

# Separation Logic 1/4

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# Separation Logic

**Hoare Logic** / Floyd-Hoare logic / Program logic / Axiomatic semantics

- mathematical proofs for imperative programs with variables
- tedious for pointer aliasing, concurrent programs

**Separation Logic:** Hoare logic with a more robust notion of memory

- allocation on the heap
- operations on pointers
- many extensions, including concurrent programs

# Origins

- Burstall (1972): reasoning on with no sharing  
*Distinct Nonrepeating List Systems*
- Reynolds (1999): separating conjunction  
*Intuitionistic Reasoning about Shared Mutable*
- O'Hearn and Pym (1999): linear resources  
*The Logic of Bunched Implications*
- O'Hearn, Reynolds, Yang (2001)  
*Local Reasoning about Programs that Alter Data Structures.*

# Examples

Micro-controller	Klein et al	NICTA	Isabelle
Assembly language	Chlipala et al	MIT	Coq
Operating system	Shao et al	Yale	Coq
C (drivers)	Yang et al	Oxford	Other
C-light (concurrent)	Appel et al	Princeton	Coq
C11 (concurrent)	Vafeiadis et al	MPI and MSR	Paper
Java	Parkinson et al	MSR and Cambridge	Other
Java	Jacobs et al	Leuven	Verifast
Javascript	Gardner et al	Imperial College	Paper
ML	Morisset et al	Harvard	Coq
OCaml	Charguéraud	Inria	Coq
SML	Myreen et al	U. of Cambridge	HOL
Rust	Jung et al	MPI	Coq-Iris
Time complexity	Guéneau et al	Inria	Coq
Multicore OCaml	Mével et al	Inria	Coq-Iris
Space complexity	Madiot et al	Inria	Coq-Iris
...	...	...	Coq-Iris

## Interactive vs automated

Fully automated (e.g. Infer, SpaceInvader, Predator, MemCAD, SLAyer)

- find many bugs
- don't find proofs

Semi-automated (Smallfoot, Heap Hop, VeriFast, Viper)

- work well on some classes of programs
- rely on user-provided invariants
- blackbox problem (hard to debug, extend, prove...)

Interactive (Iris, VST, Ynot, CFML):

- verified
- easier to debug, understand, extend
- expressive
- often slower

# Choice of the logic

Most research projects, including mine, define separation logic inside a logic framework.

We will use **Coq** and more precisely **Iris**, which is fact a whole proof mode inside Coq.

Installation:

- Install opam

- Create new switch

```
opam switch create 4.12.1-SL 4.12.1
```

- Install Iris and its toy langage:

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opam install coq-iris-heap-lang
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# Differences with previous years

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Previous years, CFML:

- typed ML-langage
- termination
- tools to accomodate ocaml

This year: **Iris**, with its toy langage

- prolific research production
- concurrent programs
- very expressive
- no types (in this course)
- no termination (in this course)

# Chapter 1

## Separation Logic Operators

# The heap in programming

“The heap”

- = the dynamically-allocated memory
- malloc in C, new in some object-oriented languages,
- sometimes implicit, especially in languages with garbage collection such as Python, Javascript, OCaml
- contains most things (not local variables, which are on the stack)

# Mathematical (sub)heaps

## Definition

A *map*, or *partial function*, from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  is a subset  $F$  of  $X \times Y$  such that  $(x, y_1) \in F \wedge (x, y_2) \in F \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2$ .

## Definition

A *subheap*, or more simply *heap*, is a finite map from *locations* (= memory addresses) to *values*.

Examples, with locations = values =  $\mathbb{N}$ :

- the empty heap  $\emptyset$
- $\{(1, 2)\}$  and  $\{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$  are heaps,
- $\{(2, 1)\} \cup \{(2, 3)\}$  is not a heap.

## Joining

When  $\text{dom}(h_1) \cap \text{dom}(h_2) = \emptyset$  we write  $h_1 \uplus h_2$  for  $h_1 \cup h_2$ .

