

A Logic for Secure Memory Access of ASMs

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Overview

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- Conclusion

Abstract State Machines (ASMs)

A formal method for specification and verification

- specification of hardware and software
- specification of algorithms
- semantics of programming languages

ASM Archive: <http://www.eecs.umich.edu/gasm/>

Gurevich's thesis:

For each algorithm, one can build an ASM so that one step in the algorithm corresponds to one step on the ASM

ASMs in a Nutshell

- State = abstract algebraic structure.
- Dynamic functions vs static functions.
- Semantic via update sets (firing a rule).
- Transition rules :

if *Condition* **then**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1(s_1) := t_1 \\ f_2(s_2) := t_2 \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ f_n(s_n) := t_n \end{array} \right\} \text{parallel}$$

ASM rules

Name	Syntax	Semantics
<i>Skip Rule</i>	skip	[do nothing]
<i>Update Rule</i>	$f(t) := s$	[update f at argument t to s]
<i>Block Rule</i>	R par S	[parallel execution]
<i>Conditional</i>	if φ then R else S	[conditional execution]
<i>Let Rule</i>	let $x = t$ in R	[call by value]
<i>Forall Rule</i>	forall x with φ do R	[parallel for each x satisfying φ]
<i>Sequence</i>	R seq S	[sequential execution]
<i>Try Rule</i>	try R else S	[if R is inconsistent, then S]
<i>Call Rule</i>	$\rho(t)$	[call ρ with parameter t]

Motivations: Security

■ In the world of ASMs

- The states are global states
- Focus on the updates of ASMs

■ Access are equally important

- Applet isolation on smart cards
- Secure information flow

■ Some properties

- 'The program P does not read the location $f(x)$ '
- 'Whenever program P reads location $f(x)$, then $0 \leq x < 10$ '

Motivations: Sequentialization

- Sequentialization

$$P \text{ par } Q \rightsquigarrow P \text{ seq } Q$$

- Q does not override locations updated by P

$$\text{not_over}(P, Q) \triangleq$$

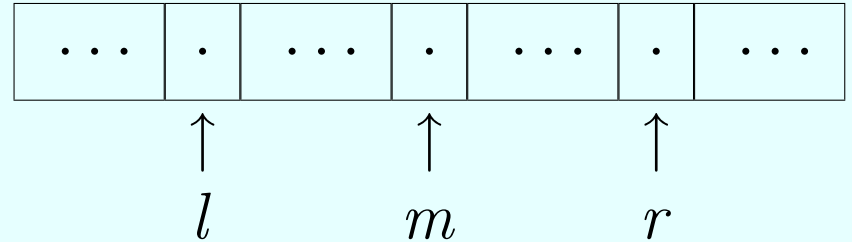
$$\bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x, y (\text{upd}(P, f, x, y) \rightarrow \text{inv}(Q, f, x) \vee \text{upd}(Q, f, x, y))$$

- Q does not read locations updated by P

$$\text{not_read}(P, Q) \triangleq ???$$

Motivations: Avoiding Exceptions

Use a unary dynamic function f :



MERGESORT(l, r) =

if $l < r$ **then**

let $m = \lfloor (l + r)/2 \rfloor$ **in**

(MERGESORT(l, m) **par** MERGESORT($m + 1, r$)) **seq**

MERGE(l, m, r)

MERGE(l, m, r) =

(**forall** i **with** $l \leq i \leq r$ **do** $g(i) := f(i)$) **seq**

MERGCOPY($l, m, m + 1, r, l$)

Motivations: Avoiding Exceptions (cont.)

MERGECOPY(i, m, j, r, k) =

if $k \leq r$ **then**

if $(i \leq m \wedge j \leq r \wedge g(i) \leq g(j)) \vee (r < j)$ **then**

$f(k) := g(i)$ **par** MERGECOPY($i + 1, m, j, r, k + 1$)

else

$f(k) := g(j)$ **par** MERGECOPY($i, m, j + 1, r, k + 1$)

'In the absence of short-circuit boolean operators, if the greatest element is in the first half of the array, then MERGECOPY makes an access at $g(r + 1)$.'

ASMs

- ASMs

Deterministic Turbo ASMs (with recursive rule definitions) with **forall** transition rules

- Rule guards

New boolean connectives in rule guards : short-circuit **&&** and **||**

- Logical equivalent of rule guards

$$\varphi \dashrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \&\& \rightsquigarrow \wedge \\ || \rightsquigarrow \vee \end{array} \right\} \dashrightarrow \hat{\varphi}$$

Access Sets and Update Sets

■ Update and access (for a dynamic function f)

- Update: $\langle f, a, b \rangle$ with $a, b \in |\mathcal{A}|$
- Access: $\langle f, a \rangle$ with $a \in |\mathcal{A}|$

■ Update sets and access sets

- Update sets yielded by transition rules;
- Access sets yielded by terms, formulas and transition rules.

