

# **Solvable Tuple Patterns and Their Applications to Program Verification**

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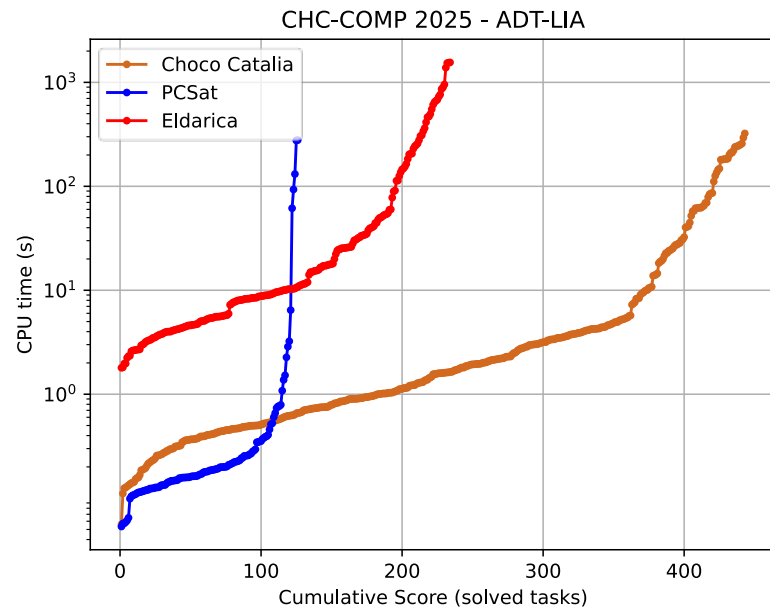
# This Work

## ◆ Solvable Tuple Patterns (STPs) for Lightweight Inference of Relations on Sequences

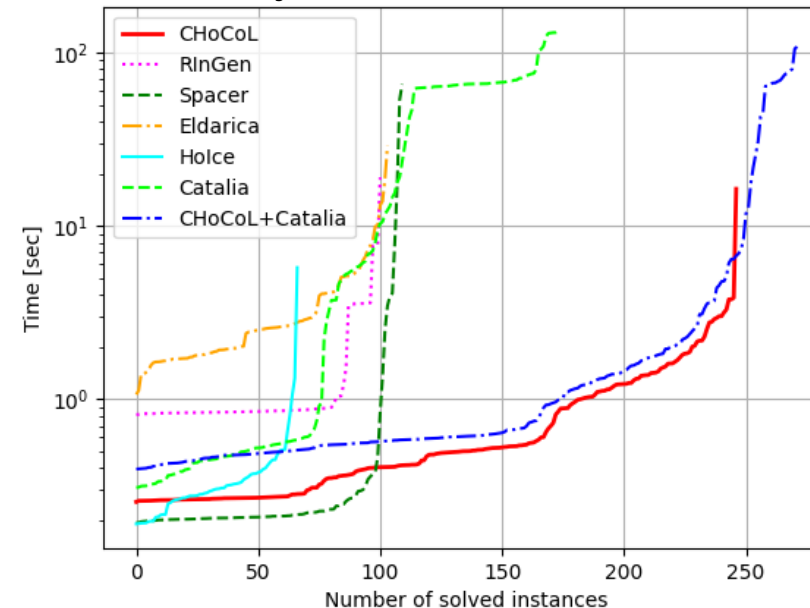
(demo page: <https://www-kb.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~koba/tupinf>)

- Learnable from only a few positive samples
- Efficient inference algorithm

## ◆ Applications to CHCs over List-like Data Structures



For List-only benchmark from CHC-COMP2025



# Outline

- ◆ **Motivations**

- ◆ Solvable Tuple Patterns

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# Motivating Example

```
let rec reva l1 l2 =  
  match l1 with [] -> l2  
               | x::l1' -> reva l1' (x::l2)  
let main l1 l2 =  
  assert(reva (reva l1 l2) [] = reva l2 l1)
```

How to automatically verify that the assertion never fails?

