

Design of program logics by abstract interpretation

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Principle

Semantics

abstraction ↓

Theory of the Logic

isomorphism ↓

Proof system of the Logic

Foundations of Exact Abstract Interpretation

- Everything is simple but **fixpoints**
(for iteration and recursion)
- **Properties** (defined in extension) are
complete lattices
- **Increasing functions** on complete lattices
have **fixpoint**
- **The exact abstraction** of a fixpoint is
a **fixpoint**

- A fixpoint on a complete lattice can be expressed by a **deductive system** (a generalization of Peter Aczel on powersets)

Tarski fixpoint theorem

Theorem 15.6 An increasing function $f \in L \xrightarrow{\perp} L$ on a complete lattice $\langle L, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \top, \sqcap, \sqcup \rangle$ has a least fixpoint $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f = \sqcap \{x \in L \mid f(x) \sqsubseteq x\}$.

DAVID PARK'S FIXPOINT INDUCTION

$$\text{lfp} \sqsubseteq F \sqsubseteq P$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\exists I. F(I) \sqsubseteq I \wedge I \sqsubseteq P$$

sound and complete by Tarshi's fixpoint theorem

AN INTERMEZZO ON THE NATURALS

Application: proofs by recursion on naturals

$$\mathcal{N} = \text{Eff}_P^{\varepsilon} = F(X) = \{0\} \cup \{n+1 \mid n \in X\}$$

$$\mathbb{N} \subseteq P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Eff}_P^{\varepsilon} F \subseteq P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists I. F(I) \subseteq I \wedge I \subseteq P$$

fixpoint induction

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists I. \{0\} \subseteq I \wedge \{n+1 \mid n \in I\} \subseteq I \wedge I \subseteq P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists I. 0 \in I \wedge \forall n. n \in I \Rightarrow n+1 \in I \wedge I \subseteq P$$

which is recursion

$$\frac{I(0), I(n) \Rightarrow I(n+1)}{\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. I(n)}$$

where P may need to be strengthened to I to be provable

Non standard models of arithmetic

- Peano : $0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. n+1 \in \mathbb{N}$

- Standard model : $0 < 1 < 2 < \dots$

- Skolem non-standard model : $0 < 1 < 2 < \dots < -2 < -1 < 0 < -1 < 2 < \dots$

- Solution : the models of the naturals are those for which proof by recurrence is valid

- This eliminates ^P $0 < 1 < 2 < \dots < -2 < -1 < 0 < -1 < 2 < \dots$

- The fixpoint definition : "the smallest set S such that $0 \in S$ and $\forall n \in S. n+1 \in S$ " is simpler.

GALOIS CONNECTIONS

Galois connections

- Given posets $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle$ (the *concrete domain*) and $\langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$ (the *abstract domain*), the pair $\langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle$ of functions $\alpha \in \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ (the *lower adjoint* or *abstraction*) and $\gamma \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ (the *upper-adjoint* or *concretization*) is a *Galois connection* (GC) if and only if

$$\forall P \in \mathcal{C} . \forall \bar{P} \in \mathcal{A} . \alpha(P) \preceq \bar{P} \Leftrightarrow P \sqsubseteq \gamma(\bar{P}) \quad (11.1)$$

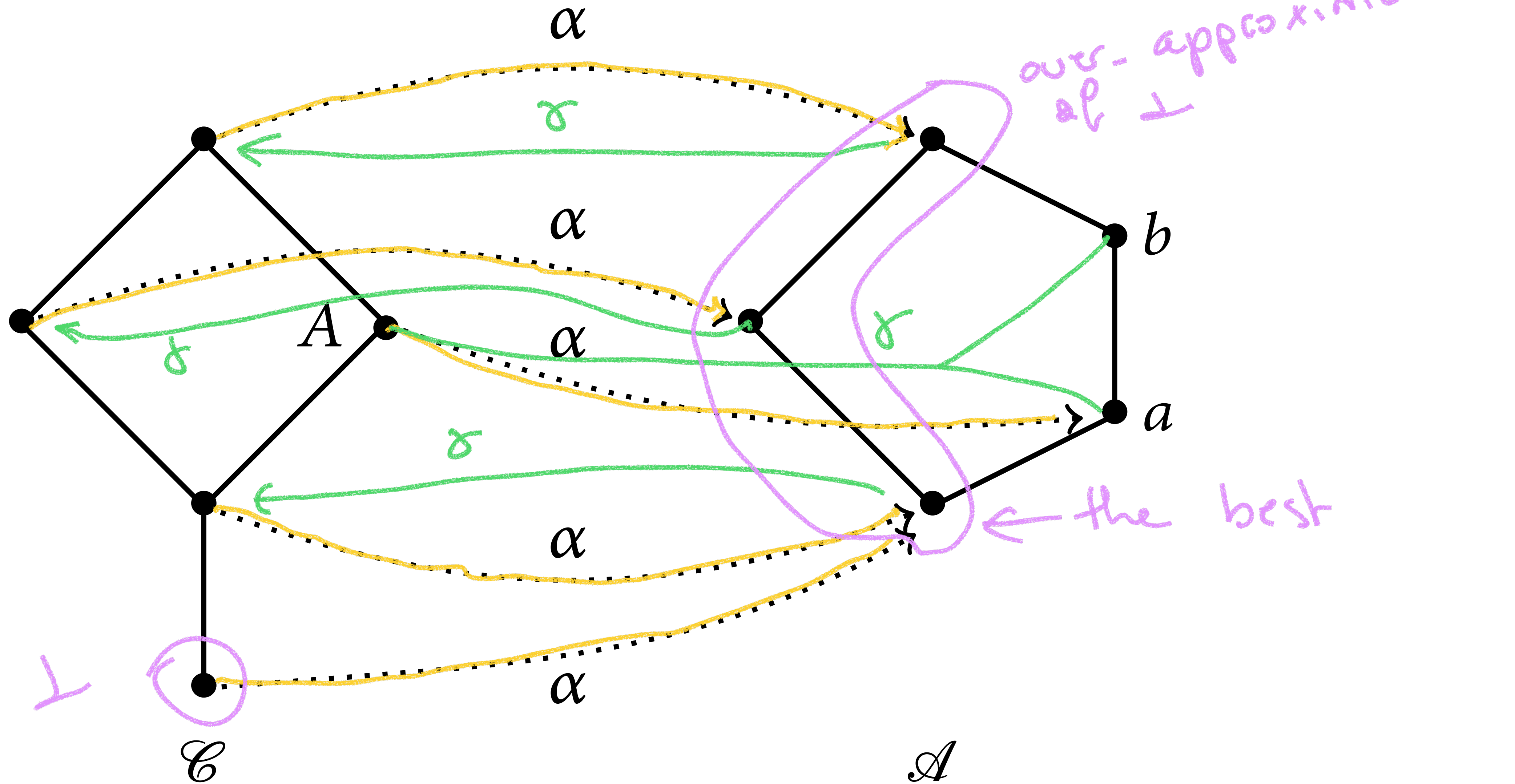
which we write

$$\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\gamma} \\ \xrightarrow{\alpha} \end{array} \langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle .$$

idea $\forall x \in \mathcal{C} . \alpha(x)$ is the best / \preceq -most precise element of \mathcal{A} over-approximating x .

