

Arrays, Maps, and Vectors With Abstract Domain¹

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Arrays

- ▶ Data structure with **direct access** to values via indices
- ▶ Theory of arrays:
 - ▶ Sorts: indices, values, arrays
 - ▶ Basic operations: **read/write** or **select/store**
 - ▶ **Select-over-store** axioms:
$$\forall a, v, i. \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), i) \simeq v$$
$$\forall a, v, i, j. i \neq j \rightarrow \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), j) \simeq \text{select}(a, j)$$
 - ▶ **Extensionality** axiom:
$$\forall a, b. (\forall i. \text{select}(a, i) \simeq \text{select}(b, i)) \rightarrow a \simeq b$$
- ▶ Not decidable, but the quantifier-free fragment is
- ▶ Considered useful to reason about computer memory (e.g., the heap)

Arrays: finite of infinite?

In programming languages:

- ▶ Integer-indexed arrays
- ▶ **Finite**: indices in the interval $[0, n - 1]$, length n
- ▶ A **store** within bounds works, error/exception otherwise
- ▶ The computer memory is finite

In the theory of arrays:

- ▶ All arrays have the same length:
the cardinality of the sort of indices
- ▶ If integer-indexed: **infinite** arrays
- ▶ No distinction btw in-bounds and out-of-bounds **store**

How about adding a length function len?

- ▶ Maps every array to its length: $\text{len}(a) \simeq n$
- ▶ Revised axiom of **extensionality** for integer-index arrays:
$$\forall a, b. [\text{len}(a) \simeq \text{len}(b) \wedge (\forall i. 0 \leq i < \text{len}(a) \rightarrow \text{select}(a, i) \simeq \text{select}(b, i))] \rightarrow a \simeq b$$
- ▶ Arrays and integers **no longer disjoint**
- ▶ Length is a **bridging function** and extensionality becomes a **bridging axiom**
- ▶ Most methods for reasoning in theory unions require disjoint theories (equality is the only shared symbol)

How about allowing quantifiers?

- ▶ Array property fragment
- ▶ Allows limited usage of \forall over index variables, preserving decidability
- ▶ **Bounded array equality**: $\text{beq}(a, b, l, u)$ iff $\forall i. l \leq i \leq u \rightarrow \text{select}(a, i) \simeq \text{select}(b, i)$
- ▶ The theory of arrays and its limitations remain unchanged
- ▶ Efficient quantifier reasoning may be challenging

Recurring to other theories? Sequences

- ▶ Using finite sequences with integer indices $[0, |x|)$ to model finite arrays
- ▶ `access/update` for `select/store`
- ▶ `Extensionality` axiom as in arrays with length
- ▶ `Update` axiom: update does not change length
only an update in $[0, |x|)$ modifies the element
- ▶ Conservative extension of the theory of integers
- ▶ Decidability of quantifier-free fragment: unknown
(sound and complete inference system, termination not guaranteed)

How about quantifiers and sequences together?

- ▶ The array property fragment with concatenation
- ▶ Arrays interpreted as finite integer-indexed sequences
- ▶ More expressive than the array property fragment: allows **index shifting** (e.g., $a[i]$ and $a[i + n]$)
concatenation can be defined
- ▶ Undecidable: halting problem of a two-register machine
- ▶ Decision procedure for **tangle-free** formulas
same as **stratified arrays**

Solution: a theory of arrays with abstract domain

- ▶ Neither quantifiers nor sequences:
enrich the theory of arrays with **length** and **admissibility**
- ▶ **Abstract domain** of definition of an array
indices not necessarily integers, nor linearly ordered
- ▶ **Admissibility** defined by another theory:
flexibility + minimum sharing
- ▶ Also **maps**, and **vectors** meaning **dynamic** arrays
- ▶ Theory combination method **CDSAT** extended to
predicate-sharing theories: sound, terminating, complete
- ▶ Decidable quantifier-free fragment:
from fitting the 3 theories in CDSAT

The theory of arrays with abstract domain: signature

- ▶ **ArrAD**: theory of arrays with abstract domain
- ▶ Sorts: indices I , values V , arrays A , lengths L , and $Prop$
- ▶ **select**: $A \times I \rightarrow V$ **store**: $A \times I \times V \rightarrow A$ **len**: $A \rightarrow L$
- ▶ Free **admissibility** predicate: **Adm**: $I \times L \rightarrow Prop$
Adm(i, l): index i is **admissible** wrt length l
- ▶ **Abstract domain**: definition of **Adm**
- ▶ **Concrete domain**: set of admissible indices given **Adm**'s definition and the interpretation of I
- ▶ **Adm** is **shared** with another theory \mathcal{T} that defines it

The theory of arrays with abstract domain: axioms

► Select-over-store axioms:

- $\forall a, v, i. \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), i) \simeq v$ is replaced by
 $\forall a, v, i. \text{Adm}(i, \text{len}(a)) \rightarrow \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), i) \simeq v$
a store at an inadmissible index has no effect
- $\forall a, v, i, j. i \neq j \rightarrow \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), j) \simeq \text{select}(a, j)$

► Store does **not** change length:

$$\forall a, i, v. \text{len}(\text{store}(a, i, v)) \simeq \text{len}(a)$$

► Extensionality:

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall a, b. [\text{len}(a) \simeq \text{len}(b) \wedge \\ &(\forall i. \text{Adm}(i, \text{len}(a)) \rightarrow \text{select}(a, i) \simeq \text{select}(b, i))] \\ &\rightarrow a \simeq b \end{aligned}$$

Example: the most common interpretation

- ▶ Let LIA be the theory defining **Adm**
- ▶ Indices and lengths are integers
- ▶ $\forall i, n. \text{Adm}(i, n) \leftrightarrow 0 \leq i < n$
- ▶ The **set of admissible indices** is the interval $[0, n)$
- ▶ Under this interpretation **extensionality** in ArrAD covers extensionality as in
 - ▶ Integer-indexed arrays with length
 - ▶ The theory of sequences
 - ▶ The array property fragment with concatenation

Example: capturing bounded equality

- ▶ Let LIA be the theory defining **Adm**
- ▶ Indices are integers, lengths are pairs of integers
- ▶ $\forall i, l, u. \text{Adm}(i, (l, u)) \leftrightarrow l \leq i \leq u$
- ▶ The **set of admissible indices** is the interval $[l, u]$
- ▶ Under this interpretation **extensionality** in ArrAD covers bounded equality as in the array property fragment

Example: length with starting address

- ▶ Let \mathcal{T} be the theory defining **Adm**
- ▶ Indices are integers, length is a pair $(addr, n)$:
 - ▶ $addr$ (binary number): starting address of the array in memory
 - ▶ n (integer): the number of admissible indices
- ▶ $\forall i, addr, n. \text{Adm}(i, (addr, n)) \leftrightarrow 0 \leq i < n$
- ▶ The starting address does not affect admissibility but it affects array equality
- ▶ **Extensionality**: arrays a and b with same set of admissible indices, same values at all admissible indices, but different starting addresses are different (as it is in programming languages)

Example: admissibility as membership

- ▶ Let \mathcal{T} be the theory defining **Adm**
- ▶ Indices are elements of a set S , length is a subsets of S
- ▶ $\forall i, N. \text{Adm}(i, N) \leftrightarrow i \in N$
- ▶ The **set of admissible indices** is the subset $N \subseteq S$
- ▶ S does not have to be a set of numbers, nor linearly ordered, nor ordered

A theory of maps with abstract domain

- ▶ **MapAD**: theory of maps with abstract domain
- ▶ **Store at inadmissible index i makes i admissible**:
$$\forall a, j, i, v. \text{Adm}(j, \text{len}(\text{store}(a, i, v))) \leftrightarrow (\text{Adm}(j, \text{len}(a)) \vee j \simeq i)$$
- ▶ **Store does not change length if the index is admissible**:
$$\forall a, i, v. \text{Adm}(i, \text{len}(a)) \rightarrow \text{len}(\text{store}(a, i, v)) \simeq \text{len}(a)$$
- ▶ **Select-over-store** axioms:
 - ▶ Restored: $\forall a, v, i. \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), i) \simeq v$
 - ▶ $\forall a, v, i, j. i \not\simeq j \rightarrow \text{select}(\text{store}(a, i, v), j) \simeq \text{select}(a, j)$
- ▶ **Extensionality** unchanged: $\forall a, b. [\text{len}(a) \simeq \text{len}(b) \wedge (\forall i. \text{Adm}(i, \text{len}(a)) \rightarrow \text{select}(a, i) \simeq \text{select}(b, i))] \rightarrow a \simeq b$

A theory of vectors (dynamic arrays) with abstract domain

- ▶ **VecAD**: theory of vectors with abstract domain
- ▶ Store at an inadmissible index i makes i and the indices smaller than i admissible:
$$\forall a, j, i, v. \text{Adm}(j, \text{len}(\text{store}(a, i, v))) \leftrightarrow (\text{Adm}(j, \text{len}(a)) \vee j \leq i)$$
- ▶ Everything else as in **MapAD**
except for adding to the signature an ordering $<$ on indices
(does not have to be linear)
- ▶ **Dynamic** data structures modeled for the first time:
The theories of sequences do not do it

CDSAT: Conflict-Driven SATisfiability in n theories

- ▶ Orchestrates **theory modules** in a **conflict-driven** model search
- ▶ Generalizes **MCSAT** to **theory combination**:
 - ▶ Assignments of values to terms: both Boolean and **first-order**
 - ▶ Theory conflict explanation by theory inferences that can generate **new** terms
- ▶ Propositional logic is one of the theories: no hierarchy btw Boolean reasoning and theory reasoning
- ▶ Input first-order assignments:
Satisfiability Modulo Assignment
- ▶ Sound, terminating, and complete for **predicate-sharing** theories **without** requiring **stable infiniteness**

How to fit a component theory in CDSAT?

