Formal Specification and Verification Reasoning about Programs with Dynamic Logic

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Need a logic to capture state before/after program execution

Rigid versus Flexible Symbols Signature of program logic defined as in FOL, but: In addition there are program variables, attributes, etc.

Rigid versus Flexible

Rigid symbols, same interpretation in all program states

- First-order variables (aka logical variables)
 Used to hold initial values of program variables
- Built-in functions and predicates such as 0,1,...,+,*,...,<,...</p>
- Non-rigid (or flexible) symbols, interpretation depends on state

Capture side effects on state during program execution

Functions modeling program variables and attributes are flexible

Any term containing at least one flexible symbol is also flexible

Signature of Dynamic Logic (Simple Version)

$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Definition (Dynamic Logic Signature)} \\ \textbf{First-order signature } \Sigma = (\mathsf{PSym}_r, \mathsf{FSym}_r, \mathsf{FSym}_{nr}, \alpha) \\ \textbf{Rigid Predicate Symbols} & \mathsf{PSym} = \{>, >=, \ldots\} \\ \textbf{Rigid Function Symbols} & \mathsf{FSym} = \{+, -, *, 0, 1, \ldots, \textbf{true}, \textbf{false}\} \\ \textbf{Non-rigid Function Symbols} & \mathsf{FSym} = \{i, j, k, \ldots, p, q, r, \ldots\} \end{array}$

Type hierarchy $T = \{\perp, \text{ int, boolean, } \top\}$ with int, boolean incomparable Standard typing: boolean true; <(int,int);, etc.

Variables

Definition (First-Order/Logical Variables)

Typed logical variables (rigid), declared as T x;

Program Variables

Non-rigid constants int i; boolean p used as program variables

Terms

- First-order terms defined as in FOL
- First-order terms may contain rigid and non-rigid symbols
- ▶ $\mathsf{FSym}_r \cap \mathsf{FSym}_{nr} = \emptyset$

Example

Signature for $FSym_{nr}$: int j; boolean p Variables int x; boolean b;

- j and j + x are flexible terms of type int
- p is a flexible term of type boolean
- x + x is a rigid term of type int
- j+b and j+p are not well-typed

Atomic Programs

Definition (Atomic Programs)

The atomic programs Π_0 are assignments of the form j = t where:

- T j; is a program variable (flexible constant)
- t is a first-order term of type T without logical variables

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- ▶ j=j+1, j=0 and p=false are assignments
- ▶ j=j+x contains a logical variable on the right
- x=1 contains a logical variable on the left
- $j \doteq j$ is equality, not assignment
- p=0 is ill-typed

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Which value does the program compute in r?

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- Program variables are flexible constants: never bound in quantifiers
- Program variables need not be declared or initialized in program
- Programs contain no logical variables
- Modalities can be arbitrarily nested

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$$(x = 1;)([while (true) {};]false)$$

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Dynamic Logic Semantics: States First-order model can be considered as program state

- Interpretation of non-rigid symbols can vary from state to state (eg, program variables, attribute values)
- Interpretation of rigid symbols is the same in all states (eg, built-in functions and predicates)

States as first-order models

From now, consider program state as first-order model $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{D}, \delta, \mathcal{I})$

- ► Only interpretation *I* of non-rigid symbols in FSym_{nr} can change ⇒ only record values of *f* ∈ FSym_{nr}: use *s* (for state) instead of *M*
- Set of all states s is S

Definition (Kripke Structure (aka Labelled Transition System))

Kripke structure or Labelled transition system $K = (S, \rho)$

- State (=first-order model) $s = (\mathcal{D}, \delta, \mathcal{I}) \in S$
- Transition relation $\rho: \Pi \to (S \to S)$
 - ρ is the operational semantics of programs Π
 - ▶ Each program $p \in \Pi$ transforms a start state *s* into end state $\rho(p)(s)$
 - $\rho(\mathbf{p})(s)$ can be undefined: \mathbf{p} does not terminate when started in s
 - Our programs are deterministic (unlike PROMELA):
 ρ(p) is a function (at most one value)

Example (Kripke Structure)

Two programs p and q Show $\rho(p)$ and $\rho(q)$, states $S = \{s1, \ldots, s_6\}$



When p is started in s_5 it terminates in s_4 , etc.

