

CS 357 D

Lecture 2

Computational Model

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Computational Model

Behaviors: sequences of states

System description: state transition systems

compact first-order representation of all sequences of states that can be generated by a system

Programming language: SPL (simple programming language)

with well-defined semantics in terms of transition systems

Reference:

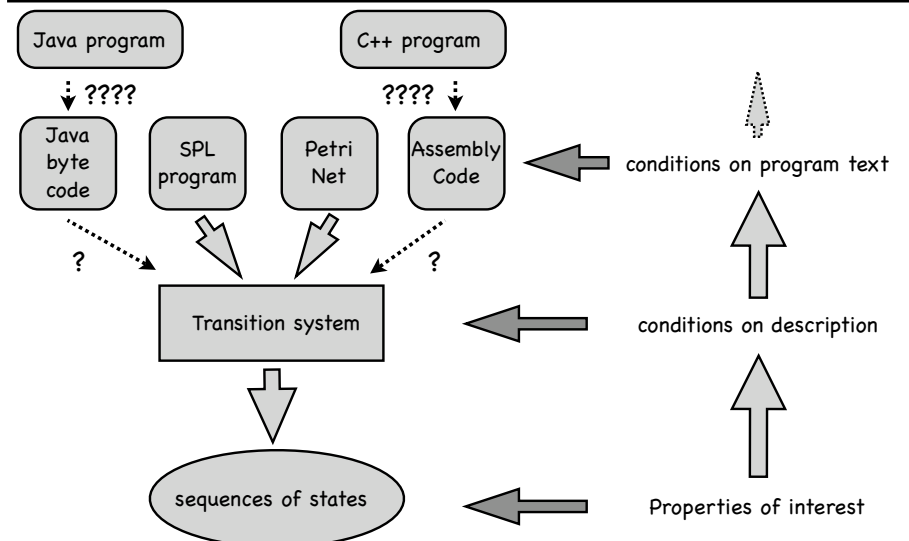
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Properties of interest

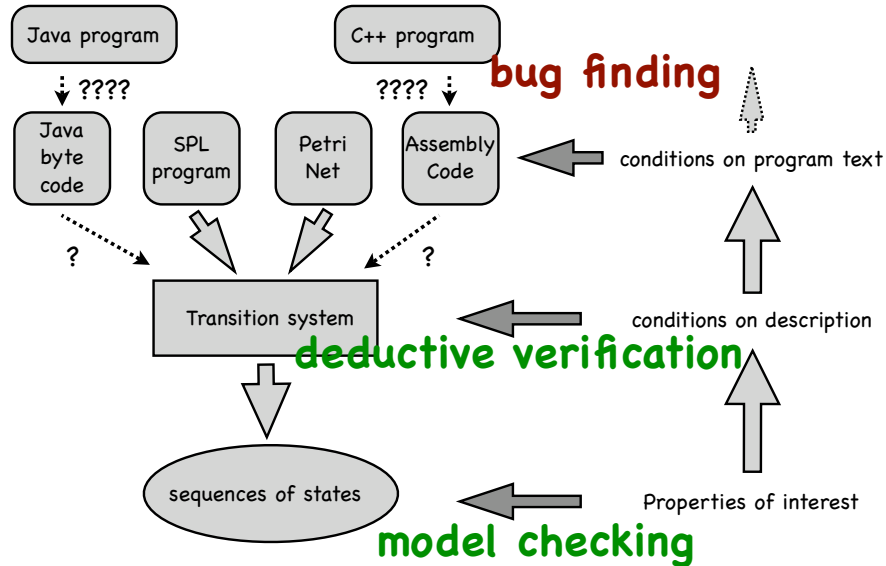
Invariants: overapproximation of the reachable state space

