



Matching μ -Logic



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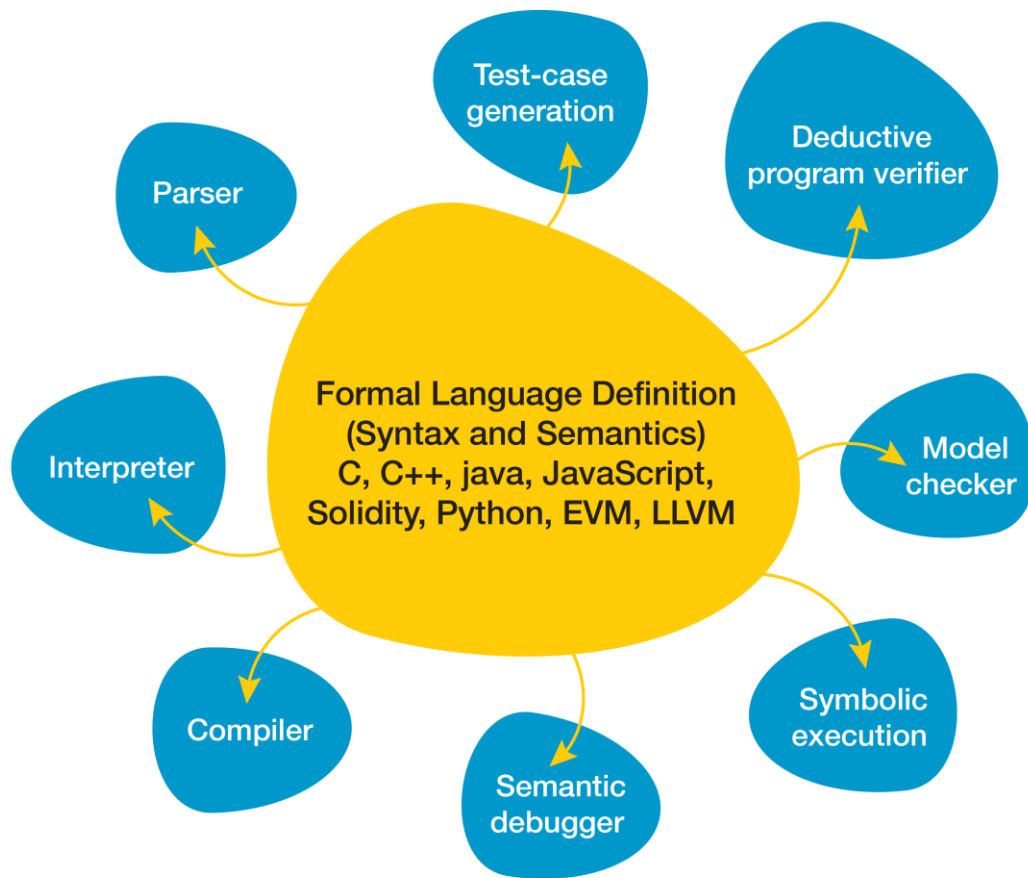
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An Ideal Language Framework Vision

We pursue it with the K framework [www.kframework.org]



K scales.

JavaScript ES5: by Park etal [PLDI'15]

Passes existing conformance test suite (2872 programs)
Found (confirmed) bugs in Chrome, IE, Firefox, Safari

Java 1.4: by Bogdanas etal [POPL'15]

x86: by Dasgupta etal [PLDI'19]

