

An Introduction to MBT with HOL-TestGen

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Our First Vision

Testing and proof-based verification may converge,
in a precise technical sense.

We will show this for:

- specification-based (black-box) unit testing
- generation and management of formal test hypothesis
- verification of test hypothesis (not discussed here)

Our Second Vision

- **Observation:**

Any testcase-generation technique is based on and limited by underlying constraint-solution techniques.

- **Approach:**

Testing should be integrated in an environment combining **automated and interactive proof techniques**.

- the test engineer must decide over, abstraction level, split rules, breadth and depth of data structure exploration ...
- we mistrust the dream of a **push-button** solution
- byproduct: a **verified** test-tool

Components of HOL-TestGen

- **HOL (Higher-order Logic):**

- “Functional Programming Language with Quantifiers”
- plus definitional libraries on Sets, Lists, ...
- can be used meta-language for Hoare Calculus for Java, Z, ...

- **HOL-TestGen:**

- based on the interactive theorem prover Isabelle/HOL
- implements these visions

- **Prover IDE and jedit client:**

- user interface for Isabelle and HOL-TestGen
- continuous build and continuous check models ("theories"), test-specifications, test-plans
- allows to explore the annotation test-plan with types, theorems, test theorems, test data, ...

Components-Overview

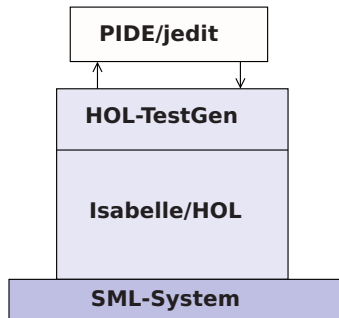


Figure: The Components of HOL-TestGen

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The HOL-TestGen Workflow

The HOL-TestGen workflow is basically fivefold:

- 1 *Step I:* writing a **test theory** (in HOL)
- 2 *Step II:* writing a **test specification** (in the context of the test theory)
- 3 *Step III:* generating a **test theorem** (roughly: testcases)
- 4 *Step IV:* generating **test data**
- 5 *Step V:* generating a **test script**

And of course:

- building an executable test driver
- and running the test driver

Step I: Writing a Test Theory

- Write **data types** in HOL:

```
theory List_test  
imports Testing  
begin
```

```
datatype 'a list =  
  Nil    ("[]")  
| Cons 'a "'a list"  (infixr "#" 65)
```

Step I: Writing a Test Theory

- Write **recursive functions** in HOL:

```
primrec is_sorted:: "('a::ord) list  $\Rightarrow$  bool"  
where "is_sorted [] = True"  
      "is_sorted (x#xs) = case xs of  
          []  $\Rightarrow$  True  
        | y#ys  $\Rightarrow$  ((x < y)  $\vee$  (x = y))  
                   $\wedge$  is_sorted xs"
```

Step II: Write a Test Specification

- writing a **test specification** (TS) as HOL-TestGen command:

```
test_spec "is_sorted (prog (l::('a list)))"
```

Step III: Generating Testcases

- executing the **testcase generator** in form of an Isabelle proof method:

```
apply(gen_test_cases "prog")
```

- concluded by the command:

```
store_test_thm "test_sorting"
```

... that binds the current proof state as **test theorem** to the name `test_sorting`.

Step III: Generating Testcases

- The test theorem contains clauses (the **test-cases**):

is_sorted (prog [])

is_sorted (prog [?X1X17])

is_sorted (prog [?X2X13, ?X1X12])

is_sorted (prog [?X3X7, ?X2X6, ?X1X5])

- as well as clauses (the **test-hypothesis**):

THYP(($\exists x$. is_sorted (prog [x])) \longrightarrow ($\forall x$. is_sorted(prog [x])))

...

THYP(($\forall l$. $4 < |l| \longrightarrow$ is_sorted(prog l))

- We will discuss these hypotheses later in great detail.

Step IV: Test Data Generation

- On the test theorem, all sorts of logical massages can be performed.
- Finally, a **test data generator** can be executed:
`gen_test_data "test_sorting"`
- The test data generator
 - extracts the testcases from the test theorem
 - searches ground instances satisfying the constraints (none in the example)
- Resulting in test statements like:

`is_sorted (prog [])`

`is_sorted (prog [3])`

`is_sorted (prog [6, 8])`

`is_sorted (prog [0, 10, 1])`

Step V: Generating A Test Script

- Finally, a **test script** or **test harness** can be generated:

```
gen_test_script "test_lists.sml" list" prog
```

- The generated test script can be used to test an implementation, e. g., in SML, C, or Java

The Complete Test Theory

```

theory List_test
imports Main begin
  primrec is_sorted:: "('a::ord) list  $\Rightarrow$  bool"
  where "is_sorted [] = True"
        "is_sorted (x#xs) = case xs of
          []  $\Rightarrow$  True
        | y#ys  $\Rightarrow$  ((x < y)  $\vee$  (x = y))
           $\wedge$  is_sorted xs"

  test_spec "is_sorted (prog (l::('a list)))"
    apply(gen_test_cases prog)
  store_test_thm "test_sorting"

  gen_test_data "test_sorting"
  gen_test_script "test_lists.sml" list" prog
end

```

Testing an Implementation

Executing the generated test script may result in:

Test Results:

```
Test 0 - *** FAILURE: post-condition false, result: [1, 0, 10]
Test 1 -      SUCCESS, result: [6, 8]
Test 2 -      SUCCESS, result: [3]
Test 3 -      SUCCESS, result: []
```

Summary:

```
Number successful tests cases: 3 of 4 (ca. 75%)
Number of warnings:           0 of 4 (ca. 0%)
Number of errors:             0 of 4 (ca. 0%)
Number of failures:           1 of 4 (ca. 25%)
Number of fatal errors:       0 of 4 (ca. 0%)
```

Overall result: failed

A Critical Revision

- **But**
this is complete rubbish !
- This does **not**
test what we want: a sorting algorithm.
- ... even a program that just returns the
empty list would conform to this test !
- ... we need to revise our test !

Step I: Re-Writing the Test Theory

- We write a reference sorter in HOL:

```
fun ins :: "('a::linorder) ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list"  
where "ins x [] = [x]"  
      | "ins x (y#ys) = (if (x < y) then x#y#ys  
                          else (y#(ins x ys)))"  
fun sort:: "('a::linorder) list ⇒ 'a list"  
where "sort [] = [] "  
      | "sort (x#xs) = ins x (sort xs)"
```

Step II: Re-Write the Test Specification

- and state as **test specification** (TS) that "prog" should behave like "sort":

test_spec "sort(l) = prog(l)"

Step III: Generating Testcases

- we re-executing the **testcase generator** :

```
apply(gen_test_cases "prog")
```

- concluded by the command:

```
store_test_thm "test_sorting2"
```

... that binds the current proof state as **test theorem** to the name `test_sorting2`.

Step III: Generating Testcases

- This time, the test theorem contains the test-cases:

$$[] = \text{prog}([])$$

$$[?X1] = \text{prog}([?X1])$$

$$\llbracket ?X1 \leq ?X2 \rrbracket \implies [?X1, ?X2] = \text{prog}([?X1, ?X2])$$

$$\llbracket ?X1 > ?X2 \rrbracket \implies [?X2, ?X1] = \text{prog}([?X1, ?X2])$$

...

- as well as all permutations (without having invented this concept) and the test hypothesis:

$$\text{THYP}((\exists x. [x] = \text{prog } [x] \longrightarrow (\forall x. [x] = \text{prog } [x])))$$

...

$$\text{THYP}(\forall l. 4 < |l| \longrightarrow \text{sort } l = \text{prog } l)$$

Step IV: Test Data Generation

- On the test theorem, all sorts of logical messages can be performed.
- Finally, a **test data generator** can be executed:

```
gen_test_data "test_sorting2"
```

- The test data generator
 - extracts the testcases from the test theorem
 - and produces:
- Resulting in test statements like:

```
[] = prog []  
[3] = prog [3]  
[6,8] = prog [6, 8]  
[0,19] = prog [19, 0]  
...
```


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The Foundations of HOL-TestGen

- Basis:
 - Isabelle/HOL library: 10000 derived rules, ...
 - about 500 are organized in larger data-structures used by Isabelle's proof procedures, ...
- These Rules were used in advanced proof-procedures for:
 - Higher-Order Rewriting
 - Tableaux-based Reasoning —
a standard technique in automated deduction
 - Arithmetic decision procedures (Coopers Algorithm)
- `gen_testcases` is an automated tactical program using combination of them.

