



Automatic Amortised Resource Analysis for Hume

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Hume Research Objectives



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- Virtual Testbed for Space/Time/Power Cost Modelling
 - targetting Embedded Systems
- Real-Time, Bounded Space High-Level Programming
 - Based on Combining Functional Programming and Finite Automata
- Concurrent Multithreaded Design
 - Asynchronous threading
 - suitable for multicore

In the near future, we will view software without formal resource bounds in the same way as we regard untyped programs today Greg Morriset, Harvard University

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Hume Design Objectives



- Reliability and Predictability
 - Highly reliable software: correctness by construction
 - High degree of determinacy: scheduling, communication, functionality, behaviour, ...
- Expressibility and Controllability
 - High-level language features: automatic memory management, recursion, ...
 - Low-level interfacing: interrupts, scheduling, fifos, ports, memory-mapped I/O, ...
- Costability
 - Accurate cost predictions: space, time, power, concurrency





What is Resource Analysis?



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- We are trying to determine *a-priori* costs for the use of countable resources
 - time, dynamic memory, stack, power, ...
- We need to provide guaranteed bounds on these costs
 - essential to avoid exhausting scarce resources
 - » e.g. memory, file handles, real-time
 - valuable when taking runtime decisions based on resource usage
- We want to give good bounds
 - avoid wasting resources
 - improve usefulness
- We want an efficient analysis
 - analysis should be cheap enough to be part of normal compilation
- We want wide coverage
 - as many programs as possible





Amortisation Example



We use amortisation. The amortised cost of an operation is its total cost, plus the difference in potential before/after the operation



Example: Simulating a queue by using two stacks, A for enqueue, B for dequeue; if B is empty, content of A is moved to B

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Resource costs as types



We can capture costs for each kind of constructor as an annotation. So given a
function mill :: Tree -> Result, the costs for using mill on different trees are as
follows





Costs and Potential



- The costs for *mill* represent the *potential* for the state
 - when analysing mill, we only need to keep track of this number
- The potential does not account for sharing
 - this is sensible, since we may need to apply an operation for each node, shared or not!
- The potential can never be negative
 - establishes an upper bound on execution cost









- Type-based approach
 - first translate into cost-equivalent intermediate form, Schopenhauer
 - one rule per construct
 - plus substructural rules for weakening, subtyping etc.
 - potential threaded through execution path
 - constraints exposed on potential variables
 - constraints then solved using a standard linear solver (e.g. *lp-solve*)





Schopenhauer



- Intermediate form, simplified version of Hume for analysis
 - let-normal form arguments lifted into let-bound variables
 - two forms of let: LET is cost-neutral
 - functions take a fixed number of arguments
 - case! is destructive match
 - lambda-expressions introduced
 - explicit recursion: let rec

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{vars} ::= \langle \textit{varid}_1 \ , \ \dots \ , \textit{varid}_n \rangle & n \geq 0 \\ \textit{expr} ::= \textit{const} \mid \textit{varid} \mid \textit{varid} \textit{vars} \mid \textit{conid} \textit{vars} \\ \mid \ \lambda \textit{varid} . \textit{expr} \\ \mid \ if \textit{varid} \textit{then} \textit{expr}_1 \textit{else} \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ case \textit{varid} \textit{of} \textit{conid} \textit{vars} \rightarrow \textit{expr}_1 \mid \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ case! \textit{varid} \textit{of} \textit{conid} \textit{vars} \rightarrow \textit{expr}_1 \mid \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ case! \textit{varid} \textit{of} \textit{conid} \textit{vars} \rightarrow \textit{expr}_1 \mid \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ let \textit{varid} = \textit{expr}_1 \textit{in} \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ let \textit{varid} = \textit{expr}_1 \textit{IN} \textit{expr}_2 \\ \mid \ let \textit{rec} \begin{cases} \textit{varid}_1 \ = \textit{expr}_1; \\ \cdots \\ \textit{varid}_n \ = \textit{expr}_n \end{cases} & \text{in} \textit{expr} \quad n \geq 1 \end{array}$$

