

# Abstractions of Data Types

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# Aim

- **Investigate three types of abstractions** in the context of (abstract) data types, and provide preservation results that generalize preservation results known from:
  - Shape analysis
  - Predicate abstraction
  - McMillan's approach
  - Duplicating predicate symbols technique
  - etc.
- **Investigate equationally defined abstractions** in the context of (abstract) data types.

# Framework

## Abstract data types modeled by universal algebras

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2. J. Loecks, H.-D. Ehrich, M. Wolf. *Algebraic Specification of Abstract Data Types*, in Handbook of Logic in Computer Science, vol 5, Clarendon Press, 2000, 217–316.
3. H. Ehrig, D. Mahr. *Fundamentals of Algebraic Specification 1: Equations and Initial Semantics*, Springer-Verlag, 1985.
4. H. Ehrig, D. Mahr. *Fundamentals of Algebraic Specification 2: Module Specifications and Constraints*, Springer-Verlag, 1990.

# Terminology

- **Data types modeled by** universal algebras. Why?
  - mathematical precision
  - independence of implementation
  - axiomatic definition of operations
  - suitable to reason about operations and their properties
- **Abstract data types modeled by** classes of universal algebras closed under isomorphism. Why?
  - the closer under isomorphism corresponds to the similarity concept
- **Specifications given by** sets of equations
- **Model** = data type (algebra) which satisfies a specification

# A Motivating Example

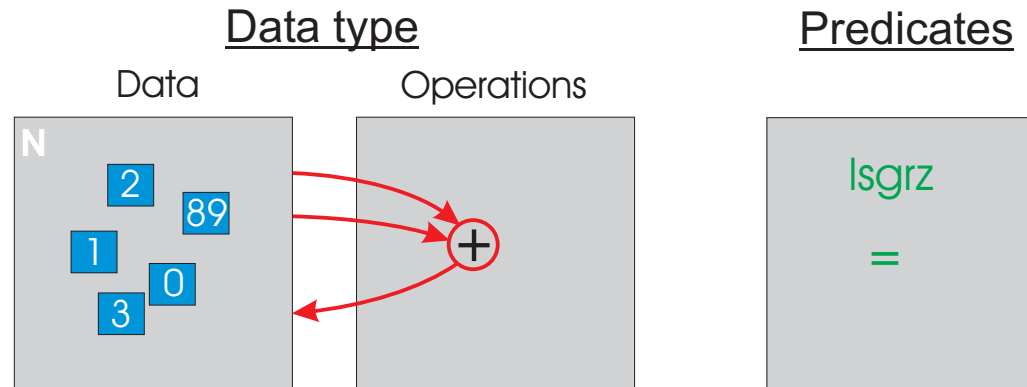


Figure: A data type  $A = (\mathbf{N}, +^A)$  together with a set of predicates

The following property holds true:

$$(\forall x, y \in A)(Isgrz^A(x) \vee Isgrz^A(y) \Rightarrow Isgrz^A(x +^A y))$$

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# A Motivating Example (cont'd)

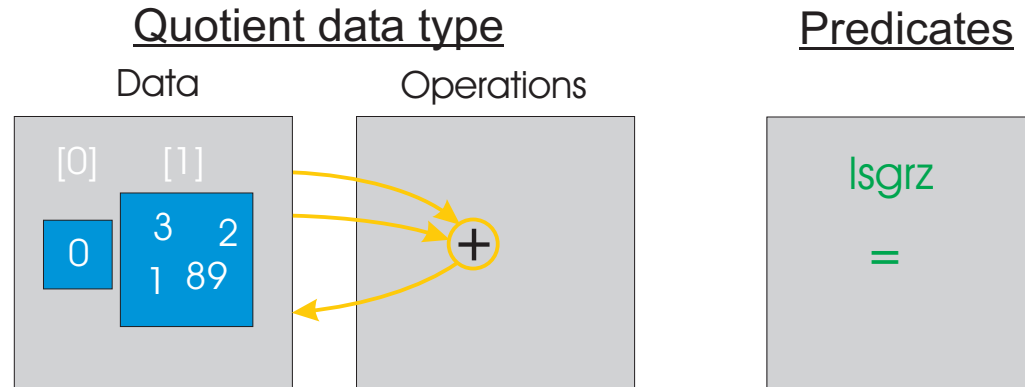


Figure: The quotient data type  $A/\rho = (\mathbf{N}/\rho, +^{A/\rho})$  together with a set of predicates

