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STM Project Proposal

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1 Introduction

Solver-aided programming language/framework, such as Rosette [], extend traditional programming languages with SAT/SMT-specific interface and constructs. Such a language framework makes it easier to embed/model domain-specific artifacts/systems and exploit use of SAT/SMT solver features (UNSAT, MAX-SAT, UNSAT-CORE, etc.) for performing various constraint-solving tasks, such as symbolic verification, debugging, bug localization, and synthesis. Most of the current work in this field is focussed on arithmetic and bit-vector theories. There are tools for verification of programs in ANSI C with suitable assertions to a limited extent, like BugAssist[?], but they don't focus on other solutions like synthesis. Also it's code is not open source.

In this project we propose to use Rosette-Racket for analysis (*verification*, *debugging*, and *bug-fixing*) of array manipulating programs. An array theory poses a challenge for symbolic analysis as it is undecidable, in general, because it requires quantifier instantiation. We simplify our problem by restricting ourselves to a decidable fragment of arrays theory [?]. We simplify the problem of bug-fixing, which is essentially a synthesis problem, by restricting the grammar of the expressions that can be used in the fixes.

2 Problem: Automatic Verification, Debugging and Fixing Array Programs

Consider a simple program that is expected to swap the values at i and j index of an array a if they are not in ascending order. We have deliberately introduced a **bug** in line 5 of the program by using j instead of i in the array select to preserve the post-assertion

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1: int [10] a;  
2: unsigned int i, j;  
3: @Pre : assume( $i < 10 \ \&\& \ j < 10$ )  
4: if ( $a[i] > a[j]$ ) {  
5:     temp =  $a[j]$ ; //Bug!!  
6:      $a[i] = a[j]$ ;  
7:      $a[j] = temp$ ; }  
8: @Post : assert( $a[i] \leq a[j]$ )
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Our goal is to develop a prototype tool that does the following: (1) *verify* such program assertions; if an assertion fails (2) localize *bugs* to a region (line 5) of the program, and suggest a possible fix (replace J by i) to make the assertion true.

3 Approach

We will covert the program in logical formula using Racket/Rosette, and then proceed to the verification. Assume that the final formula we get is P .

Verification: We expect that $\neg P$ will be *UNSAT*. If it is the case, the program is verified.

Debugging: If $\neg P$ is *SAT*, then there is a bug in the program. We shall get the model for this *SAT* instance, and check for the *UNSAT* core for P under this model. This, we expect, will be done with the help of Rosette.

Synthesis: For the sake of simplicity, **we shall assume that the bug lies in the array access operations** in the program. For synthesis, we shall convert the program to a sketch by introducing *holes* in the array access operations. Then, with the help of Rosette, we shall try to find out the possible substitution for the holes so that the $\neg P$ becomes *UNSAT*, and hence the program becomes correct.

1. Describing a language which can be used to specify the array manipulating programs with the pre/post conditions and loop invariants
2. Develop an interpreter for this language using Rosette which will help in converting the problem of performing the following analysis of a restricted class of array manipulating programs into instances of SMT array logic internally.
 - Verifying an array manipulating program against its specification given as pre-post conditions and loop invariants (for program with loops).
 - Localizing the location of a bug when verification fails.

- Synthesizing a fix for the bug when there is fix available **by manipulating the array access indices**. We will allow the array access index to be replaced by any index (or index plus a constant) in the program.

In this project we will focus on the bugs due to array access operations.

3. Implementation of our method within the Rosette-Racket solver-aided programming tool/language framework.
4. Experiment our implementation on a targeted class of benchmark examples.

4 Expected Results

This is a work under progress being done as a project for an SMT course. By the time of SMT School we expect to have an implementation of the tool in Rosette with results of running our tool on a set of benchmark array manipulating programs.