

Scale Issues in Deductive Program Verification

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The 1st Verified Software Competition: Experience Report

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Ernie Cohen, Mark Hillebrand, Stephan Tobies, Bart Jacobs,
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`www.vscomp.org`

- **HOL4** (functional impl., spec in HOL)
- **ProofPower** (functional impl., spec in HOL)
- **Isabelle/VCG** (Hoare logic for C0)
- **Holfoot** (Separation logic for a C-like language, encoded in HOL)
- **KeY** (Dynamic logic for Java)
- **Dafny** (object-based language with built-in spec, like Java+JML)
- **SPARK/Ada** (contractualized subset of Ada)
- **Boogie** (intermediate language with assertions)
- **Resolve** (imperative component programs w/ modular specs)
- **VCC** (C with VCC assertions/invariants)
- **VeriFast** (Separation logic for Java and C)

Solution Overview

Tool	SUM&MAX	INVERT	LINKED-LIST	NQUEENS	QUEUE	SUM&MAX	INVERT	LINKED-LIST	NQUEENS	QUEUE	Team
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The goal is to prove that for any $N > 0$, the injectivity of B

$$\forall x, y. 0 \leq x < y < N \rightarrow B[x] \neq B[y] \quad (1)$$

follows from the inverse relation between the arrays A and B (which per loop invariant holds after the loop)

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- Dummy function trigger
- Complex reformulations

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- Issue: Control of SMT
- Issue: Abstract data types
- Degree of automation played hardly any role
- Performance played little role
- Benchmarking difficult—profile the user, not just the tool

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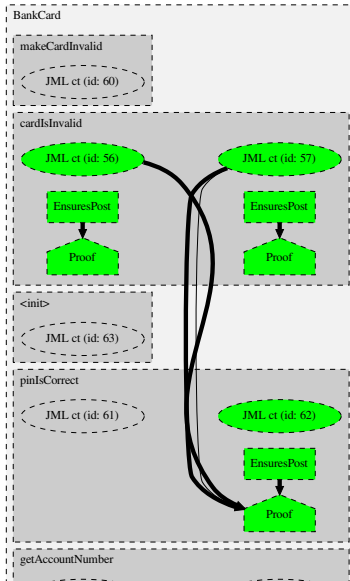
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A **product line** is a set of software systems (products) with well-defined commonalities and variabilities.



Given:

- a specified/verified product P_1
- a set of proofs for the product P_1
- an applicable delta set $\Delta(P_1, P_2)$

Wanted:

- a set of valid proofs for the product P_2
- ... faster than (re-)verifying P_2 in isolation

A solution:

Proof slicing algorithm

with Daniel Bruns and Ina Schaefer [Formal Verification of OO Software 2010]

What's in a Delta?

- Add/remove **class**
- Change direct superclass (**reparent**)
- Add/remove **field**
- Add/remove **method**
- Add/remove **method contract**
- Add/remove **class invariant**

