Functional Programming + Verification

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0 General

Contents of this lecture

- Correctness of programs
- Functional programming with OCaml

1 Correctness of Programs

- Programmers make mistakes !?
- Programming errors can be expensive, e.g., when a rocket explodes or a vital business system is down for hours ...
- Some systems must not have errors, e.g., control software of planes, signaling equipment of trains, airbags of cars ...

Problem

How can it be guaranteed that a program behaves as it should behave?

Approaches

- Careful engineering during software development
- Systematic testing
 - formal process model (Software Engineering)
- proof of correctness
 - → verification

Tool: assertions

Example

```
public class GCD {
      public static void main (String[] args) {
     int x, y, a, b;
a = read(); x = a;
5 b = read(); y = b;
  while (x != y)
         if (x > y) x = x - y;
         else y = y - x;
      assert(x == y);
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11
     write(x):
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13 } // End of definition of main();
14 } // End of definition of class GCD;
```

Comments

- The static method assert() expects a Boolean argument.
- During normal program execution, every call assert(e); is ignored !?
- If Java is launched with the option: —ea (enable assertions), the calls of assert are evaluated:
 - ⇒ If the argument expression yields true, program execution continues.
 - ⇒ If the argument expression yields false, the error AssertionError is thrown.

Caveat

The run-time check should evaluate a property of the program state when reaching a particular program point.

The check should by no means change the program state (significantly) !!!

Otherwise, the behavior of the observed system differs from the unobserved system ???

In order to check properties of complicated data-structures, it is recommended to realize distinct inspector classes whose objects allow to inspect the data-structure without interference !

Problem

- In general, there are many program executions ...
- Validity of assertions can be checked by the Java run-time only for a specific execution at a time.



We require a general method in order to guarantee that a given assertion is valid ...

1.1 Program Verification



Robert W Floyd, Stanford U. (1936 - 2001)

Simplification

For the moment, we consider MiniJava only:

- only a single static method, namely, main
- only int variables
- only if and while.

Idea

- We annotate each program point with an assertion
- At every program point, we argue that the assertion is valid ...
 - ⇒ logic

1.2 Background: Logic

Assertion: "All humans are mortal",

"Socrates is a human". "Socrates is mortal"

 $\forall x. \mathsf{human}(x) \Rightarrow \mathsf{mortal}(x)$

human(Socrates), mortal(Socrates)

Deduction: If $\forall x. P(x)$ holds, then also P(a) for a specific a !

If $A \Rightarrow B$ und A holds, then B must hold as well!

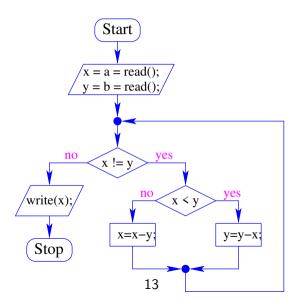
Tautology: $A \lor \neg A$

 $\forall \, x \in \mathbb{Z}. \, x < 0 \ \lor \ x = 0 \ \lor \ x > 0$

1.2 Background: Logic

Laws:
$$\neg \neg A \equiv A$$
 double negation $A \wedge A \equiv A$ idempotence $A \vee A \equiv A$ $\neg (A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$ De Morgan $\neg (A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$ $A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$ distributivity $A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$ $A \vee (B \wedge A) \equiv A$ absorption $A \wedge (B \vee A) \equiv A$

Our Example



Discussion

- The program points correspond to the edges of the control-flow diagram
- We require one assertion per edge ...

Background

 $d \mid x$ holds iff $x = d \cdot z$ for some integer z.

For integers x,y, let gcd(x,y)=0, if x=y=0, and the greatest number d which both divides x and y, otherwise.

Then the following laws hold:

Discussion

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\begin{array}{rcl} \gcd(x,0) & = & |x| \\ \gcd(x,x) & = & |x| \\ \gcd(x,y) & = & \gcd(x,y-x) \\ \gcd(x,y) & = & \gcd(x-y,y) \end{array}
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Idea for the example

- Initially, nothing holds.
- After a=read(); x=a; a=x holds.
- Before entering and during the loop, we should have:

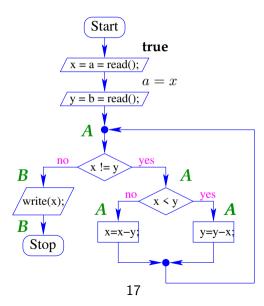
$$A \qquad \equiv \qquad \gcd(a,b) = \gcd(x,y)$$

At program exit, we should have:

$$B \equiv A \wedge x = y$$

These assertions should be locally consistent ...

Our Example



Question

How can we prove that the assertions are locally consistent?

Sub-problem 1: Assignments

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Consider, e.g., the assignment: x = y+z; In order to have after the assignment: x > 0, // post-condition we must have before the assignment: y+z>0. // pre-condition
```

General Principle

- Every assignment transforms a post-condition B into a minimal assumption that must be valid before the execution so that B is valid after the execution.
- In case of an assignment x = e; the weakest pre-condition is given by

$$\mathbf{WP}[x = e;] (B) \equiv B[e/x]$$

This means: we simply substitute everywhere in B, x by e !!!

• An arbitrary pre-condition A for a statement s is valid, whenever

$$A \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[s](B)$$

// A implies the weakest pre-condition for B.

Example

```
\begin{array}{ll} \text{assignment:} & \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \text{-} \mathbf{y} \text{;} \\ \text{post-condition:} & x > 0 \\ \text{weakest pre-condition:} & x - y > 0 \\ \text{stronger pre-condition:} & x - y > 2 \\ \text{even stronger pre-condition:} & x - y = 3 \\ \end{array}
```

... in the GCD Program (1):

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\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{assignment:} & \mbox{x = x-y;} \\ \mbox{post-condition:} & A \\ \mbox{weakest pre-condition:} & \end{array}
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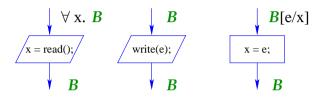
$$A[x - y/x] \equiv gcd(a, b) = gcd(x - y, y)$$
$$\equiv gcd(a, b) = gcd(x, y)$$
$$\equiv A$$

... in the GCD Program (2):

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assignment: y = y-x; post-condition: A weakest pre-condition:
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$$A[y - x/y] \equiv gcd(a, b) = gcd(x, y - x)$$
$$\equiv gcd(a, b) = gcd(x, y)$$
$$\equiv A$$

Wrap-up

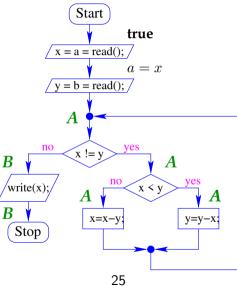


$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{WP}[\![\mathbf{y}]\!](B) & \equiv & B \\ \mathbf{WP}[\![\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e} \mathbf{y}]\!](B) & \equiv & B[e/x] \\ \mathbf{WP}[\![\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{read}(\mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}]\!](B) & \equiv & \forall x.B \\ \mathbf{WP}[\![\mathbf{write}(\mathbf{e} \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}]\!](B) & \equiv & B \end{aligned}$$

Discussion

- For all actions, the wrap-up provides the corresponding weakest pre-conditions for a post-condition B.
- An output statement does not change any variable. Therefore, the weakest pre-condition is $\ B$ itself.
- An input statement x=read(); modifies the variable x unpredictably. In order B to hold after the input, B must hold for every possible x before the input.

Orientation

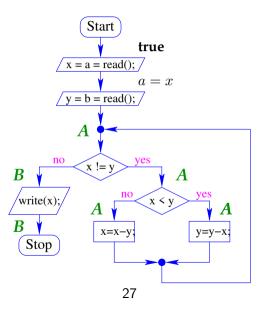


For the statements: b = read(); y = b; we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{WP} \llbracket \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{b}; \rrbracket \ (A) & \equiv & A[b/y] \\ & \equiv & gcd(a,b) = gcd(x,b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{WP} \llbracket \mathbf{b} &= \mathtt{read()} \, ; \rrbracket \, \left(gcd(a,b) = gcd(x,b) \right) \\ &\equiv \quad \forall \, b. \, gcd(a,b) = gcd(x,b) \\ &\leftarrow \quad a = x \end{aligned}$$

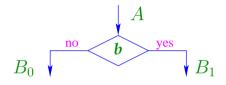
Orientation



For the statements: a = read(); x = a; we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{WP}[\![\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a};]\!] \; (a = x) & \equiv & a = a \\ & \equiv & \mathbf{true} \end{aligned}$$

Sub-problem 2: Conditionals



It should hold:

- $A \land \neg b \Rightarrow B_0$ and
- $A \wedge b \Rightarrow B_1$.

This is the case, if A implies the weakest pre-condition of the conditional branching:

$$\mathbf{WP}[\![b]\!] (B_0, B_1) \equiv ((\neg b) \Rightarrow B_0) \land (b \Rightarrow B_1)$$

The weakest pre-condition can be rewritten into:

$$\mathbf{WP}[\![b]\!] (B_0, B_1) \equiv (b \vee B_0) \wedge (\neg b \vee B_1)$$

$$\equiv (\neg b \wedge B_0) \vee (b \wedge B_1) \vee (B_0 \wedge B_1)$$

$$\equiv (\neg b \wedge B_0) \vee (b \wedge B_1)$$

Example

$$B_0 \equiv x > y \land y > 0$$
 $B_1 \equiv y > x \land x > 0$

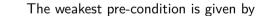
Assume that b is the condition y > x.

Then the weakest pre-condition is given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (x \geq y \wedge x > y \wedge y > 0) \vee (y > x \wedge y > x \wedge x > 0) \\ & \equiv & (x > y \wedge y > 0) \vee (y > x \wedge x > 0) \\ & \equiv & x > 0 \wedge y > 0 \wedge x \neq y \end{array}$$

...for the GCD Example

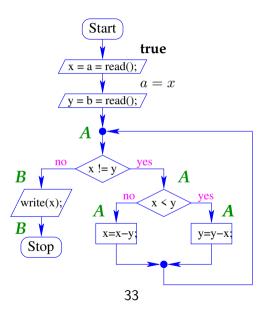
$$\begin{array}{rcl} b & \equiv & y > x \\ \\ \neg b \wedge A & \equiv & x \geq y \wedge \gcd(a,b) = \gcd(x,y) \\ \\ b \wedge A & \equiv & y > x \wedge \gcd(a,b) = \gcd(x,y) \end{array}$$



$$gcd(a,b) = gcd(x,y)$$

$$\dots$$
 i.e., exactly A

Orientation



The argument for the assertion before the loop is analogous:

$$b \equiv y \neq x$$

$$\neg b \land B \equiv A \land x = y$$

$$b \land A \equiv A \land x \neq y$$

$$A \equiv (A \land (x = y \lor x \neq y))$$
 is the weakest precondition for the conditional branching.

Summary of the Approach

- Annotate each program point with an assertion.
- Program start should receive annotation true.
- Verify for each statement s between two assertions A and B, that A implies the weakest pre-condition of s for B i.e.,

$$A \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[s](B)$$

• Verify for each conditional branching with condition b, whether the assertion A before the condition implies the weakest pre-condition for the post-conditions B_0 and B_1 of the branching, i.e.,

$$A \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[\![b]\!] (B_0, B_1)$$

An annotation with the last two properties is called locally consistent.

1.3 Correctness

Questions

- Which program properties can be verified by means of locally consistent annotations?
- How can we be sure that our method does not prove wrong claims ??

Recap (1)

In MiniJava, the program state σ consists of a variable assignment, i.e., a mapping of program variables to integers (their values), e.g.,

$$\sigma = \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto -42\}$$

- A state σ satisfies an assertion A , if

$$A[\sigma(x)/x]_{x\in A}$$

// every variable in A is substituted by its value in σ is a tautology, i.e., equivalent to **true**.

We write: $\sigma \models A$.

Example

```
\begin{array}{rcl}
\sigma & = & \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto 2\} \\
A & = & (x > y)
\end{array}

 A[5/x, 2/y] \equiv (5 > 2)
                             = true
\begin{array}{ll} {\color{red}\sigma} & = & \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto 12\} \\ A & \equiv & (x > y) \end{array}
A[5/x, 12/y] \equiv (5 > 12)
                        = false
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Trivial Properties

Recap (2)

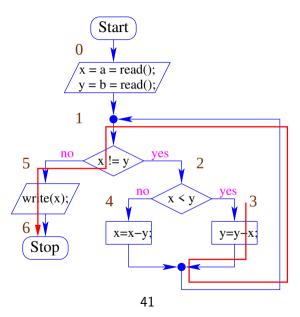
- An execution trace π traverses a path in the control-flow graph.
- It starts in a program point u_0 with an initial state σ_0 and leads to a program point u_m with a final state σ_m .
- Every step of the execution trace performs an action and (possibly) changes program point and state.

 \Longrightarrow The trace π can be represented as a sequence

$$(u_0,\sigma_0)s_1(u_1,\sigma_1)\ldots s_m(u_m,\sigma_m)$$

where s_i are elements of the control-flow graph, i.e., basic statements or (possibly negated) conditional expressions (guards) ...

Example



 $\text{Assume that we start in point} \quad \textbf{3} \quad \text{with} \qquad \{x\mapsto 6, y\mapsto 12\}.$

Then we obtain the following execution trace:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \pi & = & (\mathbf{3}, \{x \mapsto 6, y \mapsto 12\}) & \text{y = y-x;} \\ & & (\mathbf{1}, \{x \mapsto 6, y \mapsto 6\}) & \neg (\text{x != y}) \\ & & (\mathbf{5}, \{x \mapsto 6, y \mapsto 6\}) & \text{write(x);} \\ & & (\mathbf{6}, \{x \mapsto 6, y \mapsto 6\}) & \end{array}$$

Important operation: Update of of state

$$\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto d\} = \{z \mapsto \sigma z \mid z \not\equiv x\} \cup \{x \mapsto d\}$$

$$\{x\mapsto 6, y\mapsto 12\}\oplus \{y\mapsto 6\}\ =\ \{x\mapsto 6, y\mapsto 6\}$$

Theorem

Let p be a MiniJava program, let π be an execution trace starting in program point u and leading to program point v.

Assumptions:

- lacktriangleright The program points in p are annotated by assertions which are locally consistent.
- The program point u is annotated with A.
- The program point v is annotated with B.

Conclusion:

If the initial state of π satisfies the assertion A, then the final state satisfies the assertion B.

Remarks

- If the start point of the program is annotated with **true**, then every execution trace reaching program point v satisfies the assertion at v.
- In order to prove that an assertion A holds at a program point v, we require a locally consistent annotation satisfying:
 - (1) The start point is annotated with **true**.
 - (2) The assertion at v implies A.
- So far, our method does not provide any guarantee that v is ever reached $\mathop{!!!}$
- If a program point v can be annotated with the assertion **false**, then v cannot be reached.

Proof

Let
$$\pi = (u_0, \sigma_0)s_1(u_1, \sigma_1)\dots s_m(u_m, \sigma_m)$$

Assumption: $\sigma_0 \models A$. Proof obligation: $\sigma_m \models B$.

Idea

Induction on the length m of the execution trace.

Base m=0:

The endpoint of the execution equals the startpoint.

- $\implies \sigma_0 = \sigma_m \text{ and } A \equiv B$
- → the claim holds.

Important Notion: Evaluation of Expressions

Program State

$$\sigma = \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto -1, z \mapsto 21\}$$

Arithmetic Expression

$$t \equiv 2*z+y$$

Evaluation

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket \stackrel{\sigma}{\sigma} = \llbracket 2 * z + y \rrbracket \{ x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto -1, z \mapsto 21 \}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 21 + (-1)$$

$$= 41$$

Proposition

For (arithmethic) expressions t, e,

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket \left({\color{red} \sigma} \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket {\color{red} \sigma} \} \right) = \llbracket t[e/x] \rrbracket {\color{red} \sigma}$$

E.g.,, consider
$$t \equiv \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \ e \equiv 2 * \mathbf{z}$$
 for $\sigma = \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto -1, z \mapsto 21\}$.
$$[\![t]\!] (\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto [\![e]\!] \sigma\}) = [\![t]\!] (\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto 42\})$$
$$= [\![t]\!] (\{x \mapsto 42, y \mapsto -1, z \mapsto 21\})$$
$$= 42 + (-1) = 41$$
$$[\![t[\![e/\mathbf{x}]\!]\!] \sigma = [\![(2 * \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{y}]\!] \sigma$$
$$= (2 \cdot 21) - 1 = 41$$

Proposition

Proof

$$\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket \sigma\} \quad \models \quad t_1 < t_2$$

$$\text{iff} \quad \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket \left(\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket \sigma\} \right) < \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket \left(\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket \sigma\} \right)$$

$$\text{iff} \quad \llbracket t_1 \llbracket e/x \rrbracket \rrbracket \sigma < \llbracket t_2 \llbracket e/x \rrbracket \rrbracket \sigma$$

$$\text{iff} \quad \sigma \models t_1 \llbracket e/x \rrbracket < t_2 \llbracket e/x \rrbracket \qquad \square$$

Proposition

for every formula A,

$$\sigma \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket \sigma\} \models A \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma \models A[e/x]$$

Proof

Induction on the structure of formula $A \qquad \Box$

Step m > 0:

Induction Hypothesis: The statement holds already for m-1.

