Ownership and permissions in Separation logic

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Summary
Non-empty binary trees (Bird trees)

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B ::= Node B B | Tip
fringe(Tip v) = ⟨v⟩
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btree(t)(Tip v) = t(→ nil, v)
btree(t)(Node λ ρ) = ∃ l, r · (t(→ l, r) ⋆ btree(l) λ ⋆ btree(r) ρ)
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\[
\begin{align*}
\text{let } c &= \text{Tip} 17 \\
\text{in } \text{Node} \left( \text{Node } \text{Empty } \left( \text{Ptr } c \right) \right) \left( \text{Node } \left( \text{Ptr } c \right) \text{Empty} \right)
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\text{lidag } d (\text{Tip } \alpha) U & \triangleq d \mapsto 0, \alpha \\
\text{lidag } d (\text{Node } \lambda \rho) U & \triangleq \exists l, r \cdot \left( d \mapsto 1, l, r * \text{lidag } l \lambda U * \right) \\
\text{lidag } d (\text{Ptr } x) U & \triangleq U x = d \land \text{emp} \\
\text{lidag } d (\text{let } x = \delta \text{ in } \delta') U & \triangleq \exists d' \cdot \left( \text{lidag } d' \delta U * \right) \\
& \quad \left( \text{lidag } d \delta' (U \oplus (x : d')) \right)
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\]
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\text{lidag } d \ (\text{Ptr } x) \ U = U x = d \land \textbf{emp} \\
\text{lidag } d \ (\text{let } x = \delta \ \text{in } \delta') \ U = \exists d' \cdot \left(\text{lidag } d' \delta U \star \left(\text{lidag } d \delta' (U \oplus (x : d'))\right)\right)
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... provided that \( x \) occurs free in \( \delta' \) ...
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\text{copydag } d f \triangleq \begin{cases} 
    \text{nil} & \text{if } d = \text{nil} \\
    f & \text{if } d \in \text{dom} f \\
    \text{new}(0, d.\text{val}) ; d', f \oplus (d : d') & \text{if } d.\text{tag} = 0 \\
    l, f' \leftarrow \text{copydag } d.\text{left } f \\
    r, f'' \leftarrow \text{copydag } d.\text{right } f' \\
    d' \leftarrow \text{new}(1, l, r) \\
    d', f'' \oplus (d : d') & \text{else}
\end{cases}
\]
Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) – 4

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(d : \text{Node} \ (\text{Ptr } c) \ \text{Empty})
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\[
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- Must we fudge this example?
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\text{with } r \text{ when } \neg full & \text{ do} \\
& \quad b := x; \\
& \quad full := \text{true} \ \\
\text{od}
\end{align*}
\]

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\begin{align*}
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\text{with } r \text{ when } \neg \ full \text{ do} \\
\quad \{\neg \ full \land \ emp \star x \mapsto _\} \\
b := x; \\
\quad \{\neg \ full \land \ emp \star x \mapsto _\land b = x\} \\
\quad \text{full := true} \\
\quad \{\full \land b \mapsto _\star \emp\} \\
\text{od} \\
\{\ emp \}
\end{align*}
\]

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\]

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\{\neg \text{full} \land \text{emp} \star x \mapsto \bot\} & \\
b &:= x; \\
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\text{full} &:= \text{false} \\
\{\neg \text{full} \land \text{emp} \star y \mapsto \bot\} & \\
\text{od;} & \\
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- But the logic doesn’t deal with read-only locations, so far.
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\]

\[
\{ R^x_E \} \ x := E \ \{ R \}
\{ x \xrightarrow{1} - \} \ [x] := E \ \{ x \xrightarrow{1} E \}
\{ E' \xrightarrow{z} E \} \ x := [E'] \ \{ E' \xrightarrow{z} E \land x = E' \} \ (x \text{ not free in } E, E')
\]
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\]

\[
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\]

\[
\begin{align*}
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k := i + j;
\end{align*}
\]

dispose \(x\)
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\[
\begin{cases}
\{\text{emp}\} \\
x := \text{new}(); \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
[x] := 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 1\}
\end{cases}
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
i := [x] + 1 \quad | \quad j := [x] + 2
\end{pmatrix};
\]

