

Lazy Abstraction & Spatial Interpolant

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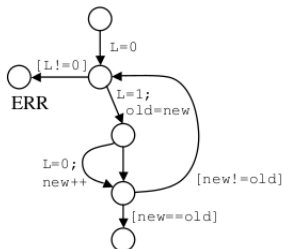
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- Lazy Abstraction with Interpolants. CAV'06
- Spatial Interpolants. ESOP'15

Example: Lazy Abstraction with Interpolants

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do{  
  lock();  
  old = new;  
  if(*){  
    unlock;  
    new++;  
  }  
} while (new != old);
```

(a) program fragment



(b) control-flow graph

L is the variable for lock, locked if $L = 1$.

Prove: L is always 0 on entry to lock.

- Unwind the program into a tree, and label the true statements for each tree node.
- Find a labeling that root is True and error states are False.

Interpolants

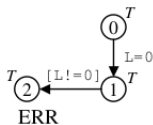
An interpolant for (A, B) is a formula A' s.t.

- $A \rightarrow A'$
- $A' \wedge B$ is unsatisfiable and
- $A' \in \mathcal{L}(A) \cap \mathcal{L}(B)$

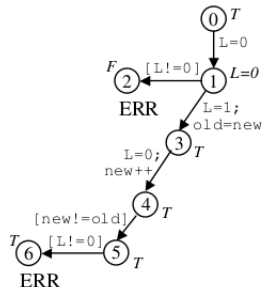
We say A'_0, \dots, A'_n is an interpolant for $\Gamma = A_1, \dots, A_n$ when

- $A'_0 = \text{True}, A'_n = \text{False}$
- For all $1 \leq i \leq n, A'_{i-1} \wedge A_i \implies A'_i$
- For all $1 \leq i < n, A'_i \in \mathcal{L}(A_1 \dots A_i) \cap \mathcal{L}(A_{i+1} \dots A_n)$

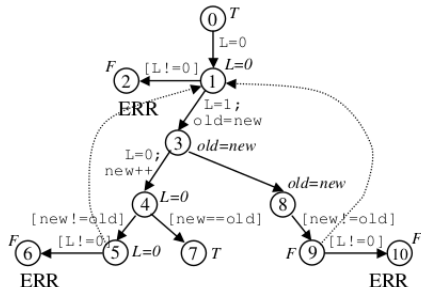
Example: Unwinding



(a) first error



(b) second error



(c) termination

Dashed arrow represents the covering relation \triangleright . e.g. $(5, 1) \in \triangleright$.

Formalization: Program

- A program is a tuple $(\Gamma, \Delta, l_i, l_f)$. e.g. $(l, T, m) \in \Delta$, and T is a transition formula.
- A path π : $(l_0, T_0, l_1), (l_1, T_1, l_2), \dots, (l_{n-1}, T_{n-1}, l_n)$. Error path.
- The unfolding $\mathcal{U}(\pi)$ of a path: $T_0^{\langle 0 \rangle}, \dots, T_n^{\langle n-1 \rangle}$
- Inductive invariant: $I : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(S)$, s.t. $I(l_i) = \text{True}$ and for every $(l, T, m) \in \Delta$, $I(l) \wedge T \rightarrow I(m)'$.
- Safety invariant: An inductive invariant I s.t. $I(l_f) = \text{False}$.

Formalization: Unwinding

Program unwindings We now give a definition of a program unwinding, and an algorithm to construct a complete unwinding using interpolants. For two vertices v and w of a tree, we will write $w \sqsubset v$ when w is a proper ancestor of v .

Definition 1. An unwinding of a program $\mathcal{A} = (\Lambda, \Delta, l_i, l_f)$ is a quadruple (V, E, M_v, M_e) , where (V, E) is a directed tree rooted at ϵ , $M_v : V \rightarrow \Lambda$ is the vertex map, and $M_e : E \rightarrow \Delta$ is the edge map, such that:

- $M_v(\epsilon) = l_i$
- for every non-leaf vertex $v \in V$, for every action $(M_v(v), T, m) \in \Delta$, there exists an edge $(v, w) \in E$ such that $M_v(w) = m$ and $M_e(v, w) = T$.

Formalization: Unwinding

Definition 2. A labeled unwinding of a program $\mathcal{A} = (\Lambda, \Delta, l_i, l_f)$ is a triple $(U, \psi, \triangleright)$, where

- $U = (V, E, M_v, M_e)$ is an unwinding of \mathcal{A}
- $\psi : V \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(S)$ is called the vertex labeling, and
- $\triangleright \subseteq V \times V$ is called the covering relation.

A vertex $v \in V$ is said to be covered iff there exists $(w, x) \in \triangleright$ such that $w \sqsubseteq v$. The unwinding is said to be safe iff, for all $v \in V$, $M_v(v) = l_f$ implies $\psi(v) \equiv \text{FALSE}$. It is complete iff every leaf $v \in V$ is covered.