Some Rewrite Rules

- Rewriting is a easy to understand deduction paradigm (similar FP) centered around equality
- Arithmetic rules, e. g.,

$$\text{Suc}(x + y) = x + \text{Suc}(y)$$

$$x + y = y + x$$

$$\text{Suc}(x) \neq 0$$

- Logic and Set Theory, e. g.,

$$\forall x. (P x \wedge Q x) = (\forall x. P x) \wedge (\forall x. Q x)$$

$$\bigcup_{x \in S}. (P x \cup Q x) = (\bigcup_{x \in S}. P x) \cup (\bigcup_{x \in S}. Q x)$$

$$\llbracket A = A'; A \implies B = B' \rrbracket \implies (A \wedge B) = (A' \wedge B')$$

The Core Tableaux-Calculus

- **Safe Introduction** Rules for logical connectives:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{t = t} \quad \frac{}{\text{true}} \quad \frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \quad \frac{[\neg Q] \quad \vdots \quad P}{P \vee Q} \quad \frac{[P] \quad \vdots \quad Q}{P \rightarrow Q} \quad \frac{[P] \quad \vdots \quad \text{false}}{\neg P} \quad \dots
 \end{array}$$

- **Safe Elimination** Rules:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\text{false}}{P} \quad \frac{P \wedge Q \quad R}{R} \quad \frac{[P, Q] \quad \vdots \quad R}{P \vee Q \quad R \quad R} \quad \frac{[P] \quad \vdots \quad R \quad [Q] \quad \vdots \quad R}{P \rightarrow Q \quad R \quad R} \quad \dots
 \end{array}$$

The Core Tableaux-Calculus

- Safe Introduction Quantifier rules:

$$\frac{P \ ?x}{\exists x. P x} \quad \frac{\bigwedge x. P x}{\forall x. P x}$$

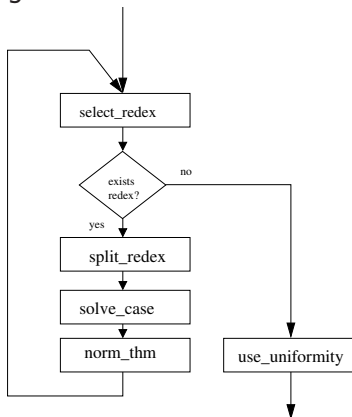
- Safe Quantifier Elimination $\frac{\exists x. P x \quad \bigwedge x. \begin{matrix} [P x] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{matrix}}{Q}$

- Critical Rewrite Rule:

$$\text{if } P \text{ then } A \text{ else } B = (P \rightarrow A) \wedge (\neg P \rightarrow B)$$

The Generic Procedure

gen_test_cases :



Chooser: selects a splitting redux (e.g. free variables)

Splitter: applies splitting rules (e.g. regularity hypothesis, see below)

Normalizer: Applies global simplification and tableaux calculi of E , i. e. the previously described underlying ruleset

Solver: Attempts to eliminate unsatisfiable constraints

Finalizer: Applies minimization and uniformity hypothesis (see below).

Explicit Test Hypothesis: The Concept

- What to do with infinite data-structures?
- What is the connection between test-cases and test statements and the test theorems?
- Two problems, one answer: Introducing test hypothesis “on the fly”:

THYP : $\text{bool} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

THYP(x) \equiv x

Taming Infinity I: Regularity Hypothesis

- What to do with infinite data-structures of type τ ?
Conceptually, we split the set of all data of type τ into

$$\{x :: \tau \mid |x| < k\} \cup \{x :: \tau \mid |x| \geq k\}$$

Taming Infinity I: Motivation

Consider the first set $\{X :: \tau \mid |x| < k\}$
for the case $\tau = \alpha$ list, $k = 2, 3, 4$.

These sets can be presented as:

$$1) |x::\tau| < 2 = (x = []) \vee (\exists a. x = [a])$$

$$2) |x::\tau| < 3 = (x = []) \vee (\exists a. x = [a]) \\ \vee (\exists a b. x = [a,b])$$

$$3) |x::\tau| < 4 = (x = []) \vee (\exists a. x = [a]) \\ \vee (\exists a b. x = [a,b]) \vee (\exists a b c. x = [a,b,c])$$

Taming Infinity I: Data Separation Rules

This motivates the (derived) data-separation rule:

- ($\tau = \alpha$ list, $k = 3$):

$$\frac{
 \begin{array}{c} [x = []] \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}
 \quad \bigwedge a. \quad
 \begin{array}{c} [x = [a]] \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}
 \quad \bigwedge a b. \quad
 \begin{array}{c} [x = [a, b]] \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}
 }{
 P
 }
 \text{THYP } M$$

- Here, M is an abbreviation for:

$$\forall x. k < |x| \longrightarrow P x$$

Taming Infinity II: Uniformity Hypothesis

- What is the connection between test cases and test statements and the test theorems?
- Well, the “uniformity hypothesis”:
- *Once the program behaves correct for one test case, it behaves correct for all test cases ...*

Taming Infinity II: Uniformity Hypothesis

- Using the **uniformity hypothesis**, a test case:

$$n) \quad \llbracket C1\ x; \dots; C_m\ x \rrbracket \implies TS\ x$$

is transformed into:

$$n) \quad \llbracket C1\ ?x; \dots; C_m\ ?x \rrbracket \implies TS\ ?x$$

$$n+1) \quad \text{THYP}((\exists x. C1\ x \dots C_m\ x \longrightarrow TS\ x) \\ \longrightarrow (\forall x. C1\ x \dots C_m\ x \longrightarrow TS\ x))$$

Testcase Generation by NF Computations

Test-theorem is computed out of the test specification by

- a heuristics applying **Data-Separation Theorems**
- a **rewriting** normal-form computation
- a **tableaux-reasoning** normal-form computation
- **shifting** variables referring to the program under test
prog test into the conclusion, e.g.:

$$\llbracket \neg(\text{prog } x = c); \neg(\text{prog } x = d) \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$$

is transformed equivalently into

$$\llbracket \neg A \rrbracket \Longrightarrow (\text{prog } x = c) \vee (\text{prog } x = d)$$

- as a final step, all resulting clauses were normalized by applying uniformity hypothesis to each free variable.

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Testcase Generation: An Example

```
theory TestPrimRec
```

```
imports Main
```

```
begin
```

```
primrec
```

```
  x mem [] = False
```

```
  x mem (y#S) = if y = x
                 then True
                 else x mem S
```

```
test_spec:
```

```
  "x mem S  $\implies$  prog x S"
```

```
apply(gen_testcase 0 0)
```

1) prog x [x]

2) $\bigwedge b.$ prog x [x,b]

3) $\bigwedge a.$ $a \neq x \implies$ prog x [a,x]

4) THYP(3 \leq size (S)

$\longrightarrow \forall x.$ x mem S

\longrightarrow prog x S)

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ S}$

is transformed via data-separation lemma to:

1. $S=[] \implies x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ S}$
2. $\bigwedge a. S=[a] \implies x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ S}$
3. $\bigwedge a \ b. S=[a,b] \implies x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ S}$
4. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ S})$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S$

canonization leads to:

1. $x \text{ mem } [] \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } []$
2. $\bigwedge a. x \text{ mem } [a] \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a]$
3. $\bigwedge a \ b. x \text{ mem } [a,b] \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a,b]$
4. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S)$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \ S$

which is reduced via the equation for mem:

1. $\text{false} \implies \text{prog } x \ []$
2. $\bigwedge a. \text{ if } a = x \text{ then True}$
 $\quad \text{else } x \text{ mem } [] \implies \text{prog } x \ [a]$
3. $\bigwedge a \ b. \text{ if } a = x \text{ then True}$
 $\quad \text{else } x \text{ mem } [b] \implies \text{prog } x \ [a,b]$
4. $\text{THYP}(3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \ S)$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S$

erasure for unsatisfiable constraints and rewriting conditionals yields:

2. $\bigwedge a. a = x \vee (a \neq x \wedge \text{false})$

$\implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a]$

3. $\bigwedge a \ b. a = x \vee (a \neq x \wedge x \text{ mem } [b]) \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a,b]$

4. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S)$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S$

... which is further reduced by tableaux rules and canconization to:

2. $\bigwedge a. \text{ prog } a \text{ } [a]$

3. $\bigwedge a \text{ } b. a = x \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a, b]$

3'. $\bigwedge a \text{ } b. \llbracket a \neq x; x \text{ mem } [b] \rrbracket \implies \text{prog } x \text{ } [a, b]$

4. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S)$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S$

... which is reduced by canonization and rewriting of mem to:

2. $\bigwedge a. \text{ prog } x [x]$

3. $\bigwedge a \ b. \text{ prog } x [x, b]$

3'. $\bigwedge a \ b. a \neq x \implies \text{prog } x [a, x]$

4. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \text{ } S)$

Sample Derivation of Test Theorems

Example

$x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \ S$

... as a final step, uniformity is expressed:

1. $\text{prog } ?x1 \ [?x1]$
2. $\text{prog } ?x2 \ [?x2, ?b2]$
3. $?a3 \neq ?x1 \ \Longrightarrow \ \text{prog } ?x3 \ [?a3, ?x3]$
4. $\text{THYP}(\exists x. \text{prog } x \ [x] \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \ [x])$
- ...
7. $\text{THYP}(\forall S. 3 \leq |S| \longrightarrow x \text{ mem } S \longrightarrow \text{prog } x \ S)$

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Test Case Generation (I)

The test-theorem for a test specification TS has the general form:

$$\llbracket TC_1; \dots; TC_n; \text{THYP } H_1; \dots; \text{THYP } H_m \rrbracket \implies TS$$

where the **test cases** TC_i have the form:

$$\exists x. C_1 x \wedge \dots \wedge C_m x \implies P x \text{ (prog } x)$$

and where the **test-hypothesis** are either uniformity or regularity hypotheses.

The C_i in a test case were also called **constraints** of the testcase.

Test Case Generation (II)

- The overall meaning of the test-theorem is:
 - **if** the program passes the tests for all test-cases,
 - and **if** the test hypothesis are valid for *PUT*,
 - **then** *PUT* complies to testspecification *TS*.
- **Thus, the test-theorem establishes a formal link between test and verification !!!**

Using Constraint Solving

Test data generation is now a constraint satisfaction problem.

- We eliminate the existential quantifiers (or equivalently: the meta variables $?x$, $?y$, ...) by constructing values (“ground instances”) satisfying the constraints. This is done by:
 - random testing (for a smaller input space!!!)
 - arithmetic decision procedures
 - reusing pre-compiled abstract test cases
 - ...
 - interactive simplify and check, if constraints went away!
- Output: Sets of instantiated test theorems (to be converted into Test Driver Code)

Correctness of a Test-Theorem

A Test-Theorem is *correct* iff the implication:

$$TC_1 \wedge \dots \wedge TC_n \wedge \text{THYP } H_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{THYP } H_m \implies TS$$

is logically valid.

