

# Completeness Theorems for $k$ -SUM and Geometric Friends: Deciding Integer Linear Arithmetic Fragments.

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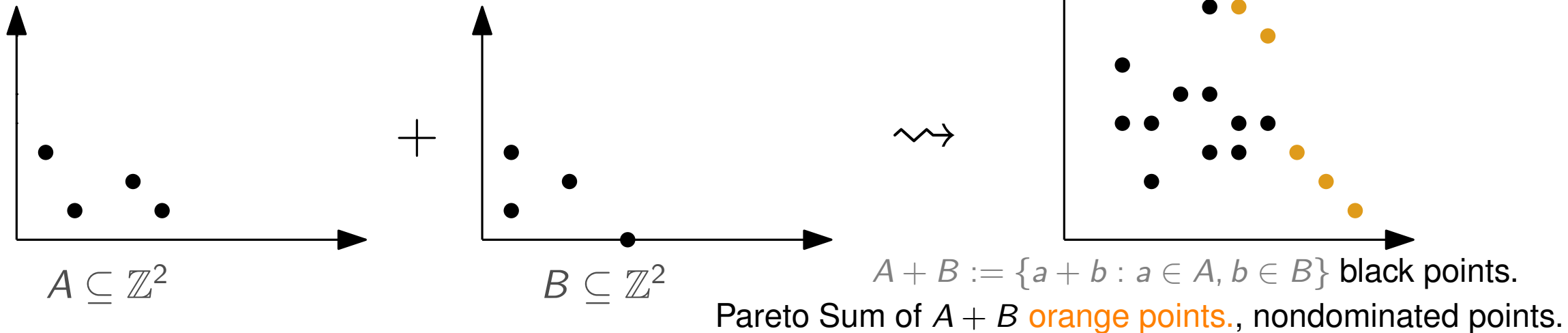
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