Let B' denote the assertion at point u_{m-1} . $\Longrightarrow \sigma_{m-1} \models B'$

First, we deal with statements.

Case 1.
$$s_m \equiv ;$$
Then $\sigma_{m-1} = \sigma_m$
 $\mathbf{WP}[\![;]\!](B) \equiv B$
 $B' \Rightarrow B$
 $\sigma_{m-1} = \sigma_m \models B$

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Case 2. s_m \equiv write(e);
Then \sigma_{m-1} = \sigma_m
         • WP[write(e):](B) \equiv B
\Longrightarrow B' \Rightarrow B
\Longrightarrow \sigma_{m-1} = \sigma_m \models B
Case 3. s_m \equiv x = e: Then we have:
B' \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[x = e; ](B) \equiv B[e/x]
\longrightarrow \sigma_{m-1} \models B[e/x]
\Longrightarrow \sigma_{m-1} \models B[e/x] \text{ iff } \sigma_m \models B
\Longrightarrow \sigma_m \models B
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Case 4. s_m \equiv \mathbf{x} = \operatorname{read}();

Then \sigma_m = \sigma_{m-1} \oplus \{x \mapsto c\} for some c \in \mathbb{Z}

\mathbf{WP}[\mathbf{x} = \operatorname{read}();]](B) \equiv \forall x. B

\Rightarrow B' \Rightarrow \forall x. B \Rightarrow B[c/x]

\Rightarrow \sigma_m \models B
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Step m > 0:

Induction Hypothesis: The statement holds already for m-1.

Let B' denote the assertion at point u_{m-1} .

$$\Longrightarrow \sigma_{m-1} \models B'$$

Finally, consider tests $s_m \equiv b$.

Then in particular, $\sigma_{m-1} = \sigma_m$

Case 1.
$$\sigma_{m} \models b$$
 $\Rightarrow B' \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[b](C, B)$ where

 $\mathbf{WP}[b](C, B) \equiv (\neg b \Rightarrow C) \land (b \Rightarrow B)$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{m} \models b \land (b \Rightarrow B)$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{m} \models B \square$

Case 2. $\sigma_{m} \models \neg b$
 $\Rightarrow B' \Rightarrow \mathbf{WP}[b](B, C)$ where

 $\mathbf{WP}[b](B, C) \equiv (\neg b \Rightarrow B) \land (b \Rightarrow C)$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{m} \models \neg b \land (\neg b \Rightarrow B)$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{m} \models B \square$

This completes proof of the theorem.

Conclusion

- The method of Floyd allows us to prove that an assertion B holds whenever (or under certain assumptions) a program point is reached ...
- For the implementation, we require:
 - the assertion true at the start point
 - assertions for each further program point
 - a proof that the assertions are locally consistent
 - ⇒ Logic, automated theorem proving

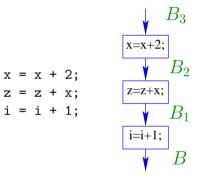
1.4 Optimization

Goal: Reduction of the number of required assertions

Observation

If the program has no loops, a weakest pre-condition can be calculated for each program point !!!

Example



Example (cont.)

Assume $B \equiv z = i^2 \wedge x = 2i - 1$ Then we calculate:

$$B_{1} \equiv \mathbf{WP}[i = i+1;](B) \equiv z = (i+1)^{2} \land x = 2(i+1) - 1$$

$$\equiv z = (i+1)^{2} \land x = 2i+1$$

$$B_{2} \equiv \mathbf{WP}[z = z+x;](B_{1}) \equiv z + x = (i+1)^{2} \land x = 2i+1$$

$$\equiv z = i^{2} \land x = 2i+1$$

$$B_{3} \equiv \mathbf{WP}[x = x+2;](B_{2}) \equiv z = i^{2} \land x + 2 = 2i+1$$

$$\equiv z = i^{2} \land x = 2i-1$$

Idea

For every loop, select one program point.

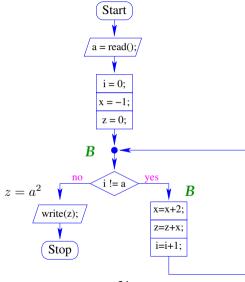
Meaningful selections:

- → Before the condition
- → At the entry of the loop body
- → At the exit of the loop body ...
- Provide an assertion for each selected program point
 - ⇒ loop invariant
- For all other program points, the assertions are obtained by means of WP[...]().

Example

```
int a, i, x, z;
2 a = read();
3 i = 0;
x = -1;
5 z = 0;
7 while (i != a) {
  x = x + 2;
\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x};
i = i + 1;
11 }
12
13   assert(z == a * a);
14
urite(z);
```

Example

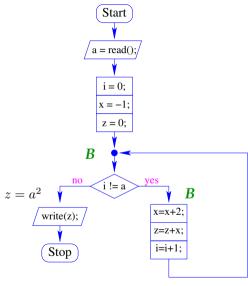


We verify

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{WP} \llbracket \mathbf{i} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{a} \rrbracket (z = a^2, B) & \equiv & (i = a \land z = a^2) \lor (i \neq a \land B) \\ & \equiv & (i = a \land z = a^2) \lor (i \neq a \land z = i^2 \land x = 2i - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Leftarrow & (i = a \land z = i^2 \land x = 2i - 1) \lor (i \neq a \land z = i^2 \land x = 2i - 1) \\ & \equiv & z = i^2 \land x = 2i - 1 \equiv B \end{aligned}$$

Orientation



We verify:

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 \begin{split} \mathbf{WP} [\![ \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0} ; ]\!] (B) & \equiv & 0 = i^2 \wedge x = 2i - 1 \\ & \equiv & i = 0 \wedge x = -1 \\ \mathbf{WP} [\![ \mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{1} ; ]\!] (i = 0 \wedge x = -1) & \equiv & i = 0 \\ \mathbf{WP} [\![ \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{0} ; ]\!] (i = 0) & \equiv & \mathbf{true} \\ \mathbf{WP} [\![ \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{read}() ; ]\!] (\mathbf{true}) & \equiv & \mathbf{true} \\ \end{split}
```

1.5 Termination

Problem

- By our approach, we can only prove that an assertion is valid at a program point whenever that program point is reached !!!
- How can we guarantee that a program always terminates ?
- How can we determine a sufficient condition which guarantees termination of the program ??

Examples

- The GCD program only terminates for inputs a, b with a = b or a > 0 and b > 0.
- The square program terminates only for inputs $a \ge 0$.
- while(true); never terminates.
- Programs without loops terminate always!

Can this example be generalized ??

Example

- The read number i (if non-negative) indicates how often j is read.
- The total running time (essentially) equals the sum of all non-negative values read into j
 - → the program always terminates !!!

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Programs with for-loops only of the form:
    for (i=n; i>0; i--) {...}

// i is not modified in the body
    ... always terminate!
```

Question

How can we turn this observation into a method that is applicable to arbitrary loops?

Idea

- Make sure that each loop is executed only finitely often ...
- For each loop, identify an indicator value r, that has two properties
 - (1) r > 0 whenever the loop is entered;
 - (2) r is decreased during every iteration of the loop.
- lacktriangleright Transform the program in a way that, alongside ordinary program execution, the indicator value r is computed.
- Verify that properties (1) and (2) hold!

Eample: Safe GCD Program

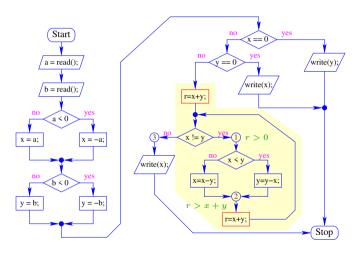
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int a, b, x, y;
2  a = read(); b = read();
a = a; else x = a;
4 if (b < 0) y = -b; else y = b;
if (x == 0) write(y);
   else if (y == 0) write(x);
       else {
         while (x != y)
           if (y > x) y = y - x;
else x = x - y;
vrite(x);
12 }
```

We choose: r = x + y

Transformation

```
int a, b, x, y, r;
a = read(); b = read();
a = a; else x = a;
4 if (b < 0) v = -b; else v = b;
if (x == 0) write(y);
   else if (y == 0) write(x);
       else { r = x + y;
         while (x != v)  {
            if (y > x) y = y - x;
           else x = x - y;
10
r = x + y; 
write(x);
13 }
```

Orientation



At program points 1, 2 and 3, we assert:

A
$$\equiv x \neq y \land x > 0 \land y > 0 \land r = x + y$$

(1)
$$A \equiv x \neq y \land x > 0 \land y > 0 \land r = x + y$$

(2) $B \equiv x > 0 \land y > 0 \land r > x + y$

true

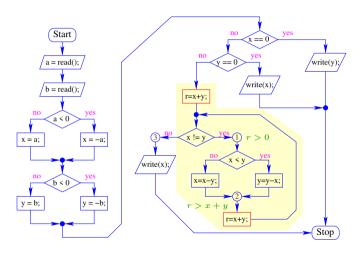
Then we have:

$$A \Rightarrow r > 0$$
 und $B \Rightarrow r > x + y$

We verify:

```
WP[x != y](true, A) \equiv x = y \vee A
                                  \Leftarrow x > 0 \land y > 0 \land r = x + y
\mathbf{WP}[\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}; ](C) \equiv x > 0 \land y > 0
                                  \leftarrow B
\mathbf{WP}[x = x-y; ](B) \qquad \equiv \quad x > y \land y > 0 \land r > x
\mathbf{WP}[y = y-x;](B) \equiv x > 0 \land y > x \land r > y
\mathbf{WP}[y > x](\ldots, \ldots) \equiv (x > y \land y > 0 \land r > x) \lor
                                        (x > 0 \land y > x \land r > y)
                                  \Leftarrow x \neq y \land x > 0 \land y > 0 \land r = x + y
```

Orientation



Further propagation of $\ C$ through the control-flow graph completes the locally consistent annotation with assertions.

We conclude:

- At program points 1 and 2, the assertions r > 0 and r > x + y, respectively, hold.
- During every iteration, r decreases, but stays non-negative.
- Accordingly, the loop can only be iterated finitely often.
 - the program terminates!

General Method

- For every occurring loop while (b) s we introduce a fresh variable r.
- Then we transform the loop into:

```
1    r = e0;
2    while(b) {
3         assert(r > 0);
4         s;
5         assert(r > e1);
6         r = e1;
7    }
```

for suitable expressions e0, e1.

1.6 Modular Verification and Procedures



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Idea

- Modularize the correctness proof in a way that sub-proofs for replicated program fragments can be reused.
- Consider statements of the form:

$$\{A\}$$
 p $\{B\}$

... this means:

If before the execution of program fragment p, assertion A holds and program execution terminates, then after execution of p assertion B holds.

A: pre-conditionB: post-condition

Examples

```
 \{x>y\} \quad {\tt z = x-y;} \quad \{z>0\}   \{{\tt true}\} \quad {\tt if (x<0) \ x=-x;} \quad \{x\geq 0\}   \{x>7\} \quad {\tt while (x!=0) \ x=x-1;} \quad \{x=0\}   \{{\tt true}\} \quad {\tt while (true);} \quad \{{\tt false}\}
```

Modular verification can be used to prove the correctness of programs using functions/methods.

Simplification

We only consider

- procedures, i.e., static methods without return values;
- global variables, i.e., all variables are static as well.
 - // will be generalized later

Example

```
int a, b;
int x, y;

void main () {
    a = read();
    b = read();
    mm();
    write (x - y);
}
```

```
void mm() {
    if (a > b) {
        x = a;
        y = b;
    } else {
        y = a;
        x = b;
    }
}
```

Comment

- for simplicity, we have removed all qualifiers static.
- The procedure definitions are not recursive.
- The program reads two numbers.
- The procedure minmax stores the larger number in x, and the smaller number in y.
- The difference of x and y is returned.
- Our goal is to prove:

$$\{a \ge b\} \ \text{mm();} \ \{a = x\}$$

Approach

• For every procedure f(), we provide a triple

$$\{A\}$$
 f(); $\{B\}$

Relative to this global hypothesis H we verify for each procedure definition void f() { ss } that
(4) 32 (P)

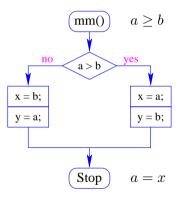
$$\{A\}$$
 ss $\{B\}$

holds.

• Whereever a procedure call occurs in the program, we rely on the triple from $H\,\dots$

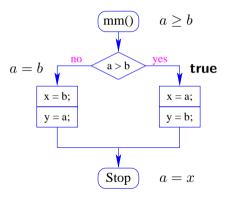
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Discussion

- The approach also works in case the procedure has a return value: that can be simulated by means of a global variable return which receives the respective function results.
- It is not obvious, though, how pre- and post-conditions of procedure calls can be chosen if a procedured is called in multiple places ...
- Even more complicated is the situation when a procedure is recursive: the it has possibly unboundedly many distinct calls !?

Example

```
int x, m0, m1, t;

void main () {
    x = read();
    m0 = 1; m1 = 1;
    if (x > 1) f();
    write (m1);
}
```

```
void f() {
    x = x-1;
    if (x > 1)
    f();
    t = m1;
    m1 = m0 + m1;
    m0 = t;
}
```

Comment

- The program reads a number.
- If the number is at most 1, the program returns 1 ...
- Otherwise, the program computes the Fibonacci function fib.
- After a call to f, the variables m0 and m1 have the values ${\rm fib}(i-1)$ and ${\rm fib}(i)$, respectively ...

Problem

- In the logic, we must be able to distinguish between the ith and the (i+1)th call.
- This is easier, if we have logical auxiliaries $\underline{l} = l_1, \dots, l_n$ at hand to store (selected) values before the call ...

In the Example

$$\{A\}$$
 f(); $\{B\}$ where
$$A \equiv x = l \land x > 1 \land m_0 = m_1 = 1$$

$$B \equiv l > 1 \land m_1 \le 2^l \land m_0 \le 2^{l-1}$$

General Approach

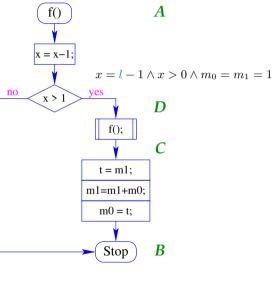
• Again, we start with a global hypothesis H which provides a description

$$\{A\}$$
 f(); $\{B\}$

- // both A and B may contain l_i for each call of f();
- Given this global hypothesies H we verify for each procedure definition void f() { ss } that $\{A\}$ ss $\{B\}$

holds.

... in the Example



We start with an assertion for the end point:

$$B \equiv l > 1 \land m_1 < 2^l \land m_0 < 2^{l-1}$$

• The assertion C is obtained by means of $\mathbf{WP}[\![\ldots]\!]$ and weakening \ldots

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{WP} \llbracket \texttt{t=m1; m1=m1+m0; m0=t;} \rrbracket \; (B) \\ & \equiv \quad l-1 > 0 \wedge m_1 + m_0 \leq 2^l \wedge m_1 \leq 2^{l-1} \\ & \Leftarrow \quad l-1 > 1 \wedge m_1 \leq 2^{l-1} \wedge m_0 \leq 2^{l-2} \\ & \equiv \quad C \end{array}$$

Question

How can the global hypothesis be used to deal with a specific procedure call ????

Idea

- The assertion $\{A\}$ f(); $\{B\}$ represents a value table for f().
- This value table can be logically represented by the implication:

$$\forall \underline{l}. \ (A[\underline{h}/\underline{x}] \Rightarrow B)$$

// <u>h</u> denotes a sequence of auxiliaries

The values of the variables \underline{x} before the call are recorded in the auxiliaries.

Examples

