

A Unary Semigroup Trace Algebra

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Typically finite sequences. Concrete examples include:

- ▶ **Events**: $\langle a, b, \dots, c \rangle$.
- ▶ **Events** and **refusals**: $\langle a, \{e\}, \dots, c \rangle$.
- ▶ **Events**, **refusals** and **time**: $\langle (\langle a \rangle, \{e\}), (\langle \rangle, \{a, e\}), \dots \rangle$.

Besides **events**, may record events **refused**, and across **time**.

Motivation

Prefix relation

Sequentiality may be different, for example:

- ▶ **Events**: $s \leq t \hat{=} \exists z \bullet s \wedge z = t$.
- ▶ **Events** and **refusals**: $\langle a, \{e\} \rangle \leq \langle a, \{e\} \rangle$
- ▶ **Events**, **refusals** and **time**: $\langle \langle a \rangle, \{e\} \rangle \leq \langle \langle a \rangle, \{f\} \rangle$

In common: reflexive, transitive, and optionally **anti-symmetric**.

Monoid Trace Algebra

Algebra $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{\cdot}, \varepsilon)$ [1]

Useful for *unification* of semantics in Isabelle/UTP.

- ▶ **TA1. Associativity** (semigroup): $(a \hat{\cdot} b) \hat{\cdot} c = a \hat{\cdot} (b \hat{\cdot} c)$
- ▶ **TA2. Monoid** (zero laws): $\varepsilon \hat{\cdot} a = a \hat{\cdot} \varepsilon = a$
- ▶ **TA3. Zero sum** (left): $(a \hat{\cdot} b = \varepsilon) \Rightarrow a = \varepsilon$
- ▶ **TA4. Left-cancellative**: $(a \hat{\cdot} b = a \hat{\cdot} c) \Rightarrow b = c$

Prefix relation

An order provided concatenation satisfies the above axioms.

$$a \leq b \hat{=} \exists c \bullet a \hat{\cdot} c = b$$

[1] Simon Foster et al. "Unifying theories of time with generalised reactive processes". In: *Information Processing Letters* 135 (2018), pp. 47–52.

Unifying Theories of Programming

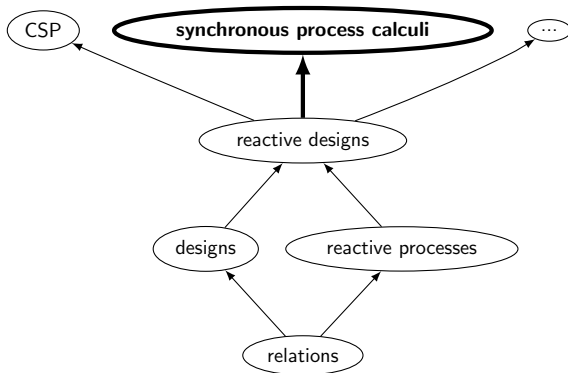


Figure: Simplified view of UTP theory hierarchy.

Unifying Theories of Programming

Alphabet

Alphabetised relations for recording observations.

$tr, tr' : \mathcal{T}$, with tr for before, and tr' for after observations.

Healthiness conditions

Define the valid predicates via fixed points.

$$\mathbf{R1}(P) \hat{=} P \wedge tr \leq tr'$$

$$\mathbf{R3}(P) \hat{=} II \triangleleft wait \triangleright P$$

$$\mathbf{R2}(P) \hat{=} P[\varepsilon, tr' - tr/tr, tr']$$

$$\mathbf{R}(P) \hat{=} \mathbf{R1} \circ \mathbf{R2} \circ \mathbf{R3}(P)$$

Operators

Define the language for specification of behaviours.

$$Skip \hat{=} \mathbf{R}(true \vdash tr' = tr \wedge \neg wait')$$

UTP for synchronous process calculi?

Goal: Widen the reactive theory foundation of UTP to accommodate synchronous process calculi.

Challenges:

► Prefix relation

Refusals may change during current time slot.

Events, refusals and time: $\langle\langle\langle a \rangle, \{e\}\rangle\rangle \leq \langle\langle\langle a \rangle, \{f\}\rangle\rangle$

► Healthiness conditions

Fixed ε not suitable.

$$\mathbf{R2}(P) = P[\langle\langle\langle \rangle, \text{snd} \circ \text{last}(tr)\rangle\rangle, tr' - tr/tr, tr']$$

UTP for synchronous process calculi?

Concatenation and subtraction of **slots** lifted to slot sequences.

