Angelic Execution

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Today

Last lecture
  • Symbolic execution

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  • Solvers as angelic oracles
So far, we have used solvers as demonic oracles

Program $P$  Spec $S$

Verifier

$P \land \neg S$

Solver

An input $i$ on which $P$ violates $S$
But solvers can also act as angelic oracles

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1. Definitions
2. Implementations
3. Applications

Angelic Interpreter

Solver

A trace of P that satisfies S
Angelic non-determinism, two ways

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**Specification statement:**
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Robert Floyd, 1967

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Angelic non-determinism, two ways

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Non-deterministically chooses a value of (finite) type T so that the program terminates successfully.

Designed to abstract away the details of backtracking search.

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Carroll Morgan, 1988

A programming abstraction
Angelic non-determinism, two ways

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Non-deterministically modifies the values of frame variables \(x_1, \ldots, x_n\) so that \(\text{post}\) holds in the next state if \(\text{pre}\) holds in the current state.

Designed to enable derivation of programs from specifications via step-wise refinement.

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A refinement abstraction
Angelic non-determinism, two ways: an example

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Interleaves imperative and angelic execution. As a result, implementation requires global constraint solving.

\[
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Alternates between angelic and imperative execution. As a result, implementation requires only local constraint solving.
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```

**“Angelic Interpretation”**

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**“Mixed Interpretation”**
Mixed interpretation with a model finder (1/4)

Java program with Alloy specification statements

Squander

PBnJ
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Call to the Squander mixed interpreter ensures that the state of this tree and the node z is mutated so that the insertion specification is satisfied when the insert method returns.

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**Execution steps:**
- Serialize the relevant part of the heap to a universe and bounds
- Use Kodkod to solve the specs against the resulting universe / bounds
- Deserialize the solution (if any) and update the heap accordingly
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reachable objects

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post-state

\{\} \subseteq root \subseteq \{t_1\} \times \{n_1, \ldots, n_4, \text{null}\}
\{\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle\} \subseteq left \subseteq \{n_2, n_3, n_4\} \times \{n_1, \ldots, n_4, \text{null}\}
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class Node {
    // Properties and methods
}

class NodeTree {
    private Node root;

    public void insert(Node z) {
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    }
}

// Diagram of a sample tree
this
  root
    left
      n1
        key: 5
        left
          n2
            key: 0
            right
              n3
                key: 6
                right
                  n4
                    key: 1
                    left
                      z
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Incompleteness due to finitization: Squander bounds the number of new instances of a given type that Kodkod can create to satisfy the specification.
Mixed interpretation with an SMT solver (1/3)

- Scala program with PureScala specifications
  - Kaplan
  - Leon
  - Z3
Mixed interpretation with an SMT solver (1/3)

Scala program with PureScala specifications

PureScala is a pure, Turing complete subset of Scala that supports unbounded datatypes and arbitrary recursive functions.

Kaplan

Leon

Z3
Mixed interpretation with an SMT solver (2/3)

```scala
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Recursive specification functions. Mutual recursion also allowed.

Two execution modes:

- **Eager**: uses Leon to find a satisfying assignment for a given specification.
- **Lazy**: accumulates specifications, checking their feasibility, until the programmer asks for the value of a logical variable. The variable is then frozen (permanently bound) to the returned value.

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Incompleteness due to undecidability of PureScala.

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See Constraints as Control for details.
Angelic interpretation with a solver

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Execution steps:
- Translate to the entire program to constraints using either BMC or SE.
- Query the solver for one or all solutions that satisfy the constraints.
- Convert each solution to a valid program trace (represented, e.g., as a sequence of choices made by the oracle in a given execution).
Applications of angelic execution

Declarative mocking [Samimi et al., ISSTA’13]

Angelic debugging [Chandra et al., ICSE’11]

Imperative/declarative programming [Milicevic et al., ICSE’11]

Algorithm development [Bodik et al., POPL’10]

Dynamic program repair [Samimi et al., ECOOP’10]

Test case generation [Khurshid et al., ASE’01]

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Summary

Today

• Angelic nondeterminism with specifications statements and angelic choice
• Angelic execution with model finders and SMT solvers
• Applications of angelic execution

Next lecture

• Program synthesis