

# (Multiple) inheritance, behavioral subtyping, and separation logic

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# OO, inheritance and subtyping

- general problem in OO: flexibility
  - open world / incremental program development
  - late binding / dynamic dispatch
- inheritance vs. subtyping
- *subsumption*:

*A element of a subtype can safely be used where an element of the subtype is expected*

- safely = without “type error”
- note: interaction with late binding
- does (in praxis) not hold for logical properties
- behavioral subtyping :
  - porting the above principle to behavioral specs

# Goals

- soundness
- modularity
- no base class code required
- breadth

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# Separation logic

- extension to Hoare logic
- reason about **shared, mutable** state on the **heap**
- spatial connectives
- local reasoning and frame rule
- sep. logic & OO: [Parkinson, 2005]

# Formulas

$$P, Q ::= B \mid \neg P \mid P \wedge Q \mid P \vee Q \mid P \rightarrow Q \\ \mid \text{empty} \mid P * Q \mid P -* Q \mid E \mapsto E'$$

- spatial connectives in red
- interpreted over state plus heap

# Interpretation

- **state** /stack: from vars to values
- **heap** : from **locations** to values

$$S, H \models e_1 \mapsto e_2 \triangleq \text{dom}(H) = \{[E]_S\} \wedge \\ H([e_1]_S) = [e_2]_S$$

$$S, H \models P * Q \triangleq \exists H_1, H_2. H = H_1 * H_2 \\ S, H_1 \models P \wedge S, H_2 \models Q$$

*empty* represents the empty heap



# Hoare logic & heap

- as usual: pre-/post- specifications  $\{P\} - \{Q\}$
- of course: new program-constructs  $\implies$  new specific axioms
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## Frame rule

- generalization of the “rule of constancy”

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## Small axioms

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{E \mapsto \_ \} & [E] := E' & \{E \mapsto E'\} \\ \Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{E \mapsto n \wedge x = m\} & x := [E] & \{E[m/x] \mapsto n \wedge x = n\} \\ \Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{E \mapsto \_ \} & \text{dispose}(E) & \{\text{empty}\} \\ \Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{\text{empty} \wedge x = m\} & x := \text{cons}(\vec{E}) & \{x \mapsto \vec{E}[m/x]\} \end{array}$$

# Procedures

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Return  $\frac{}{\Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{P[x/ret]\} \text{ return } x \{P\}}$

PROC  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash \{P\} k(\vec{x}) \{Q\}}{\Lambda, \Gamma \vdash \{P[\vec{y}/\vec{x}]\} y := k(\vec{y}) \{Q[\vec{y}, y/\vec{x}, ret]\}}$

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# Separation logic and inheritance

- vehicle: standard, prototypical oo language
  - single inheritance & late binding
  - inspired by C#
- Hoare-logic/separation logic method specification
- weakening of behavioral subtyping
- incremental reasoning



# Language syntax: statements

<b>s</b> ::=		statement
	$x := y$	assignment
	$x := \text{null}$	initialization
	$x := y.f$	field access
	$x.f := y$	field update
	$x := y.m(\vec{z})$	dynamic method invocation
	$x := y.C :: m(\vec{z})$	direct method invocation
	$x := (C)y$	cast
	if $(x = y)$ then $\vec{s}$ else $\vec{t}$	equality test
	$x := \text{new } C$	object creation

# Language syntax: classes and specs

$L$	$::=$	$\text{class } C : D\{\text{public } \vec{T} \vec{f} \vec{A} K \vec{M}\}$	class definition
$A$	$::=$	$\text{define}_{\alpha_C}$	predicate family entry
$K$	$::=$	$\text{public } C() S_d S_s \{\vec{s}\}$	
$M$	$::=$		method definition
		$\text{virtual } C m(\vec{D} \vec{x}) S_d S_s B$	virtual method
		$\text{override } C m(\vec{D} \vec{x}) S_d S_s B$	overridden method
		$\text{inherit } C m(\vec{D} \vec{x}) S_d S_s$	inherited method
$S_d$	$::=$	$\text{dynamic } S$	dynamic specification
$S_s$	$::=$	$\text{static } S$	static specification
$S$	$::=$	$\{P\} \_ \{Q\} \mid S \text{ also } \{P\} \_ \{Q\}$	method specification
$B$	$::=$	$\{ \vec{C} \vec{x}; \vec{s}; \text{return } y; \}$	method body

