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#### Abstract

Specifying a language using an Interactive Theorem Prover (ITP) is seldom faithful to its original pen-and-paper specification. However, the process of mechanizing a language and type safety proofs might also unearth insights for improving the original specification. In this paper, we detail some design decisions related to our process of first specifying Featherweight Java (FJ) in Coq and thus evolving such a specification to prove the type system properties of an overhaul version Feature Featherweight Java (FFJ)—a core-calculus for a family of languages that address variability management in highly configurable systems, such as software product lines (SPLs); which we name as Overhaul Feature Featherweight Java (FFJ $\star$ ). Indeed, FFJ $\star$  is the first mechanization of FFJ, and as such it might also help researchers to derive proofs about software product line refinements without considering several assumptions about the underlining SPL assets. We believe that the whole process led us to a clearer, unambiguous, and equivalent syntax and semantics of FFJ, while keeping the proofs as well as our FJ extensions as simple as possible.

**Keywords:** Language Design, Language Semantics, Java, FOP, Coq

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## Glossary

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FFJ Feature Featherweight Java. iii, iv, vii, 6–11
FFJ★ Overhaul Feature Featherweight Java. iii, iv, vii, 6–11, 14
FJ Featherweight Java. iii, 6–9, 11
FOP Feature Oriented Programming. iv, 3, 6, 8
ITP Interactive Theorem Prover. iii
```

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#### Introduction

**FOP!** (**FOP!**) [13] is a design methodology and tools for program synthesis [7]. It aims at the modularization of software systems in terms of features. A *feature* implements a stakeholder's requirement and is typically an increment in program functionality. When added to a software system, a feature introduce new structures, such as classes and methods, and refines existing ones, such as extending methods bodies.

There are several **FOP!** languages and tools that provides varying mechanisms that support the specification and composition of features properly, such as AHEAD [4], FST-Composer [3], FeatureC++ [2], and more recently Delta-Oriented Programming [14]. **FOP!** has mostly been used to develop *product-lines* in disparate domains, including compilers for extensible Java dialects [5], fire support simulators for U.S. Army [8], high-performance network [9], and program verification tools [12].

Due to the relevance of **FOP!**, falar sobre lps...

Several attempts to formalize the type system of  $\mathbf{FOP!}$  languages have been made. For instance,  $\mathbf{FFJ!}$  ( $\mathbf{FFJ!}$ ) [1] is a proposed type system for  $\mathbf{FOP!}$  languages and tools, which is developed on top of  $\mathbf{FJ!}$  ( $\mathbf{FJ!}$ ) [11] to provide a simple syntax and semantics conforming with common  $\mathbf{FOP!}$  languages, incorporating constructs for feature composition.

Nevertheless, none of the existing efforts for specifying **FFJ!** type system have been mechanized to date. Which means that we have no formal guarantees that the specification is type-safe other than peer review. Such a method is known for enabling small errors to remain hidden for several years, specially as the proofs grow larger and harder to follow. The idea behind mechanization is to check these proofs with the aid of a computer, reducing significantly the risk of errors, while taking full use of automation for the tedious or straightforward steps of the proof.

In this paper, we present an implementation of **FJ!** which we extend with **FFJ!** using Coq. The process of scrutinizing **FFJ!** and defining unambiguously its semantics in Coq lead us to some language specification and implementation improvements. The biggest change was to review and simplify the lookup functions of the refinement table. Henceforth, we refer this proposed calculus as **FFJ+!** (**FFJ+!**) to distinguish it when comparing our implementation to the original **FFJ!** design. Altogether the improvements proposed in **FFJ+!** makes the transition more natural between **FJ!** and **FFJ!**, simplifying the auxiliary functions used in the language specification as well as the type safety proofs and lemmas. This allows defining **FFJ+!** with incremental changes to **FJ!** syntax and semantics, and consequently, incremental changes to proofs, leading to a clearer and

simpler specification of FFJ. Hence we can summarize the main contribution of this paper as follows:

- 1. The first mechanization of the **FFJ!** type system
- 2. An improved specification of FFJ, which may help other researchers to reason about software product lines properties.
