

# Proof obligation discharge using the PF transform

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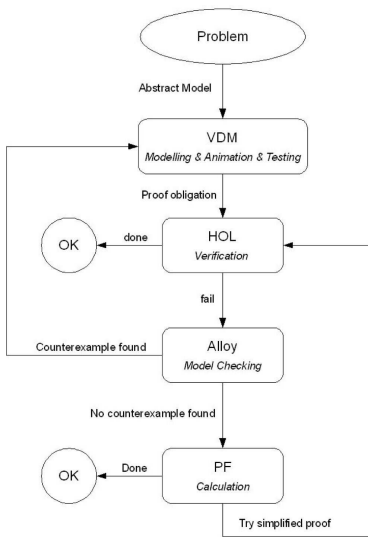
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# Summary

## Learning outcomes:

- Discharging proof obligations via PF-transform. Pre/post conditions. Invariants.
- Extended static checking in the PF-style. PF-calculation of weakest pre-conditions for invariant maintenance.
- Three examples

# Broad picture: a “all-in-one” strategy for PO discharge



# Proof obligations in the PF-style

In general:

Input/output property preservation (functions)

*Proof obligation*

$$\langle \forall x : p\ x : q\ (f\ x) \rangle \quad (1)$$

stating that function  $f$  **ensures** property  $q$  on its **output** every time property  $p$  holds on its **input** PF-transforms to

$$f \cdot \Phi_p \subseteq \Phi_q \cdot f \quad \text{cf. diagram} \quad (2)$$

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graph TD; A1[A] -- \Phi_p --> A2[A]; A2 -- f --> B2[B]; B2 -- \Phi_q --> B1[B]; B1 -- f --> A1;
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# Predicates as “types”

We will write “type declaration”

$$\Phi_q \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_p \quad (3)$$

to mean (2).

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**Exercise 1:** Show that (2) and

$$f \cdot \Phi_p \subseteq \Phi_q \cdot \top \quad (4)$$

are the same.

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**Exercise 2:** Prove the equivalence

$$\Phi_q \xleftarrow{id} \Phi_p \equiv q \Leftarrow p \quad (5)$$

□

## Exercises

**Exercise 3:** Infer from (3) and properties (59) to (61) the following ESC (*extended static checking*) properties:

$$\Phi_q \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{p_1} \cup \Phi_{p_2} \equiv \Phi_q \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{p_1} \wedge \Phi_q \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{p_2} \quad (6)$$

$$\Phi_{q_1} \cdot \Phi_{q_2} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_p \equiv \Phi_{q_1} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_p \wedge \Phi_{q_2} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_p \quad (7)$$

□

**Exercise 4:** Using (4) and the relational version of McCarthy's conditional combinator which follows,

$$c \rightarrow f, g = f \cdot \Phi_c \cup g \cdot \Phi_{\neg c} \quad (8)$$

infer the *conditional ESC* rule which follows:

$$\Phi_q \xleftarrow{c \rightarrow f, g} \Phi_p \equiv \Phi_q \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_p \cdot \Phi_c \wedge \Phi_q \xleftarrow{g} \Phi_p \cdot \Phi_{\neg c} \quad (9)$$

□

## Relationship with Hoare Logic

Let us show that **Hoare triples** such as

$$\{p\}P\{q\} \quad (10)$$

are also instances of ESC proof obligations. First we spell out the meaning of (10):

$$\langle \forall s : p \ s : \langle \forall s' : s \xrightarrow{P} s' : q \ s' \rangle \rangle \quad (11)$$

Then (recording the meaning of program  $P$  as relation  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$  on program states) we PF-transform (11) into

$$\Phi_p \subseteq \llbracket P \rrbracket \setminus (\Phi_q \cdot \top) \quad (12)$$

thanks to the introduction of relational (left) **division**,

$$b \ (R \setminus S) \ a \equiv \langle \forall c : c \ R \ b : c \ S \ a \rangle \quad (13)$$

## Relationship with Hoare Logic

Thanks to “al-djabr” rule

$$\boxed{R} \cdot X \subseteq S \equiv X \subseteq \boxed{R} \setminus S \quad (14)$$


we obtain

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket \cdot \Phi_p \subseteq \Phi_q \cdot \top \quad (15)$$

equivalent to

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket \cdot \Phi_p \subseteq \Phi_q \cdot \llbracket P \rrbracket$$

which shares the same scheme as

$$f \cdot \Phi_p \subseteq \Phi_q \cdot f$$

earlier on.



