

Constructing Set Constraints for ReScript

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1 Definition of set expressions

se	$::=$	\emptyset	<i>empty set</i>
		$_$	<i>maximum set</i>
		$()$	<i>unit</i>
		n	<i>integer</i>
		b	<i>boolean</i>
		$\lambda x.e$	<i>function</i>
		V_e	<i>set variable corresponding to the possible values of e</i>
		P_e	<i>set variable corresponding to the possible exn packets of e</i>
		$\text{body}_V(se)$	<i>values that se can spit out when se is applied to something</i>
		$\text{body}_P(se)$	<i>exn packets that se can spit out when se is applied to something</i>
		$\text{par}(se)$	<i>values that can be a parameter for se</i>
		κ	<i>constructor</i>
		l	<i>field of a record</i>
		$\text{con}(\kappa, se)$	<i>construct</i>
		$\text{exn}(\kappa, se)$	<i>exception</i>
		$\text{fld}(se, l)$	<i>contents of the field l of a record se</i>
		$\text{cnt}(se)$	<i>contents of a reference</i>
		$\text{bop}(se, se)$	<i>binary operators, where $\text{bop} \in \{+, -, \times, \div, =, <, >\}$</i>
		$f_{(i)}^{-1}(se)$	<i>projection onto the i-th argument of f</i>
		$se \cup se$	<i>union</i>
		$se \cap se$	<i>intersection</i>
		\overline{se}	<i>complement</i>

Case expressions need special concern when building set constraints. For example, take a look at the for loop.

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let for x = match x > e2 with
  | true -> ()
  | false -> e3; for (x + 1)
in
for e1
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The above program is equivalent to for $x = e1$ to $e2$ do $e3$ done. Translating this is difficult as case statements partition the program states. That is, “ $e3; \text{for } (x + 1)$ ” is evaluated under the constraint that $> (V_x, V_{e_2}) \subseteq \text{false}$ and “ $()$ ” is evaluated under the constraint that $> (V_x, V_{e_2}) \subseteq \text{true}$.

These constraints obviously cannot be and-ed together, as the result is trivially false. Since the constraints above partition the program states, it is straightforward that each set expression must have different “versions” of itself in each partition.

So each case statement creates a parallel world where some set constraint becomes true.

2 Constructing set constraints

Now we are in a position to define constraint construction rules for our ReScript-like language. Hopefully this would be reasonably fast when implemented and be accurate enough...

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{UNIT, INT, BOOL} \quad \frac{}{\triangleright c : V_e \supseteq c} \quad c = (), n, b \\
 \text{APP} \quad \frac{\triangleright e_1 : C_1 \quad \triangleright e_2 : C_2}{\triangleright e_1 e_2 : (V_e \supseteq \text{body}_V(V_{e_1})) \wedge (P_e \supseteq (\text{body}_P(V_{e_1}) \cup P_{e_1} \cup P_{e_2})) \wedge (\text{par}(V_{e_1}) \supseteq V_{e_2}) \wedge C_1 \wedge C_2} \\
 \text{FN} \quad \frac{\triangleright e' : C'}{\triangleright \lambda x.e' : (V_e \supseteq \lambda x.e') \wedge (\text{body}_V(V_e) \supseteq V_{e'}) \wedge (\text{body}_P(V_e) \supseteq P_{e'}) \wedge (\text{par}(V_e) \subseteq V_x) \wedge C'}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LET} \frac{\triangleright e_1 : C_1 \quad \triangleright e_2 : C_2}{\triangleright \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : (V_x \supseteq V_{e_1}) \wedge (P_x \supseteq P_{e_2}) \wedge}$$

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