Definition 3. A labeled unwinding $(U, \psi, \triangleright)$ of a program $\mathcal{A} = (\Lambda, \Delta, l_i, l_f)$, where $U = (V, E, M_v, M_e)$, is said to be well-labeled iff:

- $\psi(\epsilon) \equiv \text{TRUE}$, and
- for every edge $(v, w) \in E$, $\psi(v) \wedge M_e(v, w)$ implies $\psi(w)'$, and
- for all $(v, w) \in \triangleright$, $\psi(v) \Rightarrow \psi(w)$, and w is not covered.

Theorem (Soundness)

If there exists a safe, complete, well-labeled unwinding of program \mathcal{A} , then \mathcal{A} is safe.

Proof.

Let U be the set of uncovered vertices, and let function M map location l to $\bigvee \{\psi(v) \mid M_v(v) = l, v \in U\}$. M is a safety invariant for \mathcal{A} . □

Algorithm

global variables: V a set, $E \subseteq V \times V$, $\triangleright \subseteq V \times V$ and $\psi : V \rightarrow wff$

procedure EXPAND($v \in V$):

 if v is an uncovered leaf then

 for all actions $(M_v(v), T, m) \in \Delta$

 add a new vertex w to V and a new edge (v, w) to E ;

 set $M_v(w) \leftarrow m$ and $\psi(w) \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$;

 set $M_e(v, w) \leftarrow T$

procedure REFINE($v \in V$):

 if $M_v(v) = l_f$ and $\psi(v) \neq \text{FALSE}$ then

 let $\pi = (v_0, T_0, v_1) \cdots (v_{n-1}, T_{n-1}, v_n)$ be the unique path from ϵ to v

 if $\mathcal{U}(\pi)$ has an interpolant $\hat{A}_0, \dots, \hat{A}_n$ then

 for $i = 0 \dots n$:

 let $\phi = \hat{A}_i^{\langle -i \rangle}$

 if $\psi(v_i) \not\models \phi$ then

 remove all pairs (\cdot, v_i) from \triangleright

 set $\psi(v_i) \leftarrow \psi(v_i) \wedge \phi$

 else abort (program is unsafe)

procedure COVER($v, w \in V$):

 if v is uncovered and $M_v(v) = M_v(w)$ and $v \not\sqsubseteq w$ then

 if $\psi(v) \models \psi(w)$ then

 add (v, w) to \triangleright ;

 delete all $(x, y) \in \triangleright$, s.t. $v \sqsubseteq y$;

Algorithm

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procedure CLOSE( $v \in V$ ):  
  for all  $w \in V$  s.t.  $w \prec v$  and  $M_v(w) = M_v(v)$ :  
    COVER( $v, w$ )  
  
recursive procedure DFS( $v \in V$ ):  
  CLOSE( $v$ )  
  if  $v$  is uncovered then  
    if  $M_v(v) = l_f$  then  
      REFINED( $v$ );  
      for all  $w \sqsubseteq v$ : CLOSE( $w$ )  
    EXPAND( $v$ );  
    for all children  $w$  of  $v$ : DFS( $w$ )  
  
procedure UNWIND:  
  set  $V \leftarrow \{\epsilon\}$ ,  $E \leftarrow \emptyset$ ,  $\psi(\epsilon) \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$ ,  $\triangleright \leftarrow \emptyset$   
  while there exists an uncovered leaf  $v \in V$ :  
    for all  $w \in V$  s.t.  $w \sqsubset v$ : CLOSE( $w$ );  
    DFS( $v$ )
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where \prec is the relation regarding \sqsubseteq , indicating the order of computing the covering relation. Since adding a new pair may delete old pairs.

Lazy Abstraction with Spatial Interpolants

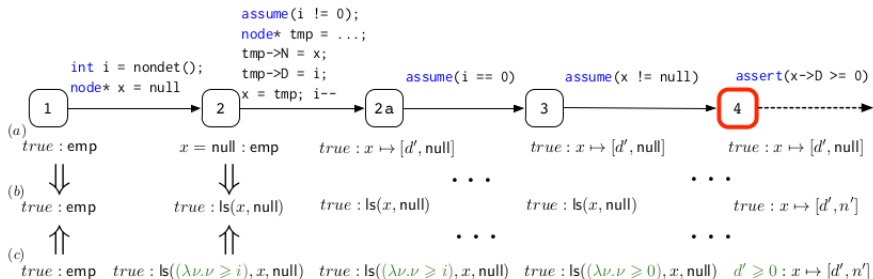
Procedure:

- Sample a program path and construct a Hoare stype proof of this path.
- Compute Spatial Interpolants
- Refine with Theory Interpolants
- From Proofs of Paths to Proofs of Programs

Example: Spatial Interpolants

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1: int i = nondet();
   node* x = null;
2: while (i != 0)
   node* tmp = malloc(node);
   tmp->N = x;
   tmp->D = i;
   x = tmp;
   i--;
3: while (x != null)
4:   assert(x->D >= 0);
   x = x->N;
    
```