## Summary

In general, we will write “type declaration”

$$\Psi \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \quad (16)$$

to mean

$$R \cdot \Phi \subseteq \Psi \cdot R \quad (17)$$

In words:

- Notation (16) can be regarded as the **type assertion** that, if fed with values (or starting on states) “of type  $\Phi$ ” computation  $R$  yields results (moves to states) “of type  $\Psi$ ” (if it terminates).
- So functional ESC POs and Hoare triples are one and the same device: a way to **type** computations, be them specified as (always terminating, deterministic) functions or encoded into (possibly non-terminating, non-deterministic) programs.

# The invariant maintenance (IM) PO

**Pointfree:**

$$\Phi_{inv} \xleftarrow{R} \Phi_{inv} \quad (18)$$

that is,

$$R \cdot \Phi_{inv} \subseteq \Phi_{inv} \cdot R \quad (19)$$

**Pointwise** (functions):

$$\langle \forall a : inv\ a : inv(f\ a) \rangle \quad (20)$$

**Pointwise** (relations):

$$\langle \forall a : inv\ a : \langle \forall a' : a' R a : inv\ a' \rangle \rangle \quad (21)$$

## Mid point: pre-conditioned functions

The most typical situation corresponds to  $R$  being a function restricted by some precondition:

- Let  $R := f \cdot \Phi_{pre}$  in (18), where  $pre$  is a given precondition.
- Then (18) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{inv} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_{pre}} \Phi_{inv} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{definition} \} \\ & f \cdot \Phi_{pre} \cdot \Phi_{inv} \subseteq \Phi_{inv} \cdot \top \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{definition} \} \\ & \Phi_{inv} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{pre} \cdot \Phi_{inv} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{going pointwise} \} \\ & \langle \forall a :: pre\ a \wedge inv\ a \Rightarrow inv(f\ a) \rangle \quad (22) \end{aligned}$$

## Calculating Preconditions for IM

- Very often  $f$  and  $inv$  are given and  $pre$  is the “unknown”: the idea is to find  $pre$  which is “enough” for (22) to hold.
- In fact, wherever  $f$  does not ensure maintenance of invariant  $inv$ , there is always a **pre-condition**  $pre$  which enforces this at the cost of *partializing*  $f$ : in the limit,  $pre$  is the *everywhere false* predicate.
- As a rule, the average programmer will become aware of such a pre-condition at runtime, in the **testing** phase.
- One can find it much earlier, at specification time, when trying to discharge the standard proof obligation (22).

## PF-ESC instead of invent & verify

However,

- Bound to **invent** *pre*, we'll hope to have guessed the **weakest** such pre-condition. Otherwise, future use of *f* will be spuriously constrained.
- Can we be sure of having hit the **weakest** pre-condition?

Our approach (**PF-ESC**) will be as follows:

- We take the PF-transform of *inv(f a)* in (22) — at data level — and attempt to rewrite it to a term involving *inv a* and possibly “something else”: the **calculated** pre-condition.
- This will be the weakest provided the calculation stays within equivalence steps (as shown in the next slides).

## Weakest pre-conditions

- Let us strengthen (22) to equivalence

$$\langle \forall a :: (pre\ a) \wedge (inv\ a) \equiv inv(f\ a) \rangle \quad (23)$$

which PF-transforms to equality

$$\Phi_{pre} \cdot \Phi_{inv} = \top \cdot \Phi_{inv} \cdot f \quad (24)$$

- Later on we will show that (24) ensures *pre* as the **weakest** (up to logical equivalence) pre-condition for *inv* to be preserved.
- Weakest = sufficient + necessary for *inv(f a)* to hold.