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galois_connection

Example of Galois connection



FIXPOINT ABSTRACTION

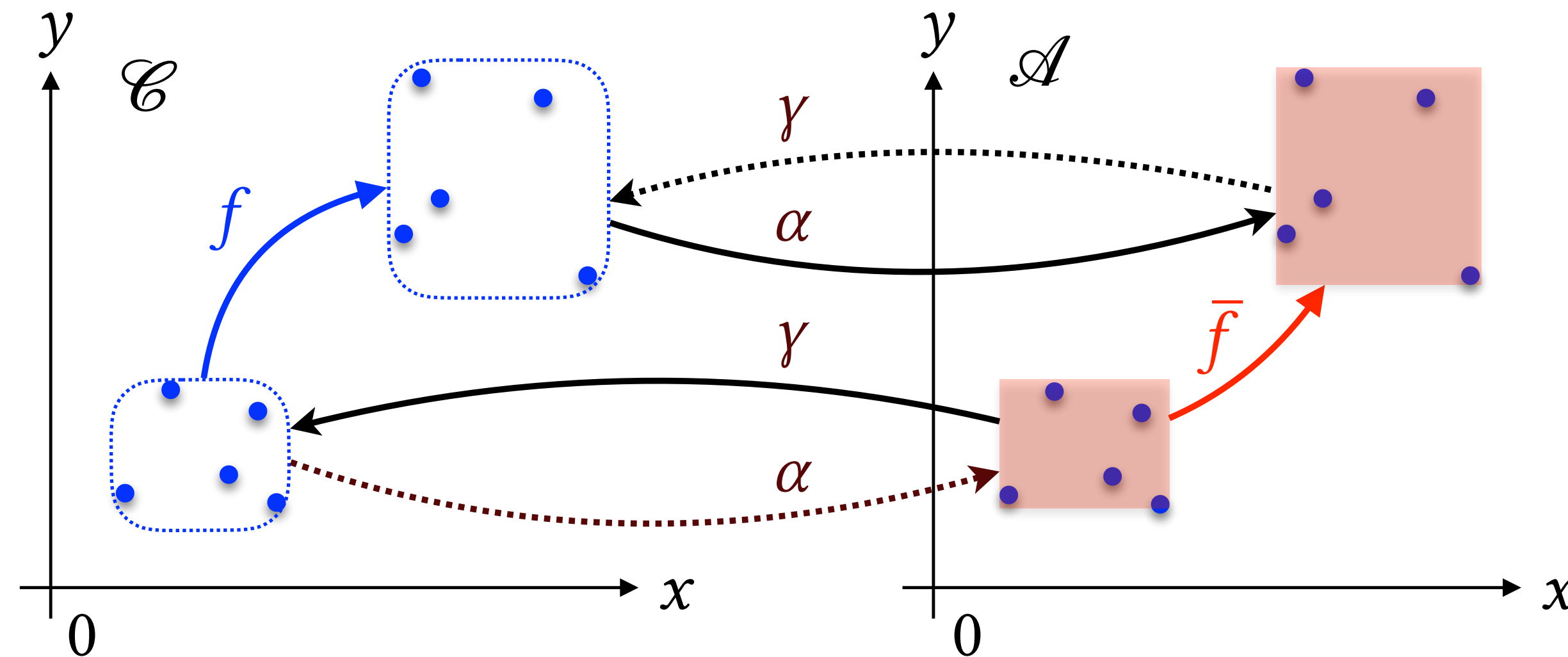
Fixpoint abstraction

- \mathcal{C} is a concrete domain
- $f \in \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is an increasing concrete transformer
- $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$ is an abstraction into \mathcal{A}
- Problem: abstract $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$
 - first abstract the concrete transformer f into an abstract transformer $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$
 - then abstract $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f)$ into $\text{lfp}^{\preceq} \bar{f}$.
 - This abstraction may be
 - (1) • *exact* i.e. $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) = \text{lfp}^{\preceq} \bar{f}$
 - (2) • or *sound* but imprecise, in which case we get an overapproximation $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) \preceq \text{lfp}^{\preceq} \bar{f}$.

(2) is for static analysis, not studied in this presentation

Transformer abstraction

- To abstract a fixpoint $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f)$, we first abstract its transformer f .



Theorem (18.3, transformer abstraction) If $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xleftrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$ then $\langle \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xleftrightarrow[\bar{\alpha}]{\bar{\gamma}} \langle \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$ where \sqsubseteq and \preceq are pointwise (i.e. $f \sqsubseteq g$ if and only if $\forall x \in \mathcal{C} . f(x) \sqsubseteq g(x)$), $\bar{\alpha}(f) = \alpha \circ f \circ \gamma$, and $\bar{\gamma}(\bar{f}) = \gamma \circ \bar{f} \circ \alpha$.

Exact fixpoint abstraction

Theorem (18.23, exact fixpoint abstraction in a complete lattice) Assume that $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \top, \sqcup, \sqcap \rangle$ and $\langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq, 0, 1, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ are complete lattices, $f \in \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is increasing, $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$, $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is increasing, and $\alpha \circ f = \bar{f} \circ \alpha$ (*commutation property*). Then $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) = \text{lfp}^{\preceq} \bar{f}$.

FIX POINT DEFINITIONS

Fixpoint definition

Definition 16.4 The fixpoint definition of $D \in \wp(\mathbb{U})$ by a \subseteq -increasing function $F \in \wp(\mathbb{U}) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{U})$ is $D \triangleq \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$.

DEDUCTIVE
(Hilbert)

DEFINITIONS
systems)

Example: odd naturals

Fixpoint definition

$$\mathbb{O} = \text{fp}^{\varepsilon} F \text{ where } F(x) = \{1\} \cup \{n+2 \mid n \in x\}$$

Deductive definition

$$\frac{\emptyset}{1 \in \mathbb{O}}$$

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{O}}{n+2 \in \mathbb{O}}$$

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \dots \quad 5 \in \mathbb{O}$$

$$6 \leftarrow 4 \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 0 \quad \text{!!!} \quad \text{so } 6 \notin \mathbb{O}$$

The two definitions are equivalent

proof

- A proof of p by rules R is a finite sequence $t_0 \dots t_n$ of elements of \mathcal{U} such that
 - each $t_i, i \in [0, n]$ is deduced from $t_0 \dots t_{i-1}$ by application of a rule of R
 - $t_n = p$.
- Formally

Definition 16.7

$\text{is-provable}(p, R) \triangleq \exists t_0 \dots t_n \in \mathcal{U} . (\forall i \in [0, n] . \exists \frac{P}{c} \in R . P \subseteq \{t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}\} \wedge t_i = c) \wedge t_n = p$.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_proof

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formal_proof

Deductive definition

Definition 16.10 (deductive definition) The deductive definition of $D \in \wp(\mathbb{U})$ by a deductive system of rules $\frac{P}{c} \in R$ is $D \triangleq \{p \in \mathbb{U} \mid \text{is-provable}(p, R)\}$.

FIX POINT DEFINITION EQUIVALENT TO A DEDUCTIVE DEFINITION

A deductive definition can be expressed as a fixpoint definition and conversely.

Consequence operator

For a deductive definition by rules $R = \left\{ \frac{P_i}{c_i} \mid i \in \Delta \right\}$, define

- the *consequence operator* $F_R(X) \triangleq \{c \mid \exists \frac{P}{c} \in R . P \subseteq X\}$
- $F_R(X)$ is the set of consequences provable by R when X has already been proved
- The consequence operator F_R does not necessarily preserve joins but is increasing

Equivalence of the deductive and fixpoint definitions

Theorem 16.12 We have $D = \{p \in \mathbb{U} \mid \text{is-provable}(p, R)\} = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F_R$ where $F_R(X) \triangleq \{c \mid \exists \frac{P}{c} \in R . P \subseteq X\}$ is the *consequence operator* of R .

Theorem 16.12 may not hold when considering rules which premises can be infinite sets.

DEDUCTIVE DEFINITION EQUIVALENT
TO A FIX POINT DEFINITION

Equivalence of the fixpoint and deductive definitions

Theorem 16.16 For a fixpoint definition $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$ define $R = \left\{ \frac{P}{c} \mid P \subseteq \mathbb{U} \wedge c \in F(P) \right\}$. Then $F = F_R$ so $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F_R = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$.

Note that if R turns out to have finite premises only, then $\{p \in \mathbb{U} \mid \text{is-provable}(p, R)\} = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F_R$.

NATURAL SEMANTICS

(one of the possible semantics which abstraction yield a program logic, forget about non-termination, so too abstract e.g. to prove termination)

structural natural semantics

- assignment $S := \ell \ x := A;$

$$S^N[S] = \{ \langle P, P[x \leftarrow v] \rangle \mid v \in \mathcal{D}[A] P \}$$

- skip $S := \ell \ \text{skip}$

$$S^N[S] = \{ \langle P, P \rangle \mid P \in \mathbb{E} \}$$

Structural natural semantics

- conditional $S ::= \text{if}^c(B) S_t \text{ else } S_f$

$$S^N \llbracket S \rrbracket = \{ \langle P, P \rangle \mid \mathcal{B} \llbracket B \rrbracket P = \text{tt} \} \circ S^N \llbracket S_t \rrbracket \\ \cup \{ \langle P, P \rangle \mid \mathcal{B} \llbracket B \rrbracket P = \text{ff} \} \circ S^N \llbracket S_f \rrbracket$$

where

$$R \circ R' = \{ \langle x, z \rangle \mid \exists y : \langle x, y \rangle \in R \wedge \langle y, z \rangle \in R' \}$$

Structural natural semantics

- sequential composition $S ::= S_1 ; S_2$

$$\mathcal{S}^N[S] = \mathcal{S}^N[S_1] \circ \mathcal{S}^N[S_2]$$

where

$$R \circ R' = \{ \langle x, z \rangle \mid \exists y. \langle x, y \rangle \in R \wedge \langle y, z \rangle \in R' \}$$