- ▶ A **theory module** \mathcal{I}_k for theory \mathcal{T}_k : an inference system (abstraction of a decision procedure)
- ▶ Requirements on a theory module:
 - ▶ **Soundness** (for the soundness of CDSAT)
 - ▶ **Finite local basis**: $\text{basis}_k(X)$ – all the terms that \mathcal{I}_k can generate from set X of input terms
Used to construct the **finite global basis** for the theory union (for the termination of CDSAT)
 - ▶ **Completeness** (for the completeness of CDSAT):
 - ▶ Leading theory \mathcal{T}_1 : has all sorts and all shared predicates
 - ▶ Leading theory \mathcal{T}_1 : \mathcal{I}_1 is **complete**
 - ▶ All other theories \mathcal{T}_k : \mathcal{I}_k is **leading-theory complete**

Theory modules for ArrAD, MapAD, VecAD

- ▶ From **axioms** to **inference rules**, e.g.:
 - ▶ $a \simeq b \vdash \text{len}(a) \simeq \text{len}(b)$
 - ▶ For **ArrAD**:
 $b \simeq \text{store}(a, i, v), \text{len}(b) \not\simeq \text{len}(a) \vdash \perp$
 - ▶ For **MapAD** and **VecAD**:
 $\text{len}(a) \simeq n, \text{Adm}(i, n), b \simeq \text{store}(a, i, v), \text{len}(b) \not\simeq \text{len}(a) \vdash \perp$
- ▶ Some rules generate \perp (**conflict detection**) others do not:
balancing **finite local basis design** and **completeness**
- ▶ A **finite local basis** for **ArrAD**, **MapAD**, **VecAD**

Interpretation of arrays with abstract domain

Interpretation of arrays:

- ▶ An array: a function from indices to values
- ▶ Sort of arrays: an **updatable function set** X :
 $f \in X$ and g differs from f at finitely many indices: $g \in X$

Interpretation of **arrays with abstract domain**:

- ▶ An array of length n : a function from the set I_n of admissible indices (for n) to values
- ▶ Sort of arrays: a **collection of updatable function sets** $(X_n)_n$ one for each n in the interpretation of the sort L of lengths

Interpretation of maps with abstract domain

Sort of maps:

the collection $(X_n)_n$ must be **incrementally updatable**:

- ▶ if function f is in X_n and
- ▶ g is the function that maps i to v and is identical to f otherwise, then
- ▶ $\exists m$ such that $g \in X_m$ and
 - ▶ Either $m = n$ (store at an admissible i)
 - ▶ Or $I_m = I_n \cup \{i\}$
(store at an inadmissible index i which is admissible in the resulting map)

Interpretation of vectors with abstract domain

Sort of vectors:

the collection $(X_n)_n$ must be **extensibly updatable**:

- ▶ if function f is in X_n and
- ▶ g is the function that maps i to v and is identical to f otherwise, then
- ▶ $\exists m$ such that $g \in X_m$ and
 - ▶ Either $m = n$ (store at an admissible i)
 - ▶ Or $I_m = I_n \cup \{j \mid j \leq i\}$
(store at an inadmissible index i which is admissible in the resulting vector together with the smaller indices)

Suitability of a leading theory

- ▶ A leading theory \mathcal{T}_1 is **ArrAD-suitable** if:
 - ▶ \mathcal{T}_1 has **all the sorts** of ArrAD
 - ▶ \mathcal{T}_1 shares with ArrAD equality and **Adm**
 - ▶ For all \mathcal{T}_1 -models \mathcal{M}_1 there exists a **collection of updatable function sets** $(X_n)_n$ such that
 - ▶ n ranges over all possible values for lengths according to \mathcal{M}_1
 - ▶ Every $f \in X_n$ is a function from admissible indices to values in the \mathcal{M}_1 -interpretation of indices, admissibility, and values
 - ▶ The cardinality of the sort A of arrays in \mathcal{M}_1 is equal to the sum of the cardinalities of the X_n
- ▶ **MapAD-suitable**: use an **incrementally updatable collection**
- ▶ **VecAD-suitable**: share also $<$ and use an **extensibly updatable collection**

Theorem:

For $\mathcal{T} \in \{\text{ArrAD}, \text{MapAD}, \text{VecAD}\}$,
the \mathcal{T} -module $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}}$ is **leading-theory-complete**
for all **\mathcal{T} -suitable** leading theories \mathcal{T}_1

Remark:

Suitability does not restrict combinability

- ▶ Add **concatenation**?
- ▶ See whether decidability of the quantifier-free fragment can be preserved
- ▶ Other theories and bridging functions?
Appropriate shared predicates and CDSAT modules
- ▶ QSMA(CDSAT) (for quantified satisfiability)

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