## Case study 1: PF-ESC at work

We want to calculate the WP for

$$\text{add } x \mid \triangleq x : l$$

to preserve the **no duplicates** invariant on finite lists.

- First step: PF-transform  $X^*$  to  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  (**simple** relation telling which elements take which position in list).

Then the **no duplicates** invariant on  $L$  is encoded as  $\ker L \subseteq id$  ( $L$  is injective)

Finally,  $\text{add } x \mid L$  PF-transforms to

$$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cup L \cdot \text{succ}^\circ \quad (25)$$

cf. back to points:  $\{1 \mapsto x\} \cup \{i + 1 \mapsto (L \ i) : i \leftarrow \delta L\}$ .

## Case study 1: PF-ESC at work

- Second step: we start from the right hand side  $inv(add \times L)$  of (23) and re-write it by successive equivalence steps until we reach:
  - condition  $inv \ l \ \dots$
  - ... “plus something else” — the calculated weakest pre-condition.
- Since the PF-transformed proof has to do with injectivity of union of relations, the following fact

$R \cup S$  is injective  $\equiv$

$$R \text{ is injective} \wedge S \text{ is injective} \wedge R^\circ \cdot S \subseteq id \quad (26)$$

(easy to prove) is likely to be of use.



## Case study 1: PF-ESC at work

$add \times L$  has no duplicates

$\equiv$  { cf. (25) etc }

$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ$  is injective

$\equiv$  { (26) }

$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ$  is injective  $\wedge L \cdot succ^\circ$  is injective  $\wedge (\underline{x} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ)^\circ \cdot L \cdot succ^\circ \subseteq id$

$\equiv$  { definition of injective (twice) ; “al-djabr” (59) }

$\underline{1} \cdot \underline{x}^\circ \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \subseteq id \wedge succ \cdot L^\circ \cdot L \cdot succ^\circ \subseteq id \wedge \underline{x}^\circ \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot succ$

$\equiv$  { “al-djabr” (59,60) as much as possible }

$\underline{x}^\circ \cdot \underline{x} \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot \underline{1} \wedge L^\circ \cdot L \subseteq succ^\circ \cdot succ \wedge \underline{x}^\circ \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot succ$

$\equiv$  { kernel of constant function is  $\top$ ;  $succ$  is an injection }

$\text{TRUE} \wedge L^\circ \cdot L \subseteq id \wedge \underline{x}^\circ \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot succ$

## Case study 1: summary

We have thus calculated:

$$\text{add } x \text{ } L \text{ has no duplicates} \equiv \underbrace{L \text{ is injective}}_{\text{no duplicates in } L} \wedge \underbrace{x^\circ \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot \text{succ}}_{\text{WP}}$$

PW-expansion of the calculated WP:

$$\begin{aligned} & x^\circ \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{go pointwise: (48) twice} \} \\ & \langle \forall n :: x \text{ } L \text{ } n \Rightarrow 1 = 1 + n \rangle \\ \equiv & \quad \{ L \text{ models list } l \} \\ & \langle \forall n : n \in \text{inds } l : x = (l \text{ } n) \Rightarrow 1 = 1 + n \rangle \\ \equiv & \quad \{ 1 = 1 + n \text{ always false } (n \in \mathbb{N}) \} \\ & \langle \forall n : n \in \text{inds } l : (l \text{ } n) \neq x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Case study 2: PF-ESC at work

From the mobile phone directory problem we select maintenance of the no duplicates invariant by function

$$\text{store } x \triangleq (\text{take } 10) \cdot (x :) \cdot \text{filter}(x \neq)$$

Remarks:

- It's sufficient to show that  $(x :) \cdot \text{filter}(x \neq)$  preserves injectivity, since  $\text{take } n L \subseteq L (\forall n)$  and *smaller than injective is injective*
- Defined over PF-transformed lists, *filter* becomes

$$\text{filter}(x \neq)L \triangleq (\neg\rho \underline{x}) \cdot L \quad (27)$$

where the negated range operator  $(\neg\rho)$  satisfies property

$$\Phi \subseteq \neg\rho R \equiv \Phi \cdot R \subseteq \perp \quad (28)$$

## Case study 2: PF-ESC at work

$x : (\text{filter}(x \neq) L)$  is injective

$\equiv$  { case study 1, (27) }

$(\neg \rho \underline{x}) \cdot L$  is injective  $\wedge \underline{x}^\circ \cdot (\neg \rho \underline{x}) \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot \text{succ}$

$\Leftarrow$  { smaller than injective is injective }

$L$  is injective  $\wedge \underline{x}^\circ \cdot (\neg \rho \underline{x}) \cdot L \subseteq \underline{1}^\circ \cdot \text{succ}$

$\equiv$  { converses }

$L$  is injective  $\wedge L^\circ \cdot (\neg \rho \underline{x}) \cdot \underline{x} \subseteq \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{1}$

$\equiv$  {  $(\neg \rho \underline{x}) \cdot \underline{x} = \perp$  by left-cancellation of (28) }

$L$  is injective  $\wedge L^\circ \cdot \perp \subseteq \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{1}$

$\equiv$  { bottom is below anything }

$L$  is injective  $\wedge \text{TRUE}$

## Case study 2: PF-ESC at work

Moral of this case study:

*Although the implication in the second step of the reasoning could put weakness of calculated pre-condition at risk, we've calculated the weakest of all conditions anyway (TRUE).*

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**Exercise 5:** Show that (28) stems from “al-djabr” rule

$$\Phi \subseteq \neg\delta R \equiv R \subseteq \perp/\Phi \quad (29)$$

among others.



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**Exercise 6:** Prove (26).



## Case study 3: Verified File System

A real-life case study:

- **VSR** (Verified Software Repository) initiative
- **VFS** (Verified File System) on Flash Memory — challenge put forward by Rajeev Joshi and Gerard Holzmann (NASA JPL) [2]
- Two levels — POSIX level and (NAND) flash level
- Working document: **Intel<sup>®</sup> Flash File System Core Reference Guide** (Oct. 2004) is POSIX aware.

# Case study 3: Verified File System

## VERIFYING INTEL'S FLASH FILE SYSTEM CORE

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*Deep Space lost contact with Spirit on 21 Jan 2004, just 17 days after landing.*

*Initially thought to be due to thunderstorm over Australia.*

*Spirit transmitted an empty message and missed another communication session.*

*After two days controllers were surprised to receive a relay of data from Spirit.*

*Spirit didn't perform any scientific activities for 10 days.*

*This was the most serious anomaly in four-year mission.*

*Fault caused by Spirit's FLASH memory subsystem*

**Why formal methods?**

*Software bugs cost millions of dollars.*

**What we can do?**

*Build abstract models (VDM).*

*Gain confidence on models (Alloy).*

*Proof correctness (HOL & PF-Transform).*



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The problem (sample):

*File System API Reference*



## 4.6 FS\_DeleteFileDir

**Deletes a single file/directory from the media**

### Syntax

```
FFS_Status FS_DeleteFileDir (  
    mOS_char *full_path,  
    UINT8 static_info_type);
```

### Parameters

Parameter	Description
*full_path	(IN) This is the full path of the filename for the file or directory to be deleted.
static_info_type	(IN) This tells whether this function is called to delete a file or a directory.

### Error Codes/Return Values

FFS_StatusSuccess	Success
FFS_StatusNotInitialized	Failure
FFS_StatusInvalidPath	Failure
FFS_StatusInvalidTarget	Failure
FFS_StatusFileStillOpen	Failure



# Verified File System Project

Sample of model's data types (simplified):

$System = \{ table : OpenFileDescriptorTable, tar : Tar \}$

**inv**  $sys \triangleq \langle \forall ofd : ofd \in rng (table\ sys) : path\ ofd \in dom\ tar\ sys \rangle$

where

$OpenFileDescriptorTable = FileHandler \rightarrow OpenFileDescriptor$

$Tar = Path \rightarrow File$

**inv**  $tar \triangleq \langle \forall p : p \in dom\ tar : dirName(p) \in dom\ tar \wedge$   
 $fileType(attributes(tar(dirName\ p))) = Directory \rangle$