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\[\{\text{emp}\}\]
\[\begin{align*}
  x & := \text{new}(); \\
  \{x & \mapsto 1\} \\
  [x] & := 1; \\
  \{x & \mapsto 1\} : \{x \mapsto 0.5 \times x \mapsto 0.5 \times 1\} \\
  \begin{pmatrix}
    i := [x] + 1 & j := [x] + 2
  \end{pmatrix} \\
  k & := i + j;
\]

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\[
\{\text{emp}\} \\
x := \text{new}(); \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
[x] := 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \cdot \{x \mapsto 0.5, 1 \times x \mapsto 0.5, 1\} \\
\begin{cases} 
\{x \mapsto 0.5, 1\} \\
i := \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \\
\{x \mapsto 0.5, 1 \land i = 2\} \\
\end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 
\{x \mapsto 0.5, 1\} \\
j := \lfloor x \rfloor + 2 \\
\{x \mapsto 0.5, 1 \land j = 3\} \\
\end{cases} \\
\] \\

\[k := i + j;\]

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\[
\left\{ \text{emp} \right\}
\]
\[
x := \text{new}();
\]
\[
\left\{ x \mapsto 1 \right\}
\]
\[
[x] := 1;
\]
\[
\{ x \mapsto 1 \} \cdot \left\{ x \mapsto 0.5 \right\} 1 \ast x \mapsto 0.5 \}
\]
\[
\begin{array}{c}
\{ x \mapsto 0.5 \} \\
i := [x] + 1 \\
\{ x \mapsto 0.5 \} 1 \land i = 2 \}
\end{array}
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\begin{array}{c}
\{ x \mapsto 0.5 \} 1 \ast ( x \mapsto 0.5 \} 1 \land j = 3 \}
\end{array}
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\[
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\]
\[
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\[
\{\text{emp}\}
\]

\[
x := \text{new}();
\]

\[
\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\}
\]

\[
[x] := 1;
\]

\[
\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\} \cdot \{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \cdot x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\}
\]

\[
\left(\left\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\right\} \quad \left\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\right\}\right)
\]

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\[
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\[
\left(\left\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \land i = 2\right\} \ast \left\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \land j = 3\right\}\right) \cdot \{x \mapsto 1 \land i = 2 \land j = 3\}
\]

\[
k := i + j;
\]

\[
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\]
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\[
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\]
\[
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\]
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\]
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\[
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i := [x] + 1 \\
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\]
\[
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\]
\[
k := i + j;
\]
\[
\{x \rightarrow 1\ 1 \land i = 2 \land j = 3 \land k = 5\}
\]
dispose x
\[
\{\text{emp} \land i = 2 \land j = 3 \land k = 5\}
Fractional permissions rule! – 2

\[
x := \text{new}(); \\
[x] := 1; \\
\begin{align*}
 i & := [x] + 1; \\
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\end{align*}
\begin{align*}
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 j & := [x] + 2
\end{align*}
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\[ \{ \text{emp} \} \]
\[ x := \text{new}(); \]
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\{??\} \\
\end{align*}
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\]

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\]

\[
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\]

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\[
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\text{pdag \ d \ (Ptr \ x)} \ U \ U & \doteq U \ x = d \land \text{emp} \\
\text{pdag \ d \ (x : \text{Tip} \ \alpha)} \ U \ V & \doteq \left( \{d, d + 1\} \cap \text{ran} \ U = \emptyset \land \begin{align*}
d & \mapsto 0, \ \alpha \land V = U \oplus (x : d)\end{align*} \right) \\
\text{pdag \ d \ (x : \text{Node} \ \lambda \ \rho)} \ U \ V & \doteq \exists l, r, U', V' \cdot \begin{align*}
\{d, d + 1, d + 2\} \cap \text{ran} \ U & = \emptyset \land \\
d & \mapsto 1, l, r \star \\
\text{pdag} \ l \ \lambda \ U \ U' \star & \\
\text{pdag} \ r \ \rho \ U' \ V' \land \\
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\[ E \xrightarrow{i,n}{z} E1, \ldots, Ej \iff E \xrightarrow{i,n}{z} E1 \star (E + 1) \xrightarrow{i+1,n}{z} E2 \star \ldots \star (E + j - 1) \xrightarrow{i+j-1,n}{z} Ej \]
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\[ \left( x \xrightarrow{z_1} E \star x \xrightarrow{z_2} E \star \ldots \star x \xrightarrow{z_n} E \land \right. \]