- 3. A report about the benefits of using a proof assistant to revamp an existing specification of a non-mechanized language type system.

This paper is organized as follows: in the Section ?? we give a brief introduction to Coq Section 2 briefly introduces software product lines, FOP! and FFJ!, Section 3 gives a brief introduction of FFJ+! and explains the main differences with FJ! Section 4 formally describes our revamped FFJ! and states the lemmas needed to preserve FJ! increment to FFJ! type safety, Section 6 discuss the implications of these results to the product line research, Section 5 discuss related works and Section 7 is the conclusion and shows possible future works.

## Feature Oriented Programming

Feature-oriented programming (FOP) is a development approach that supports the stepwise refinement strategy for software constructions [6]. Using FOP, a system is typically decomposed in (somewhat new) modular unities (named features) that resemble mixing layers [10], and thus are orthogonal to the typical object-oriented decomposition in terms of class hierarchies. Successful FOP usage scenarios have been reported in the literature for the domains of highly configurable systems and software product lines []. FOP has been implemented using both programming language extensions and tooling support, such as Java AHEAD Tool Suite [4] and FEATUREC++ [2].

# 2.1 A Running Example: The Expression Product Line in FOP

In this section we illustrate the use of FOP through an AHEAD implementation of a slight adaptation of the Expression Product Line (EPL) []—Figure 2.1 shows the EPL feature model. Regarding our design decisions, in this case we implemented the mandatory features using a BASE AHEAD package (Figure 2.2), which declares a class hierarchy involving an interface (Expression) and several classes (Value, BinaryExpression, AddExpression, and SubExpression), and one AHEAD package for each non-mandatory feature (see Figure 2.3). Note that an AHEAD

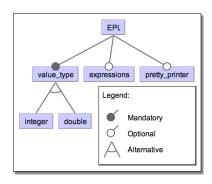


Figure 2.1: EPL feature model

package contains either (a) plain Java entities (class or interface) declarations or (b) Java entities refinements. A refinement might override methods declared in other packages or introduce new attributes or methods in existing classes or interfaces. In this simple example, we do not implement any method overriding through class refinements—the refinements only introduce new elements to the BASE AHEAD package of Figure 2.2.

The details of the EPL AHEAD non-mandatory feature packages are as follows.

```
interface Expression {
    public Value eval();
}

abstract class BinaryExpression implements Expression {
    Expression lhs;
    Expression rhs;
}

class AddExpression extends BinaryExpression {
    public Value eval() { return lhs.eval() + rhs.eval(); }
}

class SubExpression extends BinaryExpression {
    public Value eval() { return lhs.eval() - rhs.eval(); }
}
```

Figure 2.2: The BASE package of the Expression Product Line

- Features integer and double refine the Value class of the BASE package by introducing a new attribute named value, either with type int or double. According to the EPL feature model, only one of these features might be selected for a given product.
- The expressions feature introduces two new expressions to those declared in the BASE package, one for multiplication and another for division. This particular feature does not refine existing classes, only introduces new ones.
- The pretty\_printer feature introduces the support for *pretty printing* expressions. It refines the Expression interface and the BinaryExpression and Value classes, introducing a new method print() and also a new attribute (operator) for the BinaryExpression class.

In the case we generate a product with a feature selection consisting of EPL, value\_type(double), and pretty\_printer, we will get a product as shown in Figure ??.