Loop termination: demonstrated by the existence of a ranking function

Semantics



Semantics



States

V: Vocabulary -- set of typed variables $\{x, y: \text{integer}, b: \text{boolean}\}$

expression over V $x+y$

assertion over V $x>y$

s: state -- interpretation of all variables $\{x:2, y:3, b:\text{true}\}$

$s[x]=2, s[y]=3, s[b]=\text{true}$

extends to expressions and assertions $s[x+y]=5$

$s[x>y]=\text{false}$

Σ : set of all states $Z \times Z \times \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

System Description: Transition systems

Set of typed variables

Example: $\{x:\text{int}, y:\text{int}\}$

$\Phi: \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T} \rangle$

Initial condition:
first-order formula

Example: $x=0 \wedge y=0$

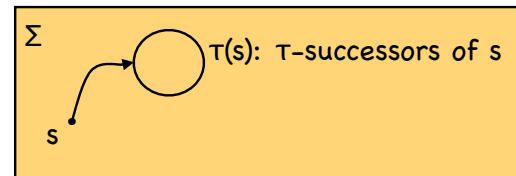
Set of transitions

Compact first-order representation of all sequences of states that can be generated by a system

Transitions

\mathcal{T} : finite set of transitions

$\tau \in \mathcal{T}: \Sigma \rightarrow 2^\Sigma$



Example:

$\tau(\langle x:2 \rangle) = \{\langle x:3 \rangle, \langle x:4 \rangle\}$
 $\tau(\langle x:3 \rangle) = \{\langle x:4 \rangle, \langle x:5 \rangle\}$
 $\tau(\langle x:4 \rangle) = \{\langle x:5 \rangle, \langle x:6 \rangle\}$
 $\tau(\langle x:5 \rangle) = \{\langle x:6 \rangle, \langle x:7 \rangle\}$
 $\tau(\langle x:6 \rangle) = \{\langle x:7 \rangle, \langle x:8 \rangle\}$

represented by a transition relation $\rho_\tau(V, V')$

V : values of variables in the current state $\rho_\tau: x'=x+1 \vee x'=x+2$

V' : values of variables in the next state

Transitions

A transition τ is **enabled** in a state s if: $\tau(s) \neq \emptyset$

A transition τ is **disabled** in a state s if: $\tau(s) = \emptyset$

Example:

Transition τ with $\rho_\tau: (x = 0 \vee x = 1) \wedge (x' = x + 1 \vee x' = x + 2)$

$\tau(\langle x:0 \rangle) = \{\langle x:1 \rangle, \langle x:2 \rangle\}$ $\tau(\langle x:2 \rangle) = \emptyset$

$\tau(\langle x:1 \rangle) = \{\langle x:2 \rangle, \langle x:3 \rangle\}$ $\tau(\langle x:3 \rangle) = \emptyset$

Runs

Infinite sequence of states

$\sigma: s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 \dots$

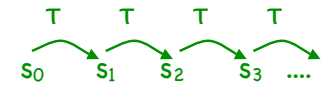
is a **run** of Φ if

• **Initiality:** $s_0 \models \Theta$

(s_0 is an initial state)

• **Consecution:** for all $i > 0$

s_{i+1} is a τ -successor of s_i



for some $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$

Runs: Example

$V: \{x:\text{integer}\}$

$\Theta: x=0$

$\mathcal{T}: \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}$ with $\begin{cases} \rho_{\tau_1}: x'=x+1 \vee x'=x+3 \\ \rho_{\tau_2}: x'=x+2 \vee x'=2x \\ \rho_{\tau_3}: x'=x \end{cases}$

$\sigma_1: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots$

$\sigma_2: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots$

$\sigma_3: 0, 2, 4, 8, 16, 19, \dots$

$\sigma_4: 0, 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 5, 7, 7, \dots$

$\sigma_5: 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 18, \dots$

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not a run!