# Operational semantics: calls

- operational semantics
- transitions between configs:  $S, H, \vec{s}$

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} mbody(C, m) = (\vec{z}'', B) \quad B = \vec{C} \vec{x}; \vec{s}' \text{ return } x'; \\ \theta = [y_1, \vec{z}', \vec{x}' / \text{this}, \vec{z}'', \vec{x}] \quad \vec{z}', \vec{x}' \text{ fresh} \quad S' = S[\vec{z}' \mapsto S(\vec{z})] \end{array}}{S, H, y_0 := y_1.C :: m(\vec{z}); \vec{s} \rightarrow S', H, (\theta \vec{s}') y_0 := (\theta x'); \vec{s}} \text{CALL-DIR}$$
$$\frac{type(H(S(y))) = C \quad S, H, x = y.C :: m(\vec{z}); \vec{s} \rightarrow S', H', \vec{s}'}{S, H, x = y.m(\vec{z}); \vec{s} \rightarrow S', H' \vec{s}'} \text{CALL-LATE}$$

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# Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} P, Q &::= \forall x. P \mid P \rightarrow Q \mid \perp \mid \alpha(\vec{x}) \mid e = e' \mid c : C \\ &\mid x.f \mapsto e \mid P * Q \mid P \multimap Q \mid \text{empty} \\ e &::= x \mid \text{null} \end{aligned}$$

- slight refinement from the previous version:
  - adaptation to the **oo**-language
  - **abstract predicate families**  $\alpha$

## Some (fairly standard) proof rules

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$$\frac{x \text{ has static type } C \quad \Gamma \vdash C.m(\vec{x}) : \{P\} - \{Q\}}{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash \{P[x, \vec{y}/\text{this}, \vec{x}] \wedge \text{this} \neq \text{null}\} z := x.m(\vec{y}) \{Q[z, x, \vec{y}/\text{ret}, \text{this}, \vec{x}]\}} \text{CALL}$$

$$\frac{x \text{ has static type } C \quad \Gamma \vdash C :: m(\vec{x}) : \{S\} - \{T\}}{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash \{S[x, \vec{y}/\text{this}, \vec{x}] \wedge \text{this} \neq \text{null}\} z := \mathbf{x.C} :: m(\vec{y}) \{T[z, x, \vec{y}/\text{ret}, \text{this}, \vec{x}]\}}$$

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# Aspects of inheritance

- different “uses” of inheritance
  1. “specialization” (= adding methods/members)
  2. overriding (= no change of behavior)
  3. code-reuse (= overriding with change of behavior)

## Example

```
class Cell {  
    public int val;  
  
    public virtual void set(int x) { this.val = x; }  
  
    public virtual int get ()    { return this.val; }  
}
```

```
class Recell; Cell {  
    public int back  
    public override void set(int x) {  
        this.back = base.get();  
        base.set(x); }  
}
```

```
class DCell: Cell {  
    public override void set(int x) {  
        base.set(2*x);}  
}
```

# Static and dynamic specs

- method **specification**: pre- and post-condition, method “**contract**”
- here: split into
  - **static** spec
  - **dynamic** spec



## Example: Cell

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}
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## Example: Cell

```
class Cell {
  public int val

  public virtual void set(int x)
  dynamic { (Val(this, -) } - { Val(this, x) }
  static  { this.val > - } - { this.val > x }
  { ... }

  public virtual int get ()
  dynamic { Val(this, x) } - { Val(this, x) * ret = x }
  static  { this.val > x } - { this.val > * ret = x }
  { ... }
}
```

## Cell (more details)

```
class Cell {
  int val;
  define  $Val_{Cell}(x, v)$  as  $x.val \mapsto v$ 

  public Cell () dynamic {true} - {Val(this, -)} {}

  public virtual void set(int x)
  dynamic {Val(this, -)} {Val(this, x)}
  {this.val := x}

  public virtual int get()
  dynamic {Val(this, v)} - {Val(this, v) * ret = v}
  {return this.val; }

  public virtual void swap (Cell c)
  static {Val(this, v1) * Val(this, v2)} - {Val(this, v2) * Val(this, v1)}
  { int t, t2; t:=this.get();
    t2 := c.get(); this.set(t2); c.set(t); }
}
```

## Abstract predicate family

- **abstract predicate** : “hide” details (of the state)
- **family** : generalization for OO: entry **per class**
- “entry” in class `Cell`
- abstract predicates: **scoped**

$$Val(x, v) \triangleq x.val \mapsto v \quad (1)$$

$$x : C \rightarrow (Val(x, v) \leftrightarrow x.val \mapsto v) \quad (2)$$

## Overriding & changing

```
class DCell : Cell{  
  public override void set(int x)  
    dynamic { Val(this, -) } - { Val(this, x) }  
    also    { DVal(this, -) } - { DVal(this, x*2) }  
  { ... }  
  
  public inherit int get () {  
    dynamic { Val(this, v) } - { Val(this, v) * ret = v }  
    also    { DVal(this, v) } - { DVal(this, v) * ret = v }  
  }  
}
```

