

# Software Engineering using Formal Methods

## Reasoning about Programs with Dynamic Logic

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### Remark on Hoare Logic and DL

**In Hoare logic**  $\{Pre\} p \{Post\}$

(Pre, Post must be FOL)

**In DL**  $Pre \rightarrow [p]Post$

(Pre, Post any DL formula)

# Proving DL Formulas

## An Example

```
 $\forall$  int x;  
(x  $\dot{=}$  n  $\wedge$  x  $\geq$  0  $\rightarrow$   
  [ i = 0; r = 0;  
    while(i < n){i = i + 1; r = r + i;}  
    r = r + r - n;  
  ]r  $\dot{=}$  x * x)
```

How can we prove that the above formula is valid  
(i.e. satisfied in all states)?

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## Consequence for program variables

Initial value of program variables implicitly “universally quantified”



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Compute the final state after termination of

$x = x + y; y = x - y; x = x - y;$

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Example (updates/swap2.key, **Demo**, active statement)

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  int x; int y; }
```

```
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## Symbolic execution of loops: unwind

$$\text{unwindLoop} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle \text{if } (b) \{ p; \text{while } (b) p \}; \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle \text{while } (b) \{ p \}; \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}$$

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$\beta$  variable assignment for logical variables in  $t$ ,  $\rho$  transition relation:

$\rho(\{v := t\})(s, \beta) = s'$  where  $s'$  identical to  $s$  except  $\mathcal{I}_{s'}(v) = \text{val}_{s, \beta}(t)$

# Explicit State Updates Cont'd

## Facts about updates $\{v := t\}$

- ▶ Update semantics almost identical to that of assignment
- ▶ Value of update also depends on **logical** variables in  $t$ , i.e.,  $\beta$
- ▶ Updates are **not assignments**: right-hand side is FOL term
  - $\{x := n\}\phi$  cannot be turned into assignment ( $n$  logical variable)
  - $\langle x=i++; \rangle\phi$  cannot **directly** be turned into update
- ▶ Updates are **not equations**: change value of flexible terms

# Computing Effect of Updates (Automated)

Rewrite rules for update followed by ...

**program variable**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{x := t\}y \rightsquigarrow y \\ \{x := t\}x \rightsquigarrow t \end{array} \right.$

**logical variable**  $\{x := t\}w \rightsquigarrow w$

**complex term**  $\{x := t\}f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightsquigarrow f(\{x := t\}t_1, \dots, \{x := t\}t_n)$   
( $f$  rigid)

**FOL formula**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{x := t\}(\phi \ \& \ \psi) \rightsquigarrow \{x := t\}\phi \ \& \ \{x := t\}\psi \\ \dots \\ \{x := t\}(\forall \tau y; \phi) \rightsquigarrow \forall \tau y; (\{x := t\}\phi) \end{array} \right.$

**program formula** No rewrite rule for  $\{x := t\}(\langle p \rangle \phi)$  **unchanged!**

Update rewriting delayed until  $p$  symbolically executed

# Assignment Rule Using Updates

## Symbolic execution of assignment using updates

$$\text{assign} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \{x := t\} \langle \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle x = t; \text{rest} \rangle \phi, \Delta}$$

- ▶ Simple! No variable renaming, etc.
- ▶ Works as long as  $t$  has no side effects (ok in simple DL)
- ▶ Special cases needed for  $x = t_1 + t_2$ , etc.