```
Function: void double () { x = 2*x;} Specification \{x = l\} double(); \{x = 2l\} Table: \forall l.(h = l) \Rightarrow (x = 2l) \equiv (x = 2h)
```

For the Fibonacci function, we calculate:

$$\forall \ \textit{l}. \ (h > 1 \land h = \textit{l} \land h_0 = h_1 = 1) \ \Rightarrow \\ \textit{l} > 1 \land m_1 \le 2^{\textit{l}} \land m_0 \le 2^{\textit{l}-1}$$
$$\equiv \ (h > 1 \land h_0 = h_1 = 1) \ \Rightarrow \ m_1 \le 2^{\textit{h}} \land m_0 \le 2^{\textit{h}-1}$$

Another pair (A_1,B_1) of assertions forms a valid triple $\{A_1\}$ f(); $\{B_1\}$, if we are able to prove that

$$\frac{\forall \underline{l}. \ A[\underline{h}/\underline{x}] \Rightarrow B}{B_1} \qquad A_1[\underline{h}/\underline{x}]$$

Example: double()

$$A \equiv x = l$$
 $B \equiv x = 2l$
 $A_1 \equiv x \ge 3$ $B_1 \equiv x \ge 6$

We verify:

$$\frac{x = 2h}{x \ge 6} \qquad \frac{h \ge 3}{}$$

Remarks

Valid pairs (A_1, B_1) are obtained, e.g.,

by substituting logical variables:

$$\frac{\{x=\textit{l}\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2\textit{l}\}}{\{x=\textit{l}-1\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2(\textit{l}-1)\}}$$

• by adding a condition C to the logical variables:

$$\frac{\{x=\textit{l}\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2\textit{l}\}}{\{x=\textit{l} \land \textit{l} > 0\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2\textit{l} \land \textit{l} > 0\}}$$

Remarks (cont.)

Valid pairs (A_1, B_1) are also obtained,

• if the pre-condition is strengthened or the post-condition weakened:

$$\frac{\{x=l\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2l\}}{\{x>0 \land x=l\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2l\}}$$

$$\frac{\{x=l\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2l\}}{\{x=l\} \text{ double(); } \{x=2l \lor x=-1\}}$$

Application to Fibonacci

Our goal is to prove: $\{D\}$ f(); $\{C\}$

$$A \equiv x > 1 \land l = x \land m_0 = m_1 = 1$$

$$A[(l-1)/l] \equiv x > 1 \land l - 1 = x \land m_0 = m_1 = 1$$

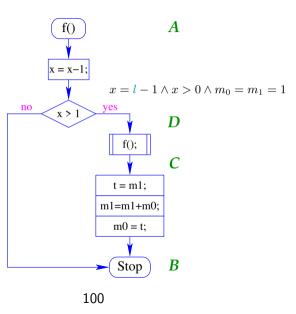
$$\equiv D$$

$$B \equiv l > 1 \land m_1 \le 2^l \land m_0 \le 2^{l-1}$$

$$B[(l-1)/l] \equiv l - 1 > 1 \land m_1 \le 2^{l-1} \land m_0 \le 2^{l-2}$$

$$\equiv C$$

Orientation



For the conditional, we verify:

$$\mathbf{WP}[x>1] (B,D) \equiv (x \le 1 \land l > 1 \land m_1 \le 2^l \land m_0 \le 2^{l-1}) \lor (x > 1 \land x = l - 1 \land m_1 = m_0 = 1)$$

$$\Leftarrow x > 0 \land x = l - 1 \land m_0 = m_1 = 1$$

1.7 Procedures with Local Variables

- Procedures f() modify global variables.
- The values of local variables of the caller before and after the call remain unchanged.

Example

```
1 {int y = 17; double(); write(y);}
```

Before and after the call of double() we have: y = 17.

- The values of local variables are automatically preserved, if the global hypothesis has the following properties:
 - \rightarrow The pre- and post-conditions: $\{A\}, \{B\}$ of procedures only speak about global variables !
 - \rightarrow The \underline{h} are only used for global variables !!
- As a new specific instance of adaptation, we obtain:

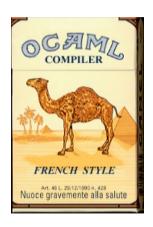
$$\frac{\{A\} \ f(); \ \{B\}}{\{A \land C\} \ f(); \ \{B \land C\}}$$

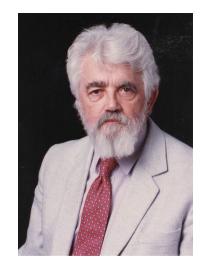
if C only speaks about logical variables or local variables of the caller.

Summary

- Every further language construct requires dedicated verification techniques.
- How to deal with dynamic data-structures, objects, classes, inheritance ?
- How to deal with concurrency, reactivity ??
- Do the presented methods allow to prove everything completeness ?
- In how far can verification be automated ?
- How much help must be provided by the programmer and/or the verifier ?

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2 Basics

- Interpreter Environment
- Expressions
- Definitions of Values
- More Complex Datatypes
- Lists
- Definitions (cont.)
- User-defined Datatypes

2.1 The Interpreter Environment

The basic interpreter is called with ocaml.

```
seidl@linux:~> ocaml

Classification of the series of the
```

Definitions of variables, functions, \dots can now immediately be inserted. Alternatively, they can be read from a file:

```
1 # #use "Hello.ml";;
```

2.2 Expressions

```
1  # 3+4;;
2  - : int = 7
3  # 3+
4   4;;
5  - : int = 7
6  #
```

- \rightarrow At **#**, the interpreter is waiting for input.
- ightarrow The ;; causes evaluation of the given input.
- $\,\rightarrow\,\,$ The result is computed and returned together with its type.

Advantage: Individual functions can be tested without re-compilation!

Pre-defined Constants and Operators

| Type | Constants: examples | Operators |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| int | 0 3 -7 | + - * / mod |
| float | -3.0 7.0 | + *. /. |
| bool | true false | not && |
| string | "hello" | ^ |
| char | 'a' 'b' | |

| Туре | Comparison operators |
|--------|----------------------|
| int | = <> < <= >= > |
| float | = <> < <= >= > |
| bool | = <> < <= >= > |
| string | = <> < <= >= > |
| char | = <> < <= >= > |

```
1 # -3.0 /. 4.0;;
2 - : float = -0.75
3 # "So" ^ " " ^ "it" ^ " " ^ "goes";;
4 - : string = "So it goes"
5 # 1 > 2 || not (2.0 < 1.0);;
6 - : bool = true</pre>
```

2.3 Definitions of Values

By means of let, a variable can be assigned a value.

The variable retains this value for ever!

```
# let seven = 3 + 4;;
val seven : int = 7
# seven;;
- : int = 7
```

Caveat: Variable names are start with a small letter !!!

Another definition of seven does not assign a new value to seven, but creates a new variable with the name seven.

```
# let seven = 42;;
val seven : int = 42
# seven;;
- : int = 42
# let seven = "seven";;
val seven : string = "seven"
```

The old variable is now hidden (but still there)!

Apparently, the new variable may even have a different type.

2.4 More Complex Datatypes

Pairs

```
1 # (3 , 4);;
2 - : int * int = (3, 4)
3 # (1=2,"hello");;
4 - : bool * string = (false, "hello")
```

Tuples

```
# (2, 3, 4, 5);;
-: int * int * int * int = (2, 3, 4, 5)
# ("hello", true, 3.14159);;
-: string * bool * float = ("hello", true, 3.14159)
```

Simultaneous Definition of Variables

```
# let (x,y) = (3,4.0);;
val x : int = 3
val y : float = 4.

# let (3,y) = (3,4.0);;
val y : float = 4.0
```

The latter use, though, will beforehand trigger the warning:

```
this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
```

Records: Example

```
# type person = {given:string; sur:string; age:int};;
  type person = { given : string; sur : string; age : int; }
3
    # let paul = { given="Paul"; sur="Meier"; age=24 };;
    val paul : person = {given = "Paul"; sur = "Meier"; age = 24}
  # let hans = { sur="kohl"; age=23; given="hans"};;
   val hans: person = {given = "hans"; sur = "kohl"; age = 23}
    # let hansi = {age=23; sur="kohl"; given="hans"};;
10
    val hansi : person = {given = "hans"; sur = "kohl"; age = 23}
11
12
  # hans = hansi::
13
14 - : bool = true
```

Remark

- ... Records are tuples with named components whose ordering, therefore, is irrelevant.
- ... As a new type, a record must be introduced before its use by means of a type declaration.
- ... Type names and record components start with a small letter.

Access to Record Components

... via selection of components

... with pattern matching

```
# let {given = x; sur = y; age = z} = paul;;
val x : string = "Paul"
val y : string = "Meier"
val z : int = 24
```

... and if we are not interested in everything:

```
# let {given = x; _} = paul;;
val x : string = "Paul"
```

Case Distinction: match and if

The second example can also be written as

```
if e then e1 else e2
```

Watch out for redundant and incomplete matches!

```
1 # let n = 7;;
val n : int = 7
  # match n with 0 -> "zero";;
   Warning: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
   Here is an example of a value that is not matched:
   Exception: Match_failure ("", 5, -13).
  # match n
     with 0 -> "zero"
12 | 0 -> "one"
          -> "uncountable!";;
13
    Warning: this match case is unused.
14
   - : string = "uncountable!
```

2.5 Lists

11 val 1 : int list = [1; 2; 3]

Lists are constructed by means of [] and ::. Short-cut: [42; 0; 16] 1 # let mt = [];; val mt : 'a list = [] 4 # let l1 = 1::mt;; 5 val 11 : int list = [1] 7 # let 1 = [1;2;3];; val 1 : int list = [1; 2; 3] 10 # let l = 1::2::3::[];;

Caveat

All elements must have the same type:

```
# 1.0 :: \underline{1} :: [];;
This expression has type int but is here used with type float
```

alpha list describes lists with elements of type alpha.

The type 'a is a type variable:

denotes an empty list for arbitrary element types.

Pattern Matching on Lists

2.6 Definition of Functions

```
# let double x = 2 * x;;
val double : int -> int = <fun>

# (double 3, double (double 1));;
- : int * int = (6,4)
```

- ightarrow Behind the function name follow the parameters.
- \rightarrow The function name is just a variable whose value is a function.

 \rightarrow Alternatively, we may introduce a variable whose value is a function.

```
# let double = fun x -> 2 * x;;
val double : int -> int = <fun>
```

- → This function definition starts with fun, followed by the sequence of formal parameters.
- \rightarrow After -> follows the specification of the return value.
- ightarrow The variables from the left can be accessed on the right.

Caveat

Functions may additionally access the values of variables which have been visible at their point of definition:

```
1 # let factor = 2;;
val factor : int = 2
3
# let double x = factor * x;;
  val double : int -> int = <fun>
7 # let factor = 4;;
 val factor : int = 4
10 # double 3;;
-: int = 6
```

Caveat

A function is a value:

```
1  # double;;
2  - : int -> int = <fun>
```

Recursive Functions

A function is recursive, if it calls itself (directly or indirectly).

```
# let rec fac n = if n < 2 then 1 else n * fac (n - 1);;
val fac : int -> int = <fun>

# let rec fib = fun x -> if x <= 1 then 1
else fib (x - 1) + fib (x - 2);;
val fib : int -> int = <fun>
```

For that purpose, OCaml offers the keyword rec.

If functions call themselves indirectly via other other functions, they are called mutually recursive.

```
# let rec even n = if n=0 then "even" else odd (n-1)
and odd n = if n=0 then "odd" else even (n-1);;
val even : int -> string = <fun>
val odd : int -> string = <fun>
```

We combine their definitions by means of the keyword and.

Definition by Case Distinction

```
# let rec length = fun l -> match l
with [] -> 0
| x::xs -> 1 + length xs;;

val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
| length [1; 2; 3];;
| - : int = 3
```

... can be shorter written as

Case distinction for several arguments

... can also be written as

```
# let rec app = function [] -> fun y -> y
| x::xs -> fun y -> x::app xs y;;

val app : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
# app [1; 2] [3; 4];;
- : int list = [1; 2; 3; 4]
```

Local Definitions

Definitions introduced by **let** may occur locally:

2.7 User-defined Datatypes

Example: playing cards

How to specify color and value of a card?

```
First Idea: pairs of strings and numbers, e.g.,
```

```
("diamonds", 10) \equiv diamonds ten

("clubs", 11) \equiv clubs jack

("gras", 14) \equiv gras ace
```

Disadvantages

- Testing of the color requires a comparison of strings
 - \longrightarrow inefficient!
- Representation of Jack as 11 is not intuitive
 - → incomprehensible program!
- Which card represents the pair ("clubs", 9)?
 (typos are not recognized by the compiler)

Better: Enumeration types of OCaml.

Example: Playing cards

2. Idea: Enumeration Types

```
# type color = Diamonds | Hearts | Gras | Clubs;;

type color = Diamonds | Hearts | Gras | Clubs

# type value = Seven | Eight | Nine | Jack | Queen | King |

Ten | Ace;;

type value = Seven | Eight | Nine | Jack | Queen | King |

Ten | Ace

# Clubs;;

- : color = Clubs

# let gras_jack = (Gras, Jack);;

val gras_jack : color * value = (Gras, Jack)
```

Advantages

- \rightarrow The representation is intuitive.
- \rightarrow Typing errors are recognized:

```
# (Culbs, Nine);;
Unbound constructor Culbs
```

 \rightarrow The internal representation is efficient.

Remark

- \rightarrow By type, a new type is defined.
- ightarrow The alternatives are called constructors and are separated by ightharpoonup .
- ightarrow Every constructor starts with a capital letter and is uniquely assigned to a type.

Enumeration Types (cont.)

Constructors can be compared:

```
# Clubs < Diamonds;;
   - : bool = false;;
# Clubs > Diamonds;;
   - : bool = true;;
```

Pattern Matching on constructors:

```
# let is_trump = function
| (Hearts,_) -> true
| (_,Jack) -> true
| (_,Queen) -> true
| (_,Queen) -> true
| (_,_) -> false
| (_,_) -> false
| val is_trump : color * value -> bool = <fun>
```

By that, e.g.,

```
# is_trump (Gras, Jack);;
- : bool = true
# is_trump (Clubs, Nine);;
- : bool = false
```

Another useful function:

```
# let string_of_color = function
| Diamonds -> "Diamonds"
| Hearts -> "Hearts"
| Gras -> "Gras"
| Clubs -> "Clubs";;
| val string_of_color : color -> string = <fun>
```

Remark

The function string_of_color returns for a given color the corresponding string in constant time (the compiler, hopefully, uses jump tables).

Now, OCaml can (almost) play cards:

```
# let takes c1 c2 = match (c1.c2) with
2 | ((f1,Queen),(f2,Queen)) -> f1 > f2
3 | ((_,Queen),_) -> true
4 | ( ,( ,Queen)) -> false
((f1, Jack), (f2, Jack)) \rightarrow f1 > f2
                    -> true
6 | ((, Jack), )
                 -> false
7 | ( ,( ,Jack))
8 | ((Hearts, w1), (Hearts, w2)) -> w1 > w2
9 | ((Hearts,_),_) -> true
10 | (_,(Hearts,_)) -> false
((f1,w1),(f2,w2)) -> if f1=f2 then w1 > w2
                                      else false::
12
```

```
# let take card2 card1 =
          if takes card2 card1 then card2 else card1;;
  # let trick card1 card2 card3 card4 =
         take card4 (take card3 (take card2 card1));;
   # trick (Gras, Ace) (Gras, Nine) (Hearts, Ten) (Clubs, Jack);;
    - : color * value = (Clubs, Jack)
    # trick (Clubs, Eight) (Clubs, King) (Gras, Ten)
             (Clubs, Nine);;
11
- : color * value = (Clubs, King)
```

Sum Types

Sum types generalize of enumeration types in that constructors now may have arguments.

Example: Optional Values

```
type 'a option = None | Some of 'a
let is_some x = match x with
| Some _ -> true
| None -> false
```

```
let get x = match x with
3 | Some y -> y
4 let value x a = match x with
5 | Some y -> y
6 | None -> a
  let map f x = match x with
  | Some y -> Some (f y)
9 | None -> None
   let join a = match a with
11 | Some a' -> a'
12 | None -> None
```

Option is a module, which collects useful functions and values for option.

A constructor defined inside type t = Con of <type> | ...

has functionality Con : <type> -> t — must, however, always occur applied

```
# Some;;
The constructor Some expects 1 argument(s),
   but is here applied to 0 argument(s)
4
5 # None;;
  - : 'a option = None
  # Some 10:
   -: int option = Some 10
10
# let a = Some "Hello!";;
val a : string option = Some "Hello!"
```

The type option is polymorphic – which means that it can be constructed for any type 'a, in particular int or string.

```
Polymorphic types with parameters 'a, 'b, 'c are then introduced by type ('a,'b,'c) t = ...
```

The option type is useful for defining partial functions

Datatypes can be recursive:

```
type sequence = End | Next of (int * sequence)

Next (1, Next (2, End));;
= : sequence = Next (1, Next (2, End))
```

Note the similarity to lists!

A corresponding polymorphic type could be

```
type 'a sequence = End | Next of ('a * 'a sequence)

**Next (1, Next (2, End));;
- : int sequence = Next (1, Next (2, End))
```

Recursive datatypes lead to recursive functions:

```
# let rec nth n s = match (n, s) with
2 | (_, End) -> None
3 | (0, Next (x, _)) -> Some x
val nth : int -> 'a sequence -> 'a option = <fun>
6
 # nth 4 (Next (1, Next (2, End)));;
  -: int = None
# nth 2 (Next (1, Next(2, Next (5, Next (17, End)))));;
-: int = Some 5
```

Another Example

```
# let rec down = function
| 0 -> End
| n -> Next (n, down (n-1));;
| val down : int -> int sequence = <fun>
| down 3;;
| - : int sequence = Next (3, Next (2, Next (1, End)));;
| down (-1);;
| Stack overflow during evaluation (looping recursion?).
```

3 A closer Look at Functions

- Tail Calls
- Higher-order Functions
 - \rightarrow Currying
 - \rightarrow Partial Application
- Polymorphic Functions
- Polymorphic Datatypes
- Anonymous Functions

3.1 Tail Calls

A tail call in the body e of a function is a call whose value provides the value of e ...

