

Software Engineering using Formal Methods

Reasoning about Programs with Loops and Method Calls

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For example to deal with things like

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Quantified Updates

Definition (Quantified Update)

For T well-ordered type (no ∞ descending chains): **quantified update**:

$$\{\text{for } T \ x; \text{if } \phi(x); l(x) := r(x)\}$$

- ▶ **For all** objects d in T such that $\phi(d)$ perform the updates $\{l(d) := r(d)\}$ in **parallel**
- ▶ If there are several l with conflicting d then choose **T -minimal** one
- ▶ The conditional expression is optional
- ▶ Typically, x occurs in ϕ , l , and r (but doesn't need to)
- ▶ There is a **normal form** for updates computed efficiently by KeY

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Example (Integer types are well-ordered in KeY)

$$\{\backslash\text{for int } i; a[0] := i\}(a[0] \dot{=} 0)$$

- ▶ Non-standard order for \mathbb{Z} (with 0 smallest and preserving $<$ for arguments of same sign)
- ▶ Proven automatically by update simplifier

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( $c, f_a$  new constant resp. function symbol)
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- ▶ Context is kept as far as possible
- ▶ Invariant does not need to include unmodified locations
- ▶ For **assignable everything** (the default):
 - ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \{ * := * \}$ wipes out **all** information
 - ▶ Equivalent to basic invariant rule
 - ▶ **Avoid this!** Always give a specific **assignable** clause

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- ▶ follow the taken control-flow from the root to the open goal
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Summary

- ▶ Most JAVA features covered in KeY
- ▶ Several of remaining features available in experimental version
 - ▶ Simplified multi-threaded JMM
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- ▶ Degree of automation for loop-free programs is 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**

KeY Book Verification of Object-Oriented Software (see course web page), Chapter 3: **Dynamic Logic**, Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 3.6.7, 3.7