A Game-Theoretic Approach to Concurrent Separation Logic

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An Imperative Concurrent Language

Syntax

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\begin{split} B &\coloneqq \mathbf{true} \mid \mathbf{false} \mid B \wedge B \mid B \vee B \mid E = E' \\ E &\coloneqq 0 \mid 1 \mid \cdots \mid x \mid E + E \mid E - E \mid E * E \\ C &\coloneqq x \coloneqq E \mid x \coloneqq [y] \mid [x] \coloneqq [y] \\ \mid \mathsf{while} \, B \, \mathsf{do} \, C \mid \mathsf{if} \, B \, \mathsf{then} \, C \, \mathsf{else} \, C \\ \mid \mathsf{resource} \, r \, \mathsf{do} \, C \mid \mathsf{with} \, r \, \mathsf{when} \, B \, \mathsf{do} \, C \\ \mid x \coloneqq \mathsf{alloc}(E) \mid \mathsf{dispose}(E) \\ \mid C; C \mid C \parallel C \end{split}
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Separation Logic

Predicates

$$P, Q, R, J \coloneqq B \mid P \lor Q \mid P \land Q \mid \neg P \mid P \Rightarrow Q \mid \forall X.P \mid \operatorname{Own}_p(x)$$
$$\mid \exists X.P \mid \mathbf{emp} \mid E_1 \stackrel{p}{\mapsto} E_2 \mid P \ast Q$$

Semantics

$$\sigma \vDash E_1 = E_2 \iff \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket(\sigma) = \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket(\sigma) \land \text{fv}(E_1 = E_2) \subseteq \text{dom}(\sigma)$$

$$\sigma \vDash P \land Q \iff \sigma \vDash P \text{ et } \sigma \vDash Q$$

$$\sigma \vDash P_1 * P_2 \iff \exists \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma = \sigma_1 \uplus \sigma_2 \land \sigma_1 \vDash P_1 \land \sigma_2 \vDash P_2$$

$$\sigma \vDash \text{Own}_p(x) \iff \exists v \in \mathbf{Val}, \sigma(x) = (v, p)$$

"Classic" Concurrent Separation Logic

Judgments

$$\Gamma \vdash \{P\} \; C \, \{\, Q\}$$

Contexts

$$\Gamma \coloneqq () \mid \Gamma, r : J$$

Inference rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \left\{P_{1}\right\} C_{1} \left\{Q_{1}\right\} \quad \Gamma \vdash \left\{P_{2}\right\} C_{2} \left\{Q_{2}\right\}}{\Gamma \vdash \left\{P_{1} * P_{2}\right\} C_{1} \parallel C_{2} \left\{Q_{1} * Q_{2}\right\}} \, \operatorname{PAR}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, r \colon J \vdash \{P\} \; C \, \{Q\}}{\Gamma \vdash \{P \ast J\} \; \mathsf{resource} \; r \, \mathsf{do} \; C \, \{Q \ast J\}} \; \mathsf{RES}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \{(P*J) \land B\} \ C \ \{Q*J\}}{\Gamma, r: J \vdash \{P\} \ \text{with} \ r \ \text{when} \ B \ \text{do} \ C \ \{Q\}} \ \text{WHEN}$$

Example: Producer - Consumer

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POP(n): with r_n when n > 0
                                 do n--: f := f.1
                                                                      r_n: \{\operatorname{Own}_{0.5}(f) * \operatorname{Own}_{0.5}(b) * \operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(n_S) \}
      ADD(n): with r_n when true
                                                                                                                  * listseg n f b}
                                 do n + +: b := b.1
\{\operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(tc) * \operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(front) * \operatorname{Own}_{0.5}(f)\}
                                                                            \{\operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(tp) * \operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(back) * \operatorname{Own}_{0.5}(b)\}
* \operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(n_P) * (front = f \wedge \mathbf{emp})
                                                                            * \operatorname{Own}_{\mathsf{T}}(n_V) * (back = b \land back \mapsto \_, \_)
      while true do
                                                                                  while true do
                  tc = front:
                                                                                              back.0 = produce()
                 POP(n);
                                                                                              tp = cons()
                 front = front.1
                                                                                              back.1 = tp;
                  consume(tc.0)
                                                                                              ADD(n):
                  dispose(tc)
                                                                                              back = tp
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Interactive Trace Semantics

Traces

The semantics of a command C is a transition system $[\![C]\!]$ of traces of the form:

$$\mathfrak{s}_1 \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_2 \xrightarrow{m_1} \mathfrak{s}_3 \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_4 \xrightarrow{m_2} \mathfrak{s}_5 \xrightarrow{env} \cdots \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_{2p} \xrightarrow{m_p} \mathfrak{s}_{2p+1} \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_{2p+2}$$

where $\mathfrak{s} = (\sigma, L)$ and m_i are instructions:

- x = E
- x = [y]
- $\cdot [x] \coloneqq y$
- · nop

- $\cdot P(r)$
- · V(r)
- $\cdot x = alloc(E)$
- · dispose(E)

Interactive Trace Semantics

Transition System

 $\mathbf{T} = (T, |T|)$ with $T \subseteq \mathbf{Traces}$ and $|T| \subseteq T$, such that T is closed by odd prefixes.