## Demo

updates/assignmentToUpdate.key

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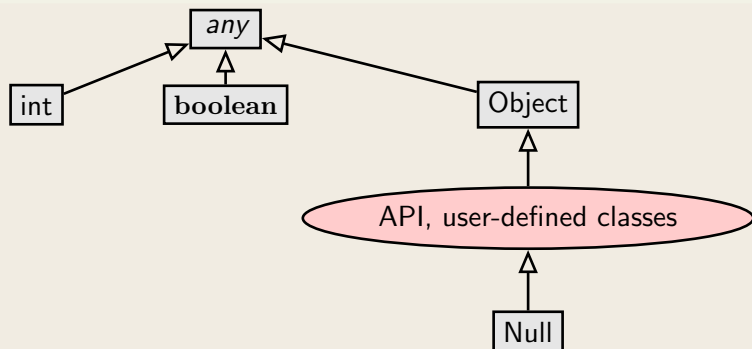
API

**Summary**

**Literature**

# Java Type Hierarchy

## Signature based on Java's type hierarchy



Each class referenced in API and target program is in signature with appropriate partial order

# Modelling Fields

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## Field Access

Signature FSym<sub>f</sub>: `int age(Person);`      `Person p;`

**Java/JML expression** `p.age >= 0`

**Typed FOL** `age(p) >= 0`

**KeY postfix notation** `p.age >= 0`

Navigation expressions in typed FOL look exactly as in JAVA/JML

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Only provable when no top-level exception thrown

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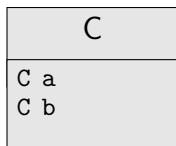
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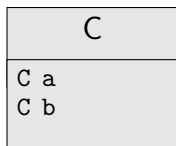


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KeY applies rules automatically, you don't need to worry about details



# The Self Reference

## Modeling reference **this** to the **receiving object**

Special name for the object whose JAVA code is currently executed:

**in JML:** Object **this**;

**in Java:** Object **this**;

**in KeY:** Object **self**;

Default assumption in JML-KeY translation: **self != null**

# Which Objects do Exist?

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- ▶ Flexible function **boolean** `<created>(Object)`;
- ▶ Equal to **true** iff argument object has been created
- ▶ Initialized as  $\mathcal{I}(\text{<created>})(o) = F$  for all  $o \in \mathcal{D}$
- ▶ Object creation modeled as `{o.<created> := true}` for next “free”  $o$

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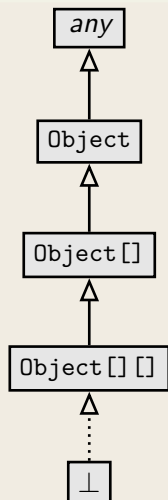
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KeY supports full **sequential** Java, with some limitations:

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- ▶ No generics
- ▶ No I/O
- ▶ No floats
- ▶ No dynamic class loading or reflexion
- ▶ API method calls: need either JML contract or implementation

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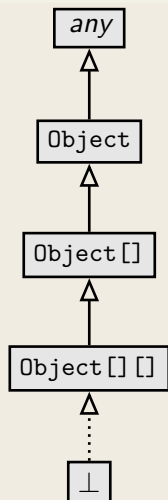
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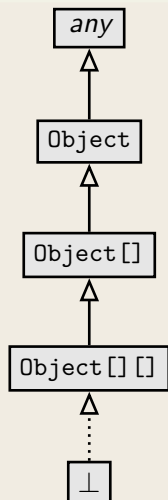


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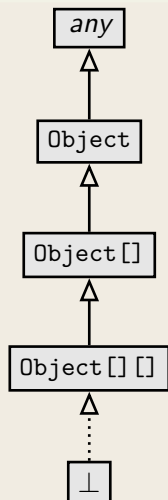
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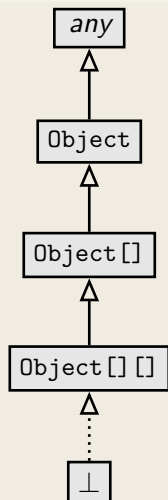
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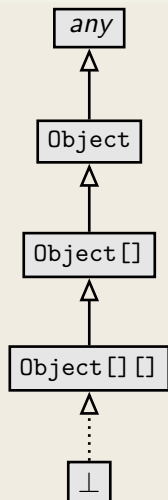
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- ▶ JAVA expressions may contain assignment operator with **side effect**
- ▶ JAVA expressions can be complex, nested, have method calls
- ▶ FOL terms have **no** side effect on the state

