# Interpolation <br> Seminar Slides 

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## Prove correctness (CEGAR approach)

Idea: Show that all traces from
$\ell_{0}$ to $\ell_{\text {err }}$ are infeasible.
1 Choose an error trace $\tau$.
2 Show that $\tau$ is infeasible.
3 Compute interpolants for $\tau$.
$\ell_{\text {err }}$ assert ( x != a + b);

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2 a resolution proof of their unsatisfiability

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11 if $p_{V}$ is local to $A$, then

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\operatorname{ITP}(\mathbf{v})=\operatorname{ITP}\left(\mathbf{v}_{1}\right) \vee \operatorname{ITP}\left(\mathbf{v}_{2}\right)
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The resulting interpolant: ITP(false) =
$(F A L S E \vee R) \wedge T R U E=R$

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$\square$ Output the interpolant at the root node, namely $I_{\perp}$


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First-Order Logic: Resolution proof, Theory interpolation

## Future work

## A theory where no efficient interpolation algorithm exists

theory of non-linear integer arithmetic (e.g. $x^{2}+y^{2}=1$ )

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