

# A Study of Undefined Behavior Across Foreign Function Boundaries in Rust Libraries

## Appendix

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# 1 Results

Table 1: Download counts for each crate where a bug was found, sorted by “All-Time”. The mean download count per day is aggregated across the 6 months between March 20th and September 20th, 2023.

Crate	Version	Mean 📄 / Day	📄 All-Time	Last Updated	Bug IDs
flate2	1.0.27	136,292	82,637,795	2023-08-15	35
foreign-types	0.5.0	88,416	64,223,888	2019-10-13	30
bzip2	0.4.4	23,862	13,447,830	2023-01-05	31
zmq	0.10.0	1,594	1,824,174	2022-11-04	16
lcms2	6.0.0	363	158,000	2023-09-02	39, 40, 8
dec	0.4.8	237	118,377	2022-02-05	37, 19, 45, ??
png	0.2.0 <sup>1</sup>	28	17,493	2021-08-28	34
tectonic_engine_bibtex	0.2.1	32	15,680	2023-06-15	25
special-fun	0.2.0	28	15,176	2019-03-15	6
littlefs2	0.4.0	40	14,288	2023-02-07	32, 33
libsync	0.2.3	3	12,350	2023-03-10	36
libhydrogen	0.4.1	23	12,264	2021-05-16	17
bad64	0.6.0	10	6,071	2021-12-22	23
fluidlite	0.2.1	6	5,768	2021-08-21	14
sgp4-rs	0.4.0	10	5,680	2023-07-19	26
minimap2-sys	0.1.16 <sup>2</sup>	15	3,782	2023-09-12	42
minimp3_ex-sys	0.1.1	14	3,192	2020-12-19	13
clickhouse-driver-lz4	0.1.0	1	2,947	2020-08-07	43
libcmark-sys	0.1.0	1	2,396	2017-11-30	10
rsofa	0.4.5	3	2,017	2021-12-29	24
dec-number-sys	0.0.25	8	1,400	2022-11-28	20, 29, 7
xxhrs	2.0.0	3	1,390	2020-09-15	46
bchlib	0.2.1	1	739	2019-05-27	9
everrs	0.2.1	2	650	2020-04-12	2
x42lrc-sys	0.0.5	1	648	2020-09-05	12
quickjs_regex	0.2.3	3	637	2021-11-30	3, 21, 1
crypto_pimitives	0.1.1	2	535	2019-11-17	18
klu-rs	0.4.0	2	530	2022-09-15	41
ytnef	0.2.0	6	521	2021-11-14	15
tinyspline-sys	0.2.0	1	441	2020-06-09	11
ms5837	0.2.1	2	377	2022-07-30	28
spritz_cipher	0.1.0	1	324	2019-10-16	5
mseed	0.5.0	4	318	2023-08-24	22
blitsort-sys	0.1.0	1	200	2021-10-18	38
speex-safe	0.6.0	7	195	2023-07-18	44
lsmlite-rs	0.1.0	2	52	2023-07-17	27

Table 2: Unique bugs detected by our tool, sorted Miri’s error label (“Error Category”) and our additional classification (“Error Type”). A “-” indicates that our classification is the same as Miri’s label. When a commit is listed in the last column, it indicates that the bug has been fixed. If multiple commits were used to fix a bug, we provide the last commit in the series.