Let  $Isgrz^{A/\rho}$  be the interpretation of  $Isgrz$  in  $A/\rho$  given by

$$Isgrz^{A/\rho}([a]_\rho) \text{ iff } (\forall a' \in [a]_\rho)(Isgrz^A(a'))$$

The following property holds true:

$$(\forall x, y \in A/\rho)(Isgrz^{A/\rho}(x) \vee Isgrz^{A/\rho}(y) \Rightarrow Isgrz^{A/\rho}(x +^{A/\rho} y))$$

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# A Motivating Example (cont'd)

## Conclusions:

- (1) the **meta-language** used to express properties of data types (algebras) **should be specific to signatures and not to data types (algebras)**;
- (2) data type reductions can be captured by congruences. In such a case, the operations are automatically redefined to operate on the quotient data type (algebra), but the **predicates need a special treatment**.

# Logically Extended Signatures

- logical type

- $w \in S^+$

- $w = (nat, bool), w = (nat, nat, bool)$

- logical  $S$ -sorted signature

- $\Sigma_L$  contains only logical symbols (predicate symbols)

- $\Sigma_L = \{Isgrz, =\}$

- logically extended  $S$ -sorted signature

- $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ , where  $\Sigma$  is an  $S$ -sorted signature



# $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebras

- A  $\Sigma$ -algebra does the following:
  - associates domains to sorts
  - interprets the function symbols as operations of corresponding types
- A  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebra does the following:
  - associates domains to sorts
  - interprets the function symbols as operations of corresponding types
  - interprets the logical symbols into  $\{0, 1, \perp\}$

We use Kleene's 3-valued first order logic

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# Kleene's 3-valued First Order Logic

- first order formulas over  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$  and  $X$ 
  - $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$
- positive formulas
  - $\mathcal{L}^+(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$
- assignment
  - $\gamma : X \rightarrow A$
- the interpretation function of  $\varphi$  into  $\mathbf{A}$ 
  - $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}}(\varphi) : \Gamma(X, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow A \cup \{0, 1, \perp\}$

$$\mathbf{A} \models \varphi \iff (\forall \gamma : X \rightarrow A)(\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}}(\varphi)(\gamma) = 1)$$

# Abstractions of Models

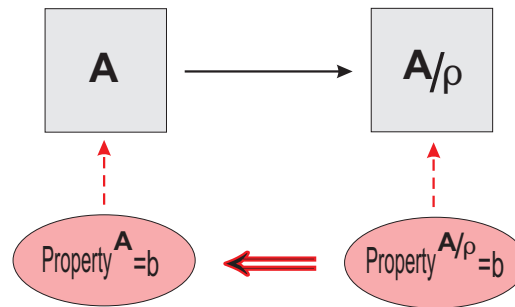
An **abstraction** of a  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is any couple consisting of:

- a **quotient algebra** of  $\mathbf{A}$  under a congruence  $\rho$  ( $\mathbf{A}/\rho$ ), and
- an **interpretation of the logical symbols** into  $\mathbf{A}/\rho$

Congruences can be defined by:

- surjective homomorphisms
- sets of predicates
- partitions
- etc.

# Property Preservation



- **strong-preservation** — if a set of properties with truth values true or false in the abstract system has corresponding properties in the concrete system with the same truth values;
- **weak-preservation** — if a set of properties true in the abstract system has corresponding properties in the concrete system that are also true;
- **error-preservation** — if a set of properties false in the abstract system has corresponding properties in the concrete system that are also false.