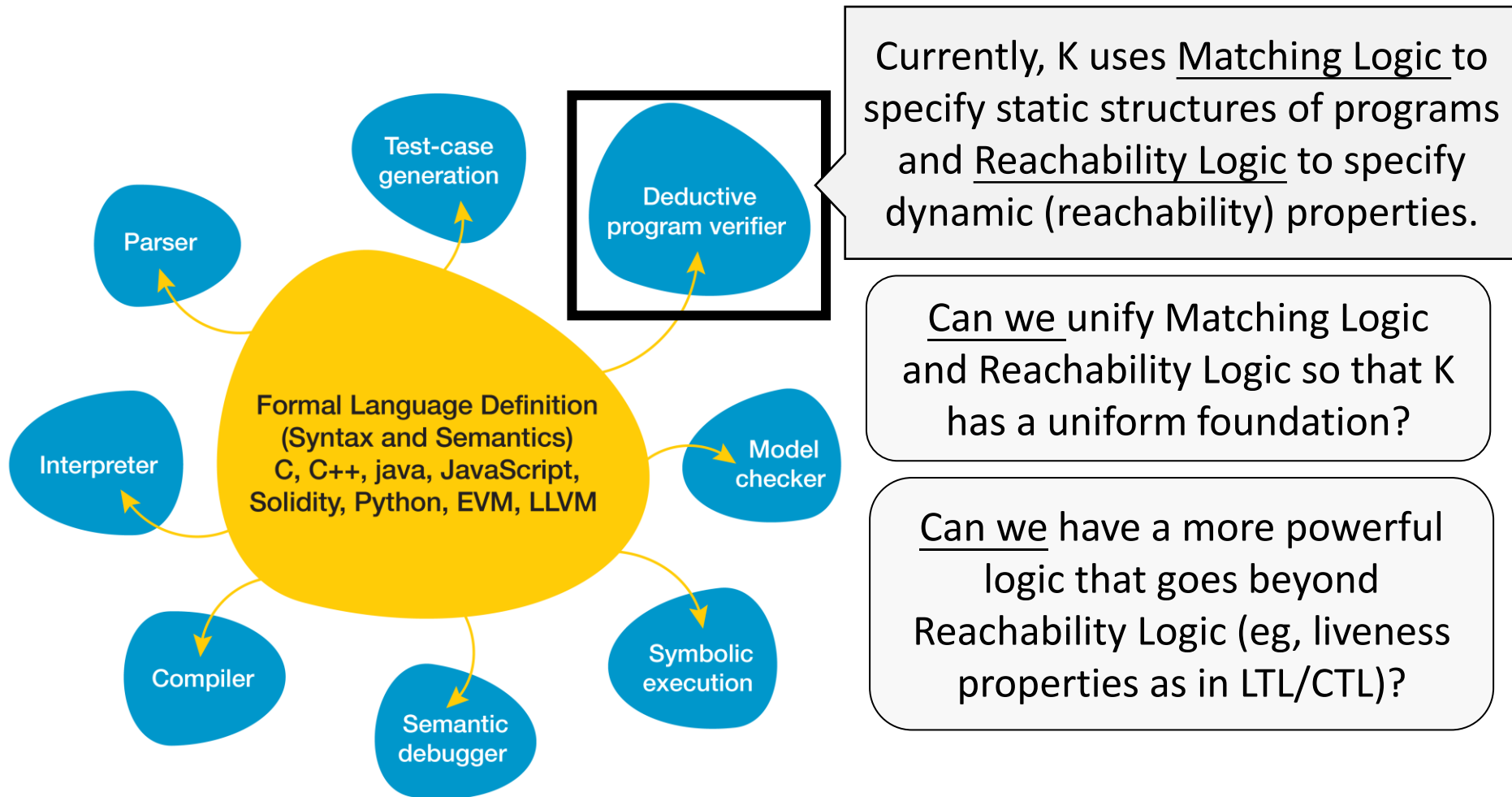
C11: Ellison etal [POPL'12, PLDI'15]

192 different types of undefined behavior
10,000+ program tests (gcc torture tests, obfuscated C, ...)
Commercialized by startup (Runtime Verification, Inc.)

EVM [CSF'18], **Solidity**, **IELE**, **Plutus**, **Vyper**, ...

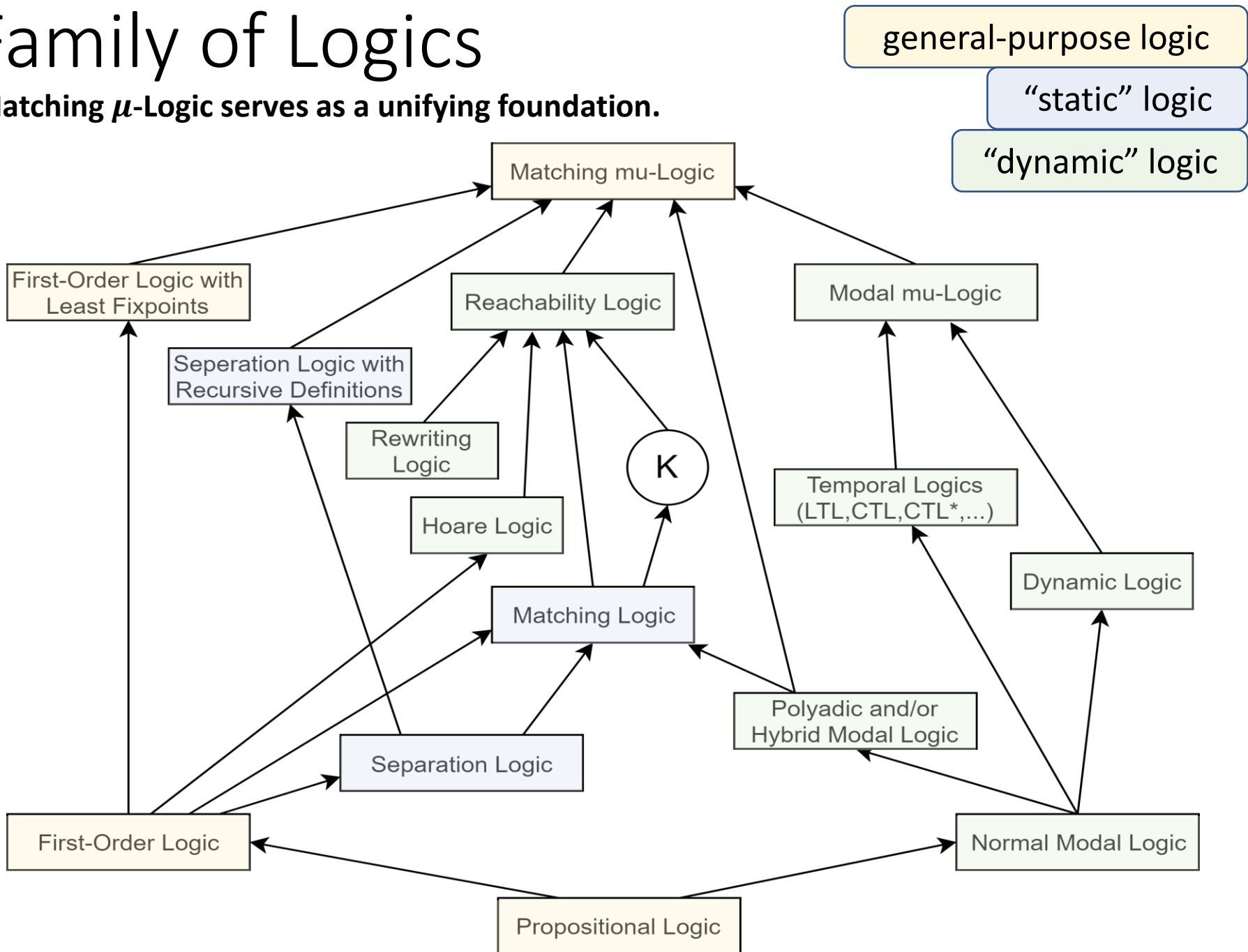
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Family of Logics