$OpenFileDescriptor = \{ path : Path, \dots \}$

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(Sample) API function:

$FS\_DeleteFileDir : Path \rightarrow System \rightarrow (System \times FFS\_Status)$

$FS\_DeleteFileDir\ p\ sys \triangleq$

$if\ p \neq Root \wedge p \in dom\ (tar\ sys) \wedge pre\_FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System\ p\ sys$   
 $then\ (FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System\ p\ sys, FFS\_StatusSuccess)$   
 $else\ (sys, FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Exception\ p\ sys)$

where

$FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System : Path \rightarrow System \rightarrow System$

$FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System\ p\ (h, t) \triangleq$

$(h, FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Tar\ \{p\}\ t)$

$pre \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \forall\ buffer \\ buffer \in rng\ h : \\ path\ buffer \neq p \wedge pre\_FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Tar\ p\ t \end{array} \right\rangle$

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Sample API function (continued):

$FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Tar : \mathcal{P}Path \rightarrow Tar \rightarrow Tar$

$FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Tar\ s\ t \triangleq tar \setminus s$

**pre**  $\langle \forall p : p \in dom\ tar : dirName\ p \in s \Rightarrow p \in s \rangle$ ;

where

$dirName : Path \rightarrow Path$

$dirName\ p \triangleq$  if  $p = Root \vee len\ p = 1$

then  $Root$

else  $blast\ p$

and so on. (**NB:** *blast* selects all but the last element of a list.)

## Invariant structural synthesis (coreflexives)

- Real-size problems show **where complexity is**, namely the intricate structure involving nested datatype invariants.
- Need to calculate the associated coreflexives.
- Denoting by  $A_p$  the fact that datatype  $A$  is constrained by invariant  $p$ , we will write  $\epsilon_{A_p}$  to denote the associated coreflexive, calculated by induction on the structure of types:

$$\epsilon_X = id \quad (30)$$

$$\epsilon_{K_p} = \Phi_p \quad (31)$$

$$\epsilon_{(A \times B)_p} = (\epsilon_A \times \epsilon_B) \cdot \Phi_p \quad (32)$$

$$\epsilon_{(A+B)_{[p, q]}} = \epsilon_A \cdot \Phi_p + \epsilon_B \cdot \Phi_q \quad (33)$$

$$\epsilon_{(F A)_p} = F(\epsilon_A) \cdot \Phi_p \quad (34)$$

# Invariant structural synthesis (coreflexives)

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \in_{System} \\ = & \quad \{ (32), \text{ for } ri \text{ (= "referential integrity") the top level inv.} \} \\ & (\in_{OpenFileDescriptorTable} \times \in_{Tar}) \cdot \Phi_{ri} \\ = & \quad \{ OpenFileDescriptorTable \text{ has no invariant} \} \\ & (id \times \in_{Tar}) \cdot \Phi_{ri} \\ = & \quad \{ (31) \text{ for } pc \text{ (= "prefix closed") denoting } Tar\text{'s invariant} \} \\ & (id \times \Phi_{pc}) \cdot \Phi_{ri} \tag{35} \end{aligned}$$

## Facing complexity

Need to “find structure” in the specification text:

- *FS\_DeleteFileDir*  $p$  has conditional “shape”

$$c \rightarrow \langle f \cdot \Phi_p, \underline{k} \rangle, \langle id, g \rangle \quad (36)$$

where

- $c$  is the (main) if-then-else’s condition
- $f$  abbreviates *FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System*  $p$
- $p$  is the precondition of  $f$
- $k$  abbreviates *FFS\_StatusSuccess*
- $g$  abbreviates *FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Exception*  $p$

What’s the advantage of pattern (36)?