■ Consistency

- Update sets:

$$\bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x, y, z (\langle f, x, y \rangle \in U \wedge \langle f, x, z \rangle \in U \rightarrow y = z)$$

- Access sets: no consistency notion needed.

Access Sets for Terms and Formulas

$$\text{AccSet}(x, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{AccSet}(f(t), \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \begin{cases} \{\langle f, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle\} \cup \text{AccSet}(t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta), \\ \text{if } f \text{ is dynamic;} \\ \text{AccSet}(t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta), \\ \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{AccSet}(s = t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \text{AccSet}(s, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) \cup \text{AccSet}(t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta)$$

$$\text{AccSet}(\neg\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta)$$

$$\text{AccSet}(\varphi \wedge \psi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) \cup \text{AccSet}(\psi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta)$$

$$\text{AccSet}(\varphi \ \&\& \ \psi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) = \begin{cases} \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) \cup \text{AccSet}(\psi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta), \\ \text{if } \llbracket \hat{\varphi} \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} = \text{true}; \\ \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta), \\ \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Access Sets and Update Sets (cont.)

$$\frac{}{\text{yields}(\mathbf{skip}, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, \emptyset, \emptyset)}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{yields}(f(s) := t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, \{\langle f, [s]_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}}, [t]_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle\}, A)}$$

where $A = \text{AccSet}(s, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) \cup \text{AccSet}(t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta)$

$$\frac{\text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A) \quad \text{yields}(Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, V, B)}{\text{yields}(P \mathbf{par} Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U \cup V, A \cup B)}$$

$$\text{yields}(P \mathbf{par} Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U \cup V, A \cup B)$$

$$\frac{\text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A) \quad \text{yields}(Q, \mathfrak{A} + U, \zeta, V, B)}{\text{yields}(P \mathbf{seq} Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U \oplus V, A \cup B)} \text{if } U \text{ is consistent}$$

$$\frac{\text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A)}{\text{yields}(P \mathbf{seq} Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A)}$$

$$\text{yields}(P \mathbf{seq} Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A)$$

if U is inconsistent

Basic Logic (Reminder)

Modal formulas and basic predicates

$$\llbracket [P]\varphi \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} true, & \text{if } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}+U} = true \text{ for each consist. } U \text{ with} \\ & \text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A); \\ false, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\llbracket \text{def}(P) \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} true, & \text{if there exists an (finite) update set } U \text{ with} \\ & \text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A); \\ false, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\llbracket \text{upd}(P, f, s, t) \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} true, & \text{if yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A) \text{ and} \\ & \langle f, \llbracket s \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}}, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle \in U; \\ false, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Derived Predicates

■ Consistency

$$\text{con}(P) \triangleq$$

$$\bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x, y, z (\text{upd}(P, f, x, y) \wedge \text{upd}(P, f, x, z) \rightarrow y = z)$$

$$\text{Con}(P) \triangleq \text{def}(P) \wedge \text{con}(P)$$

■ Invariance

$$\text{inv}(P, f, s) \triangleq \text{def}(P) \wedge \forall y \neg \text{upd}(P, f, s, y)$$

Access Predicates

New Predicates

$$\llbracket \text{acc}(s, f, t) \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} \text{true}, & \text{if } \langle f, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle \in \text{AccSet}(t, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta); \\ \text{false}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\llbracket \text{acc}(\varphi, f, t) \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} \text{true}, & \text{if } \langle f, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle \in \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta); \\ \text{false}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\llbracket \text{acc}(P, f, t) \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \begin{cases} \text{true}, & \text{if } \text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A) \text{ and} \\ & \langle f, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{A}} \rangle \in A; \\ \text{false}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Why only dynamic functions ?

- Static functions are “built-in” (or “hard-wired”) operations.
- Substitution principle

$$\forall x \forall y (\text{acc}(h(x) < 0, h, y) \rightarrow y = x)$$

$$\forall y (\text{acc}(h(h(0)), h, y) \rightarrow y = h(0)) \quad \text{WRONG!}$$

$$\forall x (x = 0 \rightarrow [f(0) := 1]x = 0)$$

$$f(0) = 0 \rightarrow [f(0) := 1]f(0) = 0 \quad \text{WRONG!}$$

Derived Predicates

- Q does not read locations updated by P

$$\text{not_read}(P, Q) \triangleq \bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x (\text{acc}(Q, f, x) \rightarrow \text{inv}(P, f, x))$$

