

Capturing Term Algebra Computations in Matching Logic

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Matching Logic - a Foundation for K Framework¹

A minimal logic where

- ▶ definition of programming languages and
- ▶ behavioral properties of their programs

can uniformly specified.

¹<https://kframework.org/>

Example: Language Definition

A language definition is just a ML theory:

$$\langle \text{if } (e) s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge \neg e: \text{Value} \rightarrow \bullet \langle e \rightsquigarrow \text{if } (-) s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle$$
$$\langle v \rightsquigarrow \text{if } (-) s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge v: \text{Value} \rightarrow \bullet \langle \text{if } (v) s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{if } (b) s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge b: \text{Bool} \rightarrow \bullet \langle s_1 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge b = \text{true}$$
$$\vee$$
$$\bullet \langle s_2 \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge b = \text{false}$$

$$\langle \text{choose } x \text{ from } e \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge \neg e: \text{Value} \rightarrow \bullet \langle e \rightsquigarrow \text{choose } x \text{ from } _ \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle$$
$$\langle v \rightsquigarrow \text{choose } x \text{ from } _ \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge v: \text{Value} \rightarrow \bullet \langle \text{choose } x \text{ from } v \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{choose } x \text{ from } v \rightsquigarrow \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma \rangle \wedge v: \text{Value} \rightarrow \bullet \exists x_0. \langle \kappa \rangle \langle \sigma[x \mapsto x_0] \rangle \wedge x_0 \in v$$

where

• φ' is matched by all the configurations for that there exists a next configuration in φ' (strong next)

Example: Program Properties

Program properties are also ML patterns:

$$\langle \text{while } (x > 0) \ x = x-1; \rangle \langle x \mapsto \$x \rangle \wedge \$x > 3 \rightarrow \Box_w \langle \cdot \rangle \langle x \mapsto 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{while } (\text{true}) \ \{\} \rangle \langle x \mapsto \$x \rangle \rightarrow \Box_w \langle \cdot \rangle \langle x \mapsto 0 \rangle$$

where

$$\circ\varphi' \equiv \neg\bullet\neg\varphi' \text{ (all-paths/weak next)}$$

$$\Box_w\psi \equiv \nu X. \psi \vee (\circ X \wedge \bullet T) \quad \text{(weak always finally)}$$

The Addressed Challenge

- ▶ the program properties are checked using symbolic execution (SE)
- ▶ SE uses various algorithms: matching, unification, anti-unification, etc.
- ▶ these computations are ML term patterns transformers
- ▶ questions:
 - ▶ what is the relationship between the initial pattern and the transformed one?
 - ▶ how this relation is proved internally within ML?

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An ML Itinerary

- ▶ An alternative to Hoare/Floyd Logic (Roşu, Ellison, Schulte, AMAST 2010)
- ▶ (Many-sorted) Matching Logic (Roşu, LMCS 2017)
- ▶ Matching mu-Logic (Chen, Roşu, LICS 2019)
- ▶ **Applicative Matching Logic** (Chen & Roşu, TR 2019; Chen & Lucanu & Roşu: Matching Logic explained. JLAMP 2021.)

Syntax

Patterns:

$\varphi ::= x$	elementary variable ($x \in EV$)
$ X$	set variable ($X \in SV$)
$ \sigma$	symbol ($\sigma \in \Sigma$)
$ \varphi_1 \varphi_2$	application
$ \perp$	bottom
$ \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$	implication
$ \exists x. \varphi$	existential binder
$ \mu X. \varphi$ if φ is positive in X	least fixpoint binder

Semantics Intuitively

M a set

$\rho : \text{elementary-variables} \cup \text{set-variables} \rightarrow M \cup \mathcal{P}(M)$

x	singleton subset $\{\rho(x)\}$
$ X$	subset $\rho(X) \subseteq M$
$ \sigma$	subset $\sigma_M \subseteq M$
$ \varphi_1 \varphi_2$	$_ _ : M \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$
$ \perp$	\emptyset
$ \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$	$M \setminus (\varphi_1 _{M,\rho} \setminus \varphi_2 _{M,\rho})$
$ \exists x. \varphi$	$\bigcup_{a \in M} \varphi _{M,\rho[a/x]}$
$ \mu X. \varphi$	$\text{Ifp}(A \mapsto \varphi _{M,\rho[A/X]})$

$M \models \varphi$ iff $|\varphi|_{M,\rho} = M$ for all ρ

Derived Patterns

$$\top \equiv \neg \perp$$

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

$$\neg \varphi \equiv \varphi \rightarrow \perp$$

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

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

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

$$\nu X. \varphi \equiv \neg \mu X. \neg \varphi[\neg X/X]$$

φ positive in X

Definedness Theory

theory DEF

Symbols: def

Notations: $\lceil \varphi \rceil \equiv \text{def } \varphi$

Axioms: (Definedness) $\forall x. \lceil x \rceil$

Notations:

$\lceil \varphi \rceil \equiv \neg \lceil \neg \varphi \rceil$ // totality

$\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 \equiv \lceil \varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2 \rceil$ // equality