*See the “divide and conquer” rules which follow:*

# Breaking complexity of POs

Further to (5), (7), (9):

- **Trivial:**

$$id \xleftarrow{R} \phi \equiv \phi \xleftarrow{R} \perp \equiv \psi \xleftarrow{\perp} \phi \equiv \text{TRUE} \quad (37)$$

- **Trading:**

$$\gamma \xleftarrow{R} \phi \cdot \psi \equiv \gamma \xleftarrow{R \cdot \phi} \psi \quad (38)$$

- **Composition (Fusion):**

$$\psi \xleftarrow{R \cdot S} \phi \Leftarrow \psi \xleftarrow{R} \gamma \wedge \gamma \xleftarrow{S} \phi \quad (39)$$

# Breaking complexity of POs

- **Split by conjunction:**

$$\Psi_1 \cdot \Psi_2 \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \quad \equiv \quad \Psi_1 \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \wedge \Psi_2 \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \quad (40)$$

— generalizes (7)

- **Weakening/strengthening:**

$$\Psi \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \quad \Leftarrow \quad \Psi \supseteq \Theta \wedge \Theta \xleftarrow{R} \Upsilon \wedge \Upsilon \supseteq \Phi \quad (41)$$

- **Separation:**

$$\Upsilon \cdot \Theta \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \cdot \Psi \quad \Leftarrow \quad \Upsilon \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \wedge \Theta \xleftarrow{R} \Psi \quad (42)$$

— outcome of (41), (40)



# Breaking complexity of POs

- **Splitting** (functions):

$$\Psi \times \Upsilon \xleftarrow{\langle f, g \rangle} \Phi \equiv \Psi \xleftarrow{f} \Phi \wedge \Upsilon \xleftarrow{g} \Phi \quad (43)$$

- **Splitting** (in general):

$$\Psi \times \Upsilon \xleftarrow{\langle R, S \rangle} \Phi \equiv \Psi \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \cdot \delta S \wedge \Upsilon \xleftarrow{S} \Phi \cdot \delta R \quad (44)$$

- **Product**:

$$\Phi' \times \Psi' \xleftarrow{R \times S} \Phi \times \Psi \equiv \Phi' \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \wedge \Psi' \xleftarrow{S} \Psi \quad (45)$$

# Breaking complexity of POs

- **Conditional:**

$$\Psi \xleftarrow{c \rightarrow R, S} \Phi \quad \equiv \quad \Psi \xleftarrow{R} \Phi \cdot \Phi_c \wedge \Psi \xleftarrow{S} \Phi \cdot \Phi_{\neg c} \quad (46)$$

which generalizes (6).

**NB:**

- Close relationship with Hoare logic axioms  
— but note many **equivalences** instead of implications

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**Exercise 7:** Use the PF-calculus to prove the correctness of the rules given above.

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Checking *FS\_DeleteFileDir*:

$$\epsilon_{\text{System} \times \text{FFS\_Status}} \xleftarrow{\text{FS\_DeleteFileDir } p} \epsilon_{\text{System}}$$

$$\equiv \{ (36) \}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{System}} \times id \xleftarrow{c \rightarrow \langle f \cdot \Phi_p, \underline{k} \rangle, \langle id, g \rangle} \epsilon_{\text{System}}$$

$$\equiv \{ \text{conditional (46)} \}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{System}} \times id \xleftarrow{\langle f \cdot \Phi_p, \underline{k} \rangle} \epsilon_{\text{System}} \cdot \Phi_c$$

$$\wedge$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{System}} \times id \xleftarrow{\langle id, g \rangle} \epsilon_{\text{System}} \cdot \Phi_{\neg c}$$

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≡ { splitting (44,43) }

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{€}_{System} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_p} \text{€}_{System} \cdot \Phi_c \\ \wedge \\ id \xleftarrow{k} \text{€}_{System} \cdot \Phi_c \cdot \delta(f \cdot \Phi_p) \\ \wedge \\ \text{€}_{System} \xleftarrow{id} \text{€}_{System} \cdot \Phi_{\neg c} \\ \wedge \\ id \xleftarrow{g} \text{€}_{System} \cdot \Phi_{\neg c} \end{array}$$

