

# ComA: an intermediate verification language with explicit abstraction barriers

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$$\text{WP}(\text{skip}, \Phi) \triangleq \Phi$$

$$\text{WP}(e ; d, \Phi) \triangleq \text{WP}(e, \text{WP}(d, \Phi))$$

$$\text{WP}(x \leftarrow v, \Phi) \triangleq \Phi[x \mapsto v]$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{if } \varphi \text{ then } e \text{ else } d, \Phi) \triangleq \text{if } \varphi \text{ then } \text{WP}(e, \Phi) \text{ else } \text{WP}(d, \Phi)$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{while } \varphi \text{ do } e \text{ done}, \Phi) \triangleq \exists \psi. \psi \wedge \forall \bar{x}. \psi \rightarrow \text{if } \varphi \text{ then } \text{WP}(e, \psi) \text{ else } \Phi$$

exceptions aren't

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$$\text{WP}(\text{raise}, \Phi, \Psi) \triangleq \Psi$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{try } e \text{ with } d, \Phi, \Psi) \triangleq \text{WP}(e, \Phi, \text{WP}(d, \Phi, \Psi))$$

$x, y, z$ 

variable

 $s, t ::= x \mid 0 \dots \mid s + t \dots$ 

term

 $\varphi, \psi ::= s = t \dots \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \dots$ 

formula

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data

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code $h, g, f$ 

handler

 $\pi, \varrho ::= h \bar{x} \varphi \bar{\pi}$ 

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expression

 $| e / h \bar{x} \varphi \bar{\pi} = d$  $| e / h \bar{x} \bar{\pi} \rightarrow d$

```
factorial (n: int) { n ≥ 0 }
  (return (m: int) { m = n! })
= fact 1 n
  / fact (r: int) (k: int)
    { 0 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ r · k! = n! }
  = if (k > 0) tt ff
    / tt → fact (r * k) (k - 1)
    / ff → return r
```

user-written code

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predefined handlers

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if (b: bool) (then { b }) (else { ¬b })
halt { ⊤ }
fail { ⊥ }
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## VC(factorial)

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  (return (m: int) { m = n! })
= fact 1 n
  / fact (r: int) (k: int)
    { 0 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ r · k! = n! }
  = if (k > 0) tt ff
    / tt → fact (r * k) (k - 1)
    / ff → return r
```

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$$\begin{aligned} \forall n: \text{int}. \, n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n \leq n \wedge 1 \cdot n! = n! \wedge \\ \forall r: \text{int}. \forall k: \text{int}. \, 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge r \cdot k! = n! \rightarrow \\ (k > 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq k - 1 \leq n \wedge r \cdot k \cdot (k - 1)! = n!) \wedge \\ (k \leq 0 \rightarrow r = n!) \end{aligned}$$

```
type tree = Node tree elt tree
          | Leaf

let removeRoot (t: tree) : tree

= match t with
  | Node l _ r → mergeTree l r
  | Leaf → fail
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type tree = Node tree elt tree
          | Leaf

let removeRoot (t: tree) : tree
  requires { t ≠ Leaf }
  ensures { match t with
    | Node l _ r → ∀e:elt. e ∈ result ↔ e ∈ l ∨ e ∈ r
    | Leaf → false }
= match t with
  | Node l _ r → mergeTree l r
  | Leaf → fail
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           | Leaf

removeRoot (Node l _ r)
ensures { ∀e:elt. e ∈ result ↔ e ∈ l ∨ e ∈ r }
= mergeTree l r

removeRoot Leaf = fail
```

$h, g, f$ 

handler

 $\pi, \varrho ::= h \bar{x} \bar{\pi}$ 

prototype

 $k, o ::= h$ 

callable

$$| \quad \lambda \bar{x} \bar{\pi} . e$$
 $e, d ::= k \bar{s} \bar{o}$ 

expression

$$| \quad e / h \bar{x} \bar{\pi} = d$$

$$| \quad \varphi e$$

$$| \quad \uparrow e$$

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= { n ≥ 0 }
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    / fact (r: int) (k: int)
      = { 0 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ r · k! = n! }
        ↑ if (k > 0) (λ. fact (r * k) (k - 1))
                      (λ. break r)
    / break (m: int) = { m = n! } ↑ return m
```

```
removeRoot (t: tree) (return (s: tree))
= unTree t (λl: tree. λ_: elt. λr: tree.
    ↑ mergeTree l r out
    / out (s: tree) =
        { ∀e:elt. e ∈ s ↔ e ∈ l ∨ e ∈ r }
        ↑ return s)
fail
```

or none at all

```
removeRoot (t: tree) (return (s: tree))
= unTree t (λl: tree. λ_: elt. λr: tree.
              mergeTree l r return)
  fail
```

