

An Algebra of Alignment for Relational Verification

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Examples: refinement, conditional equivalence, majorization

Example self relations: noninterference, monotonicity, continuity

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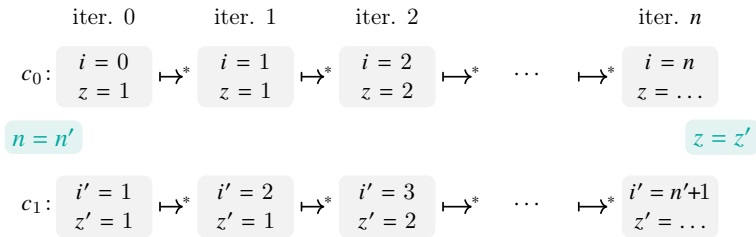
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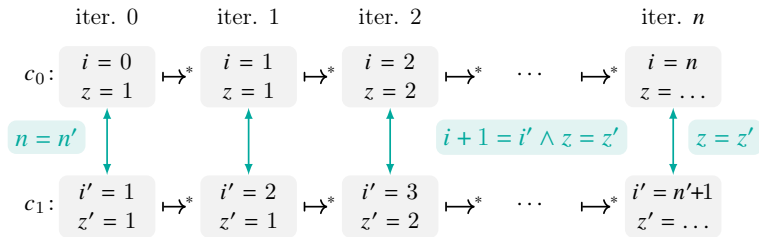


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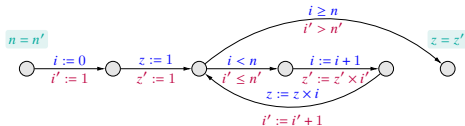
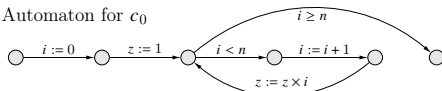
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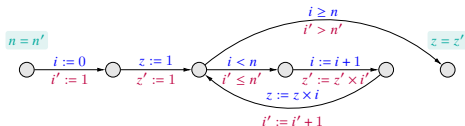
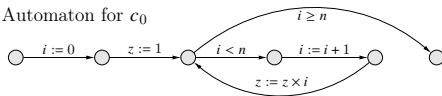
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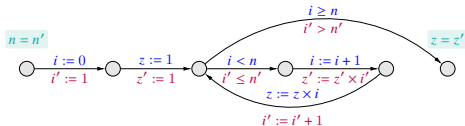
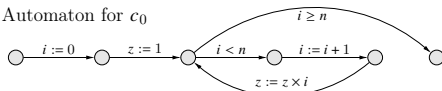
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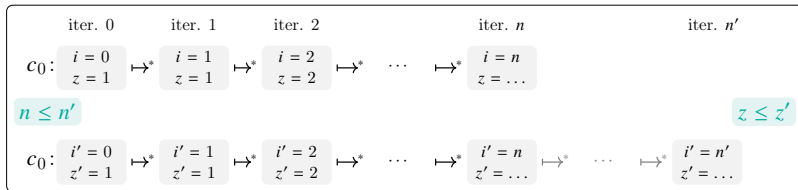
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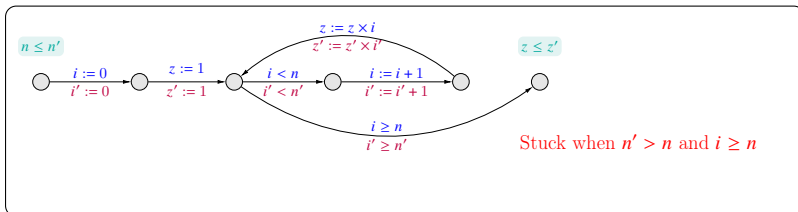
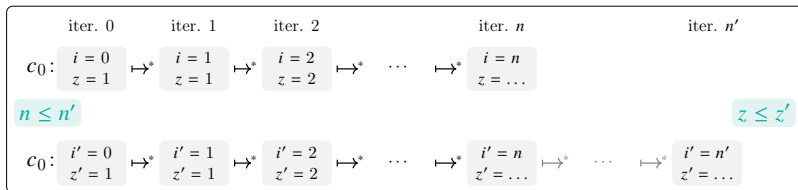


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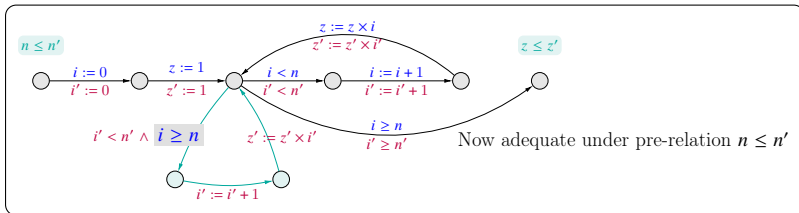
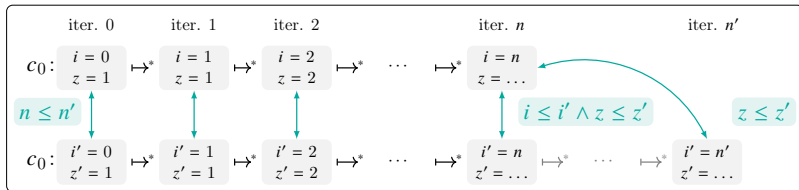