ID	Crate	Version	Error Category	Error Type	Error	Fix	Issue(s)	Pull(s)	Commit(s)
1	quickjs_regex	0.2.3	Cross-Language Free	-	LLVM	Rust	#2		
2	evrrs	0.2.1	Incorrect Binding	Incorrect Integer Width	Binding	Binding	#1		
3	quickjs_regex	0.2.3	Incorrect Binding	Incorrect Integer Width	Binding	Binding		#1	
4	secp256k1	0.28.0	Incorrect Binding	Incorrect Integer Width	Binding	Binding	#669	#670	60a5e36
5	spritz_cipher	0.1.0	Incorrect Binding	Incorrect Return Type	Binding	Binding		#1	
6	special-fun	0.2.0	Incorrect Binding	Missing Return Type	Binding	Binding	#14	#13	ded37f8
7	dec-number-sys	0.0.25	Incorrect Binding	Missing Return Type	Binding	Binding		#2	321c57e
8	lcms2	6.0.0	Invalid Enum Tag	Logical Error	Rust	Rust			85218b6
9	bchlib	0.2.1	Memory Leaked	Missing C Destructor	Rust	Rust	#1		
10	libcmark-sys	0.1.0	Memory Leaked	Missing C Destructor	Rust	Rust	#3		
11	tinyspline-sys	0.2.0	Memory Leaked	Missing C Destructor	Rust	Rust	#1		
12	x42lts-sys	0.0.5	Memory Leaked	Missing C Destructor	Rust	Rust	#1	#2	1c594f2
13	minimp3_ex-sys	0.1.1	Memory Leaked	Missing C Destructor	Rust	Rust		#5	33bea0d
14	fluidlite	0.2.1	Memory Leaked	Missing from Raw	Rust	Rust	#15		
15	ytnef	0.2.0	Memory Leaked	Missing from Raw	Rust	Rust	#1		
16	zmq	0.10.0	Memory Leaked	Missing from Raw	Rust	Rust	#387	#388	
17	libhydrogen	0.4.1	Memory Leaked	Missing from Raw	Rust	Rust	#11		bddff45
18	crypto_pimitives	0.1.1	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	Rust	#1		
19	dec	0.4.8	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	LLVM	#76		
20	dec-number-sys	0.0.25	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	LLVM	#76		
21	quickjs_regex	0.2.3	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	Rust		#1	
22	mseed	0.5.0	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	Rust			0cfede1
23	bad64	0.6.0	Out of Bounds Access	-	LLVM	LLVM			6dbd961
24	rsdfa	0.4.5	Out of Bounds Access	<b>&amp;T as *mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust			db70512
25	tectonic_engine_bibtex	0.2.1	Tree Borrows	Freeing Through <b>&amp;mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust		#1129	c64e524
26	sgp4-rs	0.4.0	Tree Borrows	Incorrect Integer Width	LLVM	Binding	#29		
27	lsmlite-rs	0.1.0	Tree Borrows	Incorrect <b>const</b>	LLVM	Binding			
28	ms5837	0.2.1	Tree Borrows	Incorrect <b>const</b>	LLVM	Rust		#5	2e0cf90
29	dec-number-sys	0.0.25	Tree Borrows	Incorrect <b>const</b>	LLVM	Binding	#1	#26	7be05c1
30	foreign-types	0.5.0	Tree Borrows	Phantom <b>UnsafeCell&lt;T&gt;</b>	LLVM	Binding	#24	#2	4a12cce
31	bzip2	0.4.4	Tree Borrows	Sharing <b>&amp;mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust	#94		
32	littlefs2	0.4.0	Tree Borrows	Sharing <b>&amp;mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust		#54	
33	littlefs2	0.4.0	Tree Borrows	Sharing <b>&amp;mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust		#54	
34	spng	0.2.0-alpha.2	Tree Borrows	Sharing <b>&amp;mut T</b>	Rust	Rust	#11	#12	f8ba7e4
35	flate2	1.0.27	Tree Borrows	Sharing <b>&amp;mut T</b>	LLVM	Rust	#392	#394	0a584f4

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ID	Crate	Version	Error Category	Error Type	Fix	Error	Issue(s)	Pull(s)	Commit(s)
36	librsync	0.2.3	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	Rust	Rust	#23		
37	dec	0.4.8	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	LLVM	Rust	#74	#2	ece7d84
38	blitsort-sys	0.1.0	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	LLVM	Rust	#1	#2	e766286
39	lcms2	6.0.0	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	LLVM	Rust		#18	28626ed
40	lcms2	6.0.0	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	LLVM	Rust			5d3b648
41	klu-rs	0.4.0	Tree Borrows	&T as *mut T	LLVM	Rust		#1	c5e89d1
42	minimap2-sys	0.1.16 <sup>3</sup>	Uninitialized Memory	Erroneous Failure	Rust	Rust			2ac2a6d
43	clickhouse-driver-lz4	0.1.0	Uninitialized Memory	Incomplete Initialization	Rust	Rust		#15	
44	speex-safe	0.6.0	Uninitialized Memory	Incomplete Initialization	Rust	Rust		#1	
45	dec	0.4.8	Uninitialized Memory	Incomplete Initialization	Rust	Rust	#76	#77	3545623
46	xxhrs	2.0.0	Uninitialized Memory	Uninitialized Padding	Rust	Rust		#10	def77e5

