

# FORMALIZING BitML CALCULUS IN AGDA

TOWARDS FORMAL VERIFICATION FOR SMART CONTRACTS

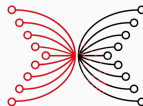
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# INTRODUCTION

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- A lot of blockchain applications recently
- Sophisticated transactional schemes via **smart contracts**
- Reasoning about their execution is:
  1. *necessary*, significant funds are involved
  2. *difficult*, due to concurrency
- Hence the need for automatic tools that verify no bugs exist
  - This has to be done **statically**!

## Bitcoin

- Based on *unspent transaction outputs* (UTxO)
- Smart contracts in the simple language SCRIPT

## Ethereum

- Based on the notion of accounts
- Smart contracts in (almost) Turing-complete Solidity/EVM

## Cardano (IOHK)

- UTxO-based, with several extensions
- Due to the extensions, smart contracts become more expressive

- Keep things on an abstract level
  - Setup long-term foundations
- Fully mechanized approach, utilizing Agda's rich type system
- Fits well with IOHK's research-oriented approach



**BITML**

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**module** *BitML* (*Participant* : *Set*)

$(- \stackrel{?}{=}_{\text{p}} - : \text{Decidable } \{ A = \text{Participant} \} \quad - \equiv -)$

$(\text{Honest} : \text{List}^+ \text{Participant})$  **where**

*Time* =  $\mathbb{N}$

*Value* =  $\mathbb{N}$

*Secret* = *String*

*Deposit* = *Participant*  $\times$  *Value*

# CONTRACT PRECONDITIONS

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data Precondition : Values -- volatile deposits
    → Values -- persistent deposits
    → Set where

    -- volatile deposit
    _?_ : Participant → (v : Value) → Precondition [v] []

    -- persistent deposit
    _!_ : Participant → (v : Value) → Precondition [] [v]

    -- committed secret
    _#_ : Participant → Secret → Precondition [] []

    -- conjunction
    _ ∧ _ : Precondition vsv vsp → Precondition vsv' vsp'
        → Precondition (vsv ⊕ vsv') (vsp ⊕ vsp')
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# CONTRACTS I

**data** *Contract* : *Value* -- the monetary value it carries  
→ *Values* -- the volatile deposits it presumes  
→ *Set* **where**

-- collect deposits and secrets

*put* *\_* *reveal* *\_* *if* *\_*  $\Rightarrow$  *\_*  $\vdash$  *\_* :

(*vs* : *Values*)  $\rightarrow$  (*s* : *Secrets*)  $\rightarrow$  *Predicate* *s'*

$\rightarrow$  *Contract* (*v* + *sum* *vs*) *vs'*  $\rightarrow$  *s'*  $\subseteq$  *s*

$\rightarrow$  *Contract* *v* (*vs'* + *vs*)

-- transfer the remaining balance to a participant

*withdraw* :  $\forall \{v\ vs\} \rightarrow$  *Participant*  $\rightarrow$  *Contract* *v* *vs*

*-- split the balance across different branches*

$split : \forall \{vs\} \rightarrow (cs : List (\exists [v] Contract\ v\ vs))$   
 $\rightarrow Contract\ (sum\ (proj_1\ \langle \$ \rangle\ cs))\ vs$

*-- wait for participant's authorization*

$\_ : \_ : Participant \rightarrow Contract\ v\ vs \rightarrow Contract\ v\ vs$

*-- wait until some time passes*

$after\ \_ : \_ : Time \rightarrow Contract\ v\ vs \rightarrow Contract\ v\ vs$

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record Advertisement (v : Value) (vsc vsv vsp : Values) : Set where
  constructor  $_{-} \langle \_ \rangle \vdash \_$ 
  field G      : Precondition vsv vsp
        C      : Contracts v vsc
        valid : length vsc  $\leq$  length vsv
                 $\times$  participantsg G  $\vdash$  participantsc C
                 $\subseteq$ 
                participant  $\langle \$ \rangle$  persistentDeposits G
                 $\times$  v  $\equiv$  sum vsp
    
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## EXAMPLE ADVERTISEMENT

**open** *BitML* ( $A \mid B$ ) ...  $[A]^+$

*ex-ad* : *Advertisement* 5  $[200]$   $[200]$   $[3, 2]$

*ex-ad* =  $\langle B!3 \wedge A!2 \wedge A?200 \rangle$

*split* (  $2 \multimap \text{withdraw } B$

$\oplus 2 \multimap \text{after } 42 : \text{withdraw } A$

$\oplus 1 \multimap \text{put } [200] \Rightarrow B : \text{withdraw } \{201\} A$  )