Structural natural semantics

• iteration $S = \text{while}^e(\mathcal{B}) S_t$ $\ell = \text{ab}[S]$

$$\begin{aligned} S^N[S] &= \text{rel } I = \text{ep}_{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq F^N[S] \text{ is} \\ &= \{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in I \mid \mathcal{B}[\mathcal{B}]p' = \# \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^N[S]X &= \{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid p \in E \} \\ &\quad \{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in X \mid \mathcal{B}[\mathcal{B}]p' = \text{tt} \} \circ S^N[S_t] \end{aligned}$$

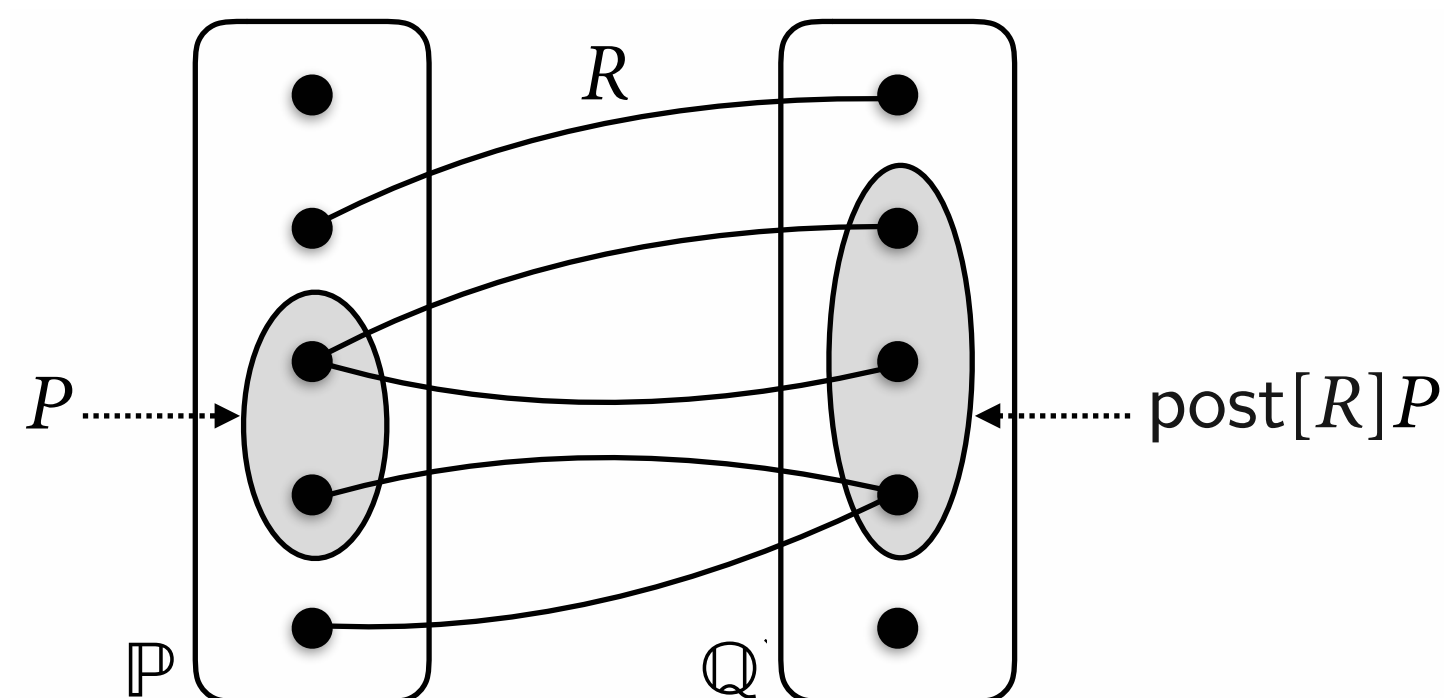
EXAMPLES OF ABSTRACTIONS : TRANSFORMERS

Property transformers

- Isomorphic abstractions of relations (e.g.(in) finitary relational semantics)
- the *post-image* of a preproperty/precondition $P \in \wp(\mathbb{P})$ by relation $R \in \wp(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q})$ is $\text{post}[R]P \in \wp(\mathbb{Q})$ such that

$$\text{post}[R] \triangleq P \mapsto \{y \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists x \in P. \langle x, y \rangle \in R\} \quad (12.2)$$

(This is also called the *right-image* of P by R , also written $R[P]$ or even $R(P)$.)



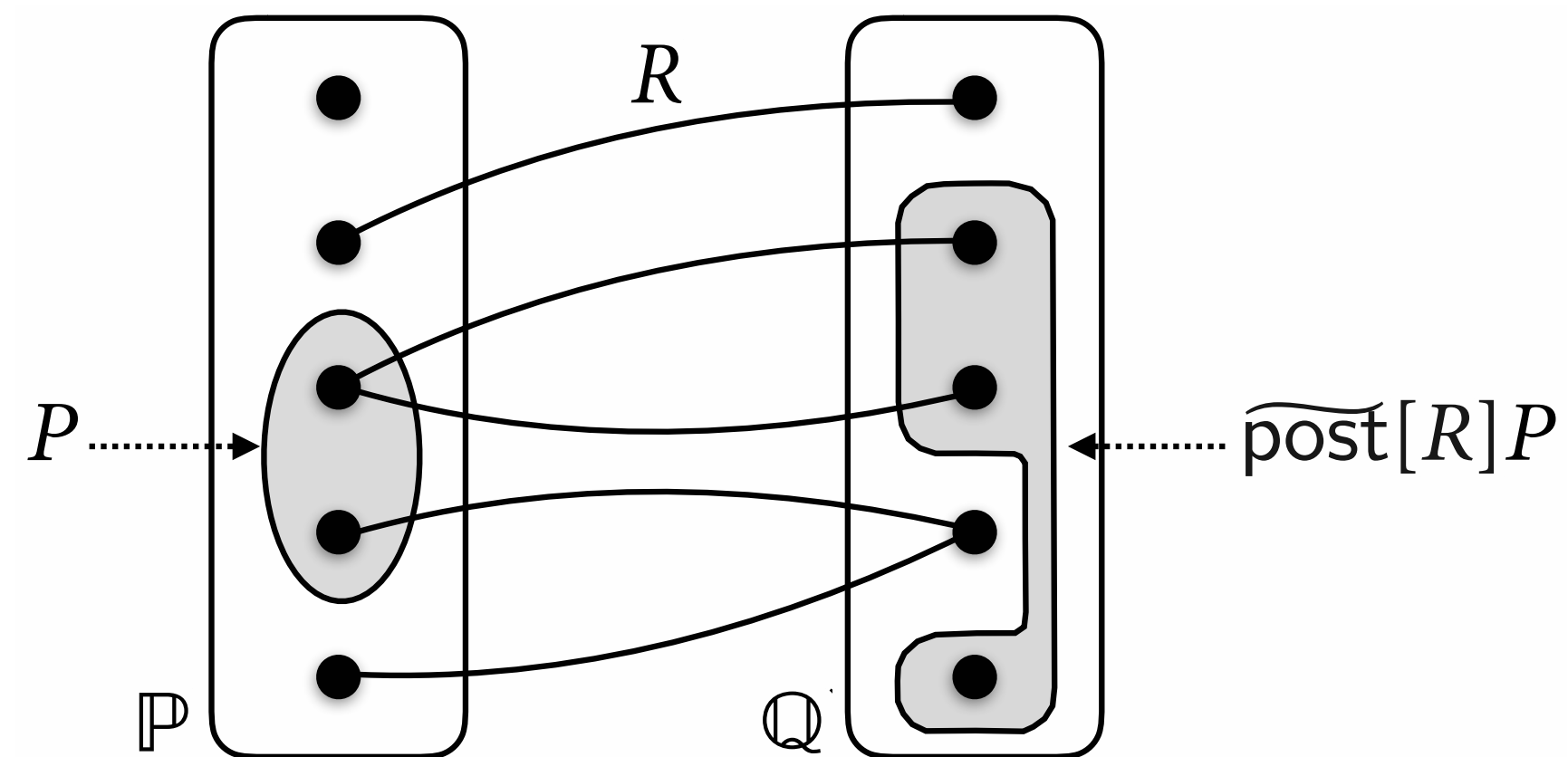
$$\langle \wp(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q}), \subseteq \rangle \xleftarrow{\text{post}^{-1}} \langle \wp(\mathbb{P}) \xrightarrow{\text{post}} \wp(\mathbb{Q}), \subseteq \rangle$$

$$\text{where } \text{post}^{-1}[T] \triangleq \{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q} \mid y \in T(\{x\})\}$$

Property transformers

- The *dual post-image* of a preproperty $P \in \wp(\mathbb{P})$ by relation R is $\widetilde{\text{post}}[R]P \in \wp(\mathbb{Q})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{post}}[R] &\triangleq \neg \circ \text{post}[R] \circ \neg^1 && (12.3) \\ &= P \mapsto \{y \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \forall x \in \mathbb{P} . \langle x, y \rangle \in R \Rightarrow x \in P\} \end{aligned}$$