Preliminaries: Separation Logic

$x, y \in \text{HVar}$	(Heap variables)	$E, F \in \text{HTerm} ::= \text{null} \mid x$
$a, b \in \text{DVar}$	(Data variables)	$\mathcal{A} ::= A \mid E$
$A \in \text{DTerm}$	(Data terms)	$\Pi \in \text{Pure} ::= \text{true} \mid E = E \mid E \neq E \mid$
$\varphi \in \text{DFormula}$	(Data formulas)	$\varphi \mid \Pi \wedge \Pi$
$Z \in \text{RPred}$	(Rec. predicates)	$H \in \text{Heaplet} ::= \text{true} \mid \text{emp} \mid E \mapsto [\vec{A}, \vec{E}] \mid Z(\vec{\theta}, \vec{E})$
$\theta \in \text{Refinement} ::= \lambda \vec{a}. \varphi$		$\Sigma \in \text{Spatial} ::= H \mid H * \Sigma$
$X \subseteq \text{Var} ::= x \mid a$		$P \in \text{RSep} ::= (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma)$

Fig. 4. Syntax of RSep formulas.

Features:

- General recursive predicates.
- Recursive predicates are augmented with a vector of refinements on data values.
- Each heap cell is a record consisting of data fields followed by heap fields.
- Pure formulas contain heap and first-order data constraints.