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Operational Semantics Rules



Each operational semantics rule is of the form:

$$\mathcal{V}, \mathfrak{H} \models \frac{n}{n'} e \leadsto \ell, \mathfrak{H}'$$

where

- e is the expression to be evaluated
- V is a variable environment mapping variables to values
- H, H' is the heap before after evaluation the expression
- I is the location of the result in the new heap
- n, n' are the associated costs before/after evaluation
- So each rule alters the heap in the context of the environment V, ٠ producing a result in the new heap, and yielding specific costs





Schopenhauer Operational Semantics (1)



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 $\frac{n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \ell \notin \operatorname{dom}(\mathcal{H})}{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \vdash \frac{q' + \operatorname{KmkInt}}{q'} n \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}[\ell \mapsto (\operatorname{int}, n)]} \text{ (OP CONST INT)}$ $\frac{w = (\texttt{bool}, \texttt{tt}/\texttt{ff}) \quad \ell \notin \texttt{dom}(\mathcal{H})}{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \vdash \frac{q' + \texttt{KmkBool}}{q'} \texttt{true}/\texttt{false} \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}[\ell \mapsto w]} \text{ (OP CONST BOOL)}$ $\mathcal{V}(x) = \ell$ (OP VAR) $\mathcal{V}, \mathfrak{H} \stackrel{|q' + \mathtt{KpushVar}}{q'} x \sim \ell, \mathfrak{H}$ $\frac{\mathcal{V}^{\star} = \mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{FV}(e) \setminus x} \quad k = |\mathcal{V}^{\star}| \quad w = (\lambda x.e \,, \, \mathcal{V}^{\star}) \qquad \ell \notin \mathrm{dom}(\mathcal{H})}{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|\underline{q'} + \mathrm{KmkFun}(k)}{q'} \quad \lambda x.e \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}[\ell \mapsto w]}$ (OP ABS) $\mathfrak{H}(\mathcal{V}(y)) = (\lambda x.e\,,\,\mathcal{V}^{\star})$ $\mathcal{V}^{\star}\left[x\mapsto\mathcal{V}(x_{0})\right],\mathcal{H}\stackrel{\underline{q-\mathrm{Kapp}}}{\underline{q'+\mathrm{Kapp'}}}e\sim\ell,\mathcal{H}'$ (OP APP) $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q}{\mid q'} y x_0 \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}'$

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$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{H}\big(\mathcal{V}(x)\big) = (\mathsf{bool},\mathsf{tt}) \quad \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q-\mathsf{KifT}}{q'+\mathsf{KifT}'} e_t \rightsquigarrow \ell', \mathcal{H}' \\ & \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q}{q'} \text{ if } x \text{ then } e_t \text{ else } e_f \rightsquigarrow \ell', \mathcal{H}' \\ & (\mathsf{OP \ CONDITIONAL \ TRUE}) \\ & \mathcal{H}\big(\mathcal{V}(x)\big) = (\mathsf{bool}, \mathsf{ff}) \quad \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q-\mathsf{KifF}}{q'+\mathsf{KifF}'} e_f \rightsquigarrow \ell', \mathcal{H}' \\ & \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q}{q'} \text{ if } x \text{ then } e_t \text{ else } e_f \rightsquigarrow \ell', \mathcal{H}' \\ & (\mathsf{OP \ CONDITIONAL \ False}) \\ & k \ge 0 \quad c \in \mathsf{Constrs} \quad \ell \notin \operatorname{dom}(\mathcal{H}_k) \quad w = \big(\mathsf{constr}_c, \mathcal{V}(x_1), \dots, \mathcal{V}(x_k)\big) \\ & \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{|q'+\mathsf{KCons}(c)}{q'} \quad c \langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}[\ell \mapsto w] \\ & (\mathsf{OP \ CONSTRUCTOR}) \end{split}$$



Schopenhauer Operational Semantics (3)



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Schopenhauer Operational Semantics (4)