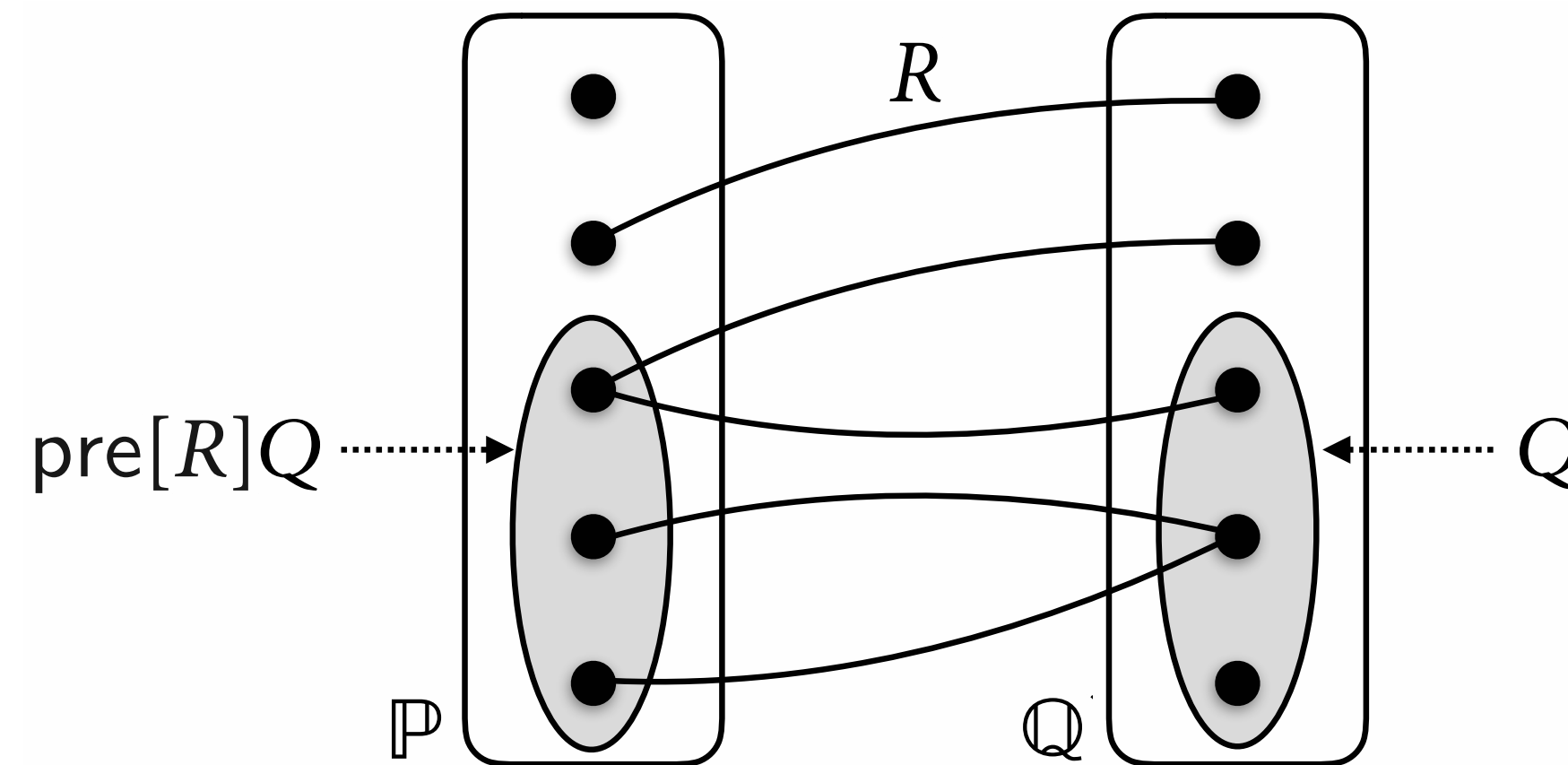
¹We write $\neg P$ for $\mathbb{P} \setminus P$ and $\neg Q$ for $\mathbb{Q} \setminus Q$, the ambiguity being solved by considering the powerset to which the negated property belongs.

Property transformers

- The *pre-image* of a postproperty $Q \in \wp(Q)$ by relation $R \in \wp(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q})$ is $\text{pre}[R]Q \in \wp(\mathbb{P})$ such that

$$\text{pre}[R] \triangleq \text{post}[R^{-1}] = Q \mapsto \{x \in \mathbb{P} \mid \exists y \in Q. \langle x, y \rangle \in R\} \quad (12.11)$$

(This is also called the *left-image* of P by R , also written $R^{-1}[P]$ or $R^{-1}(P)$.)



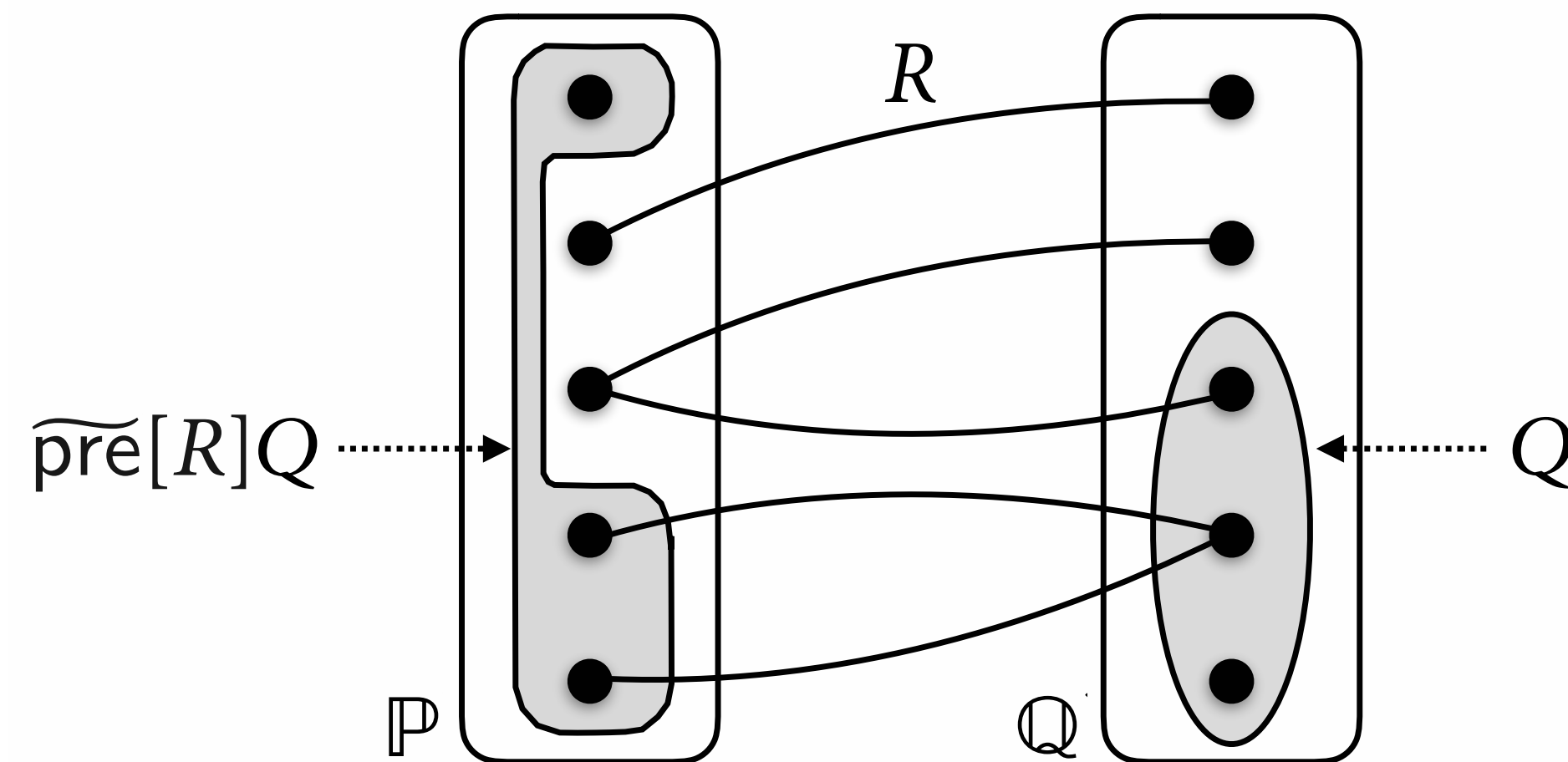
- $\langle \wp(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q}), \subseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\text{pre}]{\text{pre}^{-1}} \langle \wp(\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\square} \wp(\mathbb{P}), \subseteq \rangle$

$$\text{where } \text{pre}^{-1}[T] = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q} \mid x \in T(\{y\})\}$$

