

Modelling Software-based Systems

Lecture 4 Checking contracts with Event-B

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General Summary

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② Verification

③ Floyd to Hoare

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ensures post(v0, vf)
variables X
begin
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  instruction0
  ...
  i : Pi(v0, v)
  ...
  instructionf-1
  f : Pf(v0, v)
end
```

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- $\text{pre}(v_0) \wedge P_f(v_0, v) \Rightarrow \text{post}(v_0, v)$
- For any pair of labels ℓ, ℓ' such that $\ell \longrightarrow \ell'$, one verifies that, pour any values $v, v' \in \text{MEMORY}$
$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{pre}(v_0) \wedge P_\ell(v_0, v) \\ \wedge \text{cond}_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \wedge v' = f_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \end{array} \right) \right) \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v_0, v')$$

Contracts - Verification Conditions

```
contract P
variables v
requires pre( $v_0$ )
ensures post( $v_0, v_f$ )
begin
  0 :  $P_0(v_0, v)$ 
   $s_0$ 
  ...
   $i : P_i(v_0, v)$ 
  ...
   $s_{f-1}$ 
   $f : P_f(v_0, v)$ 
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- (initialisation)
 $pre(v_0) \wedge v = v_0 \Rightarrow P_0(v_0, v)$
- (finalisation)
 $pre(v_0) \wedge P_f(v_0, v) \Rightarrow post(v_0, v)$
- (induction)
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Three kinds of verification conditions should be checked and we justify the method in the full version..

From PAP to Rodin ...

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```
MACHINE M
SEES C0
VARIABLES
    v, pc
INVARIANTS
    typing : v ∈ D
    control : pc ∈ L
    ...
    atl : pc = ℓ ⇒ Pℓ(v0, v)
    ...
    th1 : pre(v0) ∧ v = v0 ⇒ P0(v0, v)
    th2 : pre(v0) ∧ Pf(v0, v)
        ⇒ post(v0, v)
    ...
END
...
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...
END

...
END

MACHINE M
EVENTS
INITIALISATION

BEGIN

$(pc, v) : | \left(\begin{array}{l} pc' = l_0 \wedge v' = v_0 \\ \wedge pre(v_0) \end{array} \right)$

END

...

$e(\ell, \ell')$
WHEN

$pc = \ell$
 $cond_{\ell, \ell'}(v)$

THEN

$pc := \ell'$
 $v := f_{\ell, \ell'}(v)$

END

...
END

(Induction Principle (I))

A property $S(z_0, z)$ is a safety for an annotated program P if, and only if, there exists a property $I(z_0, z)$ satisfying :

- ① $\forall z_0, z \in L \times D. init(z_0) \wedge z = z_0 \Rightarrow I(z_0, z)$
- ② $\forall z_0, z, z' \in L \times D. init(z_0) \wedge I(z_0, z) \wedge (z \xrightarrow{P} z') \Rightarrow I(z_0, z')$
- ③ $\forall z_0, z \in L \times D. init(z_0) \wedge I(z_0, z) \Rightarrow S(z_0, z)$

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- ① $\forall \ell_0 \in L, x_0 \in D. \ell_0 \in L_0 \wedge pre(x_0) \wedge x = x_0 \wedge pc = \ell_0 \Rightarrow J(\ell_0, x_0, \ell, x)$
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(Induction Principle (III))

A property $S(x_0, \ell, x)$ is a safety for an annotated program P with one entry point if, and only if, there exists a property $I(x_0, \ell, x)$ satisfying :

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- ② $\forall \ell, \ell' \in L, x, x_0 \in D. pre(x_0) \wedge J(x_0, \ell, x) \wedge BA(e(\ell, \ell'),)(\ell, x, \ell', x') \Rightarrow J(x_0, \ell', x')$
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- Contract and verification conditions are translated into Event-B and are discharged by Rodin and its provers.
- Verification conditions are derived from Floyd's method.
- Annotation as assertion