```
refines Value {
                                          refines Value {
  int value;
                                           double value;
  int getValue() { return value; }
                                           double getValue() { return value; }
     (a) integer feature package
                                               (b) double feature package
class TimesExpression extends BinaryExpression {
  public Value eval() { return lhs.eval() * rhs.eval(); }
class DivExpression extends BinaryExpression {
  public Value eval() { return lhs.eval() / rhs.eval(); }
                        (c) expressions feature package
refines Expression {
  public String print();
refines BinaryExpression {
  String operator;
  public String print() { return lhs.print() + operator + rhs.print(); }
refines Value {
  public String print() { return "" + value; }
```

Figure 2.3: Non-mandatory feature implementations of the Expression Product Line

(d) prety\_printer feature package

#### Overview of FFJ and FFJ\*

FFJ is a core calculus for FOP, which was built upon an extension of FJ—a minimal subset of Java. In FFJ, classes can be added and modified by the introduction of a new feature, that is, an existing class can be extended by a class refinement. A class refinement is declared like a conventional class, though preceded by the keyword refines. For example, refines class C {...} refers to a class refinement that refines the class C. The same can be achieved for method introduction and modification. Methods refinement, however, override a previous definition of the corresponding method.

To fully mechanize FFJ, we had to disambiguate and enhance the language to some extent that it deserves the attention of formally documenting these changes. Even though these changes are significant, as discussed in Section 4, the philosophy of FFJ, FOP, and Stepwise Refinement are maintained. Due to the lack of space we will not provide neither the formal definition of FJ nor FFJ, but we refer the reader the original formalization of FJ [11]. and FFJ [1] In FFJ, as well as in FFJ\*, classes can be added and modified by the introduction of a new feature (as discussed in the previous section). An existing class can be extended by a class refinement. A class refinement is declared like a class but preceded by the keyword refines. For example, refines class C@feat {...} refers to a class refinement that refines the class C. The same can be achieved for method introduction and modification. Methods refinement, however, will override the previous definition.

A syntactical difference between FFJ and FFJ\* is that, in FFJ\*, the feature notion appears in the abstract syntax tree (AST) of the language. While the designers of FFJ argue that the programmer does not have to explicitly state which feature a class or method belongs to, we favored the approach of stating the feature in the name of every refinement. This greatly simplifies the structure of the formalism of the language and can be seen as an information gathered by the parser to build the AST, and thus the actual code expressed using the concrete syntax of this language might not have these annotations.

In addition, an FFJ\* program has a table with every class declaration (CT) and another table with every class refinement (RT). We make this distinction to simplify the extension from FJ in Coq, since with this decision we eliminate the need to match whether a class in the table is a refination or a declaration. From this RT we can retrieve the composition order of the refinements and build the refinement chain of the program, which is used to check if features were composed correctly and does not references features that have not been introduced yet. Notice that we redefine the denotation of RT from

FFJ. In the original version, it was used to retrieve the refinement name given a refinement declaration. This is no longer necessary in FFJ\*, since that information is already encoded in the syntax.

Finally, in the original definition of FFJ, the lookup functions are somewhat circumvoluted. Accordingly, we propose a very different approach for them, with the aim as been not only as formal and simple as possible, but also easy to evolve from our mechanized version of FJ. To this end, we eliminate the need for reverse field lookup, reverse method lookup, and the refinement relation. A formal description with all these changes is given in Section 4.2. Note that, we were only able to conceive these improvements while formalizing FFJ\* in Coq.

#### Overhaul Feature Featherweight Java

#### 4.1 Syntax

The Syntax of FFJ is a straightfoward FOP extension of FJ. Due to the lack of space we do not present the formal definition FJ nor FFJ, but instead we follow the same scheme of the FFJ original definition in [1] and present the modified rules from FFJ to FFJ\* highlighted with shaded yellow boxes and new rules highlighted by shaded purple boxes. Also notice that the sucessor and the refinement relations were simply dropped for being unecessary by now.