```
1 let f x = x + 5
2
3 let g y = let z = 7
4 in if y > 5 then f (-y)
5 else z + f y
```

The first call is tail, the second is not.

- From a tail call, we need not return to the calling function.
- → The stack space of the calling function can immediately be recycled !!!

A recursive function f is called tail recursive, if all (direct or indirect) calls to f and all functions mutually recursive with f in the right-hand sides of any of these functions are tail calls.

Examples

```
1 let fac x = let rec facit n acc =
2    if n <= 1 then acc
3    else facit (n - 1) (n * acc)
4    in facit x 1
5
6    let rec loop x = if x < 2 then x
7    else if x mod 2 = 0 then loop (x / 2)
8    else loop (3 * x + 1)</pre>
```

Discussion

- Tail-recursive functions can be executed as efficiently as loops in imperative languages.
- The intermediate results are handed from one recursive call to the next in accumulating parameters.
- From that, a stopping rule computes the result.
- Tail-recursive functions are particularly popular for list processing ...

Reversing a List – Version 1

rev [0; ...; n-1] calls function app with

```
1 []
2 [n-1]
3 [n-1; n-2]
4 ...
5 [n-1; ...; 1]
```

as first argument \implies quadratic running-time!

Reversing a List – Version 2

```
let rev list =
let rec r2 a 1 =
    match 1
with [] -> a
 | x::xs \rightarrow r2 (x::a) xs
 in r2 [] list
```

- The local function r2 is tail-recursive!
 - it runs in linear running-time!!

3.2 Higher Order Functions

Consider the two functions

```
let f (a, b) = a + b + 1

let g a b = a + b + 1
```

At first sight, f and g differ only in the syntax. But they also differ in their types:

```
1  # f;;
2  - : int * int -> int = <fun>
3
4  # g;;
5  - : int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

- Function f has a single argument, namely, the pair (a,b). The return value is given by a+b+1.
- Function g has the one argument a of type int. The result of application to a is a function that, when applied to the other argument b, returns the result a+b+1:

```
# f (3, 5);;
  -: int = 9

# let g1 = g 3;;
val g1 : int -> int = <fun>

# g1 5;;
  -: int = 9
```



Haskell B. Curry, 1900–1982

In honor of its inventor Haskell B. Curry, this principle is called Currying.

- \rightarrow g is called a higher order function, because its result is again a function.
- ightarrow The application of g to a single argument is called partial, because the result takes another argument, before the body is evaluated.

The argument of a function can again be a function:

```
# let curry f a b = f (a,b);;
val curry : ('a * 'b -> 'c) -> 'a -> 'b -> 'c = <fun>
...
```

```
1 ...
3 # let plus (x,y) = x+y;
   val plus : int * int -> int = <fun>
5
   # curry plus;;
   - : int -> int -> int = <fun>
   # let plus2 = curry plus 2;;
    val plus2 : int -> int = <fun>
10
11
    # let plus3 = curry plus 3;;
12
    val plus3 : int -> int = <fun>
13
14
  # plus2 (plus3 4);;
15
-: int = 9
```

3.3 Some List Functions

```
let rec map f = function
       [] -> []
3 | x::xs -> f x :: map f xs
   let rec fold_left f a = function
   [] -> a
8
   let rec fold_right f = function
        \lceil \rceil \rightarrow \text{fun } b \rightarrow b
|x::xs \rightarrow fun b \rightarrow f x (fold right f xs b)
```

```
let rec find_opt f = function
[] -> None
| x::xs -> if f x then Some x
| else find_opt f xs
```

Remarks

- → These functions abstract from the behavior of the function f. They specify the recursion according the list structure — independently of the elements of the list.
- → Therefore, such functions are sometimes called recursion schemes or (list) functionals.
- \rightarrow List functionals are independent of the element type of the list. That type must only be known to the function f.
- → Functions which operate on equally structured data of various type, are called polymorphic.

3.4 Polymorphic Functions

The OCaml system infers the following types for the given functionals:

```
map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list

fold_left : ('a -> 'b -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'b list -> 'a

fold_right : ('a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b -> 'b

find_opt : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a option
```

 \rightarrow 'a and 'b are type variables. They can be instantiated by any type (but each occurrence with the same type).

 $\,\rightarrow\,\,$ By partial application, some of the type variables may be instantiated:

```
# string_of_int;;
val : int -> string = <fun>

# map string_of_int;;
- : int list -> string list = <fun>

# fold_left (+);;
val it : int -> int list -> int = <fun>
```

ightarrow If a functional is applied to a function that is itself polymorphic, the result may again be polymorphic:

```
# let cons_r xs x = x::xs;;
  val cons_r : 'a list -> 'a -> 'a list = <fun>
   # let rev l = fold_left cons_r [] 1;;
   val rev : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
7 # rev [1; 2; 3];;
  - : int list = [3; 2; 1]
# rev [true; false; false];;
- : bool list = [false; false; true]
```

Some of the Simplest Polymorphic Functions

```
let compose f g x = f (g x)
let twice f x = f (f x)
1 let rec iter f g x = if g x then x else iter f g (f x);;
5 val compose : ('a -> 'b) -> ('c -> 'a) -> 'c -> 'b = <fun>
a val twice : ('a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a = <fun>
  val iter : ('a -> 'a) -> ('a -> bool) -> 'a -> 'a = <fun>
  # compose not not;;
   -: bool -> bool = <fun>
11
  # compose not not true;;
12
   - : bool = true;;
14
# compose Char.chr plus2 65;;
16 - : char = 'C'
```

3.5 Polymorphic Datatypes

User-defined datatypes may be polymorphic as well:

```
type 'a tree = Leaf of 'a | Node of ('a tree * 'a tree)
```

- → tree is called type constructor, because it allows to create a new type from another type, namely its parameter 'a.
- ightarrow In the right-hand side, only those type variables may occur, which have been listed on the left.
- ightarrow The application of constructors to data may instantiate type variables:

```
# Leaf 1;;
-: int tree = Leaf 1

# Node (Leaf ('a', true), Leaf ('b', false));;
-: (char * bool) tree = Node (Leaf ('a', true), Leaf ('b', false))
```

Functions for polymorphic datatypes are, typically, again polymorphic ...

```
1 let rec size = function
2 | Leaf -> 1
3 | Node(t,t') -> size t + size t'
5 let rec flatten = function
6 | Leaf x -> [x]
7  | Node(t,t') -> flatten t @ flatten t'
   let flatten1 t = let rec doit t xs = match t with
      | Leaf x -> x :: xs
| Node(t,t') \rightarrow let xs = doit t' xs
in doit t xs
in doit t
14
15 . . .
```

```
3 val size : 'a tree -> int = <fun>
  val flatten : 'a tree -> 'a list = <fun>
5 val flatten1 : 'a tree -> 'a list = <fun>
6
  # let t = Node (Node (Leaf 1, Leaf 5), Leaf 3);;
   val t : int tree = Node (Node (Leaf 1, Leaf 5), Leaf 3)
10 # size t::
   -: int = 3
12
# flatten t;;
   val : int list = [1;5;3]
15
# flatten1 t;;
val : int list = [1:5:3]
```

3.6 Application: Queues

Wanted

Datastructure 'a queue which supports the operations

```
enqueue : 'a -> 'a queue -> 'a queue

dequeue : 'a queue -> 'a option * 'a queue

is_empty : 'a queue -> bool

queue_of_list : 'a list -> 'a queue

list_of_queue : 'a queue -> 'a list
```

First Idea

Represent the queue by a list:

```
type 'a queue = 'a list
```

The functions is_empty, queue_of_list, list_of_queue then are trivial.

Extraction means access to the topmost element:

Insertion means append:

```
let enqueue x xs = xs @ [x]
```

Discussion

- The operator @ concatenates two lists.
- The implementation is very simple.
- Extraction is cheap.
- Insertion, however, requires as many calls of @ as the queue has elements.
- Can that be improved upon ??

Second Idea

Represent the queue as two lists !!!

```
type 'a queue = Queue of 'a list * 'a list
   let is_empty = function
                  Queue ([],[]) -> true
                 -> false
6
   let queue_of_list list = Queue (list,[])
8
   let list_of_queue = function
                  Queue (first,[]) -> first
10
                 | Queue (first, last) ->
11
                         first @ List.rev last
12
```

The second list represents the tail of the list and therefore in reverse ordering ...

Second Idea (cont.)

• Insertion is in the second list:

```
let enqueue x (Queue (first, last)) =
Queue (first, x::last)
```

Extracted are elements always from the first list:
 Only if that is empty, the second list is consulted ...

Discussion

- Now, insertion is cheap!
- Extraction, however, can be as expensive as the number of elements in the second list ...
- Averaged over the number of insertions, however, the extra costs are only constant !!!

⇒ amortized cost analysis

3.7 Anonymous Functions

As we have seen, functions are data. Data, e.g., [1;2;3] can be used without naming them. This is also possible for functions:

```
1  # fun x y z -> x + y + z;;
2  - : int -> int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

- fun initiates an abstraction.
 This notion originates in the λ-calculus.
- -> has the effect of = in function definitions.
- Recursive functions cannot be defined in this way, as the recurrent occurrences in their bodies require names for reference.



Alonzo Church, 1903-1995

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- Pattern matching can be used by applying match ... with for the corresponding argument.
- In case of a single argument, <u>function</u> can be considered ...

```
# function None -> 0
| Some x -> x * x + 1;;
| -: int option -> int = <fun>
```

Anonymous functions are convenient if they are used just once in a program. Often, they occur as arguments to functionals:

```
1 # map (fun x -> x * x) [1; 2; 3];;
2 - : int list = [1; 4; 9]
```

Often, they are also used for returning functions as result:

```
# let make_undefined () = fun x -> None;;
val make_undefined : unit -> 'a -> 'b option = <fun>
# let def_one (x,y) = fun x' -> if x = x' then Some y else None;;
val def_one : 'a * 'b -> 'a -> 'b option = <fun>
```

4 A Larger Application: Balanced Trees

Recap: Sorted Array

2 3 5 7 11 13 17

Properties

- Sorting algorithms allow to initialize with $\approx n \cdot \log(n)$ many comparisons. // n == size of the array
- Binary search allows to search for elements with $\approx \log(n)$ many comparisons.
- Arrays neither support insertion nor deletion of elements.

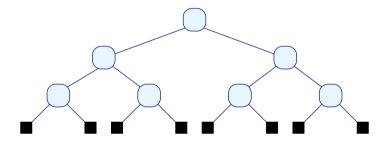
Wanted:

Datastructure 'a d which allows to maintain a dynamic sorted sequence of elements, i.e., which supports the operations

```
insert : 'a -> 'a d -> 'a d
delete : 'a -> 'a d -> 'a d
extract_min : 'a d -> 'a option * 'a d
extract_max : 'a d -> 'a option * 'a d
extract : 'a * 'a -> 'a d -> 'a list * 'a d
list_of_d : 'a d -> 'a list
d_of_list : 'a list -> 'a d
```

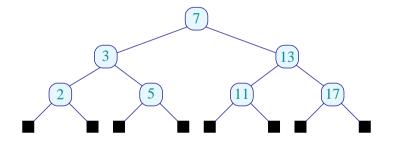
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Use balanced trees ...



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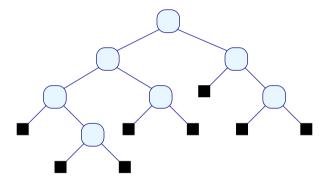
Discussion

- Data are stored at internal nodes!
- A binary tree with n leaves has n-1 internal nodes.
- In order to search for an element, we must compare with all elements along a path ...
- The depth of a tree is the maximal number of internal nodes on a path from the root to a leaf.
- A complete balanced binary tree with $n=2^k$ leaves has depth $k=\log(n)$.
- How do we insert further elements ??
- How do we delete elements ????

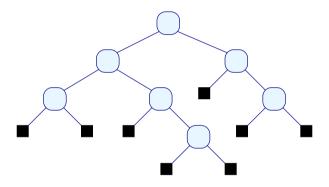
Second Idea

- Instead of balanced trees, we use almost balanced trees ...
- At each node, the depth of the left and right subtrees should be almost equal!
- An AVL tree is a binary tree where the depths of left and right subtrees at each internal node differs at most by 1 ...

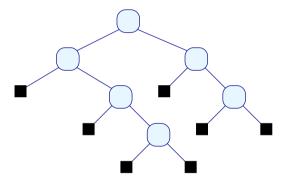
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An AVL Tree

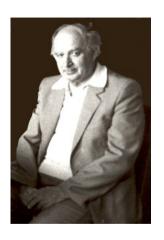


Not an AVL Tree





G.M. Adelson-Velskij, 1922



E.M. Landis, Moskau, 1921-1997

We prove:

(1) Each AVL tree of depth k > 0 has at least

$$fib(k) \geq A^{k-1}$$

nodes where
$$A = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$$
 // golden cut

We calculate:

(1) Each AVL tree of depth k > 0 has at least

$$fib(k) \geq A^{k-1}$$

nodes where $A=\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ // golden cut

(2) Every AVL tree with n > 0 internal nodes has depth at most

$$\frac{1}{\log(A)} \cdot \log(n) + 1$$

Proof: We only prove (1)

Let N(k) denote the minimal number of internal nodes of an AVL tree of depth k . Induction on the number k>0 ...

$$k = 1$$
: $N(1) = 1 = fib(1) = A^0$

$$k = 2$$
: $N(2) = 2 = fib(2) \ge A^1$

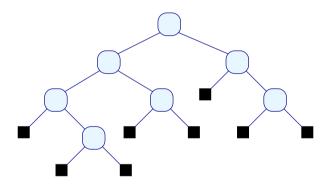
$$k>2$$
 : Assume that the assertion holds for $k-1$ and $k-2$...

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathsf{fib}(k) & = & \mathsf{fib}(k-1) + \mathsf{fib}(k-2) \\ & \geq & A^{k-2} + A^{k-3} \\ & = & A^{k-3} \cdot (A+1) \\ & = & A^{k-3} \cdot A^2 \\ & = & A^{k-1} \end{array}$$

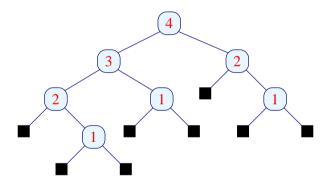
Second Idea (cont.)

- If another element is inserted, the AVL property may get lost!
- If some element is deleted, the AVL property may get lost!
- Then the tree must be re-structured so that the AVL property is re-established ...
- For that, we require for each node the depths of the left and right subtrees, respectively ...

Representation



Representation



Third Idea

- Instead of the absolute depth, we store at each node only whether the difference in depth of the two subtrees is negative, positive or equal to zero !!!
- As datatype, we therefore define

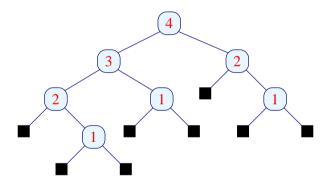
```
type 'a avl = Null