$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_1 - \text{KLet1}}{q_2}}{q_2} e_1 & \rightarrow \ell_1, \mathcal{H}_1 \qquad \mathcal{V}_1 = \mathcal{V}[x \mapsto \ell_1] \\ & \frac{\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{H}_1 \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_2 - \text{KLet2}}{q' + \text{KLet3}}}{\mathcal{V}_1 + \text{KLet3}} e_2 & \rightarrow \ell_2, \mathcal{H}_2 \end{split} \quad \text{(OP LET)} \\ & \frac{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_1}}{q'} \text{ let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 & \rightarrow \ell_2, \mathcal{H}_2 \end{cases} \\ \mathcal{V}^{\star} = \mathcal{V}[x_1 \mapsto \ell_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto \ell_n] \qquad \mathcal{V}^{\star}, \mathcal{H}_n \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_{n+1} - \text{KRec3}}{q' + \text{KRec4}}}{q' + \text{KRec4}} e & \rightarrow \ell, \mathcal{H} \\ & \frac{\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}. \mathcal{V}^{\star}, \mathcal{H}_{i-1} \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_i - \text{KRec2}}{q_{i+1}}}{q_{i+1}} e_i & \rightarrow \ell_i, \mathcal{H}_i} \\ \hline \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_0 \stackrel{\mid \underline{q_1 + \text{KRec1}}{q'} \text{ let rec } \{x_1 = e_1; \dots; x_n = e_n\} \text{ in } e & \rightarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}' \\ & \text{(OP REC)} \end{split}$$

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- Let Γ be a typing context mapping identifiers to annotated Schopenhauer types. Then

$$\Gamma \stackrel{|q}{\mid q'} e : A \mid \phi$$

means that for all valuations v that satisfy the constraints in Φ , expression e has type v(A) under context v(Γ). Evaluating e in environment V requires a potential of at most v(q) + $\Phi^{v}_{H}(V:\Gamma)$ and leaves a potential of at least v(q) + $\Phi^{v}_{H}(V:\Gamma)$ available.





Valid Schopenhauer Types



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Type Rules: Basic Expressions



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$$\frac{}{x:A \mid \overset{\texttt{KpushVar}}{0} x:A \mid \emptyset} \quad \text{(VAR)}$$

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{Z}}{\varnothing \vdash 0} \quad n: \text{int} \mid \emptyset \quad \text{(INT)}$$

$$\frac{e \in \{\texttt{true}, \texttt{false}\}}{x: A \stackrel{\texttt{KmkBool}}{\longrightarrow} e: A \mid \emptyset} (\texttt{BOOL})$$

KpushVar etc. are symbolic values for costs in the Hume abstract machine (HAM) This allows us to vary the costs for different kinds of resources (*resource polymorphism*) For simple expressions, we always return 0 potential.



Type Rules: LET-bindings



The LET rule threads cost through the two expressions e1 and e2.





Type Rules: Functions



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$$\begin{array}{ll}
\operatorname{dom}(\Gamma) = \operatorname{FV}(e) \setminus x & B = A \xrightarrow{q} C & \phi \cup \psi \Rightarrow \xi \\
\Gamma, x: A \stackrel{|q|}{q'} e: C \mid \xi & \phi \Rightarrow \bigcup_{D \in \operatorname{ran}(\Gamma)} \Upsilon(D \mid D, D) \\
& \quad \vec{r} \notin \operatorname{FV}_{\diamond}(\Gamma) \cup \operatorname{FV}_{\diamond}(\phi) \\
\end{array} (ABS)$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
\Gamma \stackrel{|\operatorname{KmkFun}(|\Gamma|)}{0} \lambda x. e: \forall \vec{r} \in \psi. B \mid \phi
\end{array}$$

$$\sigma: \vec{r} \to \mathsf{CV} \text{ a substitution to fresh resource variables}
$$\frac{\sigma(B) = A \stackrel{q}{q'} C}{x:A, \ y: \forall \vec{r} \in \psi.B \mid_{q' - \mathsf{Kapp}}^{q + \mathsf{Kapp}} yx:C \mid \sigma(\psi)} (APP)$$$$

Potential is carried through the function type. We use a sharing rule in ABS to ensure that we allow for repeated applications of the function.