Matching μ -Logic serves as a unifying foundation.



Talk Overview

- Background:
 - Towards an Ideal Language Framework
 - The need for a uniform and more powerful logic
- Matching μ -Logic:
 - Syntax, Semantics, Proof System
- Applications (“*static*” and “*dynamic*”)
 - Reasoning about Constructors and Term Algebras;
 - Reasoning about Transition Systems;
 - Subsuming Modal Logic variants
 - Subsuming Reachability Logic
- Conclusion
 - **Matching μ -Logic serves as a unifying foundation**

Matching μ -Logic Has Simple Syntax (7 syntactic constructs)

Patterns
(of each sort s)

Element
variables

Set
variables

Structures

$$\varphi_s ::= x : s \in \text{EVar}_s \mid X : s \in \text{SVar}_s \mid \sigma(\varphi_{s_1}, \dots, \varphi_{s_n}) \quad \text{with } \sigma \in \Sigma_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$$

$$\varphi_s \wedge \varphi_s \mid \neg \varphi_s$$

Logic Constraints

$$\exists z : s' . \varphi_s \mid \mu Z : s . \varphi_s \quad \text{if } \varphi_s \text{ is positive in } Z : s$$

FOL binders, abstraction

(Least) fixpoint binders

Matching μ -Logic Semantics: Pattern Matching

$$\varphi_s ::= x : s \in \text{EVar}_s \mid X : s \in \text{SVar}_s \mid \sigma(\varphi_{s_1}, \dots, \varphi_{s_n}) \\ \mid \varphi_s \wedge \varphi_s \mid \neg \varphi_s \mid \exists z : s' . \varphi_s \mid \mu Z : s . \varphi_s$$

A Model

Sorted Carrier Sets

Symbol Interpretations

$$M = (\{M_s\}_{s \in \text{Sorts}}, \{\sigma_M\}_{\sigma \in \text{Symbols}})$$

$$\sigma_M : M_{s_1} \times \dots \times M_{s_n} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M_s)$$

***Pattern* = The set of elements that *match* it.**

\wedge as intersection, \neg as complement, \exists as union over all x ,
 μ as the least fixpoint (examples given later)

Derived Constructs

$$\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \equiv \neg(\neg\varphi_1 \wedge \neg\varphi_2)$$

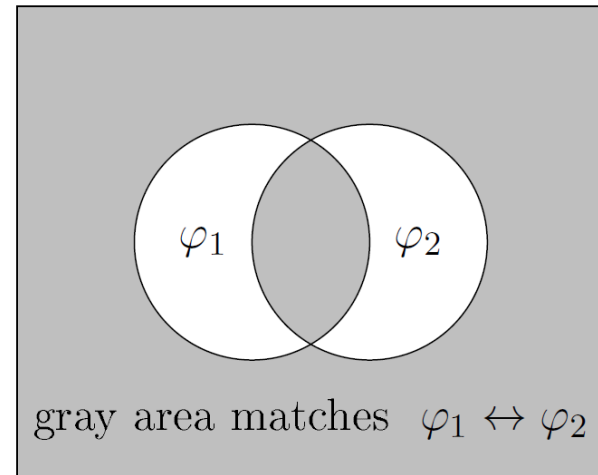
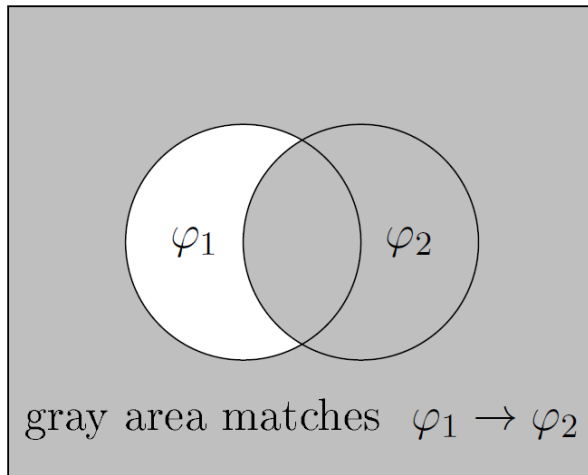
$$\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 \equiv \neg\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$$