$\sigma_2: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots$

$\sigma_3: 0, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots$

$\sigma_4: 0, 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 5, 7, 7, \dots$

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System Description: Summary

Transition system: $\Phi: \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T} \rangle$

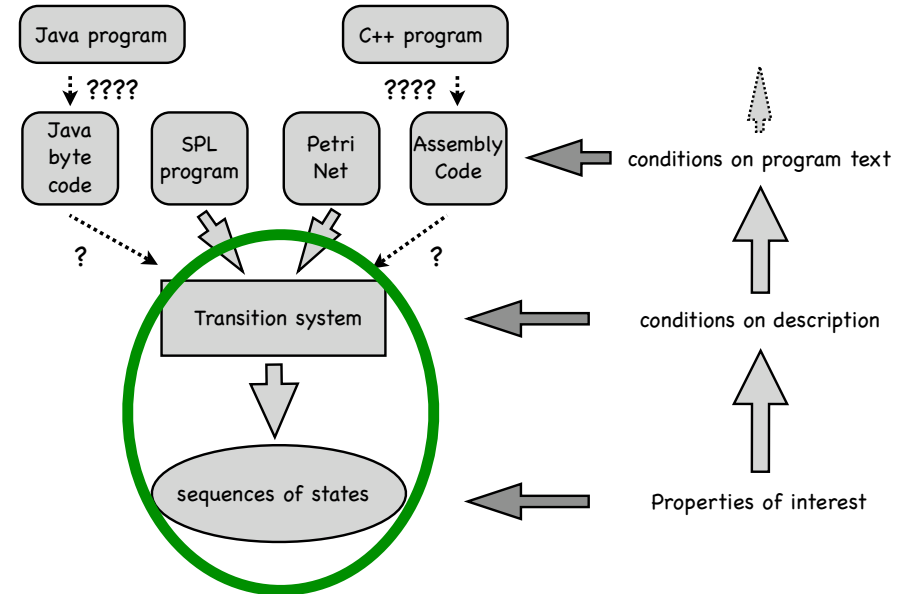
Run: Initiality + Consecution

$\mathcal{L}(\Phi)$: all runs of Φ

“Behavior of the program”

(all sequences of states that satisfy
Initiality and Consecution)

Semantics



SPL

Simple programming language with constructs (a.o.):

- ▶ assignment
- ▶ conditional (if - then - else)
- ▶ concatenation
- ▶ selection
- ▶ while

Static global variable initialization

Statements are labeled

- define program locations (equivalence relation on labels)

SPL

Given an SPL program P we can construct the corresponding transition system $\Phi: \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T} \rangle$.

- ▶ each program statement corresponds to a transition

no sequential structure in transition systems, therefore control is modeled explicitly by a control variable π that ranges over program locations

- ▶ V : program variables $\cup \{\pi\}$
- ▶ Θ : program initial condition

SPL statements

assignment statement

$l_1: x := e; l_2$

translates into transition τ with transition relation

$$\rho_{\tau}: \pi = l_1 \wedge x' = e \wedge \pi' = l_2 \wedge \text{pres}(V - \{x, \pi\})$$

$y' = y$ for all other variables in V

conditional statement

$l_1: \text{if } c \text{ then } l_2: S_1 \text{ else } l_3: S_2$

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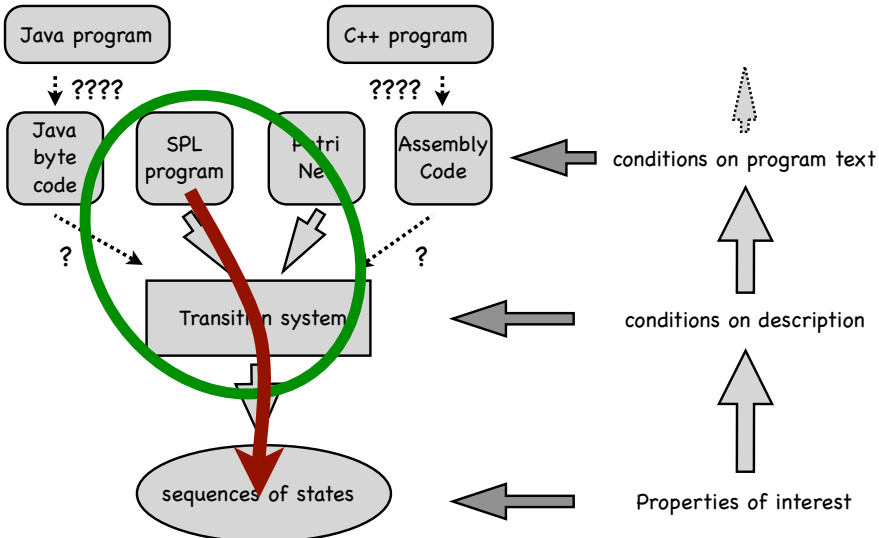
$$\rho_{\tau}: \pi = l_1 \wedge ((c \wedge \pi' = l_2) \vee (\neg c \wedge \pi' = l_3)) \wedge \text{pres}(V - \{\pi\})$$

