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Programming a cryptocurrency in Agda

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1 Introduction

1.1 The Bitcoin

The bitcoin (Nakamoto et al., 2008) was one of the first crypto currencies created in the world. Satoshi Nakamoto created it in 2008 using many ideas from cypherpunk community.

Before bitcoin, there were a lot of cryptograph cash ideas based on ecash protocol. Adam Back developed a proof-of-work scheme for spam control. Wei Dai propose b-money for the first proposal for distributed digital scarcity. And Hal Finney created a reusable proof of work for hashcash for its algorithm of proof of work.

Since 2008, the total market of Bitcoin came to 330 billions dollars in 17 of December of 2018 and his value has a historic record of 20 thousands dollars. Other cryptocurrencies like Ethereum and Monero were created and they both have a good market value. Crypto currencies will be a great finance instrument for a near future.

Crypto currencies are used for smart contracts too. For example, it is possible to reserve some part of money to the seller in the blockchain. To unlock the money, it is necessary to get a signature of the buyer. If the buyer receive the product, he will sign the contract. If the product does not come in time, the buyer receive his money back. Smart contracts are widely adopted today the big funds and these contracts are fully governed by algorithms.

1.2 Agda Introduction

Agda is a dependently typed functional language developed by Norell at Chalmers University of Technology as his PhD Thesis. The current version of Agda is Agda 2.

Agda is also a proof assistance based on intensional Martin-Löf type theory. It looks like CoQ, but does not have tactics. Agda is a total language, so it is guaranteed that the code always terminal and coverage all inputs. Agda needs it to be a consistent language.

Agda has inductive data types that are similar to algebraic data types in non-dependently typed programming language. The definition of Peano numbers in Agda:

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data ℕ : Set where
  zero : ℕ
  suc  : ℕ → ℕ
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Definitions in Agda are done using induction. For example, the sum of two numbers in Agda:

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_+_ : ℕ → ℕ → ℕ
zero + m = m
suc n + m = suc (n + m)

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In Agda, because of dependent types, it is possible to make some restrictions in types that is not possible in other language. For example, get the first element of a vector. For it, it is necessary to specify in the type that the vector should have at size greater or equal than one.

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head : {A : Set} {n : ℕ} (vec : Vector A (suc n)) → A
head (x :: vec) = x

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Another good example is that in sum of two matrices, they should have the same dimentionions.

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_+m_ : {m n : ℕ} (P Q : Matrix ℕ m n) → Matrix ℕ m n
[] +m [] = []
(vx :: P) +m (vy :: Q) = (vx +v vy) :: (P +m Q)

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1.3 UTXO Bitcoin

There are two kinds of data structures to modeling accounts records and savings states. The UTXO model used in Bitcoin and the account model used in Ethereum.

In account model, it is saved the address and the balance of each address. For example, the data struct will look like this [(0xabc01, 1.01), (0xabc02, 2.02)]. So the address 0xabc01 has 1.01 of balance and the address 0xabc02 has 2.02 of balance. In this way, it is possible to easily know how much of balance each address has, but it is not possible to know how they got in this state.

In UTXO model, each transaction is saved in the transaction tree. Every transaction is composed of multiples inputs and multiples outputs. But all inputs have to never been spent before.

1.4 TXTree in Agda

2 Methods

3 Conclusion

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