- Naïve induction (on  $l1$  or  $l2$ ) would not work.
- The invariant “ $\text{reva } l1 \ l2 = l1^R \ l2$ ” would be useful,  
but how can we find it automatically?  
 $\Rightarrow$  data-driven approach

# Lightweight Inference of Invariants?

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while(x < 500) {  
    y += x; z += x + 2; x += 1;  
};  
assert(z >= y + 1000);
```

x	y	z
0	0	0
1	0	2
2	1	5
3	3	9
...	...	...

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x	y	$z - 2x$
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$x$	$y$	$z-2x-y$
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$$z-2x-y = 0$$

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3	3	0

### Advantages:

- Learnable from only a few positive samples
  - Positive samples are easy to collect
- ⇒ Is a similar method possible for inference of relations on recursive data structures?

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# Tuple Patterns

$t$  (tuple patterns)  $::= (p_1, \dots, p_n)$        $p_i \in (\Sigma \cup \text{Vars})^*$

$L(t) = \{[s_1/x_1, \dots, s_k/x_k]t \mid s_i \in \Sigma^*\}$

Examples:

$(x, y, xy)$  : append (or concatenation) relation

$(xy, yz, xyz)$  :

the first (second, rep.) element is a prefix (postfix, resp.) of the third element,  
with  $y$  being the overlapping part.

cf. Angluin's pattern languages [1980] ("identifiable in the limit" [Gold67] from only positive samples) and its variants [Shinohara 1983]

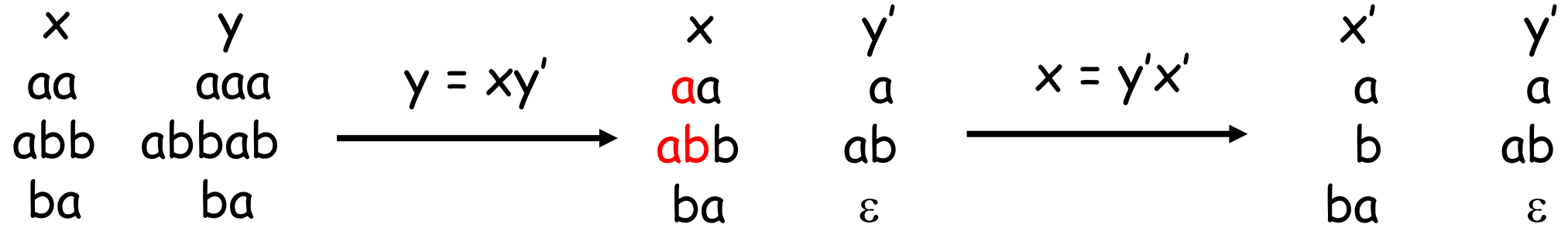
# Tuple Pattern Inference

x	y
aa	aaa
abb	abbab
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x	y		x	y'
aa	aaa	$y = xy'$	aa	a
abb	abbab	$\longrightarrow$	abb	ab
ba	ba		ba	$\varepsilon$

# Tuple Pattern Inference



$$(x, y) = (x, xy') = (y'x', y'x'y')$$

$$\frac{M[*][i] \neq \tilde{\varepsilon} \quad M[*][j] = M[*][i] \cdot \tilde{s} \quad x'_j \text{ fresh}}{(t, [M/(x_1, \dots, x_m)]) \longrightarrow ([x_i \cdot x'_j / x_j]t, [M\{j \mapsto \tilde{s}\} / (x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x'_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_m)])}$$

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# Non-determinism of Inference Algorithm

$$((x, y, z), \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ aa & a & aac \\ b & bb & bbd. \end{pmatrix}) \longrightarrow ((x, y, xz'), \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z' \\ aa & a & c \\ b & bb & bd. \end{pmatrix})$$

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Conjunctive tuple patterns? (left for future work):  $(x, y, xz) \wedge (x, y, yz)$

# Properties of the Algorithm

THEOREM 1.1 (SOUNDNESS). *If  $(\tilde{x}, [M/\tilde{x}]) \longrightarrow^* (t, \Theta)$ , then  $M, \Theta \models t$ .*

THEOREM 1.2. *Given  $M$  as input,  $t$  such that  $(\tilde{x}, [M/\tilde{x}]) \longrightarrow^* (t, \Theta) \not\rightarrow$  can be computed in polynomial time.*

Note: Not all tuple patterns can be inferred.

For example, the singleton pattern  $(xx)$  cannot be inferred.



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# Solvable Tuple Patterns

*Definition 1.3.* A tuple pattern  $t$  is **solvable** if  $t \rightsquigarrow^* (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ .

$$\frac{p_j = p_i \cdot p'_j \quad p_i \neq \epsilon}{(p_1, \dots, p_n) \rightsquigarrow (p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, p'_j, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n)}$$

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Example:

$(xyx)$  is not solvable,  
but  $(xyx, xy)$  is solvable,  
because:

$(xyx, xy) \rightarrow (x, xy) \rightarrow (x, y)$

# Why “Solvable”?

- ◆ Equation  $\mathfrak{t} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  can be “solved” if  $\mathfrak{t}$  is an STP (cf. solvable polynomial equations)

e.g.

- $(xy, xyx) = (s_1, s_2)$  has a general solution:  
$$x = s_1 \setminus s_2, \quad y = (s_1 \setminus s_2) \setminus s_1$$
- $(x, yy, xy) = (s_1, s_2, s_3)$  has a general solution:  