Preliminaries: Separation Logic

Separation conjunction:

$$P * Q = (\exists X_P \cup X_Q. \Pi_P \wedge \Pi_Q : \Sigma_P * \Sigma_Q)$$

We write $\exists X.P$ to denote:

$$\exists X.P = \exists X \cup X_P. \Pi_P : \Sigma_P$$

Recursive predicates:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ls}(R, x, y) &\equiv (x = y : \text{emp}) \vee \\ &\quad (\exists d, n'. x \neq y \wedge R(d) : x \mapsto [d, n'] * \text{ls}(R, n', y)) \\ \text{bt}(Q, L, R, x) &= (x = \text{null} : \text{emp}) \\ &\quad \vee (\exists d, l, r. Q(d) : x \mapsto [d, l, r] \\ &\quad \quad * \text{bt}((\lambda a. Q(a) \wedge L(d, a)), L, R, l) \\ &\quad \quad * \text{bt}((\lambda a. Q(a) \wedge R(d, a)), L, R, r)) \\ &\quad \text{bt}((\lambda a. \text{true}), (\lambda a, b. a \geq b), (\lambda a, b. a \leq b), x) \end{aligned}$$

Prelimiaries: Separation Logic

Generally

$$Z(\vec{R}, \vec{x}) \equiv (\exists X_1. \Pi_1 \wedge \Phi_1 : \Sigma_1) \vee \cdots \vee (\exists X_n. \Pi_n \wedge \Phi_n : \Sigma_n)$$

Semantic of recursive predicates:

$$s, h \models Z(\vec{\theta}, \vec{E}) \iff \exists P \in \text{cases}(Z(\vec{R}, \vec{x})). s, h \models P[\vec{\theta}/\vec{R}, \vec{E}/\vec{x}]$$

Prelimiaries: Program

Program is a tuple $\langle V, E, v_i, v_e \rangle$.

Each edge $e \in E$ is connected with an edge command e^c .

Assignment: $x := \mathbb{A}$

Heap store: $x \rightarrow N_i := E$

Heap load: $y := x \rightarrow N_i$

Assumption: $\text{assume}(\Pi)$

Data store: $x \rightarrow D_i := A$

Data load: $y := x \rightarrow D_i$

Allocation: $x := \text{new}(n, m)$

Disposal: $\text{free}(x)$

Phase 1: Forward Symbolic Execution

For heap statements:

$$\text{exec}(x := \text{new}(k, l), (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma)) = (\exists X \cup \{x', \vec{d}, \vec{n}\}. (\Pi : \Sigma)[x'/x] * x \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}])$$

where x', \vec{d}, \vec{n} are fresh, $\vec{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_k)$, and $\vec{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_l)$.

$$\text{exec}(\text{free}(x), (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}])) = (\exists X. \Pi \wedge \Pi^\neq : \Sigma)$$

where $\Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}] \vdash x = z$ and Π^\neq is the
conjunction of all disequalities $x \neq y$ s.t. $y \mapsto [-, -] \in \Sigma$.

$$\text{exec}(x := E, (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma)) = (\exists X \cup \{x'\}. (x = E[x'/x]) * (\Pi : \Sigma)[x'/x])$$

where x' is fresh.

$$\text{exec}(\text{assume}(\Pi'), (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma)) = (\exists X. \Pi \wedge \Pi' : \Sigma) .$$

$$\text{exec}(x \rightarrow N_i := E, (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}])) = (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma * x \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}[E/n_i]])$$

where $i \leq |\vec{n}|$ and $\Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}] \vdash x = z$.

$$\text{exec}(y := x \rightarrow N_i, (\exists X. \Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}])) =$$
$$(\exists X \cup \{y'\}. (y = n_i[y'/y]) * (\Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}])[y'/y])$$

where $i \leq |\vec{n}|$ and $\Pi : \Sigma * z \mapsto [\vec{d}, \vec{n}] \vdash x = z$, and y' is fresh.

