

COMA: an intermediate verification language with explicit abstraction barriers

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	$\mid \uparrow e$	barrier

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      return s))
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 $\forall s. (\forall e. e \in s \leftrightarrow e \in l \vee e \in r) \rightarrow k \ s) \wedge t \neq \text{Leaf}$

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On-the-fly factorization of selected handlers:

$$(\forall x. \varphi \rightarrow h s) \wedge (\forall y. \psi \rightarrow h t) \implies \\ \forall z. ((\exists x. \varphi \wedge z = s) \vee (\exists y. \psi \wedge z = t)) \rightarrow h z$$

- no factorized handlers \approx traditional WP
- factorize all eligible handlers \approx compact VC à la Flanagan & Saxe

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factorial (n: int) (return (m: int)) =
  { n ≥ 0 }
  allocate int 1 (&r: int) →
    ↑ allocate int n (&k: int) →
      loop
      / loop [r k] =
        { 0 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ r · k! = n! }
        ↑ if (k > 0) (→ assign int &r (r * k)
                      (→ assign int &k (k - 1)
                        (→ loop)))
          (→ break))
      / break [r] = { r = n! } ↑ return r

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allocate α (v: α) (return (&r: α) { r = v })
assign α (&r: α) (v: α) (return [r] { r = v })

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No-alias type system:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta' \vdash e \text{ wt} \quad \Delta' \text{ is } \Delta \text{ with all handler prototypes removed}}{\Gamma, \&r, \Delta \vdash (e \ \&r) \text{ wt}}$$

- can be further refined by tracking actual reference dependencies

Effect computation – to verify and infer the pre-write annotations

Transformation into an equivalent pure program:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{assign } \&r \ (r * k) \\ (\rightarrow \text{assign } \&k \ (k - 1) \\ (\rightarrow \text{loop})) \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{assign } r \ (r * k) \\ (r' \rightarrow \text{assign } k \ (k - 1) \\ (k' \rightarrow \text{loop } r' \ k')) \end{array}$$

- pre-writes are converted into term parameters
- fine-grained state monad: send only the relevant part of the state

Further into **control structures**: iterators, coroutines, unstructured code?

Further into **mutable state**: ownership, borrowing, prophecy variables?

Scalable **implementation**, good heuristics for subgoal factorization

Nice surface syntax, extensive **case studies**, integration into WHY3