Well, actually correctness is assumed if we speak of a *correctness-theorem*.

Completeness of a Test-Theorem

A Test-Theorem is *complete* iff the implication:

$$TS \implies (TC_1 \wedge \dots \wedge TC_n \wedge \text{THYP } H_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{THYP } H_m)$$

is logically valid.

Minimality of a Test-Theorem

A Test-Theorem is *minimal* iff the test cases are pairwise disjoint, i. e.

$$\{x.Ci_1x \wedge \dots \wedge Ci_mx\} \cap \{x.Cj_1x \wedge \dots \wedge Cj_nx\} = \{\}$$

is logically valid for all $i \neq j$. This means that the partitions of input are disjoint.

Theoretical Properties: The Case for HOL-TestGen

- generated test-theorems are correct by construction
- ... and complete (by meta-theoretic arguments)
- ... but not necessarily minimal (although, in practice, for data-type-oriented specifications, not far from minimality).

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Tuning the Workflow by Interactive Proof

Observations:

- Test-theorem generations is fairly **easy** ...
- Test-data generation is fairly **hard** ...
(it does not really matter if you use random solving or just plain enumeration !!!)
- Both are **scalable** processes ...
(via parameters like depth, iterations, ...)
- There are **bad** and **less bad** forms of test-theorems !!!
- **Recall:** Test-theorem and test-data generation are normal form computations:
⇒ More Rules, better results ...

What makes a Test-case “Bad”

- redundancy.
- many unsatisfiable constraints.
- many constraints with unclear logical status.
- constraints that are **difficult** to solve.
(like arithmetics).

Case Studies: Red-black Trees

Motivation

Test a non-trivial and widely-used data structure.

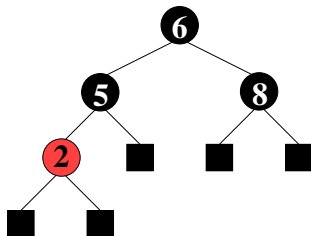
- part of the SML standard library
- widely used internally in the sml/NJ compiler, e. g., for providing efficient implementation for Sets, Bags, . . . ;
- very hard to generate (balanced) instances randomly

Modeling Red-black Trees I

Red-Black Trees:

Red Invariant: each red node has a black parent.

Black Invariant: each path from the root to an empty node (leaf) has the same number of black nodes.



datatype

color = R | B

tree = E | T color (α tree) ($\beta::\text{ord item}$) (α tree)

Modeling Red-black Trees II

- Red-Black Trees: Test Theory

consts

redinv :: tree \Rightarrow bool

blackinv :: tree \Rightarrow bool

recdef blackinv measure (λ t. (size t))

blackinv E = True

blackinv (T color a y b) =

((blackinv a) \wedge (blackinv b))

\wedge ((max B (height a)) = (max B (height b))))

recdef redinv measure ...

Red-black Trees: Test Specification

- Red-Black Trees: Test Specification

test_spec:

```
"isord t ∧ redinv t ∧ blackinv t
  ∧ isin (y::int) t
  →
  (blackinv(prog(y,t)))"
```

where prog is the program under test (e. g., delete).

- Using the standard-workflows results, among others:

```
RSF → blackinv (prog (100, T B E 7 E))
blackinv (prog (-91, T B (T R E -91 E) 5 E))
```

Red-black Trees: A first Summary

Observation:

Guessing (i. e., random-solving) valid red-black trees is difficult.

- On the one hand:
 - random-solving is nearly impossible for solutions which are “difficult” to find
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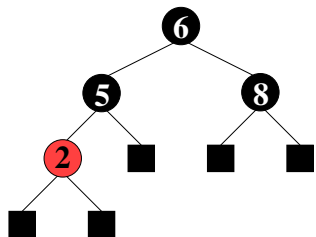
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- Many rules are domain specific —
few hope that automation pays really off.

Improvement Slots

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- in-situ improvements:
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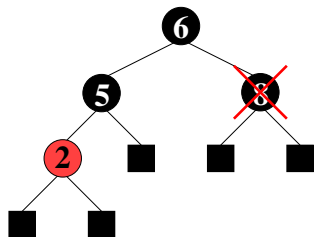
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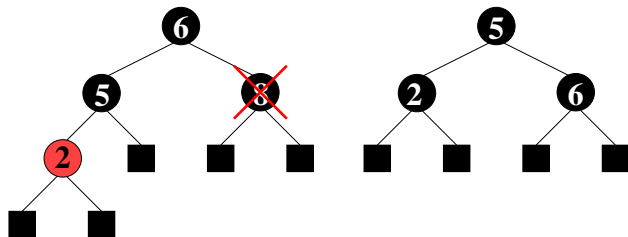
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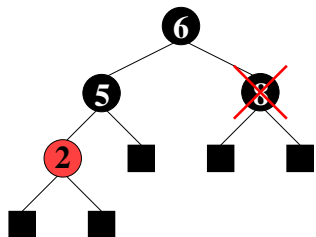


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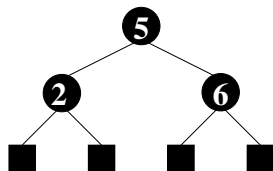
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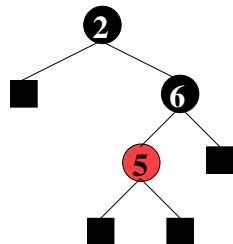
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Red-black Trees: Summary

- Statistics: 348 test cases were generated (within 2 minutes)
- One error found: crucial violation against red/black-invariants
- Red-black-trees degenerate to linked list (insert/search, etc. only in linear time)
- Not found within 12 years
- Reproduced meanwhile by random test tool

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- HOL has Monads. And therefore means for IO-specifications.

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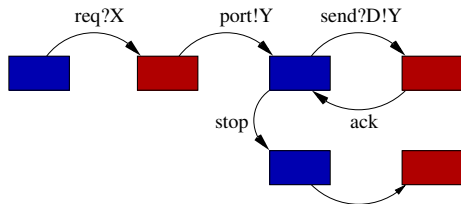
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- **Can this be used for reactive tests?**

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- However, this seems still exclude the HOL-TestGen approach from program-based testing approaches (such as JavaPathfinder-SE or Pexx).

How to Realize White-box-Tests in HOL-TestGen?

- Fact: HOL is a powerful *logical framework* used to embed all sorts of specification and programming languages.
- Thus, we can embed the language of our choice in HOL-TestGen...
- and derive the necessary rules for symbolic execution based tests ...

The Master-Plan for White-box-Tests in HOL-TestGen?

- We embed an imperative core-language — called IMP — into HOL-TestGen, by defining its syntax and semantics
- We add a specification mechanism for IMP: Hoare-Triples
- we derive rules for symbolic evaluation and loop-unfolding.

IMP Syntax

The (abstract) IMP syntax is defined in Com.thy.

Com = Main +

typed decl loc

types

val = nat (*arb.*)

state = loc \Rightarrow val

aexp = state \Rightarrow val

bexp = state \Rightarrow bool

datatype com =

SKIP

| "==" loc aexp (**infixl** 60)

| Semi com com ("_ ; _"[60, 60]10)

| Cond bexp com com

(" IF _ THEN _ ELSE _"60)

| While bexp com ("WHILE _ DO_"60)

The type loc stands for *locations*. Note that expressions are represented as HOL-functions depending on state. The *datatype com* stands for commands (command sequences).