Property transformers

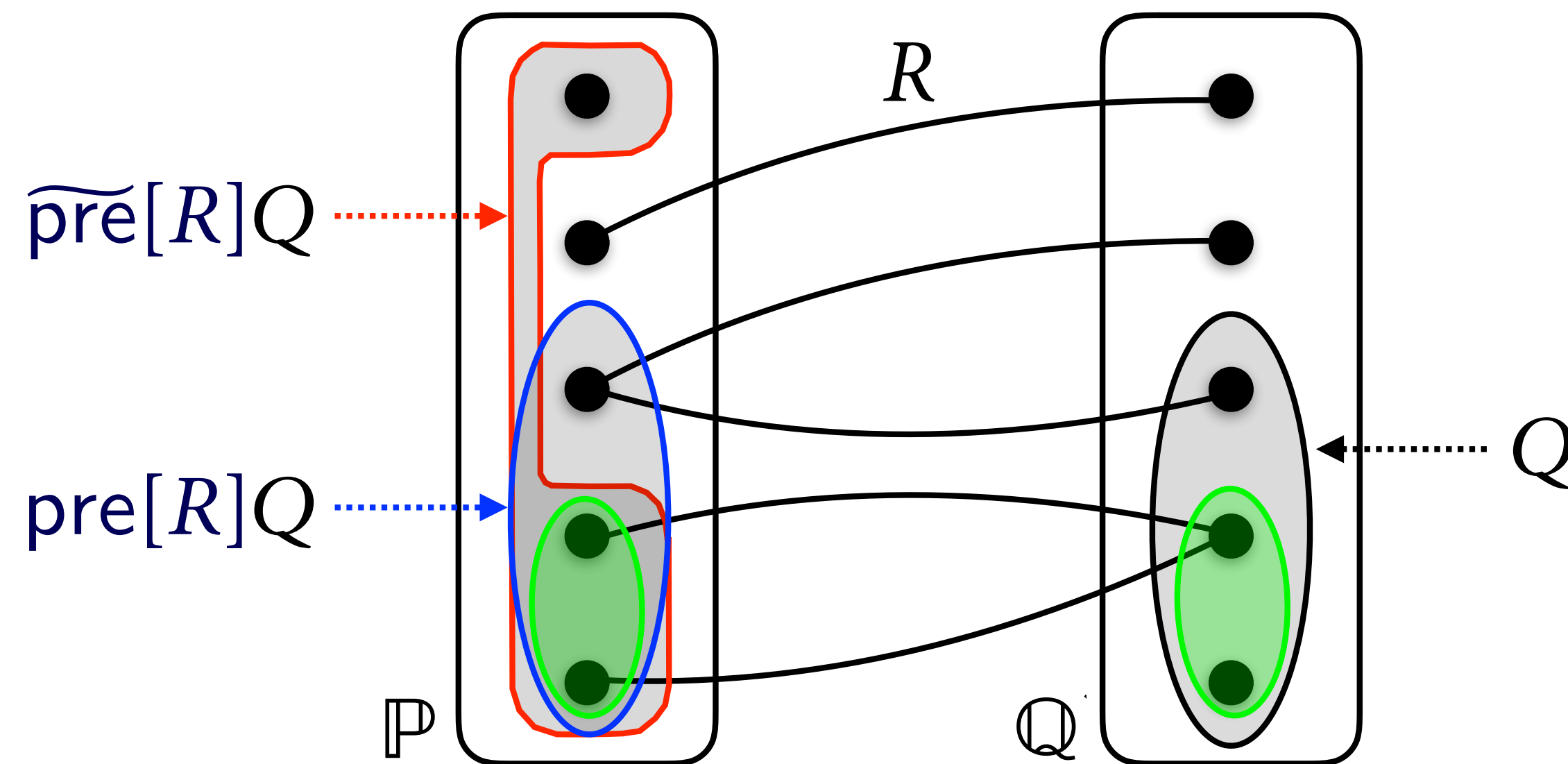
- The *dual pre-image* of a postproperty $Q \in \wp(Q)$ by relation $R \in \wp(P \times Q)$ is $\widetilde{\text{pre}}[R]Q \in \wp(P)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{pre}}[R] &\triangleq \neg \circ \text{pre}[R] \circ \neg = \widetilde{\text{post}}[R^{-1}] && (12.12) \\ &= Q \mapsto \{x \in P \mid \forall y \in Q. \langle x, y \rangle \in R \Rightarrow y \in Q\} \end{aligned}$$



Weakest precondition

- $\text{pre}[R]Q \wedge \widetilde{\text{pre}}[R]Q$



- If $P \subseteq \text{pre}[R]Q \wedge \widetilde{\text{pre}}[R]Q$ then it is guaranteed to reach Q from P through R

Galois connections between property transformers

If $R \in \wp(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q})$, we have the following Galois connections

$$\langle \wp(\mathbb{P}), \subseteq \rangle \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{pre}}[R]} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{post}[R]} \end{array} \langle \wp(\mathbb{Q}), \subseteq \rangle \quad (12.22)$$

$$\langle \wp(\mathbb{Q}), \subseteq \rangle \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{post}}[R]} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{pre}[R]} \end{array} \langle \wp(\mathbb{P}), \subseteq \rangle \quad (12.23)$$

ABSTRACTION OF A RELATIONAL OR NATURAL SEMANTICS TO AN ASSERTIONAL LOGICS

Abstraction

- Relational semantics:

$$S \in \mathcal{F}(\Sigma \times \Sigma')$$

$$\text{(or } \mathcal{F}(E \times E_{\perp})\text{)}$$

- Transformer:

$$\langle \mathcal{F}(\Sigma), \subseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\text{tr}[S]]{\tilde{\text{tr}}[S]} \langle \mathcal{F}(\Sigma'), \subseteq \rangle$$

- Assertional logic:

$$\langle \mathcal{F}(\Sigma \times \Sigma'), \subseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha_e^S]{\delta_e^S} \langle \{ \{P \vdash S \vdash Q \mid P \in \mathcal{F}(\Sigma) \wedge Q \in \mathcal{F}(\Sigma')\} \}, \subseteq \rangle$$

$$\alpha_e^S(S) = \{ \{P \vdash S \vdash Q \mid \text{tr}[S] P \subseteq Q \} \}$$