Phase 2: Backward Interpolation Phase

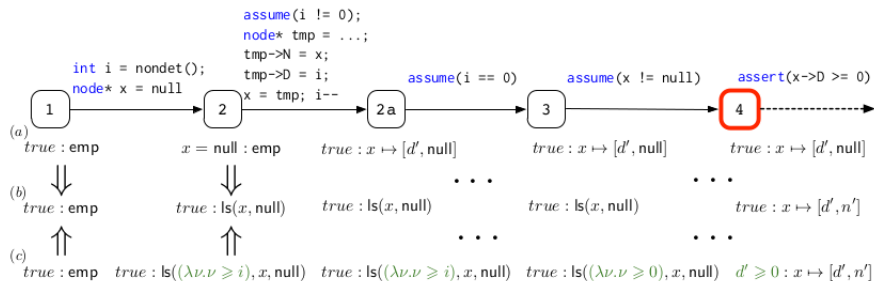
Spatial Interpolants:

Definition 1 (Spatial path interpolant). Let $\pi = e_1, \dots, e_n$ be a program path with symbolic execution sequence S_0, \dots, S_n , and let P be a *Sep* formula (such that $S_n \models P$). A spatial path interpolant for π is a sequence I_0, \dots, I_n of *Sep* formulas such that

- for each $i \in [0, n]$, $S_i \models I_i$;
- for each $i \in [1, n]$, $\{I_{i-1}\} e_i^c \{I_i\}$ is a valid triple in separation logic; and
- $I_n \models P$.

Definition 2 (Spatial interpolant). Given *Sep* formulas S and I' and a command c such that $\text{exec}(c, S) \models I'$, a spatial interpolant (for S , c , and I') is a *Sep* formula I such that $S \models I$ and $\{I\} c \{I'\}$ is valid.

Example Review



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Phase 2: How to Compute Spatial Interpolants

Bounded Abduction:

Definition 3 (Bounded abduction). Let L, M, R be *Sep* formulas, and let X be a set of variables. A solution to the bounded abduction problem

$$L \vdash (\exists X. M * []) \vdash R$$

is a *Sep* formula A such that $L \models (\exists X. M * A) \models R$.

Bounded Abduction Rules

Allocate Suppose c is $x := \text{new}(n, m)$. We take $\text{itp}(S, c, I') = (\exists x. A)$, where A is obtained as a solution to $\text{exec}(c, S) \vdash (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. x \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}] * [A]) \vdash I'$, and \vec{a} and \vec{z} are vectors of fresh variables of length n and m , respectively.

Deallocate Suppose c is $\text{free}(x)$. We take $\text{itp}(S, c, I') = (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. I' * x \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}])$, where \vec{a} and \vec{z} are vectors of fresh variables whose lengths are determined by the unique heap cell which is allocated to x in S .

Assignment Suppose c is $x := E$. We take $\text{itp}(S, c, I') = I'[E/x]$.

Bounded Abduction Rules for Load and Store

Store Suppose c is $x \rightarrow N_i := E$. We take $\text{itp}(S, c, I') = (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. A * x \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}])$, where A is obtained as a solution to $\text{exec}(c, S) \vdash (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. x \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}[E/z_i]] * [A]) \vdash I'$ and where \vec{a} and \vec{z} are vectors of fresh variables whose lengths are determined by the unique heap cell which is allocated to x in S .

Load Suppose c is $y := x \rightarrow N_i$. Suppose that \vec{a} and \vec{z} are vectors of fresh variables of lengths $|\vec{A}|$ and $|\vec{E}|$ where S is of the form $\Pi : \Sigma * w \mapsto [\vec{A}, \vec{E}]$ and $\Pi : \Sigma * w \mapsto [\vec{A}, \vec{E}] \vdash x = w$ (this is the condition under which $\text{exec}(c, S)$ is defined, see Fig. 5). Let y' be a fresh variable, and define $\bar{S} = (y = z_i[y'/y]) * (\Pi : \Sigma * w \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}])[y'/y]$. Note that $\bar{S} \vdash (\exists y'. \bar{S}) \equiv \text{exec}(c, S) \vdash I'$.

We take $\text{itp}(S, c, I') = (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. A[z_i/y, y/y'] * x \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}])$ where A is obtained as a solution to $\bar{S} \vdash (\exists \vec{a}, \vec{z}. x[y'/y] \mapsto [\vec{a}, \vec{z}] * [A]) \vdash I'$.