$$\varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2 \equiv (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2) \wedge (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1)$$

$$\forall x:s.\varphi \equiv \neg\exists x:s.\neg\varphi$$

$$\top_s \equiv \exists x:s.x:s$$

$$\perp_s \equiv \neg\top_s$$



$$\nu X:s.\varphi_s \equiv \neg\mu X:s.\neg\varphi_s[\neg X:s/X:s]$$

Recovering Known Notions, Axiomatically

Definedness

$$[_]_s^{s'} \in \Sigma_{s,s'}$$

Definedness symbol

$$[x:s]_s^{s'}$$

Definedness pattern/axiom

$$[\varphi]_s^{s'}$$

Either the empty set (when φ empty) or otherwise the total set (when φ non-empty)

Totality

$$[\varphi]_s^{s'} \equiv \neg [\neg \varphi]_s^{s'}$$

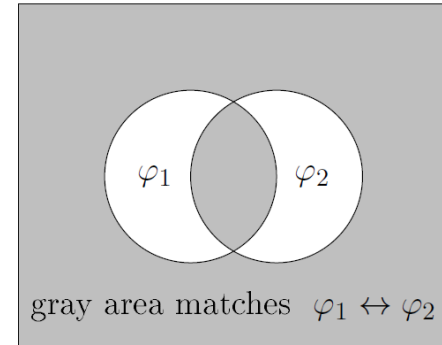
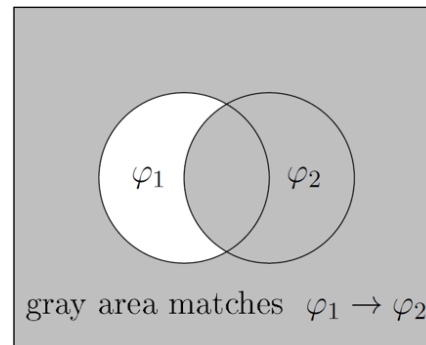
Sort subscripts and superscripts can be inferred from the context, so we do not write them

Equality, Membership, Inclusion

$$x \in_s^{s'} \varphi \equiv [x \wedge \varphi]_s^{s'}$$

$$\varphi_1 \subseteq_s^{s'} \varphi_2 \equiv [\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2]_s^{s'}$$

$$\varphi_1 =_s^{s'} \varphi_2 \equiv [\varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2]_s^{s'}$$



Recovering Known Notions, Axiomatically

Functions (recovering “operation” symbols)

$$\sigma \in \Sigma_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$$

$$\exists y . \sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$$

We write it using the functional notation:

$$\sigma : s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$$

Similarly we can define partial functions, total relations, etc. Algebraic specification and FOL subsumed notationally. For example:

$$0 : \rightarrow Nat$$

$$succ : Nat \rightarrow Nat$$

$$plus : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow Nat$$

$$plus(0, y) = y$$

$$plus(succ(x), y) = succ(plus(x, y))$$

Examples of Patterns

- $x:s$ or simply x matched by singletons (of sort s);
- $X:s$ or simply X matched by any sets (of sort s);
- $\text{succ}(x)$ matched by the successor of x ;
- $0 \vee \exists x. \text{succ}(x)$ matched by zero or successors;
- $\mu N. 0 \vee \text{succ}(N)$ matched by all natural numbers;
 - The smallest solution of the equation $N = 0 \vee \text{succ}(N)$
 - $N = \{0, \text{succ}(0), \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)), \dots\}$

Term Algebras in Matching μ -Logic

Consider the *term algebra* generated by a set of *constructors*

$$C = \{c_i \in \Sigma_{\underbrace{Term \dots Term}_{arity(c_i) \text{ times}}, Term}\}$$

For example,

Natural numbers = Term algebra freely generated by $\{0, succ\}$.

Lists (inductive data structure) = Term algebra freely generate by $\{nil, cons\}$.