- Q does not change after firing P

$$\text{same_after}(P, Q) \triangleq \bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall x, y (\text{upd}(Q, f, x, y) \leftrightarrow [P]\text{upd}(Q, f, x, y)) \\ \forall x (\text{acc}(Q, f, x) \leftrightarrow [P]\text{acc}(Q, f, x)) \end{array} \right.$$

- P and Q are equivalent

$$(P \equiv Q) \triangleq \text{def}(P) \wedge \text{def}(Q) \wedge \bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall x, y (\text{upd}(P, f, x, y) \leftrightarrow \text{upd}(Q, f, x, y)) \wedge \\ \forall x (\text{acc}(P, f, x) \leftrightarrow \text{acc}(Q, f, x)) \end{array} \right.$$

Axioms

I.- IX. Axioms of the basic logic

X. Axioms for the acc predicates

1. Axioms for the new predicates

2. $\text{acc}(P, f, x) \rightarrow \text{def}(P)$

3. $\text{Con}(P) \wedge \text{def}(Q) \wedge \text{not_read}(P, Q) \rightarrow$
 $\text{same_after}(P, Q) \wedge [P]\text{def}(Q)$

Axioms (cont.)

- An axiom for the acc predicate for terms.

$$\text{AT2. } \text{acc}(f(t), f, x) \leftrightarrow x = t \vee \text{acc}(t, f, x)$$

- Some axioms for the acc predicate for formulas.

$$\text{AF3. } \text{acc}(\varphi \wedge \psi, f, x) \leftrightarrow \text{acc}(\varphi, f, x) \vee \text{acc}(\psi, f, x)$$

$$\text{AF4. } \text{acc}(\varphi \ \&\& \ \psi, f, x) \leftrightarrow \text{acc}(\varphi, f, x) \vee (\hat{\varphi} \wedge \text{acc}(\psi, f, x))$$

- Some axioms for the acc predicate for rules.

$$\text{AR2. } \text{acc}(g(s) := t, f, x) \leftrightarrow \text{acc}(s, f, x) \vee \text{acc}(t, f, x)$$

$$\text{AR3. } \text{acc}(P \ \mathbf{par} \ Q, f, x) \leftrightarrow \\ \text{def}(P \ \mathbf{par} \ Q) \wedge (\text{acc}(P, f, x) \vee \text{acc}(Q, f, x))$$

$$\text{AR7. } \text{acc}(P \ \mathbf{seq} \ Q, f, x) \leftrightarrow \\ (\text{acc}(P, f, x) \wedge [P]\text{def}(Q)) \vee (\text{Con}(P) \wedge [P]\text{acc}(Q, f, x))$$

Applications: Sequentialization

- Q does not read locations updated by P

$$\text{not_read}(P, Q) \triangleq \bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x (\text{acc}(Q, f, x) \rightarrow \text{inv}(P, f, x))$$

- Q does not overwrite updates of P

$$\text{not_over}(P, Q) \triangleq \bigwedge_{f \text{ dyn.}} \forall x, y (\text{upd}(P, f, x, y) \rightarrow \text{inv}(Q, f, x) \vee \text{upd}(Q, f, x, y))$$

- $P \text{ par } Q \equiv P \text{ seq } Q$

$$\text{Con}(P) \wedge \text{def}(Q) \wedge \text{not_read}(P, Q) \wedge \text{not_over}(P, Q) \rightarrow \\ P \text{ par } Q \equiv P \text{ seq } Q$$

Applications: MERGESORT

■ Index overflow

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall l, r, m \ (l < r \wedge m = (l + r)/2 \\ & \quad \wedge \exists i \ (l \leq i \leq m \wedge \forall j \ (m + 1 \leq j \leq r \rightarrow f(j) < f(i))) \\ & \rightarrow \text{acc}(\text{MERGESORTV}(l, r), g, r + 1) \end{aligned}$$

■ Correct accesses

$$\forall l, r \ (\forall x \ (\text{acc}(\text{MERGESORT}(l, r), g, x) \rightarrow (l \leq x \wedge x \leq r)))$$

■ Sequentialization

$$\forall l, r \ (\text{MERGESORT}(l, r) \equiv \text{SEQMERGESORT}(l, r))$$

ASMKeY

The screenshot displays the ASMKeY Prover interface. The window title is "Key -- Prover". The menu bar includes "File", "View", "Proof", "Options", "Tools", "Lemmas", and "Help". Below the menu bar are several buttons: "Apply Heuristics", "Autoresume heuristics", "Run SIMPLIFY", and "Goal Back".