$$x = s_1, \quad y = s_1 \setminus s_3$$
  
just if  $s_2 = (s_1 \setminus s_3) (s_1 \setminus s_3)$

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THEOREM 1.7. *If  $t$  be an STP, then there exists  $M$  such that*

- (i) The size of  $M$  is  $O(n \log n)$  where  $n$  is the size of  $t$ ;*
- (ii)  $(\tilde{x}, [M/\tilde{x}]) \longrightarrow^* (t, \Theta) \not\rightarrow$  for some  $\Theta$ ; and*
- (iii)  $(\tilde{x}, [M/\tilde{x}]) \longrightarrow^* (t', \Theta') \not\rightarrow$  implies  $\mathcal{L}(t) = \mathcal{L}(t')$ .*

Corollary: STPs are “identifiable in the limit [Gold67]” from positive samples
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# Learnability and Complexity Results

	STP	NE-patterns [Angluin 80]	E-patterns [Shinohara 83]
Learnability	Yes	Yes	No for $ \Sigma =2,3,4$ Yes for $ \Sigma =1,\infty$ Open for other cases
Membership	P	NP-complete	NP-complete
Inclusion	P	Undecidable	Undecidable
Equivalence	P	P	Open



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# Postfix

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$$(p_1, \dots, p_n) \rightsquigarrow (p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, p'_j, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n)$$

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$$(p_1, \dots, p_n) \rightsquigarrow (p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, p'_j, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n)$$

# Reverse

$$p ::= a \mid x \mid p_1 p_2 \mid x^R.$$

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# Set/Multiset Patterns

$$\frac{M[*][i] \neq \tilde{\epsilon} \quad \forall k. M[k][j] \supseteq M[k][i] \quad \tilde{s} = M[*][j] \setminus M[*][i] \quad x'_j \text{ fresh}}{}$$

$$(t, [M/(x_1, \dots, x_m)]) \longrightarrow ([x_i x'_j / x_j] t, [M\{j \mapsto \tilde{s}\} / (x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x'_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_m)])$$

$$M[*][j] = \tilde{\emptyset}$$

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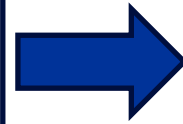
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# Program Verification via CHC Solving

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let main l1 l2 =  
  assert  
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May the assertion fail?



$Reva(\epsilon, l_2, l_2).$

$Reva(l'_1, x \cdot l_2, l_3) \Rightarrow Reva(x \cdot l'_1, l_2, l_3).$

$Reva(l_1, l_2, l_3) \wedge Reva(l_3, \epsilon, l_4)$

$\wedge Reva(l_2, l_1, l_5) \Rightarrow l_4 = l_5.$

$(Reva(l_1, l_2, l_3) \Leftrightarrow \text{reva } l_1 \text{ } l_2 \text{ may return } l_3)$

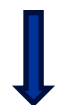
Are the CHCs satisfiable?

Yes:  $Reva(l_1, l_2, l_3) \equiv l_3 = l_1^R l_2$

# CHC Solving via STP Inference (Example)

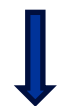
Samples:

$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$
$\epsilon$	a	a
$\epsilon$	bc	bc



STP inference

$(\epsilon, l, l)$



$\forall x, l'_1, l_2, l_3. l'_1 = \epsilon \wedge x \cdot l_2 = l_3 \Rightarrow x \cdot l'_1 = \epsilon \wedge l_2 = l_3?$



counterexample:

$x=a, l'_1 = l_2 = l_3 = \epsilon, \dots$       $\text{Reva}(x|l'_1, l_2, l_3) = \text{Reva}(a, \epsilon, a)$  does not hold

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$\epsilon$	bc	bc
a	$\epsilon$	a



$(x, y, xy)$



$\forall x, l'_1, l_2, l_3. l'_1 x l_2 = l_3 \Rightarrow x l'_1 l_2 = l_3?$



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$x=a, l'_1=b, l_2=\epsilon, l_3=ba$      $\text{Reva}(x l'_1, l_2, l_3) = \text{Reva}(ab, \epsilon, ba)$  does not hold

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$\epsilon$	$a$	$a$
$\epsilon$	$bc$	$bc$
$a$	$\epsilon$	$a$
$ab$	$\epsilon$	$ba$



$(x, y, x^R y)$



$\forall x, l'_1, l_2, l_3. l_1'^R x l_2 = l_3 \Rightarrow (x l_1')^R l_2 = l_3?$



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# CHC Solving Procedure via STP Inference