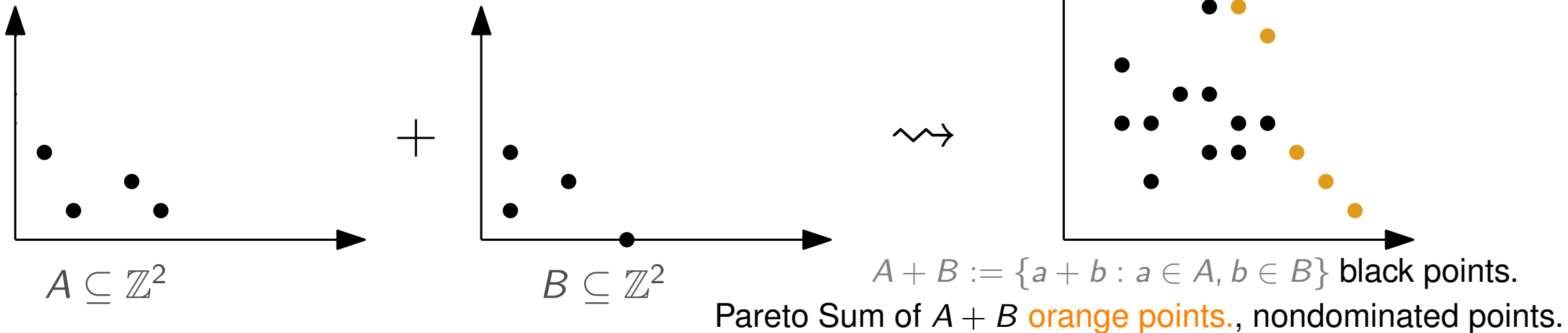
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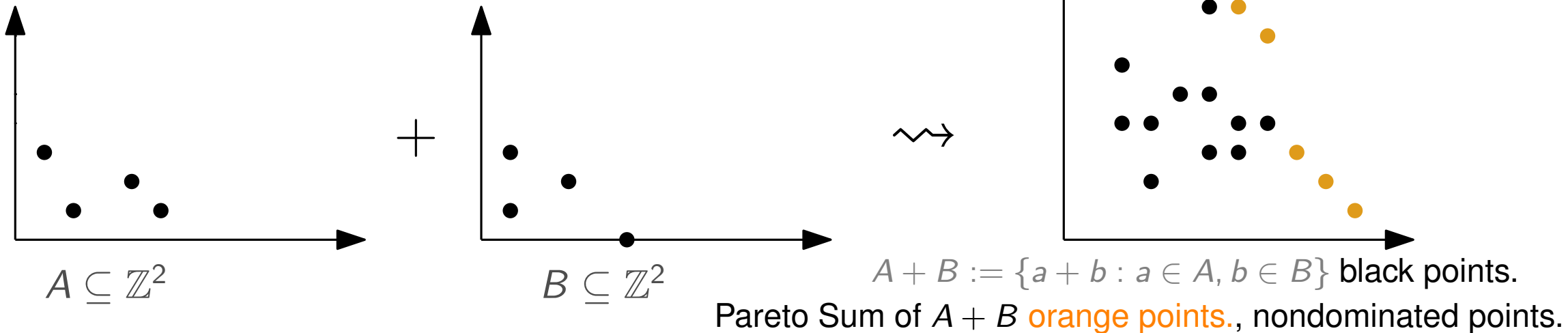
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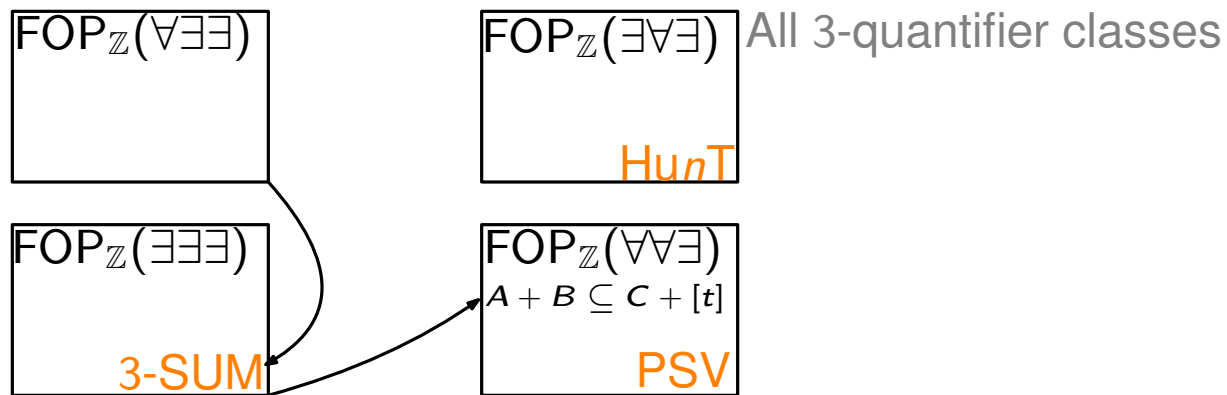