# Types of Abstractions

$p^A(a'_1, \dots, a'_n), a'_i \in [a_i]$	$p^{A/\rho}([a_1], \dots, [a_n])$		
	$\forall\forall$ -abs	$\forall\exists$ -abs	$\exists^{0,1}\forall$ -abs
all 1	1	1	1
all 0	0	0	0
$\perp$ and 0/1	$\perp$	0, $\perp$	$\perp$
0 and 1	$\perp$	0	1

# Property Preservation – $\forall\forall$

**Theorem** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebra,  $\rho$  a  $\forall\forall$ -abstraction of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and  $\varphi$  a formula. Then

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}/\rho}(\varphi)(\gamma) = b \Rightarrow (\forall \gamma' \in \gamma)(\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}}(\varphi)(\gamma') = b),$$

for any  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma(X, \mathbf{A}/\rho)$ .

**Corollary**  $\forall\forall$ -abstractions of  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebras are strongly preserving w.r.t. formulas in  $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$ .

# Property Preservation – $\forall\exists$

**Theorem** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebra,  $\rho$  an abstraction of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and  $\varphi$  a formula in  $\mathcal{L}^+(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$ . If  $\rho$  is an  $\forall\exists$ -abstraction then

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}/\rho}(\varphi)(\gamma) = 1 \Rightarrow (\forall \gamma' \in \gamma)(\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}}(\varphi)(\gamma') = 1),$$

for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma(X, \mathbf{A}/\rho)$ .

**Corollary**  $\forall\exists$ -abstractions of  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebras are weakly preserving w.r.t. formulas in  $\mathcal{L}^+(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$ .

# Property Preservation – $\exists^{0,1}\forall$

**Theorem** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebra,  $\rho$  an abstraction of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and  $\varphi$  a formula in  $\mathcal{L}^+(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$ . If  $\rho$  is an  $\exists^{0,1}\forall$ -abstraction then

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}/\rho}(\varphi)(\gamma) = 0 \Rightarrow (\forall \gamma' \in \gamma)(\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{A}}(\varphi)(\gamma') = 0),$$

for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma(X, \mathbf{A}/\rho)$ .

**Corollary**  $\exists^{0,1}\forall$ -abstractions of  $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$ -algebras are error preserving w.r.t. formulas in  $\mathcal{L}^+(\Sigma, \Sigma_L, X)$ .



# Applications

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The following formalisms can be viewed as **particular cases** of our approach (regarding the abstraction method and the corresponding preservation results):

- predicate abstraction
- shape analysis
- the technique of duplicating predicate symbols
- McMillan's approach

# Abstractions of ADTs

- **Abstract Data Type (ADT)**: class of algebras closed under isomorphism
  - monomorphic
  - polymorphic
- **Specification of an ADT**
  - syntax (fixes the “form”)
  - semantics (fixes the “meaning”)
- **Initial specification**
  - (syntax)  $S_p = (\Sigma, E)$  where  $\Sigma$  is a signature and  $E$  is a set of  $\Sigma$ -equations
  - (semantics)  $\mathcal{M}(S_p) = \{\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{T}_{\Sigma, E}\}$

$\mathcal{M}(S_p)$  is also called the **monomorphic ADT** defined by  $S_p$

# Abstractions of ADTs

## Initial logically extended specification

- (syntax)  $Sp = (\Sigma, \Sigma_L, E, \Sigma_L^{T_{\Sigma, E}})$ 
  - $(\Sigma, \Sigma_L)$  is a logically extended signature
  - $E$  is a set of  $\Sigma$ -equations
  - $\Sigma_L^{T_{\Sigma, E}}$  is a set of logical operations on  $T_{\Sigma, E}$
- (semantics)  $\mathcal{M}(Sp) = \{\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A} \in \text{Alg}_{\Sigma, \Sigma_L} \wedge \mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{T}_{\Sigma, \Sigma_L, E}\}$  where

$$\mathbf{T}_{\Sigma, \Sigma_L, E} = (T_{\Sigma, E}, \Sigma^{T_{\Sigma, E}}, \Sigma_L^{T_{\Sigma, E}})$$

**Theorem**  $\mathbf{T}_{\Sigma, \Sigma_L, E}$  is an initial algebra in  $\mathcal{M}(Sp)$ .

# The Keeping-up Program

- Z. Manna, A. Pnueli. *The Temporal Logic of Reactive and Concurrent Systems*, Springer-Verlag, 1992.

