Mid-term paper for Programming Theory

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1 Objective

Pick one programming language, and explain about that. At here, I'll explain about Pony language [1] through description of features and performance, sample codes, and type proof theory.

2 Features and Performance

2.1 Simple description from official page [1]

Pony is an open-source, object-oriented, actor-model, capabilities-secure, high-performance programming language.

Pony is type safe. Really type safe. On top page, theres a link for mathematical proof paper [2]. Ill explain about that later section.

Pony is memory safe. There are no dangling pointers and no buffer overruns. The language doesn't even have the concept of null.

Exception-Safe. There are no runtime exceptions. All exceptions have defined semantics, and they are always caught.

Data-race Free. Pony doesnt have locks nor atomic operations or anything like that. Instead, the type system ensures at compile time that your concurrent program can never have data races. So you can write highly concurrent code and never get it wrong.

Deadlock-Free. This one is easy because Pony has no locks at all. So they definitely dont deadlock, because they dont exist.

2.2 Compare to other languages in syntactic level

import numpy as np

- 2.3 Compare to other languages in semantic level
- 3 Example Codes
- 4 Type proof theory

References

- [1] Pony language official page https://www.ponylang.io
- [2] Deny Capabilities for Safe, Fast Actors https://www.ponylang.io/media/papers/fast-cheap-with-proof.pdf