Example: The Integer Square-Root Program

```
tm ::= λs. 1;  
sum ::= λs. 1;  
i ::= λs. 0;  
WHILE λs. (s sum) <= (s a) DO  
  (i ::= λs. (s i) + 1;  
   tm ::= λs. (s tm) + 2;  
   sum ::= λs. (s tm) + (s sum))
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How does this program work?

Note: There is the implicit assumption, that `tm`, `sum` and `i` are distinct locations, i.e. they are not aliases from each other !

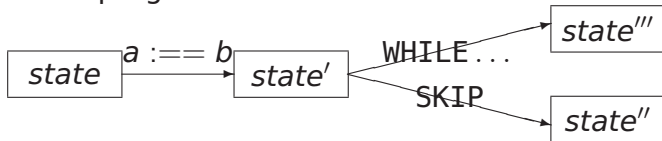
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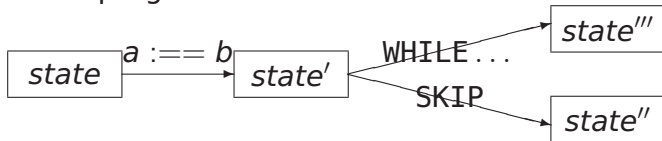
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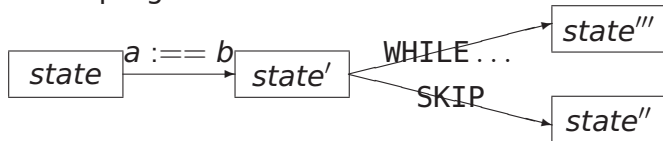
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Excursion: A minimal memory model:

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This small memory theory contains the *typical* rules for updating and memory-access. Note that this rewrite system is in fact executable!

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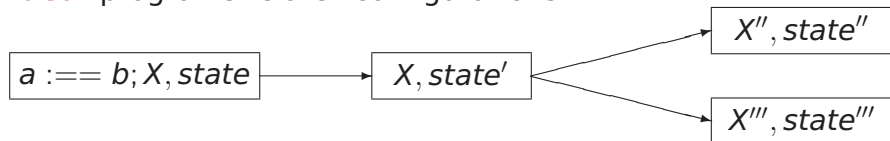
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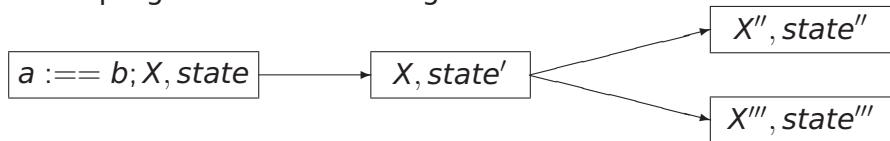
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$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F^n$$

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i.e. all three semantics are closely related !

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$$\langle x := a, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s' = (s' = s[x \mapsto a])$$

$$\langle c; c', s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s' = (\exists s''. \langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s'' \wedge \langle c', s'' \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s')$$

$$\langle \text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c \text{ ELSE } c', s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s' = (b \wedge \langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s') \vee$$

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Note: This is the key for evaluating a program symbolically !!!

Example: “a:=2;b:=2*a”

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle a:=2; b:=2 * (s \ a), s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s' \\
\equiv & (\exists s''. \langle a:=2; s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s'' \wedge \langle b:=2 * (s \ a), s'' \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s') \\
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\equiv & s' = s[a \mapsto 2][b \mapsto 2 * 2] \\
\equiv & s' = s[a \mapsto 2][b \mapsto 4]
\end{aligned}$$

Note:

- 1 The λ -notation is perhaps a bit irritating, but helps to get the nitty-gritty details of substitution right.
- 2 The forth step is correct due to the “one-point-rule” $(\exists x. x = e \wedge P(x)) = P(e)$.
- 3 This does not work for the loop and for recursion...

IMP Semantics:Theorems III

Denotational semantics makes it easy to prove facts like:

$$C(\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) = C(\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c; \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c \text{ ELSE SKIP})$$

$$C(\text{SKIP}; c) = C(c)$$

$$C(c; \text{SKIP}) = C(c)$$

$$C((c; d); e) = C(c;(d;e))$$

$$C((\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c \text{ ELSE } d); e) = C(\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c; e \text{ ELSE } d; e)$$

etc.

Program Annotations: Assertions revisited.

For our scenario, we need a mechanism to combine programs with their specifications.

The Standard: Hoare-Tripel with Pre- and Post-Conditions a special form of assertions.

types $\text{assn} = \text{state} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

consts $\text{valid} :: (\text{assn} \times \text{com} \times \text{assn}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ ("|= { } _ { }")

defs

$|= \{P\}c\{Q\} \equiv \forall s. \forall t. (s,t) \in C(c) \longrightarrow P s \longrightarrow Q t$

Note that this reflects partial correctness; for a non-terminating program c , i.e. $(s,t) \notin C(c)$, a Hoare-Triple does not enforce anything as post-condition !

Finally: Symbolic Evaluation.

For programs without loop, we have already anything together for symbolic evaluation:

$$\forall s s'. \langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s' \wedge P s \rightarrow Q s' \\ \implies \models \{P\} c \{Q\}$$

or in more formal, natural-deduction notation:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\langle c, s \rangle \rightarrow_c s', P s]_{s, s'} \\ \vdots \\ Q s' \end{array}}{\models \{P\} c \{Q\}}$$

Applied in backwards-inference, this rule *generates* the constraints for the states that were amenable to equational evaluation rules shown before.

Example: “ $\models \{0 \leq x\} a ::= x; b ::= 2 * a \{0 \leq b\}$ ”

$$\models \{ \lambda s. 0 \leq s \ x \} a ::= \lambda s. s \ x; b ::= \lambda s. 2 * (s \ a) \{ \lambda s. 0 \leq s \ b \}$$

$$\Leftarrow s' = s[a \mapsto s \ x][b \mapsto 2 * (s[a \mapsto s \ x] \ a)] \wedge 0 \leq s \ x \longrightarrow 0 \leq s' \ b$$

$$\equiv s' = s[a \mapsto s \ x][b \mapsto 2 * (s \ x)] \wedge \text{“PRE } s\text{”} \longrightarrow \text{“POST } s'\text{”}$$

$$\equiv \text{“PRE } s\text{”} \longrightarrow \text{“POST } (s[a \mapsto s \ x][b \mapsto 2 * (s \ x)])\text{”}$$

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$s' = s[a \mapsto s \ x][b \mapsto 2 * s \ x] \wedge 0 \leq s \ x$ consists of the constraint that functionally relate pre-state s to post-state s' and the **Path-Condition** (in this case just “PRE s ”).

- This also works for conditionals ... Revise !
- The implication is actually the core validation problem: It means that for a certain path, we search for the solution of a path condition that validates the post-condition. We can decide to 1) keep it as test hypothesis, 2) test k witnesses and add a uniformity hypothesis, or 3) verify it.

Validation of Post-Conditions for a Given Path:

Ad 1 : Add $THYP(PRE\ s \rightarrow POST(s[a \mapsto s\ x][b \mapsto 2 * (s\ x)]))$
(is: $THYP(0 \leq s\ x \rightarrow 0 \leq 2 * s\ x)$) as test hypothesis.

Ad 2 : Find witness to $\exists s. 0 \leq s\ x$, run a test on this witness
(does it establish the post-condition?) and add the
uniformity-hypothesis:

$$THYP(\exists s. 0 \leq s\ x \rightarrow 0 \leq 2 * s\ x \rightarrow \forall s. 0 \leq s\ x \rightarrow 0 \leq 2 * s\ x).$$

Ad 3 : Verify the implication, which is in this case easy.

Option 1 can be used to model weaker coverage criteria than all statements and k loops, option 2 can be significantly easier to show than option 3, but as the latter shows, for simple formulas, testing is not *necessarily* the best solution.

Control-heuristics necessary.

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In the sequel, we define an unfolding function, prove it semantically correct with respect to C , and apply the procedure above again.

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consts unwind :: "nat \times com \Rightarrow com"

recdef unwind "less_than $\langle *lex* \rangle$ measure(λ s. size s)"

"unwind(n, SKIP) = SKIP"

"unwind(n, a ::= E) = (a ::= E)"

"unwind(n, IF b THEN c ELSE d) = IF b THEN unwind(n,c) ELSE unwind(n,d)"

"unwind(n, WHILE b DO c) =

if 0 < n

then IF b THEN unwind(n,c)@@unwind(n- 1,WHILE b DO c) ELSE SKIP

else WHILE b DO unwind(0, c))"

"unwind(n, SKIP; c) = unwind(n, c)"

"unwind(n, c ; SKIP) = unwind(n, c)"

"unwind(n, (IF b THEN c ELSE d) ; e) =

(IF b THEN (unwind(n,c;e)) ELSE(unwind(n,d;e)))"

"unwind(n, (c ; d); e) = (unwind(n, c;d))@@(unwind(n,e))"

"unwind(n, c ; d) = (unwind(n, c))@@(unwind(n, d))"

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where the primitive recursive auxiliary function $c@@d$ appends a command d to the last command in c that is reachable from the root via sequential composition modes.

consts "@@" :: "[com,com] \Rightarrow com" (infixr 70)

primrec

"SKIP @@ c = c"

"(x ::= E) @@ c = ((x ::= E); c)"

"(c;d) @@ e = (c; d @@ e)"

"(IF b THEN c ELSE d) @@ e = (IF b THEN c @@ e ELSE d @@ e)"

"(WHILE b DO c) @@ e = ((WHILE b DO c);e)"

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Proofs for Correctness are straight-forward (done in Isabelle/HOL) based on the shown rules for denotationally equivalent programs ...

Theorem: Unwind and Concat correct

$C(c @@ d) = C(c;d)$ and $C(\text{unwind}(n,c)) = C(c)$

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for an arbitrary (user-defined!) n !

Or in natural deduction notation:

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 $\quad \quad (\text{tm} ::= \lambda s. \text{Suc } (\text{Suc } (s \ \text{tm})));$
 $\quad \quad \text{sum} ::= \lambda s. s \ \text{tm} + s \ \text{sum} \rangle,$
 $\quad s(i ::= 3, \text{tm} ::= 7, \text{sum} ::= 16) \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s'$
 $\quad \rrbracket \implies \text{post } s'$
2. $\llbracket 4 \leq s \ a; 8 < s \ a; s' = s \ (i ::= 2, \text{tm} ::= 5, \text{sum} ::= 9) \rrbracket \implies \text{post } s'$
3. $\llbracket 1 \leq s \ a; s \ a < 4; s' = s \ (i ::= 1, \text{tm} ::= 3, \text{sum} ::= 4) \rrbracket \implies \text{post } s'$
4. $\llbracket s \ a = 0; s' = s(\text{tm} ::= 1, \text{sum} ::= 1, i ::= 0) \rrbracket \implies \text{post } s'$

which is a neat enumeration of all path-conditions for paths up to $n = 3$ times through the loop, except subgoal 1, which is:

Explicit test-Hypothesis in White-Box-Tests:

1. $\text{THYP}(9 \leq s.a \wedge \langle \text{WHILE } \lambda s. s.\text{sum} \leq s.a$
 $\text{DO } i ::= \lambda s. \text{Suc } (s.i) ;$
 $(tm ::= \lambda s. \text{Suc } (\text{Suc } (s.tm)) ;$
 $\text{sum} ::= \lambda s. s.tm + s.sum),$
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 $\rightarrow \text{post } s')$

... a kind of “structural” regularity hypothesis !

Summary: Program-based Tests in HOL-TestGen:

- 1 It is possible to do white-box tests in HOL-TestGen
- 2 Requisite: Denotational and Natural Semantics for a programming language
- 3 Proven correct unfolding scheme
- 4 Explicit Test-Hypotheses Concept also applicable for Program-based Testing
- 5 Can either verify or test paths ...

Summary (II) : Program-based Tests in HOL-TestGen:

Open Questions:

- 1 Does it scale for *large programs* ???
- 2 Does it scale for *complex memory models* ???
- 3 What heuristics should we choose ???
- 4 How to combine the approach with randomized tests?
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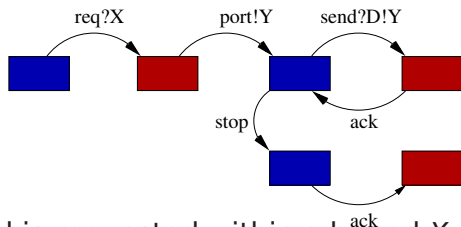
op withdraw(c : client, no : account_no, amount:nat) : unit
pre (c,no) : dom(register) and register(c,no) >= amount
post register'=register[(c,no) := register(c,no) - amount]

Motivation: Sequence Test Example II

- ❶ **Problem:** Only the public interface (i. e. the operations deposit, balance and withdraw. The internal (hidden) state is not accessible.
- ❷ **Problem:** we can therefore only control the state by *sequences* of operation calls, not just produce data and leave it to one operation call as in unit tests.
- ❸ **Problem:** The spec does not speak about the initial states.

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Observation:

X and Y are only known at runtime!

- a test-driver is needed that manages a serialization of tests at test run time.
- ... including use an environment that keeps track of the instances of X and Y ?
- **Infrastructure:** An **observer** maps **abstract events** (req X , port Y , ...) in traces to **concrete events** (req 4, port 2, ...) in runs!