In general, Π and S are infinite!

Semantic Evaluation of Program Formulas

Definition (Validity Relation for Program Formulas)

• $s, \beta \models \langle p \rangle \phi$ iff $\rho(p)(s), \beta \models \phi$ and $\rho(p)(s)$ is defined

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▶ $s, \beta \models [p]\phi$ iff $\rho(p)(s), \beta \models \phi$ whenever $\rho(p)(s)$ is defined

If p terminates then ϕ is true in the final state after execution



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Program Correctness

Definition (Notions of Correctness)

▶ If $s, \beta \models \langle p \rangle \phi$ then

p totally correct (with respect to ϕ) in s, β

- If s, β ⊨ [p]φ then
 p partially correct (with respect to φ) in s, β
- Duality (p)φ iff ![p] ! φ
 Exercise: justify this with help of semantic definitions
- Implication if (p)φ then [p]φ
 Total correctness implies partial correctness
 - converse is false
 - holds only for deterministic programs

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Consequence for program variables

Initial value of program variables implicitly "universally quantified"

Initial States

Java initial states

KeY prover "starts" programs in initial states according to ${\rm JAVA}$ convention:

- ▶ Values of array entries initialized to default values: int [] to 0, etc.
- Static object initialization
- No objects created

How to restrict validity to set of initial states $S_0 \subseteq S$?

- 1. Design closed FOL formula Init with
 - $s \models \text{Init}$ iff $s \in S_0$
- **2.** Use sequent Γ , Init $\Rightarrow \Delta$

Later: simple method for specifying initial value of program variables

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Very tedious task to define ρ for JAVA ... \Rightarrow go directly to calculus for program formulas!

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Compute the final state after termination of

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int x; int y; x=x+y; y=x-y; x=x-y;
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General form of rule conclusions in symbolic execution calculus

 $\langle \texttt{stmt; rest} \rangle \phi, \qquad [\texttt{stmt; rest}] \phi$

- Rules must symbolically execute first statement
- Repeated application of rules in a proof corresponds to symbolic program execution



Symbolic execution of assignment $assign \frac{\{x/x_{old}\}\Gamma, \ x \doteq \{x/x_{old}\}t \implies \langle \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \ \{x/x_{old}\}\Delta}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \langle x = t; \ \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}$

 \mathbf{x}_{old} new program variable that "rescues" old value of \mathbf{x}

Example

Conclusion matching:
$$\{x/x\}, \{t/x+y\}, \{rest/y=x-y; x=x-y;\}, \{\phi/(x \doteq y_0 \& y \doteq x_0)\}, \{\Gamma/x \doteq x_0, y \doteq y_0\}, \{\Delta/\emptyset\}$$

$$\frac{x_{old} \doteq x_0, y \doteq y_0, x \doteq x_{old} + y \Longrightarrow \langle y=x-y; x=x-y; \rangle (x \doteq y_0 \& y \doteq x_0)}{x \doteq x_0, y \doteq y_0 \Longrightarrow \langle x=x+y; y=x-y; x=x-y; \rangle (x \doteq y_0 \& y \doteq x_0)}$$

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Symbolic execution of loops: unwind

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{unwindLoop} & \frac{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \langle \text{if (b) } \{ \text{ p; while (b) } p \}; \text{ } r \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \langle \text{while (b) } \{ p \}; \text{ } r \rangle \phi, \Delta} \end{array}$$

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Solution

Use explicit construct to record values in current state

Update $\forall T i_0; (\{i := i_0\} \langle \dots i \dots \rangle \phi)$

Updates specify computation state where formula is evaluated

Definition (Syntax of Updates)

If v is program variable, t FOL term type-compatible with v, t' any FOL term, and ϕ any DL formula, then

•
$$\{v := t\}t'$$
 is DL term

•
$$\{v := t\}\phi$$
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Explicit State Updates Cont'd