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Type Rules: Algebraic Datatypes



$$c \in \text{Constrs} \qquad C = \mu X.\{\dots \mid c : (p, \langle B_1, \dots, B_k \rangle) \mid \dots \}$$

$$A_i = B_i \lor (A_i = C \land B_i = X) \text{ (for } i = 1, \dots, k)$$

$$x_1:A_1, \dots, x_k:A_k \mid \frac{p + \text{KCons}}{0} c \langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle : C \mid \emptyset$$
(CONSTR)

$$c \in \text{Constrs} \qquad A = \mu X.\{ \dots | c : (p, \langle B_1, \dots, B_k \rangle) | \dots \}$$

$$\Gamma, y_1: B_1[A/X], \dots, y_k: B_k[A/X] \stackrel{|q+p-\text{KCaseT}(c)}{q' + \text{KCaseT}'(c)} e_1 : C \mid \phi$$

$$\Gamma, x: A \stackrel{|q-\text{KCaseF}(c)}{q' + \text{KCaseF}'(c)} e_2 : C \mid \psi$$

$$\Gamma, x: A \stackrel{|q}{q'} \text{ case } x \text{ of } c \langle y_1, \dots, y_k \rangle \xrightarrow{} e_1 \mid e_2 : C \mid \phi \cup \psi$$

(CASE)

In building a constructor using CONSTR we acquire potential **p**, as defined by the type for that constructor. This potential is released in a CASE rule, which must deal with either successful or unsuccessful matches.

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Type Rules: Polymorphism



We use standard Hindley-Milner typing rules for polymorphism

$$\frac{\vec{\alpha} \notin \operatorname{dom}(\Gamma) \quad \vec{\alpha} \notin \psi \quad \Gamma \stackrel{|q}{q'} e : C \mid \psi \cup \phi}{\Gamma \stackrel{|q}{q'} e : \forall \vec{\alpha} : \phi. C \mid \psi} \quad (\text{GENERALISE})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \stackrel{|q}{q'} e : \forall \vec{\alpha} : \xi. C \mid \psi \quad \phi \Rightarrow \psi \cup \xi [\vec{B} \mid \vec{\alpha}]}{\Gamma \stackrel{|q}{q'} e : C [\vec{B} \mid \vec{\alpha}] \mid \phi} \quad (\text{SPECIALISE})$$





Substructural Type Rules



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The RELAX rule allows us to increase costs when needed for analysis

$$\frac{\Gamma \stackrel{| p}{|_{p'}} e : A \mid \phi}{\Gamma \stackrel{| q}{|_{q'}} e : A \mid \phi \cup \{q \ge p, q - p \ge q' - p'\}}$$
(Relax)

• The SHARE rule captures sharing information

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:A_1, y:A_2 \vdash_{q'}^{q} e: C \mid \phi}{\Gamma, z:A \vdash_{q'}^{q} e[z/x, z/y]: C \mid \phi \cup \Upsilon(A \mid A_1, A_2)}$$
(Share)

This allows us to split **z** into two variables **x** and **y**. Each resource variable in A has equal cost to the sum of its counterparts in A1/A2





Soundness Theorem



Theorem 1 (Soundness). Fix a well-typed Schopenhauer program. Let $r \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ be fixed, but arbitrary. If the following statements hold

$$\Gamma \stackrel{|q}{\models q'} e:A \mid \phi \tag{1.A}$$

$$\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \vdash e \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}' \tag{1.B}$$

$$\mathcal{H} \vDash_{v} \mathcal{V} : v(\Gamma) \tag{1.C}$$

$$v$$
: a valuation satisfying $v(\phi)$ (1.D)

then for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$m \ge v(q) + \Phi_{\mathcal{H}}^{v} \left(\mathcal{V} : v(\Gamma) \right) + r$$
 (1.E)

there exists $m' \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying

$$\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H} \stackrel{m}{\models} e \rightsquigarrow \ell, \mathcal{H}'$$
 (1.I)

$$m' \ge v(q') + \Phi^{v}_{\mathcal{H}'}\left(\ell : v(A)\right) + r$$
 (1.II)

 $\mathcal{H}' \vDash_{v} \ell : v(A) \tag{1.III}$

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```
revApp :: num_list -> num_list -> num_list;
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revApp acc Nil = acc;
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revApp acc (Cons x xs) = revApp (Cons x acc) xs;
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```
reverse :: num_list -> num_list;
reverse xs = revApp Nil xs;
```

expression reverse;



Costs for reverse



We first convert the Hume program to a Schopenhauer program: phamc-an -H -r ra16.hume > ra16.art3

We then analyse the heap consumption: art3 -H --speak ra16.art3

ARTHUR3 typing for HumeHeapBoxed:

```
0, (num_list[Nil|Cons<4>:int,#]) -(2/0)-> num_list[Nil|Cons:int,#] ,0
```

Worst-case Heap-units required in relation to input 2 + 4*X1 where X1 = number of "Cons" nodes at 1. position

Total heap **consumption** is *linear* in the input size: 4 x length input + 2





Example: Vending Machine





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The control box in Hume



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```
data Coins = Nickel
                      Dime;
data Drinks = Coffee
                        Tea;
data Buttons = BCoffee | BTea | BCancel;
-- vending machine controller box
box control
in (coin :: Coins, button :: Buttons, value :: Int)
out ( dispense :: Drinks, value' :: Int, return :: Int )
match
  (Nickel, *, v) -> (*, v + 5, *)
                                                      "*" means ignore input
 (Dime, *, v) \rightarrow (*, v + 10, *) \bigcirc
                                                     or don't produce output
 (*, BCoffee, v) -> vend Coffee 10 v
 (*, BTea, v) \rightarrow vend Tea 5 v
 (*, BCancel, v) \rightarrow (*, 0, v);
vend drink cost v = if v \ge cost then (drink, v-cost, *)
                               else (*, v, *);
```

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Costs for the Control Box



As before, we first convert the Hume program to a Schopenhauer program: phamc-an -H -r vending.hume > vending.art3 We then analyse the heap consumption: art3 -H --shrtcon --speak vending.art3

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ARTHUR3 typing for HumeHeapBoxed:
  @BOX control:
      control.coin:
                   wire[W:coins[Nickel|Dime]|NOVAL]
      control.button:
                   wire[W<4>:buttons[BCoffee|BTea|BCancel]|NOVAL]
      control.value:
                   wire[W<4>:int|NOVAL]
    ---0/0--->
      control.drink:
                                                          NB:
                   wire[W:drinks[Coffee|Tea]|NOVAL]
                                                          - total heap cost is fixed: doesn't depend on input size;
      control.value':
                   wire[W:int|NOVAL]
                                                          - return wire has value 6 - reduces bound to 2 from 8
      control.return:
                   wire[W<6>:int|NOVAL]
  Worst-case Heap-units required to compute box control once in relation to its input:
    4 \times x1 + 4 \times x2
      where
          X1 = one if 2. wire is live, zero if the wire is void
          X2 = one if 3. wire is live, zero if the wire is void
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Conclusions



- New approach to determining upper bounds on execution costs
 - formally guaranteed bounds (upper and/or lower)
 - "resource polymorphic": heap, stack and execution time
 - uses amortisation approach
 - shown here for Hume, but not restricted to pure strict functional languages
 - » extensions to memory cell reuse, assignment, classes, lazy evaluation



Other Approaches



• Sized Types (Vasconcelos and Hammond, IFL 2003)

- analyse size of data structures, each type annotated with size
- costs can then be determined by multiplying sizes by operation costs
- can be combined with amortised analysis
- Symbolic Evaluation
 - convert program to equivalent costed form
 - analysis cost proportional to execution cost (problematic for recursion/iteration)
 - data-dependent, does not give guaranteed bounds
- Abstract interpretation (Cousot, 1977)
 - similar to symbolic evaluation, but can resolve fixpoints
 - » cost not proportional to execution cost
 - can find guaranteed bounds, independent of input sizes
 - main difference to type-based approaches is that a specialist analysis engine is used
 - » more powerful, but more complex implementation and proof
- Profiling
 - run program and measure execution costs
 - often very high performance overhead
 - costs are usually approximate
 - data-dependent, does not give guaranteed bounds





Ongoing/Future Work



- Lazy Evaluation
 - new idea of *lazy potential* to suspend payment of potential
- Non-Linear Bounds/Wider range of applications
 - combine amortised analysis and sized types
 - investigate *negative* potentials
 - incorporate Campbell's give-back annotations for stacks
- Garbage Collection
 - Adapt region-based approach to give countable costs
 - Lifetime/Pointer Safety Analysis
 - » An issue if regions are seen as a programmer level notation
 - » Not really an issue if the mechanisms are to be handled automatically/for experimental testbed purposes





Some Recent Papers



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