```
1: function SOLVE( $D, G$ )
2:    $T := \emptyset$ ;
3:    $M := \text{collect\_samples}(D)$ ;
4:   while true do
5:     if  $\text{true\_samples}(M) \models \neg G$  then return UNSAT;
6:     end if
7:      $t_{\text{new}} := \text{STPinf}(M)$ ;
8:     if  $t_{\text{new}} \notin T$  and  $T \cup \{t_{\text{new}}\} \models D$  then
9:        $T := T \cup \{t_{\text{new}}\}$ ;
10:      if  $T \models G$  then return SAT( $T$ )
11:      end if;
12:    else
13:       $M := M \cup \text{collect\_more\_samples}(D, t_{\text{new}})$ ;
14:    end if
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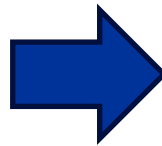
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```
let rec take n l =  
  if n=0 then []  
  else  
    match l with  
      [] -> []  
      | x::l' -> x::(take (n-1) l')  
let rec drop n l =  
  if n=0 then l  
  else  
    match l with  
      [] -> []  
      | _::l' -> drop (n-1) l'  
let main n l =  
  assert((take n l)@(drop n l)=l)
```

With STPs, we can only express:  
take(n,l) returns a prefix of l  
drop(n,l) returns a postfix of l

# Length Abstraction

```
let rec take n l =  
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```
let rec take' n l =  
  if n=0 then 0  
  else  
    if l=0 then 0  
    else  
      let l'=l-1 in 1+(take' (n-1) l')  
let rec drop' n l =  
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Combination with the result of STP inference

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# Applications of Multiset Tuple Patterns

$$\text{Insert}(x, [], [x]). \quad x \leq y \Rightarrow \text{Insert}(x, y :: l_2, x :: y :: l_2).$$

$$x > y \wedge \text{Insert}(x, l_2, l_3) \Rightarrow \text{Insert}(x, y :: l_2, y :: l_3).$$

$$\text{Sort}([], []). \quad \text{Sort}(l_1, l_2) \wedge \text{Insert}(x, l_2, l_3) \Rightarrow \text{Sort}(x :: l_1, l_3).$$

$$\text{Sort}(l_1, l_2) \wedge \text{Count}(x, l_1, z_1) \wedge \text{Count}(x, l_2, z_2) \Rightarrow z_1 = z_2.$$