or dual/
inverse

Assertional Logi

Hoare logic

$$\{ \{ P \} S \{ Q \} \mid \text{post}(S^N[S]) P \subseteq Q \}$$

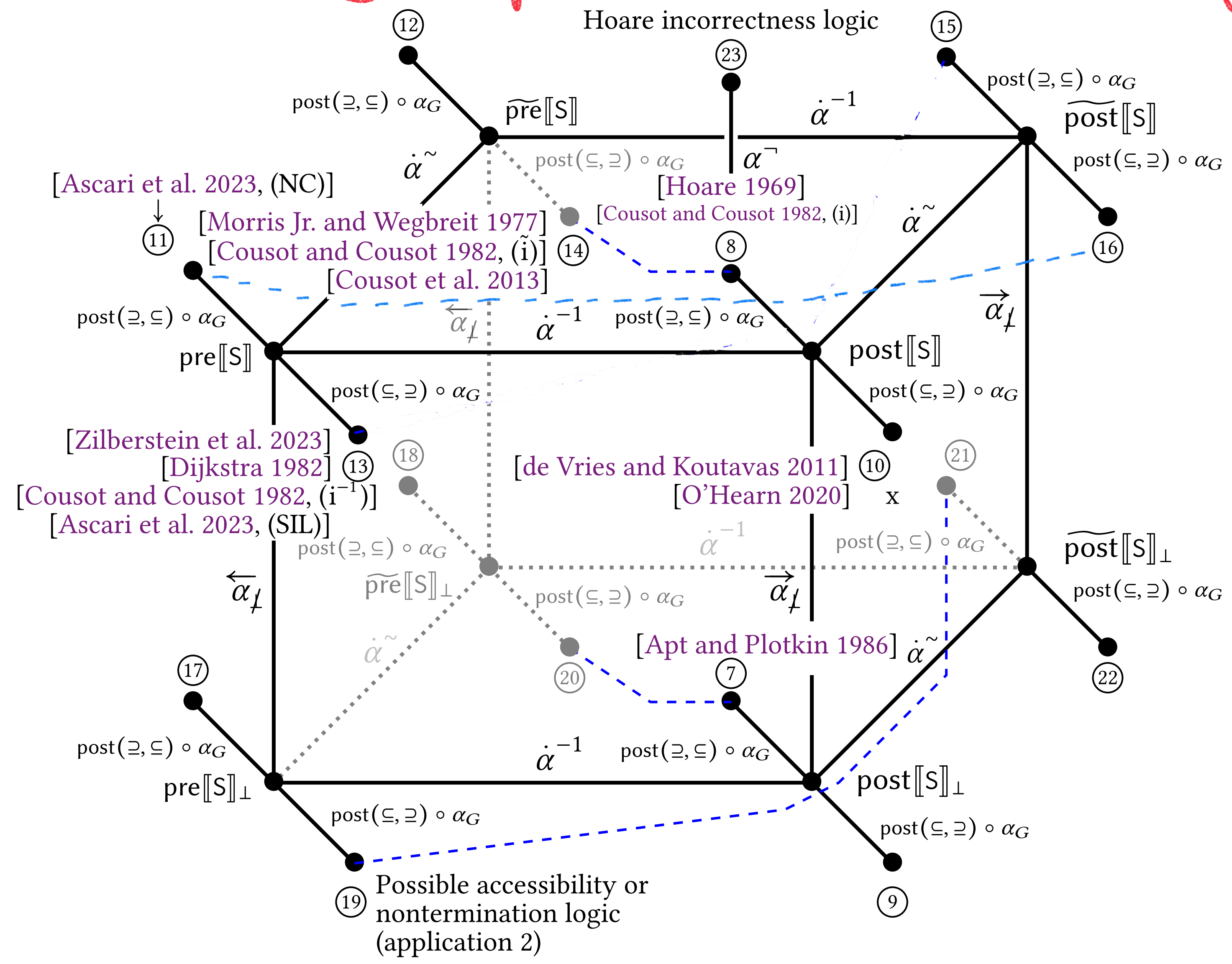
Subgoal induction Logic

$$\{ \{ P \} S \{ Q \} \mid P \subseteq \widetilde{\text{pre}}(S^N[S]) Q \}$$

Incorrectness Logic

$$\{ \{ P \} S \{ Q \} \mid Q \subseteq \text{post}(S^N[S]) P \}$$

Taxonomy of assertional logics



--- Galois connection (different logics to prove the same property)

CALCULATIONAL DESIGN OF LOGICS

Calculational design method

- Given the relational semantics $S[S]$ calculate $\text{tr}[S[S]]$ by structural induction on S (in fixpoint form)
- Then calculate $\{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \text{tr}[S[S]] P \subseteq Q \}$ (in fixpoint form for iteration)
- Calculate the proof system

CALCULATIONAL DESIGN OF HOARE LOGIC

Hoare Logic

• assignment $S := x := A;$

$$S^N[S] = \{ \langle p, p[x \leftarrow v] \rangle \mid v \in \mathcal{V}[A \Downarrow p] \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{post}[S^N[S]]_P &= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S^N[S] \} \\ &= \{ p[x \leftarrow v] \mid p \in P, v \in \mathcal{V}[A \Downarrow p] \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H[S] &= \{ \{ p \} S \{ q \} \mid \text{post}[S^N[S]]_P \subseteq Q \} \\ &= \{ \{ p \} S \{ q \} \mid \{ p[x \leftarrow v] \mid p \in P, v \in \mathcal{V}[A \Downarrow p] \} \subseteq Q \} \end{aligned}$$

• assignment $S := x := A;$ (cont'd)

$$H[S] = \{ \{P\} S \{Q\} \mid \{P[x \leftarrow \sigma]\} \mid P \in P \wedge \sigma \in \mathcal{A}[A]P \} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$$

characterized by the following deductive system

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{P\} x := A, \{ \{P[x \leftarrow \sigma]\} \mid P \in P \wedge \sigma \in \mathcal{A}[A]P \}}$$

$$\frac{\{P\} S \{Q\}}{\{P\} S \{Q'\}}$$

$$Q \subseteq Q'$$

right consequence rule

Hoare Logic

• conditional $S ::= \text{if } (B) S_t$

$$S^N[S] = \{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{ff} \} \cup \{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{tt} \} \circ S^N[S_t]$$

$$\text{post } S^N[S] P = \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S^N[S] \}$$

$$= \{ p \in P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{ff} \} \cup \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{tt} \wedge \langle p, p' \rangle \in S^N[S_t] \}$$

$$= \{ p \mid \exists p \in P \cap \{ p \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{tt} \} \wedge \langle p, p' \rangle \in S^N[S_t] \}$$

$$= \{ p \in P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{ff} \}$$

$$\cup \text{post}[S^N[S_t]](P \cap \{ p \mid \mathcal{B}[B]p = \text{tt} \})$$

Hoare logic

• conditional $S ::= \text{if } (B) S_1$ (continued)

$$H[S] = \{ \langle P \rangle S \langle Q \rangle \mid \text{post}[S^N][S] P \subseteq Q \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P \rangle S \langle Q \rangle \mid \{ P \in P \mid B[B]P = \# \} \subseteq Q \} \cup$$

$$\{ \langle P \rangle S \langle Q \rangle \mid \text{post}[S^H][S_1] (P \cap \{ P \mid B[B]P = \# \}) \subseteq Q \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P \rangle S \langle Q \rangle \mid \{ P \in P \mid B[B]P = \# \} \subseteq Q \} \cup$$

$$\{ \langle P \rangle S \langle Q \rangle \mid \{ P \cap \{ P \mid B[B]P = \# \} \} S_1 \langle Q \rangle$$

Hoare Logic

• conditional $S ::= \text{if } (B) S_L$

$$H[S] = \{ \{P\} S \{Q\} \mid P \wedge \{P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]P = \text{ff}\} \subseteq Q \} \cup \{ \{P\} S \{Q\} \mid \{P \wedge \{P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]P = \text{tt}\} \} S_L \{Q\} \}$$

$$\neg B = \{P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]P = \text{ff}\} \quad B = \{P \mid \mathcal{B}[B]P = \text{tt}\}$$

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{P\} \text{if } (B) S_L \{Q\}}$$

$$P \wedge \neg B \subseteq Q$$

$$\{P \wedge B\} S_L \{Q\}$$

side conditions

Hoare Logic

• sequential composition $S ::= S_1 ; S_2$

$$\mathcal{S}^N[S] = \mathcal{S}^N[S_1] \circ \mathcal{S}^N[S_2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{post } \mathcal{S}^N[S] P &= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in \mathcal{S}^N[S] P \} \\ &= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \exists p''. \langle p, p'' \rangle \in \mathcal{S}^N[S_1] \wedge \langle p'', p' \rangle \in \mathcal{S}^N[S_2] \} \\ &= \{ p' \mid \exists p'' \in \text{post } \mathcal{S}^N[S_1] P. \langle p'', p' \rangle \in \mathcal{S}^N[S_2] \} \\ &= \text{post } \mathcal{S}^N[S_2] (\text{post } \mathcal{S}^N[S_1] P) \end{aligned}$$

• \circ is function composition $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$

• sequential composition $S_1 ::= S_1; S_2$

$$H[S_1] = \{ \{P\} S_1 \{Q\} \mid \text{post } S_1^N[\{P\}] \subseteq Q \}$$

$$= \{ \{P\} S_1 \{Q\} \mid \text{post}(S_1^N[\{Q\}]) (\text{post}(S_1^N[\{P\}])) \subseteq Q \}$$

$$= \{ \{P\} S_1 \{Q\} \mid \exists R. \text{post}(S_1^N[\{P\}]) \subseteq R \wedge \text{post}(S_1^N[\{Q\}]) \subseteq R \}$$

$$= \{ \{P\} S_1 \{Q\} \mid \exists R. \{P\} S_1 \{R\} \wedge \{R\} S_2 \{Q\} \}$$