$$\text{local } x, y: \text{ integer where } x = y = 0$$
$$P_1 :: \left[ \begin{array}{l} l_0 : \text{loop forever do} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{await } x < y + 1 \\ l_2 : x := x + 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \parallel P_2 :: \left[ \begin{array}{l} m_0 : \text{loop forever do} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{l} m_1 : \text{await } y < x + 1 \\ m_2 : y := y + 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

Global safety property:  $\square(|x - y| \leq 1)$

# Specification of Keeping-up (I)

## LSpec Keeping-up

**sorts:** *nat*  
*vect(2)*  
*bool*

**opns:** *Zero : nat*  
*True, False : bool*  
*Succ : nat → nat*  
*Conv : bool → nat*  
*Leq : nat nat → bool*  
*Add : nat nat → nat*  
*Trans : vect(2) → vect(2)*

**lopns:** *GlobalSafety : vect(2)*

# Specification of Keeping-up (II)

**eqns:**  $Conv(False) = 0$   
 $Conv(True) = 1$   
 $Add(x, Zero) = x$   
 $Add(x, Succ(y)) = Succ(Add(x, y))$   
 $Leq(Zero, x) = True$   
 $Leq(Succ(x), Zero) = False$   
 $Leq(Succ(x), Succ(y)) = Leq(x, y)$   
 $Trans((x, y)) = (Add(x, Conv(Leq(x, y))), y)$   
 $Trans((x, y)) = (x, Add(y, Conv(Leq(y, x))))$

**leqns:**  $GlobalSafety_Q([(x, x)]_Q) = 1$   
 $GlobalSafety_Q([(x, Succ(x))]_Q) = 1$   
 $GlobalSafety_Q([(Succ(x), x)]_Q) = 1$

# Abstraction of Keeping-up

$$\mathit{Succ}(x) - \mathit{Succ}(y) = x - y$$

## Abs of Keeping-up

**vars:**  $x, y : \mathit{nat}$

**abs:**  $[(\mathit{Succ}(x), \mathit{Succ}(y))]_Q = [(x, y)]_Q$

**type:**  $\forall \forall$

Equivalence classes:

- $[(\mathit{Zero}, \mathit{Zero})]_Q$
- $[(\mathit{Succ}(\mathit{Zero}), \mathit{Zero})]_Q$
- $[(\mathit{Zero}, \mathit{Succ}(\mathit{Zero}))]_Q$

# The Bakery Algorithm

- L. Lamport. *A New Solution of the Dijkstra's Concurrent Problem*, Communications of the ACM 17, 1974, 453–455.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{local } x, y: \text{ integer where } x = y = 0 \\ \\ P_1 :: \left[ \begin{array}{l} 1 : x := y + 1; \\ 2 : \text{loop forever while} \\ \quad y \neq 0 \wedge x > y; \\ 3 : \text{critical section}; \\ 4 : x := 0; \end{array} \right] \quad \parallel \quad P_2 :: \left[ \begin{array}{l} 1 : y := x + 1; \\ 2 : \text{loop forever while} \\ \quad x \neq 0 \wedge y \geq x; \\ 3 : \text{critical section}; \\ 4 : y := 0; \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Safety property:

$$(\forall(x, x', y, y', z) \text{ reachable})(\neg \text{CriticalSection}(x, x', y, y', z))$$



# Specification of Bakery (I)

## LSpec Bakery

**sorts:**  $nat$   
 $vect(5)$

**opns:**  $Succ : nat \rightarrow nat$   
 $Trans : vect(5) \rightarrow vect(5)$

**lopns:**  $CriticalSection : vect(5)$

**vars:**  $x, x', y, y', z : nat$

# Specification of Bakery (II)

**eqns:**  $Trans((0, 0, 0, 0, 0)) = (1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$   
 $Trans((1, 1, 1, 1, 0)) = (1, 2, 1, 1, 0)$   
 $Trans((1, 2, 1, 1, 0)) = (0, 0, 1, 1, 2)$   
 $Trans((0, 0, y, y', z)) = (Succ(y), 1, y, y', 1)$   
 $Trans((x, x', 0, 0, z)) = (x, x', Succ(x), 1, 2)$   
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 $Trans((x, 1, y, 1, 2)) = (x, 2, y, 1, 2)$   
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 $Trans((x, 2, y, 1, z)) = (0, 0, y, 1, 2)$   
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 $Trans((x, 1, y, 2, 1)) = (x, 1, 0, 0, 1)$