The set of all terms is *precisely captured* by the following pattern/axiom:

$$(\text{INDUCTIVE DOMAIN}) \quad \mu D. \bigvee_{c \in C} c(D, \dots, D)$$

For example,

The set of all natural numbers $\mu N. 0 \vee succ(N)$

The set of all lists $\mu L. nil \vee cons(\top_N, L).$

Separation logic = Matching logic [Map]

- Consider map model, with some useful axioms

$$_ \mapsto _ : \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Map}$$

$$\text{emp} : \rightarrow \text{Map}$$

$$_ * _ : \text{Map} \times \text{Map} \rightarrow \text{Map}$$

$$0 \mapsto a = \perp$$

$$\text{emp} * H = H$$

$$H_1 * H_2 = H_2 * H_1$$

$$(H_1 * H_2) * H_3 = H_1 * (H_2 * H_3)$$

$$x \mapsto a * x \mapsto b = \perp$$

$$_ \mapsto [_] : \text{Nat} \times \text{Seq} \rightarrow \text{Map} \qquad x \mapsto [\epsilon] = \text{emp} \qquad x \mapsto [a, S] = x \mapsto a * (x + 1) \mapsto [S]$$

- Then we can define map patterns “a la SL”

$$\text{list} \in \Sigma_{\text{Nat} \times \text{Seq}, \text{Map}}$$

$$\text{list}(0, \epsilon) = \text{emp}$$

$$\text{list}(x, n \cdot S) = \exists z . x \mapsto [n, z] * \text{list}(z, S)$$

Separation Logic Derivations Using the Generic Matching Logic Proof System (to be shown next)

- Sample derivation for the “separation logic” theory:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 1 \mapsto 5 * 2 \mapsto 0 * 7 \mapsto 9 * 8 \mapsto 1 & = & 1 \mapsto [5, 0] * 7 \mapsto [9, 1] & = \\
 1 \mapsto [5, 0] * \text{list}(0, \epsilon) * 7 \mapsto [9, 1] & \rightarrow & (\exists z . 1 \mapsto [5, z] * \text{list}(z, \epsilon)) * 7 \mapsto [9, 1] & = \\
 \text{list}(1, 5 \cdot \epsilon) * 7 \mapsto [9, 1] & = & \text{list}(1, 5) * 7 \mapsto [9, 1] & \rightarrow \\
 \exists z . 7 \mapsto [9, z] \wedge \text{list}(z, 5) & = & \text{list}(7, 9 \cdot 5) &
 \end{array}$$

- Local reasoning globalized (“structural framing” for free!)
 - Above derivation can be lifted to whole configuration

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall c: Cfg. \forall h: Map. & \left(\langle \langle 1 \mapsto 5 * 2 \mapsto 0 * 7 \mapsto 9 * 8 \mapsto 1 * h \rangle_{\text{heap}} c \rangle_{\text{cfg}} \right. \\
 & \rightarrow \left. \langle \langle \text{list}(7, 9 \cdot 5) * h \rangle_{\text{heap}} c \rangle_{\text{cfg}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching μ -Logic Has Simple Proof System (FOL plus 9 additional proof rules)

(PROPOSITIONAL TAUTOLOGY) φ if φ is a propositional tautology over patterns

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \quad \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2}{\varphi_2}$$

(MODUS PONENS)

$$\varphi_2$$

(\exists -QUANTIFIER)

$$\varphi[y/x] \rightarrow \exists x.\varphi$$

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2}{(\exists x.\varphi_1) \rightarrow \varphi_2} \text{ if } x \notin FV(\varphi_2)$$

(\exists -GENERALIZATION)

(PROPAGATION $_{\perp}$)

$$C_{\sigma}[\perp] \rightarrow \perp$$

(PROPAGATION $_{\vee}$)

$$C_{\sigma}[\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2] \rightarrow C_{\sigma}[\varphi_1] \vee C_{\sigma}[\varphi_2]$$

(PROPAGATION $_{\exists}$)

$$C_{\sigma}[\exists x.\varphi] \rightarrow \exists x.C_{\sigma}[\varphi] \quad \text{if } x \notin FV(C_{\sigma}[\exists x.\varphi])$$

(FRAMING)

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2}{C_{\sigma}[\varphi_1] \rightarrow C_{\sigma}[\varphi_2]}$$

(EXISTENCE)

$$\exists x.x$$

(SINGLETON VARIABLE)

$$\neg(C_1[x \wedge \varphi] \wedge C_2[x \wedge \neg\varphi])$$

where C_1 and C_2 are nested symbol contexts.