Proof system

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{P\} S_1 \{Q\}}$$

$$\exists R. \{P\} S_1 \{R\} \wedge \{R\} S_2 \{Q\}$$

• sequential composition $\delta \ell ::= \varepsilon$

$$S^N[\varepsilon] = \{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid p \in E \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{post } S^N[\varepsilon] P &= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S^N[\varepsilon] \} \\ &= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. p' = p \} = P \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M[\varepsilon] &= \{ \langle P, \varepsilon \{ Q \} \rangle \mid \text{post } S^N[\varepsilon] P \subseteq Q \} \\ &= \{ \langle P, \varepsilon \{ Q \} \rangle \mid P \subseteq Q \} \end{aligned}$$

proof system

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{ P \} \varepsilon \{ P \}}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{\emptyset}}{\{ P \} \varepsilon \{ Q \}}$$

$$\{ P \} \varepsilon \{ P \} \wedge P \subseteq Q$$

Hoare Logic

- iteration

$S ::= \text{while } (B) S_b$

$$\begin{aligned} S^N[S] &= \text{rel } I = \text{ep}_{\perp\perp} \subseteq F^N[S] \text{ is} \\ &= \{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in I \mid B[B]p' = \# \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^N[S]X &= \{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid p \in E \} \cup \\ &\{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in X \mid B[B]p' = \text{tt} \} \circ S^N[S_\perp] \end{aligned}$$

iteration $S = \text{while } (B) S_b$

$$\text{post}[S^N[S]] P$$

$$= \text{post}[\{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in \text{ep}_{fp}^S F^N[S] \mid \mathcal{B}[B] p' = \# \}] P$$

$$= \{ p' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in \text{ep}_{fp}^S F^N[S] \wedge \mathcal{B}[B] p' = \# \}$$

$$= \{ p' \mid \mathcal{B}[B] p' = \# \wedge p' \in \text{post}[\text{ep}_{fp}^S F^N[S]] P \}$$

$$= \text{post}[\text{ep}_{fp}^S F^N[S]] P \cap \neg B$$

$$\neg B = \{ p' \mid \mathcal{B}[B] p' = \# \}$$

$$= \alpha_p(\text{ep}_{fp}^S F^N[S]) \cap \neg B$$

where $\alpha_p = \lambda x. \text{post}[x] P$

We use exact function abstraction:

Theorem (18.23, exact fixpoint abstraction in a complete lattice) Assume that $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \top, \sqcup, \sqcap \rangle$ and $\langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq, 0, 1, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ are complete lattices, $f \in \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is increasing, $\langle \mathcal{C}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq \rangle$, $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is increasing, and $\alpha \circ f = \bar{f} \circ \alpha$ (*commutation property*). Then $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) = \text{lfp}^{\preceq} \bar{f}$.

$$\alpha_P (F^N[S](x)) = \bar{f} (\alpha_P(x))$$

$$\forall P. \underbrace{\alpha_P}_{\alpha} (\underbrace{F^N[S] x}_f) \underbrace{P}_P = \underbrace{\bar{f}}_{\bar{f}} (\underbrace{\alpha_P(x) P}_{\alpha})$$

By calculational design

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{post}(\text{FN}[S]X) \text{ P} & S = \text{while}(B) S_b \\
& = \text{post}(\{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid p \in E \} \cup \{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in X \mid B[B] p' = \text{tt} \}) \text{ P} \\
& = \text{post}(\{ \langle p, p \rangle \mid p \in E \}) \text{ P} \cup \\
& \quad \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (\text{post}(\{ \langle p, p' \rangle \in X \mid B[B] p' = \text{tt} \}) \text{ P}) \\
& = \text{P} \cup \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (\{ p' \mid \exists p \in \text{P}. \langle p, p' \rangle \in X \wedge B[B] p' = \text{tt} \}) \\
& = \text{P} \cup \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (\text{post}(X) \text{ P} \cap \{ p' \mid B[B] p' = \text{tt} \}) \\
& = \text{P} \cup \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (\text{post}(X) \text{ P} \cap B) \\
& = \text{P} \cup \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (\alpha_p(X) \cap B) & B = \{ p \mid B[B] p = \text{tt} \} \\
& = \bar{F}_p[S] (\alpha_p(X)) & \bar{F}[S]X = \text{P} \cup \text{post}(S^N[S_b]) (X \cap B)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$S = \text{while}(B) S_b$

$$\text{post}[S^N[S]] P$$

$$= \text{post}[\{ \langle P, P' \rangle \in \text{step}^N[S] \mid B[B] P' = \text{ff} \}] P$$

$$= \text{post}[\text{step}^N[S] P \cap \neg B]$$

$$\neg B = \{ P \mid B[B] P = \text{ff} \}$$

$$= \text{step}^N[S] P \cap \neg B$$

More logic

$$M[S] = \{ \langle P, S \rangle \mid \text{post}[S^N[S] P] \subseteq \emptyset \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, S \rangle \mid \text{step}^N[S] P \cap \neg B \subseteq \emptyset \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, S \rangle \mid \text{step}^N[S] P \subseteq B \cup \emptyset \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, S \rangle \mid \exists I. \bar{F}_P[S] I \subseteq I \wedge I \subseteq B \cup \emptyset \}$$

Rx point induction

$$= \{ \{P\} S \{Q\} \mid \exists I. P \cup \text{post}(S^N[[S_b]]) (I \wedge B) \subseteq I \wedge I \subseteq B \cup Q \}$$

$$= \{ \{P\} S \{Q\} \mid \exists I. P \subseteq I \wedge \{I \wedge B\} S_b \{I\} \wedge I \wedge \neg B \subseteq Q \}$$

Proof rules

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{I\} \text{ while } (B) S \{I \wedge \neg B\}} \quad \{I \wedge B\} S_b \{I\} \quad \text{Hoare iteration rule}$$

$$\frac{\{P\} S \{Q\}}{\{P'\} S \{Q'\}} \quad P \subseteq Q, \quad Q \subseteq Q' \quad \text{consequence rule}$$

ON THE "AXIOMATIC SEMANTICS"

Is Hoare logic a definition
of the semantics of a
programming language (so
called "axiomatic semantics")

NO

because it does not eliminate
non standard semantics !!!

(same problem as Peano)

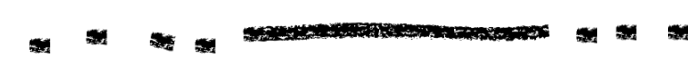
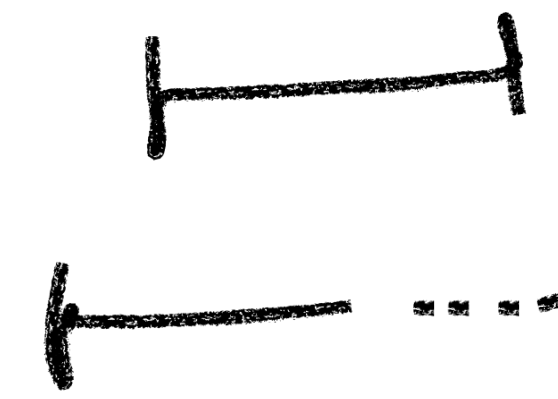
Non standard trace semantics

States: Σ

$$S^0: [0, n] \rightarrow \Sigma, n \in \mathbb{N}$$
$$\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma$$

$$S^1 = S^0 \cup (\perp \rightarrow \Sigma)$$

$$S^2 = S^1 \cup (\Sigma \rightarrow \perp)$$



finite traces
infinite traces

traces that
terminate but
never start

traces that
never start and
never terminate

- while ($x < 0$) $x := x + 1$;

standard $\{ -n \dots 0 \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \cup \{ n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$

non-standard " $\cup \{ \dots -2 -1 0 \}$

- while (true) $x := x + 1$;

standard $\{ n, n+1, \dots \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

non-standard " $\cup \{ \dots -2 -1 0 1 2 \dots \}$

- For all traces in both standard and non-standard cases, Hoare's iteration rule is satisfied (for the invariant which is the set of states on this trace)

The axiomatic semantics has non-standard models

- not a well-defined semantics
- solution for while (B) S :

The strongest invariant is

$$\text{LFP}^{\subseteq} \lambda x. B \cup \bigcup \{ Y \mid \{ X \} S \{ Y \} \}$$

- this is not expressible in Hoare Logic

\Rightarrow The axiomatic semantics is ambiguous!

ON INCORRECTNESS LOGIC

Incorrectness Logic

$$\{ [P] \text{ S } [Q] \mid Q \subseteq \text{post } [S]^R P \}$$

— The calculational design is essentially the same as for total correctness Hoare logic. The difference is on while iteration

- total Hoare logic : for all traces s.t. after $[S]$ is reached (variant function)
- incorrectness logic : exists a trace s.t. after $[S]$ is reached (variant function)

Incorrectness Logic is not Hoare incorrectness

$$\neg(\{P\} S \{Q\}) \not\Leftarrow [P] S [\neg Q] \quad (0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists R \in \wp(\Sigma) . [P] S [R] \wedge R \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \quad (1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \sigma \in \Sigma . [P] S [\{\sigma\}] \wedge \sigma \notin Q \quad (2)$$

(0) $\neg(\{\text{true}\} x = 0 \{x \neq 0 \wedge x \neq 1\})$ holds but not $[\text{true}] x = 0 [x = 0 \vee x = 1]$.