$\vdash \dots$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: ACTIONS I

$AdvertisedContracts = List (\exists [v, \dots, vs^p] \text{ Advertisement } v \dots vs^p)$

$ActiveContracts = List (\exists [v, vs] \text{ Contracts } v \text{ vs})$

**data** *Action* ( $p : Participant$ ) -- *the participant that authorizes this action*  
  : *AdvertisedContracts*    -- *contract advertisements it requires*  
  → *ActiveContracts*       -- *active contracts it requires*  
  → *Values*                -- *deposits it requires from the participant*  
  → *Deposits*             -- *deposits it produces*  
  → *Set where*

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: ACTIONS II

*-- join two deposits*

$$\begin{aligned} \_ &\leftrightarrow \_ : \forall \{vs\} \rightarrow (i : \text{Index } vs) \rightarrow (j : \text{Index } vs) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Action } p \ [] \ [] \ vs \ (p \text{ has\_ } \langle \$ \rangle \text{ merge } i \ j \ vs) \end{aligned}$$

*-- commit secrets to stipulate an advertisement*

$$\begin{aligned} \# \triangleright \_ &: (ad : \text{Advertisement } v \ vs^c \ vs^v \ vs^p) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Action } p \ [v, vs^c, vs^v, vs^p, ad] \ [] \ [] \ [] \end{aligned}$$

*-- spend x to stipulate an advertisement*

$$\begin{aligned} \_ &\triangleright^s \_ : (ad : \text{Advertisement } v \ vs^c \ vs^v \ vs^p) \rightarrow (i : \text{Index } vs^p) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Action } p \ [v, vs^c, vs^v, vs^p, ad] \ [] \ [vs^p \ !! \ i] \ [] \end{aligned}$$

*-- pick a branch*

$$\begin{aligned} \_ &\triangleright^b \_ : (c : \text{Contracts } v \ vs) \rightarrow (i : \text{Index } c) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Action } p \ [] \ [v, vs, c] \ [] \ [] \end{aligned}$$

$\vdots$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: ACTIONS EXAMPLE

-- *A spends the required  $\$ 2$ , as stated in the pre-condition*

*ex-spend* : *Action A* [5, [200], [200], [3, 2], *ex-ad*] [] [2] []

*ex-spend* = *ex-ad*  $\triangleright^s$  1

# SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: CONFIGURATIONS I

**data** *Configuration'* : --      *current*      ×      *required*  
                                 *AdvertisedContracts* × *AdvertisedContracts*  
→ *ActiveContracts*      × *ActiveContracts*  
→ *Deposits*      × *Deposits*  
→ *Set* **where**

-- empty

$\emptyset : \text{Configuration}' ([], []) ([], []) ([], [])$

-- contract advertisement

$'\_ : (ad : \text{Advertisement } v \text{ } vs^c \text{ } vs^v \text{ } vs^p) \rightarrow$

$\text{Configuration}' ([v, vs^c, vs^v, vs^p, ad], []) ([], []) ([], [])$

-- active contract

$\langle \_, \_ \rangle^c : (c : \text{Contracts } v \text{ } vs) \rightarrow \text{Value}$

$\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' ([], []) ([v, vs, c], []) ([], [])$



## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: CONFIGURATIONS II

-- *deposit redeemable by a participant*

$\langle -, - \rangle^d : (p : \text{Participant}) \rightarrow (v : \text{Value})$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' ([], []) ([], []) ([p \text{ has } v], [])$

-- *authorization to perform an action*

$- [-] : (p : \text{Participant}) \rightarrow \text{Action } p \text{ ads cs vs ds}$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' ([], \text{ads}) ([], \text{cs}) (\text{ds}, ((p \text{ has } -) \langle \$ \rangle \text{vs}))$

-- *committed secret*

$\langle - : - \# - \rangle : \text{Participant} \rightarrow \text{Secret} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \uplus \perp$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' ([], []) ([], []) ([], [])$

-- *revealed secret*

$- : - \# - : \text{Participant} \rightarrow \text{Secret} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' ([], []) ([], []) ([], [])$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: CONFIGURATIONS III

-- *parallel composition*

$- \mid - : \text{Configuration}' (ads^l, rads^l) (cs^l, rcs^l) (ds^l, rds^l)$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' (ads^r, rads^r) (cs^r, rcs^r) (ds^r, rds^r)$   
 $\rightarrow \text{Configuration}' (ads^l + ads^r, rads^l + (rads^r \setminus ads^l))$   
 $\quad (cs^l + cs^r, rcs^l + (rcs^r \setminus cs^l))$   
 $\quad ((ds^l \setminus rds^r) + ds^r, rds^l + (rds^r \setminus ds^l))$