```
R ::=
                            refinement names:
   C@feat
                                                                                          method refinements:
                             class declarations:
CD ::=
                                                                             refines C m (\bar{R} \bar{x}) {return e;}
   class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ K \ \bar{M}\}
                                                                          e ::=
                                                                                               expressions:
                             class refinements:
                                                                                                 variable
                                                                             Х
   refines class R \{ \bar{C} \ \bar{f} ; KD \bar{M} \ \bar{M}R \}
                                                                                                field access
                                                                             e.f
                                                                             e.m(\bar{e})
                                                                                              method invocation
                       constructor declarations:
                                                                             new C(e)
                                                                                                  object creation
   C(\bar{C} \ \bar{f})\{super(\bar{f}); this.\bar{f}=\bar{f};\}
                                                                             (C)e
                                                                                                      cast
                        constructor refinements:
                                                                                                  values:
   refines C(\bar{E} \ \bar{h}, \ \bar{C} \ \bar{f})\{\text{original}(\bar{f}); \ \text{this}.\bar{f}=\bar{f};\}
                                                                             new C(ē)
                                                                                                  object creation
                          method declarations:
M ::=
   C m (\bar{C} \bar{x}) \{ return e; \}
```

Table 4.1: FFJ Syntax

The syntax of  $FFJ\star$  constructs is given at Table 4.1. The metavariables A, B, C, D and E ranges over class names, f and g range over field names; m ranges method name; x ranges over variable, v ranges over values, feat ranges over feature names. We assume that the set of variables includes the special variable this, which cannot be used as the name of an argument of a method.

We write  $\bar{f}$  as a shorthand for a possible empty sequence  $f_1, \ldots, f_n$  and similarly for  $\bar{C}$ ,  $\bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{e}$ , etc. We abbreviate the operations on pairs of sequences " $\bar{C}$   $\bar{f}$ " for " $C_1$   $f_1, \ldots, C_n$   $f_n$ " and "this. $\bar{f}=\bar{f}$ ;" as a shorthand for "this. $\bar{f}_1=\bar{f}_1$ ; ..., this. $\bar{f}_n=\bar{f}_n$ ;". We write empty sequence as  $\bullet$ .

A class declaration class C extends D  $\{\bar{C}\ \bar{f}\ ;\ K\ \bar{M}\}$  introduces a class C with superclass D. This class has fields  $\bar{f}$  of type  $\bar{C}$ , a constructor K and methods  $\bar{M}$ . The fields of the class C is  $\bar{f}$  added to the fields of its superclass D, all of them must have distinct names. Methods, on the other hand, may override another superclass method with the same name. Method override in both FFJ and  $FFJ\star$  is basically method rewriting. Methods are uniquely identified by its name, i.e. overloading is not supported.

A class refinement refines class C@feat  $\{\bar{C}\ \bar{f}\}\ KD\ \bar{M}\ \bar{M}R\}$  introduces a refinement of the class C and belongs to the feature feat. This refinement contains the fields  $\bar{f}$  of type  $\bar{C}$ , a constructor refinement KR, methods declarations  $\bar{M}$  and method refinements  $\bar{M}R$ . Like class declarations, the fields of a class refinement R are added to the fields of its predecessor, which is explained in more detail in Section 4.2.

Constructor declaration  $C(\bar{C} \ \bar{f})$  {super( $\bar{f}$ ); this. $\bar{f}=\bar{f}$ ;} and a constructor refinement refines  $C(\bar{E} \ \bar{h}, \ \bar{C} \ \bar{f})$  {original( $\bar{f}$ ); this. $\bar{f}=\bar{f}$ ;} introduce a constructor for the class C with fields  $\bar{f}$  of type  $\bar{C}$ . The constructor declaration body is simply a list of assignment of the arguments with its correspondent field preceded by calling its superclass constructor with the correspondent arguments. The constructor refinement only differs from constructor declaration that instead of calling the superclass constructor it will call its predecessor constructor (denoted by original).

Method declaration C m ( $\overline{C}$   $\overline{x}$ ) {return e;} and method refinement refines C m ( $\overline{C}$   $\overline{x}$ ) {return e;} introduce a method m of return type C with arguments  $\overline{C}$   $\overline{x}$  and body e. Method declarations can only appear inside a class declarations or refinement, whereas method refinement should only appear inside a class refinement. There is such a distinction between method declaration and method refinement for allowing the type checker to recognize the difference between method refinement and inadvertent overriding/replacement.