Table 3: Test results across each of the three evaluation modes. In the “Zeroed” mode, all stack and heap memory from LLVM is zero-initialized. In the “Uninitialized” mode, LLVM is allowed to read uninitialized bytes without throwing an error.

Error Type	Zeroed			Uninitialized		
	Stacked Borrows	Tree Borrows	Stacked Borrows	Tree Borrows	Stacked Borrows	Tree Borrows
<i>Borrowing Violation</i>	2.7% (245)	2% (184)	2.7% (245)	2% (183)	2.7% (245)	2% (183)
<i>Using Uninitialized Memory</i>	2.2% (197)	2.2% (202)	2.2% (200)	2.2% (205)	2.2% (200)	2.2% (205)
<i>Other Error</i>	5.4% (495)	5.5% (501)	5.2% (479)	5.4% (490)	5.2% (479)	5.4% (490)
<i>Passed</i>	18.7% (1706)	18.9% (1724)	18.6% (1695)	18.7% (1710)	18.6% (1695)	18.7% (1710)
<i>Timeout</i>	9.7% (890)	10.6% (968)	9.6% (873)	10.4% (953)	9.6% (873)	10.4% (953)
<i>Unsupported Operation</i>	61.3% (5597)	60.8% (5551)	61.8% (5638)	61.2% (5589)	61.8% (5638)	61.2% (5589)

## 2 Semantics

■ Rust ■ LLVM

### 2.1 Domains

$b \in \text{BYTES}$  (bytes)  
 $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  (sizes)  
 $\ell \in \text{LOCATIONS} : \mathcal{P}(\text{BYTES})$  (heap locations)  
 $t \in \text{TAGES}$  (access tags)

### 2.2 Type Syntax

$\tau ::= \text{int}(n) \mid \text{ptr} \mid \bar{\tau}$  (LLVM types)  
 $\tau ::= \text{int}(n) \mid * \tau \mid \tau^P$  (Rust types)  
 $\tau^P ::= \overline{\langle \tau, n \rangle}^m$  (Rust products)  
 $\tau ::= \tau \mid \tau$  (Types)

### 2.3 Value Syntax

$v_b ::= \bar{b} \mid \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle$  (Base Values)  
 $v ::= v_b \mid \langle \bar{v} \rangle$  (LLVM Values)  
 $v ::= v_b$  (Rust Values)  
 $\varrho ::= t \mid * \mid \cdot$  (Provenance)

### 2.4 Environments

$\mu \in \text{MEM} : \text{LOC} \rightarrow (\text{BYTES} \times \text{TAG})$  (memory)  
 $\sigma \in \text{TAGSET} : \mathcal{P}(\text{TAG})$  (exposed tags)

### 2.5 Conversion

$$\boxed{\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu'; \sigma'}$$

“Under the store  $\mu$  and tag set  $\sigma$ , Rust values  $v$  of type  $\tau$  and LLVM values  $v$  of type  $\tau$  are interconvertible, producing the updated store  $\mu'$  and tag set  $\sigma'$ .”