*Configuration*  $ads\ cs\ ds = \textit{Configuration}'\ (ads, [])\ (cs, [])\ (ds, [])$

# SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: INFERENCE RULES I

**data**  $\_ \longrightarrow \_$  : *Configuration*  $ads\ cs\ ds \rightarrow \textit{Configuration}\ ads'\ cs'\ ds'$   
 $\rightarrow \textit{Set where}$

*DEP-AuthJoin* :

$$\langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid \Gamma \longrightarrow \langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid A [0 \leftrightarrow 1] \mid \Gamma$$

*DEP-Join* :

$$\langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid A [0 \leftrightarrow 1] \mid \Gamma \longrightarrow \langle A, v + v' \rangle^d \mid \Gamma$$

*C-Advertise* :  $\forall \{ \Gamma\ ad \}$

$$\rightarrow \exists [p \in \textit{participants}^g (G\ ad)]\ p \in \textit{Hon}$$

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$$\rightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 'ad \mid \Gamma$$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: INFERENCE RULES II

*C-AuthCommit*:  $\forall \{A \text{ } ad \text{ } \Gamma\}$

$\rightarrow secrets (G \text{ } ad) \equiv a_1 \dots a_n$

$\rightarrow (A \in Hon \rightarrow \forall [i \in 1 \dots n] a_i \not\equiv \perp)$

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$\rightarrow 'ad | \Gamma \longrightarrow 'ad | \Gamma | \dots \langle A : a_i \# N_i \rangle \dots | A [\# ad]$

*C-Control*:  $\forall \{\Gamma \text{ } C \text{ } i \text{ } D\}$

$\rightarrow C !! i \equiv A_1 : \dots : A_n : D$

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$\rightarrow \langle C, v \rangle^c | \dots A_i [C \triangleright^b i] \dots | \Gamma \longrightarrow \langle D, v \rangle^c | \Gamma$

$\vdots$

# SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: TIMED INFERENCE RULES I

**record**  $Configuration^t$   $ads\ cs\ ds : Set$  **where**

**constructor**  $\_ @ \_$

**field**  $cfg : Configuration\ ads\ cs\ ds$

$time : Time$

**data**  $\_ \longrightarrow_t \_ : Configuration^t\ ads\ cs\ ds \rightarrow Configuration^t\ ads'\ cs'\ ds'$   
 $\rightarrow Set$  **where**

$Action : \forall \{ \Gamma\ \Gamma'\ t \}$

$\rightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma'$

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$$\rightarrow \Gamma @ t \longrightarrow_t \Gamma' @ t$$

$Delay : \forall \{ \Gamma\ t\ \delta \}$

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$$\rightarrow \Gamma @ t \longrightarrow_t \Gamma @ (t + \delta)$$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: TIMED INFERENCE RULES II

*Timeout* :  $\forall \{ \Gamma \ \Gamma' \ t \ i \ contract \}$

*-- all time constraints are satisfied*

$\rightarrow All \ (\_ \leq t) \ (timeDecorations \ (contract \ !! \ i))$

*-- resulting state if we pick this branch*

$\rightarrow \langle [ \ contract \ !! \ i ] , v \rangle^c \mid \Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma'$

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$\rightarrow (\langle \ contract , v \rangle^c \mid \Gamma) @ t \longrightarrow_t \Gamma' @ t$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: REORDERING I

$\_ \approx \_ : \text{Configuration ads cs ds} \rightarrow \text{Configuration ads cs ds} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$c \approx c' = \text{cfgToList } c \leftrightarrow \text{cfgToList } c'$

**where**

**open import** *Data.List.Permutation* **using** ( $\_ \leftrightarrow \_$ )

$\text{cfgToList } \emptyset = []$

$\text{cfgToList } (l \mid r) = \text{cfgToList } l \mathbin{+} \text{cfgToList } r$

$\text{cfgToList } \{p_1\} \{p_2\} \{p_3\} c = [p_1, p_2, p_3, c]$



*DEP-AuthJoin :*

*Configuration* *ads cs* (*A has*  $v :: A \text{ has } v' :: ds$ )  $\ni$

$$\Gamma' \approx \langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid \Gamma$$

$\rightarrow$  *Configuration* *ads cs* (*A has*  $(v + v') :: ds$ )  $\ni$

$$\Gamma'' \approx \langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid A[0 \leftrightarrow 1] \mid \Gamma$$

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$$\rightarrow \Gamma' \longrightarrow \Gamma''$$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: EQUATIONAL REASONING