$C_b^p(e), C_b^p(k)$  – verification condition of an expression or a callable

- $p$  – should we produce proof obligations at the current position?
- $b$  – should we produce proof obligations after the barrier  $\uparrow$ ?

$C_\perp^\top$  – **caller VC**, the specification (contract) of a handler

$C_\top^\perp$  – **callee VC**, implementation respects the contract

$C_\top^\top$  – **full VC**, prove everything, ignore the barriers

$C_\perp^\perp$  – **null VC**, prove nothing, ignore the barriers

$$\mathsf{C}_{\mathfrak{d}}^{\top}(h) \triangleq h$$

$$\mathsf{C}_{\mathfrak{d}}^{\perp}(h) \triangleq \textcolor{red}{\natural} h$$

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$p, q, r$  reference

$\pi, \varrho ::= h \ [ \bar{q} ] \ & \bar{p} \ \bar{x} \ \bar{\pi}$  prototype

$k, o ::= h$  callable

|  $\lambda \ & \bar{p} \ \bar{x} \ \bar{\pi} . e$

$e, d ::= k \ & \bar{r} \ \bar{s} \ \bar{o}$  expression

|  $e / h \ [ \bar{q} ] \ & \bar{p} \ \bar{x} \ \bar{\pi} = d$

|  $\varphi \ e$

|  $\uparrow \ e$

$h \ [ \bar{q} ]$  – pre-write annotation,  $\bar{q}$  may be modified before  $h$  is called

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factorial (n: int) (return (m: int))
= { n ≥ 0 }
  allocate 1 (λ&r: int.
    ↑ allocate n (λ&k: int.
      fact
      / fact [r k]
      = { 0 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ r · k! = n! }
      ↑ if (k > 0) (λ. assign &r (r * k)
                     (λ. assign &k (k - 1)
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                     (λ. break))
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```
allocate (v: int) (return (&r: int) { r = v })
assign (&r: int) (v: int) (return [r] { r = v })
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allocate α (v: α) (return (&r: α) { r = v })
assign α (&r: α) (v: α) (return [r] { r = v })

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No-alias type system:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta' \vdash e \text{ wt} \quad \Delta' \text{ is } \Delta \text{ with all handler prototypes removed}}{\Gamma, \&r, \Delta \vdash (e \&r) \text{ wt}}$$

- can be further refined by tracking actual reference dependencies

Effect computation – to verify and infer the pre-write annotations

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Effect computation – to verify and infer the pre-write annotations

Transformation into an equivalent pure program:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{assign } \&r \ (r * k) & & \text{assign } r \ (r * k) \\ (\lambda. \text{assign } \&k \ (k - 1)) & \Rightarrow & (\lambda r'. \text{assign } k \ (k - 1) \\ & & (\lambda k'. \text{fact } r' \ k')) \end{array}$$

- pre-writes are converted into term parameters
- fine-grained state monad: send only the relevant part of the state

Krivine-style evaluator over COMA expressions – no intermediate HOL

A few ways to speed up the computation, e.g.  $C_\perp^\perp(e) \equiv \natural C_b^p(e) \equiv T$

On-the-fly factorization of selected handlers:

$$(\forall x. \varphi \rightarrow h s) \wedge (\forall y. \psi \rightarrow h t) \implies \forall z. ((\exists x. \varphi \wedge z = s) \vee (\exists y. \psi \wedge z = t)) \rightarrow h z$$

- no factorized handlers  $\approx$  traditional WP
- factorize all eligible handlers  $\approx$  compact VC à la Flanagan & Saxe

Further into **control structures**: iterators, coroutines, unstructured code?

Further into **mutable state**: ownership, borrowing, prophecy variables?

Scalable **implementation**, good heuristics for subgoal factorization

Nice surface syntax, extensive **case studies**, integration into Why3