

Software Verification and Synthesis via Program Transformation

A Case Study: Monadic Second Order Logic

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Goals of this work

- Establish a correspondence between *Theorem Proving* and *Program Transformation*
- Exploit this correspondence for performing *software verification* by means of *program transformers, program specializers, ...*

Long term goal: Design of a uniform framework based on unfold/fold transformations for software development (synthesis, verification, transformation, specialization).

A Case Study: Monadic Second Order Logics

Monadic second order (MSO) logics are logics of membership to sets of strings. Very **expressive, decidable**. [Büchi 60, Thatcher-Wright 68, Rabin 69]

MSO logics are useful for the automatic **verification of finite state systems**. [MONA, Klarlund et al. 96]

We will propose methods based on unfold/fold transformations for:

- **proving** WS1S formulas (a fragment of MSO), thereby yielding a 'completeness' result for unfold/fold transformations w.r.t. WS1S;
- **synthesizing** definite logic programs from WS1S specifications.

Modelling a multiprocess system

The number of processes of the system may change dynamically.

A **process** is identified by a natural number.

A **state** S of the system is represented by a pair $\langle W, U \rangle$ of sets of processes:

(1) the set W of processes waiting for a resource

(2) the set U of processes using a resource

$$\text{reach}(S) \leftarrow \text{init}(S)$$

$$\text{reach}(S) \leftarrow \text{create}(S1, S) \wedge \text{reach}(S1)$$

$$\text{reach}(S) \leftarrow \text{use}(S1, S) \wedge \text{reach}(S1)$$

$$\text{reach}(S) \leftarrow \text{release}(S1, S) \wedge \text{reach}(S1)$$

where init , create , use , release represent the **transition relation** and are specified by WS1S formulas.

The Transition Relation

Initial state:

$$\text{init}(\langle W, U \rangle) \equiv \text{empty}(W) \wedge \text{empty}(U)$$

Create a new process:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cre}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \equiv \\ \exists Z (Z = W \cup U \wedge \\ ((\text{empty}(Z) \wedge W1 = \{0\}) \vee \\ (\neg \text{empty}(Z) \wedge \exists M (\text{max}(Z, M) \wedge W1 = W \cup \{M+1\})))) \wedge \\ U1 = U \end{aligned}$$

Use the resource:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{use}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \equiv \\ \exists N (N \in W \wedge \exists Z (Z = W \cup U \wedge \text{min}(Z, N)) \wedge W1 = W - \{N\} \wedge \\ U1 = U \cup \{N\}) \end{aligned}$$

Release the resource:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rel}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \equiv \\ W1 = W \wedge \\ \exists N (N \in U \wedge U1 = U - \{N\}) \end{aligned}$$

Verification and Synthesis Examples

We will present automatic methods based on unfold/fold transformations for

- proving WS1S formulas, such as:

$$\forall W \forall U \forall W1 \forall U1 (\text{use}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \rightarrow \neg \text{empty}(U1))$$

- synthesizing terminating definite logic programs from WS1S specifications, such as init, create, use, release:

$$\text{use}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \equiv$$

$$\exists N (N \in W \wedge \exists Z (Z = W \cup U \wedge \min(Z, N)) \wedge W1 = W - \{N\} \wedge U1 = U \cup \{N\})$$

Also empty, \cup , $-$, min, have WS1S specifications.

Overview

- Weak monadic second order theory of one successor (WS1S)
- Encoding WS1S into stratified logic programs
- The unfold/fold proof method:
 - transformation rules
 - transformation strategy
- Termination of the strategy
- The unfold/fold synthesis method
- Optimizations: Discarding useless types, Determinization, Minimization, Deletion of useless clauses
- Implementation

WS1S: Syntax

The Weak Monadic Second Order theory of one successor (WS1S) is the theory of membership to finite sets of natural numbers.

Syntax (2-sorted)

Individual variables: N in Ivars

Set variables: S in Svars

Function symbols: $0, s(_)$

Predicate symbols: \in

Individual terms: $n ::= 0 \mid N \mid s(n)$

Formulas: $\varphi ::= n \in S \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \exists N \varphi \mid \exists S \varphi$

We also use $\vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \forall$ as abbreviations.

We consider a first order presentation.

For a **second order** presentation, write $S(n)$ instead of $n \in S$.

WS1S: Semantics

Semantics

Interpretation \mathfrak{S}

- Domain of \mathfrak{S} : $\text{Nat} \cup \text{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Nat})$ where $\text{Nat} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- 0 is interpreted as the zero of Nat
 $s(_)$ is interpreted as the successor function $+1$
 \in is interpreted as the membership relation on $\text{Nat} \times \text{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Nat})$
- $\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi$ iff $\mathfrak{S} \models \varphi$

$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi$ is decidable [Büchi 60, by using automata-theory]

WS1S

WS1S specifications (i.e. open formulas)

set equality: $S1=S2 \equiv \forall N (N \in S1 \leftrightarrow N \in S2)$

order over numbers: $N1 \leq N2 \equiv \forall S (N2 \in S \wedge \boxed{\forall N3 (s(N3) \in S \rightarrow N3 \in S)} \rightarrow N1 \in S)$
S is 'downward' closed

WS1S properties (i.e. closed formulas)

Every finite set of natural numbers has a maximum element:

$$\forall S \exists N (N \in S \wedge \neg \exists N1 (N1 \in S \wedge \neg N1 \leq N))$$

There exists no finite set which is nonempty and 'upward' closed:

$$\neg \exists S (\exists N1 (N1 \in S) \wedge \forall N2 (N2 \in S \rightarrow s(N2) \in S))$$

Encoding WS1S into LP (1)

Natural numbers: $0, s(0), s(s(0)), \dots$

Finite sets: $[b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n]$ where b_i in $\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f}\}$

$s^k(0)$ belongs to $[b_1, \dots, b_n]$ iff $0 \leq k \leq m$ and $b_k = \mathbf{t}$

$\{0, 3, 4\}$ is represented by $[\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}]$ and also by $[\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f}]$

\emptyset is represented by $[\]$ and also by $[\mathbf{f}, \dots, \mathbf{f}]$

Program Natset

$\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$

$\text{nat}(s(N)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N)$

$\text{set}([\])$ \leftarrow

$\text{set}([\mathbf{t}|S]) \leftarrow \text{set}(S)$

$\text{set}([\mathbf{f}|S]) \leftarrow \text{set}(S)$

$0 \leq N \leftarrow$

$s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$

$0 \in [\mathbf{t}|S] \leftarrow$

$s(N) \in [B|S] \leftarrow N \in S$

Encoding WS1S into LP (2)