**data**  $\_ \longrightarrow^* \_ : \text{Configuration ads cs ds} \rightarrow \text{Configuration ads' cs' ds'}$   
 $\rightarrow$  **Set where**

$\_ \sqcap : (M : \text{Configuration ads cs ds}) \rightarrow M \longrightarrow^* M$

$\_ \longrightarrow \langle \_ \rangle \_ : \forall \{L' M M' N\} (L : \text{Configuration ads cs ds})$

$\rightarrow \{L \approx L' \times M \approx M'\}$

$\rightarrow L' \longrightarrow M'$

$\rightarrow M \longrightarrow^* N$

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$\rightarrow L \longrightarrow^* N$

*begin*  $\_ : \forall \{M N\} \rightarrow M \longrightarrow^* N \rightarrow M \longrightarrow^* N$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: EXAMPLE (CONTRACT)

### Timed-commitment Protocol

$A$  promises to reveal a secret, otherwise loses deposit.

$tc : \text{Advertisement } 1 \ [] \ [] \ [1, 0]$

$tc = \langle A!1 \wedge A\#a \wedge B!0 \rangle$

$\text{reveal } [a] \Rightarrow \text{withdraw } A \dashv \dots$

$\oplus \text{ after } t : \text{withdraw } B$

## SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: EXAMPLE (DERIVATION)

$tc\text{-}semantics : \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \longrightarrow^* \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \mid A : a \# 6$

$tc\text{-}semantics = \langle A, 1 \rangle^d$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}Advertise \rangle \quad 'tc \mid \langle A, 1 \rangle^d$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}AuthCommit \rangle 'tc \mid \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \mid \langle A : a \# 6 \rangle \mid A [\# \triangleright tc]$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}AuthInit \rangle \quad 'tc \mid \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \mid \langle A : a \# 6 \rangle \mid A [\# \triangleright tc] \mid A [tc \triangleright^s \dots]$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}Init \rangle \quad \langle tc, 1 \rangle^c \mid \langle A : a \# inj_1 6 \rangle$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}AuthRev \rangle \quad \langle tc, 1 \rangle^c \mid A : a \# 6$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}Control \rangle \quad \langle [reveal \dots], 1 \rangle^c \mid A : a \# 6$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}PutRev \rangle \quad \langle [withdraw A], 1 \rangle^c \mid A : a \# 6$

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}Withdraw \rangle \quad \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \mid A : a \# 6$

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## SYMBOLIC MODEL: LABELLED STEP RELATION

**data**  $\_ \longrightarrow \llbracket \_ \rrbracket \_ :$  *Configuration*  $ads\ cs\ ds$   
 $\longrightarrow$  *Label*  
 $\longrightarrow$  *Configuration*  $ads'\ cs'\ ds'$   
 $\longrightarrow$  *Set* **where**

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*DEP-AuthJoin :*

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid \Gamma \\ \longrightarrow \llbracket \text{auth-join} [A, 0 \leftrightarrow 1] \rrbracket \\ \langle A, v \rangle^d \mid \langle A, v' \rangle^d \mid A[0 \leftrightarrow 1] \mid \Gamma \end{array}$$

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**data** *Trace* : *Set* **where**

$\_ \cdot \quad : \exists \textit{TimedConfiguration} \rightarrow \textit{Trace}$

$\_ :: \llbracket \_ \rrbracket \_ : \exists \textit{TimedConfiguration} \rightarrow \textit{Label} \rightarrow \textit{Trace} \rightarrow \textit{Trace}$

$\_ \succ \llbracket \_ \rrbracket \_ : \textit{Trace} \rightarrow \textit{Label} \rightarrow \exists \textit{TimedConfiguration} \rightarrow \textit{Set}$

$R \succ \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket (\_, \_, \_, tc')$

$= \textit{proj}_2 (\textit{proj}_2 (\textit{proj}_2 (\textit{lastCfg } R))) \longrightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket tc'$

## SYMBOLIC MODEL: STRATEGIES (HONEST PARTICIPANT)

**record** *HonestStrategy* (*A* : *Participant*) : *Set* **where**  
**field**

*strategy* : *Trace*  $\rightarrow$  *List Label*

*valid* : *A*  $\in$  *Hon*

$\times (\forall R \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \in \text{strategy } R * \rightarrow$

$\exists [R'] (R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket R'))$

$\times (\forall R \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \in \text{strategy } R * \rightarrow$

$\text{All } (_ \equiv A) (\text{authDecoration } \alpha))$

$\vdots$

*HonestStrategies* =  $\forall \{A\} \rightarrow A \in \text{Hon} \rightarrow \text{HonestStrategy } A$