(SET VARIABLE SUBSTITUTION)

$$\frac{\varphi}{\varphi[\psi/X]}$$

(PRE-FIXPOINT)

$$\varphi[\mu X.\varphi/X] \rightarrow \mu X.\varphi$$

(KNASTER-TARSKI)

$$\frac{\varphi[\psi/X] \rightarrow \psi}{\mu X.\varphi \rightarrow \psi}$$

Standard FOL
reasoning

$$C_{\sigma}[\blacksquare] \equiv \sigma(\dots, \blacksquare, \dots)$$

Frame reasoning
about symbols

Technical rules
(completeness)

Standard
fixpoint
reasoning

Matching μ -Logic Reasoning is Powerful

Peano Induction Rule:

FOL formula $\varphi(x)$

$$\boxed{\varphi(0) \wedge \forall y . (\varphi(y) \rightarrow \varphi(succ(y))) \rightarrow \forall x . \varphi(x)}$$

... is a theorem in Matching μ -Logic:

Let $\Phi \equiv \exists z . (z \wedge \varphi(z))$.

matched by all numbers where φ holds,
i.e., $\varphi(z)$ iff $z \in \Phi$

$$\forall x . \varphi(x)$$

(Inductive Domain)

$$\Leftarrow \forall x . x \in \Phi,$$

$$\Leftarrow (\mu N . 0 \vee succ(N)) \rightarrow \Phi, \text{ by}$$

$$\Leftarrow 0 \vee succ(\Phi) \rightarrow \Phi$$

$$\Leftarrow \text{both } 0 \rightarrow \Phi, \text{ i.e., } \varphi(0) \text{ holds,}$$

$$\text{and } succ(\Phi) \rightarrow \Phi, \text{ i.e., } \varphi(y) \rightarrow \varphi(succ(y))$$

(Knaster-Tarski)

$$\frac{\varphi[\psi / X] \rightarrow \psi}{\mu X . \varphi \rightarrow \psi}$$

Outline

We've seen that matching μ -Logic supports

- ✓ Heap patterns $list(x)$
- ✓ Term algebras; inductive structures and reasoning
- ✓ Standard FOL reasoning and fixpoint reasoning
- ✓ Frame reasoning for free
- ✓ Peano induction as an instance

We'll see next...

- Transition systems
- Modal mu-logic, LTL, CTL as instances
- Reachability logic as instances

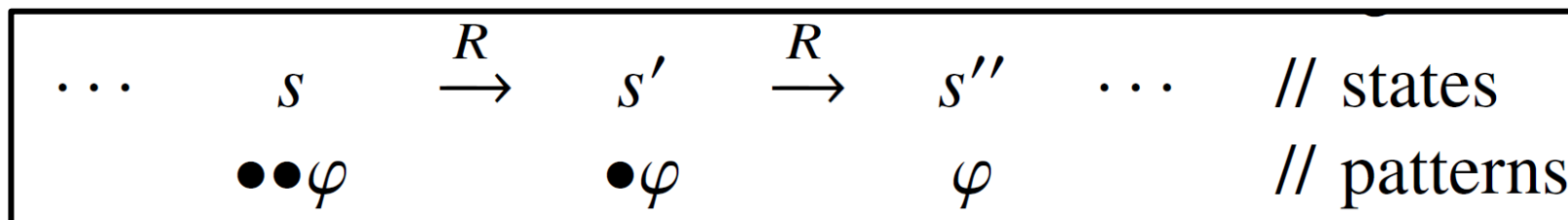
Transition Systems

$\mathbb{S} = (S, R)$ with a *binary transition relation* $R \subseteq S \times S$

In matching μ -Logic, define:

- A sort *State* of states with carrier set $M_{State} = S$;
- A symbol $\bullet \in \Sigma_{State, State}$, called *one-path next*, with interpretation

$$\bullet_{\mathbb{S}} : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S) \quad \text{with} \quad \bullet_{\mathbb{S}}(t) = \{s \in S \mid s R t\}$$



Transition Systems

= Matching μ -Logic with one sort and one unary symbol.

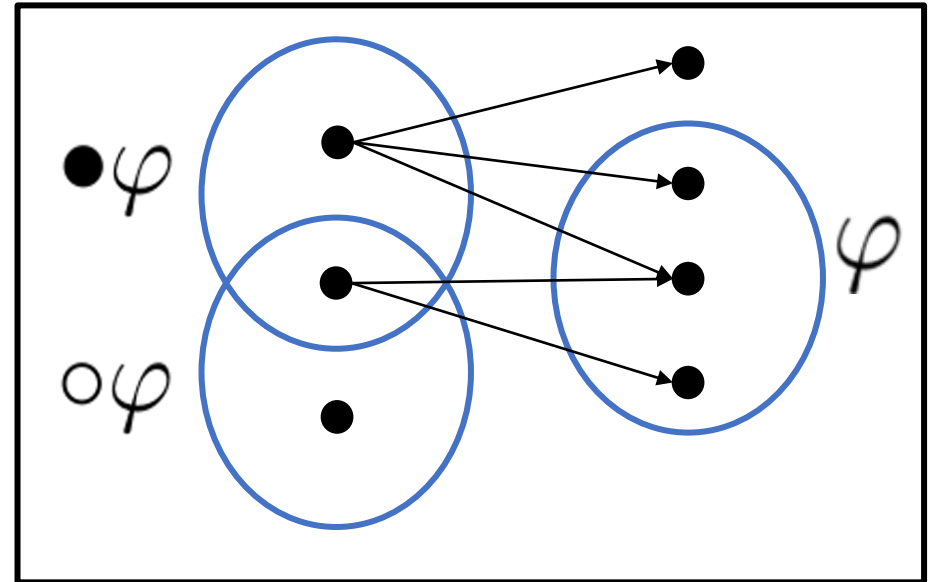
Useful Sugar about Transition Systems

“one-path next” $\bullet\varphi$

“all-path next” $\circ\varphi \equiv \neg\bullet\neg\varphi$

“exists a next state in φ ”

“all next states in φ ”



Standard definitions ...

