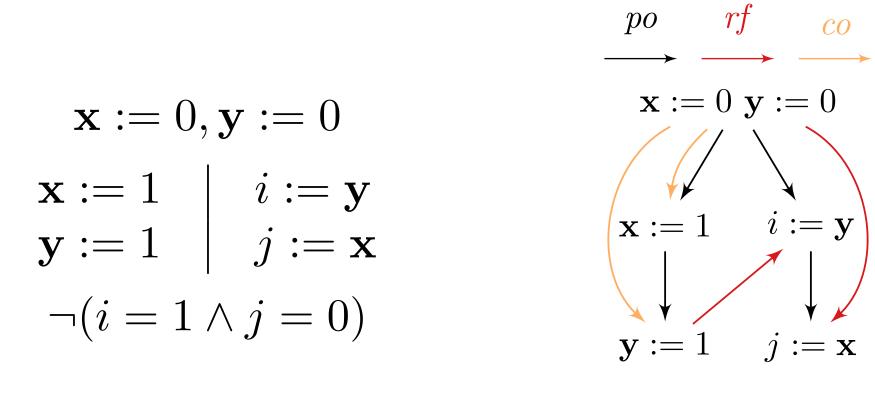


Software Verification Witnesses for Weak Memory



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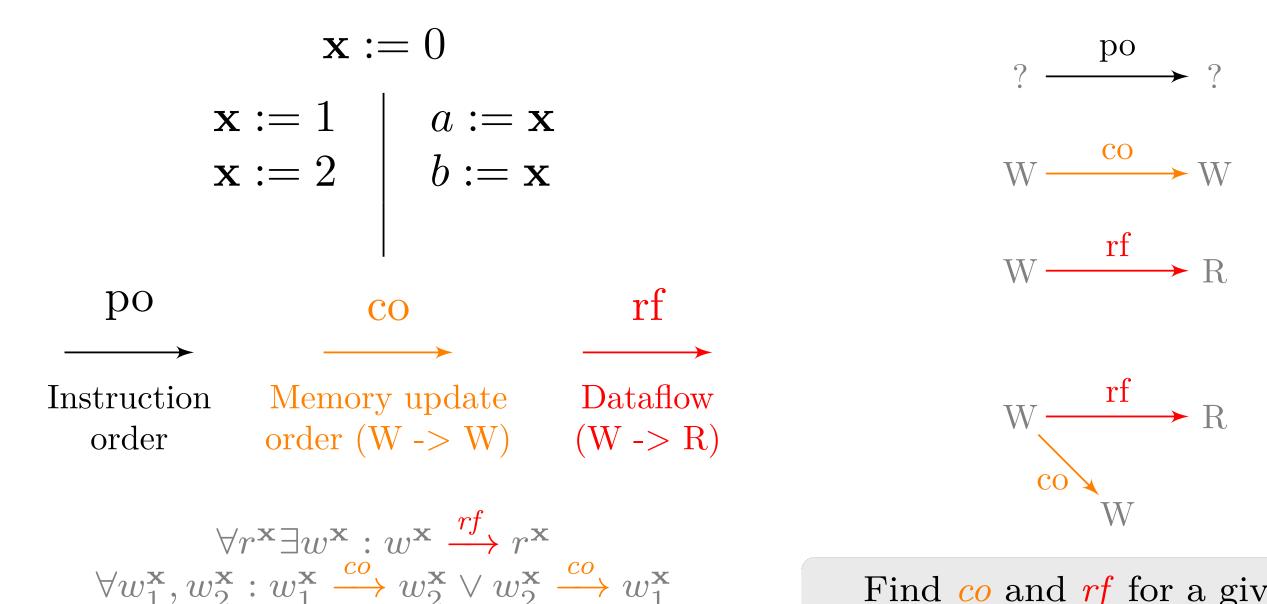
EXAMPLE



Program with property

Bold variables are global, *italicized* variables are local. The program is safe under SC and TSO but not PSO.

Memory Models Overview



Find co and rf for a given po such that hb is acyclic.

TOOLS FOR WEAK MEMORY

CEx. candidate

Exhaustive Enumeration

Generate execution candidates, and check their consistency

Herd7 [2]

(memory model simulator)
Litmus tests CAT
memory model

Stateless Model Checking

Generate increasingly larger, always consistent executions (traces)

GenMC [5], Nidhugg [1],

(Subset of) C11 Custom library

Bounded Model Checking

Encode constraints of the memory model in the SMT query

Dartagnan [4] (SV-COMP flavored) C Subset of CAT

VIOLATION WITNESS EXAMPLE

Thread 0	waypoint type	value	line	column
	assume	$\backslash at(\mathbf{x},0) = 0$	0	middle
	assume	$\backslash at(\mathbf{y},0) = 0$	0	end
	${\rm thread_start}$	1,2	1	0
Thread 1				
	assume	$\backslash at(\mathbf{x}, 1) = 1$	1	end
	assume	$\setminus at(\mathbf{y}, 1) = 1$	2	end
Thread 2				
	assume	$i = \langle at(\mathbf{x}, 1)$	1	end
	assume	$j = \langle at(\mathbf{y}, 1) \rangle$	2	end
	target	_	2	end

A violation witness, encoding a violation under PSO

Correctness Witness Example

invariant type	value	line	column
location	$\backslash at(\mathbf{x},0) = 0$	0	middle
location	$\backslash at(\mathbf{y},0) = 0$	0	end
location	$\setminus at(\mathbf{x}, 1) = 1$	1 (left)	end
location	$\setminus at(\mathbf{y}, 1) = 1$	2 (left)	end
location	$\exists a : a \in \{0, 1\} $ $i = \backslash at(\mathbf{x}, a)$	1 (right)	end
location	$\exists a, b : a, b \in \{0, 1\}$ $j = \backslash at(\mathbf{y}, a)$ $i = \backslash at(\mathbf{x}, b)$ $b = 1 \implies a = 1$	2 (right)	end
location	$\neg(i=1 \land j=0)$	2 (right)	end

A correctness witness, encoding a proof over SC

Mapping Verdicts to Witnesses

 $\arrangle at(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{id})$: Built-in ACSL construct (abused a bit)

- referring to the value of the expression **e** in the state at label **id** [3]
- Our state labels are integers, and denote ordering of memory events.
- Correctness: *state labels* are **symbolic** integers, and denote ordering of memory events.

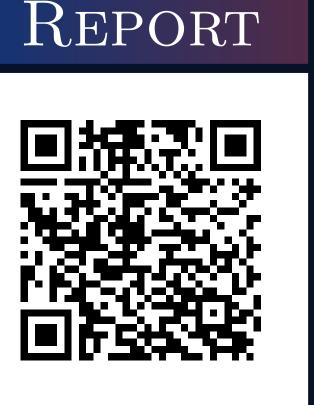
FUTURE PLANS

- Implement witness serialization (Theta, CPACHECKER)
- Implement violation witness checking (Theta)
- Implement correctness witness checking (Theta)



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