Given the WS1S formula: $\varphi \equiv \forall N1 \exists N2 N1 \leq N2$

Rewrite as: $\psi \equiv \neg \exists N1 \neg \exists N2 N1 \leq N2$

Apply the Lloyd-Topor transformation starting from the statement $f \leftarrow \psi$

$$f \leftarrow \neg \exists N1 \neg \exists N2 N1 \leq N2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &\leftarrow \neg g \\ g &\leftarrow \neg h(N1) \\ h(N1) &\leftarrow N1 \leq N2 \end{aligned}$$

Add types

$Cl_s(f, \varphi)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f &\leftarrow \neg g \\ g &\leftarrow \underline{\text{nat}(N1)} \wedge \neg h(N1) \\ h(N1) &\leftarrow \underline{\text{nat}(N1)} \wedge \underline{\text{nat}(N2)} \wedge N1 \leq N2 \end{aligned}$$

Stratified
program

$f > g > h$

Semantics of Definite Logic Programs

- Every definite logic program (no negation in bodies) has a **least Herbrand model**.
- B_L : the set of all ground atoms in the first order language L used for writing programs and formulas
- **Interpretation**: a subset \mathcal{I} of B_L (i.e. $\mathcal{I} \in 2^{B_L}$)
 $\mathcal{I} \models A$ iff $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\mathcal{I} \models \neg A$ iff $A \notin \mathcal{I}$
- **Immediate consequence operator**: $T_P: 2^{B_L} \rightarrow 2^{B_L}$
$$T_P(\mathcal{I}) = \{A \mid A \leftarrow L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n \text{ is a ground instance of a clause in } P, \\ \text{and, for } i = 1, \dots, n, \mathcal{I} \models L_i\}$$
- T_P is a **continuous** operator on the lattice 2^{B_L} of all interpretations. The least Herbrand model of P is: $M(P) = \text{lfp}(T_P) = T_P^\omega(\emptyset)$.

Nonmonotonicity and Semantics of Negation

- For general logic programs (with negated atoms in bodies) T_P is nonmonotonic and some programs have **no least Herbrand model**.

For instance:

$$p \leftarrow \neg q$$

has two minimal models: $\{p\}$ and $\{q\}$

- We can associate a program with a **unique** model (possibly not least) by ordering the atoms: $q < p$.

We compute the model bottom-up wrt $<$:

1. The least model of the clauses with head q is \emptyset and q is false in \emptyset .
2. Assuming that q is false, the least model of $p \leftarrow \neg q$ is $\{p\}$.

Stratified Logic Programs

- A **level mapping** is a function $\sigma: B_L \rightarrow \omega$ where ω is the set of natural numbers. $\sigma(\neg A) = \sigma(A)$
- A clause $H \leftarrow L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$ is **stratified wrt σ** iff
for $i=1, \dots, n$, if L_i is an atom then $\sigma(H) \geq \sigma(L_i)$
if L_i is a negated atom then $\sigma(H) > \sigma(L_i)$
(no recursion through negation)
- A program P is **stratified** iff there exists a level mapping σ such that every clause of P is stratified wrt σ
- $P: \quad p \leftarrow \neg q$ is stratified (wrt any level mapping σ such that $\sigma(p) > \sigma(q)$)
 $q \leftarrow q$
- $p \leftarrow \neg p$ is not stratified: there is no level mapping σ such that $\sigma(p) > \sigma(p)$

Perfect Model

- **Immediate consequence operator** $T_{P,n}: \wp(B_L) \rightarrow \wp(B_L)$
where P is a stratified program and $n \in \omega$

$$T_{P,n}(\mathfrak{S}) = \{A \mid A \leftarrow L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n \text{ is a ground instance of a clause in } P, \\ \sigma(A)=n, \text{ and for } i = 1, \dots, n \text{ if } \sigma(L_i)=n \text{ then } \mathfrak{S} \models L_i \\ \text{else if } \sigma(L_i)=m < n \text{ then } \text{lfp}(T_{P,m}) \models L_i\}$$

$T_{P,n}(\mathfrak{S})$ is the set of atoms at level n that are one-step consequences (using the clauses in P) of the literals that are true in \mathfrak{S} and of the literals that are true at any level $m < n$

- For every ordinal $n \in \omega$, $T_{P,n}$ is a **continuous** operator on the lattice 2^{B_L} . The **perfect model** of P is defined as:

$$M(P) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \text{lfp}(T_{P,n})$$

- $P: \quad p \leftarrow \neg q \quad M(P) = \{p\}$
 $\quad \quad q \leftarrow q$

Lloyd-Topor Transformation

Apply as long as possible the following transformations

($C[\psi]$ denotes a formula of the form: $\dots \wedge \psi \wedge \dots$)

$$H \leftarrow C[\neg\neg\psi] \quad \Rightarrow \quad H \leftarrow C[\psi]$$

$$H \leftarrow C[\neg(\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2)] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} H \leftarrow C[\neg\text{newp}(X_1, \dots, X_k)] \\ \text{newp}(X_1, \dots, X_k) \leftarrow \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \end{cases}$$

where X_1, \dots, X_k are the free variables of $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$

$$H \leftarrow C[\neg \exists X \psi] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} H \leftarrow C[\neg\text{newp}(X_1, \dots, X_k)] \\ \text{newp}(X_1, \dots, X_k) \leftarrow \psi \end{cases}$$

where X_1, \dots, X_k are the free variables of ψ

$$H \leftarrow C[\exists X \psi] \quad \Rightarrow \quad H \leftarrow C[\psi\{X/Y\}] \quad \text{where } Y \text{ is a new variable}$$

Addition of Types

$$H \leftarrow A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$$



$$H \leftarrow \text{nat}(N_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{nat}(N_k) \wedge \\ \text{set}(S_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{set}(S_m) \wedge \\ A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$$