Multiset abstraction with STP inference for multisets yield:

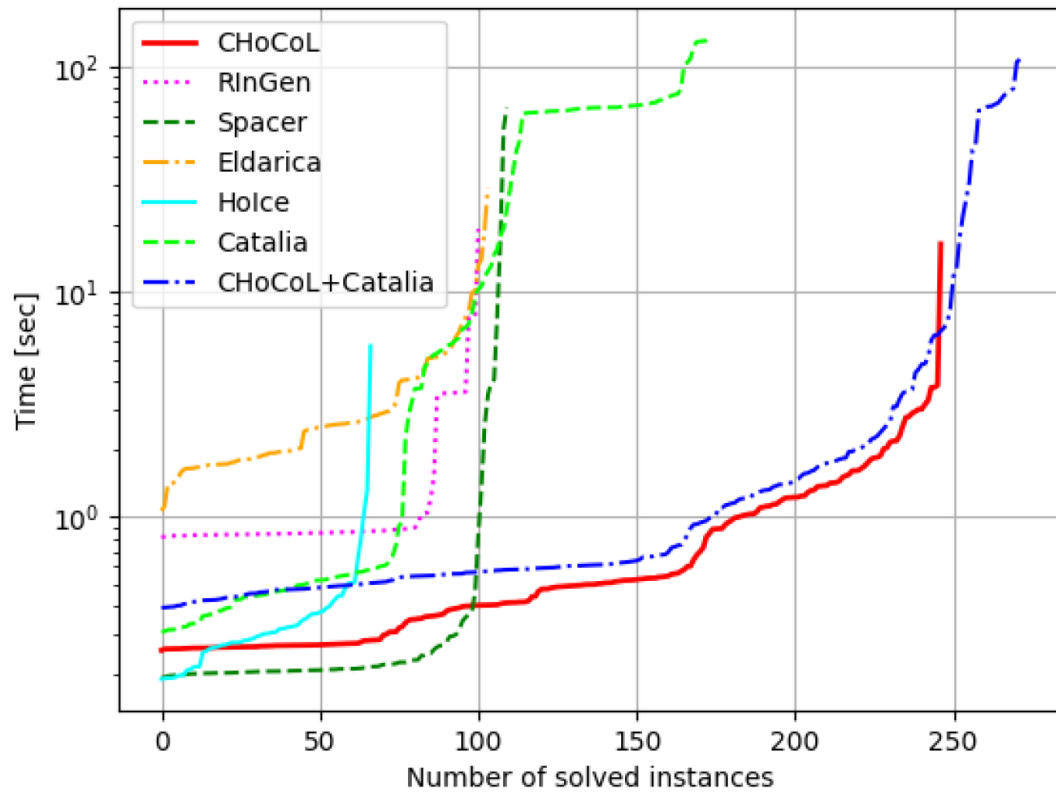
$$\text{Insert}(x, l_1, l_2) \equiv \{x\} \cup \text{ms}(l_1) = \text{ms}(l_2)$$