**leqns:**  $CriticalSection_Q([(x, 2, y, 2, z)]_Q)$

# Abstraction of Bakery

## Abs of Bakery

**vars:**  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, y_1, y'_1, y_2, y'_2 : nat$

**abs:**  $[(x_1, x'_1, y_1, y'_1, 0)]_Q = [(x_2, x'_2, y_2, y'_2, 0)]_Q$

$[(x_1, x'_1, y_1, y'_1, 1)]_Q = [(x_2, x'_2, y_2, y'_2, 1)]_Q$

$[(x_1, x'_1, y_1, y'_1, 2)]_Q = [(x_2, x'_2, y_2, y'_2, 2)]_Q$

**type:**  $\forall\forall$

Equivalence classes:

$[(1, 1, 0, 0, 1)]_Q$

$[(0, 0, 1, 1, 2)]_Q$

$[(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)]_Q = \{[(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)]_Q, [(1, 1, 1, 1, 0)]_Q, [(1, 1, 2, 1, 0)]_Q\}$

# Conclusions

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## What we have done:

- general formalism for abstraction of (abstract) data types
- classification of abstractions w.r.t. the property preservation they assure
- equationally specified abstractions in the context of equationally specified abstract data types

## What remains to be done:

- extensions to temporal logics
- overloading, ordered sorts, hidden sorts etc.

# Specification of $A = (\mathbf{N}, +^A)$

**LSpec**

**Nat**

**sorts:** *nat*

**opns:** *Zero : nat*  
*Succ : nat  $\rightarrow$  nat*  
*Add : nat nat  $\rightarrow$  nat*

**vars:** *x, y : nat*

**eqns:** *Add(x, Zero) = x*  
*Add(x, Succ(y)) = Succ(Add(x, y))*

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**lopns:** *Isgrz : nat*

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**leqns:** *Isgrz<sub>Q</sub>([Succ(x)]<sub>Q</sub>) = 1*

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# Specification of $A/\rho = (\mathbf{N}/\rho, +^{A/\rho})$

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**eqns:**  $Add(x, Zero) = x$

$Add(x, Succ(y)) = Succ(Add(x, y))$

**leqns:**  $Isgrz_Q([Succ(x)]_Q) = 1$

## Abs of Nat

**vars:**  $x : nat$

**abs:**  $[Succ(Succ(x))]_Q = [Succ(Zero)]_Q$

**type:**  $\forall\forall$

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# Kleene's 3-valued Interpretation

$[0] = \{0\}$  and  $[1] = \{1, 2, \dots\}$

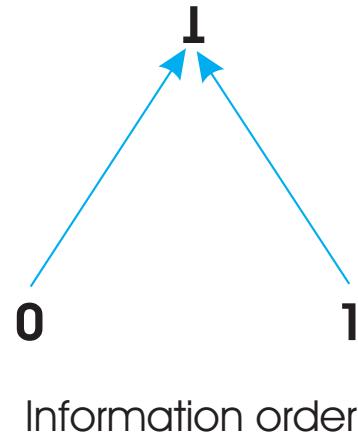
$=^{A/\rho}$	$[0]$	$[1]$
$[0]$	1	0
$[1]$	0	$\perp$

$=^{A/\rho} ([1], [1])$  is evaluated to  $\perp$  because two arbitrary numbers in  $[1]$  can be equal or different.

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# Kleene's 3-valued Interpretation