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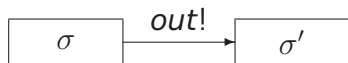
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- HOL has Monads. And therefore means for IO-specifications.

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The core of state-based computations:

state transitions from state σ to σ' emitting output $out!$ 

Such state-transitions can be modeled in various ways:

- as total functions: $\sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)$
- as partial functions: $\sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)$ option
- as relations: $\sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)$ set
- as finite series relation: $\sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)$ list
- as infinite series relation: $\sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)$ sequence
- ...

We write for this form of type scheme $(o, \sigma)Mon_\phi$ for ϕ in $\{option, set, list, \dots\}$. Note that $(o, \sigma)Mon_\phi$ in itself is not a type in the Isabelle type-system (only the instances thereof).

Background:

If a type $(\sigma, \sigma)Mon_\phi$ is completed to an algebraic structure with two operations :

$$\text{bind}_\phi :: [(\alpha, \sigma)Mon_\phi, \alpha \Rightarrow (\beta, \sigma)Mon_\phi] \Rightarrow (\beta, \sigma)Mon_\phi$$

and

$$\text{unit}_\phi :: \alpha \Rightarrow (\alpha, \sigma)Mon_\phi$$

satisfying the associativity and both neutrality laws:

1 **associativity:**

$$\text{bind}_\phi F (\lambda y. \text{bind}_\phi G H) = \text{bind}_\phi (\text{bind}_\phi F (\lambda y. \text{bind}_\phi G) H)$$

2 **neutrality_left:** $\text{bind}_\phi (\text{unit } F) G = G$

3 **neutrality_right:** $\text{bind}_\phi F (\text{unit } G) = F$

What is the Relevance for Computing?

- 1 Monads talk of the sequential “glue”, the `_;` and `resulte` in imperative languages.
- 2 Monads are an abstraction of “computational structures” arranging computations based on an underlying state. This can be used in (for example):
 - 1 computations based on state
 - 2 computations based on state involving exceptions
 - 3 computations based on state involving backtracking
 - 4 computations based on state involving altogether
 - 5 ...
- 3 They have intensively used for the study of programming and specification language semantics
- 4 ... some of them are executable and were intensively used in purely functional languages such as Haskell.

A basic case for “imperative programming”: the *state-exception-Monad* Mon_{SE} based on the type $(o, \sigma)Mon_{SE} = \sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)option$.

- 1 It composes partial functions
- 2 In case a function evaluation fails (which can be viewed as “an exception occurred”), the execution is stopped and the state remains unchanged (pretty much like Java or SML),
- 3 ... otherwise the execution continues with the new state.
- 4 $unit_{SE}$ corresponds to the usual “result” operation.

We define:

❶ **definition** $\text{bind_SE} :: [(o, \sigma)\text{MON_SE}, o \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)\text{MON_SE}] \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$
where " $\text{bind_SE } f \ g \equiv \lambda \sigma. \text{ case } f \ \sigma \text{ of}$
 None \Rightarrow None
 | Some (out, σ') \Rightarrow g out σ' "

❷ **definition** $\text{unit_SE} :: "o \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)\text{MON_SE}"$
where " $\text{unit_SE } e \equiv \lambda \sigma. \text{ Some}(e, \sigma)$ "

where we use the syntax

$$x \leftarrow f; g \ x$$

for $\text{bind}_{SE} f (\lambda x. g)$ and return e for $\text{unit}_{SE} e$.

Test Sequences as Monadic Compositions

In the state exception monad, we can already represent a particular form of test-driver equivalent to a *test sequence*:

- 1 A **test sequence** has the form:

$$x_1 \leftarrow put_1; x_2 \leftarrow (\lambda _ . put_2); \dots; x_n \leftarrow (\lambda _ . put_n); \\ \text{return}(post\ x_1 \ \dots\ x_n)$$

i. e. the program steps under test put_i do not depend from output of prior steps.

- 2 A **reactive test sequence** has the form:

$$x_1 \leftarrow put_1; x_2 \leftarrow put_2\ x_1; \dots; x_n \leftarrow put_n\ x_1 \ \dots\ x_{n-1}; \\ \text{return}(post\ x_1 \ \dots\ x_n)$$

i. e. the program steps under test put_i **may depend** from output of prior steps.

In order to make test-sequences amenable to HOL-TestGen, we need to represent them as data-types (so: lists of put_i). We introduce a *multi – bind* combinator taking **a list of io-stepping functions** (i. e., in particular, put_i 's) and executes them while taking exceptions into account:

consts mbind :: [ι list, $\iota \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$ MON_SE] \Rightarrow (o list, σ) MON_SE
primrec

"mbind [] iostep $\sigma =$ Some([], σ)"

"mbind (a#H) iostep $\sigma =$

(**case** iostep a σ **of**

None \Rightarrow Some([], σ)

|Some (out, σ') \Rightarrow (**case** mbind H iostep σ' **of**

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|Some(outs, σ'') \Rightarrow Some(out#outs, σ'')")

Note that mbind has a slightly different behaviour than bind SE wrt. exceptions!

On this level, we can now state **valid test sequences** as a test specification of the form:

$$\sigma_0 \models (os \leftarrow (\text{mbind } \iota s \text{ } ioprogram); \text{return}(post \ os))$$

where the σ_0 is the initial state and the *validity statement* $_ \models _$ means: start computation *ioprogram* in the initial state and run it sequentially over the input sequence ιs and transfer all outputs os to the post condition. Sequences are *valid* iff the postcondition is true. The *validity statement* is defined as follows:

definition `valid :: $\sigma \Rightarrow (\text{bool}, \sigma) \text{MON_SE} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$` (infix \models)
where `$\sigma \models m \equiv (m \sigma \neq \text{None} \wedge \text{fst}(\text{the } (m \sigma)))$`

Remark: From valid test sequence, HOL-TestGen test were generated by exploring the data-structure *input sequence* ιs up to given depths k by the standard mechanisms used in unit-tests.

However, it may be convenient to specify constraints on ιs , let it be by automata, by regular expressions, by temporal formulas or by other means. In the literature, these constraints were also called **test purposes** (TP).

$$TP(\iota s) \implies \sigma_0 \models (os \leftarrow (\text{mbind } \iota s \text{ } ioprogram); \text{return}(post\ os))$$

A basic case for the “state transition system specification”: the *state-relation-Monad* Mon_{SB} based on the type $(o, \sigma)Mon_{SB} = \sigma \Rightarrow (o \times \sigma)set$.

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In contrast to `MON_SE`, the operations of `MON_SB` are not executable in general (**why?**).

On the other hand, concepts like pre- and post conditions can be easily expressed in terms of `MON_SB`.

Example: The post-condition of the operation `balance` is directly expressed in HOL as:

$$\text{post}(c :: \text{client}, no :: \text{account_no}) = \\ \lambda \sigma. \{(\text{result}, \sigma') \mid \sigma = \sigma' \wedge \text{result} = \text{the}(\text{register}(c, no))\}$$

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In order to formalize input and output implicit in such a specification, such that we can consider it uniformly as “a list of input data” and “a list of output data”, we need to **convert** the given interface into

- 1 a type for the internal state,
- 2 a uniform data-type containing all inputs, and
- 3 a uniform data-type containing all outputs.

This so-called **interface encapsulation** is a syntactic transformation and could in principle be done automatically. (Not supported yet in HOL-TestGen).

Example: Interface Encapsulation

For “Little Bank”, we have:

- 1 a type for the internal state register:

$(\text{client} \times \text{nat}) \rightarrow \text{int}$

- 2 the inputs data-type:

datatype in_c = deposit client account_no nat
 | withdraw client account_no nat
 | balance client account_no

- 3 a uniform data-type containing all outputs:

datatype out_c = depositO | balanceO nat | withdrawO

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Also pre-and post-conditions of “Little Bank” were encapsulated, such that we have now a typed state transition system on σ (= register), `in_c` and `out_c`.

consts `precond` :: "register \Rightarrow in_c \Rightarrow bool"

primrec

"precond σ (deposit c no m) = ((c,no) \in dom σ)"

"precond σ (balance c no) = ((c,no) \in dom σ)"

"precond σ (withdraw c no m) = ((c,no) \in dom σ
 \wedge (int m) \leq the(σ (c,no)))"

The post-condition looks as follows:

consts postcond :: "register \Rightarrow in_c \Rightarrow out_c \times register \Rightarrow bool"

primrec

"postcond σ (deposit c no m) =
 (λ (n,env'). (n = depositO
 $\wedge \sigma' = \sigma ((c, no) \mapsto \text{the}(\text{env}(c, no)) + \text{int } m))$)"

"postcond σ (balance c no) =
 (λ (n,env'). ($\sigma = \sigma' \wedge (\exists x. \text{balanceO } x = n$
 $\wedge x = \text{nat}(\text{the}(\sigma(c, no))))$)")

"postcond σ (withdraw c no m) =
 (λ (n,env'). (n = withdrawO
 $\wedge \sigma' = \sigma((c, no) \mapsto \text{the}(\text{env}(c, no)) - \text{int } m))$)"

The following combinators — based on the Hilbert-Operator — hold the key for a conversion between monads:

definition `impl :: [[σ, ι] \Rightarrow bool, $\iota \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$ MON_SB] $\Rightarrow \iota \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$ MON_`

where "impl pre post $\iota =$

`($\lambda \sigma$. if pre $\sigma \iota$`

`then Some(SOME(out, σ'). post $\iota \sigma$ (out, σ'))`

`else arbitrary)"`

definition `strong_impl :: [[σ, ι] \Rightarrow bool, $\iota \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$ MON_SB] $\Rightarrow \iota \Rightarrow (o, \sigma)$`

where "strong_impl pre post $\iota =$

`($\lambda \sigma$. if pre $\sigma \iota$`

`then Some(SOME(out, σ'). post $\iota \sigma$ (out, σ'))`

`else None)"`

definition `is_strong_impl` :: "[$\sigma \Rightarrow \iota \Rightarrow \text{bool}$,
 $\iota \Rightarrow ('o, \sigma)\text{MON_SB}$,
 $\iota \Rightarrow ('o, \sigma)\text{MON_SE}$] $\Rightarrow \text{bool}$ "

where "is_strong_impl pre post ioprogram =
 $(\forall \sigma \iota. (\neg \text{pre } \sigma \iota \wedge \text{ioprogram } \iota \sigma = \text{None}) \vee$
 $(\text{pre } \sigma \iota \wedge (\exists x. \text{ioprogram } \iota \sigma = \text{Some } x)))$ "

This results in the following:

theorem "is_strong_impl pre post (strong_impl pre post)"

This following characterization of implementable specifications gives the key for turning specs into programs. First, we define the concept of an **implementable** specification, i. e. the fact that there is a function that maps legal input to output/state pairs, that satisfy the postcondition:

definition `implementable::[σ ⇒ ι ⇒ bool, ι ⇒ (o, σ) MON_SB] ⇒ bool`

where "implementable pre post =
 $(\forall \sigma \iota. \text{pre } \sigma \iota \longrightarrow (\exists \text{out } \sigma'. \text{post } \iota \sigma (\text{out}, \sigma')))$ "

This results in the following characterization theorem:

theorem `implementable_charn:`

$\llbracket \text{implementable pre post; pre } \sigma \iota \rrbracket \implies$
 $\text{post } \iota \sigma (\text{the}(\text{strong_impl pre post } \iota \sigma))$ "

It is now straight-forward to “convert” our (interface encapsulated) specification into a program. Simply:

```
strong_impl precondition postcond
```

does the trick.

This program will report violations of pre- and postconditions as exceptions which were then treated at run-time.

Problem: How can we use the specification to *generate* test-sequences symbolically?

Observation: Our specification is *state-deterministic*, i. e. for each observable output, there is at most one corresponding state.

For this type of specification, we can use HOL-TestGen as follows: we state:

$\sigma_0 \models s \leftarrow \text{mbind } S \text{ (strong_impl precondition postcond); return}(s = x$

as a constraint, let HOL-TestGen find solutions for x , and use these solutions in the generated test drivers.

For this, we need the generic symbolic evaluation rules:

$$(\sigma \models (s \leftarrow \text{return } x ; \text{return } (P \ s))) = P \ x$$

$$(\sigma \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } (a \# S) \text{ ioprogram } ; \text{return } (P \ s))) =$$

(case ioprogram a σ **of**

None $\Rightarrow (\sigma \models (\text{return } (P \ [])))$

| Some(b, σ') $\Rightarrow (\sigma' \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } S \text{ ioprogram } ; \text{return } (P \ (b \ # \ s))))$

The introduced case-statements were eliminated in the case-splitting of the test-case-generation phase.

... and the program specific symbolic evaluation rules (where $H = (\text{strong_impl } \text{precond } \text{postcond})$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } ((\text{deposit } c \text{ no } m)\#S) H; \text{return } (P \ s))) = \\
 & (\text{if } (c, \text{no}) \in \text{dom } \sigma \\
 & \quad \text{then } (\sigma((c, \text{no}) \mapsto \text{the } (\sigma \ (c, \text{no})) + \text{int } m)) \\
 & \quad \quad \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } S \ H; \text{return } (P \ (\text{depositO}\#s))) \\
 & \quad \text{else } (\sigma \models (\text{return } (P \ []))))
 \end{aligned}$$

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 (\sigma \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } ((\text{balance } c \text{ no})\#S) H; \text{return } (P \ s))) = \\
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 & \quad \text{then } (\sigma \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } S \ H; \\
 & \quad \quad \text{return } (P \ (\text{balanceO}(\text{nat}(\text{the } (\sigma \ (c, \text{no}))))\#s)))) \\
 & \quad \text{else } (\sigma \models (\text{return } (P \ []))))
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Generating all possible input sequences is far too general: there would be a lot of superfluous attempts to access a wrong account with a wrong account number, far too many initial states.

In order to reduce the number of possible input sequences, we define a *test purpose*, i. e. a predicate that constrains the number of possible input traces for one given client with an account which is initially empty.

This raises a particular *testability assumption* (at the beginning, the system is in particular initial state) which results from our lacking `init` method in our interface.

This test-purpose is formalized as follows:

consts test_purpose :: "[client, account_no, in_c list] \Rightarrow bool"
primrec

"test_purpose c no [] = False"

"test_purpose c no (a#R) = (**case** R **of**
 [] \Rightarrow a = balance c no
 | a'#R' \Rightarrow (((\exists m. a = deposit c no m) \vee
 (\exists m. a = withdraw c no m)) \wedge
 test_purpose c no R))"

This test-purpose formalizes that the input sequences belong to the language expressed as regular expression:

(withdraw c no _ | deposit c no _)* balance c no

The test-specification is formalized as follows:

test_spec test_balance:

assumes account_defined: "(c,no) ∈ dom σ_0 "

and test_purpose : "test_purpose c no ιs "

and symbolic_run_yields_x :

" $\sigma_0 \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } \iota s \text{ (strong_impl precondition postcond)});$
return (s = x)"

shows " $\sigma_0 \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind } \iota s \text{ SUT}; \text{return (s = x)})$ "

The resulting test-theorem for $k=5$ looks follows:

1. $(\lambda a. \text{Some } 2) \models$
 $(s \leftarrow \text{mbind } [\text{balance } ?X1 \ ?X2] \text{ SUT}; \text{return } s = [\text{balanceO } 2]$
2. THYP ...
3. $(\lambda a. \text{Some } 5) \models$
 $(s \leftarrow \text{mbind}$
 $\quad [\text{deposit } ?X3 \ ?X4 \ ?X5, \text{balance } ?X3 \ ?X4]$
 $\quad \text{SUT}; \text{return } s = [\text{depositO}, \text{balanceO } (\text{nat } (5 + \text{int}$
 $\quad ?X5))])$
4. THYP ...
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6. $\text{int } ?X6 \leq 7 \implies$
 $(\lambda a. \text{Some } 7) \models (s \leftarrow \text{mbind}$
 $\quad [\text{withdraw } ?X7 \ ?X8 \ ?X6, \text{balance } ?X7 \ ?X8] \text{ SUT};$
 $\quad \text{return } s = [\text{withdrawO}, \text{balanceO } (\text{nat } (7 - \text{int } ?X6))])$

Caution: Which are the underlying *Testability Hypothesis* (to be clear: *not* Test-Hypotheses) of this problem ???

Well, we made two (more or less explicit) testability hypothesis underlying our test-construction, that must be assured by other means than just running the test:

- 1 **initialization condition** (reflected by the assumption $(c, no) \in \text{dom } \sigma_0$). We must assume that a concrete user and accountnumber is defined.
- 2 **determinism condition** (reflected by the assumption that SUT has type $\text{in}_c \Rightarrow (\text{out}_c, \text{register}) \text{Mon_SE}$). We assume that SUT behaves indeed like a function in a state in the sense of our model; we assume it is deterministic and will not have *hidden* state or engage in *hidden* state-transitions (like clocks, etc.).

Pragmatically: if we detect violations against these hypotheses during testing, we must refine our model ...

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- 1 Test-Sequence generation can be formalized as a constraint-resolution problem, too.
- 2 Reason: We have data-types (this lists and languages) and Monads in HOL
- 3 Test-drivers can be generated as well
- 4 Handling of Testability hypotheses implicit (control over the init-state, *PUT* a function in the sense of the specification)

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A Deterministic Sequence Test Example I

Example: A little Bank - Account System.

internal var register : table[client, nat]integer

op deposit (c : client, no : account_no, amount:nat) : unit
pre (c,no) : dom(register)
post register'=register[(c,no) := register(c,no) + amount]

op balance (c : client, no : account_no) : int
pre (c,no) : dom(register)
post register'=register and result = register(c,no)

op withdraw(c : client, no : account_no, amount:nat) : unit
pre (c,no) : dom(register) and register(c,no) >= amount
post register'=register[(c,no) := register(c,no) - amount]

A Non-Determin. Sequence Test Example II

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post 1 <= result and result <= amount and

register'=register[(c,no) := register(c,no) - result]

A Non-Determin. Sequence Test Example II

- ➊ **Old Problem:** Only the public interface (i. e. the operations `deposit`, `balance` and `withdraw`. The internal (hidden) state is not accessible.
- ➋ **Old Problem:** we can therefore only control the state by *sequences* of operation calls, not just produce data and leave it to one operation call as in unit tests.
- ➌ **New Problem:** the operation `withdraw` may non-deterministically change the state (which can still be indirectly observed via outputs); we can therefore not pre-compute all input sequences.
- ➍ The problem of initial states is solved by an explicit `init-action` creating an account for a client with an account number. (For convenience — but still realistic.)

A Non-Deterministic Sequence Test Example II

- 1 Modified Test-Purpose :

$(\text{init } c \text{ no}) (\text{withdraw } c \text{ no } _ | \text{ deposit } c \text{ no } _)* (\text{balance } c \text{ no})$

- 2 Modified Test-Specification:

test_spec test_balance2:

assumes test_purpose : "test_purpose c no ιs "

shows $_ \models (\text{os} \leftarrow \text{mbind } \iota s \text{ SUT};$
 $\text{return } (|\iota s| = |\text{os}| \wedge \forall i \in \{1..|\text{os}|\}. \text{post}' i \iota s \text{ os}))$

- 3 **Note:** This works only for those parts post' of the post-conditions that do not depend on the (not observable) internal state σ .
- 4 **Note:** For output-deterministic specifications post' can be defined, but the construction is neither necessarily constructive nor executable (\Rightarrow involves theorem proving)

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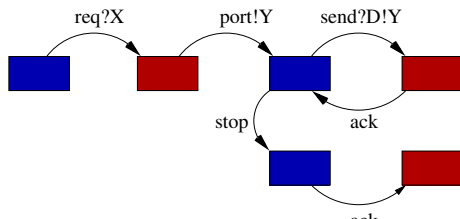
Note: We did not use anywhere the concrete state σ of the $SUT::\iota \rightarrow (o, \sigma)MON_SE$, we can therefore just pass a dummy (for example, the type unit).

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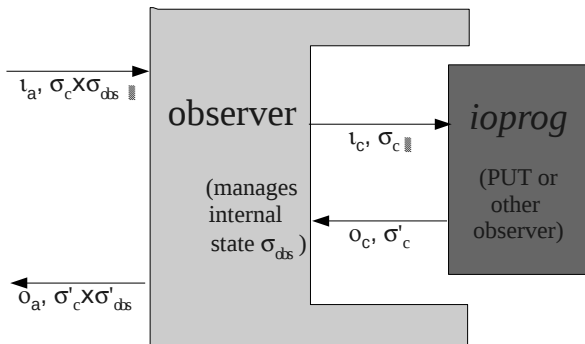
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Motivation: A Reactive System Example II

Observation:

X and Y are only known at runtime!

- a test-driver is needed that manages a serialization of tests at test run time.
- ... including use an environment that keeps track of the instances of X and Y ?
- **Infrastructure:** An **observer** maps **abstract events** (req X , port Y , ...) in traces to **concrete events** (req 4, port 2, ...) in runs!



A formal definition looks as follows:

definition `observer` :: "[$\sigma_obs \Rightarrow o_c \Rightarrow \sigma_obs$,
 $\sigma_obs \Rightarrow \iota_a \Rightarrow \iota_c$,
 $\sigma_obs \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \iota_c \Rightarrow o_c \Rightarrow bool$]
 $\Rightarrow (\iota_c \Rightarrow (o_c, \sigma)MON_SE)$
 $\Rightarrow (\iota_a \Rightarrow (o_c, \sigma_obs \times \sigma)MON_SE)$ "

where "observer rebind substitute postcond ioprogram \equiv
 $(\lambda \iota_a. (\lambda (\sigma_obs, \sigma). \mathbf{let} \iota_c = \text{substitute } \sigma_obs \iota_a \mathbf{in}$
case ioprogram ι_c **of**
 None \Rightarrow None (** ioprogram failure – eg. timeout ... **)
 | Some $(o_c, \sigma') \Rightarrow (\mathbf{let} \sigma_obs' = \text{rebind } \sigma_obs \ o_c$
 \mathbf{in} if postcond $\sigma_obs' \ \sigma' \ \iota_c \ out_c$
 then Some $(o_c, (\sigma_obs', \sigma'))$
 else None (** postcond failure **)

As can be inferred from the type of observer, the function is a monad-transformer; it transforms the *i/o stepping function* *ioprogram* into another stepping function, which is the combined sub-system consisting of the observer and, for example, a program under test *PUT*.

Thus, our concept of an *i/o stepping function* serves as an interface for varying entities in (reactive) sequence testing.

Note that we made the following testability assumptions:

- 1 *ioprogram* behaves wrt. to the reported state and input as a function, i.e. it behaves deterministically (in the modeled state!), and
- 2 it is not necessary to distinguish internal failure and post-condition-failure. (Modelling Bug ? This is superfluous and blind featurism ... One could do this by introducing an own "weakening"-monad endo-transformer.)

observer can actually be decomposed into two combinators - one dealing with the management of explicit variables and one that tackles post-conditions ...

where "observer3 rebind substitute ioprogram \equiv

$(\lambda \iota_a. (\lambda (\sigma_obs, \sigma).$

let $\iota_c = \text{substitute } \sigma_obs \iota_a$

in case ioprogram $\iota_c \sigma$ **of**

None \Rightarrow None (** ioprogram failure – eg. timeout .*

| Some (o_c, σ') \Rightarrow (**let** $\sigma_obs' = \text{rebind } \sigma_obs \text{ o_c}$

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and ...

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 else None (** postcond failure*)

Note that all three definitions of observers are *executable*.

We can build on top of the observer function definitions some theory on observers, which might pave the way for future optimizations. For example, the following decomposition theorem holds:

theorem `observer_decompose`:

"`observer r s (λ x. pc) io = (observer3 r s (observer4 pc io))`"

The abstraction assures that `pc` is a function not referring to the observer state.

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FTP Protocol Example II

We specify explicit variables and a joined type containing abstract events (replacing values by explicit variables) as well as their concrete counterparts.

datatype vars = X | Y

datatype data = Data

types chan = int (**just to make it executable**)

Abstract and concrete events ...

datatype InEvent_conc = req chan | send data chan | stop

datatype InEvent_abs = reqA vars | sendA data vars | stopA

datatype OutEvent_conc = port chan | ack

datatype OutEvent_abs = portA vars | ackA

types InEvent = "InEvent_abs + InEvent_conc"

types OutEvent = "OutEvent_abs + OutEvent_conc"

types event_abs = "InEvent_abs + OutEvent_abs"

The function `substitute` maps abstract events containing explicit variables to concrete events by substituting the variables by values communicated in the system run. It requires an environment (“substitution”) where the concrete values occurring in the system run were assigned to variables.

definition `lookup` :: "['a \rightarrow 'b, 'a] \Rightarrow 'b"

where `lookup env v \equiv the(env v)`"

consts `substitute` :: "[vars \rightarrow chan, InEvent_abs] \Rightarrow InEvent_conc
primrec

"`substitute env (reqA v) = req(lookup env v)`"

"`substitute env (sendA d v) = send d (lookup env v)`"

"`substitute env stopA = InEvent_conc.stop`"

This environment is the *observer state* σ_{obs} .

The function `rebind` extracts from concrete output events the values and binds them to explicit variables in `env`. ($= \sigma_{obs}$)

The predicate `rebind only` stores occurrences of input-events (marked by `?`) in the protocol into the environment; output (!)-occurrences were ignored.

consts `rebind` :: "[vars \rightarrow chan, OutEvent_conc] \Rightarrow vars \rightarrow chan"

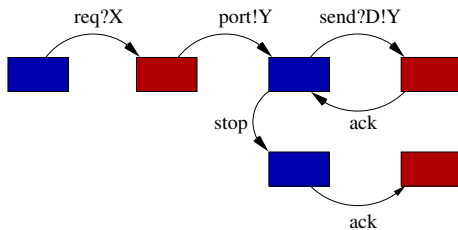
primrec

"rebind env (port n) = env(Y \mapsto n)"

"rebind env OutEvent_conc.ack = env"

In a way, `rebind` can be viewed as an abstraction of the concrete log produced at runtime.

Revisit the protocol automaton:



Test-purpose specification (= protocol specification) is as follows (we view the enumeration type $A=0$ as abbreviation).

consts accept' :: "nat \times event_abs list \Rightarrow bool"

recdef accept' "measure(λ (x,y). length y)"

"accept'(A,(Inl(reqA X))#S) = accept'(B,S)"

"accept'(B,(Inr(portA Y))#S) = accept'(C,S)"

"accept'(C,(Inl(sendA d Y))#S) = accept'(D,S)"

"accept'(D,(Inr(ackA))#S) = accept'(C,S)"

"accept'(C,(Inl(stopA))#S) = accept'(E,S)"

"accept'(E,[Inr(ackA)]) = True"

"accept'(x,y) = False"

constdefs

accept :: "event_abs list \Rightarrow bool"

Actually, this is merely an academic exercise - we use for testing merely the subsequent protocol automaton:

We proceed by modeling a subautomaton of the protocol automaton accept.