Neg of 'a avl * 'a * 'a avl

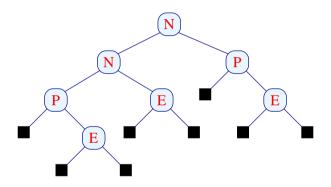
Pos of 'a avl * 'a * 'a avl

Eq of 'a avl * 'a * 'a avl
```

Representation



Representation



Insertion

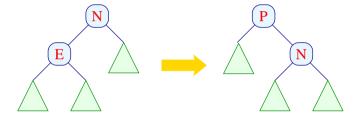
- If the tree is a leaf, i.e., empty, an internal node is created with two new leaves.
- If the tree in non-empty, the new value is compared with the value at the root.
 - \rightarrow If it is larger, it is inserted to the right.
 - \rightarrow Otherwise, it is inserted to the left.
- Caveat: Insertion may increase the depth and thus may destroy the AVL property!
- That must be subsequently dealt with ...

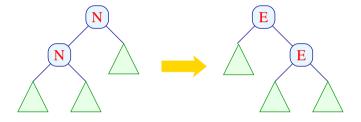
- Besides the new AVL tree, the function insert also returns the information whether the depth of the result has increased.
- If the depth is not increased, the marking of the root need not be changed.

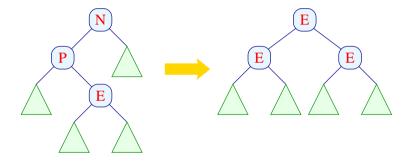
```
| Neg (left, v, right) -> if x < y then
           let (left.inc) = insert x left
           in if inc then let (avl, ) = rotateRight (left, y, right)
                          in (avl,false)
5
              else (Neg (left, y, right), false)
      else let (right,inc) = insert x right
           in if inc then (Eq (left, y, right), false)
              else (Neg (left, y, right), false)
    | Pos (left, y, right) -> if x < y then
           let (left,inc) = insert x left
10
           in if inc then (Eq (left, y, right), false)
11
              else (Pos (left, y, right), false)
12
      else let (right, inc) = insert x right
13
           in if inc then let (avl,_) = rotateLeft (left,y,right)
14
                          in (avl.false)
15
              else (Pos (left, y, right), false);;
16
```

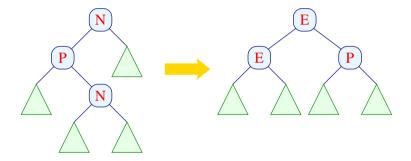
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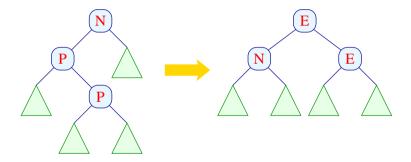
- Insertion into the less deep subtree never increases the total depth.
 The depths of the two subtrees, though, may become equal.
- Insertion into the deeper subtree may increase the difference in depth to 2. then the node at the root must be rotated in order to decrease the difference ...





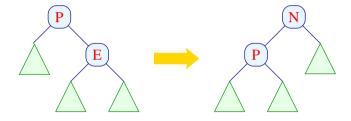


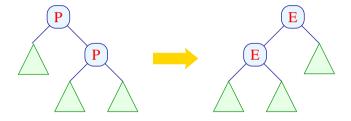


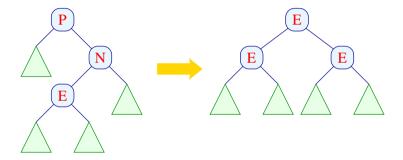


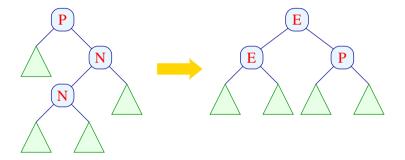
```
let rotateRight (left, y, right) = match left
with Eq (11,y1,r1) -> (Pos (11, y1, Neg (r1,y,right)), false)
left Neg (11,y1,r1) -> (Eq (11, y1, Eq (r1,y,right)), true)
left Pos (11, y1, Eq (12,y2,r2)) ->
left (Eq (Eq (11,y1,12), y2, Eq (r2,y,right)), true)
left Pos (11, y1, Neg (12,y2,r2)) ->
left (Eq (Eq (11,y1,12), y2, Pos (r2,y,right)), true)
left Pos (11, y1, Pos (12,y2,r2)) ->
left (Neg (11,y1,12), y2, Eq (r2,y,right)), true)
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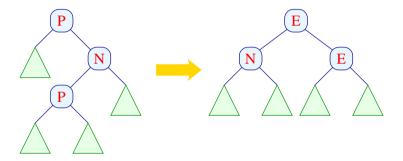
- The extra bit now indicates whether the depth of the tree after rotation has decreased ...
- This is not the case only when the deeper subtree is of the form Eq (...)
 which does never occur here.











```
let rotateLeft (left, y, right) = match right
with Eq (l1,y1,r1) -> (Neg (Pos (left,y,l1), y1, r1), false)
let Pos (l1,y1,r1) -> (Eq (Eq (left,y,l1), y1, r1), true)
let Neg (Eq (l1,y1,r1), y2,r2) ->
Eq (Eq (left,y,l1),y1, Eq (r1,y2,r2)), true)
let Neg (Neg (l1,y1,r1), y2,r2) ->
Eq (Eq (left,y,l1),y1, Pos (r1,y2,r2)), true)
let Neg (Pos (l1,y1,r1), y2,r2) ->
Eq (Neg (left,y,l1),y1, Eq (r1,y2,r2)), true)
```

- rotateLeft is analogous to rotateRight only with the roles of Pos and Neg exchanged.
- Again, the depth shrinks almost always.

Discussion

- Insertion requires at most as many calls of insert as the depth of the tree.
- After returning from a call for a subtree, at most three nodes must be re-arranged.
- The total effort therefore is bounded by a constand multiple to $\log(n)$
- In general, though, we are not interested in the extra bit at every call. Therefore, we define:

```
let insert x tree = let (tree,_) = insert x tree
in tree
```

Extraction of the Minimum

- The minimum occurs at the leftmost internal node.
- It is found by recursively visiting the left subtree.
 The leftmost node is found when the left subtree equals Null.
- Removal of a leaf may reduce the depth and thus may destroy the AVL property.
- After each call, the tree must be locally repaired ...

```
let rec extract min avl = match avl
        with Null -> (None, Null, false)
             Eq (Null, v, right) -> (Some v, right, true)
           Let (left,y,right) -> let (first,left,dec) = extract_min left
                       in if dec then (first, Pos (left, y, right), false)
                                (first, Eq (left, y, right), false)
                          else
6
           | Neg (left, y, right) -> let (first, left, dec) = extract min left
                        in if dec then (first, Eq (left, y, right), true)
                                       (first, Neg (left, y, right), false)
           | Pos (Null, y, right) -> (Some y, right, true)
10
           | Pos (left, y, right) -> let (first, left, dec) = extract min left
11
                    in if dec then let (avl,b) = rotateLeft (left,y,right)
12
                                    in (first,avl,b)
13
                       else
                                   (first, Pos (left, y, right), false)
14
```

Discussion

- Rotation is only required when extracting from a tree of the form Pos (...)
 and the depth of the left subtree is decreased.
- Altogether, the number of recursive calls is bounded by the depth. For every call, at most three nodes are re-arranged.
- Therefore, the total effort is bounded by a constant multiple of $\log(n)$.
- Functions for maximum or last element from an interval are constructed analogously ...

5 Practical Features of OCaml

- Exceptions
- Input and Output as Side-effects
- Sequences

5.1 Exceptions

In case of a runtime error, e.g., division by zero, the OCaml system generates an exception:

```
# 1 / 0;;
Exception: Division_by_zero.

# List.tl (List.tl [1]);;
Exception: Failure "tl".

# Char.chr 300;;
Exception: Invalid_argument "Char.chr".
```

Here, the exceptions Division_by_zero, Failure "tl" and Invalid_argument "Char.chr" are generated.

Another reason for an exception is an incomplete match:

```
# match 1+1 with 0 -> "null";;
Warning: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a value that is not matched:

Exception: Match_failure ("", 2, -9).
```

In this case, the exception Match_failure ("", 2, -9) is generated.

Pre-defined Constructors for Exceptions

```
Division_by_zero
Invalid_argument of string
Failure of string
Match_failure of string * int * int
Not_found
Out_of_memory
End_of_file
Exit
```

division by 0 wrong usage general error incomplete match not found memory exhausted end of file for the user ...

An exception is a first class citizen, i.e., a value from a datatype exn ...

```
# Division_by_zero;;
- : exn = Division_by_zero

# Failure "complete nonsense!";;
- : exn = Failure "complete nonsense!"
```

Own exceptions are introduced by extending the datatype exn ...

```
# exception Hell;;
exception Hell

# Hell;;
- : exn = Hell
```

```
# Division_by_zero;;
- : exn = Division_by_zero

# Failure "complete nonsense!";;
- : exn = Failure "complete nonsense!"
```

Own exceptions are introduced by extending the datatype exn ...

```
# exception Hell of string;
exception Hell of string

# Hell "damn!";;
- : exn = Hell "damn!"
```

Handling of Exceptions

As in Java, exceptions can be raised and handled:

```
# let divide (n,m) = try Some (n / m)
with Division_by_zero -> None;;

# divide (10,3);;
-: int option = Some 3
# divide (10,0);;
-: int option = None
```

In this way, the member function can, e.g., be re-defined as

Following the keyword with, the exception value can be inspected by means of pattern matching for the exception datatype exn:

```
try <exn>
with <pat1> -> <exp1> | ... | <patN> -> <expN>
```

several exceptions can be caught (and thus handled) at the same time.

The programmer may trigger exceptions on his/her own by means of the keyword raise ...

```
# 1 + (2 / 0);;
Exception: Division_by_zero.

# 1 + raise Division_by_zero;;
Exception: Division_by_zero.
```

An exception is an error value which can replace any expression.

Handling of an exception, results in the evaluation of another expression (of the correct type) — or raises another exception.

Exception handling may occur at any sub-expression, arbitrarily nested:

```
1 # let f (x, y) = x / (y - 1);
   # let g (x, y) = try let n = try f (x,y)
                                with Division_by_zero ->
3
                                     raise (Failure "Division by zero")
4
                         in string_of_int (n * n)
                     with Failure str -> "Error: "^str;;
  # g (6, 1);;
   - : string = "Error: Division by zero"
10
11 # g (6, 3);;
12 - : string = "9"
```

5.2 Textual Input and Output

- Reading from the input and writing to the output violates the paradigm of purely functional programming!
- These operations are therefore realized by means of side-effects, i.e., by means of functions whose return value is irrelevant (e.g., unit).
- During execution, though, the required operation is executed
 - → now, the ordering of the evaluation matters !!!

Naturally, OCaml allows to write to standard output:

```
# print_string "Hello World!\n";;
Hello World!
  - : unit = ()
```

Analogously, there is a function: read_line : unit -> string ...

```
# read_line ();;
Hello World!
   -: string = "Hello World!"
```

In order to read from file, the file must be opened for reading \dots

```
# let infile = open_in "test";;
val infile : in_channel = <abstr>

# input_line infile;;
- : string = "The file's single line ...";;

# input_line infile;;
Exception: End_of_file
```

If there is no further line, the exception <code>End_of_file</code> is raised. If a channel is no longer required, it should be explicitly closed ...

```
# close_in infile;;
    - : unit = ()
```

Further Useful Values

```
stdin : in_channel
input_char : in_channel -> char
in_channel_length : in_channel -> int
```

- stdin is the standard input as channel.
- input_char returns the next character of the channel.
- in_channel_length returns the total length of the channel.

Output to files is analogous ...

```
# let outfile = open_out "test";;
val outfile : out_channel = <abstr>

# output_string outfile "Hello ";;
- : unit = ()

# output_string outfile "World!\n";;
- : unit = ()

...
```

The words written seperately, may only occur inside the file, once the file has been closed ...

```
# close_out outfile;;
   - : unit = ()
```

5.3 Sequences

In presence of side-effects, ordering matters!

Several actions can be sequenced by means of the sequence operator ; :

```
# print_string "Hello";
print_string " ";
print_string "world!\n";;
Hello world!
- : unit = ()
```

Often, several strings must be output!

Given a list of strings, the list functional List.iter can be used:

6 The Module System of OCaml

- \rightarrow Modules
- ightarrow Signatures
- \rightarrow Information Hiding
- \rightarrow Functors
- ightarrow Separate Compilation

6.1 Modules

In order to organize larger software systems, OCaml offers the concept of modules:

```
module Pairs =
struct
type 'a pair = 'a * 'a
let pair (a,b) = (a,b)
let first (a,b) = a
let second (a,b) = b
end
```

On this input, the compiler answers with the type of the module, its signature:

```
module Pairs :
sig
type 'a pair = 'a * 'a
val pair : 'a * 'b -> 'a * 'b
val first : 'a * 'b -> 'a
val second : 'a * 'b -> 'b
end
```

The definitions inside the module are not visible outside:

```
# first;;
Unbound value first
```

Access onto Components of a Module

Components of a module can be accessed via qualification:

```
1  # Pairs.first;;
2  - : 'a * 'b -> 'a = <fun>
```

Thus, several functions can be defined all with the same name:

```
# module Triples =
struct
type 'a triple = Triple of 'a * 'a * 'a

let first (Triple (a, _, _)) = a

let second (Triple (_, b, _)) = b

let third (Triple (_, _, c)) = c

end;;

...
```

```
2 module Triples :
    sig
 type 'a triple = Triple of 'a * 'a * 'a
val first : 'a triple -> 'a
val second : 'a triple -> 'a
 val third : 'a triple -> 'a
    end
   # Triples.first;;
  - : 'a Triples.triple -> 'a = <fun>
```

... or several implementations of the same function:

```
# module Pairs2 =

struct

type 'a pair = bool -> 'a

let pair (a,b) = fun x -> if x then a else b

let first ab = ab true

let second ab = ab false

end;;
```

Opening Modules

In order to avoid explicit qualification, all definitions of a module can be made directly accessible:

```
# open Pairs2;;

# pair;;
- : 'a * 'a -> bool -> 'a = <fun>

# pair (4,3) true;;
- : int = 4
```

the keyword include allows to include the definitions of another module into the present module ...

```
# module A = struct let x = 1 end;;
2 module A : sig val x : int end
4 # module B =
5 struct
6 open A
1 let y = 2
8 end;;
   module B : sig val y : int end
10
\# module C =
12 struct
include A
include B
15 end;;
module C : sig val x : int val y : int end
```

Nested Modules

Modules may again contain modules:

```
module Quads = struct
2 module Pairs =
      struct
4 type 'a pair = 'a * 'a
 let pair (a,b) = (a,b)
let first (a, ) = a
7 let second (b) = b
  end
      type 'a quad = 'a Pairs.pair Pairs.pair
10
      let quad (a,b,c,d) =
11
        Pairs.pair (Pairs.pair (a,b), Pairs.pair (c,d))
12
13
```

```
let first q = Pairs.first (Pairs.first q)
       let second g = Pairs.second (Pairs.first g)
       let third q = Pairs.first (Pairs.second q)
       let fourth q = Pairs.second (Pairs.second q)
      end
    # Quads.quad (1, 2, 3, 4);;
    -: (int * int) * (int * int) = ((1, 2), (3, 4))
10
# Quads.Pairs.first;;
12 - 12 + 13 + 13 - 13 = (fin)
```

6.2 Module Types or Signatures

Signatures allow to restrict what a module may export.

Explicit indication of the signature allows

- to restrict the set of exported variables;
- to restrict the set of exported types ...

... an Example

```
module Sort = struct
      let single lst = map (fun x -> [x]) lst
      let rec merge 11 12 = match (11, 12)
          with ([], ) -> 12
          | ( ,[]) -> 11
          (x::xs,y::ys) \rightarrow if x < y then x :: merge xs 12
                                       else v :: merge l1 vs
9
      let rec merge_lists = function
10
          [] -> [] | [1] -> [1]
11
        | 11::12::11 -> merge 11 12 :: merge lists 11
12
13
     let sort lst = let lst = single lst
14
          in let rec doit = function
15
            [] -> [] | [1] -> 1
16
          | 1 -> doit (merge_lists 1)
17
    in doit 1st
18
    end
19
```

The implementation allows to access the auxiliary functions single, merge and merge_lists from the outside:

```
1  # Sort.single [1;2;3];;
2  -: int list list = [[1]; [2]; [3]]
```

In order to hide the functions single and merge_lists, we introduce the signature

```
module type Sort = sig
val merge : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list
val sort : 'a list -> 'a list
end
```

The functions single and merge_lists are no longer exported:

```
# module MySort : Sort = Sort;;
module MySort : Sort

# MySort.single;;
Unbound value MySort.single
```

Signatures and Types

The types mentioned in the signature must be Instances of the types for the exported definitions.

In that way, these types are spezialized:

```
module type A1 = sig
2 val f : 'a -> 'b -> 'b
   end
  module type A2 = sig
   val f : int -> char -> int
   end
   module A = struct
   let f x y = x
   end
11
```

```
# module A1 : A1 = A;
   Signature mismatch:
   Modules do not match: sig val f : 'a -> 'b -> 'a end
                                is not included in A1
4
5 Values do not match:
  val f : 'a -> 'b -> 'a
7 is not included in
8 val f : 'a -> 'b -> 'b
^{10} # module A2 : A2 = A;;
   module A2 : A2
12
13 # A2.f;;
14 - : int -> char -> int = <fun>
```

6.3 Information Hiding

For reasons of modularity, we often would like to prohibit that the structure of exported types of a module are visible from the outside.

Example

```
module ListQueue = struct
type 'a queue = 'a list
let empty_queue () = []
let is_empty = function
[] -> true | _ -> false
let enqueue xs y = xs @ [y]
let dequeue (x::xs) = (x,xs)
end
```

A signature allows to hide the implementation of a queue:

```
module type Queue = sig
     type 'a queue
     val empty_queue : unit -> 'a queue
4
     val is empty : 'a queue -> bool
6
     val enqueue : 'a queue -> 'a -> 'a queue
     val dequeue : 'a queue -> 'a * 'a queue
10
    end
11
```

```
# module Queue : Queue = ListQueue;;
module Queue : Queue

# open Queue;;

# is_empty [];;
This expression has type 'a list but is here used with type
b queue = 'b Queue.queue
```



The restriction via signature is sufficient to obfuscate the true nature of the type queue.

If the datatype should be exported together with all constructors, its definition is repeated in the signature:

```
module type Queue = sig
      type 'a queue = Queue of ('a list * 'a list)
      val empty_queue : unit -> 'a queue
4
     val is empty : 'a queue -> bool
6
      val enqueue : 'a -> 'a queue -> 'a queue
8
      val dequeue : 'a queue -> 'a option * 'a queue
10
    end
11
```

6.4 Functors

Since (almost) everything in OCaml is higher order, it is no surprise that there are modules of higher order: Functors.

- A functor receives a sequence of modules as parameters.
- The functor's body is a module where the functor's parameters can be used.
- The result is a new module, which is defined relative to the modules passed as parameters.

