

Psi-Calculi Workbench Exercises: Implementing Instances

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Formalise and implement the following instances of increasing complexity in Psi-Calculi Workbench (Pwb). These exercises will help you understand the Pwb's architecture and determine the size of the project; they are not part of examination.

You can get Pwb from the following website

<http://www.it.uu.se/research/group/mobility/applied/psameworkbench>

Pwb runs on UNIX like systems. On Windows, you can use Cygwin.

To get started, you could try modifying the FHSS instance found in Pwb's source `psi-instances/fhss.ML` into the following.

1. Define and implement an instance using the following description. Implement the following data structure

$$L ::= \begin{array}{l} \text{cons}(L, L) \\ | \\ \text{Nil} \\ | \\ x \in \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

where \mathcal{N} is a set of names. This data structure also serves as a channel. Channels are equivalent if they are structurally the same. Use the usual substitution.

In addition to the channel equivalence \leftrightarrow , define the following condition

$$C ::= L = L$$

which denotes structural equality, that is, $\text{cons}(x, y) = \text{cons}(z, w)$ if $x = z$ and $y = w$. You could possibly reuse this condition as the channel equivalence.

There is only the unit assertion.

Formalise and implement the transition constraint solver for this instance. Hint: Use unification.

2. Extend and implement the previous instance with the following condition.

$$C' ::= L \neq L$$

3. Extend and implement the previous instance with the following data structure:

$$L' ::= \begin{array}{l} L \\ | \text{car}(L') \\ | \text{cdr}(L') \end{array}$$

and the following conditions

$$C'' ::= L' = L'$$

where equality is also modulo the following equations

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = x \\ \text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = y \end{array}$$

Hint: generate equations while unifying.

4. Extend and implement the previous instance with the following. Take $\mathbf{A} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$, assertion composition to be the set union. Add a new condition for each natural number n , $\text{time}(n)$. It is entailed whenever there is i in the current assertion Ψ such that $n \leq i$.

For example, the following process after two τ transitions outputs the list $\text{cons}(t_1, \text{cons}(t_2, \text{Nil}))$ via the channel c .

$$\text{case time}(2) : c\langle \text{cons}(t_1, \text{cons}(t_2, \text{Nil})) \rangle. \mathbf{0} \quad | \quad \tau.(\{\{1\}\}) \mid \tau.(\{\{2\}\})$$