

## 3. Programming Logic (ch. 3)

### Operational Semantic Model

- The meaning of a program is given by a set  $E(P)$  of infinite sequences:
  - $R \in E(P)$  is an execution sequence:  $(s_0, l_0) (s_1, l_1) \dots$
  - $R_i$  is the  $i$ 'th element of the sequence
  - $R_i.state$  is the program state before the  $i$ 'th step
  - $R_0.state$  is the initial program state (one of many—e.g., some variables may not be initialized)
  - $R_i.label$  is the program statement selected in the  $i$ 'th step
- Constraints over the set  $E(P)$ :
  - deterministic  
 $R_i.state$  and  $R_i.label$  fully determine  $R_{i+1}.state$
  - weakly fair  

$$\langle \forall s, i :: \langle \exists k :: R_k.label = s \rangle$$

$$\wedge R_i.label = s \Rightarrow \langle \exists j : j > i :: R_j.label = s \rangle \rangle$$
- Discussion:
  - If fair interleaving and atomicity are preserved, the number of parallel machines executing the program does not alter its semantics
  - Infinite sequences are needed in order to talk about fairness—one cannot prove properties of a fair sequence by proving properties of its finite subsequences
  - This model is not actually used for reasoning about programs
  - Proofs involve reasoning about assertions

### Proving properties of assignment statements

- Assignment axiom
 
$$\{p\} x := \text{exp} \{q\} \equiv p \Rightarrow q_{\text{exp}}^x \equiv p \Rightarrow \text{wp}(x := \text{exp}, q)$$
  - Given a state in which  $p$  holds, the execution of the assignment  $s$  produces a state in which  $q$  holds
  - This is a well understood concept in sequential programming
  - The statement must be terminating and deterministic
- Simple multiple assignments
 
$$\{y=k\} x, y := 0, y+1 \{x > -3 \wedge y > k\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (y=k) \Rightarrow (x > -3 \wedge y > k) \stackrel{x;y}{0;y+1} \\
\equiv & \\
& (y=k) \Rightarrow (0 > -3 \wedge y+1 > k)
\end{aligned}$$

- Conditional multiple assignments

$$\text{exp} \equiv E_0 \text{ if } B_0 \sim E_1 \text{ if } B_1 \sim \dots \sim E_n \text{ if } B_n$$

$$q_{\text{exp}}^x \equiv (B_0 \Rightarrow q_{E_0}^x) \wedge \dots \wedge (B_n \Rightarrow q_{E_n}^x) \wedge ((\neg B_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg B_n) \Rightarrow q)$$

$$\{\text{true}\} x := -1 \text{ if } x < 0 \sim 0 \text{ if } x = 0 \sim 1 \text{ if } x > 0 \{-1 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

requires one to prove

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{\text{true} \wedge x < 0\} x := -1 \quad \{-1 \leq x \leq 1\} \\
& \{\text{true} \wedge x = 0\} x := 0 \quad \{-1 \leq x \leq 1\} \\
& \{\text{true} \wedge x > 0\} x := 1 \quad \{-1 \leq x \leq 1\} \\
& (\text{true} \wedge \text{false}) \Rightarrow \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)
\end{aligned}$$

- Assignments involving arrays

- $(A; i; u) \equiv$  same as array  $A$  except for the value  $u$  being associated with index  $i$

$$\langle \mid i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: A[i] := A[N-i] \rangle \{ \langle \forall j : 0 \leq j < N :: A[j] < A[j+1] \rangle \}$$

using the substitution rule

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \forall j : 0 \leq j < N :: \\
& \quad \langle A; i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: A[N-i] \rangle [j] < \langle A; i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: A[N-i] \rangle [j+1] \rangle \\
\equiv & \\
& \langle \forall j : 0 \leq j < N :: A[N-j] < A[N-(j+1)] \rangle \\
\equiv & \\
& \langle \forall j : 0 \leq j < N :: A[(N-j)] < A[(N-j)-1] \rangle \\
\equiv & \\
& \langle \forall j : 0 < j \leq N :: A[j] < A[j-1] \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

## Assertions about programs

- Assignment axiom revisited

- $s$  is a statement in  $P$  and has a finite execution

$$\begin{aligned}
\{p\} s \{q\} \equiv & \langle \forall R, i : R \in \mathbf{E}(P) \wedge i \geq 0 :: \\
& (p(R_i.\text{state}) \wedge R_i.\text{label} = s) \Rightarrow q(R_{i+1}.\text{state}) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

- General properties

$$\{p\} s \{\text{true}\}$$

$$\{\text{false}\} s \{q\}$$

$$\{p\} s \{\text{false}\}$$

$$\neg p$$

*hypothesis*

inference rule

*conclusion*

$$\{p\} s \{q\}, \{p'\} s \{q'\}$$

$$\{p \wedge p'\} s \{q \wedge q'\}, \{p \vee p'\} s \{q \vee q'\}$$

$$\frac{p' \Rightarrow p, \{p\} s \{q\}, q \Rightarrow q'}{\{p'\} s \{q'\}}$$

- Quantification over the set of program statements
  - non-decreasing  $x \equiv$  a safety property (nothing goes wrong)  
 $\langle \forall s :: \{x=k\} s \{x \geq k\} \rangle$
  - eventually-increasing  $x \equiv$  a progress property (something does happen)  
 $\langle \exists s :: \{x=k\} s \{x > k\} \rangle$
  - This is all we need really!