# Heap predicates

A *heap predicate*  $H$  is a predicate on heaps.  
i.e. if  $h$  is a heap then  $H h$  is a proposition.

In Coq:  $H : \text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$  where Prop is the type of propositions.

Primitive heap predicates:

$\top$	empty heap
$\top P$	pure fact
$l \mapsto v$	singleton heap
$H * H'$	separating conjunction
$\exists x, H$	existential quantification

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Observe that  $\top$  is equivalent to ‘True’.

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Example: specification of “`incr s`”.

Before:  $s \mapsto n$  for some  $n$

After:  $s \mapsto (n + 1)$

## Separating conjunction

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where:

$$m_1 \perp m_2 \equiv \text{dom } m_1 \cap \text{dom } m_2 = \emptyset$$

$$m_1 \uplus m_2 \equiv m_1 \cup m_2 \quad \text{when } m_1 \perp m_2$$

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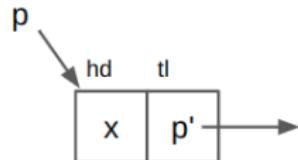
- ①  $(r \mapsto 5) * (s \mapsto 3) * 't = r'$
- ②  $(r \mapsto 6) * (s \mapsto 3) * 't = r'$
- ③  $(r \mapsto 7) * (s \mapsto 3) * 't = r'$

# Record fields

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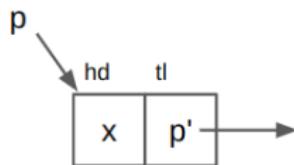
In the C memory model:

$$p.f \mapsto v \equiv (p + f) \mapsto v$$

with

$$hd \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad tl \equiv 1$$

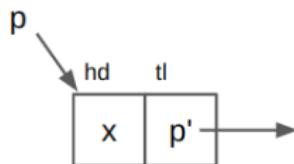
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Remark: the new arrow symbol will be overloaded later.

# Existential quantification

Definition:

$$\exists x. H \equiv \lambda m. \exists x. H m$$

Compare:

$$(\exists x. P) : \text{Prop} \quad \text{when } (P : \text{Prop})$$

$$(\exists x. H) : \text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop} \quad \text{when } (H : \text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop})$$

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$$\exists x. \lceil (1 \mapsto x) \rceil \quad \exists x. (1 \mapsto x) * (2 \mapsto x) \quad \exists x. \lceil x = x + 1 \rceil$$

$$\exists x. (x \mapsto x + 1) * (x + 1 \mapsto x) \quad \exists x. 1 \mapsto x \quad \exists x. (x \mapsto 1) * (x \mapsto 2)$$

$$\exists P. \lceil P \rceil$$

$$\exists H. H$$

# Summary

$$\text{`True'} \equiv \text{`True'}$$

$$\text{'P'} \equiv \lambda m. m = \emptyset \wedge P$$

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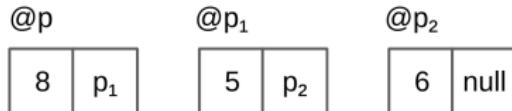
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# Chapter 2

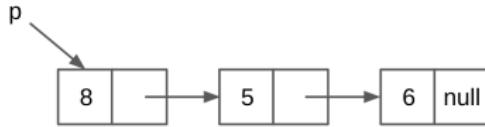
## Representation Predicate for Lists

# Implementation of mutable lists

Mutable lists (C-style), expressed in OCaml extended with null pointers.