A class table CT is a mapping from class names C to class declarations CD. A refinement table RT is a mapping from refinement name C@feat to refinement declarations. An FFJ program consists of a triple (CT, RT, e) of a class table, a refinement table and an expression. Throughout the rest of the paper the CT and the RT are assumed to be always fixed to lighten the notation.

#### 4.2 Lookup Functions

In FFJ as well as in FJ types are classes and classes have a subclass relation defined by the syntax of class declaration. To navigate this subclass relation in the CT, the auxiliary operator <: is given in Table 4.2, this operator is the reflexive and transitive closure of the subclass relation.

The CT is expected to satisfy some sanity conditions:

- CT (C) = class C... for every  $C \in dom(CT)$
- Object ∉ dom(CT)

- for every class name C (except Object) appearing anywhere in CT, we have  $C \in dom(CT)$
- there are no cycles in the subtype relation induced by CT, i.e., the relation <: is antisymmetric

$$\frac{\text{C} <: \text{ D} \qquad \text{C} <: \text{ E}}{\text{C} <: \text{ E}} \qquad \frac{\text{class C extends D } \{ \ \dots \ \}}{\text{C} <: \text{ D}}$$

Table 4.2: Subtype Relation

In FFJ★ we fetch the refinement precedence via its position in the RT, i.e. if a refinement of a class appears first in the RT it will be applied first. These functions to navigate the RT are all defined in Table 4.3

First we have the function class\_name which retrieves the name of a class refinement. Next we define the function refinements\_of C to retrieve the refinements of a given class in the same order as they were introduced in the RT.

To navigate the precedence we define the pred and the last functions. The pred function will get a class refinement as an argument, filter refinements of the same class of R as  $\bar{R}$ , fetch the  $index\ n$  of R in  $\bar{R}$  and return the element P at the position n-1 in  $\bar{R}$  (denoted by the get function). Notice that pred is a partial function because it is not defined if the a refinement is the first refinement.

The *last* function retrieves the last refinement of a given class C. This is needed because in  $FFJ\star$  we navigate the refinement chain backwards, from the last refinement to the first, looking for a given method or field.

#### Class Name

$$\frac{{\tt R} = {\tt C@feat}}{class\_name \; {\tt R} = {\tt C}}$$

Refinements of a class

$$\frac{filter \ (\lambda R \cdot class\_name \ \mathtt{R} == \mathtt{C}) \ \mathsf{RT} = \bar{\mathtt{R}}}{refinements\_of \ \mathtt{C} = \bar{\mathtt{R}}}$$

#### Predecessor

$$\frac{refinements\_of\ (class\_name\ \mathtt{R}) = \overline{\mathtt{R}} \quad index\ \mathtt{R}\ \overline{\mathtt{R}} \ = \ n \quad get\ (n-1)\ \overline{\mathtt{R}} \ = \ \mathtt{P}}{pred\ \mathtt{R}\ = \mathtt{P}}$$

Last

$$\frac{refinements\_of~{\tt C} = \bar{\tt R} \quad tail~\bar{\tt R} \ = \ {\tt R}}{last~{\tt C} \ = \ {\tt R}}$$

Table 4.3: Refinement Relations

With this in hand we can define the actual lookup functions *fields*, *mtypes* and *mbody*. They are taken directly from FFJ definition, with a new hypothesis and an extra rule.

The extra rule and hypothesis makes reference to dealing with the refinements. This is necessary to make the proofs easier to maintain, since all we need to do is to provide a few acceptance lemmas about these new lookup functions which we name  $fields_R$ ,  $mtype_R$  and  $mbody_R$ .

 $fields_R$  simply retrieves the fields of all refinements up to that point in the refinement chain.