C-POINTER

$$\frac{}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau \rightsquigarrow \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \text{ptr} \dashv \mu; \sigma}$$

C-INT

$$\mu; \sigma \vdash \bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n) \rightsquigarrow \bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n) \dashv \mu; \sigma$$

C-PRODUCT

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{fields}(\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P) = \overline{v : \tau^P}^n \\ \forall i \in [1, n]. \mu_{i-1}; \sigma_{i-1} \vdash v : \tau^P \rightsquigarrow v : \tau_i \dashv \mu_i; \sigma_i \end{array}}{\mu_0, \sigma_0 \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P \rightsquigarrow \langle \bar{v} \rangle : \bar{\tau}^n \dashv \mu_n; \sigma_n}$$

$$\boxed{\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma'}$$

“Under the store  $\mu$  and tag set  $\sigma$ , Rust values  $v$  of type  $\tau$  can be converted to LLVM values  $v$  of type  $\tau$ , producing the updated tag set  $\sigma'$ ”

$$\frac{\text{C-POINTERTOINT} \quad \ell \triangleq \bar{b} \quad \text{expose}(\sigma, \varrho) = \sigma'}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : * \tau \rightsquigarrow \bar{b} : \text{int}(n_{ptr}) \dashv \mu; \sigma'}$$

$$\frac{\text{C-FIELDTOSCALAR} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu; \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \tau) = v_b \dashv \sigma'' \\ \mu; \sigma'' \vdash v_b : \tau \rightsquigarrow v_b : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma' \end{array}}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \langle \tau, 0 \rangle \rightsquigarrow v_b : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma'}$$

$$\frac{\text{C-PRODUCTTOINT} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{sizeof}(\tau^P) = q \\ \mu; \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \text{int}(q)) = \bar{b} \dashv \sigma' \end{array}}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P \rightsquigarrow \bar{b} : \text{int}(q) \dashv \mu; \sigma'}$$

$$\boxed{\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \leftarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma'}$$

“Under the store  $\mu$  and tag set  $\sigma$ , LLVM values  $v$  of type  $\tau$  can be converted to Rust values  $v$  of type  $\tau$ , producing the updated store  $\mu'$ ”

$$\frac{\text{C-POINTERSFROMINT} \quad \ell \triangleq \bar{b}}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, * \rangle : * \tau \leftarrow \bar{b} : \text{int}(n_{ptr}) \dashv \mu; \sigma}$$

$$\frac{\text{C-FIELDFROMSCALAR} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu'' \vdash \text{write}(\ell, v_b) \dashv \mu' \\ \mu; \sigma \vdash v_b : \tau \leftarrow v_b : \tau \dashv \mu''; \sigma \end{array}}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \langle \tau, 0 \rangle \leftarrow v_b : \tau \dashv \mu'; \sigma}$$

$$\frac{\text{C-PRODUCTFROMINT} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{sizeof}(\tau^P) = q \quad \mu \vdash \text{write}(\ell, \bar{b}) \dashv \mu' \end{array}}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P \leftarrow \bar{b} : \text{int}(q) \dashv \mu'; \sigma}$$

## 2.6 Store Operations

$$\boxed{\mu(\ell) = \langle b, \varrho \rangle}$$

“The store  $\mu$  maps the location  $\ell$  to the byte  $b$  with provenance  $\varrho$ .”

$$\frac{\text{STORE} \quad \ell \mapsto \langle b, \varrho \rangle \in \mu}{\mu(\ell) = \langle b, \varrho \rangle}$$

$$\boxed{\mu(\ell, m) = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^m}$$

“Reading a value of size  $m$  from location  $\ell$  produces a list of  $m$  pairs of bytes and provenance values.”

$$\frac{\text{STORE-SLICE} \quad \mu(\ell), \dots, \mu(\ell + m - 1) = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^m}{\mu(\ell, m) = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^m}$$

$$\boxed{\text{expose}(\sigma, \varrho) = \sigma'}$$

“Exposing the tag  $\varrho$  produces the updated tag set  $\sigma'$ .”

$$\text{EX-TAG} \quad \text{expose}(\sigma, t) = \sigma \cup \{t\}$$

$$\text{EX-NULL} \quad \text{expose}(\sigma, \cdot) = \sigma$$

$$\text{EX-WILD} \quad \text{expose}(\sigma, *) = \sigma$$

$$\boxed{\mu \vdash \text{write}(\ell, v) \dashv \mu'}$$

“Writing the value  $v$  to the store  $\mu$  at location  $\ell$  produces the updated store  $\mu'$ .”