The interface is divided into three main sections:

- Proof Tree (Left):** A hierarchical tree structure showing the current state of the proof. It includes nodes for "Case 1", "Case 2", and "Case 1" (under Case 2). The tree is partially expanded, showing sub-nodes like "and_left", "acc_branch_left", "thin_left", "or_left", "inst_all", "impl_left", and "close_by_false". A "Closed goal" is indicated at the bottom of the tree.
- Current Goal (Center):** A text area containing the current goal to be proved. The goal is a conjunction of several conditions:

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k_1 <= r_1,  
i_1 <= m_1  
& j_1 <= r_1  
& g(i_1) <= g(j_1)  
| r_1 < j_1,  
acc(g(x_1) in f(k_1) := g(i_1),  
    callrec MergeCopy(i_1 + 1,  
                        m_1,  
                        j_1,  
                        r_1,  
                        k_1 + 1)),  
  
d_0 + 1 = (r_1 + 1) + -k_1,  
i_1 <= (m_1 + 1),  
m_1 < j_1,  
j_1 <= (r_1 + 1),  
k_1 = i_1 + (j_1 + -(m_1 + 1)),  
(d_0 + 1) >= 0,  
d_0 > 0  
==>  
acc(g(x_1) in callrec MergeCopy(i_1 + 1,  
                                m_1,  
                                j_1,  
                                r_1,  
                                k_1 + 1)),  
i_1 <= x_1 & x_1 <= m_1 | j_1 <= x_1 & x_1 <= r_1
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- User defined problem (Right):** A text area for user-defined problems, currently empty.

At the bottom of the window, the status bar reads "Integrated Deductive Software Design: Ready".

ASMKeY

■ Work in Progress

- Step logic
- Static analysis

■ Future Work

- Strategies
- Cases studies: LiftControler, Shortest Path Algorithm, (C# Thread Model)
- Source Code: create a 'real' ASMKeY distribution

Conclusion

■ Summary

- New predicates: $\text{acc}(t, f, s)$, $\text{acc}(\varphi, f, s)$ and $\text{acc}(R, f, s)$
- Allows to express secure access properties
- Gives a criterion for sequentialization of parallel ASMs
- Implemented in ASMK_eY

■ Future Work

- Extend the logic for ASMs with the **choose** rule
- ASMK_eY

Access Sets and Update Sets (cont.)

The problem of **forall**

$$\frac{\text{yields}(P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta[x \mapsto v], U_v, A_v) \quad \text{for each } v \in I = \text{range}(x, \varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta)}{\text{yields}(\mathbf{forall} \ x \ \mathbf{with} \ \varphi \ \mathbf{do} \ P, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, \bigcup_{v \in I} U_v, \bigcup_{v \in I} A_v \cup \Phi)}$$

where

- $\text{range}(x, \varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta) \triangleq \{v \in |\mathfrak{A}| : \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\zeta[x \mapsto v]}^{\mathfrak{A}} = \text{true}\}$
- $\Phi = \bigcup_{v \in |\mathfrak{A}|} \text{AccSet}(\varphi, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta[x \mapsto v])$

Example:

forall x **with** $0 \leq x \ \&\& \ x \leq 10 \ \&\& \ f(x) < 0$ **do** $f(x) := 0$
Access set: $\{\langle f, 0 \rangle, \langle f, 1 \rangle, \dots, \langle f, 10 \rangle\}$

Access Sets and Observable Terms (Critical Terms)

(For a non-recursive ASM P without **forall** rules)

$A \triangleq \{\langle f, a \rangle \mid P \text{ reads the location } \langle f, a \rangle\}$

$D \triangleq \{\langle f, a \rangle \mid P \text{ depends on the location } \langle f, a \rangle\}$

$O \triangleq \{\langle f, a \rangle \mid \langle f, a \rangle \text{ is the location of an observable term of } P\}$

■ $A \not\subseteq O$, Example:

if $f(0) := 0$ **then** $f(1) := 1$ **else** $f(1) := 1$

Observable terms: $\{1\}$

■ $D \not\subseteq O$, Example:

if $f(f(0)) = 0$ **then** $f(0) := 1$

Observable terms: $\{0, 1, f(f(0))\}$

■ $D \subseteq \{\langle f, a \rangle \mid \langle f, a \rangle \text{ is the location of a subterm of an observable term of } M\}$

Theorems

- Soundness of the logic

If $\Psi \vdash_M \varphi$, then $\Psi \models_M \varphi$.

- Independence lemma

For an ASM Q , if $\text{yields}(Q, \mathfrak{A}, \zeta, U, A)$ and W is a consistent update set that does not contain updates for locations in A , then $\text{yields}(Q, \mathfrak{A} + W, \zeta, U, A)$.

- Completeness of the logic for hierarchical ASMs.

Let M be a hierarchical ASM. If $\Psi \models_M \varphi$, then $\Psi \vdash_M \varphi$.