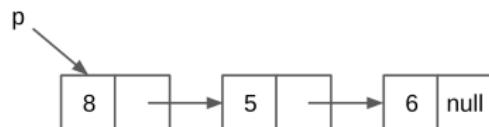


```
type 'a cell = { mutable hd : 'a;  
                 mutable tl : 'a cell }  
  
{ hd = 8; tl = { hd = 5; tl = { hd = 6; tl = null } } }
```



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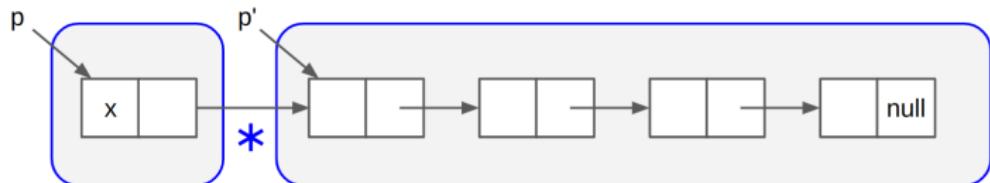
$$L = 8 :: 5 :: 6 :: \text{nil}$$



$$\begin{aligned} p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L &\equiv \exists p_1. \quad p \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd}=8; \text{tl}=p_1\} \\ &\quad * \exists p_2. \quad p_1 \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd}=5; \text{tl}=p_2\} \\ &\quad * \exists p_3. \quad p_2 \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd}=6; \text{tl}=p_3\} \\ &\quad * 'p_3 = \text{null}' \end{aligned}$$

Remark: in Coq,  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L$  is just a convenient notation for  $\text{MList } L \ p$ .

# Representation predicate



$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L \equiv \text{match } L \text{ with}$

$$\begin{aligned} & | \text{nil} \Rightarrow 'p = \text{null}' \\ & | x :: L' \Rightarrow \exists p'. \quad p \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd}=x; \text{tl}=p'\} \\ & \quad * \quad p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' \end{aligned}$$

# Separation properties

$p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_1 * p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 * p_3 \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_3$

Separation enforces: no cycles, and no sharing.

# Union heap predicate

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Equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L &\equiv \quad [L = \text{nil} \wedge p = \text{null}] \\ &\vee \quad (\exists x L' p'. \quad [L = x :: L']) \\ &\qquad * \quad p \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd}=x; \text{tl}=p'\} \\ &\qquad * \quad p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' \end{aligned}$$

where:

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Pre-condition:

$$n \geq 0$$

Post-condition, where  $p$  denotes the result:

$$\exists L. \ p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L * (\text{length } L = n \wedge (\forall i. 0 \leq i < n \Rightarrow L[i] = v))$$

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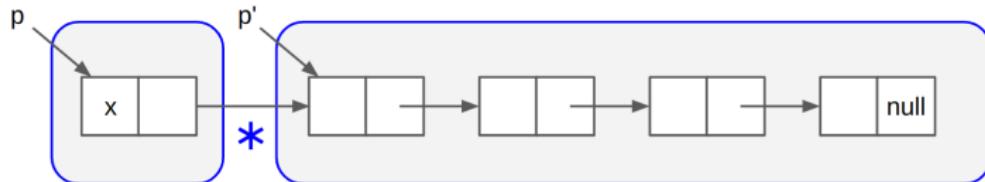
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$$(\exists p'. \ p \rightsquigarrow \{\text{hd} = x; \text{tl} = p'\} \ * \ p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L') \ = \ p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } (x :: L')$$

## In-place list reversal: code

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- ② Specify the state after the loop.
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Invariant:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists pqL_1L_2. \quad & r \mapsto p * s \mapsto q \\ * \quad & p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 * q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_1 \\ * \quad & 'L = \text{rev } L_1 + L_2 \end{aligned}$$

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Derive  $L_2 = \text{nil}$  using:

$$(\text{null} \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L) = 'L = \text{nil}'$$

## Conversion rule for empty lists

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contradicts the fact that no data can be allocated at the null address.

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Break!

# Chapter 3

## Representation Predicate for List Segments

# Length of a mutable list using a while loop

```
let rec mlength (p:'a cell) =
  let f = ref p in
  let t = ref 0 in
  while !f != null do
    incr t;
    f := (!f).tl;
  done
  !t
```

## Exercise:

- ① Specify the state before the loop.
- ② Specify the state after the loop.
- ③ Draw a picture describing a state during the loop.
- ④ Try to state a loop invariant. What do you need?