## Example (Complex expression with side effects in Java)

```
int i = 0; if ((i=2)>= 2) i++;    value of i ?
```

# Complex Expressions Cont'd

## Decomposition of complex terms by symbolic execution

Follow the rules laid down in JAVA Language Specification

### Local code transformations

$$\text{evalOrderIteratedAssgnmt} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle y = t; x = y; \omega \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle x = y = t; \omega \rangle \phi, \Delta} \quad t \text{ simple}$$

### Temporary variables store result of evaluating subexpression

$$\text{ifEval} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle \text{boolean } v0; v0 = b; \text{if } (v0) \text{ p}; \omega \rangle \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \langle \text{if } (b) \text{ p}; \omega \rangle \phi, \Delta} \quad b \text{ complex}$$

Guards of conditionals/loops always evaluated (hence: side effect-free)  
before conditional/unwind rules applied

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Demo: exceptions/try-catch.key, try-catch-dispatch.key,  
try-catch-finally.key

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## Reference Aliasing

Naive alias resolution causes **proof split** (on  $o \dot{=} u$ ) at each access

$$\Rightarrow o.\text{age} \dot{=} 1 \rightarrow \langle u.\text{age} = 2; \rangle o.\text{age} \dot{=} u.\text{age}$$

# Java Features in Dynamic Logic: Method Calls

**Method Call** with actual parameters  $arg_0, \dots, arg_n$

$$\{arg_0 := t_0 \parallel \dots \parallel arg_n := t_n \parallel c := t_c\} \langle c.m(arg_0, \dots, arg_n); \rangle \phi$$

where  $m$  declared as `void m( $\tau_0$  p0, ...,  $\tau_n$  pn)`

## Actions of rule **methodCall**

- ▶ for each **formal parameter**  $p_i$  of  $m$ :  
declare and initialize new local variable  $\tau_i p\#i = arg_i$ ;
- ▶ look up **implementation** class  $C$  of  $m$  and split proof  
if implementation cannot be uniquely determined
- ▶ create concrete **method invocation**  $c.m(p\#0, \dots, p\#n)@C$

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methods/ instanceMethodInlineSimple.key

## Localisation of Fields and Method Implementation

JAVA has complex rules for **localisation** of fields and method implementations

- ▶ Polymorphism
- ▶ Late binding
- ▶ Scoping (class vs. instance)
- ▶ Context (static vs. runtime)
- ▶ Visibility (private, protected, public)

**Proof split into cases when implementation not statically determined**

## Null pointer exceptions

There are no “exceptions” in FOL:  $\mathcal{I}$  total on FSym

Need to model possibility that  $o \doteq \mathbf{null}$  in  $o.a$

- ▶ KeY branches over  $o \neq \mathbf{null}$  upon each field access



## Object initialization

JAVA has complex rules for object initialization

- ▶ Chain of constructor calls until **Object**
- ▶ Implicit calls to `super()`
- ▶ Visibility issues
- ▶ Initialization sequence

Coding of initialization rules in methods `<createObject>()`, `<init>()`, ... which are then symbolically executed

# A Round Tour of Java Features in DL Cont'd

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## Java Card API in JML or DL

DL version available in KeY, JML work in progress See W. Mostowski

<http://limerick.cost-ic0701.org/home/verifying-java-card-programs-with-key>

# Summary

- ▶ Most JAVA features covered in KeY
- ▶ Several of remaining features available in experimental version
  - ▶ Simplified multi-threaded JMM
  - ▶ Floats
- ▶ Degree of automation for loop-free programs is very high
- ▶ Proving loops requires user to provide invariant
  - ▶ Automatic invariant generation sometimes possible
- ▶ Symbolic execution paradigm lets you use KeY w/o understanding details of logic

# Literature for this Lecture

## Essential

**KeY Book** Verification of Object-Oriented Software (see course web page), Chapter 10: **Using KeY**

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