```
consts stim_trace' :: "nat × InEvent_abs list ⇒ bool"
recdef stim_trace' "measure(λ (x,y). length y)"
  "stim_trace'(A,(reqA X)#S) = stim_trace'(C,S)"
  "stim_trace'(C,(sendA d Y)#S) = stim_trace'(C,S)"
  "stim_trace'(C,[stopA])      = True"
  "stim_trace'(x,y)            = False"
```

```
constdefs stim_trace :: "InEvent_abs list ⇒ bool"
  "stim_trace s ≡ stim_trace'(A,s)"
```

consts postcond' :: " $((\text{vars} \rightarrow \text{int}) \times \sigma \times \text{InEvent_conc} \times \text{OutEvent_conc}) \rightarrow \text{bool}$ "

recdef postcond' "{ }"
 "postcond' (env, _, req n, port m) = (m <= n)"
 "postcond' (env, _, send z n, ack) = (n = lookup env Y)"
 "postcond' (env, _, stop, ack) = True"
 "postcond' (env, _, y, z) = False"

constdefs postcond :: " $(\text{vars} \rightarrow \text{int}) \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \text{InEvent_conc} \Rightarrow \text{OutEvent_conc} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ "

"postcond env σ y z \equiv postcond' (env, σ , y, z)"

test_spec "stim_trace $\iota s \implies$

(empty[X \mapsto x],())

\models (os \leftarrow (mbind ιs (observer2 rebind substitute postcond ioprogram))
result(length ιs = length os))"

where ioprogram is the program under test. The initial state consists of a suitably initialized observer state (the client-controlled X must be initialized), whereas we provide for the server-side state σ , which is nowhere used in the model (in particular not in postcond) and therefore polymorphic, is instantiated by the dummy type unit and its element ().

1. $([X \mapsto ?X1], ())$
 $\models (\text{os} \leftarrow \text{mbind} [\text{reqA } X, \text{stop}] (\text{observer2 rebind substitute po}$
 $\text{result}(2 = \text{length os}))$
3. $([X \mapsto ?X2], ())$
 $\models (\text{os} \leftarrow \text{mbind} [\text{reqA } X, \text{sendA Data Y, stop}] (\text{observer2 rebind}$
 $\text{result}(3 = \text{length os}))$
5. $([X \mapsto ?X3], ())$
 $\models (\text{os} \leftarrow \text{mbind} [\text{reqA } X, \text{sendA Data Y, sendA Data Y, stop}] (\text{ob}$
 $\text{result}(4 = \text{length os}))$
7. $([X \mapsto ?X4], ())$
 $\models (\text{os} \leftarrow \text{mbind} [\text{reqA } X, \text{sendA Data Y, sendA Data Y, sendA Da}$
 $\text{result}(5 = \text{length os}))$
9. ...

where we left out the test hypotheses. The meta-variables serve just as a place-holder for the initial (client-controlled) value for the X.

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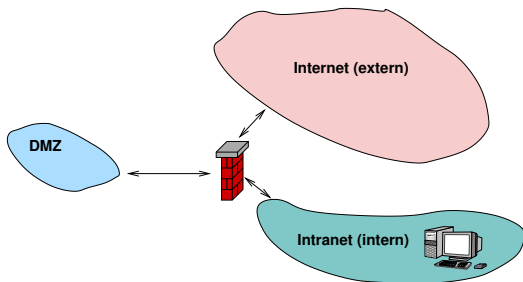
Specification-based Firewall Testing

Objective: test if a firewall configuration implements a given firewall policy

Procedure: as usual:

- 1 model firewalls (e.g., networks and protocols) and their policies in HOL
- 2 use HOL-TestGen for test-case generation

A Typical Firewall Policy



→	Intranet	DMZ	Internet
Intranet	-	smtp, imap	all protocols except smtp
DMZ	∅	-	smtp
Internet	∅	http,smtp	-

A Bluffers Guide to Firewalls

- A Firewall is a
 - state-less or
 - state-fullpacket filter.
- The filtering (i.e., either accept or deny a packet) is based on the
 - source
 - destination
 - protocol
 - possibly: internal protocol state

The State-less Firewall Model I

First, we model a packet:

types (α, β) packet = "id \times protocol \times α src \times α dest \times β content"

where

id: a unique packet identifier, e. g., of type Integer

protocol: the protocol, modeled using an enumeration type (e.g., ftp, http, smtp)

α src (α dest): source (destination) address, e.g., using IPv4:

types

ipv4_ip = "(int \times int \times int \times int)"

ipv4 = "(ipv4_ip \times int)"

β content: content of a packet

The State-less Firewall Model II

- A **firewall** (packet filter) either accepts or denies a packet:

datatype

α out = accept α | deny

- A **policy** is a map from packet to packet out:

types

(α, β) Policy = " (α, β) packet \rightarrow ((α, β) packet) out"

where $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is a type synonym for $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ option modeling partial functions.

- Writing policies is supported by a specialised combinator set

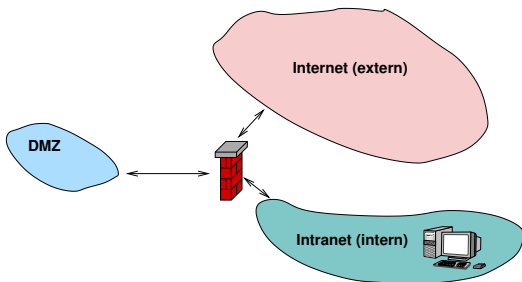
constdefs

allow_prot_from_to :: "protocol $\Rightarrow \alpha :: \text{net}$ set set $\Rightarrow \alpha :: \text{net}$ set set $\Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta)$ "

"allow_prot_from_to prot src_net dest_net \equiv allow_all | "

{pa. src pa \sqsubseteq src_net \wedge dest pa \sqsubseteq dest_net \wedge protocol pa = prot}"

Testing State-less Firewalls: An Example I



→	Intranet	DMZ	Internet
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Testing State-less Firewalls: An Example II

src	dest	protocol	action
Internet	DMZ	http	<i>accept</i>
Internet	DMZ	smtp	<i>accept</i>
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
*	*	*	<i>deny</i>