# Mlength: initial and final states

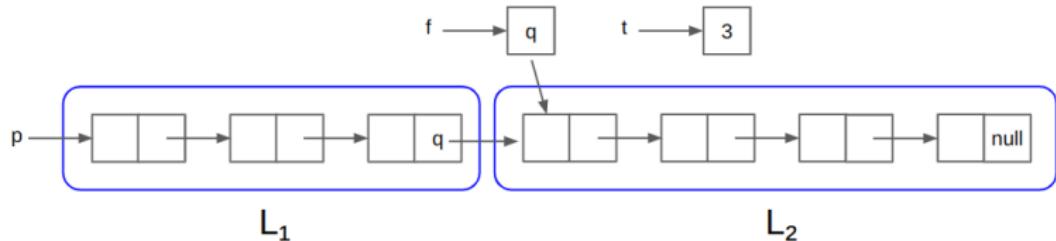
Before the loop:

$$(p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L) * (f \mapsto p) * (t \mapsto 0)$$

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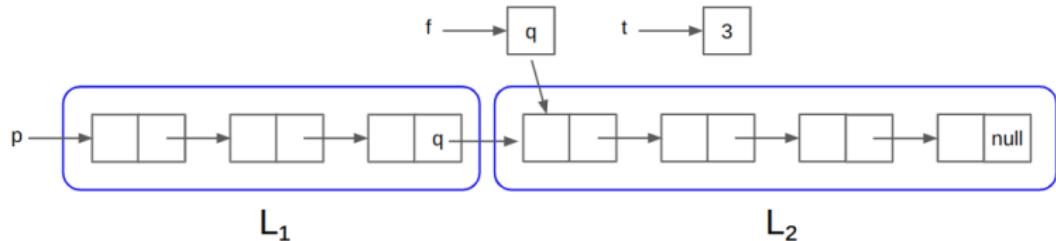
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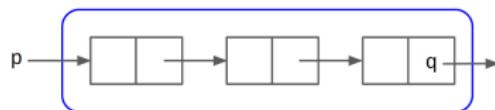
Loop invariant:

$$\exists L_1 L_2 q. \quad \begin{array}{l} \lceil L = L_1 + L_2 \rceil * (t \mapsto \text{length } L_1) * (f \mapsto q) \\ * (p \rightsquigarrow \text{MlistSeg } q \ L_1) * (q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2) \end{array}$$

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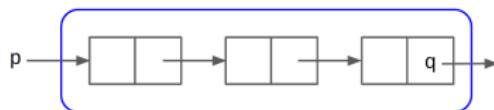


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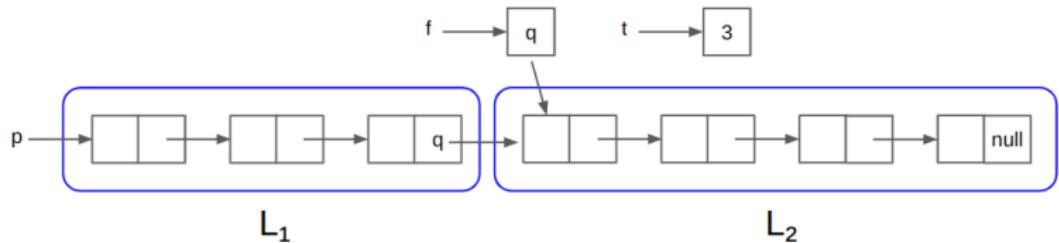
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## Mlength: proof