Individual variables occurring in

$$H \leftarrow A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$$

Set variables occurring in

$$H \leftarrow A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$$

Correctness of the Encoding

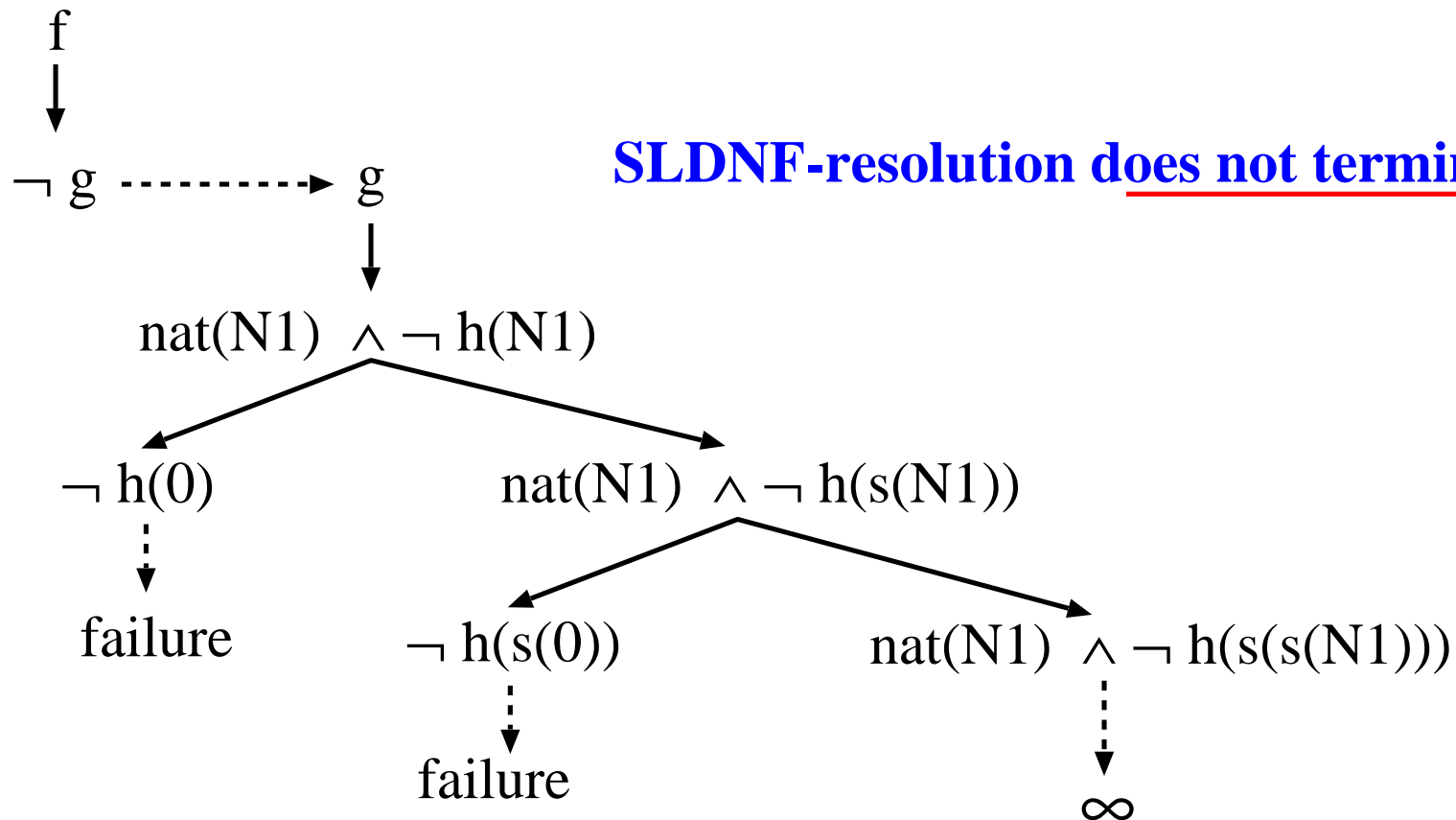
Theorem

$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi$ iff $M(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f$

Perfect (= Standard = Stable = Well-founded) model

Limitations of SLDNF-resolution (Prolog)

$f \leftarrow \neg g$
Cls(f,φ): $g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$
 $h(N1) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \text{nat}(N2) \wedge N1 \leq N2$