## SYMBOLIC MODEL: STRATEGIES (ADVERSARY)

**record** *AdversarialStrategy* (*Adv* : *Participant*) : *Set* **where**  
**field**

*strategy* : *Trace*  $\rightarrow$  *List* (*Participant*  $\times$  *List Label*)  $\rightarrow$  *Label*

*valid* : *Adv*  $\notin$  *Hon*

$\times \forall \{ R : \textit{Trace} \} \{ \textit{moves} : \textit{List} (\textit{Participant} \times \textit{List Label}) \} \rightarrow$

**let**  $\alpha = \textit{strategy } R * \textit{moves}$  **in**

(  $\exists [A]$  (  $A \in \textit{Hon}$

$\times \textit{authDecoration } \alpha \equiv \textit{just } A$

$\times \alpha \in \textit{concatMap proj}_2 \textit{moves}$  )

$\uplus$  (  $\textit{authDecoration } \alpha \equiv \textit{nothing}$

$\times (\forall \delta \rightarrow \alpha \not\equiv \textit{delay } [\delta])$

$\times \exists [R'] (R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket R')$

$\vdots$

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## SYMBOLIC MODEL: ADVERSARY MAKES FINAL CHOICE

$runAdversary: Strategies \rightarrow Trace \rightarrow Label$

$runAdversary (S^\dagger, S) R = strategy\ S^\dagger\ R * honestMoves$

**where**

$honestMoves = mapWith \in Hon\ (\lambda\ \{A\}\ p \rightarrow A, strategy\ (S\ p)\ R^*)$

# SYMBOLIC MODEL: CONFORMANCE

**data**  $\_ -conforms-to- \_ : Trace \rightarrow Strategies \rightarrow Set$  **where**

$base : \forall \{ \Gamma : Configuration \text{ ads } cs \ ds \} \{ SS : Strategies \}$

$\rightarrow Initial \ \Gamma$

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$\rightarrow (ads, cs, ds, \Gamma @ 0)^* -conforms-to- SS$

$step : \forall \{ R : Trace \} \{ T' : \exists TimedConfiguration \} \{ SS : Strategies \}$

$\rightarrow R -conforms-to- SS$

$\rightarrow R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket runAdversary \ SS \ R \rrbracket T'$

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$\rightarrow (T' :: \llbracket runAdversary \ SS \ R \rrbracket R) -conforms-to- SS$

- *strip-preserves-semantics* :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (\forall A s \rightarrow \alpha \not\equiv \text{auth-rev } [A, s]) \rightarrow \\
 (\forall A ad \Delta \rightarrow \alpha \not\equiv \text{auth-commit } [A, ad, \Delta]) \\
 \rightarrow (\forall T' \rightarrow R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket T' \\
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 \rightarrow R_* \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket T'_*) \\
 \times (\forall T' \rightarrow R_* \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket T' \\
 \hline
 \rightarrow \exists [T''] (R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket T'') \times (T'_* \equiv T''_*)
 \end{array}$$

- *adversarial-move-is-semantic* :

$$\exists [T'] (R \rightsquigarrow \llbracket \text{runAdversary } (S^\dagger, S) R \rrbracket T')$$

## Discrepancies in inference rules

e.g. forgetting surrounding context  $\Gamma$

## Non-linear derivations

If one of the hypothesis is another step, we lose equational-style linearity.

**Solution:** Move result state of the hypothesis to the result of the rule.

## Missed assumptions

The original formulation of the *strip-preserves-semantics* lemma required only that the action does not reveal secrets (*C-AuthRev*), but it should not commit secrets either (*C-AuthCommit*).

## **FUTURE WORK**

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## NEXT STEPS: BITML

1. A lot of proof obligations associated with most datatypes
  - Implement **decision procedures** for them, just like we did for UTxO
2. Computational model
  - Formulation very similar to the symbolic model we already have, but a lot of additional details to handle
3. Compilation correctness: *Symbolic Model  $\approx$  Computational Model*
  - Compile to **abstract UTxO model** instead of concrete Bitcoin transactions?
  - Already successfully employed by **Marlowe**
  - **Data scripts** stateful capabilities fit well for state transition systems!

## CONCLUSION

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# CONCLUSION

- Formal methods are a promising direction for blockchain
  - Especially language-oriented, type-driven approaches
- Although formalization is tedious and time-consuming
  - Strong results and deep understanding of models
  - Certified compilation is here to stay! (c.f. *CompCert*, *seL4*)
- However, tooling is badly needed....
  - We need better, more sophisticated programming technology for dependently-typed languages



**QUESTIONS?**