



KoAT: AUTOMATIC COMPLEXITY AND TERMINATION ANALYSIS OF INTEGER PROGRAMS

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Bounds: $(\Omega(1), O(\log(n) \cdot n))$

Took less than 1 Second

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Preprocessing

Found invariant $1+2 \cdot X_2 \leq 3 \cdot X_1 \wedge 1 \leq X_2$ for location l2

Problem after Preprocessing

Start: l0

Program_Vars: X_0, X_1, X_2

Temp_Vars:

Locations: l0, l1, l2

Return Locations:

Transitions:

$t_0: l0(X_0, X_1, X_2) \rightarrow l1(X_0, X_1, X_2)$

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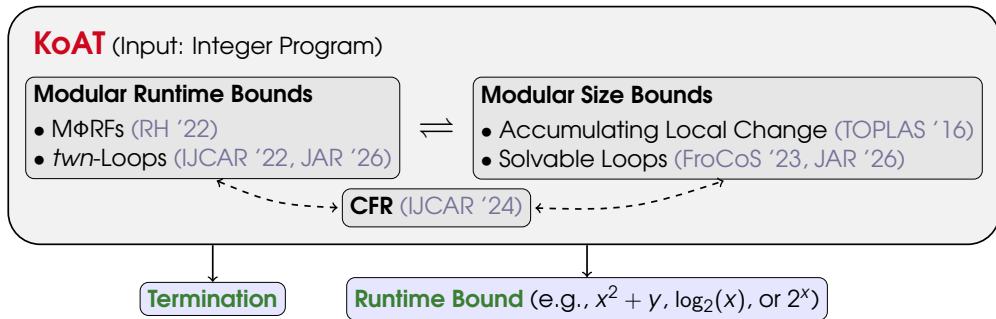
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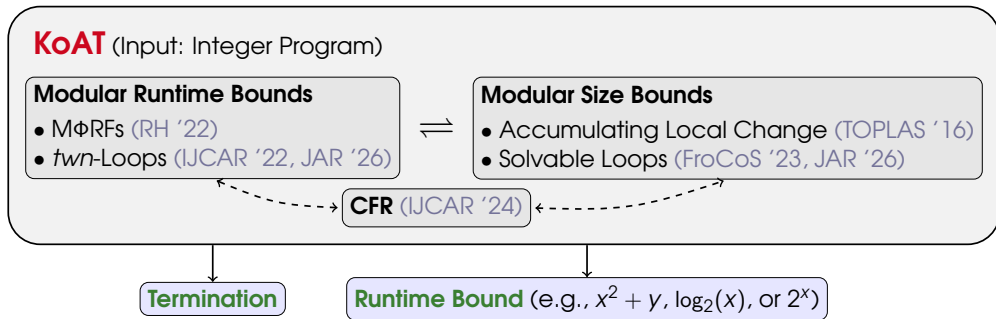
MPRF for transition $t_1: l1(X_0, X_1, X_2) \rightarrow l2(X_0-1, X_0, 1) : 1 \leq X_0$ of depth 1:

new bound:

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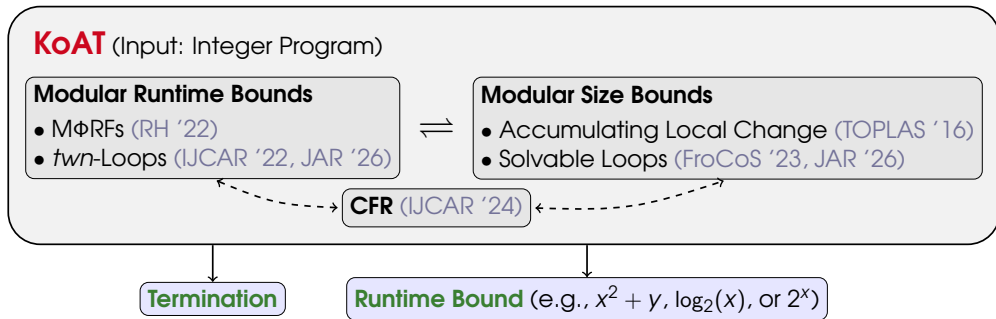


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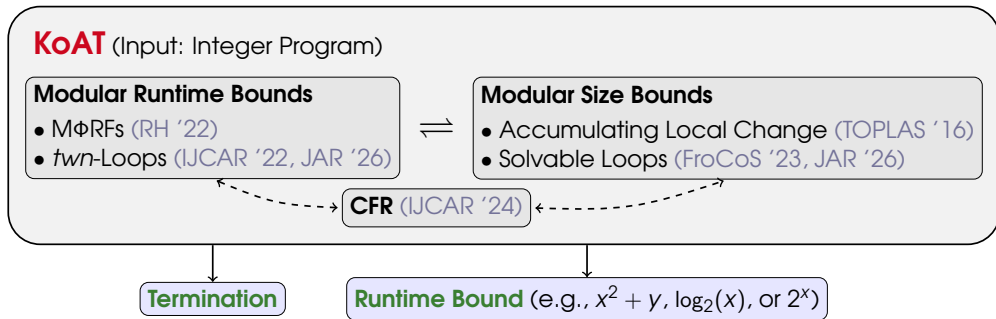
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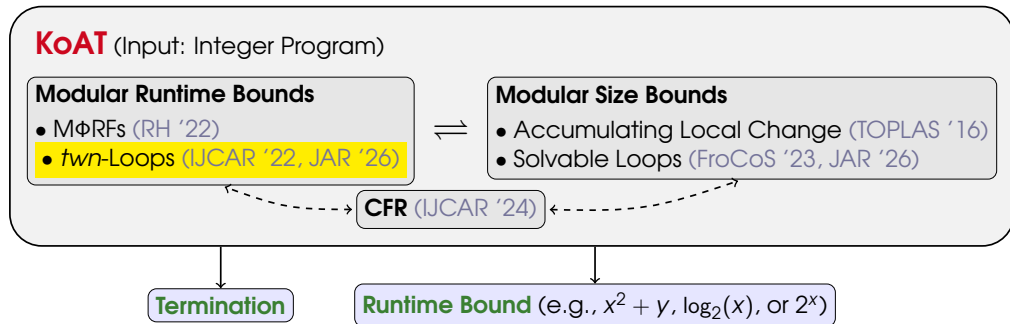
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- **Step 3 (Composition):** Substitute size bound into local runtime bound and multiply by outer runtime:

$$\mathcal{RB}_{\text{global}} \leq x \cdot (\log_{3/2}(x) + 1)$$

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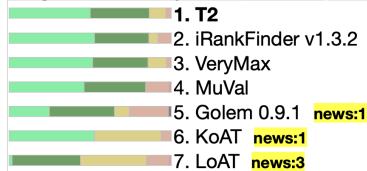
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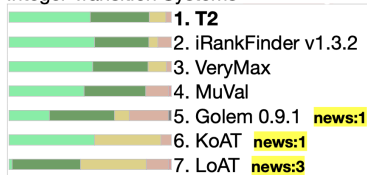
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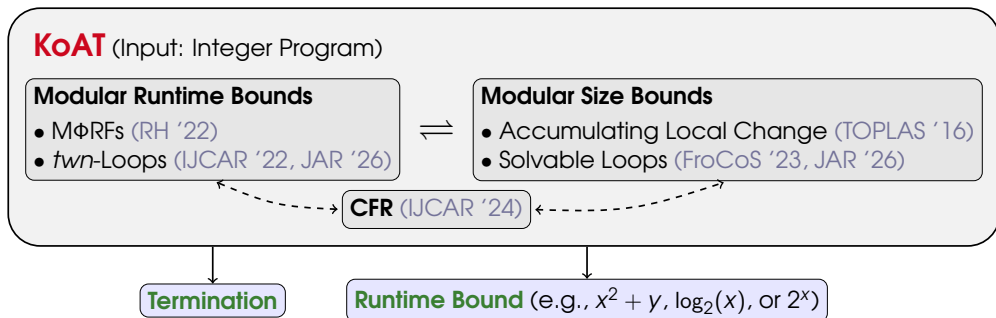
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- KoAT + LoAT can solve 1157 benchmarks

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KoAT (Input: Integer Program)

Modular Runtime Bounds

- $M\Phi$ RFs (RH '22)
- *tw*n-Loops (IJCAR '22, JAR '26)

$\Rightarrow$

Modular Size Bounds

- Accumulating Local Change (TOPLAS '16)
- Solvable Loops (FroCoS '23, JAR '26)

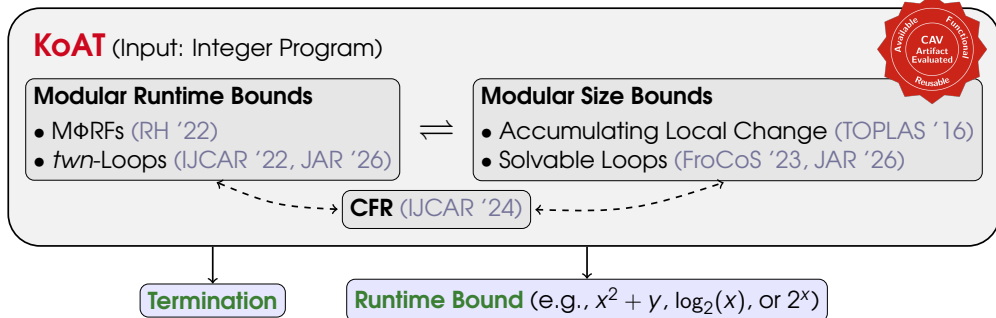
CFR (IJCAR '24)

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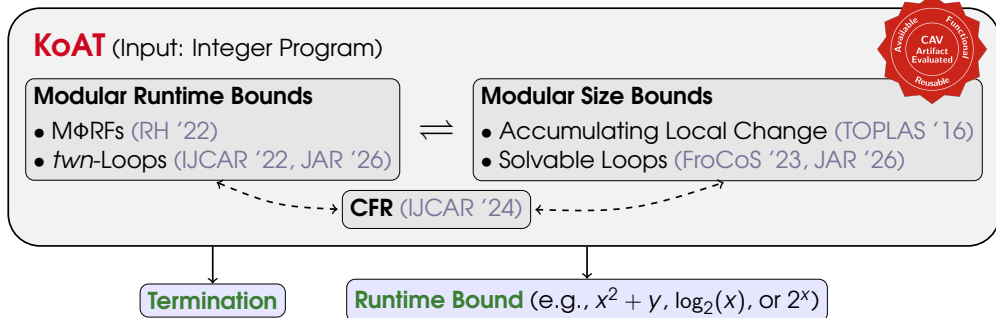


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