SPL semantics

Full semantics of SPL in

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Semantics



Reachable state space

state s is Φ -reachable if it appears in some Φ -run

$$O: S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3 S_4 \dots$$

system Φ is **finite-state** if the set of Φ -reachable states is **finite**

Notation: Σ : state space

Σ_{Φ} : Φ -reachable state space

Example:

$V: \{b_1, b_2\}$

$\Theta: b_1 \wedge b_2$

$\mathcal{T}: \{\tau\}$ with $\rho_{\tau}: b_1' = \neg b_1 \wedge b_2' = \neg b_2$

$\Sigma = \{\langle t, t \rangle, \langle t, f \rangle, \langle f, t \rangle, \langle f, f \rangle\}$

$\Sigma_{\Phi} = \{\langle t, t \rangle, \langle f, f \rangle\}$

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V : $\{x:\text{int}\}$

Θ : $x=0$

\mathcal{T} : $\{\tau\}$ with ρ_{τ} : $x=0 \wedge x'=x+1$

$\Sigma = \mathbb{N}$

$\Sigma_{\Phi} = \{x:0, x:1\}$

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Example:

V : $\{x:\text{int}\}$

Θ : $0 \leq x \leq M$

\mathcal{T} : $\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$ with

ρ_{τ_1} : $\text{odd}(x) \wedge x'=3x+1$

ρ_{τ_2} : $\text{even}(x) \wedge x'=x/2$

$\Sigma = \mathbb{N}$

$\Sigma_{\Phi} = ?$

a.k.a. Collatz problem
 or $3n+1$ problem

Reachable state space vs runs

System Φ may have any combination of

finite state space

finite # of runs



infinite state space

infinite # of runs

Invariants

An **invariant** q of program P is

- ▶ a superset of the reachable state space of P
- ▶ q is an **assertion** (first-order formula)
- ▶ also written:

$P \models q$

all reachable states of P satisfy q

$P \models \Box q$

all states of all runs of P satisfy q

Properties of program behaviors

First-order logic

models are **states**

$$\langle x:3, y:1 \rangle \models x > y$$

assertion p
represents
the **set of states**
for which p is true

Temporal logic

models are **sequences of states**

$$\langle s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots \rangle \models \varphi$$

temporal formula φ
represents
the **set of sequences of states**
for which φ is true

Specification: underlying assertion language

Assertion language \mathcal{A} :

first-order language over system variables
(+ theories for their domains)

Formulas in \mathcal{A} : state formulas (aka assertions)

evaluated over a single state

$$s \models p \quad \text{iff} \quad s[p] = \text{true}$$

p holds at s
 s satisfies p
 s is a p -state

Example:

$s: \langle x:4, y:1 \rangle$

$$s \models x=0 \vee y=1$$

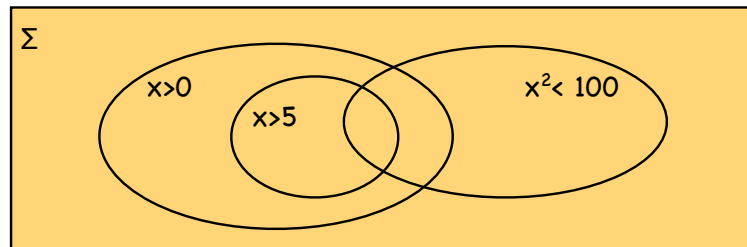
$$s \models x > y$$

$$s \models x = y+3$$

$$s \not\models \text{odd}(x)$$

Specification: underlying assertion language

Assertions represent sets of states



Specification: underlying assertion language

assertion p is **state-satisfiable** if $s \models p$ for some state $s \in \Sigma$

Example: $x > 0$

assertion p is **state-valid** if $s \models p$ for all states $s \in \Sigma$

Example: $x > y \rightarrow x+1 > y$

State validity and system state validity

Given a system Φ

- for a state formula q

$$\models q$$

q holds in all states
 q is state-valid

Example: $\models x=1 \rightarrow x>0$

- for a state formula q

$$\Phi \models q$$

q holds in all Φ -reachable states
 q is Φ -state-valid

Example: $\Phi = \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T} \rangle$

$V: \{x\}$

$\Theta: x=0$

$\mathcal{T}: \{\tau\}$ with $\rho_\tau: x'=x+2$

$$\Phi \models x \geq 0 \wedge \text{even}(x)$$

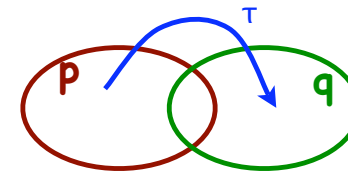
Verification condition

$$p \wedge \rho_\tau \rightarrow q'$$

Starting from a state that satisfies p , transition τ leads to a state that satisfies q

aka "Hoare triple"

$$\{p\} \tau \{q\}$$



Verification conditions: examples

$$p \wedge \rho_\tau \rightarrow q'$$

$$\{p\} \tau \{q\}$$

$$\{x>0\} x'=x+1 \{x>1\}$$

$$x>0 \wedge x'=x+1 \rightarrow x'>1$$

substitute $x+1$ for x' : $x>0 \rightarrow (x+1) > 1$

$$\{x>0\} x'=x+1 \{\text{true}\}$$

$$x>0 \wedge x'=x+1 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\{x \geq 0\} x>0 \wedge x'=x-1 \{x \geq 0\}$$

$$\{\text{true}\} x>0 \wedge x'=x-1 \{x \geq 0\}$$

Proving invariance properties

Invariant: $\Box p$ for state formula p

We want to prove $\Phi \models \Box p$

every state of every run of Φ satisfies p

Recall: A sequence of states $\sigma: s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots$

is a run of $\Phi: \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T} \rangle$ if

- Initiality: $s_0 \models \Theta$

- Consecution: for each $j \geq 0$, s_{j+1} is a τ -successor of s_j , for some $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$

Proving invariance properties

Proving $\Phi \models \Box p$

means proving that every state of every sequence of states that satisfies

- **Initiality:** $s_0 \models \Theta$
- **Consecution:** for each $j \geq 0$, s_{j+1} is a τ -successor of s_j , for some $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$

also satisfies p

Proof by induction:

Base case: $\Theta \rightarrow p$ ensures that every initial state satisfies p

Inductive step: $p \wedge \rho_{\tau} \rightarrow p'$ for every $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$
ensures that p is preserved by all transitions

Verification rule B-INV (basic invariance)