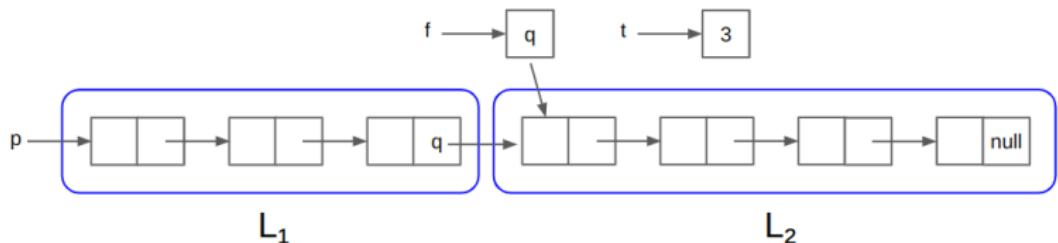


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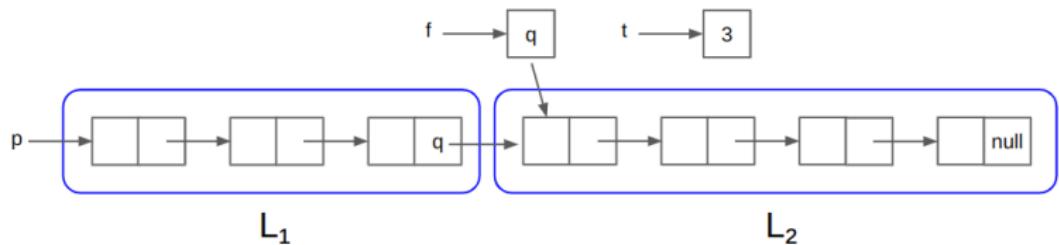
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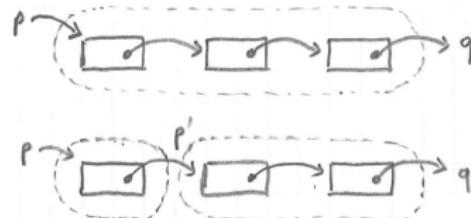
Step:

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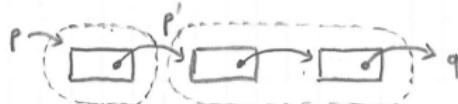
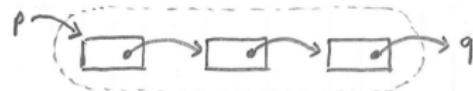
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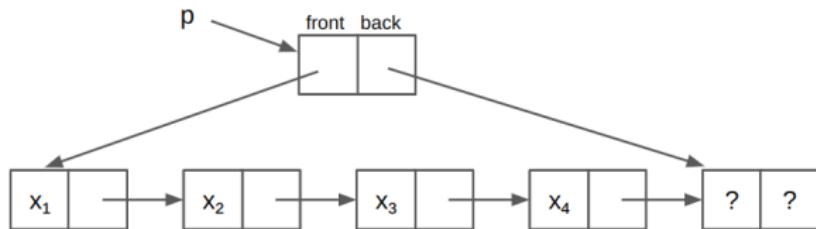


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# An implementation of mutable queues

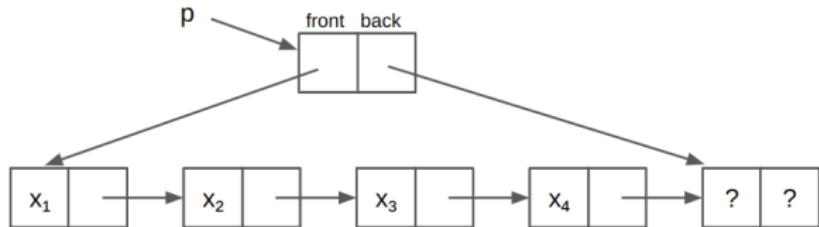


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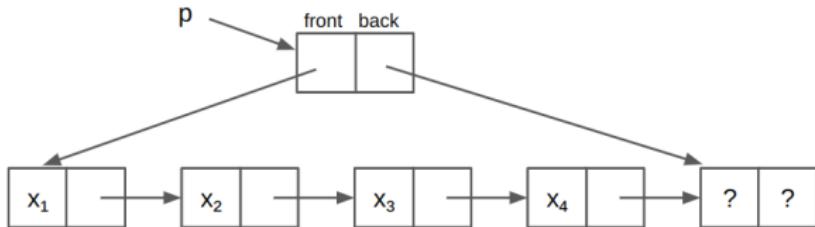
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Alternative for the last cell:  $\exists u a. \quad b \mapsto \{\text{hd} = u; \text{tl} = a\}$