“eventually” $\diamond\varphi \equiv \mu X. \varphi \vee \bullet X$

“always” $\square\varphi \equiv \nu X. \varphi \wedge \circ X$

“(strong) until” $\varphi_1 U \varphi_2 \equiv \mu X. \varphi_2 \vee (\varphi_1 \wedge \bullet X)$

“well-founded” $WF \equiv \mu X. \circ X$ // no infinite paths

Modal μ -Logic, LTL, CTL, ...

= Matching μ -Logic theories

(INF) $\bullet \top$

All states are some states' predecessors:
no stopped states

(FIN) $\text{WF} \equiv \mu X . \circ X$

All states are well-founded

(LIN) $\bullet X \rightarrow \circ X$

If s can go to t then s can **only** go to t :
linear future (no branching)

Target logic	Assumption on traces	Axioms required
Modal μ -Logic	Any traces	No axioms
Infinite-trace LTL	Infinite and linear traces	(INF)+(LIN)
Finite-trace LTL	Finite and linear traces	(FIN)+(LIN)
CTL	Infinite traces	(INF)

Reachability Logic: Semantics of K

[LICS'13, RTA'14, RTA'15, OOPSLA'16]

A reachability rule:

$$\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi' \quad \text{with } \varphi \text{ and } \varphi' \text{ configuration patterns}$$

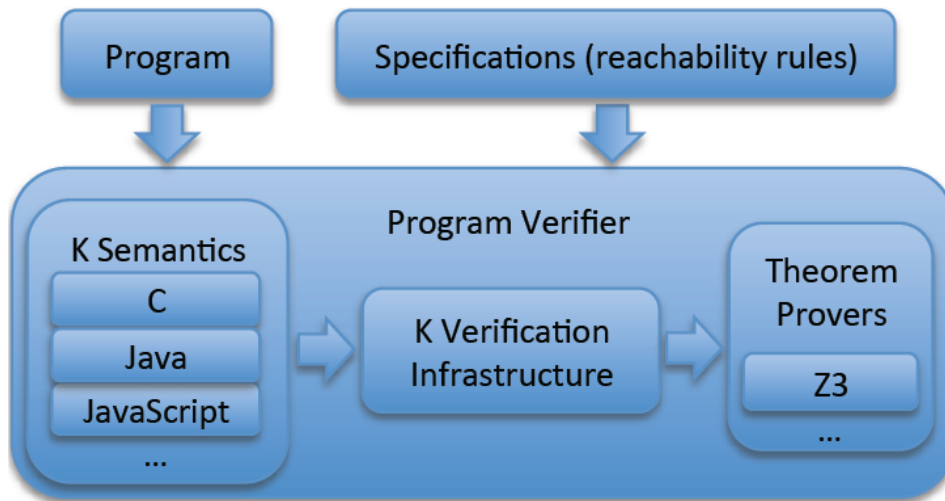
Can express *operational semantics*:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \langle \mathbf{x} = i; \mathbf{s} \rangle_k \langle \mathbf{x} \mapsto j, e \rangle_{\text{env}} c \rangle_{\text{cfg}} \\ & \Rightarrow \langle \langle \mathbf{s} \rangle_k \langle \mathbf{x} \mapsto i, e \rangle_{\text{env}} c \rangle_{\text{cfg}} \end{aligned}$$

Can express *Hoare triples*: $\{\psi\} \text{code} \{\psi'\}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists X_{\text{code}} (\langle \text{code}, \sigma_{X_{\text{code}}} \rangle \wedge \psi_X) \\ & \Rightarrow \exists X_{\text{code}} (\langle \text{skip}, \sigma_{X_{\text{code}}} \rangle \wedge \psi'_X) \end{aligned}$$

K = (Best Effort) Implementation of Reachability Logic



Evaluated it with the existing semantics of C, Java, JavaScript, Ethereum VM, ..., and many tricky programs. Performance acceptable.