For assertion q

$$\text{B1. } \Phi \models \Theta \rightarrow q$$

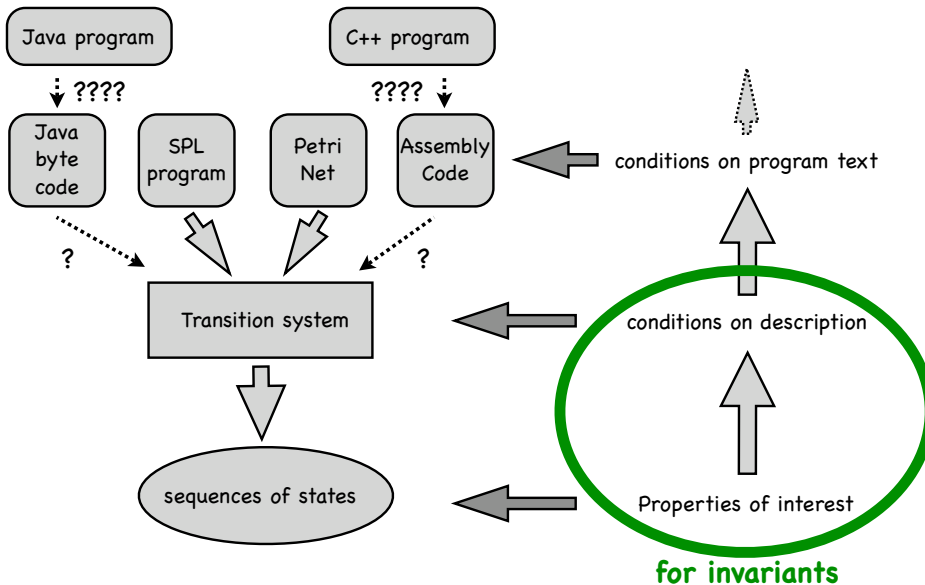
$$\text{B2. } \Phi \models \{q\} \mathcal{T} \{q\}$$

$$\Phi \models \Box q$$

$\{q\} \mathcal{T} \{q\}$ stands for $\{q\} \tau \{q\}$ for all $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$

B-INV reduces the proof of an invariant to checking the validity of $|\mathcal{T}| + 1$ first-order verification conditions in the underlying assertion language.

Semantics



B-INV : example

Φ : to prove $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0)$

$V: \{x\}$

$\Theta: x=0$

$\mathcal{T}: \{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$ with $\rho_{\tau_1}: x'=x+1$

$\rho_{\tau_2}: x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1$

B1: $x=0 \rightarrow x \geq 0$ ✓

B1. $\Phi \models \Theta \rightarrow q$

B2: $x \geq 0 \wedge x'=x+1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✓

B2. $\Phi \models \{q\} \tau_1 \{q\}$

$x \geq 0 \wedge x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✓

B2. $\Phi \models \{q\} \tau_2 \{q\}$

B-INV : example

Φ : to prove $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0)$

V: $\{x, y\}$

Θ : $x=0 \wedge y=0$

\mathcal{T} : $\{T_1, T_2\}$ with ρ_{T_1} : $x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1$

ρ_{T_2} : $x>0 \wedge x'=x-1$

B1: $x=0 \wedge y=0 \rightarrow x \geq 0$ ✓

B2: $x \geq 0 \wedge x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✗

$x \geq 0 \wedge x>0 \wedge x'=x-1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✓

$x \geq 0$ is an invariant, but it is not **inductive**

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B2. $\Phi \models \{q\} \mathcal{T} \{q\}$

