The Isabelle Collections Framework

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Motivation

- Generation of efficient, verified code from Isabelle/HOL
 - Requires efficient (purely functional) data structures
- Options
 - Some data structures spread around Isabelle library and AFP
 - Different interfaces, different sets of implemented operations

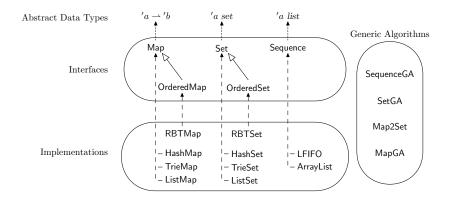
- Ad-hoc implementations of efficient DS within larger projects
- Manual editing of generated code
- Using lists for everything
 - Also common in unverified functional programming
- Automatic translation from ADT to CDT (Since 2009-2)
 - Problems with underspecified functions
 - e.g. select an element from a set

The Isabelle Collection Framework

- Unified interface to collection data structures
- Easy to use
 - Little effort to generate executable code
 - Suited for larger developments
- Extensible
 - Easy to add new interfaces, algorithms, data structures

- Efficient
 - Vastly outperforms default code generator

Overview



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Data Refinement

- $\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{ADT} & [\mathsf{e.g.}\ 'a\ set] & \mathsf{Abstract}\ \mathsf{Algorithm}\ [f] \\ & \uparrow \alpha \\ \mathsf{CDT}\ [\mathsf{e.g.}\ 'a\ RBTree] & \mathsf{Concrete}\ \mathsf{Algorithm}\ [\bar{f}] \end{array}$
 - Show
 - 1. $P x \Longrightarrow Q (f x)$ (Correctness of abstract algorithm)
 - 2. *invar* $\bar{x} \implies invar(\bar{f} \ \bar{x}) \land \alpha \ (\bar{f} \ \bar{x}) = f(\alpha \ \bar{x})$ (Correctness of Implementation)
 - Step 1: Independent from ICF.
 - Good setup of automatic methods for Isabelle's standard types
 - Step 2: Usually discharged automatically by simplifier.
 - Underspecification (e.g. SOME $x. x \in S$)
 - Nondeterministic abstract algorithm: α (\overline{f} \overline{x}) $\in f$ (α \overline{x})
 - Parameterize abstract algorithm over underspecified operation

Interfaces

| ADT | Abstract Algorithm | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| $\uparrow \alpha$ | \downarrow implementation | | |
| Interface | Generic Algorithm | | |
| ↑ interpret | \downarrow instantiation | | |
| CDT | Concrete Algorithm | | |

- Interface of CDT specified as locale
- Implementation proof done wrt. locale
- Locale interpreted with CDT
- $\Rightarrow\,$ Separation of implementation proof and data structure

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Example

Interface for sets:

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locale StdSet = StdSetDefs ops + **assumes** empty-correct : α $empty = \{\}$ **and** invar empty **assumes** ins-correct : $invar \ s \implies \alpha$ $(ins \ x \ s) = \{x\} \cup \alpha \ s$ $invar \ s \implies invar \ (ins \ x \ s)$

Implementation of interface:

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definition hs-ops \equiv \dots
interpretation hs! : StdSet hs-ops
proof
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Example

Abstract Algorithm: **fun** set-a **where** set-a [] = {} set-a (a#l) = (insert a (set-a l))

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Generic Algorithm:

context StdSetDefs begin

fun set-g where

set-g [] = empty

set-g (a#l) = (ins a (set-g l))
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Correct implementation: **lemma (in** StdSet) set-g-correct : invar (set-g l) $\land \alpha$ (set-g l) = set-a l **by** (induct l) (auto simp add : correct)

Instantiation: Now available: hs.set-g, rs.set-g, ...

Extending the ICF

New interfaces

- New data structures
 - Supported by library of generic algorithms
 - Implement all operations from a few basic operations
 - Adapt one interface to another (e.g. set-by-map)
- New generic algorithms
 - Naming conventions make instantiation canonical
 - Currently: Ad-hoc script for automatic instantiation

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locale MyContextDefs = StdSetDefs ops for ops :: (nat, 's) set-ops+fixes iterate :: ('s, nat, nat × nat) iterator fixes iterate' :: ('s, nat, 's) iterator begin definition $avg-aux :: 's \Rightarrow nat × nat$ where $avg-aux s == iterate (\lambda × (c, sum). (c + 1, sum + x)) s (0, 0)$ definition avg s == let (c, sum) = avg-aux s in sum div c

definition filter-le-avg s == let a = avg s in iterate' ($\lambda \times s$. if $x \leq a$ then ins x s else s) s empty end

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lemmas my-correct = hs-correct
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complex-invar m = hm-invar $m \land (\forall s \in ran (hm \neg \alpha m))$. hs-invar s)

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 - Termination may depend on invariant, get equations of the form:

invar $s \Longrightarrow f \ s = \dots$

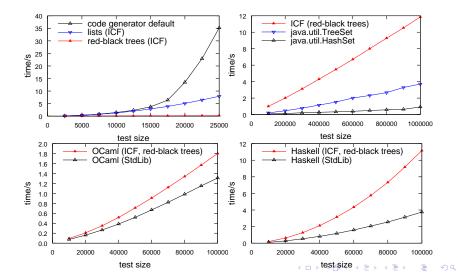
Conditional equations cannot be used as code equations

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- Isabelle2009-2: Invariants may be hidden in typedefs

Efficiency

 Inserting/deleting/testing random numbers, and iteration to sum up numbers in set



Case Study

- Implemented tree automata library with ICF
 - Fixed CDT: Using red-black trees for maps and sets
- Test: Intersect pairs of random automata and check result for emptiness
 - ▶ Haskell is fastest, even comparable with Java implementation
 - Our library vastly outperforms Timbuk/Taml
 - They use lists to implement sets

| Language | ICF | ICF | ICF | ICF | Taml | LETHAL |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|----------|--------|
| | Haskell | SML | OCaml | OCaml(i) | OCaml(i) | Java |
| complete | 1.5s | 6.1s | 12.5s | 121s | 1923s | 0.46s |
| reduced | 0.07s | 0.41s | 0.52s | 4.98s | 71.64s | 0.12s |

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Ongoing work

- Add more ADTs (Heaps, Priority Queues, ...)
 - Arrays mapped to persistent arrays in ML/Haskell
- Encapsulate invariants in typedefs

Future work

- Equality of keys/elements
 - Currently, logical equality is used.
 - Not adequate for nested data structures e.g., hash-set of tree-sets
- Tune existing implementations for efficiency
- State Monads (Imperative HOL): More efficient, but more effort to create executable code.