Sequential Composition

Parallel composition

 $[\![C \parallel C']\!] \text{ is the set of interleavings of the traces } [\![C]\!] \text{ and of } [\![C']\!]$

Toward the Soundness Theorem

· The graph of separated states

Separation Games

· Strategies, Winning Strategies

· Soundness Theorem

The Graph of Separated States

Definition (The Graph of Separated States)

Its nodes are all the tuples

$$(\sigma_C, \sigma, \sigma_F) \in \mathbb{S} \times (\mathbf{LockName} \to \mathbb{S} + \{C, F\}) \times \mathbb{S}$$

such that

$$\sigma_C * \left\{ \bigotimes_{r \in \text{dom}(\sigma)} \sigma(r) \right\} * \sigma_F$$

is well defined, and it has two kinds of edges:

- the Eve edges: $(\sigma_C, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \sigma_F) \xrightarrow{r:\sigma_U} (\sigma'_C, \boldsymbol{\sigma} \uplus [r \mapsto \sigma_U], \sigma_F)$,
- the Adam edges $(\sigma_C, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \sigma_F) \xrightarrow{r:\sigma_L} (\sigma_C * \sigma_L, \boldsymbol{\sigma}', \sigma_F')$.

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$$\{P, \Gamma, \mathsf{true}\} \xrightarrow{r_1 : J_1} \{\mathsf{true}, \Gamma, \mathsf{true}\} \xrightarrow{r_2 : J_1'} \{\mathsf{true}, \Gamma, \mathsf{true}\} \xrightarrow{r_3 : J_2} \{\mathsf{true}, \Gamma, \mathsf{true}\} \xrightarrow{r_4 : J_2'} \{Q, \Gamma, \mathsf{true}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow$$

The Game Induced by $\Gamma \vdash \{P\} \ C \ \{Q\}$ and $t \in [\![C]\!]$

with $J_i = \Gamma(\operatorname{lock}^+(m_i))$ and $J_i' = \Gamma(\operatorname{lock}^-(m_i))$.

$$(\sigma_{C}^{1}, \sigma_{F}^{1}) \xrightarrow{r_{1} : \sigma_{L}} (\sigma_{C}^{1} * \sigma_{L}, \sigma^{2}, \sigma_{F}^{2}) \xrightarrow{r_{2} : \sigma_{U}} (\sigma_{C}^{2}, \sigma^{3}, \sigma_{F}^{2}) \xrightarrow{r_{3} : \sigma_{L}'} (\sigma_{C}^{2} * \sigma_{L}', \sigma^{4}, \sigma_{F}^{3}) \xrightarrow{r_{4}\sigma_{U}'} (\sigma_{C}^{3}, \sigma^{5}, \sigma_{F}^{3}) \xrightarrow{(r_{4}\sigma_{U}')} (\sigma_{C}^{3}, \sigma_{F}^{5}) \xrightarrow{(r_{4}\sigma_{U}')}$$

Soundness Theorem

Theorem (Soundness)

Suppose that $\Gamma \vdash \{P\} \ C \, \{\, Q\}$ and let $t \in [\![C]\!].$

Then there exists a winning strategy for the induced game.

Corollary

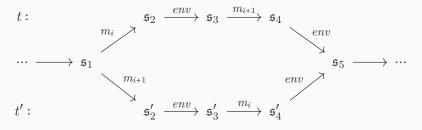
Suppose $\varnothing \vdash \{P\} \ C \{Q\}$, let $t \in |\llbracket C \rrbracket|$ a trace where the Environment is *silent*.

$$\mathfrak{s}_1 \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_1 \xrightarrow{m_1} \mathfrak{s}_2 \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_2 \xrightarrow{m_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{m_{k-1}} \mathfrak{s}_k \xrightarrow{env} \mathfrak{s}_k$$

Then $\mathfrak{s}_1 \vDash P * \mathbf{true} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{s}_k \vDash Q * \mathbf{true}$.

Data Races & True Concurrency

- We can add a partial order ≤ on instructions in traces (program-order + synchronizes-with).
- If $m_1 \#_t m_2$ in a trace t, we can define a commuting tile as:



- · 2 problems:
 - · Environnement can add synchronizes-with dependencies;
 - we must constraint on the Environnement transitions in t'.

Resource Tracking

Adam's edges become

$$(\sigma_C, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \sigma_F) \xrightarrow{r:\sigma_L} (\sigma_C * \sigma_L, \boldsymbol{\sigma}', \sigma_F')$$

where $\rho \subseteq \mathbf{LockName}$ contains the locks touched by Env:

$$\forall r \in \mathbf{LockName} \setminus \rho, \ \boldsymbol{\sigma}'(r) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(r).$$

Definition (Concurrent Instructions)

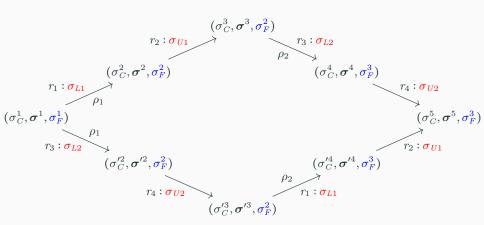
$$p: \quad n_1 \xrightarrow{r_1:\sigma_{U1}} \quad n_2 \xrightarrow{\rho} \quad n_3 \xrightarrow{r_3:\sigma_{U2}} \quad n_4$$

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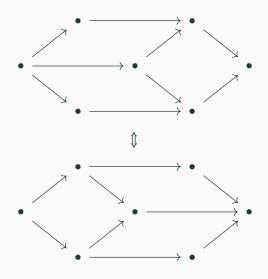
$$t: \quad \mathfrak{s}_1 \xrightarrow{m_1} \quad \mathfrak{s}_2 \xrightarrow{env} \quad \mathfrak{s}_3 \xrightarrow{m_2} \quad \mathfrak{s}_4$$

$$m_1 \#_p m_2 \Leftrightarrow m_1 \#_t m_2 \land (\rho \cap (\operatorname{lock}(m_1) \cup \operatorname{lock}(m_2)) = \emptyset)$$

Commuting Tile



From Local to Global: the Cube



Merci!