$\varphi_1 \subseteq \varphi_2 \equiv \lceil \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 \rceil$ // set inclusion

$x \in \varphi \equiv x \subseteq \varphi$ // membership

endtheory

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Term Algebra

- ▶ **Sorts:** S
- ▶ **Operation symbols:** F
each operation symbol $f \in F$ has a type $s_1 \dots s_n \rightarrow s$ (we equivalently write $f \in F_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$)
if $n = 0$, then f is a constant
- ▶ **(algebraic) signature:** $\Sigma = (S, F)$, $f \in F_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$
- ▶ **variables:** $X = (X_s)_{s \in S}$; we write $x : s$ for $x \in X_s$
- ▶ **terms:** $T_\Sigma(X) = (T_\Sigma(X)_s)_{s \in S}$
 - ▶ $X_s \subseteq T_\Sigma(X)_s$
 - ▶ if $t_i \in T_\Sigma(X)_{s_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $f \in F_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$, then $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in T_\Sigma(X)_s$
(for $n = 0$, we get $F_{\square, s} \subseteq T_\Sigma(X)_s$)
- ▶ $T_\Sigma(X)$ is the Σ -algebra freely generated by X
- ▶ $T_\sigma = T_\Sigma(\emptyset)$ is the initial algebra in the category of Σ -algebras

Sorts

theory SORT Imports: DEF

Symbols: $inh, Sort, s \in S$

Notations:

$T_s \equiv inh\ s$	// inhabitants of sort s
$s_1 \leq s_2 \equiv T_{s_1} \subseteq T_{s_2}$	// subsort relation
$\neg_s \varphi \equiv (\neg \varphi) \wedge T_s$	// negation within sort s
$\forall x:s. \varphi \equiv \forall x. x \in T_s \rightarrow \varphi$	// \forall within sort s
$\exists x:s. \varphi \equiv \exists x. x \in T_s \wedge \varphi$	// \exists within sort s
$\mu X:s. \varphi \equiv \mu X. X \subseteq T_s \wedge \varphi$	// μ within sort s
$\nu X:s. \varphi \equiv \nu X. X \subseteq T_s \wedge \varphi$	// ν within sort s
$\varphi:s \equiv \exists z:s. \varphi = z$	// “typing”

Axioms: $\forall x. x \in T_{Sort} \leftrightarrow [T_x]$

$\exists x. x = Sort$

$Sort \in T_{Sort}$

$s \in T_{Sort}$

endtheory

Function Symbols F^2

theory ALGEBRA(S, F)

Symbols: $s \in S, f \in F, \text{SigOps}, \text{SigArgs}$

Notations:

$$f:s_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes s_n \bigodot s \equiv \forall x_1:s_1 \dots \forall x_n:s_n. \exists y:s. f\ x_1 \dots x_n = y$$

Axioms:

(Sort) $s:\text{Sort}$ for $s \in S$

(Function) $f:s_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes s_n \bigodot s$ for $f \in F_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$

(Signature Ops) $\text{T}_{\text{SigOps}} = \bigvee_{f \in F} f$

(Signature Args) $\text{T}_{\text{SigArgs}} = \bigvee_{f \in F_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}} \text{T}_{s_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes s_n}$

endtheory

²Product, sum, and function sorts are defined in [Chen & Lucanu & Roşu: Matching Logic Explained. JLAMP 2021.](#)

No-Confusion and No-Junk Properties

theory NOCONFUSION(S, F) **Imports:** ALGEBRA(S, F)

Axioms:

(Distinct Function) $f \neq f'$ for distinct operation symbols $f, f' \in F$

(No Confusion) $\forall f, f' : \text{SigOps}. \forall args, args' : \text{SigArgs}.$

$$(f \text{ args}) = (f' \text{ args}') \rightarrow f = f' \wedge args = args'$$

endtheory

theory NOJUNK(S, F) **Imports:** ALGEBRA(S, F)

Notations:

$D_s \equiv (\text{proj } i \ D)$ if s is s_i for some $s_i \in S_{\text{nonvoid}}$

$D_s \equiv \perp$ if $s \in S_{\text{nonvoid}}$

$f \ D_w \equiv f \ D_{s'_1} \dots D_{s'_m}$ where $w = s'_1 \dots s'_m$

$$F \ D \equiv \left\langle \bigvee_{f \in F_w, s_1, w \in S^*} f \ D_w, \dots, \bigvee_{f \in F_w, s_n, w \in S^*} f \ D_w \right\rangle$$

Axioms:

(No Junk Void) $\top_s = \perp$ for each $s \in S_{\text{void}}$

(No Junk Non-Void) $\langle \top_{s_1}, \dots, \top_{s_n} \rangle = \mu D. F \ D$

endtheory

Term Algebra³

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theory TERMALGEBRA(S, F)
  Imports: NOCONFUSION(S, F)
  Imports: NOJUNK(S, F)
endtheory
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Theorem

If $M \models \text{TERMALGEBRA}(F)$, then $\alpha(M)$ is isomorphic to the term algebra T_F .

where $\alpha(M)$ is the algebra A with

- ▶ A_s the interpretation of the pattern T_s ,
- ▶ $A_f : A_{s_1} \times \cdots \times A_{s_n} \rightarrow A_s$ (enforced by the axiom $f : s_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes s_n \rightarrow s$)

³Chen & Lucanu & Roşu: Initial algebra semantics in matching logic, TR UIUC-2020-2, 2020.

