

Unary logical relation with mutable store in Iris

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Definitions in `logical_relation.v`.

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Integers, Booleans, sums

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Definitions of the semantic type in `int.v`, `bool.v` and `sum.v`.

Pairs

Definitions and proofs in `pair.v`.

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Arrows

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We need to parameterize the logical relation with a **store typing** M , giving semantic types to locations. Roughly, we want:

$$\mathcal{V}(\text{ref}(\tau)) = \lambda M. \{\ell \in \text{Loc} \mid M(\ell) = \mathcal{V}(\tau)\}$$

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The cardinality problem

In which set would $\mathcal{V}(\tau)$ live?

Let TypeSem be the set of semantic types: $\mathcal{V}(\tau) \in \text{TypeSem}$.

Let StoreType be the set of store typing: $M \in \text{StoreType}$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{TypeSem} &= \text{StoreType} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Val}) \\ \text{StoreType} &= \text{Loc} \rightarrow_{fin} \text{TypeSem}\end{aligned}$$

These equations are contradictory for cardinality reasons!

We cannot define the logical relation, because the set it belongs to does not exist!

Step indexing

Idea: for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we build a logical relation \mathcal{V}_k to prove safety **only for the next k steps**.

Definition of the relation for $\text{ref}(\tau)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{V}_{k+1}(\text{ref}(\tau)) &= \lambda M. \{\ell \in \text{Loc} \mid M(\ell) = \mathcal{V}_k(\tau)\} \\ \mathcal{V}_0(\text{ref}(\tau)) &= \lambda M. \text{Loc}\end{aligned}$$

This solves the cardinality problem. We have $\mathcal{V}_0(\text{ref}(\tau)) \in \text{TypeSem}_k$ with:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{TypeSem}_k &= \text{StoreType}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Val}) \\ \text{StoreType}_0 &= \text{Unit} \\ \text{StoreType}_{k+1} &= \text{Loc} \rightarrow_{\text{fin}} \text{TypeSem}_k\end{aligned}$$

Step indexing in Iris

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Iris uses the step indexing technique, but step indices are hidden to the user.

Any Iris assertion P is in fact a collection of assertions P_0, \dots, P_k, \dots

The “later modality” \triangleright shifts an assertion by one step:

$$(\triangleright P)_0 = \top \quad (\triangleright P)_1 = P_0 \quad \dots \quad (\triangleright P)_k = P_{k-1}$$

Note: for more detailed information on how step indexing and the \triangleright modality work, we refer to Xavier Leroy course et Collège de France : “Step carefully: step-indexing techniques” (2019-01-09).

Let's go back in Coq

Definitions and proofs in `ref.v`.

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