First, we specify the functor's argument and result by means of signatures:

```
module type Decons = sig
2 type 'a t
  val decons : 'a t -> ('a * 'a t) option
   end
   module type GenFold = functor (X : Decons) -> sig
     val fold_left : ('b -> 'a -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a X.t -> 'b
    val fold right : ('a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'a X.t -> 'b -> 'b
9 val size : 'a X.t -> int
val list of : 'a X.t -> 'a list
   val iter : ('a -> unit) -> 'a X.t -> unit
   end
12
13
```

```
module Fold : GenFold = functor (X : Decons) ->
      struct
       let rec fold left f b t =
          match X.decons t with None -> b
                                Some (x, t) -> fold left f (f b x) t
        let rec fold right f t b =
          match X.decons t with None -> b
                                Some (x, t) -> f x (fold right f t b)
10
11
        let size t = fold left (fun a x -> a + 1) 0 t
12
13
        let list_of t = fold_right (fun x xs -> x :: xs) t []
14
15
        let iter f t = fold left (fun () x -> f x) () t
16
      end
17
```

Now, we can apply the functor to the module to obtain a new module ...

```
module MyQueue = struct open Queue
     type 'a t = 'a queue
     let decons = function
        | Queue ([], xs) -> (
           match rev xs with \(\partial\) -> None
              | x :: xs -> Some (x, Queue (xs, [])))
        Queue (x :: xs, t) -> Some (x, Queue (xs, t))
    end
10
    module MyAVL = struct open AVL
11
    type 'a t = 'a avl
12
13
   let decons avl =
14
       match extract min avl with
15
       | None, avl -> None
16
       | Some (a, avl) -> Some (a, avl)
17
    end
18
```

```
module FoldAVL = Fold (MyAVL)
module FoldQueue = Fold (MyQueue)
```

By that, we may define

Caveat

A module satisfies a signature whenever it implements it ! It is not required to explicitly declare that !!

6.5 Separate Compilation

- In reality, deployed OCaml programs will not run within the interactive shell.
- Instead, there is a compiler ocamlc ...
 - > ocamlc Test.ml

that interpretes the contents of the file <code>Test.ml</code> as a sequence of definitions of a module <code>Test</code>.

As a result, the compiler ocamlc generates the files

| Test.cmo | bytecode for the module |
|----------|----------------------------|
| Test.cmi | bytecode for the signature |
| a.out | executable program |

- If there is already a file Test.mli this is interpreted as the signature for Test. Then we call
 - > ocamlc Test.mli Test.ml
- Given a module A and a module B, then these should be compiled by
 ocamlc B.mli A.mli A.mli
- If a re-compilation of B should be omitted, ocamlc may receive a pre-compiled file
 - > ocamlc B.cmo A.mli A.ml
- For practical management of required re-compilation after modification of files, Linux offers the tool make. The script of required actions then is stored in a Makefile.
- ... alternatively, dune can be used.

7 Formal Verification for OCaml

Question

How can we make sure that an OCaml program behaves as it should ????

We require:

- a formal semantics
- means to prove assertions about programs ...

7.1 MiniOCaml

In order to simplify life, we only consider a fragment of OCaml.

We consider ...

- only base types int, bool as well as tuples and lists
- recursive function definitions only at top level

We rule out ...

- modifiable datatypes
- input and output
- local recursive functions

This fragment of OCaml is called MiniOCaml. Expressions in MiniOCaml can be described by the grammar

$$E \quad ::= \quad \mathsf{const} \quad | \quad \mathsf{name} \quad | \quad \mathsf{op}_1 \, E \quad | \quad E_1 \, \mathsf{op}_2 \, E_2 \quad |$$

$$(E_1, \dots, E_k) \quad | \quad \mathsf{let} \; \mathsf{name} = E_1 \; \mathsf{in} \; E_0 \quad |$$

$$\mathsf{match} \; E \; \mathsf{with} \; P_1 \; \mathsf{->} \; E_1 \; | \quad \dots \quad | \; P_k \; \mathsf{->} \; E_k \quad |$$

$$\mathsf{fun} \; \mathsf{name} \; \mathsf{->} \; E \quad | \quad E \; E_1$$

Short-cut

$$\mathtt{fun}\ x_1 \mathrel{\texttt{--}} \mathtt{...}\mathtt{fun}\ x_k \mathrel{\texttt{--}} e \quad \equiv \quad \mathtt{fun}\ x_1\ \ldots\ x_k \mathrel{\texttt{--}} e$$

Caveat

The set of admissible expressions must be further restricted to those which are well typed, i.e., for which the OCaml compiler infers a type ...

```
(1, [true; false]) well typed
(1 [true; false]) not well typed
([1; true], false) not well typed
```

- We also rule out if ... then ... else ..., since it can be simulated by match ... with true -> ... | false ->
- We could also have omitted let ... in ... (why?)

A program consists of a sequence of mutally recursive global definitions of variables f_1, \dots, f_m :

```
let rec f_1 = E_1 and f_2 = E_2 ... and f_m = E_m
```

7.2 A Semantics for MiniOCaml

Question

Which value is returned for the expression E ??

A value is an expression that cannot be further evaluated. The set of all values can be specified by means of the grammar

$$V ::= \operatorname{const} \mid \operatorname{fun} \operatorname{name}_1 \dots \operatorname{name}_k \rightarrow E \mid (V_1, \dots, V_k) \mid [] \mid V_1 :: V_2$$

A MiniOCaml Program ...

Examples of Values ...

```
1 1
2 (1, [true; false])
3 fun x -> 1 + 1
4 [fun x -> x + 1; fun x -> x + 2; fun x -> x + 3]
```

Idea

- We define a relation $e \Rightarrow v$ between expressions and their values \Longrightarrow big-step operational semantics.
- The relation is defined by means of axioms and rules that follow the structure of *e*.
- ullet Apparently, $v\Rightarrow v$ holds for every value v

Tuples

$$(\mathsf{TU}) \quad \frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \dots \quad e_k \Rightarrow v_k}{(e_1, \dots, e_k) \ \Rightarrow \ (v_1, \dots, v_k)}$$

Lists

(LI)
$$\frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1}{e_1 :: e_2 \Rightarrow v_1 :: v_2}$$

Global definitions

$$(\mathsf{GD}) \quad \frac{f = e \quad e \Rightarrow v}{f \Rightarrow v}$$

Local definitions

(LD)
$$\frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1}{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_0 \Rightarrow v_0}$$

Function calls

By repeated application of the rule for function calls, a rule for functions with multiple arguments can be derived:

This derived rule makes proofs somewhat simpler.

Pattern Matching

$$(\mathsf{PM}) \quad \frac{e_0 \,\Rightarrow\, v' \equiv p_i[v_1/x_1, \ldots, v_k/x_k] \qquad e_i[v_1/x_1, \ldots, v_k/x_k] \,\Rightarrow\, v}{\mathsf{match}\,\, e_0\, \mathsf{with}\,\, p_1 \, \neg > \, e_1 \,\mid\, \ldots\, \mid\, p_m \, \neg > \, e_m \,\Rightarrow\, v}$$
 — given that $\quad v' \quad \mathsf{does}\,\, \mathsf{not}\,\, \mathsf{match}\,\, \mathsf{any}\,\, \mathsf{of}\,\, \mathsf{the}\,\, \mathsf{patterns} \qquad p_1, \ldots, p_{i-1}$

Built-in operators

$$(\mathsf{OP}) \quad \frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \qquad e_2 \Rightarrow v_2 \qquad v_1 \overset{\mathsf{op}}{\mathsf{op}} v_2 \Rightarrow v}{e_1 \mathsf{op} \, e_2 \, \Rightarrow \, v}$$

Unary operators are treated analogously.

The built-in equality operator

$$v = v \implies \text{true}$$
 $v_1 = v_2 \implies \text{false}$

given that v, v_1, v_2 are values that do not contain functions, and v_1, v_2 are syntactically different.

Example 1

The built-in equality operator

$$v = v \Rightarrow \text{true}$$
 $v_1 = v_2 \Rightarrow \text{false}$

given that v,v_1,v_2 are values that do not contain functions, and v_1,v_2 are syntactically different.

Example 1 — omitting axioms
$$v \Rightarrow v$$

Example 2

```
1 let rec f = fun x -> x+1
2 and s = fun y -> y*y
```

 $^{\prime\prime}$ uses of $v \, \Rightarrow \, v$ have mostly been omitted

Example 3

```
Claim: app (1::[]) (2::[]) \Rightarrow 1::2::[]
```

 $/\!/$ uses of $v \Rightarrow v$ have mostly been omitted

Discussion

- The big-step operational semantics is not well suited for tracking step-by-step how evaluation by MiniOCaml proceeds.
- It is quite convenient, though, for proving that the evaluation of a function for particular argument values terminates:
 - For that, it suffices to prove that there are values to which the corresponding function calls can be evaluated ...

Example Claim

app l_1 l_2 terminates for all list values l_1, l_2 .

Proof

Induction on the length n of the list l_1 .

$$n=0$$
 I.e., l_1 = []. Then

$$n>0$$
: l.e., l_1 = h::t.

In particular, we assume that the claim already holds for all shorter lists. Then we have:

app t
$$l_2 \Rightarrow l$$

LH.

for some l. We deduce

$$(GD) \xrightarrow{\text{app = fun x y -> ...}} (PM) \xrightarrow{\text{b.i.}} (LI) \xrightarrow{\text{app t } l_2 \Rightarrow l} (LI) \xrightarrow{\text{app t } l_2 \Rightarrow h :: l} (APP') \xrightarrow{\text{app \phi fun x y -> ...}} (PM) \xrightarrow{\text{match h::t with } \cdots \Rightarrow h :: l}$$

Discussion (cont.)

- The big-step semantics also allows to verify that optimizing transformations are correct, i.e., preserve the semantics.
- Finally, it can be used to prove the correctness of assertions about functional programs!
- The big-step operational semantics suggests to consider expressions as specifications of values.
- Expressions which evaluate to the same values, should be interchangeable ...

Caveat

- In MiniOCaml, equality between values can only be tested if these do not contain functions!!
- Such values are called comparable. They are of the form

```
C ::= const \mid (C_1, ..., C_k) \mid [] \mid C_1 :: C_2
```

Apparently, a value of MiniOCaml is comparable if and only iff its type does not contain functions:

```
c := bool \mid int \mid unit \mid c_1 * \dots * c_k \mid c \text{ list}
```

Discussion

• For program optimization, we sometimes may want to exchange functions, e.g.,

```
1 \quad \text{comp (map f) (map g)} = \text{map (comp f g)}
```

 Apparently, the functions to the right and left of the equality sign cannot be compared by OCaml for equality.



Reasoning in logic requires an extended notion of equality!

Extension of Equality

The equality = of OCaml is extended to expression which may not terminate, and functions.

Non-termination

$$\frac{e_1, e_2 \qquad \text{both not terminating}}{e_1 = e_2}$$

Termination

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 & e_2 \Rightarrow v_2 & v_1 = v_2 \\
\hline
e_1 = e_2
\end{array}$$

Structured values

$$\frac{v_1 = v'_1 \dots v_k = v'_k}{(v_1, \dots, v_k) = (v'_1, \dots, v'_k)}$$

$$\frac{v_1 = v'_1 \quad v_2 = v'_2}{v_1 :: v_2 = v'_1 :: v'_2}$$

Functions

$$\frac{e_1[v/x_1] = e_2[v/x_2] \quad \text{for all} \quad v}{\text{fun} \quad x_1 \implies e_1 = \text{fun} \quad x_2 \implies e_2}$$

$$\implies \text{extensional equality}$$

We have:

$$\frac{e \Rightarrow v}{e = v}$$

Assume that the type of e_1,e_2 is functionfree. Then

$$e_1 = e_2$$
 e_1 terminates
 $e_1 = e_2 \Rightarrow \text{true}$
 $e_1 = e_2 \Rightarrow \text{true}$
 $e_1 = e_2 \Rightarrow \text{true}$

The crucial tool for our proofs is the ...

Substitution Lemma

$$\frac{e_1 = e_2}{e[e_1/x] = e[e_2/x]}$$

We deduce for functionfree expressions e:

$$\frac{e_1 = e_2}{e[e_1/x] = e[e_2/x] \Rightarrow \text{true}}$$

Discussion

- The lemma tells us that in every context, all occurrences of the expression e_1 can be replaced by the expression e_2 whenever e_1 and e_2 represent the same values.
- The lemma can be proven by induction on the depth of the required derivations (which we omit).
- The exchange of expressions proven equal, allows us to design a calculus for proving the equivalence of expressions ...

We provide us with a repertoir of rewrite rules for reducing the equality of expressions to the equality of, possibly simpler expressions ...

Simplification of local definitions

$$\frac{e_1 \text{ terminates}}{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e = e[e_1/x]}$$

Simplification of function calls

$$\frac{e_0 = \text{fun } x \rightarrow e}{e_0 e_1 = e[e_1/x]}$$

Proof of the let rule

Since e_1 terminates, there is a value v_1 with

$$e_1 \Rightarrow v_1$$

Due to the Substitution Lemma, we have:

$$e[v_1/x] = e[e_1/x]$$

Case 1: $e[v_1/x]$ terminates.

Then a value v exists with

$$e[v_1/x] \Rightarrow v$$

Then

$$e[e_1/x] = e[v_1/x] = v$$

Because of the big-step semantics, however, we have:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{let}\,x = e_1 \,\operatorname{in}\,e & \Rightarrow & v \quad \text{ and therefore,} \\ \operatorname{let}\,x = e_1 \,\operatorname{in}\,e & = & e[e_1/x] \end{array}$$

Case 2: $e[v_1/x]$ does not terminate.

Then $e[e_1/x]$ does not terminate and neither does $e[e_1/x]$ let $e[e_1/x]$ le

Accordingly,

let
$$x = e_1$$
 in $e = e[e_1/x]$

By repeated application of the rule for function calls, an extra rule for functions with multiple arguments can be deduced:

This derived rule allows to shorten some proofs considerably.

Rule for pattern matching

$$e_0 = []$$

$$\boxed{\text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid \dots \mid p_m \rightarrow e_m = e_1}$$

$$e_0 \text{ terminates} \qquad e_0 = e_1' :: e_2'$$

$$\boxed{\text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid x :: xs \rightarrow e_2 = e_2[e_1'/x, e_2'/xs]}$$

We are now going to apply these rules ...

7.3 Equational Proofs for MiniOCaml

Example 1

We want to verify that

- (1) app x = x for all lists x.
- (2) app x (app y z) = app (app x y) z for all lists x, y, z.

Idea: Induction on the length n of x

```
n=0 Then x = [] holds.
```

```
n>0 Then: x = h::t where t has length n-1.
```

Analogously we proceed for assertion (2) ...

$$n = 0$$
 Then: $x = []$

```
n>0 Then x = h::t where t has length n-1.
```

```
app x (app y z) \stackrel{\text{def x}}{=} app (h::t) (app y z)
                       \stackrel{\text{app}}{=} match h::t with [] -> app y z
                                  | h::t \rightarrow h :: app t (app v z)
                      match = h :: app t (app y z)
                       i.H.
= h :: app (app t y) z
                    = app (h :: app t y) z
                      \stackrel{\text{match}}{=} app (match h::t with [] -> []
                                     | h::t -> h :: app t v) z
                       \stackrel{\text{app}}{=} app (app (h::t) y) z
                      \stackrel{\text{def } x}{=} app (app x y) z
```

Discussion

- For the correctness of our induction proofs, we require that all occurring function calls terminate.
- In the example, it suffices to prove that for all x, y, there exists some v such that:

$$app x y \Rightarrow v$$

... which we have already proven, as usual, by induction.

Example 2

Claim

```
rev x = rev1 x [] for all lists x.
```

More generally,

```
app (rev x) y = rev1 x y for all lists x, y.
Proof: Induction on the length n of x
n=0 Then: x = 1. We deduce:
         app (rev x) y \stackrel{\text{def } x}{=} app (rev []) y
                            \stackrel{\text{rev}}{=} app (match [] with [] -> [] | ...) y
                          match app [] y
                         app, match
                           \overset{\text{match}}{=}
                                match [] with [] -> v | ...
                           rev1 rev1 [] y
```

def x rev1 x y

```
n>0 Then x = h::t where t has length n-1.
```

We deduce (ommitting simple intermediate steps):

Discussion

- Again, we have implicitly assumed that all calls of app, rev and rev1 terminate.
- Termination of these can be proven by induction on the length of their first arguments.
- The claim:

$$rev x = rev1 x []$$

follows from:

app (rev x)
$$y = rev1 x y$$

by setting: y = [] and assertion (1) from example 1.

Example 3

```
let rec sorted = fun x -> match x
           with h1::h2::t -> (
                match h1 \le h2
                with true -> sorted (h2::t)
                   | false -> false)
              -> true
       and merge = fun x \rightarrow fun y \rightarrow match (x,y)
           with ([],y) -> y
              | (x, []) -> x
10
               | (x1::xs, y1::ys) -> (
11
                 match x1 <= y1
12
                 with true -> x1 :: merge xs y
13
                     | false -> y1 :: merge x ys)
14
```

Claim

```
sorted x \wedge sorted y \rightarrow sorted (merge x y) for all lists x, y.
```

Proof: Induction on the sum n of lengthes of x, y.

