

# EC4219: Software Engineering (Spring 2024)

## Homework 2: Houdini Algorithm for Invariant Inference

100 points

**Due:** 6/12, 23:59 (submit via GIST LMS)

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### Important Notes

- **Evaluation criteria**

The correctness of your implementation will be evaluated using testcases:

$$\frac{\#Passed}{\#Total} \times \text{point per problem}$$

- “Total” indicates a set of testcases prepared by the instructor (undisclosed before the evaluation).
- “Passed” indicates testcases whose expected outputs match with the outputs produced by your implementations.

- **Executable**

Before you submit your code, please make sure that your code can be successfully compiled. That is, the command `./build` should not report any errors. Otherwise, you will get 0 points for that HW.

- **No Plagiarism and No Discussion**

Cheating (i.e., copying assignments by any means) will get you an *F*. See the slides for Lecture 0. Code-clone checking will be conducted irregularly. Furthermore, discussions at all levels are strictly disallowed.

- **No Changes on Template/File Name/File Extension Changes**

Your job is to complete (`* TODO *`) parts in provided templates; you should not modify the other existing code templates. Do not change the file names. The submitted files should have `.ml` extensions, not the others (e.g., `.pdf`, `.zip`, `.tar`).

- **No Posting on the Web**

You should not post your implementations on public websites (e.g., public GitHub repositories). Violating this rule gets you an *F*, even after the end of the semester.

## 1 Goal

In Hw1, we assumed loop invariants are properly annotated in our programs to verify. Your job in Hw2 is to implement the Houdini-style algorithm for automatically generating such invariants.

## 2 Structure of the Project

You can find the following files in the `hw2` directory. **Your job is to complete and submit the three files:**

`verify2.ml, guess.ml, verify.ml`

- **verifier2.ml**: This module aims to implement the verification procedure with Houdini-style invariant inference below:

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**Algorithm 1** Verification with Automatic Invariant Inference

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**Input:** A program  $P$  containing holes to verify

**Output:** An annotated program  $P'$  and its verification result

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1:  $\mu \leftarrow$  enumerate speculated invariants  $\triangleright$  guess.ml,  $\mu : \text{hid} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{FOL})$ 
2: while true do  $\triangleright$  the function synthesize in verify2_template.ml
3:   refuted  $\leftarrow$  Verify( $P, A$ )  $\triangleright$  the function verify_candidates in verify2_template.ml
4:   if refuted =  $\emptyset$  then
5:     break
6:   for each ( $\text{hid}, \phi$ )  $\in$  refuted do  $\triangleright$  the function refine in verify2_template.ml
7:      $\mu[\text{hid}] \leftarrow \mu[\text{hid}] \setminus \{\phi\}$ 
8:  $P' \leftarrow$  fill in the holes of  $P$  using  $\mu$   $\triangleright$  the function fill in verify2_template.ml
9: return ( $P'$ , verification result of  $P'$ )
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- **guess.ml**: This module aims to generate candidate invariants mined from code text. More specifically, its goal is to construct a mapping from hole identifiers (`hid` in the file) to a set of atomic formulas. Recall that Houdini algorithm aims to find conjunctive invariants. Thus, a candidate invariant can be represented as a set of atomic formulas, where all elements are connected with  $\wedge$ .

In Hw2, for each hole identifier (*hid*), the search space for candidate invariants is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{\forall j. x \leq j \wedge j < y \rightarrow a[j] \neq z \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{X}_i, a \in \mathbb{X}_a\} \\
\cup & \{x \prec y \mid x, y \in \mathbb{X}_i, \prec \in \{\leq, =\}\} \\
\cup & \{c \leq x \mid x \in \mathbb{X}_i, c \in \{0, 1\}\} \\
\cup & \{x < \text{len}(a) \mid x \in \mathbb{X}_i, a \in \mathbb{X}_a\} \\
\cup & \{\text{sorted}(a, x, \text{len}(a) - 1) \mid x \in \mathbb{X}_i, a \in \mathbb{X}_a\} \\
\cup & \{\text{partitioned}(a, 0, x, x + 1, \text{len}(a) - 1) \mid x \in \mathbb{X}_i, a \in \mathbb{X}_a\} \\
\cup & \{\text{partitioned}(a, 0, x - 1, x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{X}_i, a \in \mathbb{X}_a\}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{X}_i$  and  $\mathbb{X}_a$  are integer-typed and integer-array-typed variables collected from a program text.

- `verifier.ml`: This is a file that you implemented for Hw1. **You can submit a revised version that is different from the one you submitted for Hw1.**
- `formula.ml`: contains the definition of FOL formulas. The difference compared to Hw1 is that, a “hole” is added into the definition of the FOL formula, in order to allow loop invariants to be unspecified.
- The rest files are the same as Hw1 (except for subsequent changes due to the introduction of the hole).

### 3 How to Build

Once you complete the three files (`verify2.ml`, `guess.ml`, `verify.ml`), you can build the project as follows.

```
$ ./build
```

Then, the executable `./main.native` will be generated. You can run it as follows.

```
$ ./main.native -input TESTCODE
```

### 4 Running Example

If you run the command

```
$ ./main.native -input test/loop2
```

you should obtain the following result:

```
...
[INFO] iter: ...
[INFO] inductive invariants found!
...
=== Verificaiton Result ===
true, 2
...
```

where `true` indicates that the function is partially correct, and `2` is the number of proven assertions.