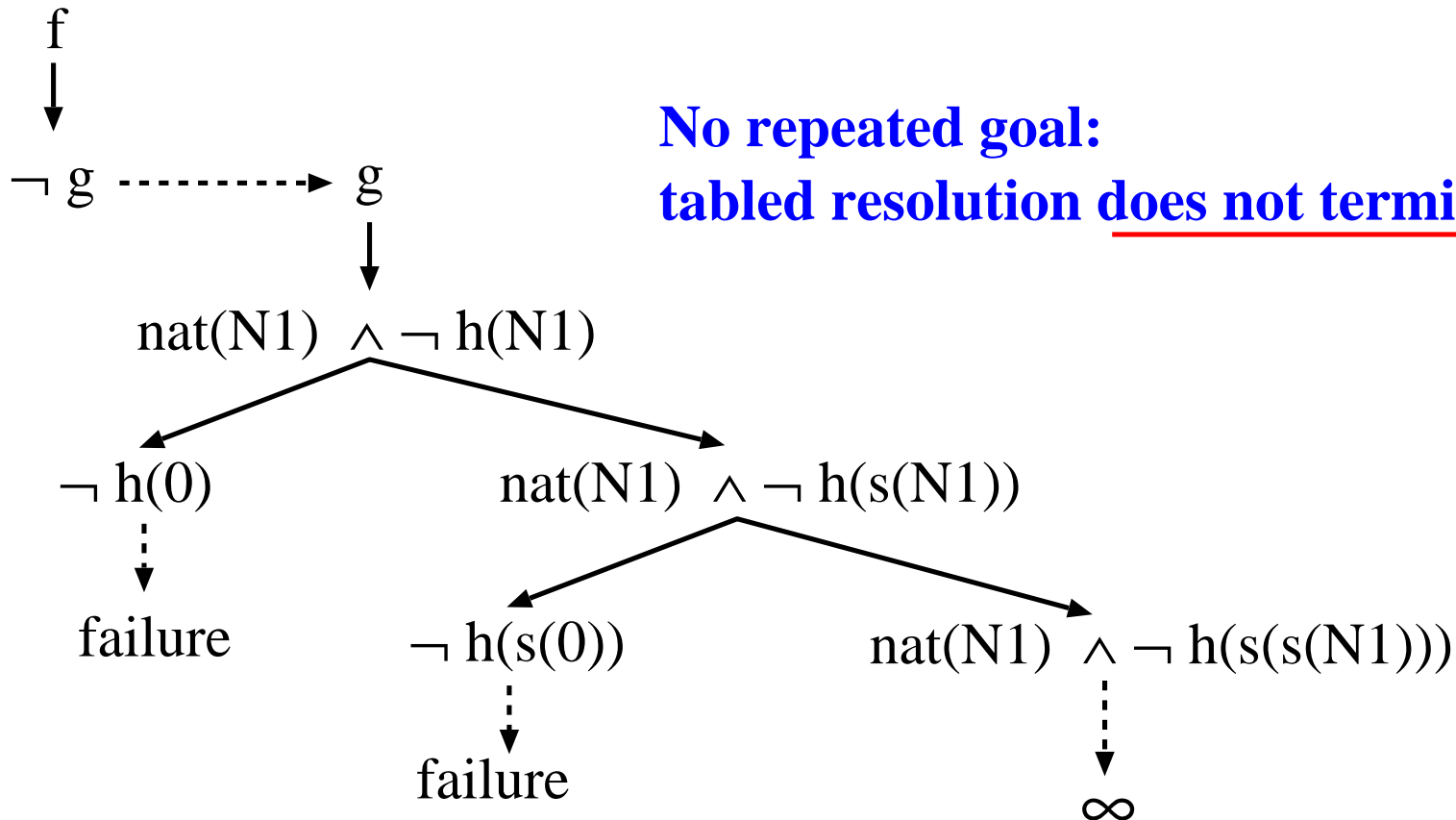


Limitations of Tabled Resolution (XSB)

$$f \leftarrow \neg g$$

$$\text{Cls}(f, \varphi): g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$$

$$h(N1) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \text{nat}(N2) \wedge N1 \leq N2$$



... Proving WS1S via Program Transformation

$g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$

level 2

$g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$

unfolding

~~$g \leftarrow g$~~

folding

tautology

$f \leftarrow \neg g$

level 3

$f \leftarrow$

unfolding

$\Rightarrow M(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f$

\Rightarrow by the correctness of the encoding and the correctness of the transformations,

$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi$

The Unfold/Fold Proof Method

Let φ be a closed WS1S formula.

Step 1. (Encoding into stratified LP)

$$\varphi \longrightarrow \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)$$

Lloyd-Topor transformation + type addition

$$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f$$

Step 2. (Unfold/fold transformations)

$$\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi) \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

unfolding and folding rules applied according to a strategy

$$\mathcal{M}(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f \quad \text{iff} \quad f \leftarrow \text{belongs to } \mathcal{T}$$

Rule-based Program Transformation

- We consider stratified normal logic programs with the Perfect Model (= Standard Model) semantics.

- Program transformation: Construct a sequence of programs

$$P_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n$$

where P_{k+1} is derived from P_k by applying a transformation rule.

- The transformation rules preserve the Perfect Model.

$$M(P_0 \cup \text{Defs}_n) = M(P_n)$$

where Defs_n is the set of new definitions introduced during program transformation.

The Unfold/Fold Transformation Rules

- Construct a transformation sequence, that is, a sequence of programs

$$P_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n$$

where P_{k+1} is derived from P_k by applying a transformation rule

- **Transformation Rules:**

- R1. Definition Introduction
- R2. Unfolding (w.r.t. positive or negative literals)
- R3. Folding
- R4. Tautologies

LT Transformation: Less-or-Equal Example

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{P:} & 0 \leq N \leftarrow \text{nat}(0) \leftarrow \\ & s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2 \quad \text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \end{array}$$

$$\varphi: \quad \forall N \ N \leq s(N)$$

Rewrite φ as: $\neg \exists N \neg N \leq s(N)$

Introduce the statement: $f \leftarrow \neg \exists N \neg N \leq s(N)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Introduce the statement: } f \leftarrow \neg \exists N \neg N \leq s(N) \\ \downarrow \text{LT transformation + type addition} \\ \text{Cls}(f, \varphi): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \leftarrow \neg g \\ g \leftarrow \underline{\text{nat}(N)} \wedge \neg N \leq s(N) \end{array} \right. \quad \text{Locally stratified} \end{array}$$

Note:

$$\forall N (g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N) \wedge \neg N \leq s(N)) \equiv g \leftarrow \exists N (\text{nat}(N) \wedge \neg N \leq s(N))$$

Definition Introduction: Less-or-Equal Example

P_0 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$

Definition Introduction (twice): $\delta_1: g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N) \wedge \neg N \leq s(N)$
 $\delta_2: f \leftarrow \neg g$

P_2 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$
 $\delta_1: g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N) \wedge \neg N \leq s(N)$
 $\delta_2: f \leftarrow \neg g$

$\text{Defs}_2 = \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$

R1. Definition Introduction

Introduce a **new definition**, that is, a clause

$$\delta: \text{newp}(X_1, \dots, X_h) \leftarrow L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$$

where:

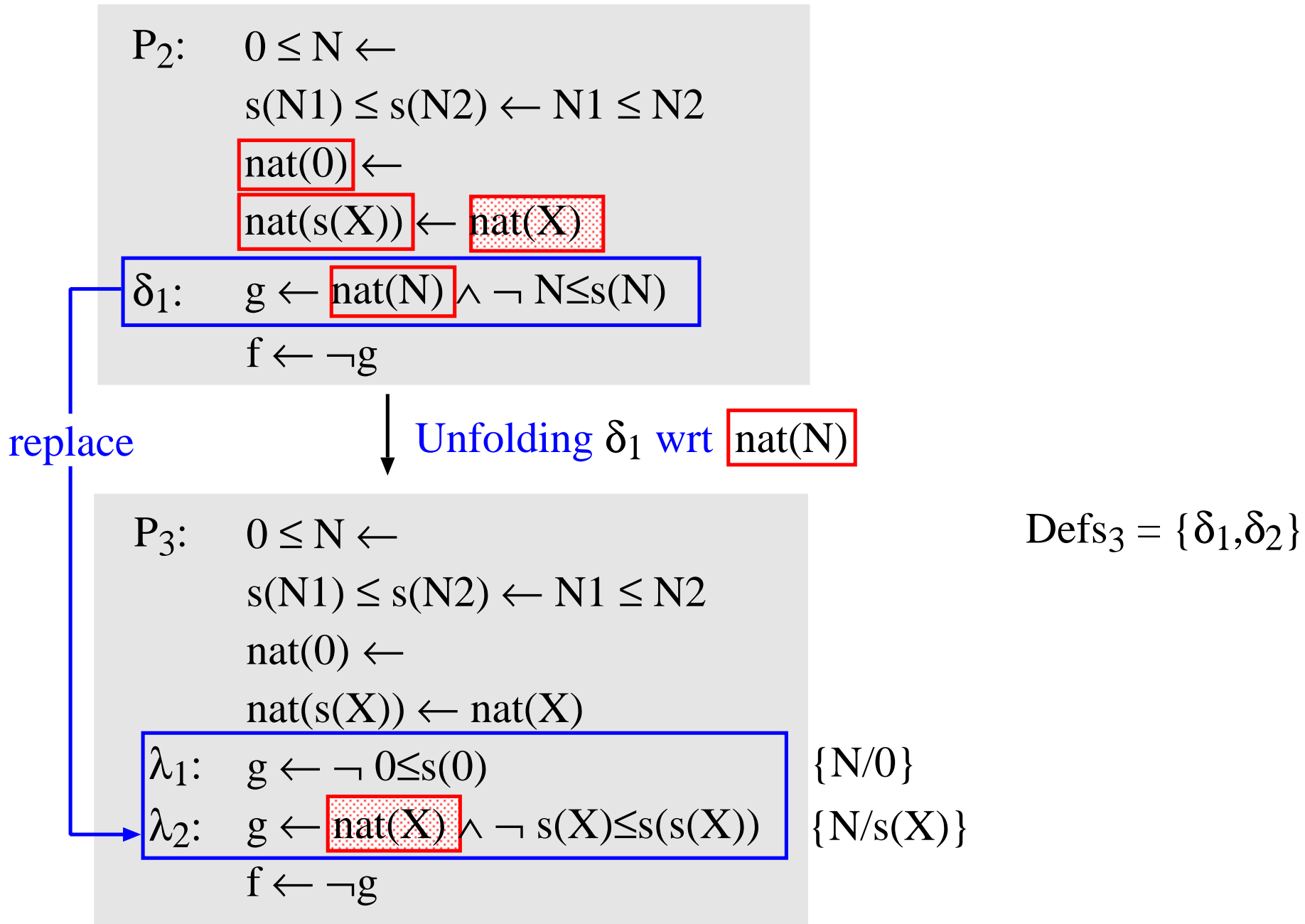
- **newp** is a new predicate symbol
- X_1, \dots, X_h are distinct variables occurring in $L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$
- the predicate symbols of $L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$ occur in P_k

$$P_{k+1} = P_k \cup \{\delta\}$$

Defs_k is the set of definitions introduced up to step k

No recursive definitions, no multiple clause definitions

Positive Unfolding: Less-or-Equal Example



R2⁺. Positive Unfolding

Given a clause in P_k

$$\lambda: H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{A} \wedge G_2$$

take **all** clauses in P_k whose head H_i unifies with A via an mgu θ_i

$$\boxed{H_1} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Body}_1} \quad \dots \quad \boxed{H_m} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Body}_m}$$

and replace λ by **all** its resolvents w.r.t. the atom A

$$P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus \{\lambda\}) \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{\text{Body}_1} \wedge G_2) \theta_1 \\ \dots \\ (H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{\text{Body}_m} \wedge G_2) \theta_m \end{array} \right\}$$

If $m=0$ then delete λ from P_k

Negative Unfolding: Less-or-Equal Example

$P_3:$ $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$
 $\lambda_1: g \leftarrow \neg 0 \leq s(0)$
 $\lambda_2: g \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg s(X) \leq s(s(X))$
 $f \leftarrow \neg g$

replace

Unfolding λ_1 wrt $\neg 0 \leq s(0)$ and
 λ_2 wrt $\neg s(X) \leq s(s(X))$

$P_4:$ $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$
 ~~$g \leftarrow \neg 0 \leq s(0)$~~
 $\lambda_3: g \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg X \leq s(X)$
 $f \leftarrow \neg g$

$\text{Defs}_4 = \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$

$\{N/0\}$

$\{N1/X, N2/X\}$

R2. Negative Unfolding

Given a clause in P_k $\lambda: H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{\neg A} \wedge G_2$

take **all** clauses in P_k whose head H_i unifies with A via an mgu θ_i

$$\boxed{H_1} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Body}_1} \quad \dots \quad \boxed{H_m} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Body}_m}$$

if (1) $A = H_1 \theta_1 = \dots = H_m \theta_m$ (A is an instance of H_1, \dots, H_m)

(2) $\text{Body}_1, \dots, \text{Body}_m$ have no existential variables

then take the disjunctive normal form

$$\boxed{Q_1} \vee \dots \vee \boxed{Q_r} = \text{DNF} (G_1 \wedge \neg(\boxed{\text{Body}_1} \theta_1 \vee \dots \vee \boxed{\text{Body}_m} \theta_m) \wedge G_2)$$

$$P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus \{\lambda\}) \cup \{H \leftarrow \boxed{Q_1}, \dots, H \leftarrow \boxed{Q_r}\}$$

If $m=0$ then delete $\neg A$ from the body of λ ; if $A\theta \leftarrow$ is a clause in P_k then delete λ .

Negative Unfolding: Example

$$h(X) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg p(s(X))$$

$$p(0) \leftarrow$$

$$p(s(X)) \leftarrow q_1(X)$$

$$p(X) \leftarrow q_2(X) \wedge q_3(X)$$

$$\text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg (q_1(X) \vee (q_2(s(X)) \wedge q_3(s(X))))$$

DNF ↓

$$\text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg q_1(X) \wedge \neg q_2(s(X)) \vee$$

$$\text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg q_1(X) \wedge \neg q_3(s(X))$$

$$h(X) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg q_1(X) \wedge \neg q_2(s(X))$$

$$h(X) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg q_1(X) \wedge \neg q_3(s(X))$$

Folding: Less-or-Equal Example

P_4 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$

λ_3 : $g \leftarrow \text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg X \leq s(X)$
 $f \leftarrow \neg g$

Defs_4 : δ_1 : $g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N) \wedge \neg N \leq s(N)$
 δ_2 : $f \leftarrow \neg g$

replace

folding λ_3 wrt $\text{nat}(X) \wedge \neg X \leq s(X)$

P_5 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$

λ_4 : $g \leftarrow g$
 $f \leftarrow \neg g$

R3. Folding

Given a clause in P_k

$$\lambda: H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{G_2} \theta \wedge G_3$$

and a definition in Defs_k

$$\delta: \boxed{\text{Newp}} \leftarrow \boxed{G_2}$$

if (1) $\theta = \theta_1 \circ \theta_2$ where:

- θ_1 and θ_2 share no variables

- θ_2 is a renaming of the existential variables of δ

and (2) δ has been (or will be) unfolded w.r.t. a **positive literal** (*)

then

$$P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus \{\lambda\}) \cup \{H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge \boxed{\text{Newp}} \theta \wedge G_3\}$$

Similar to [Tamaki-Sato 84, Seki 91], except for (*)

Folding: Condition (2)

$P_0:$ $p(X) \leftarrow p(X)$
 $p(X) \leftarrow q$
 $q \leftarrow \text{fail}$

$P_1:$ $\text{newp} \leftarrow \neg p(X)$ definition introduction

$P_2:$ $\text{newp} \leftarrow \neg p(X) \wedge \neg q$ unfolding wrt $\neg p(X)$

$P_3:$ $\text{newp} \leftarrow \text{newp} \wedge \neg q$ folding

$\text{newp} \in M(P_0 \cup \text{Defs}_3) = M(P_1)$ and $\text{newp} \notin M(P_3)$

Tautologies: Less-or-Equal Example

P_5 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$
 ~~$g \leftarrow \neg g$~~
 $f \leftarrow \neg g$

$H \leftarrow H \wedge G$ is a tautology

Finally, by unfolding $f \leftarrow \neg g$ we get (there is no clause for g):

P_7 : $0 \leq N \leftarrow$
 $s(N1) \leq s(N2) \leftarrow N1 \leq N2$
 $\text{nat}(0) \leftarrow$
 $\text{nat}(s(X)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(X)$
 $f \leftarrow$

$f \leftarrow$ belongs to P_7

$\Leftrightarrow f \in M(P_7)$

$\Leftrightarrow M(P_0) \models \forall N (\text{nat}(N) \rightarrow N \leq s(N))$

Tautologies

$$P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus C_s) \cup D_s$$

where $C_s \Rightarrow D_s$ is an instance of one of the following rewritings:

$$\{H \leftarrow A \wedge \neg A \wedge G\} \Rightarrow \emptyset$$

$$\{H \leftarrow H \wedge G\} \Rightarrow \emptyset$$

$$\{H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge L_1 \wedge L_2 \wedge G_2\} \Rightarrow \{H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge L_2 \wedge L_1 \wedge G_2\}$$

$$\{H \leftarrow L \wedge L \wedge G\} \Rightarrow \{H \leftarrow L \wedge G\}$$

$$\{H \leftarrow G_1, \\ H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge G_2\} \Rightarrow \{H \leftarrow G_1\}$$

$$\{H \leftarrow A \wedge G_1 \wedge G_2, \\ H \leftarrow \neg A \wedge G_1\} \Rightarrow \{H \leftarrow G_1 \wedge G_2, \\ H \leftarrow \neg A \wedge G_1\}$$

A Derived Rule: Propositional Simplification

Suppose that in P_k a predicate p depends on nullary predicates only.
Then $p \in M(P_k)$ is decidable and, by unfolding and tautologies,

if $p \in M(P_k)$ then $P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus D_p) \cup \{p \leftarrow \}$

if $p \notin M(P_k)$ then $P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus D_p)$

where D_p is the set of clauses in P_k with head p

Correctness of the Unfold/Fold rules

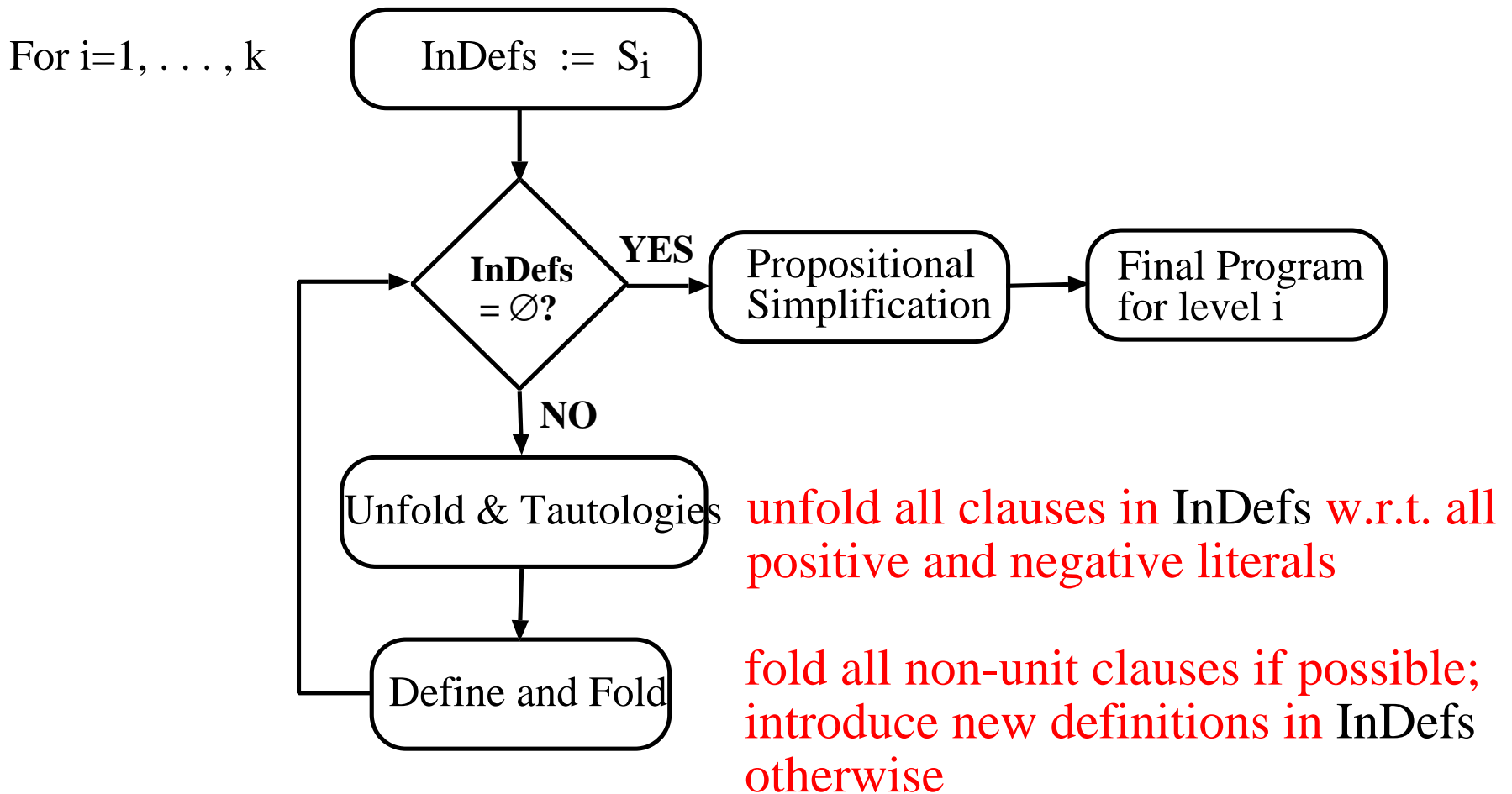
Theorem: Let P_0, \dots, P_n be a transformation sequence. Let Defs_n be the set of definitions introduced in that sequence. Then

$$M(P_0 \cup \text{Defs}_n) = M(P_n)$$

The Unfold/Fold Transformation Strategy

$P \cup Cls(f, \varphi) = S_0 \cup \dots \cup S_k$ is a finite partition into levels where:

- $S_0 = P$
- the predicates in S_i depend only on predicates in $S_0 \cup \dots \cup S_{i-1}$



Termination

Theorem. For all WS1S formulas φ , the unfold/fold strategy $\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)$ terminates and the final program T contains either $f \leftarrow$ or no clause for f .

Proof. Only a finite number of new definitions are generated (no generalization is needed).

By construction, all clauses in T are definite clauses of the form:

$$p(t_1, \dots, t_k) \leftarrow q_1(X_1, \dots, X_u) \wedge \dots \wedge q_r(X_v, \dots, X_w)$$

where: $t_i := 0 \mid s(\mathbf{N}) \mid [] \mid [\mathbf{B}|\mathbf{S}]$ and

$X_1, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_j, \dots, X_s$ are distinct variables occurring in t_1, \dots, t_k

In particular, if p is 0-ary, then we derive a set of propositional clauses for p , and by the propositional simplification the final program T contains either $p \leftarrow$ or no clause for p .

The Transformation Strategy (Example 1)

Cls(f,φ):	$f \leftarrow \neg g$	level 3
	$g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$	level 2
	$h(N1) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \text{nat}(N2) \wedge N1 \leq N2$	level 1

Bottom up over levels:

$$h(N1) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \text{nat}(N2) \wedge N1 \leq N2 \quad \text{level 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} h(0) \leftarrow \\ h(s(N1)) \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \text{nat}(N2) \wedge N1 \leq N2 \end{array} \quad \text{unfolding}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} h(0) \leftarrow \\ h(s(N)) \leftarrow h(N) \end{array} \quad \text{folding}$$

The Transformation Strategy (Example 2)

$$g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$$

level 2

$$g \leftarrow \text{nat}(N1) \wedge \neg h(N1)$$

unfolding

$$g \leftarrow g$$

folding

tautology

$$f \leftarrow \neg g$$

level 3

$$f \leftarrow$$

unfolding

$\Rightarrow M(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f$

\Rightarrow by the correctness of the encoding and the correctness of the transformations,

$$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi$$

Program Synthesis from WS1S Formulas

Example (Maximum of a set).

$$\varphi \equiv \underline{N \in S} \wedge \neg \exists N1 (\underline{N1 \in S} \wedge \neg N1 \leq N)$$

free variables

Apply the Lloyd-Topor transformation starting from the statement:

$$\text{max}(S, N) \leftarrow N \in S \wedge \neg \exists N1 (N1 \in S \wedge \neg N1 \leq N)$$

and add types

$\text{Cls}(\text{max}, \varphi)$:

$$\text{max}(S, N) \leftarrow \underline{\text{set}(S)} \wedge \underline{\text{nat}(N)} \wedge N \in S \wedge \neg \text{newp}(S, N)$$

$$\text{newp}(S, N) \leftarrow \underline{\text{set}(S)} \wedge \underline{\text{nat}(N)} \wedge \underline{\text{nat}(N1)} \wedge N1 \in S \wedge \neg N1 \leq N$$

... Program Synthesis from WS1S Formulas

Apply the unfold/fold transformation strategy starting from:

$$\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(\text{max}, \varphi)$$

and derive a program for computing the maximum of a set:

$$\text{max}([\mathbf{t}|S], 0) \leftarrow \text{new1}(S)$$

$$\text{max}([\mathbf{t}|S], s(N)) \leftarrow \text{max}(S, N)$$

$$\text{max}([\mathbf{f}|S], s(N)) \leftarrow \text{max}(S, N)$$

$$\text{new1}([\])$$

$$\text{new1}([\mathbf{f}|S]) \leftarrow \text{new1}(S)$$

The Unfold/Fold Synthesis Method

Let φ be a WS1S formula with free variables X_1, \dots, X_n .

Step 1. (Encoding into stratified LP)

$\varphi \rightarrow \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)$ **Lloyd-Topor transformation + type addition**

for all ground terms t_1, \dots, t_n ,

$\models_{\text{WS1S}} \varphi\{X_1/t_1, \dots, X_n/t_n\}$ **iff** $M(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

Step 2. (Unfold/fold transformations)

$\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T$ **unfold/fold strategy**

for all ground terms t_1, \dots, t_n ,

$M(\text{Natset} \cup \text{Cls}(f, \varphi)) \models f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ **iff** $M(T) \models f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

Optimizations: (1) Discarding useless types

Some type atoms can be discarded.

Example:

$$\varphi \equiv N \in S \wedge \neg \exists N1 (N1 \in S \wedge \neg N1 \leq N)$$

Cls(max, φ):

$$\text{max}(S, N) \leftarrow \text{set}(S) \wedge \cancel{\text{nat}(N)} \wedge N \in S \wedge \neg \text{newp}(S, N)$$

$$\text{newp}(S, N) \leftarrow \text{set}(S) \wedge \text{nat}(N) \wedge \cancel{\text{nat}(N1)} \wedge N1 \in S \wedge \neg N1 \leq N$$

because

$$M(\text{Natset}) \models \forall N \forall S (N \in S \rightarrow \text{nat}(N))$$

Optimizations: (2) Determinization

The program derived by the u/f strategy may be nondeterministic

$p(s(X)) \leftarrow q(X)$

$p(s(X)) \leftarrow r(X)$

$q(0) \leftarrow$

$q(s(X)) \leftarrow r(X)$

$r(s(X)) \leftarrow q(X)$

$new(X) \leftarrow q(X)$

$new(X) \leftarrow r(X)$

multiple clause
definition

$new(0) \leftarrow$

$new(s(X)) \leftarrow r(X)$

$new(s(X)) \leftarrow q(X)$

unfolding

$new(0) \leftarrow$

$new(s(X)) \leftarrow new(X)$

multiple clause
folding

Optimizations: (3) Minimization

The programs derived during the unfold/fold strategy may contain equivalent predicates.