Assume that sorted $x \land sorted y$ holds.

$$n = 0$$
 Then: $x = [] = y$

```
sorted (merge x y) = sorted (merge [] [])

merge = sorted []

sorted = true
```

```
n > 0
```

```
Case 1: x = [].
```

Case 2: y = [] analogous.

```
Case 3: x = x1::xs \land y = y1::ys \land x1 \le y1.
```

```
sorted (merge x y) \stackrel{\text{def x,y}}{=} sorted (merge (x1::xs) (y1::ys))

\stackrel{\text{x1 } \leq y2}{=} sorted (x1 :: merge xs (y1::ys))

\stackrel{\text{def y}}{=} sorted (x1 :: merge xs y)

\stackrel{\text{ef x,y}}{=} sorted ...
```

Case 3.1: xs = []

```
\begin{array}{lll}
\dots \stackrel{\text{def xs}}{=} & \text{sorted } (\text{x1} :: \text{merge } [] \text{ y}) \\
& \stackrel{\text{merge}}{=} & \text{sorted } (\text{x1} :: \text{ y}) \\
& \stackrel{\text{x1}}{=} & \stackrel{\text{y1}}{\text{sorted }} \text{ y} \\
& \text{by assumption} \\
& = & \text{true}
\end{array}
```

```
Case 3.2: xs = x2::xs' \land x2 \le y1.
In particular: x1 < x2 \land sorted xs.
We deduce:
                  \dots = sorted (x1 :: merge (x2::xs') y)
                     x^{2} \stackrel{\leq}{=} y^{1} sorted (x1 :: x2 :: merge xs' y)
                     x1 \stackrel{\leq}{=} x2 sorted (x2 :: merge xs' y)
                      merge = sorted (merge xs y)
                       I.H.
                            true
```

```
Case 3.3: xs = x2::xs' \land x2 > y1.
In particular: x1 < y1 < x2 \land sorted xs.
We deduce:
              \dots = sorted (x1 :: merge (x2::xs') (y1::ys))
                 y1 < x2 sorted (x1 :: y1 :: merge (x2::xs') ys)
                  \stackrel{\text{def xs}}{=} sorted (x1 :: y1 :: merge xs ys)
                 x^{1} \stackrel{\leq}{=} y^{1} sorted (y1 :: merge xs ys)
                  \stackrel{\text{merge}}{=} sorted (merge xs y)
                  I.H. true
```

```
Case 4: x = x1::xs \land y = y1::ys \land x1 > y1.
```

```
sorted (merge x y) \stackrel{\text{def x,y}}{=} sorted (merge (x1::xs) (y1::ys))

y^1 < x^1 sorted (y1 :: merge (x1::xs) ys)

\stackrel{\text{def x}}{=} sorted (y1 :: merge x ys)

= ...
```

Case 4.1: ys = []

```
Case 4.2: ys = y2::ys' \land x1 > y2.
In particular: y1 \le y2 \land sorted ys.
We deduce:
                 ... = sorted (y1 :: merge x (y2::ys'))
                    y^2 = x^1 sorted (y1 :: y2 :: merge x ys')
                   y1 \stackrel{\leq}{=} y2 sorted (y2 :: merge x ys')
                    merge = sorted (merge x ys)
                     I.H. true
```

```
Case 4.3: ys = y2::ys' \land x1 \le y2.
In particular: y1 < x1 \le y2 \land sorted ys.
We deduce:
             ... = sorted (y1 :: merge (x1::xs) (y2::ys'))
                x^{1} \stackrel{\leq}{=} y^{2} sorted (y1 :: x1 :: merge xs (y2::ys'))
                 \stackrel{\text{def ys}}{=} sorted (y1 :: x1 :: merge xs ys)
                y1 = x1 sorted (x1 :: merge xs ys)
                 merge = sorted (merge x ys)
                  I.H. = true by induction hypothesis
```

Discussion

- Again, we have assumed for the proof that all calls of the functions sorted and merge terminate.
- As an additional techniques, we required a thorough case distinction over the various possibilities for arguments in calls.
- The case distinction made the proof longish and cumbersome.
 - // The case n = 0 is in fact superfluous.
 - // since it is covered by the cases 1 and 2

8 Parallel Programming



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When your program requires multiple threads, use

```
ocamlc -I +threads unix.cma threads.cma <my files>
coamlopt -I +threads unix.cmxa threads.cmxa <my files>
```

When you want to play with it within utop, use the following sequence of commands:

```
#thread;;
#directory "+threads";;
#load "unix.cma";;
#load "threads.cma";;
```

Or load directly via:

```
utop -I +threads
```

Example

```
module Echo = struct
     open Thread
     let echo () = print_string (read_line () ^ "\n")
    let main =
       let t1 = create echo () in
       join t1;
   print_int (id (self ()));
       print_string "\n"
10
   end
11
```

Comments

- The module <u>Thread</u> collects basic functionality for the creation of concurrency.
- The function create: ('a -> 'b) -> 'a -> t creates a new thread with the following properties:
 - ☐ The thread evaluates the function for its argument.
 - The creating thread receives the thread id as the return value and proceeds independently.
 - By means of the functions: self: unit -> t and id: t -> int, the own thread id can be queried and turned into an int, respectively.

Further useful Functions

- The function join: t -> unit blocks the current thread until the evaluation of the given thread has terminated.
- The function kill: t -> unit stops a given thread (not implemented);
- The function delay: float -> unit delays the current thread by a time period in seconds;
- The function exit: unit -> unit terminates the current thread.

... running the compiled code yields:

- OCaml threads are only emulated by the runtime system.
- The creation of threads is cheap.
- Program execution terminates with the termination of the thread with the id

.

8.1 Channels

Threads communicate via channels.

The module **Event** provides basic functionality for the creation of channels, sending and receiving:

- Each call new_channel() creates another channel.
- Arbitrary data may be sent across a channel !!!
- always wraps a value into an event.
- Sending and receiving generates events ...
- Synchronization on evente returns their values.

```
module Exchange = struct open Thread open Event
     let thread ch = let x = sync (receive ch) in
                      print_string (x ^ "\n");
                      svnc (send ch "got it!")
4
     let main = let ch = new_channel () in
                 let = create thread ch in
                 print_string "main is running ...\n";
                 sync (send ch "Greetings!");
                 print string ("He " ^ sync (receive ch) ^ "\n")
10
11
    end
```

Discussion

- sync (send ch str) exposes the event of sending to the outside world and blocks the sender, until another thread has read the value from the channel ...
- sync (receive ch) blocks the receiver, until a value has been made available on the channel. Then this value is returned as the result.
- Synchronous communication is one alternative for exchange of data between threads as well as for orchestration of concurrency rendezvous
- In particular, it can be used to realize asynchronous communication between threads.

In the example, main spawns a thread. Then it sends it a string and waits for the answer. Accordingly, the new thread waits for the transfer of a string value over the channel. As soon as the string is received, an answer is sent on the same channel.

Caveat

If the ordering of send and receive is not carefully designed, threads easily get blocked ...

Execution of the program yields:

```
1 > ./a.out
2 main is running ...
3 Greetings!
4 He got it!
5 >
```

Example: A global memory cell

A global memory cell, in particular in presence of multiple threads, can be realized by implementing the signature Cell:

The implementation must take care that the get and put calls are sequentialized.

This task is delegated to a server thread that reacts to get and put:

```
type 'a req = Get of 'a channel | Put of 'a type 'a cell = 'a req channel
```

The channel transports requests to the memory cell, which either provide the new value or the back channel ...

The function get sends a new back channel on the channel cell. If the latter is received, it waits for the return value.

```
let put cell x = sync (send cell (Put x))
```

The function put sends a Put element which contains the new value for the memory cell.

Of interest now is the implementation of the cell itself:

```
let new_cell x =
let cell = new_channel () in
3 let rec serve x =
4 match sync (receive cell) with
      | Get reply ->
          sync (send reply x);
          serve x
      | Put y -> serve y
  in
    let = create serve x in
10
    cell
11
```

Creation of the cell with initial value x spawns a server thread that evaluates the call serve x.

Caveat

The server thread is possibly non-terminating!
This is why it can respond to arbitrarily many requests.
Only because it is tail-recursive, it does not successively consume the whole storage

```
let main =
let cell = new_cell 1 in
print_int (get cell);
print_string "\n";
put cell 2;
print_int (get cell);
print_string "\n"
```

Now, the execution yields

```
1 > ./a.out
2 1
3 2
4 >
```

Instead of get and put, also more complex query or update operations could be executed by the cell server ...

Example: Locks

Often, only one at a time out of several active threads should be allowed access to a given resource. In order to realize such a mutual exclusion, locks can be applied:

```
module type Lock = sig
type lock
type ack

val new_lock : unit -> lock
val acquire : lock -> ack
val release : ack -> unit
end
```

Execution of the operation acquire returns an element of type ack which is used to return the lock:

```
type ack = unit channel
type lock = ack channel
```

For simplicity, ack is chosen itself as the channel by which the lock is returned.

The unlock channel is created by acquire itself

```
1 let release ack = sync (send ack ())
```

... and used by the operation release.

```
let new_lock () =
let lock = new_channel () in
let rec acq_server () = rel_server (sync (receive lock))
and rel_server ack =
sync (receive ack);
acq_server ()
in
let _ = create acq_server () in
lock
```

Core of the implementation are the two mutually recursive functions acq_server and rel_server.

acq_server expects an element ack, i.e., a channel, and upon reception, calls
rel_server.

rel_server expects a signal on the received channel indicated that the lock is
released ...

Now we are in the position to realize a decent deadlock...

```
let dead =
let l1 = new lock () in
_3 let 12 = new lock () in
4 let th (11, 12) =
1 let a1 = acquire l1 in
6 let _ = delay 1.0 in
1 let a2 = acquire 12 in
  release a2; release a1;
    print_int (id (self ())); print_string " finished\n"
10 in
let t1 = create th (11, 12) in
let t2 = create th (12, 11) in
    join t1
13
```

The result is

```
1 > ./a.out
```

OCaml waits forever ...

Example: Semaphores

Occasionally, there is more than one copy of a resource. Then semaphores are the method of choice ...

```
module type Sema = sig
type sema

new_sema : int -> sema
up : sema -> unit
down : sema -> unit
end
```

Idea

Again, a server is realized using an accumulating parameter, now maintaining the number of free resources or, if zero, the queue of waiting threads ...

```
module Sema = struct
      open Thread
      open Event
      type sema = unit channel option channel
6
      let up sema = svnc (send sema None)
      let down sema =
        let ack = (new_channel () : unit channel) in
10
        sync (send sema (Some ack));
11
        sync (receive ack)
12
13
```

```
let new sema n = let sema = new channel () in
        let rec serve (n, q) =
          match sync (receive sema) with
          | None -> ( match dequeue q with
              | None, q \rightarrow serve (n + 1, q)
               Some ack, q -> sync (send ack ());
                               serve (n, q))
         | Some ack ->
          if n > 0 then (
10
                sync (send ack ());
11
                serve (n - 1, q)
12
              else serve (n, enqueue ack q) in
13
        let = create serve (n, new queue ()) in
14
15
        sema
    end
16
```

Apparently, the queue does not maintain the waiting threads, but only their back channels.

8.2 Selective Communication

A thread need not necessarily know which of several possible communication rendezvous will occur or will occur first.

Required is a non-deterministic choice between several actions ...

Example: The function

```
add : int channel * int channel * int channel -> unit
```

is meant to read integers from two channels and send their sum to the third.

First Attempt

```
let forever f init =
let rec loop x = loop (f x) in
let _ = create loop init in
()

let add1 (in1, in2, out) =
forever
(fun () -> sync (send out (sync (receive in1) +
sync (receive in2))))
()
```

Disadvantage

If a value arrives at the second input channel first, the thread nonetheless must wait.

Second Attempt

```
1  let add (in1, in2, out) =
2   forever
3     (fun () ->
4     let a, b = select [
5          wrap (receive in1) (fun a -> (a, sync (receive in2)));
6          wrap (receive in2) (fun b -> (sync (receive in1), b))
7     ]
8     in
9     sync (send out (a + b)))
10     ()
```

This program must be digested slowly ...

Idea

- → Initiating input or output operations, generates events.
- → Events are data objects of type 'a event.
- → The function

```
wrap : 'a event -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'b event
```

applies a function a posteriori to the value of an event — given that it occurs.

The list thus consists of (int*int) events. The functions

```
choose : 'a event list -> 'a event select : 'a event list -> 'a
```

non-deterministically choose an event from the event list.

select synchronizes with the selected event, i.e., performs the corresponding communication task and returns the event:

```
1 let select = comp sync choose
```

Typically, that event occurs that finds its communication partner first.

Further Examples

The function

```
copy : 'a channel * 'a channel * 'a channel -> unit
```

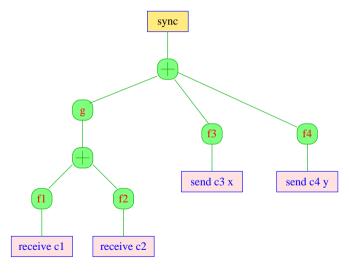
is meant to copy a read element into two channels:

```
1  let copy (read, out1, out2) =
2   forever
3     (fun () ->
4     let x = sync (receive read) in
5     select
6     [
7          wrap (send out1 x) (fun () -> sync (send out2 x));
8          wrap (send out2 x) (fun () -> sync (send out1 x));
9         ])
10     ()
```

Apparently, the event list may also consist of send events — or contain both kinds.

```
type 'a cell = 'a channel * 'a channel
   let get (get_chan, _) = sync (receive get_chan)
   let put (, put chan) x = sync (send put chan x)
   let new cell x =
     let get chan = new channel () in
  let put chan = new channel () in
9 let rec serve x = select [
           wrap (send get_chan x) (fun () -> serve x);
10
           wrap (receive put chan) serve;
11
12
     in
13
     let = create serve x in
14
     (get chan, put chan)
15
```

In general, there could be a tree of events:



- \rightarrow The leaves are basic events.
- \rightarrow A wrapper function may be applied to any given event.
- \rightarrow Several events of the same type may be combined into a choice.
- Synchronization on such an event tree activates a single leaf event. The result is obtained by successively applying the wrapper functions from the path to the root.

Example: A Swap Channel

Upon rendezvous, a swap channel is meant to exchange the values of the two participating threads. The signature is given by

```
module type Swap = sig
type 'a swap

val new_swap : unit -> 'a swap
val swap : 'a swap -> 'a -> 'a event
end
```

In the implementation with ordinary channels, every participating thread must offer the possibility to receive and to send.

As soon as a thread successfully completed to send (i.e., the other thread successfully synchronized on a receive event), the second value must be transmitted in opposite direction.

Together with the first value, we therefore transmit a channel for the second value:

```
module Swap = struct
      open Thread
      open Event
      type 'a swap = ('a * 'a channel) channel
5
      let new_swap () = new_channel ()
     let swap ch x =
       let c = new channel () in
10
       choose [
11
            wrap (receive ch) (fun (y, c) -> sync (send c x); y);
12
            wrap (send ch (x, c)) (fun () -> sync (receive c));
13
14
    end
15
```

A specific exchange can be realized by replacing choose with select.

Timeouts

Often, our patience is not endless.

Then, waiting for a send or receive event should be terminated ...

```
module type Timer = sig

set_timer : float -> unit event

timed_receive : 'a channel -> float -> 'a option event

timed_send : 'a channel -> 'a -> float -> unit option event

end
```

```
module Timer = struct open Thread open Event
      let set timer t = let ack = new channel () in
        let serve () = delay t; sync (receive ack) in
       let = create serve () in
       send ack ()
      let timed receive ch time = choose [
            wrap (receive ch) (fun a -> Some a);
            wrap (set_timer time) (fun () -> None);
10
11
12
      let timed send ch x time = choose [
13
            wrap (send ch x) (fun a -> Some ());
14
            wrap (set_timer time) (fun () -> None);
15
16
    end
17
```

8.3 Threads and Exceptions

An exception must be handled within the thread where it has been raised.

```
module Explode = struct
      open Thread
     let thread x =
       x / 0:
        print string "thread terminated regularly ...\n"
      let main =
        let = create thread 0 in
        delay 1.0;
10
        print_string "main terminated regularly ...\n"
11
    end
12
```

... yields

```
    > /.a.out
    Thread 1 killed on uncaught exception Division_by_zero
    main terminated regularly ...
```

The thread was killed, the OCaml program terminated nonetheless.

Also, uncaught exceptions within the wrapper function terminate the running thread:

```
module ExplodeWrap = struct open Thread open Event open Timer
let main =
    try sync (wrap (set_timer 1.0) (fun () -> 1 / 0))
with _ ->
;
;
print_string "... this is the end!\n"
end
```

Then we have

```
1 > ./a.out
2 Fatal error: exception Division_by_zero
```

Caveat

Exceptions can only be caught in the body of the wrapper function itself, not behind the sync!

8.4 Buffered Communication

A channel for buffered communication allows to send without blocking. Receiving still may block, if no messages are available. For such channels, we realize a module Mailbox:

```
module type Mailbox = sig
type 'a mbox

val new_mailbox : unit  -> 'a mbox
val receive : 'a mbox -> 'a event
val send : 'a mbox -> 'a -> unit
end
```

For the implementation, we rely on a server which maintains a queue of sent but not yet received messages.

