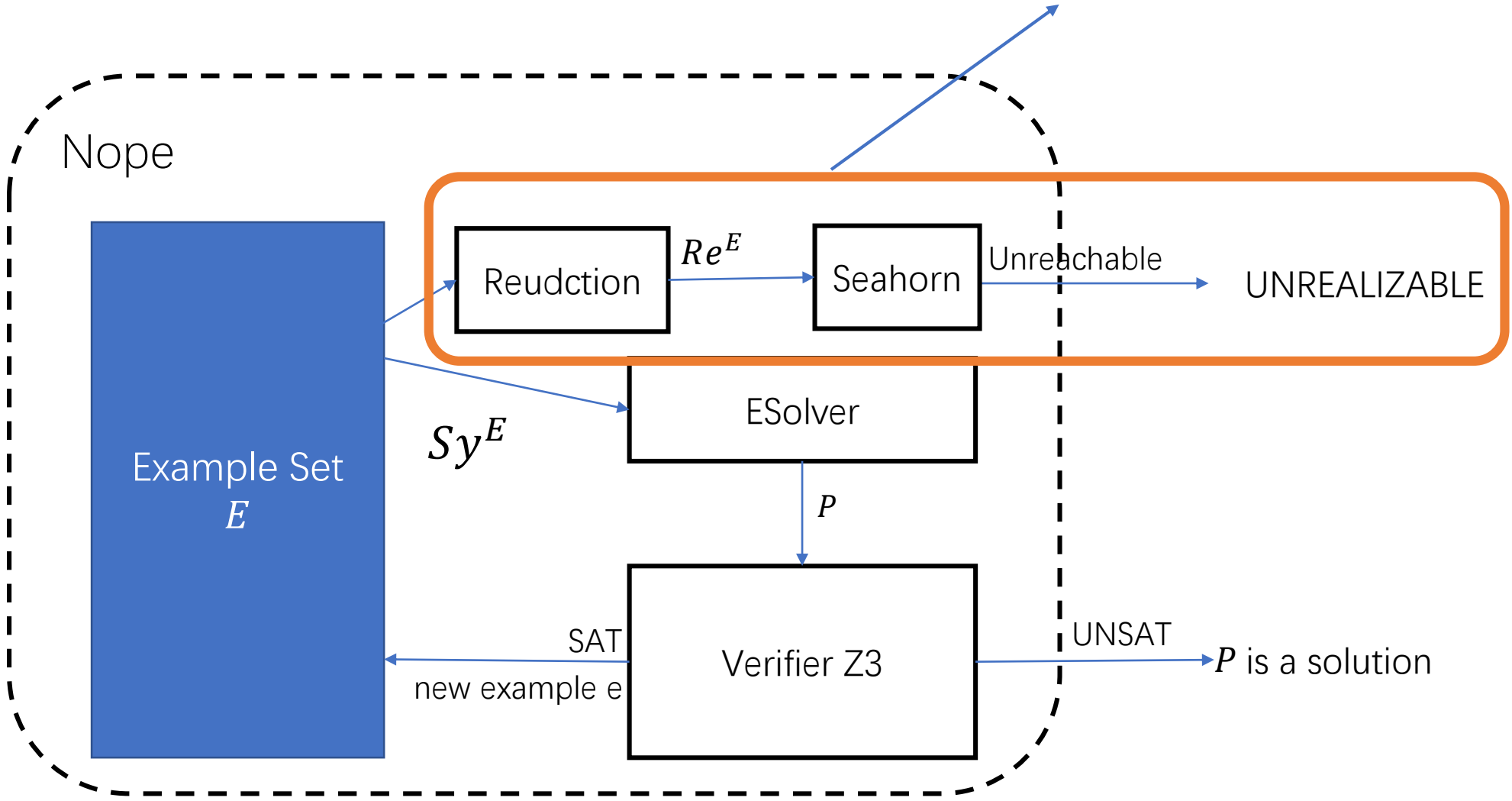
	number of nonterminals	number of productions	number of examples	total SEAHORN time (s)	total SEAHORN time (s)
mpg_example1	59	815	1	X	X
mpg_example2	21	178	1	X	X
mpg_example3	143	4186	1	X	X
mpg_example4	443	36745	1	X	X
...	...	...	...	..	..

Large sized reachability problem

# Conclusion

Open questions:

1. reachability problem with large number of functions
2. beyond SyGuS



# CEGIS may not Terminate

$$\varphi(f(x), x) = f(x) > x$$

Start  $\rightarrow$  +(Start, Start) | 0 | 1



Example Set  
 $E$

$$f(x) = \max(E) + 1$$

# Non Single-invocation Specification

$$\psi_1(f, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(f(x)) = f(x + x).$$

$$\psi_2(f, x, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[ \begin{array}{l} f(x) = y_1 \wedge f(y_1) = y_2 \\ \wedge x + x = y_3 \wedge f(y_3) = y_4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow y_2 = y_4.$$

```
funcA (int v_x, int v_y1, int v_y2, int v_y3, int v_y4) {  
  if(nd()) {  
    x_1_A = v_x;    // Computing f(x)  
    y1_1_A = v_y1; // Computing f(y1)  
    y3_1_A = v_y3; // Computing f(y3)  
  }  
  ...  
}
```