

Towards Mechanized Program Verification with Separation Logic

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- Separation logic: a program logic for pointer programs
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- ⇒ integration of separation logic with Isabelle/HOL



Overview

- The language
- Semantics
- Hoare logics
- The frame rule
- In-place list reversal

Stores, Heaps, States

types

addr = nat

val = nat

store = var \Rightarrow val

heap = addr \rightarrow val

state = (store \times heap) option

aexp = store \Rightarrow val

bexp = store \Rightarrow bool



The Language: IMP ...

- skip
- $var ::= aexp$
- $c1; c2$
- if $bexp$ then $c1$ else $c2$
- while $bexp$ do $c1$



... with Pointers

- $var ::= \text{list } aexprs$ allocation (records)
- $var ::= \text{alloc } aexp$ allocation (arrays)
- $var ::= @aexp$ lookup
- $@aexp1 ::= aexp2$ mutation
- $\text{dispose } aexp$ deallocation

Disjoint Heaps, Union of Heaps

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- Taking the union of disjoint heaps is commutative:

$$f \bowtie g \Longrightarrow f ++ g = g ++ f$$

Operational Semantics: Allocation

- $\llbracket \text{heap-isfree } h \ a \ (\text{length } as); \text{ vs} = \text{map } (\lambda e. e \ s) \ as \rrbracket$
 $\implies \langle x ::= \text{list } as, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle$
 $\longrightarrow_c \text{Some } (s[x \mapsto a], \text{heap-update } h \ a \ \text{vs})$
- $\forall a. \neg \text{heap-isfree } h \ a \ (\text{length } as) \implies$
 $\langle x ::= \text{list } as, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c \text{None}$

Operational Semantics: Lookup

- $a\ s \in \text{dom } h \implies$
 $\langle x ::= @a, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle$
 $\longrightarrow_c \text{Some } (s[x \mapsto \text{heap-lookup } h (a\ s)], h)$
- $a\ s \notin \text{dom } h \implies \langle x ::= @a, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c \text{None}$

Operational Semantics: Mutation

- $a\ s \in \text{dom } h \implies$
 $\langle @a ::= v, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle$
 $\longrightarrow_c \text{Some } (s, \text{heap-update } h\ (a\ s)\ [v\ s])$
- $a\ s \notin \text{dom } h \implies \langle @a ::= v, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c \text{None}$

Operational Semantics: Deallocation

- $a\ s \in \text{dom } h \implies$
 $\langle \text{dispose } a, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c \text{Some } (s, \text{heap-remove } h\ (a\ s))$
- $a\ s \notin \text{dom } h \implies \langle \text{dispose } a, \text{Some } (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c \text{None}$

Denotational Semantics

■ Lookup:

$$\begin{aligned} C(x ::= @a) = & \\ & \{(Some(s, h), \\ & \quad Some(s[x \mapsto heap\text{-}lookup\ h(a\ s)], h)) \mid \\ & \quad s\ h. a\ s \in dom\ h\} \cup \\ & \{(Some(s, h), None) \mid s\ h. a\ s \notin dom\ h\} \cup \\ & \{(None, None)\} \end{aligned}$$

■ Equivalence of denotational and operational semantics:

$$((s, t) \in C\ c) = \langle c, s \rangle \longrightarrow_c t$$

Separation Logic

- $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \longrightarrow, \dots$

- Separating conjunction:

$$(P \wedge^* Q) h \equiv \exists h' h''. h' \boxtimes h'' \wedge h' ++ h'' = h \wedge P h' \wedge Q h''$$

- Separating implication:

$$(P - * Q) h \equiv \forall h'. h' \boxtimes h \wedge P h' \longrightarrow Q (h ++ h')$$

Assertions

- $emp\ h \equiv dom\ h = \{\}$
- $(a \mapsto v)\ h \equiv dom\ h = \{a\} \wedge heap\text{-}lookup\ h\ a = v$
- $(a \mapsto -)\ h \equiv \exists v. (a \mapsto v)\ h$
- $a \hookrightarrow v \equiv a \mapsto v \wedge * true$



Some Properties of \wedge^*

- $P \wedge^* (Q \wedge^* R) = P \wedge^* Q \wedge^* R$

- $P \wedge^* Q = Q \wedge^* P$

- $\text{emp} \wedge^* P = P$

- $P \wedge^* \text{emp} = P$

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Hoare Logic: Partial Correctness

- $\models_p \{P\} c \{Q\} \equiv$
 $\forall s h s' h'. \quad$

$$(\text{Some } (s, h), \text{Some } (s', h')) \in C c \longrightarrow P s h \longrightarrow Q s' h'$$