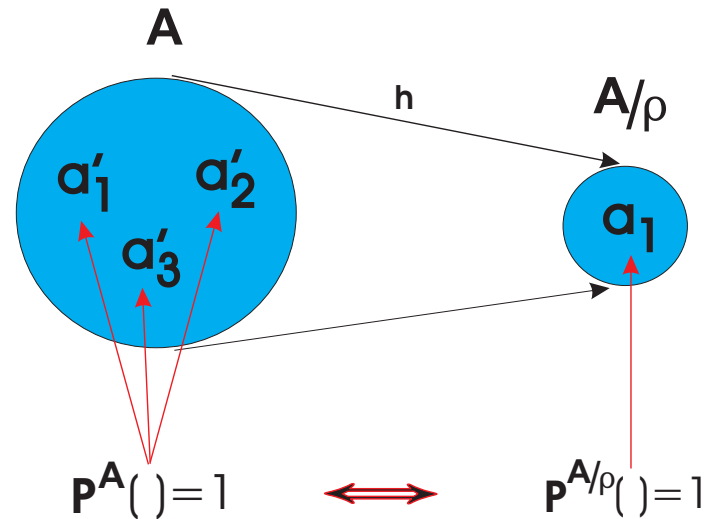
$\vee$	0	1	$\perp$
0	0	1	$\perp$
1	1	1	1
$\perp$	$\perp$	1	$\perp$

$\neg$	
0	1
1	0
$\perp$	$\perp$

$\wedge$	0	1	$\perp$
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	$\perp$
$\perp$	0	$\perp$	$\perp$

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# $\forall\exists$ -abstractions



- $p^{A/\rho}([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) = 1$  if  $(\forall i)(\forall a'_i \in [a_i])(p^A(a'_1, \dots, a'_n) = 1)$
- $p^{A/\rho}([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) = 0$  if  $(\forall i)(\exists a'_i \in [a_i])(p^A(a'_1, \dots, a'_n) = 0)$
- $p^{A/\rho}([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) = \perp$ , otherwise.

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# Applications: Shape Analysis

Shape Analysis is a Data Flow Analysis technique mainly used for complex analysis of dynamically allocated data structures

- F. Nielson, H.R. Nielson, Ch. Hankin. *Principles of Program Analysis*, Springer-Verlag, 1999.

It is based on:

- “observing” the **shape** of these structures
- extracting a finite characterization of them in the form of a **shape graph**

The shape graph is an abstraction of the behavior of the original data type. The analysis goes on by using corresponding preservation results.

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# Applications: Shape Analysis

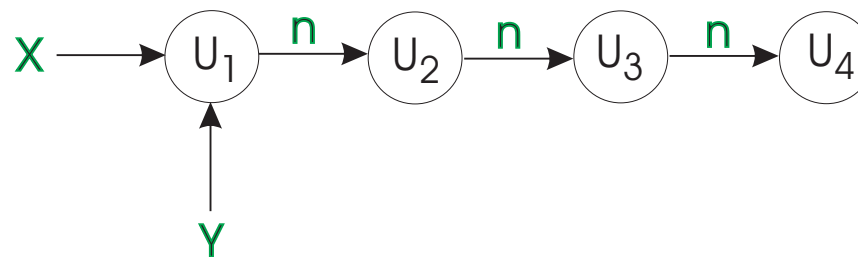
Example: original **data type of acyclic lists** (Sagiv, Reps, Wilhelm, 2002)

	$x$	$y$	$t$	$e$	$n$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$
$u_1$	1	1	0	0	$u_1$	0	1	0	0
$u_2$	0	0	0	0	$u_2$	0	0	1	0
$u_3$	0	0	0	0	$u_3$	0	0	0	1
$u_4$	0	0	0	0	$u_4$	0	0	0	0

← 2-valued logic

$x$ ,  $y$ ,  $t$  and  $e$  are unary predicates

$n$  is a binary predicate



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# Applications: Shape Analysis

**Example:** abstract data type of acyclic lists (the abstraction is driven by  $x, y, t$  and  $e$ )

	$x$	$y$	$t$	$e$
$u_1$	1	1	0	0
$u_{234}$	0	0	0	0

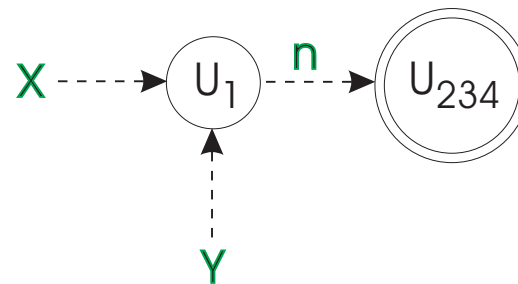
$n$	$u_1$	$u_{234}$
$u_1$	0	$\perp$
$u_{234}$	0	$\perp$

← 3-valued logic

←  $\forall$

$x, y, t$  and  $e$  are unary predicates

$n$  is a binary predicate



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# Applications: Shape Analysis

An **embedding** from  $S$  into  $S'$  is any surjective function  $f : U^S \rightarrow U^{S'}$  such that

$$\mathcal{I}^S(p)(u_1, \dots, u_k) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{I}^{S'}(p)(f(u_1), \dots, f(u_k)),$$

for any any predicate symbol  $p$  of arity  $k$  and all  $u_1, \dots, u_k \in U^S$ .