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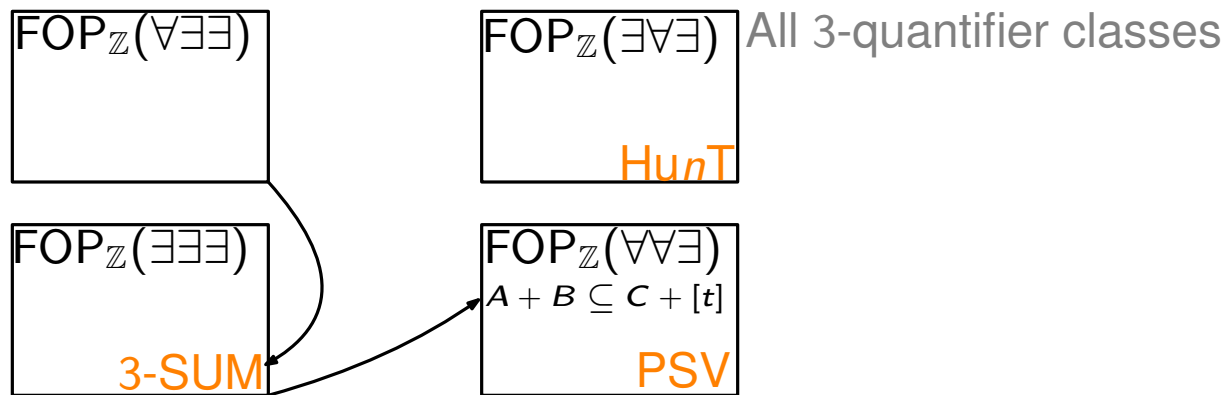
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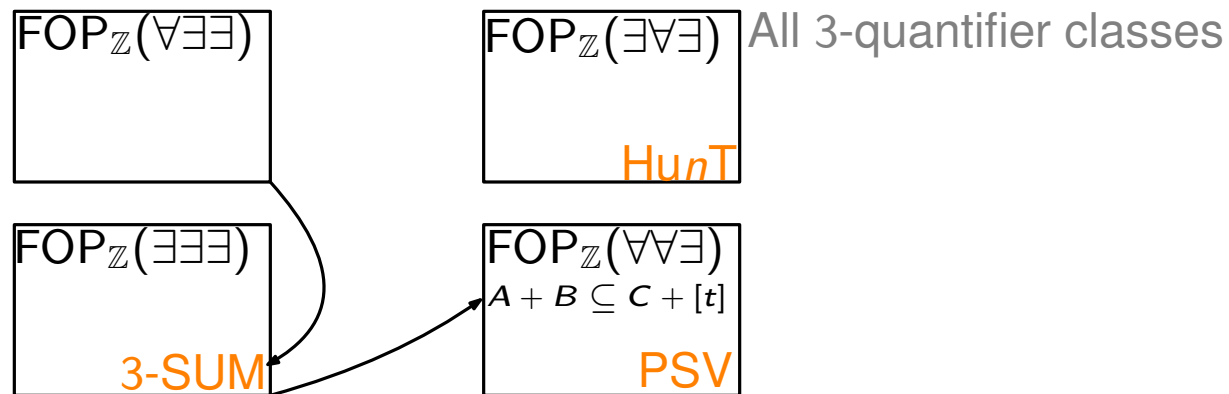
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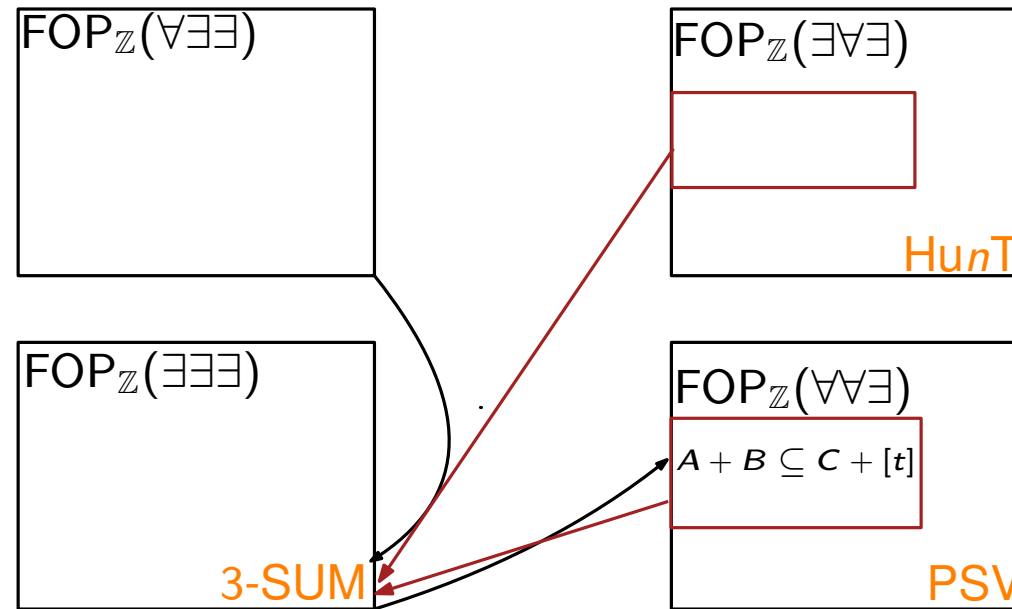