\[ \left. \left( z_1 + z_2 + \ldots + z_n \right) \geq \left( z_1' + z_2' + \ldots + z_n' \right) \right) \rightarrow \]

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| \{E \xleftarrow{z} E'\} & b := \text{neo } E \quad \{(b \land E \xrightarrow{1} E') \lor (\neg b \land E \xrightarrow{z} E')\} \\

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\[
x := \text{new}();
\]
\[
[x] := 1;
\]
\[
\text{split } x;
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
i & := [x] + 1; \\
j & := [x] + 2;
\end{align*}
\]
\[
\text{dispose } x \\
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\]
Permission counting – 3

\{\texttt{emp}\}
\begin{align*}
x & := \text{new}(); \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
[x] & := 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 1\}
\end{align*}

split \(x\);
\begin{align*}
\{x \mapsto 0.5 \ast x \mapsto 0.5 \ast 1\}
\end{align*}

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\{x \mapsto 0.5 1\} \\
i &:= [x] + 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 0.5 1 \land i = 2\} \\
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\{\text{emp} \land i = 2\} \\
j &:= [x] + 2; \\
\text{dispose } x \\
\end{align*}
\]
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[x] := 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
\text{split } x; \\
\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5} \star x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5}\} \\
\begin{align*}
\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5}\} & \quad \{x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5}\} \\
i := [x] + 1; & \quad j := [x] + 2; \\
\{x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5} \land i = 2\} & \quad \{x \mapsto \frac{1}{0.5} \land j = 3\} \\
\text{dispose } x & \quad \text{dispose } x \\
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\[
\begin{align*}
\{x &\mapsto 1\} & & \{x &\mapsto 1\} \\
i &:= \lceil x \rceil + 1; & j &:= \lceil x \rceil + 2; \\
\{x &\mapsto 0.5 \ast x \mapsto 1 \wedge i = 2\} & & \{x &\mapsto 0.5 \ast x \mapsto 1 \wedge j = 3\} \\
\text{dispose } x & & \text{dispose } x \\
\{\text{emp} \wedge i = 2\} & & \{\text{emp} \wedge j = 3\} \\
\{(\text{emp} \wedge i = 2 \ast (\text{emp} \wedge j = 3))\} \\
\end{align*}
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\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
[x] &:= 1; \\
\{x \mapsto 1\} \\
\text{split } x; \\
\{x \mapsto 0.5 \bigstar x \mapsto 0.5 1\} \\
\begin{cases}
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Permission counting – 4

\[ x := \text{new}(); \]

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\[ [x] = 0; \]

\[ \text{dispose } x \]
Permission counting – 4

\[
\{ \text{emp} \} \\
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\{ x \mapsto 1 \rightarrow \} \\
\text{split } x; \\
\{ x \mapsto 0.5 \rightarrow \} \ast x \mapsto 0.5 \rightarrow \} \\
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Permission counting – 5

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\[
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\]

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\[
\left( \begin{array}{c}
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\text{skip}
\end{array} \right);
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\left( \{ x \leftarrow 0.5 - \} \parallel \{ x \leftarrow 0.5 - \} \right) \\
\text{dispose } x &\parallel \text{skip} \\
\{ \text{emp} \} &\parallel \{ x \leftarrow 0.5 - \} \\
\{ \text{emp} \ast x \leftarrow 0.5 - \} &\therefore \{ x \leftarrow 0.5 - \} \\
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