A short example

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```
contract SIMPLE
variables x
requires  $x_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ 
ensures  $x_f = 0$ 
begin
 $\ell_0 : \{0 \leq x \leq x_0 \wedge x_0 \in \mathbb{N}\}$ 
while  $0 < x$  do
     $\ell_1 : \{0 < x \wedge x \leq x_0 \wedge x_0 \in \mathbb{N}\}$ 
     $x := x - 1;$ 
od
 $\ell_2 : \{x = 0\}$  end
```

Event *Init*
THEN
 $act1 : x := x_0$
 $act2 : l := l_0$

Event *el0l1*
WHEN
 $grd1 : l = l_0$
 $grd2 : 0 < x$
THEN
 $act1 : l := l_1$

INVARIANTS

$inv1 : x \in \mathbb{N}$
 $inv2 : l \in L$
 $inv3 : l = l_0 \Rightarrow$
 $0 \leq x \wedge x \leq x_0 \wedge x_0 \in \mathbb{N}$
 $inv4 : l = l_1 \Rightarrow$
 $0 < x \wedge x \leq x_0 \wedge x_0 \in \mathbb{N}$
 $inv5 : l = l_2 \Rightarrow x = 0$
requires : $x_0 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x = x_0$
 $\Rightarrow x = x_0 \wedge x_0 \in \mathbb{N}$
ensures : $x = 0 \wedge x = x_0$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$

Event *el0l2*

WHEN
 $grd1 : l = l_0$
 $grd2 : \neg(0 < x)$
THEN
 $act1 : l := l_2$

Event *el1l0*

WHEN
 $grd1 : l = l_1$
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Annotation of programs

$$\begin{aligned}\ell : \{P_\ell(v)\} \\ cond_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \longrightarrow v := f_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \\ \ell' : \{P_{\ell'}(v)\}\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\ell_0^1 : \{x = 0\} \\ x := x + 1; \\ \ell_0^1 : \{x = 1\}\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}e(\ell, \ell') \\ \textbf{WHEN} \\ c = \ell \\ cond_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \\ \textbf{THEN} \\ c := \ell' \\ v := f_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \\ \textbf{END}\end{aligned}$$

- v is the state memory variable or list of memory variables ; v includes the local variables and the results variables.
- c is a new variable which is modelling the control flow and its type is LOCATIONS.
- $e(\ell, \ell')$ is simulating the computation flow starting from ℓ and moving to ℓ' ; v is updated.

From annotations to invariants

INVARIANTS

$inv_i : c \in \text{LOCATIONS}$

$inv_j : v \in Type$

...

$inv_k : c = \ell \Rightarrow P_\ell(v)$

$inv_m : c = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v)$

...

$th_n : A(c, v)$

- $Type$ is the type of the variables v and is a set of possible values defined in the context C .
- The annotation is giving us for free the conditions satisfied by v when the control is in ℓ , (resp. in ℓ').
- $A(c, v)$ is a safety property that we are supposed to check and the case of Event-B, it is a theorem.

Partial correctness using Event-B models

For each pair of successive labels ℓ, ℓ' , the three statements are equivalent :

- $P_\ell(v) \wedge cond_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \wedge v' = f_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v')$
- $I(c, v) \wedge c = \ell \wedge cond_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \wedge c' = \ell' \wedge v' = f_{\ell,\ell'}(v) \Rightarrow (c' = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v'))$
- $I(c, v) \wedge BA(e(\ell, \ell'))(c, v, c', v') \Rightarrow (c' = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v'))$

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et AA an annotated algorithm with precondition $\mathbf{pre}(\text{AA})(v)$ and postcondition $\mathbf{post}(\text{AA})(v_0, v)$. Let the context C and the machine M generated from AA using the construction given previously. We assume that ℓ_0 is the first label and ℓ_e is the last label. We add the following safety properties in the machine M :

- $c = \ell_0 \wedge \mathbf{pre}(\text{AA})(v) \Rightarrow P_{\ell_0}(v)$
- $c = \ell_e \Rightarrow (P_{\ell_e}(v) \Rightarrow \mathbf{post}(\text{AA})(v_0, v))$

If proof obligations are discharged, then the annotated algorithm AA is partially correct with respect to its pre/post specification.



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