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Computations in Term Algebra (Partial List)

- ▶ **matching**: given t_1 and t_2 , compute σ s.t. $t_2 = t_1 \sigma$ (if any);
- ▶ **unification**: given t_1 and t_2 , compute (the most general) σ s.t. $t_2 \sigma = t_1 \sigma$ (if any);
- ▶ **antiunification**: given t_1 and t_2 , compute (the least general) t and σ_1, σ_2 s.t. $t \sigma_1 = t_1$ and $t \sigma_2 = t_2$;
- ▶ **rewriting**: $t_1 \Rightarrow_R t_2$ iff there is a rule $\ell \Rightarrow r \in R$, a context u , and a matching substitution σ s.t. $t_1 = u[\ell \sigma]$ and $t_2 = u[r \sigma]$;
- ▶ **narrowing**: $t_1 \Rightarrow_R t_2$ iff there is a rule $\ell \Rightarrow r \in R$, a context u , and a unifier σ s.t. $t_1 = u[\ell \sigma]$ and $t_2 = u[r \sigma]$;
- ▶ ...

Questions:

- ▶ Which of these can be captured in ML?
- ▶ If yes, can the corresponding algorithm be instrumented to produce proof objects for the relationships between their inputs and outputs?

Example: Capturing the Unification I

Term Algebra	ML
term t	t
ground instances of t	$\exists \text{var}(t). t$
substitution σ (σ not circular ⁴)	$\phi^\sigma \equiv \bigwedge_{x \mapsto u \in \sigma} x = u$
$t \sigma$	$\exists \text{var}(t) \setminus \text{var}(t \sigma). t \wedge \phi^\sigma$
$\sigma \leq \eta$ w.r.t. t	$\exists \text{var}(t, \eta). t \wedge \phi^\eta \rightarrow \exists \text{var}(t, \sigma). t \wedge \phi^\sigma$
σ unifier of t_1 and t_2 ($t_1 \sigma = t_2 \sigma$)	$\exists \text{var}(\sigma) \setminus \text{var}(t_1, t_2). t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge \phi^\sigma$
most general unifier $\text{mgu}(t_1, t_2)$	$t_1 \wedge t_2 \quad (= (t_i \wedge (t_1 = t_2)))$

⁴ $\forall x. \forall i \geq 1. x \notin \text{var}(x \sigma^i)$

Example: Capturing the Unification II⁵

Unification Algorithm

Delete:	$P \cup \{t \doteq t\} \Rightarrow P$
Decomposition:	$P \cup \{(f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n) \doteq (f \ t'_1 \ \dots \ t'_n)\} \Rightarrow P \cup \{t_1 \doteq t'_1, \dots, t_n \doteq t'_n\}$
Orient:	$P \cup \{(f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n) \doteq x\} \Rightarrow P \cup \{x \doteq (f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n)\}$
Elimination:	$P \cup \{x \doteq t\} \Rightarrow P \setminus \{x \doteq t\} \cup \{x \doteq (f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n)\}$ if $x \notin \text{var}(t), x \in \text{var}(P)$
Symbol clash:	$P \cup \{(f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n) \doteq (g \ t'_1 \ \dots \ t'_n)\} \Rightarrow \perp$
Occurs check:	$P \cup \{x \doteq (f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n)\} \Rightarrow \perp$, if $x \in \text{var}((f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n))$

Capturing Unification Algorithm in ML

Unification Algorithm	ML
$P = \{u_1 \doteq v_1, \dots, u_n \doteq v_n\}$	$\phi^P = \bigwedge_i u_i = v_i$
execution step $P \Rightarrow P'$	$\phi^P \leftrightarrow \phi^{P'}$ proof object for $\text{TERMALGEBRA}(S, F) \vdash \phi^P \leftrightarrow \phi^{P'}$
successful execution $P \Rightarrow \sigma$	$\phi^P \leftrightarrow \phi^\sigma$ proof object for $\text{TERMALGEBRA}(S, F) \vdash \phi^P \leftrightarrow \phi^\sigma$

⁵Arusoiaie, Lucanu: Unification in Matching Logic. FM 2019.

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Concluding remarks

- ▶ Matching Logic (ML) faithfully captures the term algebra (up to an isomorphism).
- ▶ Many meta-level concepts in term algebra can be internally represented within ML.
- ▶ Certain algorithms in the term algebra can be seen as transformers of ML patterns logically related (e.g., equivalent patterns).
- ▶ These algorithms can be instrumented to produce proof objects for the logical relation between patterns.
- ▶ This talk presented the particular case of the syntactical unification.

Questions?

Thanks!