- ▶ $(h_1, _)\hat{\ } (h_2, r_2) = (h_1 \hat{\ } h_2, r_2)$
- ▶ $(h_1, r_1) - (h_2, _) = (h_1 - h_2, r_1)$

Challenges

- ▶ Concatenation is non-injective \Rightarrow **pre-order**, as \leq defined from $\hat{\ }$.
- ▶ $\mathbf{R2}(P) = P[\varepsilon, tr' - tr/tr, tr']$ not adequate.
- ▶ Slot sequences are non-empty.

Foundations

Solution $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{\cdot}, \Phi)$

► Change **R2**

$$\mathbf{R2}(P) = P[\Phi(tr), tr' - tr/tr, tr']$$

► Drop and change some of the axioms

USTA1. Associativity (semigroup): $(a \hat{\cdot} b) \hat{\cdot} c = a \hat{\cdot} (b \hat{\cdot} c)$

USTA2. Monoid-like (zero laws): $a \hat{\cdot} \Phi(a) = a$

USTA3. Left-cancellative: $(a \hat{\cdot} b = a \hat{\cdot} c) \Rightarrow b = c$

USTA4. Zero sum (right): $(a \hat{\cdot} b = \Phi(b)) \Rightarrow b = \Phi(b)$

Unary Semigroup Trace Algebra (USTA)

Algebra $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{\cdot}, \Phi)$

Where Φ is an idempotent function $\Phi : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ (by construction).

Prefix relation

Defined as before: $a \leq b \hat{=} \exists c \bullet a \hat{\cdot} c = b$.

Theorem

Provided $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{\cdot}, \Phi)$ is a USTA, then (\mathcal{T}, \leq) is a preorder.

Subtraction

Defined analogously to the monoid trace algebra.

$$b - a = \begin{cases} \iota c. a \hat{\cdot} c = b & \text{if } a \leq b \\ \Phi(a) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Unary Semigroup Trace Algebra (USTA)

Theorem

Provided $\forall x \bullet \Phi(x) = \varepsilon$, and $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{}, \Phi)$ is a unary semigroup trace algebra, then $(\mathcal{T}, \hat{}, \varepsilon)$ is a monoid trace algebra.

Selection of laws: what changes?

- ▶ **TP2.** Least elements $\Phi(x) \leq y$
- ▶ **TS1.** $x - \Phi(y) = x$
- ▶ ~~**TS2.** $\Phi(y) - x = \Phi(y)$~~
- ▶ **TS3.** $x - x = \Phi(x)$
- ▶ **TS7.** $y \leq x \wedge x - y = \Phi(y) \Leftrightarrow x = y$

Semigroup properties

Restriction semigroups [2]

We have a **unary semigroup**, whose function Φ satisfies some axioms of restriction semigroups, but not all.

P-Ehresmann semigroups

Theorem

$(\mathcal{T}, \hat{}, \Phi)$ is a right P-Ehresmann semigroup.

- ▶ **PE1.** $x \hat{\Phi}(x) = x$
- ▶ **PE2.** $\Phi(x \hat{y}) = \Phi(\Phi(x) \hat{y})$
- ▶ **PE3.** $\Phi(\Phi(x) \hat{\Phi}(y)) = \Phi(y) \hat{\Phi}(x) \hat{\Phi}(y)$
- ▶ **PE4.** $\Phi(x) \hat{\Phi}(x) = \Phi(x)$

[2] Peter R. Jones. "A common framework for restriction semigroups and regular *-semigroups". In: *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra* 216.3 (2012), pp. 618–632.

Trace models

Traces

Can account for all such varieties:

- ▶ Events: $\langle a, b, \dots, c \rangle$.
- ▶ Events and refusals: $\langle a, \{e\}, \dots, c \rangle$.
- ▶ Events, refusals and time: $\langle (\langle a \rangle, \{e\}), \dots \rangle$.

Prefix relation

With different “orders”.

- ▶ Events and refusals: $\langle a, \{e\} \rangle \leq \langle a, \{e\} \rangle$
- ▶ Events, refusals and time: $\langle (\langle a \rangle, \{e\}) \rangle \leq \langle (\langle a \rangle, \{f\}) \rangle$

Trace models

Timed traces

Events, refusals and time: $\langle (\langle a \rangle, \{e\}), \dots \rangle$.

Stepwise construction

1. Define **parametric pairs** $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{R}$, where \mathcal{H} is a USTA.
2. Define finite non-empty sequences, whose elements are a USTA.
3. Lift USTA (twice) from pairs \mathcal{P} to finite non-empty sequences.

