

# Internal calculi for Separation Logics

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# What we will see...

## Elements of Separation Logic

- A modular Hoare-calculus for program with pointers;
- Basic results from the literature.

## First axiomatisation of Separation Logic

- Full suite of operators:  $*$ ,  $\multimap$  and Boolean connectives;
- Internal: axioms/rules are made of formulae of the logic;
- Based on normalisation of non-classical connectives.

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## '69: Floyd-Hoare proof systems

A logical system where *judgements* are of the form

$\{ \varphi \} \text{ PROG } \{ \psi \};$  to be read as:

*"Every state  $\mathfrak{M}$  satisfying the precondition  $\varphi$ , will satisfy the postcondition  $\psi$  after being modified by the program PROG".*

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# Modular verification and pointers

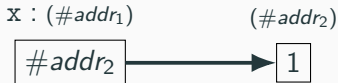
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is not valid when modelling pointers:

$$\frac{\{ x \hookrightarrow 1 \} \quad *x \leftarrow 0 \quad \{ x \hookrightarrow 0 \}}{\{ x \hookrightarrow 1 \wedge y \hookrightarrow 1 \} \quad *x \leftarrow 0 \quad \{ x \hookrightarrow 0 \wedge y \hookrightarrow 1 \}}$$

does not hold whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are in aliasing.

**Note:**  $x \hookrightarrow 1$  holds in memory models such that



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- **Automatic Verifiers:** Infer, SLAyer, Predator
- **Semi-automatic Verifiers:** Smallfoot, Verifast

Also, see “Why Separation Logic Works” (D. Pym et al. ‘18).

# Separation Logic neighbourhood

'99 Logic of Bunched Implication (D. Pym, P. O'Hearn)

'02 Separation Logic

'05 Separation Logic with permissions (R. Bornat et al.)

'07 Concurrent Separation Logic (P. O'Hearn et al.)

'09 (Bi-abduction for Separation Logic) (C. Calcagno et al.)

'15 Separation Logic with modalities (S. Demri, M. Deters)

'18 Quantitative Separation Logic (J. Katoen et al.)

'19 Probabilistic Separation Logic (G. Barthe et al.)

**Common feature:** model as a resource that can be decomposed.

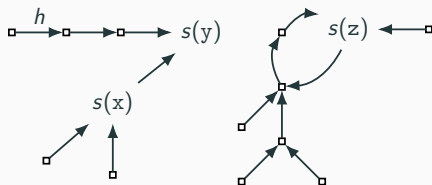
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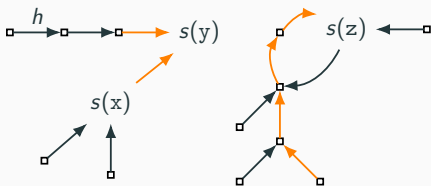
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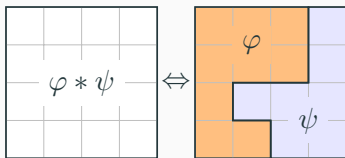
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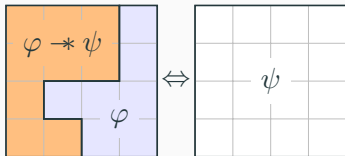
There are two heaps  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  s.t.

- $h_1 \perp h_2$  and  $h = h_1 + h_2$ ;
- $(s, h_1) \models \varphi$ ;
- $(s, h_2) \models \psi$ .

# The separating implication ( $\multimap$ )

$$(s, h) \models \varphi \multimap \psi$$

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## Semantics:

For every heap  $h'$ ,

**if**  $h' \perp h$  and  $(s, h') \models \varphi$   
**then**  $(s, h + h') \models \psi$ .

**Note:**  $*$  and  $\multimap$  are adjoint operators:

$$\varphi * \psi \models \gamma \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \varphi \models \psi \multimap \gamma.$$

# First-order Separation Logic

$\varphi := \top \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \text{emp} \mid \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{y} \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \varphi \mid \varphi_1 * \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \multimap \varphi_2$

- $(s, h) \models \text{emp}$  iff  $\text{dom}(h) = \emptyset$
- $(s, h) \models \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  iff  $s(\mathbf{x}) = s(\mathbf{y})$
- $(s, h) \models \mathbf{x} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{y}$  iff  $s(\mathbf{x}) \in \text{dom}(h)$  and  $h(s(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{y}$
- $(s, h) \models \forall \mathbf{x} \varphi$  iff for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(s[\mathbf{x} \leftarrow n], h) \models \varphi$ .

## Satisfiability problem: some complexity results.

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(S. Demri, M. Deters)

**Tcs'17** 1SL is PSPACE-complete.  
(S. Demri, D. Galmiche, D. Larchey-Wendling, D. Méry)

**Fossacs'18** 0SL + reachability predicates is undecidable.  
Without  $\rightarrow^*$  it is PSPACE-complete.  
(S. Demri, E. Lozes, A. M.)

**Fsttcs'18** 1SL + restricted reachability predicate is PSPACE-c.  
Weakening restrictions makes it TOWER-hard.



# Satisfiability $\approx$ Validity $\approx$ Entailment $\approx$ Model checking

Let  $\varphi \circledast \psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\varphi \multimap \neg\psi)$ .