Bounded Abduction Rules for Assume

Example:

$$\text{itp}(S, \text{assume}(x \neq \text{null}), (\exists a, z. x \mapsto [a, z] * \text{true}))$$

For c is $\text{assume}(E \neq F)$

to introduce recursive predicates for the **assume** interpolation rules. Let P, Q be Sep formulas such that $P \vdash Q$, let Z be a recursive predicate and \vec{E} be a vector of heap terms. We define $\text{intro}(Z, \vec{E}, P, Q)$ as follows: if $P \vdash (\exists \emptyset. Z(\vec{E}) * [A]) \vdash Q$ has a solution and $A \not\vdash Q$, define $\text{intro}(Z, \vec{E}, P, Q) = Z(\vec{E}) * A$. Otherwise, define $\text{intro}(Z, \vec{E}, P, Q) = Q$.

At last we take $\text{itp}(S, c, I')$ to be M , where

$$M = \text{intro}(Z_1, \vec{E}_1, S \wedge E \neq F, \text{intro}(Z_2, \vec{E}_2, S \wedge E \neq F, \dots))$$

How is Bounded Abduction Conducted

Problem:

$$L \vdash \exists.M * [A] \vdash R$$

High level description:

- Find a coloring of L , assign color red or blue to the heaplets in L . Red for satisfying M , blues are left overs.
- Compute the color strengthening $[M'] * [A]$ for R by recursion on the proof of $L \vdash R$.
- Check $M * A \models R$, if failed the algorithm fails to compute the solution for the problem.

Phase 3: Spatial Interpolation Modulo Theories

Refined memory safety proof ζ'	Constraint system \mathcal{C}	Solution σ
$\{R_0(i) : \text{true}\}$	$R_0(i') \leftarrow \text{true}$	$R_0(i) : \text{true}$
$i = \text{nondet}(); x = \text{null}$	$R_1(i') \leftarrow R_0(i)$	$R_1(i) : \text{true}$
$\{R_1(i) : \text{ls}((\lambda a. R_{\text{ls}1}(\nu, i)), x, \text{null}) * \text{true}\}$	$R_2(i') \leftarrow R_1(i) \wedge i \neq 0 \wedge i' = i + 1$	$R_2(i) : \text{true}$
$\text{assume}(i \neq 0); \dots; i--;$	$R_3(i) \leftarrow R_2(i) \wedge i = 0$	$R_3(i) : \text{true}$
$\{R_2(i) : \text{ls}((\lambda a. R_{\text{ls}2}(\nu, i)), x, \text{null}) * \text{true}\}$	$R_4(i, d') \leftarrow R_3(i) \wedge R_{\text{ls}3}(d', i)$	$R_4(i, d') : d' \geq 0$
$\text{assume}(i == 0)$	$R_{\text{ls}2}(\nu, i') \leftarrow R_1(i) \wedge R_{\text{ls}1}(\nu, i) \wedge i \neq 0 \wedge i' = i + 1$	$R_{\text{ls}1}(\nu, i) : \nu \geq i$
$\{R_3(i) : \text{ls}((\lambda a. R_{\text{ls}3}(\nu, i)), x, \text{null}) * \text{true}\}$	$R_{\text{ls}2}(\nu, i') \leftarrow R_1(i) \wedge \nu = i \wedge i \neq 0 \wedge i' = i + 1$	$R_{\text{ls}2}(\nu, i) : \nu \geq i$
$\text{assume}(x \neq \text{null})$	$R_{\text{ls}3}(\nu, i) \leftarrow R_2(i) \wedge R_{\text{ls}2}(\nu, i) \wedge i = 0$	$R_{\text{ls}3}(\nu, i) : \nu \geq 0$
$\{(\exists d', y. R_4(i, d') : x \mapsto [d', y] * \text{true})\}$	$d' \geq 0 \leftarrow R_4(i, d')$	

Fig. 7. Example constraints.