Towards Pratical Abstract Execution

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Detailed Report

Typos

- ~~General:~~

  ~~The title of the paper and the titles of the sections should be in title case, e.g. "Towards practical abstract execution" should be "Towards Practical Abstract Execution"~~

- Page 1
  - ~~line 9: typo E_{bool} instead of $E_{boolean}$~~
  - ~~line 19: reference to paper [29] (Abstract Execution 2019), instead of [27] (REFINITY 2020)~~
  - ~~line 20: reference to paper [27] (REFINITY 2020), instead of [1] (The KeY Book 2016)~~
- Page 2
  - ~~line 13: "exceptions and object" instead of "exceptions and objects"~~
  - line 14: the "resp." does not respect the order between "exceptions" and "objects"
- Page 3
  - line 28: comma after closed bracket should be removed
  - ~~line 32: "contents" should be "content"~~

  list of things that needs to be added for APEs
- Page 5
  - ~~Listing 2 and 3 have the same caption~~
  - ~~line 1: typo "abst[r]act"~~
  - line 4: "refactoring to REFINITY", possible wrong preposition "to"

  we describe the ref. to/for REFINITY
- Page 6
  - ~~line 3: "any exceptions" instead of "any exception"~~
  - ~~line 29: inbetween instead of in between (in between)~~
  - ~~line 37: "an behavioral" instead of "a behavioral"~~
- Page 8
  - ~~line 14: "REFINITY **did**" should be "REFINITY **does**"~~
- Page 9
  - ~~line 18: "global implicit counter" should be "implicit global counter"~~
  - ~~lines 29,30 (Definition 2): the o in $o' <_h^C o$ and $o \leq_h^C o''$ should be o_h^C~~

  don't like this change, but done

- Page 10
  - ~~Listings 6 and 7 have the same caption~~
- Page 12
  - line 30: no comma after closed bracket
- Page 13
  - ~~line 13: missing period after "equivalences"~~
- Page 14
  - ~~line 19: "that both programs" should be "that the two programs"~~
  - ~~line 20: not clear whether "the corresponding" should be "correspondence" or whether a noun is missing~~ went with a correspondence
- Page 15
  - ~~line 15: "is that due to" should be "is due to"~~
  - ~~line 23: "Adressing" instead of "Addressing", "would requiring" instead of "would require"~~
  - ~~line 32: "lacks placeholders " should be "lacks of placeholders"~~
  - line 40: incomplete sentence starting with "due to", the main sentence is missing
- Page 16
  - ~~line 20: "similarly are" should be "similarly were"~~
  - ~~line 30: add "and" after "symbolic execution"~~
  - ~~line 31: replace semicolon with comma~~
  - ~~line 39: "syntactical different" should be "syntactically different"~~
- Page 17
  - ~~line 6: not clear whether "compose to specify" should be "allow to specify" or else~~
  - line 8: replace "and make use" with "by making use"
- Page 18
  - line 1: "Refinity" instead of "REFINITY"
  - ~~line 8: replace "and make use" with "by making use"~~
- Page 20
  - ~~Paper referred by [28] and [29] is the same~~

Presentation

keep simple simple, initially wanted to consider the context to be inside void method. Now all explicit example.

- Page 1
  - ~~line 9: The example shown presents a refactoring that would be behavior preserving only if the statement was followed by a void `return` statement. This should be clarified.~~

- Page 2

eduard's changes make the irrelevant?

  - ~~lines 5-8: it should be reformulated and should be clearer that it is a research question~~
  - ~~lines 39-40: this two lines should be reformulated and come after the section about symbolic execution~~

- Page 3
  - line 9: "then branch", "then" should be highlighted
  - line 11: "else branch", "else" should be highlighted

  } ?

  - ~~lines 4-11: the sentence is too long.~~
  - ~~lines 33-34: the sentence starting with "Only that [...]" should be reformulated, and it should not start with "Only that"~~
  - ~~lines 35 and 36: "wish to specify [...]" "achieve such a specification" seem in contradiction, it would be better "want to specify"~~
  - ~~line 38-40: JML should be cited here, the presentation should be more straightforward.~~
  - ~~line 42: formulation should be changed to"abstract statement N may assign to [...], and access [...]"~~

- Page 4
  - line 1: replace "placed" with a more suitable verb.

- Page 8
  - line 2: refer to figure in "when compared to the sketched out example above"
  - line: 13: "[...] of return values **of the sides** being identical [...]" is unclear and should be reformulated, possible using "sides" only when referring to figures/listings, otherwise it is not clear what "sides" refers to.
  - line 24: "**as must be** the objects" should be rewritten "**as well as** the objects"

- Page 9

  - Adding names for definition 1 and 2 would help the reader to understand them better
  - line 14: the sentence starting with "Continuing our investigation [...]" should be rewritten to be less redundant and to make clear how the side effects in constructors is crucial in proving correct a refactoring involving object creation.

- Page 10
  - line 10: make clear that the sentence "This suffices to prove [...]" holds only if the side effects visible by the constructor of `C` are not visible by the constructor of `D` and vice versa.

- Page 11
  - line 25: "Again, we assume that the constructor of `C` has no side effects except object creation on the heap", why "Again"? This is the first time you present such a restrictive constrain. Until now the constrain for the constructors was about the visibility of side effects.

- Page 13
  - line 9-13: sentence starting with "The programs are [...]" should be rewritten to make clearer the conclusion.

- Page 17
  - line 8: remove sentence "tackle [...] make" and replace "use of an infrastructure" with "use an infrastructure": the resulting sentence would be "They use an infrastructure to [...]"
  - lines 28-32: rewrite this sentence, it is too long and it has no punctuation.
  - lines 37-41: rewrite this sentence, it is too long and it has almost no punctuation.
  - line 37: put round brackets around "sometimes use-case specific"
  - line 40: "confounding" should be "confusing"

Content

- Page 2
  - line 17: reduces the size specification compared to what?

- Page 3
  - lines 16-18: wrong citation to [1] (3.3)

*"Semantically JavaDL formulas are **not** evaluated in a Kripke structure **over** a collection of first-order structures"*

while the original is:

"On the semantic level, the difference is that JavaDL formulas are not evaluated in a single first-order structure but in a so-called Kripke structure, which is a collection of first-order structures."

- line 32: "[...] we do not want to specify the exact contents of its method body", the content has always to be specified exactly, but using AE it is possible to define it (partially) abstractly.

- Page 6
  - line 1: it would be interesting to see the code of the working example
- Page 8
  - line 2: "which contains no surprises": what does it mean?
  - line 11: "published version of REFINITY", which one?