$$\text{W-BYTES} \quad \frac{\ell \in \text{dom}(\mu_0) \quad \forall i \in [0, n-1]. \mu_{i+1} = \mu_i[\ell + i \mapsto \langle b_i, \cdot \rangle]}{\mu_0 \vdash \text{write}(\ell, \bar{b}^n) \dashv \mu_n}$$

$$\text{W-PTR} \quad \frac{\ell \in \text{dom}(\mu_0) \quad \ell \triangleq \bar{b}^{n_{ptr}} \quad \forall i \in [0, n_{ptr}-1]. \mu_{i+1} = \mu_i[\ell + i \mapsto \langle b_i, \varrho \rangle]}{\mu_0 \vdash \text{write}(\ell, \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle) \dashv \mu_n}$$

$$\boxed{\mu; \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \tau) = v \dashv \sigma'}$$

“Reading a rust value  $v$  of type  $\tau$  from the store  $\mu$  at location  $\ell$  produces the updated tag set  $\sigma'$ .”

$$\text{R-INT} \quad \frac{\mu[\ell, n] = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^n \quad \forall i \in [1, n]. \text{expose}(\sigma_{i-1}, \varrho_i) = \sigma_i}{\mu; \sigma_0 \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \text{int}(n)) = \bar{b}^n \dashv \sigma_n}$$

$$\text{R-PTR} \quad \frac{\mu[\ell, n_{ptr}] = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^{n_{ptr}} \quad \ell' \triangleq \bar{b}^{n_{ptr}} \quad \forall i \in [1, n_{ptr}]. \varrho_i = \varrho'}{\mu; \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, * \tau) = \langle \ell', \varrho' \rangle \dashv \sigma}$$

## 2.7 Metafunctions

$$\boxed{\text{sizeof}(\tau) = n}$$

“The type  $\tau$  has size  $n$ .”

$$\text{TS-INT} \quad \text{sizeof}(\text{int}(n)) = n$$

$$\text{TS-R-PTR} \quad \text{sizeof}(* \tau) = n_{ptr}$$

$$\text{TS-L-PTR} \quad \text{sizeof}(\text{ptr}) = n_{ptr}$$

$$\text{TS-R-FIELD} \quad \frac{\text{sizeof}(\tau) + m = n}{\text{sizeof}(\langle \tau, m \rangle) = n}$$

$$\text{TS-R-PROD} \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (\text{sizeof}(\tau^P_i)) = n}{\text{sizeof}(\overline{\tau^P}^m) = n}$$

$$\text{TS-L-PROD} \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (\text{sizeof}(\tau_i)) = n}{\text{sizeof}(\overline{\tau}^m) = n}$$

$$\boxed{\text{scalar}(\tau)}$$

“The type  $\tau$  is a scalar.”

$$\text{scalar}(\text{int}(n))$$

$$\text{scalar}(* \tau)$$

$$\text{scalar}(\text{ptr})$$

$$\boxed{\text{fields}(v : \tau^P) = \overline{v : \tau}}$$

“The rust product value  $v : \tau^P$  can be represented as a list of field values  $v : \tau$ ”

$$\frac{\forall i \in [1, n]. o_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (\text{sizeof}(\tau^P_j))}{\text{fields}(\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \overline{\tau^P}^n) = \overline{\langle \ell + o_i, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P_i}^n}$$

$$\boxed{\text{homogeneous}(\tau)}$$

“The type  $\tau$  is a homogeneous aggregate.”