Parametric pairs

Parametric pairs $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{R}$ where \mathcal{H} is a USTA $(\mathcal{H}, +_{\mathcal{H}}, \Phi_{\mathcal{H}})$.

Concatenation & unary function

- ▶ $(h_1, _) +_{\mathcal{P}} (h_2, r_2) = (h_1 +_{\mathcal{H}} h_2, r_2)$.
- ▶ $\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}(h_1, r_1) = (\Phi_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1), r_1)$

Subtraction

Lemma

Provided $h_2 \leq h_1$, $(h_1, r_1) - (h_2, r_2) = (h_1 - h_2, r_1)$

Lifting the USTA

Theorem

Provided $(\mathcal{H}, +_{\mathcal{H}}, \Phi_{\mathcal{H}})$ is a USTA then $(\mathcal{P}, +_{\mathcal{P}}, \Phi_{\mathcal{P}})$ is a USTA.

Finite non-empty sequences

Finite non-empty sequences

Datatype $fs ::= One \langle\sigma\rangle \mid Cons \langle\sigma \times fs\rangle$

Concatenation $\hat{\ }_{fs}$

Assuming a USTA $(\sigma, \hat{\ }_{\sigma}, \Phi_{\sigma})$.

Examples

- ▶ A singleton sequence: $\langle a \rangle_{fs}$
- ▶ $\langle a \rangle_{fs} \hat{\ }_{fs} \langle b \rangle_{fs} = \langle a \hat{\ }_{\sigma} b \rangle_{fs}$
- ▶ $\langle a \rangle_{fs} \hat{\ }_{fs} \langle b, c, \dots \rangle_{fs} = \langle a \hat{\ }_{\sigma} b, c, \dots \rangle_{fs}$
- ▶ $\langle a, b \rangle_{fs} \hat{\ }_{fs} \langle c, \dots \rangle_{fs} = \langle a, b \hat{\ }_{\sigma} c, \dots \rangle_{fs}$

Sequences of (timed) slots

Unary function

$$\Phi_{fs}(x) = \langle \Phi_{\sigma}(\text{last}(x)) \rangle_{fs}$$

This is the current time slot, with an empty history.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{fs}(\langle \langle \langle a \rangle, \{b\} \rangle, \langle \langle c \rangle, \{a, b, c\} \rangle \rangle_{fs}) \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\sigma}(\text{last}(\langle \langle \langle a \rangle, \{b\} \rangle, \langle \langle c \rangle, \{a, b, c\} \rangle \rangle_{fs})) \rangle_{fs} \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathcal{P}}(\langle \langle c \rangle, \{a, b, c\} \rangle) \rangle_{fs} \\ &= \langle (\Phi_{\mathcal{H}}(\langle \langle c \rangle \rangle), \{a, b, c\}) \rangle_{fs} \\ &= \langle \langle \langle \rangle, \{a, b, c\} \rangle \rangle_{fs} \end{aligned}$$

So a fixed point of **R2** is insensitive to the previous history of events and time. $\mathbf{R2}(P) = P[\Phi_{fs}(tr), tr' - tr/tr, tr']$

Lifting

Lifting the USTA (twice)

To non-empty sequences.

Theorem

Provided $(\sigma, +_\sigma, \Phi_\sigma)$ is a USTA, then $(fs, \hat{fs}, \Phi_{fs})$ is a USTA.

From parametric pairs $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{R}$ to non-empty sequences.

Corollary

If $(\mathcal{H}, +_{\mathcal{H}}, \Phi_{\mathcal{H}})$ is a USTA, then $(fs, \hat{fs}, \Phi_{fs})$ is a USTA.

UTP for synchronous process calculi

Mechanised in Isabelle/UTP

- ▶ USTA axioms defined via type classes.
- ▶ 4 independent axioms vs. circa 26 in [3].
- ▶ Established that main results of [3] follow from axioms.
- ▶ Hierarchy of algebras.
- ▶ Surprisingly little impact on existing proofs.
- ▶ Compatible, at least, up to the theory of CSP.

[3] A. Butterfield, A. Sherif and J. C. P. Woodcock. "Slotted Circus: A UTP-family of reactive theories". In: *Integrated Formal Methods*. Vol. 4591. LNCS. Springer-Verlag, 2007, pp. 75–97.

Conclusions

Contributions

- ▶ Weakened the monoid trace algebra to support pre-orders.
- ▶ Widened the foundation for reactive theories in Isabelle/UTP.

Future work

- ▶ Integration with main Isabelle/UTP distribution.
- ▶ Exploring further weakenings of the algebra.
- ▶ Exploit mechanisation of further synchronous process calculi.

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