## DCell (more details)

# Method verification

- 3 rules, covering 3 different situation, how a method can “occur” in a class
  1. defined directly, as **virtual** method
  2. **inherited** methods
  - 3.
- form of the **judgment**

$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash M \text{ in } C$$

definition of  $M$  “as available in  $C$ ”

# Behavioral subtyping and refinement

- **relation** between specs
- regulates the **implications** between the different, involved method specs (static or dynamic)
- most straightforward definition: **model inclusion**<sup>1</sup>

$\{P_1\} - \{Q_1\}$  **refines**  $\{P_2\} - \{Q_2\}$  if  $\models \{P_1\} \vec{s} \{Q_1\}$   
*implies*  $\models \{P_2\} \vec{s} \{Q_2\}$ ,

- notation:

$$\{P_1\} - \{Q_1\} \Longrightarrow \{P_2\} - \{Q_2\}$$

- speciality (for sep-logic + inheritance)

$$\{P_1\} - \{Q_1\} \xrightarrow{\text{this}, E} \{P_2\} - \{Q_2\}$$

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<sup>1</sup>They speak the other way round, and are not consistent



# Virtual methods

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$$B = \{\vec{G}\vec{y}; \vec{s}; \text{return } z\}$$

$$Sd = \text{dynamic}\{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \quad Ss = \text{static}\{S_E\} - \{T_E\}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \xrightarrow{\text{this}; E} \{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \{S_E\} \vec{s} \{T_E[z/\text{ret}]\}}{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash \text{virtual } C \ m(\vec{D}\vec{x}) \ Sd \ Ss \ \text{in } E} \text{M-VIRT}$$

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- 2 relevant proof obligations
  1. dynamic dispatch
  2. body verification

# Inherited methods

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$$\begin{array}{l} E \leq^1 F \quad Sd = \text{dynamic}\{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \quad Ss = \text{static}\{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \\ \Gamma \vdash F.m(\vec{x}) : \{P_f\} - \{Q_f\} \quad \Gamma \vdash F :: m(\vec{x}) : \{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \\ \Delta \vdash \{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \implies \{P_F\} - \{Q_F\} \quad \Delta \vdash \{S_F\} - \{T_F\} \implies \{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \\ \Delta \vdash \{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \xRightarrow{\text{this};E} \{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \end{array}$$

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$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash \text{inherit } C \ m(\vec{D}\vec{x}) \ Sd \ Ss \ \text{in } E$$

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- 2 relevant proof obligations
  1. behavioral subtyping
  2. inheritance
  3. body verification

## Overridden methods

$$E \leq^1 F \quad Sd = \text{dynamic}\{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \quad Ss = \text{static}\{S_E\} - \{T_E\}$$
$$B = \{\vec{G} \vec{y}; \vec{s} \text{return } z; \} \quad \Gamma \vdash F.m(\vec{x}) : \{P_F\} - \{Q_F\}$$
$$\Delta \vdash \{P_E\} - \{Q_E\} \Longrightarrow \{P_F\} - \{Q_F\}$$
$$\Delta \vdash \{S_E\} - \{T_E\} \xrightarrow{\text{this}; E} \{P_E\} - \{Q_E\}$$
$$\Delta; \Gamma \vdash \{S_E\} \vec{s} \{T_E[z/\text{ret}]\}$$

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$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash \text{override } C \ m(\vec{D}\vec{x}) \ Sd \ Ss \ \text{in } E$$

M-OVER

- 3 relevant proof conditions

1. behavioral subtyping
2. dynamic dispatch
3. body verification

# Recell

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## Abstract function definition

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$$\frac{\Lambda, \Lambda'; \Gamma \vdash \{P'\} C' \{Q'\} \quad \Lambda; \Gamma, \{P'\} k(\vec{x}) \{Q'\} \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\}}{\Lambda; \Gamma \text{ in} \vdash \{P\} \text{ let } k \vec{x} = C' \text{ in } C \{Q\}} \text{ ABST-FUN-D}$$

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# Scoping

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$$\frac{\Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\}}{\Lambda, \Lambda'; \Gamma \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\}} \text{A-WEAK}$$

$$\frac{\Lambda, \Lambda'; \Gamma \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\} \quad \text{dom}(\Lambda') \text{ not used in } P, Q, \Gamma, \Lambda}{\Lambda; \Gamma \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\}} \text{A-ELIM}$$

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```
let
  consPool s =
    { newvar p;
      p := cons(null,s);
      return p }

  getConn x =
    ( newvar n,c,l,p;
      l := [x];
      if (l=null)
      then p:=[x+1];c:=consConn(p)
      else (c:=[l]; n:=[n+1]; dispose(l);
            dispose(l+1); [x] := n);
      return c
    )

  freeConn x y =
    ( newvar t,n;
      t := [x];
```





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