- Error state may be reachable

- Partial correctness

- $\vdash_p \{P\} c \{Q\}$

Soundness and Completeness

- Soundness:

$$\vdash_p \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \models_p \{P\} c \{Q\}$$

- Relative completeness:

$$\models_p \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \vdash_p \{P\} c \{Q\}$$

- Weakest preconditions:

$$\vdash_p \{wp \ c \ Q\} c \{Q\}$$

Hoare Logic: Tight Specifications

■ $\models_t \{P\} c \{Q\} \equiv$
 $\forall s h. (P s h \longrightarrow (\text{Some } (s, h), \text{None}) \notin C c) \wedge$
 $(\forall s' h'.$
 $(\text{Some } (s, h), \text{Some } (s', h')) \in C c \longrightarrow$
 $P s h \longrightarrow Q s' h')$

- Error state must not be reachable
- Partial correctness

Hoare Rules

■ Allocation (records):

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_t \{ & \lambda s h. (\exists a. \text{heap-isfree } h a (\text{length } as)) \wedge \\ & (\forall a. (a[\mapsto] \text{map } (\lambda e. e s) as - * P (s[x \mapsto a])) h) \} \\ x ::= & \text{list } as \{P\} \end{aligned}$$

■ Allocation (arrays):

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_t \{ & \lambda s h. (\exists a. \text{heap-isfree } h a (n s)) \wedge \\ & (\forall a vs. \text{length } vs = n s \longrightarrow (a[\mapsto] vs - * P (s[x \mapsto \\ & a]))) h) \} \\ x ::= & \text{alloc } n \{P\} \end{aligned}$$

Hoare Rules, cntd.

■ Lookup:

$$\vdash_t \{ \lambda s h. \exists v. (a s \hookrightarrow v) h \wedge P (s[x \mapsto v]) h \} x ::= @a \{ P \}$$

■ Mutation:

$$\vdash_t \{ \lambda s. a s \mapsto - \wedge * (a s \mapsto v s - * P s) \} @a ::= v \{ P \}$$

■ Deallocation:

$$\vdash_t \{ \lambda s. a s \mapsto - \wedge * P s \} \text{dispose } a \{ P \}$$

Soundness and Completeness

- $\vdash_t \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \models_t \{P\} c \{Q\}$
- $\models_t \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \vdash_t \{P\} c \{Q\}$
- Proof: same techniques as before



The Frame Rule

- $\models \{P\}c\{Q\} \implies \models \{P \wedge R\}c\{Q \wedge R\}$



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- $\models \{P\}c\{Q\} \implies \models \{P \wedge R\}c\{Q \wedge R\}$
- $\models \{P\}c\{Q\} \implies \models \{P \wedge^* R\}c\{Q \wedge^* R\}$
 - Safety monotonicity
 - Frame property

Lacunary Heaps

■ $lacunary\ h \equiv \forall n. \exists a. heap\text{-}isfree\ h\ a\ n$

■ Every finite heap is lacunary:

$$finite\ (dom\ h) \implies lacunary\ h$$

■ Lacunarity is preserved:

$$\langle c, Some\ (s, h) \rangle \longrightarrow_c Some\ (s', h') \implies lacunary\ h' = lacunary\ h$$

Hoare Logic

- $\models_l \{P\} c \{Q\} \equiv$
 $\forall s h. \text{lacunary } h \longrightarrow$
 $(P s h \longrightarrow (\text{Some } (s, h), \text{None}) \notin C c) \wedge$
 $(\forall s' h'. (\text{Some } (s, h), \text{Some } (s', h')) \in C c \longrightarrow P s h$
 $\longrightarrow Q s' h')$
- $\vdash_l \{P\} c \{Q\}$
- $\vdash_l \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \models_l \{P\} c \{Q\}$
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The Frame Rule

■ $h1 \boxtimes h2 \implies$

$(\text{lacunary } (h1 ++ h2) \longrightarrow$

$(\text{Some } (s, h1 ++ h2), \text{None}) \in C\ c \longrightarrow (\text{Some } (s, h1), \text{None})$
 $\in C\ c) \wedge$

$((\text{Some } (s, h1 ++ h2), \text{Some } (s', h')) \in C\ c \longrightarrow$

$(\text{Some } (s, h1), \text{None}) \in C\ c \vee$

$(\exists h1'. h1' \boxtimes h2 \wedge$

$h1' ++ h2 = h' \wedge (\text{Some } (s, h1), \text{Some } (s', h1')) \in C$
 $c))$

■ $\llbracket \models_l \{P\} c \{Q\}; \text{ModifiedVars } c \nmid R \rrbracket$