Facts about updates $\{v := t\}$

- Update semantics identical to assignment
- Value of update depends on logical variables in t: use β
- Updates as "lazy" assignments (no term substitution done)
- Updates are not assignments: right-hand side is FOL term

 $\{\mathbf{x} := n\}\phi$ cannot be turned into assignment (n logical variable)

 ${\tt x=i++;}\phi$ cannot directly be turned into update

Updates are not equations: change value of non-rigid terms

Computing Effect of Updates (Automatic)

Rewrite rules for update followed by program variable $\begin{cases} \{x := t\}y & \rightsquigarrow & y \\ \{x := t\}x & \rightsquigarrow & t \end{cases}$ logical variable $\{x := t\} w \rightsquigarrow w$ complex term $\{\mathbf{x} := t\} f(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \rightsquigarrow f(\{\mathbf{x} := t\} t_1, \ldots, \{\mathbf{x} := t\} t_n)$ FOL formula $\begin{cases} \{\mathbf{x} := t\}(\phi \& \psi) & \rightsquigarrow \{\mathbf{x} := t\}\phi \& \{\mathbf{x} := t\}\psi \\ & \ddots \\ \{\mathbf{x} := t\}(\forall T y; \phi) \rightsquigarrow \forall T y; (\{\mathbf{x} := t\}\phi) \end{cases}$ program formula $\{x := t\}(\langle p \rangle \phi) \rightsquigarrow \{x := t\}(\langle p \rangle \phi)$ unchanged!

Update computation delayed until p symbolically executed

Assignment Rule Using Updates

Symbolic execution of assignment using updates

$$\label{eq:assign} \operatorname{assign} \frac{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \{\mathtt{x} := t\} \langle \mathtt{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \langle \mathtt{x} = \mathtt{t}; \; \mathtt{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}$$

- Avoids renaming of program variables
- Works as long as t has no side effects (ok in simple DL)
- Special cases for $x = t_1 + t_2$, etc.

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Examples/lect11/swap.key

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What to do when we cannot determine a concrete loop bound?

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How to apply updates on updates?

Example

Symbolic execution of

int x; int y; x=x+y; y=x-y; x=x-y;

yields:

 ${x := x+y}{y := x-y}{x := x-y}$

Need to compose three sequential state changes into a single one!

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Definition (Composition Sequential Updates/Conflict Resolution) $\{l_1 := r_1\}\{l_2 := r_2\} = \{l_1 := r_1||l_2 := \{l_1 := r_1\}r_2\}$ $\{l_1 := v_1|| \cdots ||l_n := v_n\}x = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \notin \{l_1, \dots, l_n\}\\ v_k & \text{if } x = l_k, x \notin \{l_{k+1}, \dots, l_n\} \end{cases}$

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Parallel updates to store intermediate state of symbolic computation

A Warning

First-order rules that substitute arbitrary terms

$$\exists -\mathsf{right} \ \frac{\Gamma \Longrightarrow [x/t'] \phi, \ \exists \ T \ x; \ \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \exists \ T \ x; \ \phi, \Delta} \quad \forall -\mathsf{left} \ \frac{\Gamma, \forall \ T \ x; \ \phi, \ [x/t'] \phi \Longrightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall \ T \ x; \ \phi \Longrightarrow \Delta}$$

applyEq
$$\frac{\Gamma, t \doteq t', [t/t']\psi \Longrightarrow [t/t']\phi, \Delta}{\Gamma, t \doteq t', \psi \Longrightarrow \phi, \Delta}$$

t, t' must be rigid, because all occurrences must have the same value

Example

$$\frac{\Gamma, \mathbf{i} \doteq \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \langle \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i} \rangle \mathbf{i} \doteq \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall T x; (x \doteq \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \langle \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i} \rangle x \doteq \mathbf{0}) \Longrightarrow \Delta}$$

Logically valid formula would result in unsatisfiable antecedent! KeY prohibits unsound substitutions

Formal Specification and Verification: Simple DL

Essential

KeY Book Verification of Object-Oriented Software (see course web page), Chapter 10: Using KeY

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