$$\text{homogeneous}(\tau_b)$$

$$\text{homogeneous}(* \tau)$$

$$\frac{\exists \tau. \forall \langle \tau', n \rangle \in \tau^P. n = 0 \wedge \tau' = \tau \wedge \text{homogeneous}(\tau)}{\text{homogeneous}(\overline{\tau^P})}$$

$$\boxed{\text{equivalent}(\tau) = \tau'}$$

“The type  $\tau$  is equivalent to the type  $\tau'$ ”

$$\text{equivalent}(\tau_b) = \tau_b$$

$$\text{equivalent}(*\tau) = \text{ptr}$$

$$\text{equivalent}(\text{ptr}) = *\tau$$

## 2.8 Well-formedness

$$\boxed{\vdash v : \tau}$$

“The typed value  $v : \tau$  is well-formed.”

$$\text{WF-INT} \quad \vdash \bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n)$$

$$\text{WF-LLVMPTR} \quad \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \text{ptr}$$

$$\text{WF-RUSTPTR} \quad \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : *\tau$$

$$\text{WF-RUSTPROD} \quad \vdash \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^p$$

$$\text{WF-LLVMPROD} \quad \frac{\forall i \in [1, n] \vdash v_i : \tau_i}{\vdash \langle \bar{v}^n \rangle : \bar{\tau}^n}$$

## 2.9 Proofs

**Lemma 2.9.1** (Canonical Forms). For all values  $v$ , if  $\vdash v : \tau$ , then

1. If  $v \triangleq \bar{b}^n$ , then  $\tau \triangleq \text{int}(n)$ .
2. If  $v \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle$ , then  $\tau$  is either  $*\tau$  or  $\tau^p$  in Rust, or  $\text{ptr}$  in LLVM.
3. If  $v \triangleq \langle \bar{v}^n \rangle$  then  $\tau$  is an LLVM product type  $\bar{\tau}^n$

*Proof.* By inspection of  $\vdash v : \tau$ . □

**Lemma 2.9.2** (Compatible Forms). For all Rust typed values  $v : \tau$  and LLVM typed values  $v : \tau$ , if  $\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma'$  then  $v : \tau$  determines the possible forms of  $v : \tau$ .

1. If  $v : \tau \triangleq \bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n)$ , then  $v : \tau \triangleq v : \tau$
2. If  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau$ , then  $v : \tau$  is either:
  - (a) An opaque pointer of the form  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \text{ptr}$ .
  - (b) An integer of the form  $\bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n)$ .
  - (c) An LLVM product type  $\langle \bar{v} \rangle : \bar{\tau}$ .

Similarly, if  $\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \leftarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu'; \sigma$

then the form of  $v : \tau$  determines the possible forms of  $v : \tau$ .

1. If  $v : \tau \triangleq \bar{b}^n : \text{int}(n)$ , then  $v : \tau$  is either:
  - (a) An integer value of the same form.
  - (b) A pointer value of the form  $\langle \ell, * \rangle : *\tau$
  - (c) A Rust product value  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^p$  stored at some valid location  $\ell$ .
2. If  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \text{ptr}$ , then  $v : \tau$  is either:
  - (a) A Rust product value  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^p$  for some  $\tau^p$
  - (b) A Rust pointer value  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : *\tau$  for some  $\tau$ .
3. If  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \bar{\tau} \rangle : \bar{\tau}$  then  $v : \tau$  must be a Rust product value  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^p$  for some  $\tau^p$ .



*Proof.* By Lemma 2.9.1 and inspection of the syntax for the value conversion judgement.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.3.** For all well-formed, typed scalar values  $v : \tau$  and all valid heap locations  $\ell$ , we have:

$$\mu \vdash \text{write}(\ell, v) \dashv \mu' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu'; \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \tau) = v \dashv \sigma'$$

*Proof.* By inversion, guided by the structure of  $v : \tau$ . Since  $v : \tau$  is a well-formed, scalar-typed value, we have  $\vdash v : \tau$  and  $\text{scalar}(\tau)$ . It follows that  $v$  is either a byte string  $\bar{b}$  or a pointer  $\langle \ell', \varrho \rangle$  to some location  $\ell'$  with some provenance  $\varrho$ .