## Commonly used assertions

### Sample program: Comparing two ascending sequences

- Given two ascending sequences of numbers, determine if they represent the same set
- Assumptions
 

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f[0] = g[0]
f[N] = g[N]
f[N] > f[N-1]
g[N] > g[N-1]
 $\langle \forall i : 0 \leq i < N :: f[i] \leq f[i+1] \rangle$ 
 $\langle \forall i : 0 \leq i < N :: g[i] \leq g[i+1] \rangle$ 
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Program Compare
  declare u,v : integer
  initially u,v = 0,0
  assign
    s1    u := u+1          if u < N  $\wedge$  f[u]=f[u+1]
    s2 []  v := v+1          if v < N  $\wedge$  g[v]=g[v+1]
    s3 []  u,v := u+1,v+1    if v < N  $\wedge$  u < N  $\wedge$  f[u+1]=g[v+1]
end
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### UNLESS relation

- If  $p$  and  $\neg q$  hold, either they hold forever or  $q$  eventually holds

$$\text{or} \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} (p \wedge \neg q) & (p \wedge \neg q) & (p \wedge \neg q) \dots & (p \wedge \neg q) \dots & & & \\ (p \wedge \neg q) & (p \wedge \neg q) & (q) & \dots? & \dots? & \dots? & \end{array}$$

- which is stated operationally as

$$p[R_i] \Rightarrow \langle \forall j : j \geq i :: (p \wedge \neg q)[R_j] \rangle \text{ -- holds forever} \\ \vee \\ \langle \exists k : k \geq i :: q[R_k] \wedge \langle \forall j : i \leq j < k :: (p \wedge \neg q)[R_j] \rangle \rangle$$

Note: we extended the notion to use  $p(R) \equiv p(R.\text{state})$

- and as an inference rule

$$\langle \forall s : s \text{ in } P :: \{p \wedge \neg q\} s \{p \vee q\} \rangle$$

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**p unless q**

- Other safety properties derived from **unless**

**stable** p  $\equiv$  p **unless** false  
 ...?      ...?      (p) ... (p)      ...

**const.** p  $\equiv$  **stable** p  $\wedge$  **stable**  $\neg$ p

(p) ... (p) ... (p) ...  
 or  
 ( $\neg$ p)    ... ( $\neg$ p)    ... ( $\neg$ p)    ...

**inv.** p  $\equiv$  **stable** p  $\wedge$  (**init**  $\Rightarrow$  p)  
 (p) ... (p) ... (p) ...

Note that (**const.** x=3) does not mean (**inv.** x=3)

- Invariant Substitution Axiom = an invariant is a theorem in the context of the program; if we have

**inv.** p  $\equiv$  true

we can replace p and true anywhere

- This is why we can prove the following inference rule

p **unless** q, **inv.**  $\neg$ q

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**stable** p

|                        |                    |     |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| $\neg$ q $\equiv$ true | substitution axiom | (1) |
| p <b>unless</b> q      | premise            |     |
| p <b>unless</b> false  | using (1)          |     |
| <b>stable</b> p        | definition         |     |

- Illustrations (program Compare)

**const.** N>7  
**const.** f[3]=g[8]  
u=k **unless** u>k  
**stable** u=N  
**inv.** 0≤u≤N  $\wedge$  0≤v≤N  
**inv.** f[u]=g[v]  
**inv.**  $\langle$  **set** i : 0≤i≤u :: f[i]  $\rangle$  =  $\langle$  **set** i : 0≤i≤v :: g[i]  $\rangle$   
**inv.** u=N  $\equiv$  v=N

## ENSURES relation

- It states that (p **unless** q) holds and there is one statement which, when executed, guarantees that q is established
- The fairness requirement guarantees that the statement is eventually executed
- It provides a way of proving progress (see the existential quantification)

(p $\wedge$  $\neg$ q)      (p $\wedge$  $\neg$ q)              (q)      ...?      ...?      ...?

- which is stated operationally as

$$p[R_i] \Rightarrow \langle \exists k : k \geq i :: q[R_k] \wedge \langle \forall j : i \leq j < k :: p[R_j] \rangle \rangle \\ \wedge \langle \exists s :: \{p \wedge \neg q\} s \{q\} \rangle$$

- and as an inference rule

$$\frac{p \text{ unless } q, \langle \exists s : s \text{ in } P :: \{p \wedge \neg q\} s \{q\} \rangle}{p \text{ ensures } q}$$

- Illustrations (program Compare)

$u=k \text{ ensures } u>k$

- False. The unless part holds but  $u$  may not be incremented.