$\implies \models_l \{\lambda s. P\ s \wedge * R\ s\} c \{\lambda s. Q\ s \wedge * R\ s\}$

Example: In-Place List Reversal

$\text{reverse} :: \text{var} \Rightarrow \text{var} \Rightarrow \text{var} \Rightarrow \text{com}$

$\text{reverse } i \ j \ k \equiv$

$(j ::= (\lambda s. \text{null}));$

$\text{while } (\lambda s. s \ i \neq \text{null}) \text{ do}$

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$((k ::= @(\lambda s. \text{Suc } (s \ i)));$

$(@(\lambda s. \text{Suc } (s \ i)) ::= (\lambda s. s \ j)));$

$(j ::= (\lambda s. s \ i)));$

$(i ::= (\lambda s. s \ k))$

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In-Place List Reversal: Correctness

- Correctness theorem:

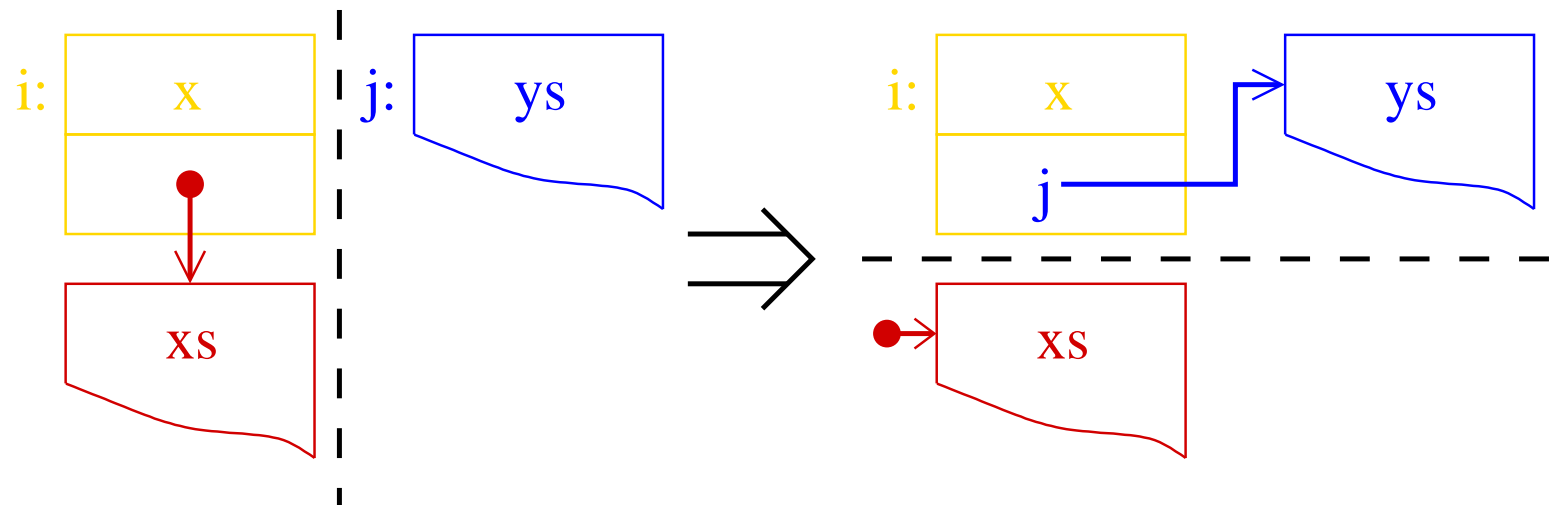
$$\models_t \{ \lambda s h. \text{heap-list } vs (s i) h \wedge \text{distinct } [i, j, k] \} \\ \text{reverse } i j k \{ \lambda s. \text{heap-list } (\text{rev } vs) (s j) \}$$

- Loop invariant:

$$\lambda s h. (\exists xs ys. \\ (\text{heap-list } xs (s i) \wedge * \text{heap-list } ys (s j)) h \wedge \\ \text{rev } vs = \text{rev } xs @ ys) \wedge \\ \text{distinct } [i, j, k]$$

In-Place List Reversal: The Proof

- $(\text{heap-list } ys \ j \wedge * \text{heap-list } (x \ \# \ xs) \ i) \ h \implies$
 $(\text{heap-list } xs \ (\text{heap-lookup } h \ (\text{Suc } i)) \wedge * \text{heap-list } (x \ \# \ ys) \ i)$
 $(\text{heap-update } h \ (\text{Suc } i) \ [j])$





Conclusions

- A ready-to-use formalization of separation logic
- Meta-theoretic investigations
- Concise specifications, but less automatic proofs



Discussion

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