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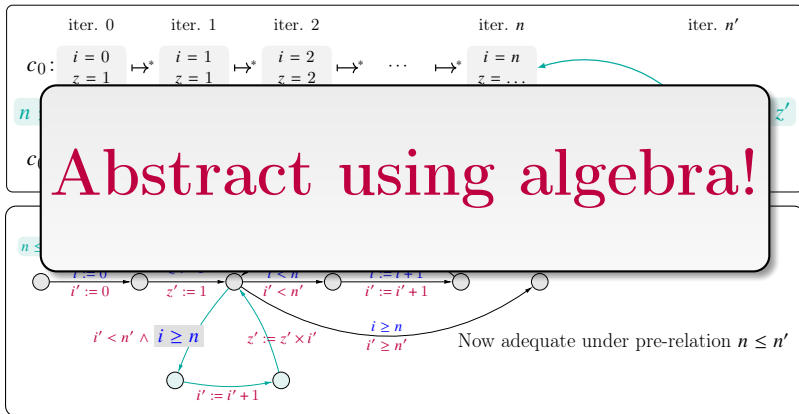
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Main contributions and outline of talk

- Introduce BiKAT, an algebra of alignment products
 - Equational proofs of adequacy
 - Equational proofs of correctness
- Derive proof rules for relational Hoare logics in BiKAT
 - Shows they hold in every model of BiKAT, including relations and traces
- Characterize forward/backward simulation, equationally
 - This characterization is used to derive new inference rules

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Thm [Adequacy] If $\hat{\mathcal{R}} \circ \langle c | d \rangle \leq \hat{\mathcal{R}} \circ B$ (B is \mathcal{R} -adequate)
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Assignments as prim actions; $[e]$ for tests

Correctness judgment in BiKAT:

$$[n = n'] \circ \langle k_0 \mid k_1 \rangle \leq [n = n'] \circ \langle k_0 \mid k_1 \rangle \circ [z = z']$$

Example revisited in BiKAT

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$$\text{where } \mathcal{P} \hat{=} [i + 1 = i'] \circ [z = z'] \circ [n = n']$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g., } \langle i := 0 \mid i := 1 \rangle &= \langle i := 0 \mid i := 1 \rangle \circ [i + 1 = i'] \\ [n = n'] \circ \langle z := 1 \mid z := 1 \rangle &= [n = n'] \circ \langle z := 1 \mid z := 1 \rangle \circ [n = n'] \end{aligned}$$

Example revisited in BiKAT

- Use general lemmas to construct adequate alignments

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If $\mathcal{R} \leq$ $[n = n'] \circ \langle k_0 \mid k_1 \rangle$ (original progs)

$$= \dots$$

5. Reason $= [n = n'] \circ B$ (B is adequate)

$$\mathcal{P} \circ \langle [i < n]; \dots \rangle \leq \dots \rangle^{\otimes} \circ \mathcal{P}$$

$$\leq [n = n'] \circ B \circ [z = z'] \quad (B \text{ is correct})$$

If $\mathcal{R} \circ B$

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Prove:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{R} \circ \langle e; c + \neg e; d \mid e'; c' + \neg e'; d' \rangle \\ = & \mathcal{R} \circ (\langle e; c \mid e'; c' \rangle + \langle e; c \mid \neg e'; d' \rangle + \langle \neg e; d \mid e'; c' \rangle + \dots) \\ & \quad \{ \text{distribute} \} \\ = & \mathcal{R} \circ \langle e; c \mid e'; c' \rangle + \mathcal{R} \circ \langle e; c \mid \neg e'; d' \rangle + \mathcal{R} \circ \langle \neg e; d \mid e'; c' \rangle + \dots \\ & \quad \{ \text{use } \mathcal{R} \leq [e = e'] \text{ to cancel out terms} \} \\ = & \mathcal{R} \circ \langle e; c \mid e'; c' \rangle + \mathcal{R} \circ \langle \neg e; d \mid \neg e'; d' \rangle \\ & \quad \{ \text{assumptions about } c \text{ and } d \} \\ \leq & \mathcal{R} \circ \langle e; c \mid e'; c' \rangle \circ S + \mathcal{R} \circ \langle \neg e; d \mid \neg e'; d' \rangle \circ S \end{aligned}$$

∀∃ properties

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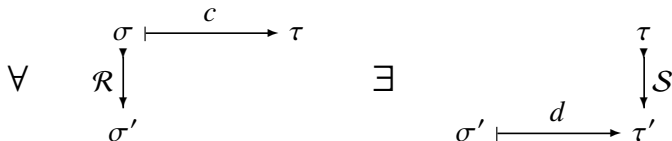
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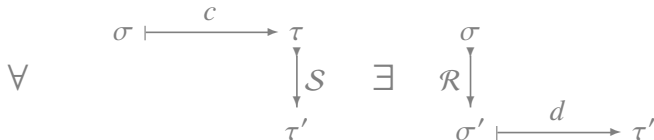
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Conclusion

Main contributions:

- Introduce BiKAT, an algebra of alignment products
- Derive $\forall\forall$ proof rules of relational Hoare logic
- Characterize $\forall\exists$ judgments and derive proof rules
- Some of this has been formalized in Coq

Also in the paper:

- Discussion of related work and expressiveness
- Equational theory of BiKAT is undecidable
- Backward simulation and connections with incorrectness logic
- Other quantifier alternations: $\exists\exists$, $\exists\forall$
- Other number of traces: *Tri*KAT

Future work and open problems:

- Automation: can BiKAT help in finding alignments?
- Complete models for equational theory