$f=g \wedge u=k < N \text{ ensures } u>k$

- False. Consider the case in which selecting  $s1$  will not increment  $u$

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3      u->3  4
v->3    3    4

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$f[u]=f[u+1] \wedge u=k < N \text{ ensures } u>k$

- True. The unless part holds.  $s1$  can increment  $u$ .

$f[u]=f[u+1] \neq g[v+1] \wedge u=k < N \text{ ensures } u>k$

- True. The unless part holds. Only  $s1$  can increment  $u$ .

$u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge u+v=k \text{ ensures } u+v>k$

- False. (Assume  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  represent the largest index in subarrays containing the same set of values.)

## LEADS-TO relation

- Once  $p$  holds, either  $q$  holds or will hold sometime in the future
- The property  $p$  need not hold in-between
- This is the usual way of specifying progress (The **ensures** relation is too strong and too close to the statement level.)

(p)     ...?     ...?     (q)     ...?

- which is stated operationally as

$$p[R_i] \Rightarrow \langle \exists k : k \geq i :: q[R_k] \rangle$$

- and deduced using the following inference rules

$$\frac{p \text{ ensures } q}{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\frac{p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r}{p \rightarrow r} \quad (\text{transitivity})$$

$$\frac{\langle \forall m : m \in W :: p(m) \rightarrow q \rangle}{\langle \exists m : m \in W :: p(m) \rangle \rightarrow q} \quad (\text{disjunction--for any set } W)$$

- Illustrations (program Compare)

$$u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge u+v=k \rightarrow u+v > k$$

- True. (Assume  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  as before.)
  - $u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge f[u]=f[u+1] \neq g[v+1] \wedge u+v=k \rightarrow u+v > k$  (ensures s1)
  - $u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge g[v]=g[v+1] \neq f[u+1] \wedge u+v=k \rightarrow u+v > k$  (ensures s2)
  - $u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge f[u]=g[v] \wedge f[u+1]=g[v+1] \wedge u+v=k \rightarrow u+v > k$  (ensures s3)
  - $u < u_0 \wedge v < v_0 \wedge u+v=k \rightarrow u+v > k$  (disjunction)

creates disjoint cases

3 3 4      3 3 4  
 3 3 4      3 3 4

$$u, v = 0, 0 \rightarrow u, v = u_0, v_0$$

- True. (Transitivity—with some induction to be discussed later.)

## FIXED POINT

- A program reaches a fixed point if the program state can no longer change

$$FP[R_i] \Rightarrow \langle \forall k : k \geq i :: R_k.state = R_i.state \rangle$$

- A program may have more than one fixed point
  - $x := 1 \text{ if } x=0 \parallel x := 2 \text{ if } x=0$
- It is a concept useful for terminating programs but not for reactive programs
- In UNITY the fixed point may be characterized syntactically

$$FP \equiv \langle \forall s : s \text{ in } P \wedge (s \text{ is } x := \text{exp}) :: x = \text{exp} \rangle$$

- Simple examples

$k := k+1$   
 $FP \equiv k=k+1 \equiv \text{false} \text{ -- there is none!}$

$k := k+1 \text{ if } k < N$   
 $FP \equiv k < N \Rightarrow k=k+1 \equiv k < N \Rightarrow \text{false} \equiv k \geq N$   
 Note:  $k$  may be initially  $(N+3)$

- Illustrations (program Compare)

- the fixed point is (using  $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 FP \equiv & \\
 & (u \geq N \vee f[u] \neq f[u+1]) \wedge \\
 & (v \geq N \vee g[v] \neq g[v+1]) \wedge \\
 & (u \geq N \vee v \geq N \vee f[u+1] \neq g[v+1])
 \end{aligned}$$

- using the invariants

**inv.**  $u=N \equiv v=N$

**inv.**  $\langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq u :: f[i] \rangle = \langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq v :: g[i] \rangle$

- FP simplifies as follow

*Case 1:*  $u=N \wedge v=N$

$\langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: f[i] \rangle = \langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: g[i] \rangle$

*Case 2:*  $u < N \wedge v < N$

$(f[u] \neq f[u+1]) \wedge (g[v] \neq g[v+1]) \wedge (f[u+1] \neq g[v+1])$

$\langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: f[i] \rangle \neq \langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: g[i] \rangle$

$f[u+1] < g[v+1]$

$f[u] < f[u+1]$

$g[v] = f[u]$

$g[v] < f[u+1] < g[v+1]$

$f[u+1]$  not in  $g$

assume to be the case

ascending

invariant above

the three lines above

- We can conclude

FP  $\Rightarrow$

$(u=N \equiv v=N) \wedge$

$(u=N \equiv \langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: f[i] \rangle = \langle \text{set } i : 0 \leq i \leq N :: g[i] \rangle)$