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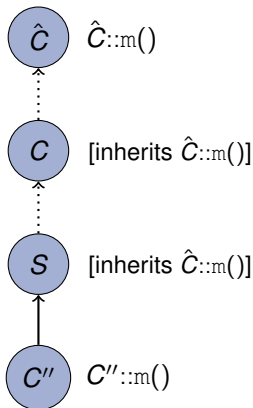
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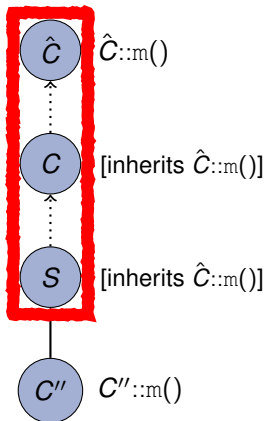
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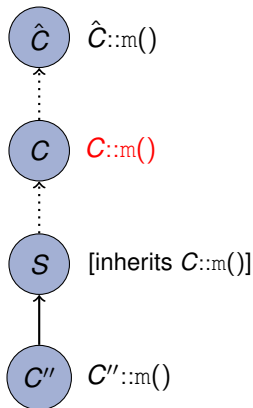
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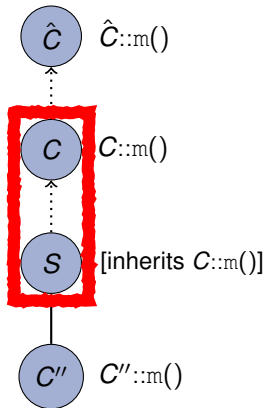
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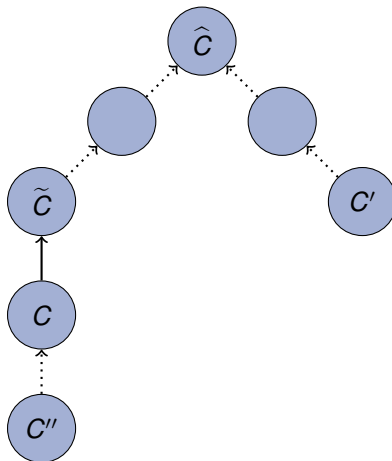
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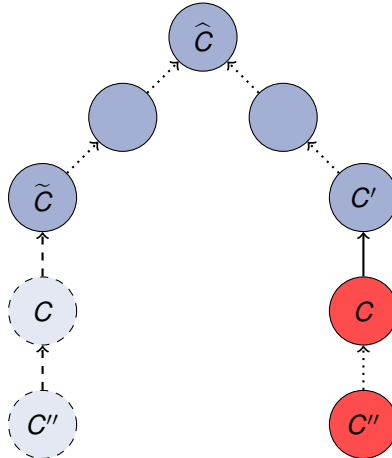
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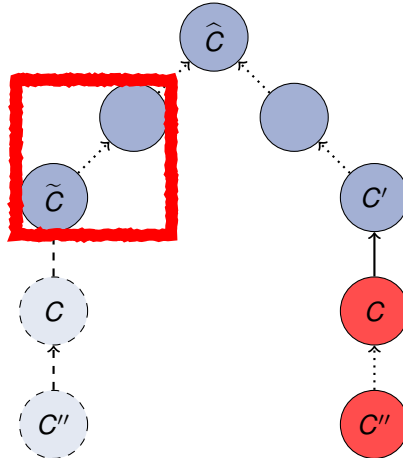
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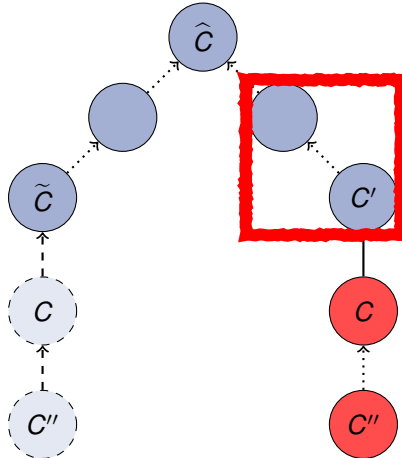
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2nd Step: Proof Reuse

Idea

- Some proofs have been killed in slicing
- Still, **new proofs for product P_2 often similar to those in P_1**
- Solution: similarity-guided proof reuse [SEFM 2004]

Proof reuse in KeY

- Originally implemented to support incremental software development
- ... in **interactive** verification
- Sound by design

Not Tied to One Verification System

- We do assume syntax-correct, typesafe products
- Method calls by contract or inlining
- Parametric invariant checking
- Conservative proof invalidation (currently based on structural change information only)

Warning

JML-style specifications and code are not separated.
Changes to code may not mean what you think they mean.

Final Words

- Scale effects are not negligible
- Scaling up must include change management
- Scaling down is important
(otherwise usability cannot be adequately measured and compared)