# Summary

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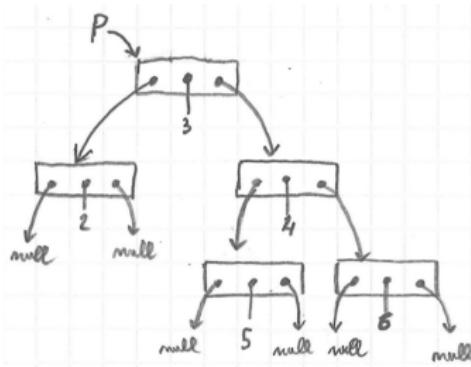
Split and merge of segments:

$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MlistSeg } q (L_1 ++ L_2) = \exists p'. \begin{aligned} &p \rightsquigarrow \text{MlistSeg } p' L_1 \\ &* p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MlistSeg } q L_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 4

## Representation Predicate for Trees

# Implementation of a mutable binary trees



Empty trees represented as null pointers. Nodes represented as records.

```
type node = {  
    mutable item : int;  
    mutable left : node;  
    mutable right : node; }
```

# Logical binary trees

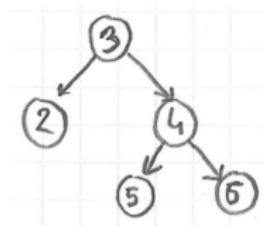
Inductive tree : Type :=

| Leaf : tree  
| Node : int → tree → tree → tree.

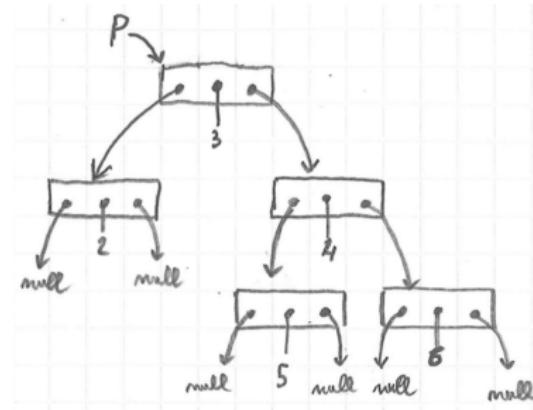
Example:

Node 3

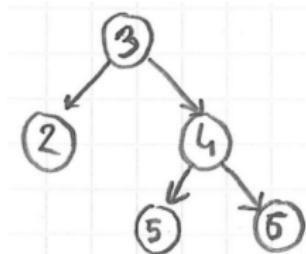
(Node 2 Leaf Leaf)  
(Node 4 (Node 5 Leaf Leaf)  
    (Node 6 Leaf Leaf))



# Representation predicate for binary trees



$T =$



Representation predicate:

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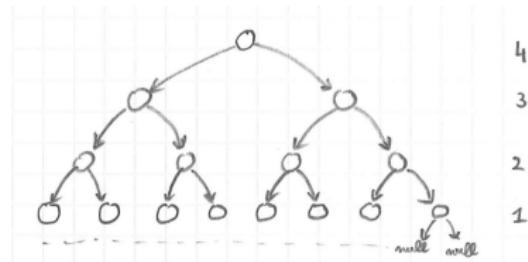
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# Complete binary tree



$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n \ T$$

describes a complete binary tree whose leaves are all at depth  $n$ .

## Complete binary tree (1/2)

```
 $p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T \equiv \text{match } T \text{ with}$ 
| Leaf  $\Rightarrow$   $'p = \text{null}'$ 
| Node  $x T_1 T_2 \Rightarrow \exists p_1 p_2.$ 
     $p \mapsto \{\text{item} = x; \text{left} = p_1; \text{right} = p_2\}$ 
*  $p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1$ 
*  $p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$ 
```

**Exercise:** define  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n T$  by modifying  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T$ .