**Case 1:**  $v \triangleq \bar{b}^n$

By Lemma 2.9.1 we have that  $\tau \triangleq \text{int}(n)$ . By inversion of W-BYTES and for  $i \in [0, n-1]$ , the store  $\mu'$  maps each location  $\ell + i$  to the tuple  $\langle b_{i+1}, \cdot \rangle$ . By STORE and STORE-LIST, we have that

$$\mu'(\ell), \dots, \mu'(\ell + n - 1) = \mu'(\ell, n) = \overline{\langle b, \cdot \rangle}^n$$

Exposing the null provenance of each byte leave  $\sigma$  unchanged (EX-NULL). We can now apply R-INT to read the original value  $\bar{b}$  back from the store.

**Case 2:**  $v \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle$

By Lemma 2.9.1 and since  $\text{scalar}(\tau)$ , we have that  $\tau$  is either  $\star \tau$  of  $\text{ptr}$ . Each are treated equivalently. We can implicitly convert the location  $\ell$  into the byte string,  $\bar{b}_{ptr}^n$ , so we proceed as in the first case. However, instead of the null provenance, we have:

$$\mu'(\ell, n_{ptr}) = \overline{\langle b, \varrho \rangle}^{n_{ptr}}$$

Each  $\varrho_i$  is equivalent to the provenance  $\varrho$  of the pointer value. Now, we can apply R-PTR to reach our goal by reading the original value  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle$  back from the store.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.1** (Conversion is semi-functional). For all well-typed values  $v : \tau$  and  $v : \tau$ , there exists some heaps  $\mu, \mu'$  and tag sets  $\sigma, \sigma'$  such that

$$\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \Leftarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu' \sigma \Rightarrow \mu'; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu' \sigma'$$

Converting an LLVM value to Rust may affect the heap, but it will not change the tag set. Likewise, converting a Rust value to LLVM may affect the tag set but it will not change the contents of the heap.

**Case 1:**  $v : \tau \triangleq \bar{b} : \tau$

By Lemma 2.9.2,  $v : \tau$  can take one of the following forms:

*Subcase 1:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \bar{b} : \tau_b$

Both typed values are interconvertible by C-INT.

*Subcase 2:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, * \rangle : \tau$

By inversion of C-PTRFROMINT, we have  $\ell \triangleq \bar{b}$ . We can now apply C-PTRTOINT to achieve our goal.

*Subcase 3:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, * \rangle : \langle \tau, 0 \rangle$  and  $\text{scalar}(\tau)$

By inversion of C-FIELDFROMSCALAR, we have:

$$\mu; \sigma \vdash v_b : \tau \Leftarrow v_b : \tau \dashv \mu''; \sigma \quad \mu'' \vdash \text{write}(\ell, \bar{b}) \dashv \mu' \quad \text{scalar}(\tau)$$

By the induction hypothesis and Lemma 2.9.3, we have:

$$\mu' \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \tau) \dashv \mu'; \sigma'' \quad \mu'; \sigma'' \vdash \tau \rightsquigarrow v_b \dashv \mu'; \sigma'$$

Now we can apply C-FIELDTOSCALAR to reach our goal.

*Subcase 4:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, * \rangle : \tau^p$

By inversion of C-PRODFROMINT, we have:

$$\text{sizeof}(\tau^P) = q \quad \mu \dashv \text{write}(\ell, \bar{b}, \dashv) \mu'$$

By Lemma 2.9.3, we have:

$$\mu' \sigma \vdash \text{read}(\ell, \tau) \dashv \mu'; \sigma'$$

We can apply C-PRODTOINT to reach our goal.

**Case 2:**  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \text{ptr}$

By Lemma 2.9.2,  $v : \tau$  must take the following forms:

*Subcase 1:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : * \tau$  for some  $\tau$

Both typed values are interconvertible by C-POINTERFROMPOINTER and C-ANYTOPOINTER.

*Subcase 2:*  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \langle \tau, 0 \rangle$  for some  $\tau$

Equivalent to Case 1, Subcase 3.

**Case 3:**  $v : \tau \triangleq \langle \bar{v} \rangle : \bar{\tau}$

By Lemma 2.9.2,  $v : \tau$  must be equivalent to  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle : \tau^P$  for some  $\tau^P$ , which is interconvertible by C-PRODUCT and the induction hypothesis.