$(s, h) \models \varphi \circledast \psi$  iff there is a heap  $h'$  s.t.  $h' \perp h$

$(s, h') \models \varphi$  and  $(s, h+h') \models \psi$ .

In order to check if  $\varphi$  is satisfiable we can

- Consider the set  $\mathbb{X}$  of equivalence relations on  $\text{fv}(\varphi)$ .
- Check if there is  $X \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t. the following formula is valid:

$$(\text{emp} \wedge \bigwedge_{(x,y) \in X} x = y \wedge \bigwedge_{(x,y) \notin X} x \neq y) \Rightarrow (\varphi \circledast \top)$$

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## Methodology:

- Model theoretical analysis of OSL (Lozes'04);
- We define a “normal form” for formulae of OSL ( $*$  and  $\neg*$  restricted to specific patterns);
- Axiomatisation specific to the formulae in this normal form;
- Add axioms & rules to put every formula in normal form.

## What can OSL express?

- the heap has size at least  $\beta$ :

$$\text{size} \geq 0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \top \qquad \text{size} \geq \beta + 1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{size} \geq \beta * \neg \text{emp}$$

- $x$  corresponds to a location in the domain of the heap:

$$\text{alloc}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(x \hookrightarrow x \multimap \top)$$

Let  $X \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \text{VAR}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define the set of *core formulae*:

$$\text{Core}(X, \alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x = y, x \hookrightarrow y, \text{alloc}(x), \text{size} \geq \beta \mid x, y \in X, \beta \in [0, \alpha]\}.$$

## An indistinguishability relation for OSL

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This lemma hides a Spoiler/Duplicator EF-games for OSL,  
and shows the existence of a winning strategy for Duplicator.

For every move of Spoiler, the Duplicator has a winning answer.



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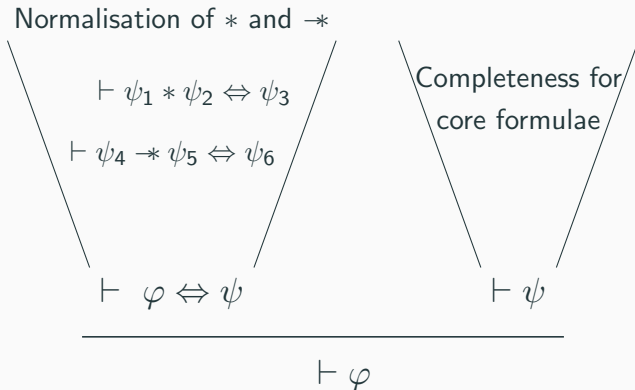
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### A “Gaifman locality theorem” for OSL

Every formula  $\varphi$  in OSL is logically equivalent to a Boolean combination of core formulae from  $\text{Core}(\text{vars}(\varphi), \text{size}(\varphi))$ .

# Normalising connectives & reasoning on core formulae



where  $\varphi$  in SL, and  $\psi_i, \psi$  are in  $\bigcup_{X, \alpha} \mathbf{Bool}(\mathbf{Core}(X, \alpha))$ .

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## ...to the proof system of 0SL

$$(M) \text{ alloc}(x) * \top \Rightarrow \text{alloc}(x)$$

$$(N) \neg \text{alloc}(x) * \neg \text{alloc}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{alloc}(x)$$

$$(I) \text{ alloc}(x) \Rightarrow (\text{alloc}(x) \wedge \text{size} = 1) * \top$$

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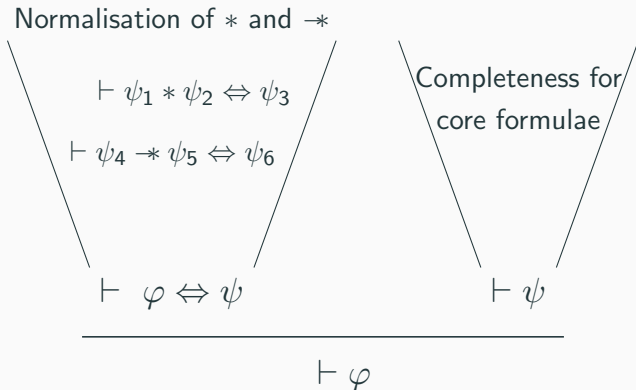
$$(P) \neg \text{alloc}(x) \Rightarrow ((x \hookrightarrow y \wedge \text{size} = 1) \oplus \top)$$

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# A sound and complete axiomatisation of 0SL



where  $\varphi$  in SL, and  $\psi_i, \psi$  are in  $\mathbf{Bool}(\bigcup_{\mathbf{x}, \alpha} \mathbf{Core}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha))$ .

## Recap of the method

1. Study the expressivity of the logic from a semantical perspective;
2. Define the corresponding set of *core formulae*;
3. Axiomatise the logic of Boolean combinations of core formulae;
4. Add axioms & rules to transform every formula into a Boolean combination of core formulae.

The same methodology has been used to axiomatise a Separation Logic featuring a guarded form of quantification (CSL'20), as well as two Modal Separation Logics (Jelia'19 – See Stéphane's talk).