$$p(0) \leftarrow$$
$$p(s(X)) \leftarrow \boxed{q(X)}$$
$$q(0) \leftarrow$$
$$q(s(X)) \leftarrow \boxed{p(X)}$$

p and q have the same definition modulo predicate names.

$$M(P) \models \forall X(p(X) \leftrightarrow q(X))$$
$$p(0) \leftarrow$$
$$p(s(X)) \leftarrow \boxed{p(X)}$$
$$q(0) \leftarrow$$
$$q(s(X)) \leftarrow \boxed{q(X)}$$

goal replacements

Deletion of Useless Clauses

Suppose that P is a definite program.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_k & \rightarrow & \text{Prop}(P_k) \\ p(\dots) \leftarrow q(\dots) & & p \leftarrow q \end{array}$$

if $p \notin M(\text{Prop}(P_k))$ then $P_{k+1} = (P_k \setminus D_p)$

where D_p is the set of clauses in P_k with head p

Example:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_k & \rightarrow & \text{Prop}(P_k) \\ p(s(X)) \leftarrow q(X) & & p \leftarrow q \\ q(s(X)) \leftarrow p(X) & & q \leftarrow p \end{array}$$

the clauses for p and q can be deleted

Incremental Verification

To prove the WS1S formula:

$$\forall W \forall U \forall W1 \forall U1 (\text{use}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \rightarrow \neg \text{empty}(U1))$$

where:

$$\text{use}(\langle W, U \rangle, \langle W1, U1 \rangle) \equiv$$

$$\exists N (N \in W \wedge \exists Z (Z = W \cup U \wedge \text{min}(Z, N)) \wedge W1 = W - \{N\} \wedge U1 = U \cup \{N\})$$

Synthesize programs for:

- set union
- min
- set difference
- singleton
- empty set
- use

Add the synthesized programs to Natset and prove the WS1S formula in the derived program

Implementation

The unfold/fold proof and synthesis methods have been implemented on the MAP transformation system, available at

<http://www.iasi.rm.cnr.it/~proietti/system.html>

Reasonable efficiency for small formulas.

Program Verification using CLP

Given a locally stratified **CLP(D)** program **P** and
a first order formula φ

Check whether or not $M(P) \models \varphi$

1. Apply Lloyd-Topor transformation starting from :

$$\mathbf{f} \leftarrow \varphi$$

and derive a locally stratified program $\text{Cls}(\mathbf{f}, \varphi)$

s. t. $M(P) \models \varphi$ iff $M(P \cup \text{Cls}(\mathbf{f}, \varphi)) \models \mathbf{f}$

2. Apply **rules** according to a **strategy**: $P \cup \text{Cls}(\mathbf{f}, \varphi) \xrightarrow{\text{rules}}^* \mathbf{T}$

s.t. *either* $\mathbf{f} \leftarrow$ is in **T** (in which case $M(P) \models \varphi$)

or no clause for \mathbf{f} is in **T** (in which case $M(P) \not\models \varphi$)

Verifying a Semaphore

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Program P :

1. $\text{down}(X1) \leftarrow X1=X+1 \wedge \neg \text{down}(X)$
2. $\text{up}(0, 0) \leftarrow$
3. $\text{up}(X1, 0) \leftarrow X1=X+1 \wedge \text{down}(X)$
4. $\text{up}(X1, Y1) \leftarrow X1=X+1 \wedge Y1=Y+1 \wedge X>Y \wedge \text{up}(X1, Y)$

$\varphi : \forall X, Y (X>Y \wedge X2=X+2 \wedge \text{up}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{up}(X2, 0))$

up	0,0		2,0	2,1		4,0	4,1	4,2	4,3		6,0	...	6,5		8,0	...
down		1			3					5					7	...

We start from :

$f \leftarrow \forall X, Y (X>Y \wedge X2=X+2 \wedge \text{up}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{up}(X2, 0))$

After Lloyd-Topor we get :

6. $f \leftarrow \neg g$

7. $g \leftarrow X>Y \wedge X2=X+2 \wedge \text{up}(X, Y) \wedge \neg \text{up}(X2, 0)$

Program Synthesis

Given a locally stratified **CLP(D)** program **P** and
a first order formula $\varphi[X]$

Derive an efficient program **S** defining **s(X)** s.t.

\forall ground term t

$M(P) \models \varphi[t]$ iff $M(S) \models s(t)$

1. Apply Lloyd-Topor transformation starting from :

$s(X) \leftarrow \varphi[X]$

and derive a possibly inefficient, locally stratified program $Cl_s(s, \varphi)$
s.t. \forall ground term t , $M(P) \models \varphi[t]$ iff $M(P \cup Cl_s(s, \varphi)) \models s(t)$

2. Apply **rules** according to a **strategy**: $P \cup Cl_s(s, \varphi) \xrightarrow{\text{rules}^*} S$

Program P :

1. $\text{list}([\])$ \leftarrow
2. $\text{list}([X|Xs]) \leftarrow \text{list}(Xs)$
3. $\text{member}(X, [A|As]) \leftarrow X = A$
4. $\text{member}(X, [A|As]) \leftarrow \text{member}(X, As)$

$\varphi[L, M] : \text{list}(L) \wedge \text{member}(M, L) \wedge \forall X (\text{member}(X, L) \rightarrow X \leq M)$

We start from :

$\text{max}(L, M) \leftarrow \text{list}(L) \wedge \text{member}(M, L) \wedge \forall X (\text{member}(X, L) \rightarrow X \leq M)$

After Lloyd-Topor we get :

6. $\text{max}(L, M) \leftarrow \text{list}(L) \wedge \text{member}(M, L) \wedge \neg \text{new1}(L, M)$
7. $\text{new1}(L, M) \leftarrow \text{member}(X, L) \wedge \neg X \leq M$

Synthesized Program :

- 16. $\text{max}([A|As], M) \leftarrow \text{new2}(A, As, M)$
- 17. $\text{new2}(A, [], M) \leftarrow M = A$
- 21. $\text{new2}(A, [B|As], M) \leftarrow B \leq A \wedge \text{new2}(A, As, M)$
- 22. $\text{new2}(A, [B|As], M) \leftarrow A \leq B \wedge \text{new2}(B, As, M)$