 $mtype_R$  and  $mbody_R$  tries to find the last introduction to a method, and retrieves its type or body. Notice that these two definitions greatly differs from FFJ to FFJ\*. In FFJ mtype would retrieve the typing of the first method introduction, whereas in FFJ\* it will retrieve the type of the last method refinement, and only later we define the rules for guarantying that the refinement always has the same type of the method declaration. This was made to greatly simplify the proof that states that if a method has mtype then it also has a mbody, since both functions follows the same structure the proof is straightforward.

$$\frac{\text{refines R } \{\bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}};\ \mathsf{KR}\ \bar{\texttt{M}}\ \bar{\texttt{MR}}\} \quad \neg pred\ \mathsf{R}}{fields_R\ \mathsf{R}\ =\ \bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}}}$$
 
$$\frac{\text{refines R } \{\bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}};\ \mathsf{KR}\ \bar{\texttt{M}}\ \bar{\texttt{MR}}\} \quad pred\ \mathsf{R}\ =\ \mathsf{P}}{fields_R\ \mathsf{C}\ =\ fields_R\ \mathsf{P},\ \bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}}}$$
 
$$\frac{fields\ \mathsf{Object}=\bullet}{fields\ \mathsf{C}\ =\ fields\ \mathsf{D},\ \bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}}}$$
 
$$\frac{\mathsf{class}\ \mathsf{C}\ \text{extends}\ \mathsf{D}\ \{\bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}};\ \mathsf{K}\ \bar{\texttt{M}}\} \quad \neg last\ \mathsf{C}}{fields\ \mathsf{C}\ =\ fields\ \mathsf{D},\ \bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}}}$$
 
$$\frac{\mathsf{class}\ \mathsf{C}\ \text{extends}\ \mathsf{D}\ \{\bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}};\ \mathsf{K}\ \bar{\texttt{M}}\} \quad |\ last\ \mathsf{C}\ =\ \mathsf{R}}{fields\ \mathsf{C}\ =\ fields\ \mathsf{D},\ \bar{\texttt{C}}\ \bar{\texttt{f}},fields_R\ \mathsf{R}}$$

Table 4.4: Field lookup

Override function in 4.7 inductively guaranties that a method refinement respects the type a method was introduced for the first time, which can be in a super class or in a previous refinement.

Introduce in 4.8 function checks if a method was not yet declared earlier in the refinement chain.

Every class and refinement of a FFJ $\star$  program is assumed to respect the well-formednes rules defined in 4.10.

#### 4.3 Typing and Reduction

The typing and computation rules for expressions are elided since are the same as FJ. An environment  $\Gamma$  is a finite mapping from variables to types, written  $\bar{c}:\bar{C}$ . The typing judgment for expressions has the form  $\Gamma \vdash e:C$ , read "in the environment  $\Gamma$ , expression e has type C".