Then we implement:

```
module Mailbox = struct
      open Thread
      open Queue
      open Event
      type 'a mbox = 'a channel * 'a channel
6
      let send (in chan, ) x = sync (send in chan x)
8
      let receive (_, out_chan) = receive out_chan
10
11
```

```
let new mailbox () = let in chan = new channel ()
        and out chan = new channel () in
        let rec serve q =
          if is_empty q then serve (enqueue
                         (sync (Event.receive in_chan)) q)
          else select [
                wrap (Event.receive in chan)
                  (fun y -> serve (enqueue y q));
                wrap (Event.send out chan (first q))
10
                   (fun () -> let _, q = dequeue q in
11
                              serve a):
12
13
       in
14
        let _ = create serve (new_queue ()) in
15
        (in_chan, out_chan)
16
    end
```

... where first: 'a queue -> 'a returns the first element in the queue without removing it. 362

8.5 Multicasts

For sending a message to many receivers, a module Multicast is provided that implements the signature Multicast:

The operation new_port generates a fresh port where a message can be received.
The (non-blocking) operation multicast sends to all registered ports.

```
module Multicast = struct open Thread open Event
      module M = Mailbox
     type 'a port = 'a M.mbox
4
      type 'a mchannel = 'a channel * 'a port channel
      let new port (, req) = let m = M.new mailbox () in
8
                              sync (send req m); m
10
      let multicast (send_ch, _) x = sync (send send_ch x)
11
12
13
      let receive port = M.receive port
14
```

The operation multicast sends the message on channel send_ch. The Operation receive reads from the mailbox of the port.

The multicast channel's server thread maintains the list of ports:

```
let new mchannel () = let send ch = new channel () in
        let req = new channel () in
        let send port x port = M.send port x in
4
       let rec serve ports = select [
              wrap (Event.receive req) (fun p -> serve (p :: ports));
              wrap (Event.receive send ch) (fun x ->
                  let = create (List.iter (send port x)) ports in
                  serve ports);
10
       in
11
       let = create serve [] in
12
        (send_ch, req)
13
14
```

Note that the server thread must respond both to port requests over the channel req and to send requests over send_ch.

Caveat

Our implementation supports addition, but not removal of obsolete ports. For an example run, we use a test expression main:

```
let main = let mc = new mchannel () in
       let thread i = let p = new port mc in
3
         while true do
          let x = sync (receive p) in
          print_int i; print_string ": ";
       print string (x ^ "\n")
        done
      in
       let = create thread 1 in
10
       let = create thread 2 in
11
       let = create thread 3 in
12
       delay 1.0;
13
      multicast mc "Hello!";
14
      multicast mc "World!":
15
       multicast mc "... the end.":
16
       delay 10.0
17
   end
18
```

We obtain

```
1 - ./a.out
2 3: Hello!
3 2: Hello!
4 1: Hello!
5 3: World!
6 2: World!
7 1: World!
8 3: ... the end.
9 2: ... the end.
10 1: ... the end.
```

Summary

- The programming language OCaml offers convenient possibilities to orchestrate concurrent programs.
- Channels with synchronous communication allow to simulate other concepts of concurrency such as asynchronous communication, global variables, locks for mutual exclusion and semaphors.
- Concurrent functional programs can be as obfuscated and incomprehensible as concurrent Java programs.
- Methods are required in order to systematically verify the correctness of such programs ...

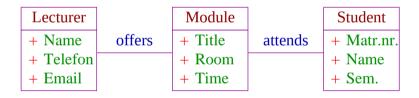
Perspectives

- Beyond the language concepts discussed in the lecture, OCaml has diverse further concepts, which also enable object oriented programming.
- Moreover, OCaml has elegant means to access functionality of the operating system, to employ graphical libraries and to communicate with other computers ...

OCaml is an interesting alternative to Java.

9 Datalog: Computing with Relations

Example 1: The Study Program of a TU



⇒ entity-relationship diagram

Discussion

- Many application domains can be described by entity-relationship diagrams.
- Entities in the example: lecturer, module, student.
- The set of all occurring entities, i.e., of all instances can be decribed by a table ...

Lecturer:

| Name | Telefon | Email |
|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Esparza | 17204 | esparza@in.tum.de |
| Nipkow | 17302 | nipkow@in.tum.de |
| Seidl | 18155 | seidl@in.tum.de |

Module:

| Title | Room | Time |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| Discrete Structures | MI 1 | Thu 12:15-13, Fri 10-11:45 |
| Pearls of Informatics III | MI 3 | Thu 8:30-10 |
| Funct. Programming and Verification | MI 1 | Tue 16-18 |
| Optimization | MI 2 | Mon 12-14, Di 12-14 |

Student:

| Matr.nr. | Name | Sem. |
|----------|---------------|------|
| 123456 | Hans Dampf | 03 |
| 007042 | Fritz Schluri | 11 |
| 543345 | Anna Blume | 03 |
| 131175 | Effi Briest | 05 |

Discussion (cont.)

The rows correspond to the instances.

The columns correspond to the attributes.

Assumption: the first attribute identifies the instance

⇒⇒ primary key

Consequence: Relationships are tables as well ...

offers:

| Name | Title |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| | Discrete Structures |
| | Pearls of Informatics III |
| Seidl | Funct. Programming and Verification |
| Seidl | Optimization |

attends:

| Matr.nr. | Title |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 123456 | Funct. Programming and Verification |
| 123456 | Optimization |
| 123456 | Discrete Structures |
| 543345 | Funct. Programming and Verification |
| 543345 | Discrete Structures |
| 131175 | Optimization |

Possible Queries

- In which semester are students attending the module "Discrete Structures"?
- Who attends a module of lecturer "Seidl"?
- Who attends both "Discrete Structures" and "Funct. Programming and Verification"?



Idea: Table \iff Relation

A relation R is a set of tuples, i.e.,

$$R \subseteq \mathcal{U}_1 \times \ldots \times \mathcal{U}_n$$

where \mathcal{U}_i is the set of all possible values for the ith component. In our example, there are:

int, string, possibly enumeration types

// unary relations represent sets.

Relations can be described by predicates ...

Predicates can be defined by enumeration of facts ...

... in the Example

```
offers ("Esparza", "Discrete Structures").
   offers ("Nipkow", "Pearls of Informatics III").
   offers ("Seidl", "Funct. Programming and Verification").
   offers ("Seidl", "Optimization").
5
   attends (123456, "Optimization").
   attends (123456, "Funct. Programming and Verification").
   attends (123456, "Discrete Structures").
   attends (543345, "Funct. Programming and Verification").
   attends (543345, "Discrete Structures").
   attends (131175, "Optimization").
```

Rules can be used to deduce further facts ...

... in the Example

```
has_attendant (X,Y) :- offers (X,Z), attends (M,Z),

student (M,Y,_).

semester (X,Y) :- attends (Z,X), student (Z,_,Y).
```

- :- represents the logical implication "←".
- The comma-separated list collects the assumptions.
- The left-hand side, the head of the rule, represents the conclusion.
- Variables start with a capital letter.
- The anonymous variable _ refers to irrelevant values.

The knowledge base consisting of facts and rules now can be queried ...

... in the Example

```
?- has_attendant ("Seidl", Z).
```

- Datalog finds all values for Z so that the query can be deduced from the given facts by means of the rules.
- In our examples these are:

```
1  Z = "Hans Dampf"
2  Z = "Anna Blume"
3  Z = "Effi Briest"
```

Further Queries

Caveat

A query may contain none, one or several variables.

An Example Proof

The rule

```
has_attendant (X,Y):- offers (X,Z), attends (M,Z),
student (M,Y,_).
```

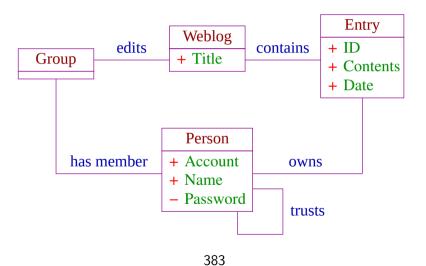
holds for all X, M, Y, Z. By means of the substitution

```
"Seidl"/X "Funct. Programming ..."/Z
543345/M "Anna Blume"/Y
```

we prove

```
offers ("Seidl", "Funct. Programming ...")
attends (543345, "Funct. Programming ...")
student (543345, "Anna Blume", 3)
has_attendant ("Seidl", "Anna Blume")
```

Example 2: A Weblog



Task: Specification of access rights

- Every member of the group of editors is entitled to add an entry.
- Only the owner of an entry is allowed to delete it.
- Everybody trusted by the owner, is entitled to modify.
- Every member of the group as well as everybody directly or indirectly trusted by a member of the group, is allowed to read ...

Specification in Datalog

Remark

- All available predicates or even fresh auxiliary predicates can be used for the definition of new predicates.
- Apparently, predicate definitions may be recursive.
- Together with a person X owning an entry, also all persons are entitled to modify trusted by X.
- Together with a person Y entitled to read, also all persons are entitled to read trusted by Y.

9.1 Answering a Query

Given: a set of facts and rules

Wanted: the set of all provable facts

Problem

```
equals (X,X).
```

be the set of all provable facts is infinite.

Theorem

Assume that W is a finite set of facts and rules with the following properties:

- (1) Facts do not contain variables.
- (2) Every variable in the head, also occurs in the body.

Then the set of provable facts is finite.

Proof Sketch

For every provable fact p(a1,...,ak), it is shown that each constant ai already occurs in W.

Calculation of All Provable Facts

Successively compute the sets $R^{(i)}$ of all facts having proofs of depth at most i ...

$$R^{(0)} = \emptyset \qquad \qquad R^{(i+1)} = \mathcal{F}(R^{(i)})$$

where the operator \mathcal{F} is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(M) = \{h[\underline{a}/\underline{X}] \mid \exists h : -l_1, \dots, l_k \in W : l_1[\underline{a}/\underline{X}], \dots, l_k[\underline{a}/\underline{X}] \in M\}$$

```
// [\underline{a}/\underline{X}] a substitution of the variables \underline{X} // k can be equal to 0.
```

We have:
$$R^{(i)} = \mathcal{F}^i(\emptyset) \subseteq \mathcal{F}^{i+1}(\emptyset) = R^{(i+1)}$$

The set R of all implied facts is given by

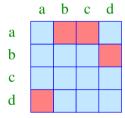
$$R = \bigcup_{i \ge 0} R^{(i)} = R^{(n)}$$

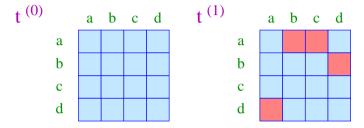
for a suitable n — since R is finite.

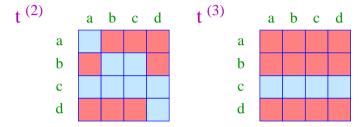
Example

```
1  edge (a,b).
2  edge (a,c).
3  edge (b,d).
4  edge (d,a).
5  t (X,Y) :- edge (X,Y).
6  t (X,Y) :- edge (X,Z), t (Z,Y).
```

Relation edge:







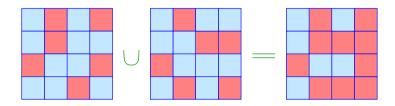
Discussion

- Our considerations are strong enough to calculate all facts implied by a Datalog program.
- From that, the set of answer substitutions can be extracted.
- The naive approach, however, is hopelessly inefficient.
- Smarter approaches try to avoid multiple calculations of the ever identical same facts ...
- In particular, only those facts need be proven which are useful for answering the query
 compiler construction, databases

9.2 Operations on Relations

- We use predicates in order to describe relations.
- There are natural operations on relations which we would like to express in Datalog, i.e., define for predicates.

1. Union



... in Datalog:

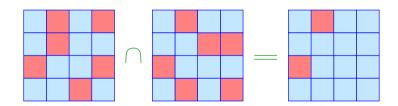
$$r(X_1, ..., X_k) := s_1(X_1, ..., X_k).$$

 $r(X_1, ..., X_k) := s_2(X_1, ..., X_k).$

Example

```
attends_Esparza_or_Seidl (X) :- has_attendant ("Esparza", X).
attends_Esparza_or_Seidl (X) :- has_attendant ("Seidl", X).
```

2. Intersection



... in Datalog:

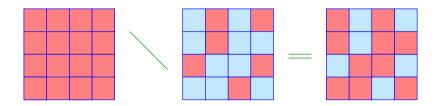
$$r(X_1, \dots, X_k) := s_1(X_1, \dots, X_k),$$

 $s_2(X_1, \dots, X_k).$

Example

```
attends_Esparza_and_Seidl (X) :- has_attendant ("Esparza", X),
has_attendant ("Seidl", X).
```

3. Relative Complement



... in Datalog:

```
r(X_1,\dots,X_k)\quad :=\quad s_1(X_1,\dots,X_k),\ \ \mathsf{not}(s_2(X_1,\dots,X_k)). i.e., r(a_1,\dots,a_k) follows when s_1(a_1,\dots,a_k) holds but s_2(a_1,\dots,a_k) is not provable.
```

Example

```
does_not_attend_Seidl (X) :- student (_,X,_),
not (has_attendant ("Seidl", X)).
```

Caveat

The query

```
p("Hello!").
not (p(X)).
```

results in infinitely many answers.

we allow negated literals only if all occurring variables have already occurred to the left in non-negated literals.

```
p("Hello!").
q("Damn ...").
?- q(X), not (p(X)).
X = "Damn ..."
```

Caveat (cont.)

Negation is only meaningful when $\ s$ does not recursively depend on $\ r$...

```
1 p(X):- not (p(X)).
```

... is not easy to interpret.

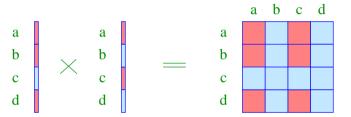
- \longrightarrow We allow $\mathtt{not}(s(\ldots))$ only in rules for predicates r of which s is independent
- \implies stratified negation
- // Without recursive predicates, every negation is stratified.

4. Cartesian Product

$$S_1 \times S_2 = \{(a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_m) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_k) \in S_1, (b_1, \dots, b_m) \in S_2 \}$$

... in Datalog:

$$r(X_1, \ldots, X_k, Y_1, \ldots, Y_m) : - s_1(X_1, \ldots, X_k), s_2(Y_1, \ldots, Y_m).$$



Example

```
lecturer_student (X,Y) :- lecturer (X,_,_),
student (_,Y,_).
```

Comments

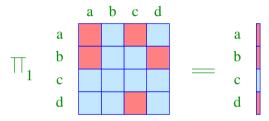
- The product of independent relations is very expensive.
- It should be avoided whenever possible ;-)

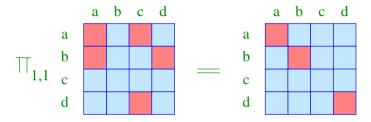
5. Projection

$$\pi_{i_1,\ldots,i_k}(S) = \{(a_{i_1},\ldots,a_{i_k}) \mid (a_1,\ldots,a_m) \in S\}$$

... in Datalog:

$$r(X_{i_1},\ldots,X_{i_k})$$
 :- $s(X_1,\ldots,X_m)$.





6. Join

$$S_1 \bowtie S_2 = \{(a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_m) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}) \in S_1,$$

 $(b_1, \dots, b_m) \in S_2,$
 $a_{k+1} = b_1$

... in Datalog:

$$r(X_1,\ldots,X_k,Y_1,\ldots,Y_m)$$
 :- $s_1(X_1,\ldots,X_k,Y_1), s_2(Y_1,\ldots,Y_m).$

Discussion

Joins can be defined by means of the other operations .

$$S_1 \bowtie S_2 = \pi_{1,\dots,k,k+2,\dots,k+1+m} ($$

 $S_1 \times S_2 \cap$
 $\mathcal{U}^k \times \pi_{1,1}(\mathcal{U}) \times \mathcal{U}^{m-1})$

// For simplicity, we have assumed that $\ensuremath{\mathcal{U}}$ is the // joint universe of all components.

Joins often allow to avoid expensive cartesian products.

The presented operations on relations form the basis of Relational Algebra ...

Background

Relational Algebra ...

is the basis underlying the query languages of Relational Databases

$$\Longrightarrow$$
 SQL

- allows optimization of queries.
 Idea: Replace expensive sub-expressions of the query with cheaper expressions of the same semantics!
- is rather cryptic
- does not support recursive definitions.

Example

The Datalog predicate

```
semester (X,Y):- attends (Z,X), student (Z,_,Y)
```

... can be expressed in SQL by

- SELECT attends. Title, Student. Semester
- 2 FROM attends, Student
- 3 WHERE attends.Matrikelnumber = Student.Matrikelnumber

Perspective

- Besides a query language, a realistic database language must also offer the possibility for insertion / modification / deletion.
- The implementation of a database must be able to handle not just toy applications like our examples, but to deal with gigantic mass data !!!
- It must be able to reliably execute multiple concurrent transactions without messing up individual tasks.
- A database also should be able to survive power supply failure

⇒ Database Lecture