$$\text{Sort}(l_1, l_2) \equiv \text{ms}(l_1) = \text{ms}(l_2)$$

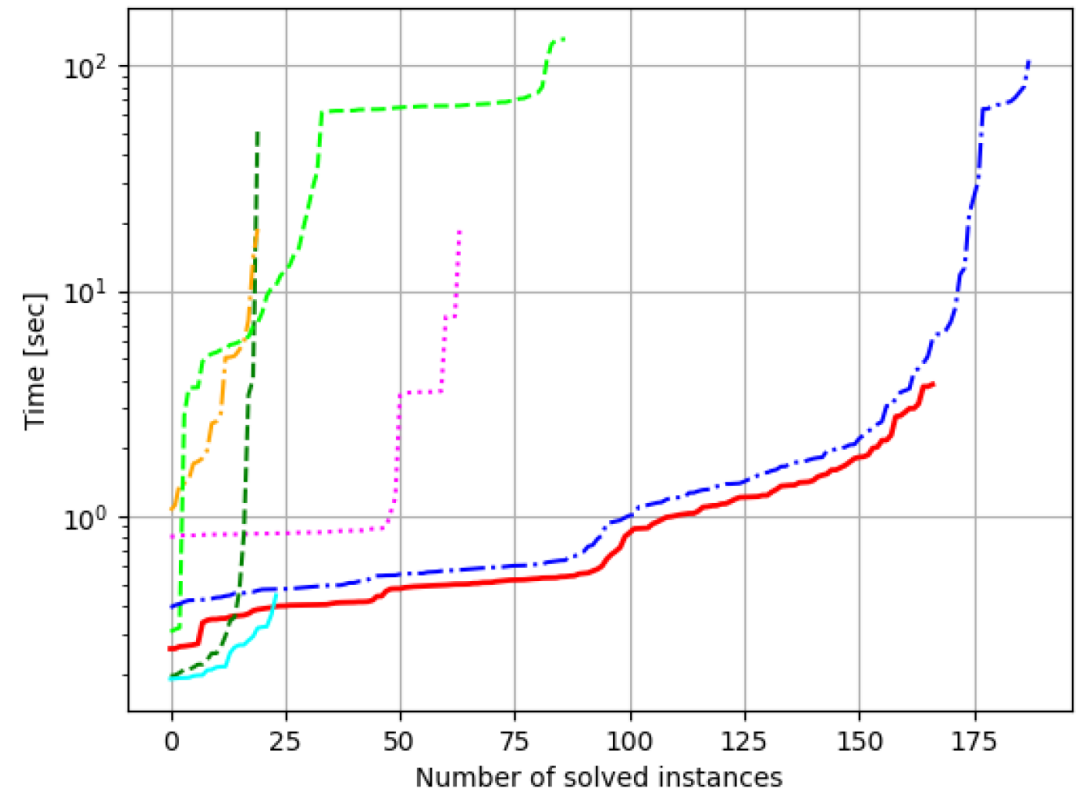


# Experimental Results

## for CHCs over Lists from CHC-COMP 2025 Benchmark



(a) All instances



(b) SAT instances

# The Numbers of Solved Instances

Solver	Solved (SAT)	Solved (UNSAT)	Solved (all)
CHoCoL	167 (84)	80 (0)	247 (84)
RInGEN	64 (23)	37 (4)	101 (27)
SPACER	20 (2)	90 (0)	110 (2)
ELDARICA	20 (0)	84 (0)	104 (0)
HoIce	24 (6)	43 (0)	67 (6)
CATALIA	87 (12)	87 (0)	174 (12)
CHoCoL+CATALIA	188	84	272

# Related Work

## ◆ Pattern Languages [Angluin 80, Shinohara 83, ...]

- No efficient algorithm known for the full class of pattern languages
- Previously known subclasses (e.g. regular patterns [Shinohara 94]) do not seem very useful for program verification

## ◆ Data-driven approaches to invariant inference

- Algebraic methods: [Sharma+ ESOP13][Ikeda+, APLAS23]
- Decision trees: [Garg+][Champion+ TACAS18]...
- SVM: [Zhu+ ICFP15]...
- Neural networks: CLN2INV [Ryan+ 20], NeuGuS [K+ SAS21] ...

Mostly for inference of numerical relations

# Related Work

## ◆ Solving CHCs over ADTs

- Induction [Unno CAV17], Unfold/fold transformation [Angelis+ 18], ...
  - require heuristics and/or hints
- Abstractions: RinGen [Koskyukov PLDI21], Racer [Govind+ POPL22], Catalia [SAS25], ...
  - unable to prove the equality of lists

# Conclusion

- ◆ **Proposed Solvable Tuple Patterns (STPs) for Lightweight Representation/Inference of Relations among Sequences**
- ◆ **Applied STPs to CHC Solving for List-like Data Structures**

## Future Work

- **Supporting more patterns (such as sort/fold functions)**
- **Extension to tree patterns**
- **Other applications**