

FORMALIZING BitML CALCULUS IN AGDA

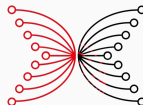
TOWARDS FORMAL VERIFICATION FOR SMART CONTRACTS

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INPUT | **OUTPUT**

INTRODUCTION

- 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)
  ( $\_ \stackrel{?}{=}_{\text{p}} \_ : \text{Decidable } \{ A = \text{Participant} \}$   $\_ \equiv \_$ )
  (Honest : List+ Participant) where

  Time    =  $\mathbb{N}$ 
  Value   =  $\mathbb{N}$ 
  Secret  = String
  Deposit = Participant  $\times$  Value
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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 _ \dashv _ :

(*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 _⟨ _ ⟩ ⊢ _
  field G      : Precondition vsv vsp
           C    : Contracts v vsc
  valid : length vsc ≤ length vsv
           × participantsg G ⊢ participantsc C
           ⊆
           participant ⟨$⟩ persistentDeposits G
           × v ≡ 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* ($\exists [v, \dots, vs^p]$ *Advertisement* $v \dots vs^p$)

ActiveContracts = *List* ($\exists [v, vs]$ *Contracts* $v \dots vs$)

data *Action* ($p : \text{Participant}$) -- *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

$_ \leftrightarrow _ : \forall \{vs\} \rightarrow (i : \text{Index } vs) \rightarrow (j : \text{Index } vs)$
 $\rightarrow \text{Action } p \ [] \ [] \ vs \ (p \text{ has_ } \langle \$ \rangle \text{ merge } i \ j \ vs)$

-- commit secrets to stipulate an advertisement

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

-- spend x to stipulate an advertisement

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

-- pick a branch

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

\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*

$'_ : (ad : \text{Advertisement} \vee vs^c \vee vs^v \vee vs^p)$
→ *Configuration'* ($[v, vs^c, vs^v, vs^p, ad]$, $[]$) ($[]$, $[]$) ($[]$, $[]$)

-- *active contract*

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

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

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

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: INFERENCE RULES I

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

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 : $\forall \{ \Gamma \ ad \}$

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

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

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: INFERENCE RULES II

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\vdots

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: TIMED INFERENCE RULES I

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

constructor $_ @ _$

field $cfg : Configuration \text{ ads } cs \text{ ds}$
 $time : Time$

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

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

$\rightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma'$

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

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

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

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: TIMED INFERENCE RULES II

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

-- all time constraints are satisfied

$\rightarrow \text{All } (- \leq t) \ (\text{timeDecorations } (\text{contract} !! i))$

-- resulting state if we pick this branch

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

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

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** ($_ \leftrightarrow _$)
 $\text{cfgToList } \emptyset = []$
 $\text{cfgToList } (l \mid r) = \text{cfgToList } l \# \text{cfgToList } r$
 $\text{cfgToList } \{p_1\} \{p_2\} \{p_3\} c = [p_1, p_2, p_3, c]$

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

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

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

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: EQUATIONAL REASONING

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

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

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

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

$\rightarrow L' \longrightarrow M'$

$\rightarrow M \longrightarrow^* N$

$\rightarrow L \longrightarrow^* N$

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.

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

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

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

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

SMALL-STEP SEMANTICS: EXAMPLE (DERIVATION)

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

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

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

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

$\longrightarrow \langle C\text{-}AuthInit \rangle \quad 'tc \mid \langle A, 1 \rangle^d \mid \langle A : a \# 6 \rangle \mid A [\# \triangleright tc] \mid A [tc \triangleright^s 0]$

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

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

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

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

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

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SYMBOLIC MODEL: LABELLED STEP RELATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

SYMBOLIC MODEL: STRATEGIES (HONEST PARTICIPANT)

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

strategy : *Trace* \rightarrow *List Label*

valid : *A* \in *Hon*

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

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

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

All ($_ \equiv A$) (*authDecoration* α))

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

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

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

\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**

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

$\rightarrow Initial \ \Gamma$

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

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

$\rightarrow R -conforms-to- SS$

$\rightarrow R \rightsquigarrow \ll runAdversary \ SS \ R \gg T'$

$\rightarrow (T' :: \ll runAdversary \ SS \ R \gg R) -conforms-to- SS$

- *strip-preserves-semantics* :

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

- *adversarial-move-is-semantic* :

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

Discrepancies in inference rules

e.g. forgetting surrounding context Γ

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

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

- 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?