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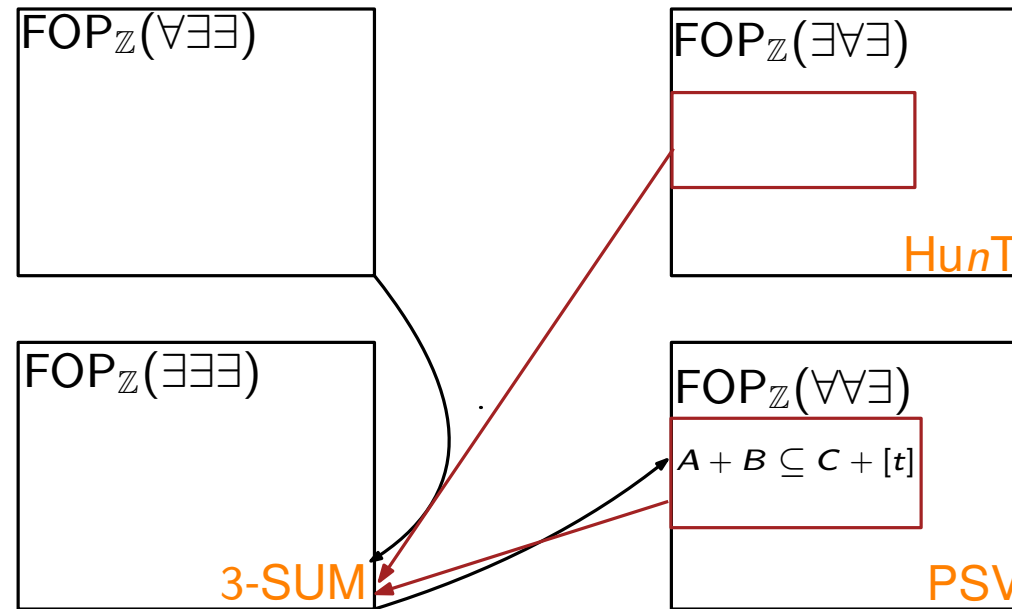
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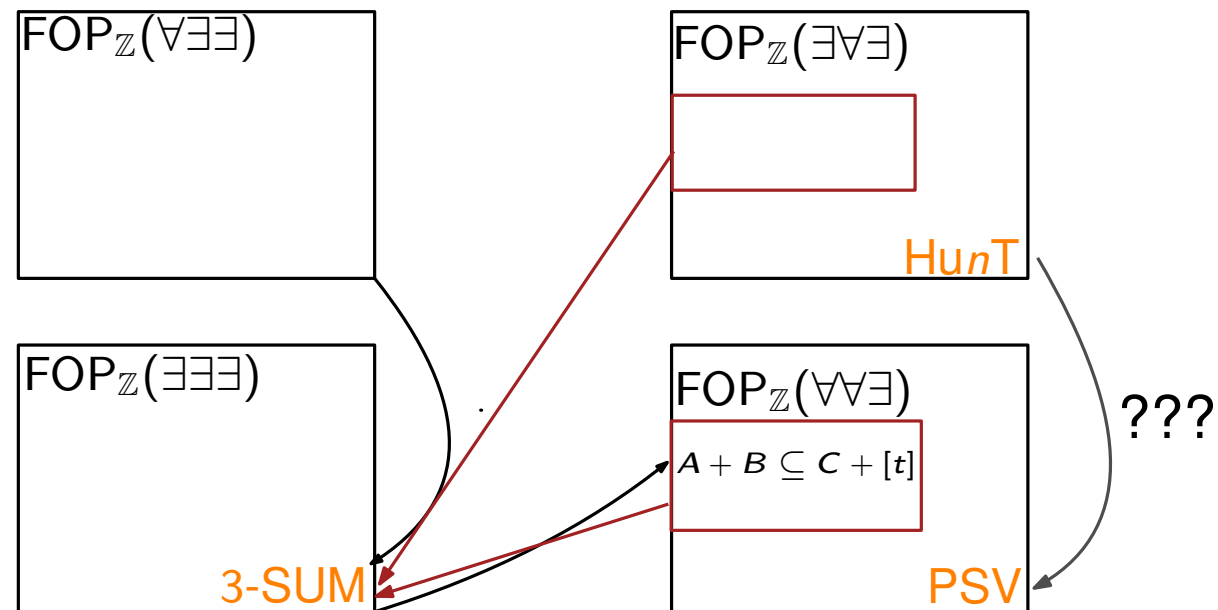
