Semantics and Verification of Software

Lecture 6: Basic Fixpoint Theory

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Outline

Semantics of Statements II

Definition (Denotational semantics of statements)

The (denotational) semantic functional for statements,

$$\mathfrak{C}[\![.]\!] : Cmd \to (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma),$$

is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{skip}]\!] &:= \mathsf{id}_\Sigma \\
\mathfrak{C}[\![x \texttt{ := } a]\!]\sigma &:= \sigma[x \mapsto \mathfrak{A}[\![a]\!]\sigma] \\
\mathfrak{C}[\![c_1 \texttt{;} c_2]\!] &:= \mathfrak{C}[\![c_2]\!] \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c_1]\!] \\
\mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2]\!] &:= \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], \mathfrak{C}[\![c_1]\!], \mathfrak{C}[\![c_2]\!]) \\
\mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!] &:= \mathsf{fix}(\Phi)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi : (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma) \to (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma) : f \mapsto \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$

Why Fixpoints?

- Goal: preserve validity of equivalence
$$\mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!] = \mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } (c\texttt{;while } b \texttt{ do } c) \texttt{ else skip}]\!]$$
- Using the known parts of Def. 4.8, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!] \\
&\quad = \mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } (c\texttt{;while } b \texttt{ do } c) \texttt{ else skip}]\!] \\
&\quad = \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], \mathfrak{C}[\![c\texttt{;while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!], \mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{skip}]\!]) \\
&\quad = \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], \mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!] \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)
\end{aligned}$$

- Abbreviating $f := \mathfrak{C}[\![\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c]\!]$ this yields:
$$f = \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$$
- Hence f must be a solution of this recursive equation
- Or: f must be a fixpoint of the mapping
$$\Phi : (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma) \to (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma) : f \mapsto \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$$
(since the equation can be stated as $f = \Phi(f)$)

Characterization of $\mathsf{fix}(\Phi)$ I

For $\Phi(f_0) = f_0$ and initial state $\sigma_0 \in \Sigma$, case distinction yields:

1. Loop `while` b `do` c terminates after n iterations ($n \in \mathbb{N}$)
   $\implies f_0(\sigma_0) = \sigma_n$
2. Body c diverges in the nth iteration
   $\implies f_0(\sigma_0) = \text{undefined}$
3. Loop `while` b `do` c diverges
   $\implies$ no condition on f_0 (only $f_0(\sigma_0) = f_0(\sigma_i)$ for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$)

Conclusion

$\mathsf{fix}(\Phi)$ is the least defined fixpoint of Φ.

Characterization of fix(Φ) II

To use fixpoint theory, the notion of "least defined" has to be made precise.

- Given $f, g : \Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma$, let

$$f \sqsubseteq g \iff \text{for every } \sigma, \sigma' \in \Sigma : f(\sigma) = \sigma' \implies g(\sigma) = \sigma'$$

  (g is "at least as defined" as f)

- Equivalent to requiring

$$\mathsf{graph}(f) \subseteq \mathsf{graph}(g)$$

  where

$$\mathsf{graph}(h) := \{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid \sigma \in \Sigma, \sigma' = h(\sigma) \text{ defined}\} \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$$

  for every $h : \Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma$

Characterization of $\mathsf{fix}(\Phi)$ III

Goals:

- Prove existence of $\mathsf{fix}(\Phi)$ for $\Phi(f) = \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$
- Show how it can be "computed" (more exactly: approximated)

Sufficient conditions:

on domain $\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma$: chain–complete partial order

on function Φ: continuity

Outline

Monotonicity I

Definition 6.1 (Monotonicity)

Let $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ and $(D', \sqsubseteq')$ be partial orders, and let $F : D \to D'$. F is called monotonic (w.r.t. $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ and $(D', \sqsubseteq')$) if, for every $d_1, d_2 \in D$,

$$d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2 \implies F(d_1) \sqsubseteq' F(d_2).$$

Interpretation: monotonic functions "preserve information"

Example 6.2

1. Let $T := \{S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid S \text{ finite}\}$. Then $F_1 : T \to \mathbb{N} : S \mapsto \sum_{n \in S} n$ is monotonic w.r.t. $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \subseteq)$ and $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$.
2. $F_2 : 2^{\mathbb{N}} \to 2^{\mathbb{N}} : S \mapsto \mathbb{N} \setminus S$ is not monotonic w.r.t. $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \subseteq)$ (since, e.g., $\emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ but $F_2(\emptyset) = \mathbb{N} \not\subseteq F_2(\mathbb{N}) = \emptyset$).

Application to $\mathsf{fix}(\Phi)$ I

Lemma 6.3

Let $b \in BExp$*,* $c \in Cmd$*, and* $\Phi : (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma) \to (\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma)$ *with* $\Phi(f) := \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$*. Then* Φ *is monotonic w.r.t.* $(\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma, \sqsubseteq)$*.*

Proof.

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Monotonicity II

The following lemma states how chains behave under montonic functions.

Lemma 6.4

Let $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ *and* $(D', \sqsubseteq')$ *be CCPOs,* $F : D \to D'$ *monotonic, and* $S \subseteq D$ *a chain in* D*. Then:*

1. $F(S) := \{F(d) \mid d \in S\}$ *is a chain in* D'*.*
2. $\bigsqcup F(S) \sqsubseteq' F(\bigsqcup S)$*.*

Proof.

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Continuity

A function F is continuous if applying F and taking LUBs can be exchanged

Definition 6.5 (Continuity)

Let $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ and $(D', \sqsubseteq')$ be CCPOs and $F : D \to D'$ monotonic. Then F is called continuous (w.r.t. $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ and $(D', \sqsubseteq')$) if, for every non–empty chain $S \subseteq D$,

$$F\left(\bigsqcup S\right) = \bigsqcup F(S).$$

Lemma 6.6

Let $b \in BExp$, $c \in Cmd$, *and* $\Phi(f) := \mathsf{cond}(\mathfrak{B}[\![b]\!], f \circ \mathfrak{C}[\![c]\!], \mathsf{id}_\Sigma)$. *Then* Φ *is continuous w.r.t.* $(\Sigma \dashrightarrow \Sigma, \sqsubseteq)$.

Proof.

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