Reachability Logic

= Matching μ -Logic fragment

Semantically, $\varphi_1 \Rightarrow \varphi_2$ means that

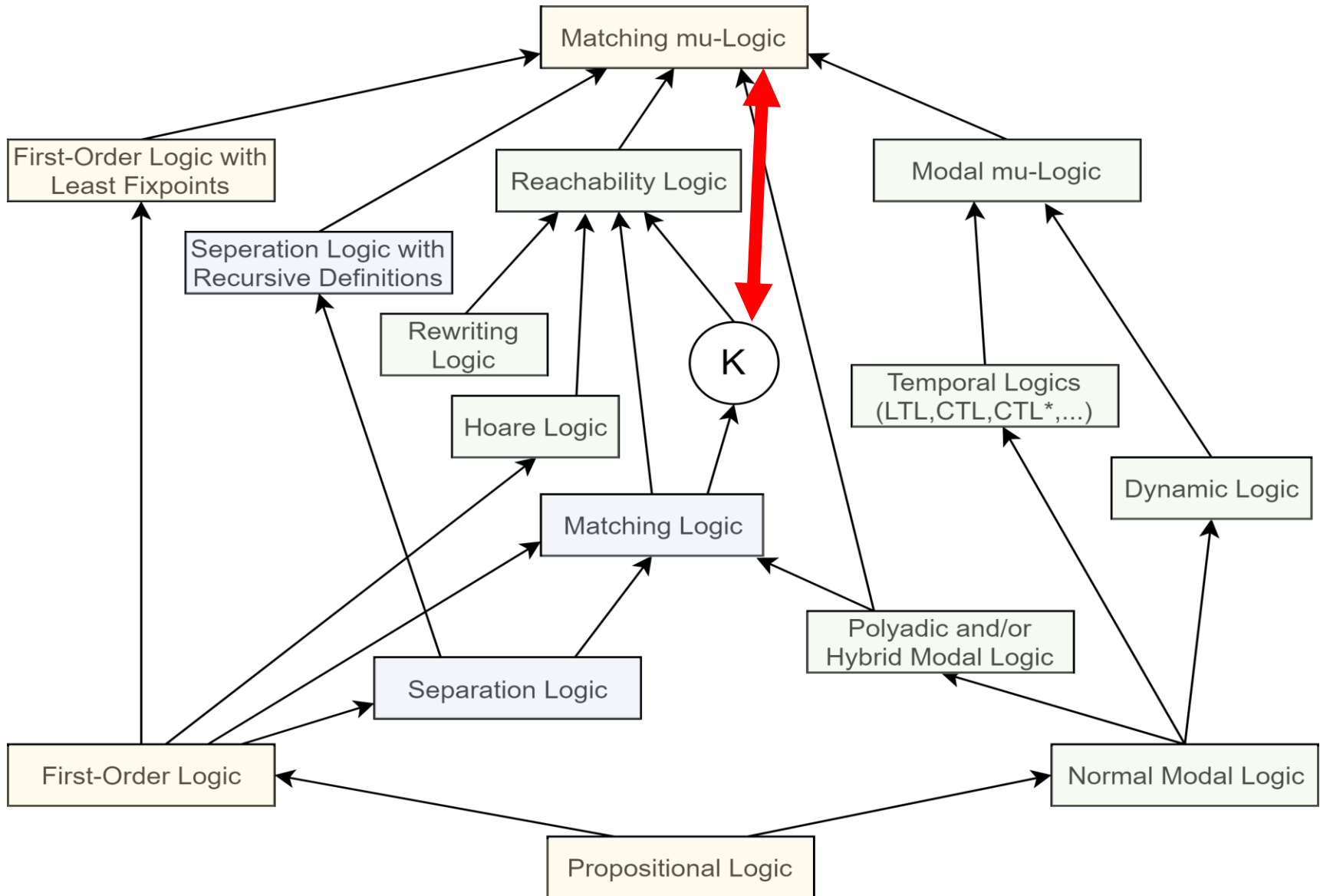
for all configurations γ_1 matching φ_1 :

- either there exists γ_2 matching φ_2 such that γ_1 **reaches** γ_2 (in finite steps);
- or there exists an infinite execution path from γ_1 ;

“weak eventually” $\Diamond_w \varphi \equiv \nu X . \varphi \vee \bullet X$

“reachability” $\varphi_1 \Rightarrow \varphi_2 \equiv \varphi_1 \rightarrow \Diamond_w \varphi_2$

Matching μ -Logic as unifying semantic foundation



Completeness?

On the fragment *without* fixpoints μ -binder:

$$[_]_s^{s'} \in \Sigma_{s,s'}$$

- **Theorem.** For theory Γ that contains *definedness*

$$[x:s]_s^{s'}$$

$$\Gamma \models \varphi \text{ implies } \Gamma \vdash \varphi.$$

nontrivial extension
of hybrid modal logic

- **Theorem.** For the empty theory \emptyset ,

$$\emptyset \models \varphi \text{ implies } \emptyset \vdash \varphi.$$

called *global
completeness*

- **Conjecture.** For all theories Γ ,

$$\Gamma \models \varphi \text{ implies } \Gamma \vdash \varphi.$$

extension of
modal μ -logic

On the fragment *without* FOL \exists -binders:

- **Conjecture.** $\emptyset \models \varphi$ implies $\emptyset \vdash \varphi$.
- **Conjecture.** Fragment is *decidable*.

On *full* Matching μ -logic:

- **Conjecture.** $\Gamma \models_{\text{Henkin}} \varphi$ implies $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$.

Henkin semantics or General semantics