```
refines class R {C f; KR M MR}
                                                             B m (B \bar{x}) {return e;} \in M
                                     mtype_{R} (m,R) = \bar{B} \rightarrow B
refines class R {C f; KR M MR}
                                                      m \notin \bar{M}
                                                                  refines class R \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ KR \ \bar{M} \ \bar{M}R\}
    refines B m (\bar{B} \bar{x}) {return e;} \in \overline{MR}
                                                                       m \notin \overline{M} m \notin \overline{MR} pred R = P
             mtype_{R} (m,R) = \bar{B} \rightarrow B
                                                                     mtype_R (m,R) = mtype_R (m,P)
         class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ K \ \bar{M}\}
                                                            B m (\bar{B} \bar{x}) \{ return e; \} \in \bar{M}
                                 last C = R
                                                      \neg mtype_R \ (\mathtt{m},\mathtt{R})
                                     mtype (m, C) = \bar{B} \rightarrow B
                         class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; K M\}
                                                                            m \notin M
                                 last C = R
                                                   \neg mtype_R \ (\mathtt{m},\mathtt{R})
                                  mtype (m, C) = mtype (m, D)
                     class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; K \bar{M}\}
                                                                        last C = R
                                  mtype (m, C) = mtype_R (m, R)
                                 Table 4.5: Method type lookup
        refines class R \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ KR \ \bar{M} \ \bar{M}R\}
                                                             B m (\bar{B} \bar{x}) \{ return e; \} \in M
                                        mbody_R (m, R) = \bar{x}.e
refines class R \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ KR \ \bar{M} \ \bar{M}R\}
                                                                  refines class R {C f; KR M MR}
                                                      m \notin M
    refines B m (\bar{B} \bar{x}) {return e;} \in \overline{MR}
                                                                       m \notin \overline{M} m \notin \overline{MR} pred R = P
                mbody_R (m,R) = \bar{x}.e
                                                                    mbody_R (m, R) = mbody_R (m, P)
                                                            B m (\bar{B} \bar{x}) \{ return e; \} \in \bar{M}
         class C extends D {C f; K M}
                                 last C = R
                                                       \neg mbody_R \ (\mathtt{m},\mathtt{R})
                                         mbody (m, C) = \bar{x}.e
                         class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; \ K \ \bar{M}\}
                                 last C = R \quad \neg mbody_R (m, R)
                                  mbody (m, C) = mbody (m, D)
                     class C extends D \{\bar{C} \ \bar{f}; K \bar{M}\}
                                                                       last C = R
                                 mbody (m, C) = mbody_R (m, R)
```

Table 4.6: Method Body lookup

The reduction relation is of the form  $e \to e'$ , read "expression e reduces to expression e' in one step", We write  $\to *$  for the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\to$ .

There are three reduction rules, one for field access, one for method invocation, and one for casting. We write  $[\bar{d} = \bar{x}, e = y]e_0$  for the result of replacing  $x_1$  by  $d_1$ ,  $x_2$  by  $d_2, \ldots, x_n$  by  $d_n$ , and y by e in the expression  $e_0$ .

Notice that with the absence of side effects, there is no need of stack or heap for variable binding.