```
constdefs Internet_DMZ :: "(ipv4, content) Rule"
  "Internet_DMZ ≡
    (allow_prot_from_to smtp internet dmz) ++
    (allow_prot_from_to http internet dmz)"
```

The policy can be modelled as follows:

```
constdefs test_policy :: "(ipv4, content) Policy"
  "test_policy ≡ deny_all ++ Internet_DMZ ++ ..."
```


Testing State-less Firewalls: An Example III

- Using the test specification

test_spec "FUT x = test_policy x"

- results in test cases like:

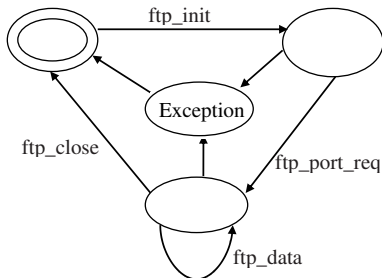
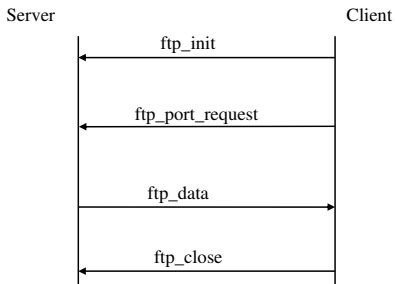
- FUT

(6, smtp, ((192, 169, 2, 8), 25), ((6, 2, 0, 4), 2), data) =
Some (accept

(6, smtp, ((192, 169, 2, 8), 25), ((6, 2, 0, 4), 2), data))

- FUT (2, smtp, ((192, 168, 0, 6), 6), ((9, 0, 8, 0), 6), data)
= Some deny

State-full Firewalls: An Example (ftp) I



State-full Firewalls: An Example (ftp) II

- based on our state-less model:
Idea: a firewall (and policy) has an internal state:
- the firewall state is based on the history and the current policy:

types (α, β, γ) FWState = " $\alpha \times (\beta, \gamma)$ Policy"

- where FWStateTransition maps an incoming packet to a new state

types (α, β, γ) FWStateTransition =
 " $((\beta, \gamma)$ In_Packet $\times (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ FWState) \rightarrow
 $((\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ FWState)"

State-full Firewalls: An Example (ftp) III

HOL-TestGen generates test case like:

```
FUT [(6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), close),  
      (6, ftp, ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), ((192, 168, 3, 1), 3), ftp_data),  
      (6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), port_request),  
      (6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), init)] =  
([(6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), close),  
  (6, ftp, ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), ((192, 168, 3, 1), 3), ftp_data),  
  (6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), port_request 3),  
  (6, ftp, ((192, 168, 3, 1), 10), ((4, 7, 9, 8), 21), init)],  
new_policy)
```

Firewall Testing: Summary

- Successful testing if a concrete configuration of a network firewall correctly implements a given policy
- Non-Trivial Test-Case Generation
- Non-Trivial State-Space (IP Adresses)
- Sequence Testing used for Stateful Firewalls
- Realistic, but amazingly concise model in HOL!

Outline

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Conclusion I

- Approach based on theorem proving
 - test specifications are written in HOL
 - functional programming, higher-order, pattern matching
- Test hypothesis explicit and controllable by the user (could even be verified!)
- Proof-state explosion controllable by the user
- Although logically puristic, systematic unit-test of a “real” compiler library is feasible!
- Verified tool inside a (well-known) theorem prover

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$$\text{pre } x \longrightarrow \text{post } x(\text{prog } x)$$

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$$\text{accept } trace \implies P(\text{Mfold } trace \sigma_0 prog)$$

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TS pattern **Reactive Sequence Test**:

$$\text{accept } trace \implies P(\text{Mfold } trace \sigma_0$$

(observer observer rebind subst prog))

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- **How to get the system ?**

- Current Version:



Version HOL-TestGen 1.7 (Isabelle 2011-1)




- <http://www.brucker.ch/projects/hol-testgen>
Including the example suite . . .

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