**Theorem 2.9.2** (Equal size is required). Value conversion will succeed if and only if Rust and LLVM values have the same size. For all well-typed values  $v : \tau$  and  $v : \tau$ , if there exists some heaps  $\mu, \mu'$  and tag sets  $\sigma, \sigma'$  such that either

$$\mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu'; \sigma \quad \text{or} \quad \mu; \sigma \vdash v : \tau \rightsquigarrow v : \tau \dashv \mu; \sigma'$$

Then either  $\text{sizeof}(\tau) = \text{sizeof}(\tau)$  or  $\tau = \text{ptr}$ . That is, conversion will get “stuck” (which is reported as undefined behavior) if the types on either side of the boundary have unequal size, unless the LLVM type is an opaque pointer.

*Proof.* By induction on value conversion. Cases in either direction are equivalent; here, we consider the forwards case ( $\rightsquigarrow$ ) of a Rust value  $v : \tau$  being converted into an LLVM value. By Lemma 2.9.2, if the Rust value is an integer such that  $v : \tau \triangleq \bar{b} : \tau_b$ , then the LLVM value has the same type, so size is preserved. The remaining cases involve products and pointers, where the Rust value takes the form  $\langle \ell, \varrho \rangle$  for some  $\tau$ .

**Case 1:**  $\tau \triangleq * \tau$

Then the LLVM value is either an opaque pointer (C-POINTER) or an integer with a size equal to the size of a pointer (C-POINTERTOINT).

**Case 2:**  $\tau \triangleq \langle \tau^P, 0 \rangle$

By inversion of FIELDTOSCALAR, the induction hypothesis, and TS-R-FIELD.

**Case 3:**  $\tau \triangleq \tau^P, \tau : v \triangleq \bar{b} : \text{int}(q)$

By inversion of C-PRODUCTTOINT we have  $\text{sizeof}(\tau^P) = q$ , which is equal to the size of the value read from memory.

**Case 4:**  $\tau \triangleq \tau^P, \tau : v \triangleq \langle \bar{v} \rangle : \bar{\tau}$

By inversion of C-PRODUCT and the induction hypothesis, size is preserved for each field, so size is preserved for the entire product. □

## 2.10 Parameter Passing

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**Algorithm 1:** Converting a list of LLVM arguments to Rust arguments.

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// A list of typed values provided by Rust
 $R \leftarrow [\bar{v}, \bar{\tau}^n]$ ;
// A list of LLVM types.
 $L \leftarrow [\bar{\tau}^n]$ ;
// A calling convention; either ‘static’ or ‘variable’.
 $C \leftarrow c$ ;
// The list of converted arguments
 $A \leftarrow []$ ;
// The initial store and tag set.
 $S \leftarrow \mu; \sigma$ ;
while  $R$  is not empty do
     $v_i : \tau_i \leftarrow \text{next}(R)$ ;
    if  $L$  is not empty then
         $\tau_j \leftarrow \text{next}(L)$ ;
        if  $\text{sizeof}(\tau_i) = \text{sizeof}(\tau_j)$  then
             $S \leftarrow S'$  where  $S \vdash v_i : \tau_i \rightsquigarrow v_j : \tau_j \dashv S'$ ;
             $A \leftarrow A ++ [v_j : \tau_j]$ ;
            continue
        else
            /* We only expand homogeneous aggregates when converting from Rust; in
               the other direction, we skip directly to an error. */
            if  $\tau \triangleq \overline{\tau}^n$  and  $\text{homogeneous}(\tau)$  then
                if  $\text{len}(L) \geq n + \text{len}(R)$  then
                     $R \leftarrow R ++ [\text{fields}(v_i : \tau_i)]$ ;
                    continue
                end
            end
        end
    end
    else
        if  $L$  is empty and  $C = \text{variable}$  and  $\text{scalar}(\tau_i)$  then
             $L \leftarrow L ++ [\text{equivalent}(\tau_i)]$ ; continue
        end
    end
    error()
end

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