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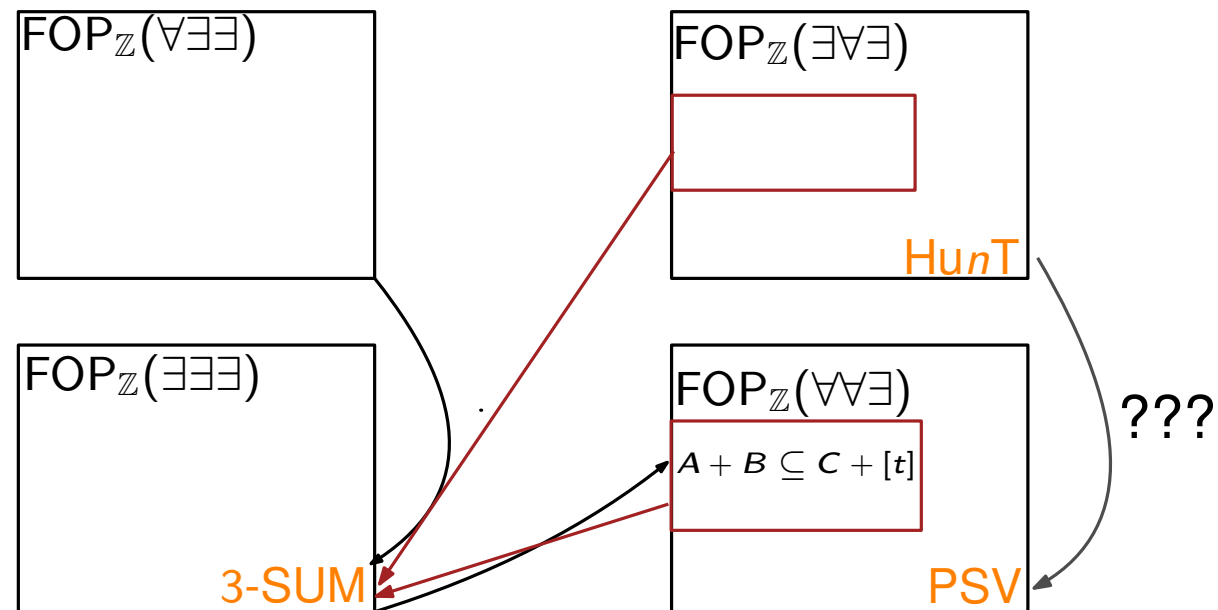
Proof counts witnesses to check quantifier structure. Crucially uses  $\#3\text{-SUM} \equiv_2 3\text{-SUM}$  [Chan, Williams, Xu,23].



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