fn make_count

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This proof resides in "contrib" because it has not completed the vetting process.

Proves soundness of make_count in mod.rs at commit f5bb719 (outdated¹).

make_count returns a Transformation that computes a count of the number of records in a vector. The length of the vector, of type usize, is exactly casted to a user specified output type TO. If the length is too large to be represented exactly by TO, the cast saturates at the maximum value of type TO.

Vetting History

• Pull Request #513

1 Hoare Triple

Precondition

- TIA (atomic input type) is a type with trait Primitive. Primitive implies TIA has the trait bound:
 - CheckNull so that TIA is a valid atomic type for AtomDomain
- TO (output type) is a type with trait Number. Number further implies TO has the trait bounds:
 - InfSub so that the output domain is compatible with the output metric
 - CheckNull so that TO is a valid atomic type for AtomDomain
 - ExactIntCast for casting a vector length index of type usize to TO. ExactIntCast further implies
 TO has the trait bound:
 - * ExactIntBounds, which gives the MAX_CONSECUTIVE value of type TO
 - One provides a way to retrieve TO's representation of 1
 - DistanceConstant to satisfy the preconditions of new_stability_map_from_constant

Pseudocode

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def make_count(
   input_domain: VectorDomain[AtomDomain[TIA]],
   input_metric: SymmetricDistance

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   output_domain = AtomDomain(T0) #

def function(data: Vec[TIA]) -> T0: #
   size = input_domain.size(data) #
   try: #
   return T0.exact_int_cast(size) #
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¹See new changes with git diff f5bb719..0c1c976 rust/src/transformations/count/mod.rs

Postcondition

Theorem 1.1. For every setting of the input parameters (TIA, TO) to make_count such that the given preconditions hold, make_count raises an exception (at compile time or run time) or returns a valid transformation. A valid transformation has the following properties:

- 1. (Appropriate output domain). For every element x in input_domain, function(x) is in output_domain or raises a data-independent runtime exception.
- 2. (Stability guarantee). For every pair of elements x, x' in input_domain and for every pair (d_in, d_out), where d_in has the associated type for input_metric and d_out has the associated type for output_metric, if x, x' are d_in-close under input_metric, stability_map(d_in) does not raise an exception, and stability_map(d_in) \leq d_out, then function(x), function(x') are d_out-close under output_metric.

2 Proofs

Proof. (Part 1 – appropriate output domain). The output_domain is AtomDomain(T0), so it is sufficient to show that function always returns non-null values of type T0. By the definition of the ExactIntCast trait, T0.exact_int_cast always returns a non-null value of type T0 or raises an exception. If an exception is raised, the function returns T0.MAXIMUM_CONSECUTIVE, which is also a non-null value of type T0. Thus, in all cases, the function (from line 9) returns a non-null value of type T0.

Before proceeding with proving the validity of the stability map, we provide a couple lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. $|function(u) - function(v)| \le |len(u) - len(v)|$, where len is an alias for input_domain.size.

Proof. By CollectionDomain, we know size on line 8 is of type usize, so it is non-negative and integral. Therefore, by the definition of ExactIntCast, the invocation of T0.exact_int_cast on line 10 can only fail if the argument is greater than T0.MAX_CONSECUTIVE. In this case, the value is replaced with T0.MAX_CONSECUTIVE. Therefore, function(u) = min(len(u), c), where c = T0.MAX_CONSECUTIVE. We use this equality to prove the lemma:

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| \mathtt{function}(u) - \mathtt{function}(v) | = | \min(\mathtt{len(u)}, c) - \min(\mathtt{len(v)}, c) |
\leq | \mathtt{len(u)} - \mathtt{len(v)} | \qquad \text{since clamping is stable}
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Lemma 2.2. For vector v with each element $\ell \in v$ drawn from domain \mathcal{X} , $len(v) = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} h_v(z)$.

Proof. Every element $\ell \in v$ is drawn from domain \mathcal{X} , so summing over all $z \in \mathcal{X}$ will sum over every element $\ell \in x$. Recall that the definition of SymmetricDistance states that $h_v(z)$ will return the number of occurrences of value z in vector v. Therefore, $\sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} h_v(z)$ is the sum of the number of occurrences of each unique value; this is equivalent to the total number of items in the vector.

Since CollectionDomain is implemented for VectorDomain<AtomDomain<TIA», we depend on the correctness of the implementation Conditioned on the correctness of the implementation of CollectionDomain for VectorDomain<AtomDomain<TIA», the variable size is of type usize containing the number of elements in arg. Therefore, $\sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} h_v(z)$ is equivalent to size.

Proof. (Part 2 – stability map). Take any two elements u, v in the input_domain and any pair (d_in,d_out), where d_in has the associated type for input_metric and d_out has the associated type for output_metric. Assume u, v are d_in-close under input_metric and that stability_map(d_in) \leq d_out. These assumptions are used to establish the following inequality:

$$\begin{split} |\mathsf{function}(u) - \mathsf{function}(v)| &\leq |\mathsf{len}(\mathsf{u}) - \mathsf{len}(\mathsf{v})| & \text{by 2.1} \\ &= |\sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} h_\mathsf{u}(z) - \sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} h_\mathsf{v}(z)| & \text{by 2.2} \\ &= |\sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} (h_\mathsf{u}(z) - h_\mathsf{v}(z))| & \text{by algebra} \\ &\leq \sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} |h_\mathsf{u}(z) - h_\mathsf{v}(z)| & \text{by triangle inequality} \\ &= d_{Sym}(u,v) & \text{by SymmetricDistance} \\ &\leq \mathsf{d_in} & \text{by the first assumption} \\ &\leq \mathsf{T0.inf_cast}(\mathsf{d_in}) & \text{by InfCast} \\ &\leq \mathsf{T0.one}().\mathsf{inf_mul}(\mathsf{T0.inf_cast}(\mathsf{d_in})) & \text{by InfMul} \\ &= \mathsf{stability_map}(\mathsf{d_in}) & \text{by pseudocode line 16} \\ &< \mathsf{d_out} & \text{by the second assumption} \end{split}$$

It is shown that function(u), function(v) are d_out-close under output_metric.