Intro to Formal Verification

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Calendar Objective/Description:
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Instructor's Objectives:
This is an introductory course on formal verification, where the goal is to prove correctness or find mistakes in software systems. In particular, given a specification of the software, formal verification aims to prove or disprove that the software indeed satisfies the specification. This course mainly introduces deductive verification, one of the most important and popular methods for formal verification, including its logic foundations, constraint solving techniques, and verification methodologies. It also helps students get hands-on experience with a modern constraint solver Z3 and a deductive verifier Dafny.

Prerequisites:
see go.sfu.ca

Topics:
- Propositional logic
- First-order logic
- First-order theories
- SAT/SMT solvers
- Hoare logic
- Deductive verification

Grading:
Homework 30%; programming assignments 25%; midterm exam 20%; final project 25%. Details will be confirmed in the first week of classes.

Reference Books:

Academic Honesty Statement:
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