

Introduction

Our contracts are consisted of three different parts: two **super nodes**, one **clause**, and a **red vis edge**.

The interpretation for the red vis edge is that *"the vis relation that must be enforced"*. We call the two special effects connected by this edge η_s and η_d .

Super nodes (depicted as blue circles in the figures) have two different types: StartNode, which contains the beginning of the red vis edge starts and EndNode where the vis edge ends.

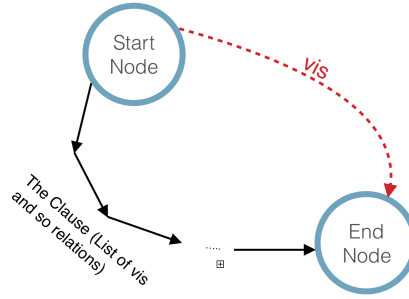


Figure 1: General form of a contract (The blue circles can contain either a single effect, or two effect connected by a txn edge)

Super Nodes are just syntactical packages for different types of consistency requirements: for session guarantees (without transactions) the super nodes are just η_s or η_d . However, to capture the transactional requirements it can include two effects that are related by txn relation, which relates the operations from a transaction in their session order.

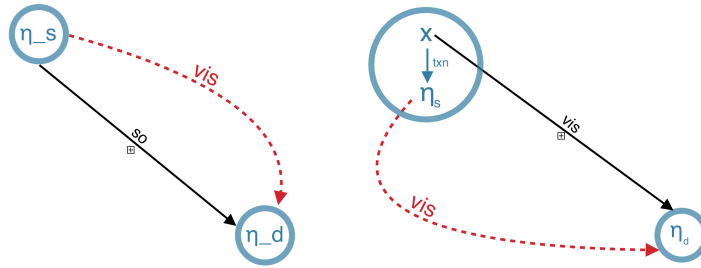


Figure 2: Two examples: left is RMW with no transaction and single effects at super nodes. The right figure however captures RC with its StartNode containing $x \xrightarrow{txn} \eta_s$

I believe the system is complete for all contracts of this type, and the lan-

guage is also able to generate the known interesting contracts.

Syntax

$$\begin{aligned}
& \eta_s, \eta_d, x \in \text{EffVis} & Op \in \text{OperationName} \\
N_s \in \text{StartNode} &::= \eta_s | x \xrightarrow{txn} \eta_s | \eta_s \xrightarrow{txn} x \\
N_e \in \text{EndNode} &::= \eta_d | x \xrightarrow{txn} \eta_d \\
R \in \text{Relation} &::= vis | so | R \cup R \\
C \in \text{Clause} &::= [R] | R^* \\
\pi \in \text{Prop} &::= (< N_s, N_e >, C) | \pi \vee \pi \\
\psi \in \text{Contract} &::= \pi \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: The Contract Language

Examples

- **Read My Write (RMW)**

$$(< \eta_s, \eta_d >, [so]) \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$

- **Monotonic Reads (MR)**

$$(< \eta_s, \eta_d >, [vis, so]) \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$

- **Monotonic Writes (MW)**

$$(< \eta_s, \eta_d >, [so, vis]) \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$

- **Writes Follow Reads (WFR)**

$$[(< \eta_s, \eta_d >, [vis, vis]) \vee (< \eta_s, \eta_d >, [vis, so, vis])] \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$

- **Read Committed (RC)**

$$(< x \xrightarrow{txn} \eta_s, \eta_d >, [vis]) \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$

- **Monotonic Atomic View (MAV)**

$$(< \eta_s, x \xrightarrow{txn} \eta_d >, [vis]) \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{vis}(\eta_s, \eta_d)$$