Simple Relational Correctness Proofs for Static Analyses and Program Transformations By Nick Benton

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Soundness of Program optimization

Lot of work on functional languages especially in

- formalization
- validation

Few work on imperative programming languages

- seems trivial
- ... but i's not

Optimization transformations

Transformation of a program to a semantically equivalent one in order to reduce the time used, or to decrease the resources used. Typical imperative program optimization includes:

- constant propagation
- dead-code elimination
- program slicing
- loop unrolling

Optimization transformations: examples

```
X := 3
if X = 3 then
    X := 7;
else
                     ==>
    skip;
                             X := 7:
Z := X + 1;
                              Z := 8:
if X = 3 then
    Y := X;
else
                     ==>
    Y := 3;
                              Y := 3
X := -Y
                             X := Y
Z := Z - X
                              Z := Z + X
                     ==>
X := -X
```

Table: Transformation examples

Dependency, Dead Code and Constant (DDCC)

- Non-standard type system
- it derives typed equality between expressions and commands
- it works on pairs of programs
- has simple types for expressions
- has maps from variables to simple types for states
- can be seen as a non-interference type system
- it captures only decisions based on known variables. So it is not able to capture patterns like in example 2 of table {1}
- does not capture code-motion transformation

DDCC

A simple type $\phi_{\tau} := \mathbb{F}_{\tau} \mid \{c\}_{\tau} \mid \Delta_{\tau} \mid \mathbb{T}_{\tau} \text{ where } \tau \in \{\text{int}, \text{bool}\}$ and c is a constant.

- ullet $\mathbb{F}_{ au}$ is an empty type
- ullet $\{c\}_{ au}$ is the type of a constant c $(5\in\{5\}_{\mathit{int}})$
- $\Delta_{ au}$ is the type of an unknown expression (if we do not know the value of X $(X+X)\in\Delta_{int}$)
- ullet $\mathbb{T}_{ au}$ is the type of an expression that we do not care any more.

A state type $\Phi := - \mid \Phi, X : \phi_{int}$

while-Programs: syntax

while-Programs: semantics

 Denotational semantics of Integer expression (similar to the one for Boolean expression)

Denotational semantics of commands