≡ { (37), (5) }

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$$\in_{System} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_p} \in_{System} \cdot \Phi_c$$

$$\equiv \{ \text{trading (38), unfold } \in_{System} \text{ (35)} \}$$

$$(id \times \Phi_{pc}) \cdot \Phi_{ri} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_p \cdot \Phi_c} (id \times \Phi_{pc}) \cdot \Phi_{ri}$$

$$\Leftarrow \{ \text{separating (42)} \}$$

$$\Phi_{ri} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_p \cdot \Phi_c} \Phi_{ri} \wedge id \times \Phi_{pc} \xleftarrow{f \cdot \Phi_p \cdot \Phi_c} id \times \Phi_{pc}$$

$$\equiv \{ \text{trading (38) and implication } c \Rightarrow p \}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Phi_{ri} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{ri} \cdot \Phi_c \quad \wedge \\ id \times \Phi_{pc} \xleftarrow{f} (id \times \Phi_{pc}) \cdot \Phi_c \end{array}$$

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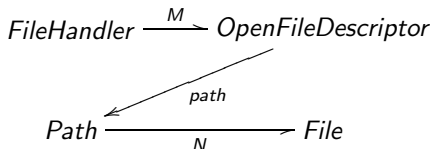
- So much for PO calculation “in-the-large”.
- Going “in-the-small” means spelling out invariants, functions and pre-conditions and reason as in the previous case studies
- Let us pick the first PO,  $\Phi_{ri} \xleftarrow{f} \Phi_{ri} \cdot \Phi_c$ , for example.
- As earlier on, we go pointwise and try to rewrite  $ri(f(M, N))$  —  $M$  keeps open file descriptors,  $N$  the file contents — into  $ri(M, N)$  + a weakest precondition; then we compare the outcome with what the designer wrote ( $\Phi_c$ ).

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Clearly, from slide 25 we infer

$$ri(M, N) \triangleq \rho(\text{path} \cdot M) \subseteq \delta N$$

cf. diagram



which is a referential integrity constraint relating paths in open-file descriptors and paths in the file store  $N$ . PF calculation will lead to

$$ri(M, N) \triangleq \text{path} \cdot M \subseteq N^\circ \cdot T \quad (47)$$

thanks to (64) etc.

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We calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} & ri(f(M, N)) \\ = & \quad \{ (36) \} \\ & ri(FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System\ p\ (M, N)) \\ = & \quad \{ FS\_DeleteFileDir\_Tar\ s\ t\ \triangleq\ tar\ \setminus\ s\ etc\ } \\ & ri(M, N \cdot \neg\rho\ \underline{p}) \end{aligned}$$

We can generalize from single path  $p$  to a set  $S$  of paths:

$$\begin{aligned} & ri(M, N \cdot \Phi_{\neg S}) \\ \equiv & \quad \{ (47) \} \\ & path \cdot M \subseteq (N \cdot \Phi_{\neg S})^\circ \cdot T \\ \equiv & \quad \{ converses\ (50,51, 54) \} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} & path \cdot M \subseteq \Phi_{\neg S} \cdot N^\circ \cdot \top \\ \equiv & \quad \{ (66), \text{coreflexives (55)}, (\cdot \top) \text{ distribution} \} \\ & path \cdot M \subseteq \Phi_{\neg S} \cdot \top \cap N^\circ \cdot \top \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \cap\text{-universal (52)} \} \\ & path \cdot M \subseteq \Phi_{\neg S} \cdot \top \wedge path \cdot M \subseteq N^\circ \cdot \top \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{"al-djabr"} ; (47) \} \\ & \underbrace{M \subseteq path^\circ \cdot \Phi_{\neg S} \cdot \top}_{wp} \wedge ri(M, N) \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{going pointwise} \} \\ & \langle \forall b : b \in rng M : path b \notin S \rangle \wedge ri(M, N) \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

- Thus we've checked (part) of the pre-condition of *FS\_DeleteFileDir\_System*, recall slide 25
- The other checks are performed in a similar way.
- Two levels of PO calculation: **in-the-large** (PO level) and **in-the-small** (where PF-notation describes data).
- PO-level useful in preparing POs for a theorem prover, recall diagram of slide 3.