$$\frac{\mathit{mtype}\ (\mathtt{m},\mathtt{D})\ =\ \overline{\mathtt{D}}\ \to\ \mathtt{D}\ \mathit{implies}\ \overline{\mathtt{C}}\ =\ \overline{\mathtt{D}}\ \mathit{and}\ \mathtt{C}_0\ =\ \mathtt{D}}{\mathit{override}\ \mathtt{m}\ \mathtt{D}\ \overline{\mathtt{C}}\ \mathtt{C}_0}$$

class C extends D {
$$ar{ ilde{ ilde{C}}}$$
  $ar{ ilde{ ilde{f}}}$  ; K  $ar{ ilde{ ilde{M}}}$  C m ( $ar{ ilde{ ilde{C}}}$   $ar{ ilde{ ilde{x}}}$  (return e;)  $\in$   $ar{ ilde{ ilde{M}}}$   $\neg$   $pred$  R R  $ar{ ilde{ ilde{C}}}$  C C C  $o$ 

refines class P {
$$\bar{\textbf{C}}$$
  $\bar{\textbf{f}}$ ; KR  $\bar{\textbf{M}}$   $\bar{\textbf{MR}}$ }  $\textbf{C}_0$  m ( $\bar{\textbf{C}}$   $\bar{\textbf{x}}$ ) {return e;}  $\in \bar{\textbf{M}}$  
$$\frac{pred \ \textbf{R} = \ \textbf{P}}{override_R \ \textbf{m} \ \textbf{R} \ \bar{\textbf{C}} \ \textbf{C}_0}$$

refines class P {
$$\bar{\mathtt{C}}$$
  $\bar{\mathtt{f}}$ ; KR  $\bar{\mathtt{M}}$   $\bar{\mathtt{MR}}$ }  $\mathtt{m} \notin \bar{\mathtt{M}}$   $pred \ \mathtt{R} = \mathtt{P} \quad override_R \ \mathtt{m} \ \mathtt{P} \ \bar{\mathtt{C}} \ \mathtt{C}_0$   $override_R \ \mathtt{m} \ \mathtt{R} \ \bar{\mathtt{C}} \ \mathtt{C}_0$ 

Table 4.7: Override Function

$$\frac{pred \; \mathsf{R} \; = \; \mathsf{S} \; \neg \; mtype_R \; (\mathsf{m}, \mathsf{S})}{introduce \; \mathsf{m} \; \mathsf{R}}$$
 
$$\frac{\neg \; pred \; \mathsf{R} \qquad \mathsf{R} \; = \; \mathsf{C@feat} \qquad \mathsf{class} \; \mathsf{C} \; \mathsf{extends} \; \mathsf{D} \; \{\bar{\mathsf{C}} \; \bar{\mathsf{f}} \; ; \; \mathsf{K} \; \bar{\mathsf{M}}\} \qquad \mathsf{m} \not \in \bar{\mathsf{M}}}{introduce \; \mathsf{m} \; \mathsf{R}}$$

Table 4.8: Introduce Function

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\bar{x}:\bar{C}, \text{this}:C \vdash t_0:E_0
                                                                                   E_0 <: C_0
           CT(C) = class C extends D {...}
                                                                                      override(\mathtt{m},\mathtt{D},\bar{\mathtt{C}} \to \mathtt{C})
                                   C_0 \text{ m } (\bar{C} \bar{x}) \{ \text{return } t_0; \} \text{ OK in } C
             \bar{\mathbf{x}}:\bar{\mathbf{C}},\mathtt{this}:\mathbf{C}\vdash\mathsf{t_0}:\mathsf{E_0}
                                                                    E_0 <: C_0
                                                                                             R = C@feat
C_0 m (\bar{C} \bar{x}) \{ \text{return } t_0; \} \text{ OK in } R
              \bar{\mathbf{x}}:\bar{\mathbf{C}},\mathtt{this}:\mathbf{C}\;\vdash \mathbf{t_0}:\mathbf{E_0}\qquad \mathbf{E_0}<:\mathbf{C_0}
                                                                                             R = C@feat
              \mathtt{RT}(\mathtt{R}) \; = \; \mathtt{refines} \; \mathtt{R} \; \{ \dots \; \overline{\mathtt{M}}, \; \overline{\mathtt{MR}} \; \dots \}
                                                                                               \mathtt{m} 
otin ar{\mathtt{M}}
                                                                                                                    \mathtt{m} \in \overline{\mathtt{MR}}
                               override_R(\mathtt{m},\mathtt{R},\bar{\mathtt{C}}\to\mathtt{C}) \qquad introduce \ \mathtt{m} \ \mathtt{R}
                          refines C_0 m (\bar{C} \bar{x}) \{ \text{return } t_0; \} OK in R
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Table 4.9: Method typing in FFJ⋆

$$\frac{\texttt{K} = \texttt{C} \ (\bar{\texttt{D}} \ \bar{\texttt{g}}, \ \bar{\texttt{C}} \ \bar{\texttt{f}}) \ \{ \texttt{super}(\bar{\texttt{g}}); \ \texttt{this}.\bar{\texttt{f}} = \bar{\texttt{f}} \} \qquad \textit{fields}(\texttt{D}) \ = \ \bar{\texttt{D}} \ \bar{\texttt{g}} \qquad \overline{\texttt{M}} \ \texttt{OK} \ \texttt{in} \ \texttt{C}}{\texttt{class} \ \texttt{C} \ \texttt{extends} \ \texttt{D} \ \{\bar{\texttt{C}} \ \bar{\texttt{f}}; \ \texttt{K} \ \bar{\texttt{M}} \} \ \texttt{OK}}$$

Table 4.10: Class and refinement typing in FFJ⋆

Related Work

# Chapter 6 Implications

## Conclusion

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