## Complete binary tree (1/2), solution

$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n T \equiv \begin{aligned} & \text{match } T \text{ with} \\ & | \text{Leaf} \Rightarrow 'p = \text{null} \wedge n = 0' \\ & | \text{Node } x T_1 T_2 \Rightarrow \exists p_1 p_2. 'n > 0' * \\ & \quad p \mapsto \{\text{item} = x; \text{left} = p_1; \text{right} = p_2\} \\ & \quad * \ p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } (n - 1) T_1 \\ & \quad * \ p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } (n - 1) T_2 \end{aligned}$$

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Or:

$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n T \equiv \text{match } n, T \text{ with}$

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$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n T \equiv p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T * \lceil \text{depth } n T \rceil$$

```
Inductive depth : int → tree → Prop :=  
| depth_leaf :  
    depth 0 Leaf  
| depth_node : ∀n x T1 T2,  
    depth n T1 →  
    depth n T2 →  
    depth (n+1) (Node x T1 T2).
```

## Complete binary tree of unspecified depth

$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeDepth } n T \equiv (p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T) * \lceil \text{depth } n T \rceil$$

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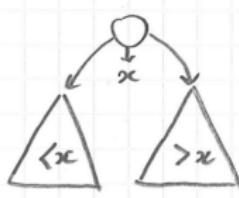
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Equivalent definitions for  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MtreeComplete } T$ :

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- ②  $\exists n. (p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T) * \lceil \text{depth } n T \rceil$
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# Binary search tree property



The proposition  $\text{search } T E$  asserts that the pure tree  $T$  describes a valid search tree and that  $E$  describes the set integers that it contains.

```
Inductive search : tree → set int → Prop :=  
| search_leaf :  
  search Leaf ∅  
| search_node : ∀x T1 T2,  
  search T1 E1 →  
  search T2 E2 →  
  foreach (is_lt x) E1 →  
  foreach (is_gt x) E2 →  
  search (Node x T1 T2) ({x} ∪ E1 ∪ E2).
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For example, a call “add  $x$   $p$ ” can be specified as follows:

- pre-condition:  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MsearchTree } E$
- post-condition:  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MsearchTree } (E \cup \{x\})$

# Summary

Common representation predicate for all binary trees:

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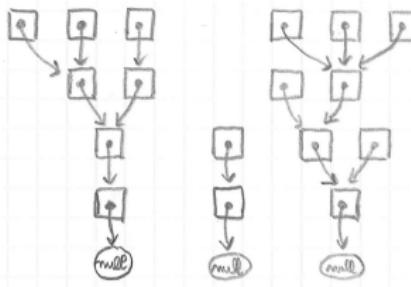
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# Chapter 5

## Structures with sharing

# The union-find data structure



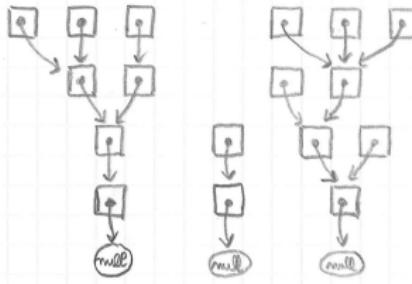
```
type node = node ref
```

Implements an equivalence relation  $S$  of type:  $\text{loc} \rightarrow \text{loc} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ .

$S a b \Leftrightarrow a$  and  $b$  are two valid nodes with the same root

Remark:  $S a a$  holds iff  $a$  is the location of an existing node.

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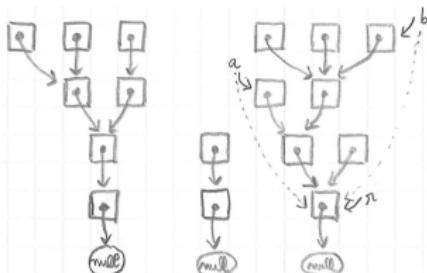


$$(p_1 \mapsto q_1) * (p_2 \mapsto q_2) * \dots * (p_n \mapsto q_n)$$

$$= \circledast_{(p_i, q_i) \in G} (p_i \mapsto q_i)$$

where  $G$  is a finite map from locations to locations.

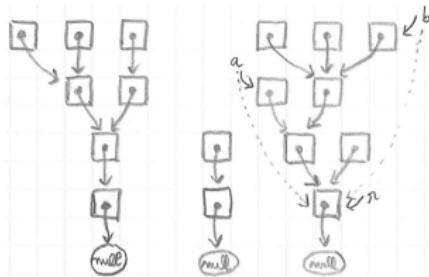
# Invariants of union-find



Predicate “ $\text{root } G \ a\ r$ ” asserts that in the graph  $G$ , node  $a$  has root  $r$ .