# Background

“Napkin” rule:

$$b(f^\circ \cdot R \cdot g)a \equiv (f \ b)R(g \ a) \quad (48)$$

Converses:

$$(R \cup S)^\circ = R^\circ \cup S^\circ \quad (49)$$

$$(R \cdot S)^\circ = S^\circ \cdot R^\circ \quad (50)$$

$$(R^\circ)^\circ = R \quad (51)$$

# Background

Meet and join:

$$X \subseteq R \cap S \equiv X \subseteq R \wedge X \subseteq S \quad (52)$$

$$R \cup S \subseteq X \equiv R \subseteq X \wedge S \subseteq X \quad (53)$$

Coreflexives are **symmetric** and **transitive**:

$$\Phi^\circ = \Phi = \Phi \cdot \Phi \quad (54)$$

**Meet** of two coreflexives is composition:

$$\Phi \cap \Psi = \Phi \cdot \Psi \quad (55)$$

# Background

**Equality** on relations  $B \xleftarrow{R,S} A$ :

$$R = S \equiv R \subseteq S \wedge S \subseteq R \quad (56)$$

Alternative to (56) — **indirect equality** rules:

$$R = S \equiv \langle \forall X :: (X \subseteq R \equiv X \subseteq S) \rangle \quad (57)$$

$$\equiv \langle \forall X :: (R \subseteq X \equiv S \subseteq X) \rangle \quad (58)$$

Shunting rules:

$$f \cdot R \subseteq S \equiv R \subseteq f^\circ \cdot S \quad (59)$$

$$R \cdot f^\circ \subseteq S \equiv R \subseteq S \cdot f \quad (60)$$

Therefore

$$f \cdot (R \cup S) = f \cdot R \cup f \cdot S \quad (61)$$

## Background

Kernel, image (the same for respectively  $\delta, \rho$ ):

$$\ker(R^\circ) = \text{img } R \quad (62)$$

$$\text{img}(R^\circ) = \ker R \quad (63)$$

Range:

$$\rho R \subseteq \Phi \equiv R \subseteq \Phi \cdot \top \quad (64)$$

Domain/range elimination:

$$\top \cdot \delta R = \top \cdot R \quad (65)$$

$$\rho R \cdot \top = R \cdot \top \quad (66)$$

# Background

Weakest (liberal) pre-condition is the upper adjoint of the following “al-djabr” rule [1] which combines two already seen — range (64) and left division (13):

$$\rho(R \cdot \Phi) \subseteq \Psi \equiv \Phi \subseteq R \blacktriangleright \Psi \quad (67)$$

The pointwise version  $wlp R \psi$  of  $R \blacktriangleright \Psi$  is:

$$wlp R \psi \triangleq \langle \bigvee \phi :: \langle \forall b, a : b R a : \phi a \Rightarrow \psi b \rangle \rangle$$

In the slide which follows we show that, if equivalence (23) holds then  $pre$  is the weakest precondition for  $inv$  to be maintained. The calculation proceeds by **indirect equality** (57) over coreflexive  $\Phi$ :

# Weakest pre-conditions

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi \subseteq \Phi_{pre} \cdot \Phi_{inv} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{rep. equal by equals (24)} \} \\ & \Phi \subseteq \top \cdot \Phi_{inv} \cdot f \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{“al-djabr” rule (59) ; converses} \} \\ & f \cdot \Phi \subseteq \Phi_{inv} \cdot \top \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{range (64)} \} \\ & \rho(f \cdot \Phi) \subseteq \Phi_{inv} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{weakest pre-condition (67)} \} \\ & \Phi \subseteq f \bullet \Phi_{inv} \\ \because & \quad \{ \text{indirection (57)} \} \\ & \Phi_{pre} \cdot \Phi_{inv} = f \bullet \Phi_{inv} \end{aligned}$$





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