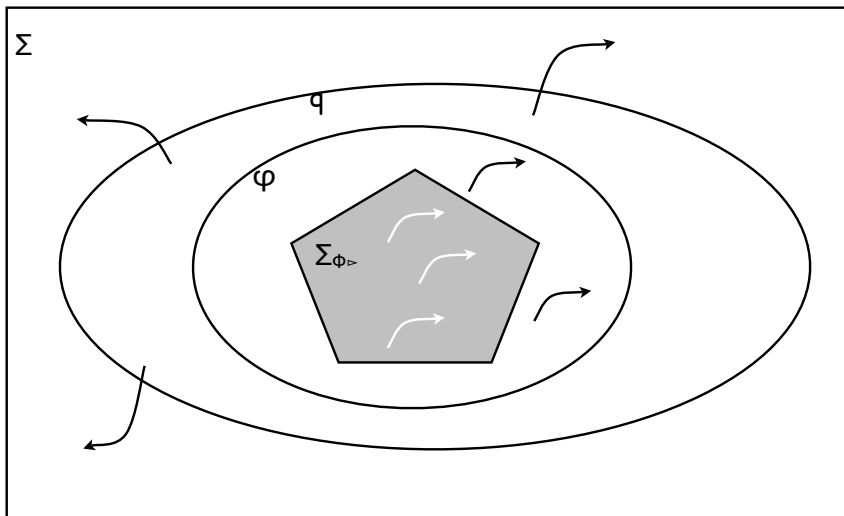
$\Phi \models \Box q$

if B1 and B2 are (state) valid then q is inductive

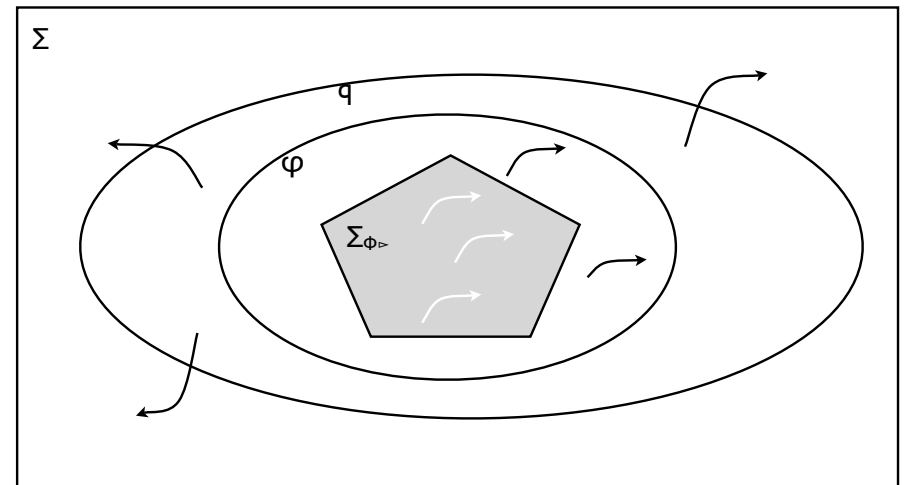
every inductive assertion is an invariant

the converse is not true: not every invariant is inductive

Non-inductive invariants



Non-inductive invariants



Strategy: strengthen q until it is inductive

Strategy 1: Strengthening

Φ : to prove $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0)$
V: $\{x, y\}$ strengthen it to
 Θ : $x=0 \wedge y=0$
 \mathcal{T} : $\{T_1, T_2\}$ with ρ_{T_1} : $x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1$ $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0)$
 ρ_{T_2} : $x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1 \wedge y'=y$

B1: $x=0 \wedge y=0 \rightarrow x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0$ ✓

B2: $x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0 \wedge y' \geq 0$ ✓

$x \geq 0 \wedge x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1 \wedge y'=y \rightarrow x' \geq 0 \wedge y' \geq 0$ ✓

$x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0$ is an invariant and is **inductive**

Strategy 2: Incremental Proof

Φ : to prove $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0)$
V: $\{x, y\}$ first prove $\Phi \models \Box(y \geq 0)$
 Θ : $x=0 \wedge y=0$ and then prove
 \mathcal{T} : $\{T_1, T_2\}$ with ρ_{T_1} : $x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1$ $\Phi \models \Box(x \geq 0)$
 ρ_{T_2} : $x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1 \wedge y'=y$ relative to $\Box(y \geq 0)$

B1: $x=0 \wedge y=0 \rightarrow x \geq 0$ ✓

B2: $x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge x'=x+y \wedge y'=y+1 \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✓

$x \geq 0 \wedge x > 0 \wedge x'=x-1 \wedge y'=y \rightarrow x' \geq 0$ ✓

$x \geq 0$ is an invariant and is **inductive relative to $y \geq 0$**