## **Theorem** (Embedding Theorem)

Let  $S = (U^S, \mathcal{I}^S)$  and  $S' = (U^{S'}, \mathcal{I}^{S'})$  be two structures, and  $f$  be an embedding from  $S$  into  $S'$ . Then, for every formula  $\varphi$  and every complete assignment  $\gamma$  for  $\varphi$ ,  $\mathcal{I}^S(\varphi)(\gamma) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{I}^{S'}(\varphi)(f \circ \gamma)$ .

The embedding theorem is a particular case of our theorem regarding property preservation by  $\forall\forall$ -abstractions

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# Applications: Duplicating Predicate Symbols

- E. Clarke, O. Grumberg, D.E. Long, 1994
- D. Dams, R. Gerth, O. Grumberg, 1997
- M. Bidoit, A. Boisseau, 2001

## Basics:

- associate copies to predicate symbols,  $P_{\oplus}$  and  $P_{\ominus}$
- derive two versions of each formula,  $\varphi_{\oplus}$  and  $\varphi_{\ominus}$ 
  - $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)_{\oplus} = P_{\oplus}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and similar for  $\ominus$
  - $(\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2)_{\oplus} = (\varphi_{1\oplus} \vee \varphi_{2\oplus})$  and similar for  $\ominus$  and the other operators except for  $\neg$
  - $(\neg\varphi)_{\oplus} = \neg(\varphi_{\ominus})$  and  $(\neg\varphi)_{\ominus} = \neg(\varphi_{\oplus})$
- use  $\varphi_{\oplus}$  for validation and  $\varphi_{\ominus}$  for refutation

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# Applications: Duplicating Predicate Symbols

M. Bidoit and A. Boisseau (2001) use an universal algebra formalism to model security protocols and the technique of duplicating predicate symbols to verify security properties:

- messages = terms in a term algebra
- message exchanges = equations and formulas in a first order logic with equality
- states and reachability relation
- secrecy property: S's private key ( $k^{-1}(S)$ ) remains secret

$$(\forall q_0, q : State)(\neg(q_0.I \models k^{-1}(S)) \wedge Reach(q_0, q) \Rightarrow \neg(q \models k^{-1}(S)))$$

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# Applications: Duplicating Predicate Symbols

The abstraction technique:

- abstractions are driven by epimorphisms  $\mathbf{A} \xrightarrow{h} \mathbf{A}^h$
- $P_{\oplus}^{A^h}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  iff  $(\forall i)(\forall a_i \in h^{-1}(b_i))(P^A(a_1, \dots, a_n))$
- $P_{\ominus}^{A^h}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  iff  $(\forall i)(\exists a_i \in h^{-1}(b_i))(P^A(a_1, \dots, a_n))$

Now, one of the main results proved by Bidoit and Boisseau states that:

$$\mathbf{A}^h \models \varphi_{\oplus} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \models \varphi$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}^h \not\models \varphi_{\ominus} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \not\models \varphi.$$

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# Applications: Duplicating Predicate Symbols

In our approach we associate to each predicate  $P$  a new copy  $P'$  and interpret it as  $\neg P$ .

**Theorem** The following properties holds true:

- if  $\rho$  is a  $\forall\exists$ -abstraction of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then

$$\mathbf{A}/\rho \models \varphi' \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \models \varphi$$

- if  $\rho$  is an  $\exists^{0,1}\forall$ -abstraction of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then

$$\mathbf{A}/\rho \not\models \varphi' \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \not\models \varphi$$

where  $\varphi'$  is obtained from  $\varphi$  by replacing  $\neg P$  by  $P'$  and  $\neg Q'$  by  $Q$ .

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