```
Inductive root : fmap loc loc → loc → loc → Prop :=  
| root_init : ∀G x,  
  binds G x null →  
  root G x x  
| root_step : ∀G x y r,  
  binds G x y →  
  y ≠ null →  
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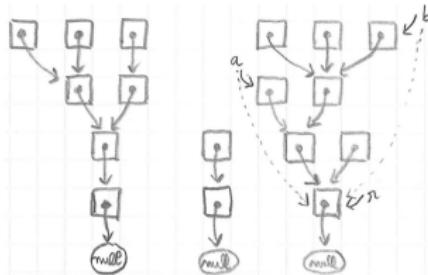
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For example, "`let x = is_equiv a b`" is specified as follows:

- pre-condition: ' $S a a \wedge S b b$ ' \*  $\text{UnionFind } S$
- post-condition: ' $x = \text{true} \Leftrightarrow S a b$ ' \*  $\text{UnionFind } S$

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- $H$  (pre-condition) is a predicate of type:  $\text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
- $t$  has an ML type interpreted in the logic as type  $A$
- $Q$  (post-condition) is a predicate of type:  $A \rightarrow \text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ .

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Remark: in “ $\lambda_. (r \mapsto 4)$ ” we do not care about the return value.

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A function  $f$  is specified using a triple of the form:

$$\forall a. \quad \{H\} (f a) \{\lambda x. H'\}$$

- $H$  is the pre-condition
- $f$  is the function
- $a$  is the value of the argument
- $x$  is a name for the return value
- $H'$  is the post-condition

Example:

$$\forall rn. \quad \{r \mapsto n\} (\text{incr } r) \{\lambda_. \ r \mapsto (n + 1)\}$$

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where  $(r \mapsto -) \equiv \exists w. r \mapsto w$ .

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Presentation 1:

$$\forall n. \quad \{ \lceil n \geq 0 \rceil \} (\text{facto } n) \{ \lambda x. \lceil x = n! \rceil \}$$

Presentation 2:

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(`Array.get p i`)  
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(`Array.length p`)  
(`Array.create n v`)

Notation:

- |                       |          |                                   |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| $L[i]$                | $\equiv$ | $i$ -th element of the list $L$   |
| $L[i := v]$           | $\equiv$ | copy of $L$ with $v$ at index $i$ |
| $ L $                 | $\equiv$ | length of $L$                     |
| $i \in \text{dom } L$ | $\equiv$ | $0 \leq i <  L $                  |

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We need the post-condition to describe only a subset of the output heap.

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Let  $m_3$  describe the *garbage* heap, that is, the part of the final heap that corresponds either to cells from  $m_1$  or to cells allocated during the evaluation of  $t$ , and that are not described by the post-condition.

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Remark: in Coq,  $p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L$  is just a convenient notation for  $\text{MList } L \ p$ .

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# Exercises

- Exam from 2014, Exercise 2: Circular lists.

Available from the webpage of the course.

<https://madiot.fr/sepcourse/>

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Specification of the leaf constructor:

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The end!