(1) this is not a formula of incorrectness Logic

(2) a counter example is sufficient (and necessary)

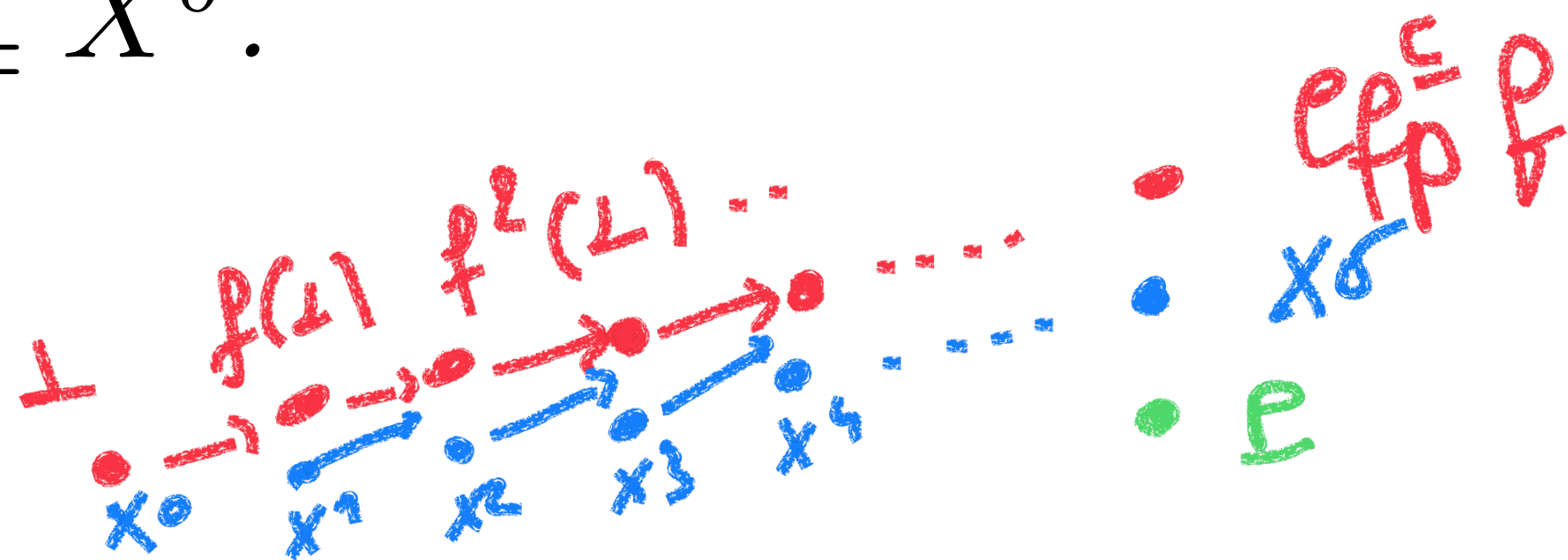
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Induction principle

Theorem 3 (Fixpoint Under Approximation by Transfinite Iterates). Let $f \in L \xrightarrow{i} L$ be an increasing function on a CPO $\langle L, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \sqcup \rangle$ (i.e. every increasing chain in L has a least upper bound in L , including $\perp = \sqcup \emptyset$). $P \in L$ is a fixpoint under approximation, i.e. $P \sqsubseteq \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$, if and only if there exists an increasing transfinite sequence $\langle X^\delta, \delta \in \mathbb{O} \rangle$ such that $X^0 = \perp$, $X^{\delta+1} \sqsubseteq f(X^\delta)$ for successor ordinals, $\sqcup_{\delta < \lambda} X^\delta$ exists for limit ordinals λ such that $X^\lambda \sqsubseteq \sqcup_{\delta < \lambda} X^\delta$, and $\exists \delta \in \mathbb{O} . P \sqsubseteq X^\delta$.



Calculational design

$w = \text{while}(B)S$

$S^{\text{IL}}[w]$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle P', Q' \rangle \in \{ \langle P'', \text{post}[[W]]P'' \rangle \mid P'' \in \wp(\Sigma) \} . P' \subseteq P \wedge Q \subseteq Q' \}$$

$\subseteq \dots$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle . J^0 = P \wedge \langle J^n \cap \mathcal{B}[[B]], J^{n+1} \rangle \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{IL}}[[S]] \wedge Q \subseteq (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \cap \mathcal{B}[[\neg B]] \} \quad \{\text{def. } \mathcal{T}_{\text{IL}}\} \quad \square$$

Proof rule :

$$\frac{\emptyset}{\{P\} \text{ while } (B) S \{Q\}} \quad J^0 = P, [J^n \cap \mathcal{B}[[B]] S [J^{n+1}], Q \subseteq (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \cap \mathcal{B}[[\neg B]]$$

$S^{IL}[\omega]$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle P', Q' \rangle \in \{ \langle P'', \text{post}[\![W]\!]P'' \rangle \mid P'' \in \wp(\Sigma) \} . P' \subseteq P \wedge Q \subseteq Q' \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists P', Q', P'' . P' = P'' \wedge Q' = \text{post}[\![W]\!]P'' \wedge P' \subseteq P \wedge Q \subseteq Q' \}$$

$\{ \text{def. } \in \}$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists P' . P' \subseteq P \wedge Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![W]\!]P' \}$$

$\{ \text{def. } = \}$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![W]\!]P \}$$

$\{ (\subseteq) \text{ post}[\![W]\!] \text{ increasing and transitivity; } (\supseteq) \text{ take } P' = P \text{ and reflexivity} \}$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!](\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P) \} \quad \{ (5) \text{ with } F'_P(X) \triangleq P \cup \text{post}([\![B]\!] ; [\![S]\!])X \}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I . Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!](I) \wedge I \subseteq \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P \}$$

$\{ (\subseteq) \text{ Take } I = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P \text{ and reflexivity;}$

$(\supseteq) \text{ By Galois connection } \langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \subseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\text{post}(r)]{\widetilde{\text{pre}}(r)} \langle \wp(\mathcal{Y}), \subseteq \rangle, \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!] \text{ is}$

increasing so $Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!](I) \subseteq \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!](\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P)$ and transitivity

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I . Q \subseteq \text{post}[\![\neg B]\!](I) \wedge \exists \langle J^n, n < \omega \rangle . J^0 = \emptyset \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq F'_P(J^n) \wedge I \subseteq \bigcup_{n < \omega} J^n \}$$

$\{ \text{fixpoint under approximation Th. II.3.6} \}$

$n < \omega$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n < \omega \rangle . J^0 = \emptyset \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq F'_P(J^n) \wedge Q \subseteq \text{post}[\neg B](\bigcup_{n < \omega} J^n) \} \\
&\quad \{ (\subseteq) \text{ By Galois connection } \langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \subseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\text{post}(r)]{\widetilde{\text{pre}}(r)} \langle \wp(\mathcal{Y}), \subseteq \rangle \text{ post}[\neg B] \text{ is in-} \\
&\quad \text{creasing so } Q \subseteq \text{post}[\neg B](I) \subseteq \text{post}[\neg B](\bigcup_{n < \omega} J^n) \text{ and transitivity;} \\
&\quad (\supseteq) \text{ take } I = \bigcup_{n < \omega} J^n \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n < \omega \rangle . J^0 = \emptyset \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq (P \cup \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)(J^n)) \wedge Q \subseteq \\
&\quad \text{post}[\neg B](\bigcup_{n < \omega} J^n) \} \quad \{ \text{def. } F'_P \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, 1 \leq n < \omega \rangle . J^1 = P \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)(J^n) \wedge Q \subseteq \\
&\quad \text{post}[\neg B](\bigcup_{1 \leq n < \omega} J^n) \} \quad \{ \text{getting rid of } J^0 = \emptyset \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle . J^0 = P \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)(J^n) \wedge Q \subseteq \\
&\quad \text{post}[\neg B](\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \} \quad \{ \text{changing } n+1 \text{ to } n \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle . J^0 = P \wedge J^{n+1} \subseteq \text{post}[\llbracket S \rrbracket](J^n \cap \mathcal{B}[\llbracket B \rrbracket]) \wedge Q \subseteq \\
&\quad (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \cap \mathcal{B}[\neg B] \} \quad \{ \text{post}[\llbracket B \rrbracket]P = P \cap \mathcal{B}[\llbracket B \rrbracket] \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle . J^0 = P \wedge \langle J^n \cap \mathcal{B}[\llbracket B \rrbracket], J^{n+1} \rangle \in \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid Q' \subseteq \\
&\quad \text{post}[\llbracket S \rrbracket]P \} \wedge Q \subseteq (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \cap \mathcal{B}[\neg B] \} \quad \{ \text{def. } \in \} \\
&= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists \langle J^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle . J^0 = P \wedge \langle J^n \cap \mathcal{B}[\llbracket B \rrbracket], J^{n+1} \rangle \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{IL}}[\llbracket S \rrbracket] \wedge Q \subseteq \\
&\quad (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J^n) \cap \mathcal{B}[\neg B] \} \quad \{ \text{def. } \mathcal{T}_{\text{IL}} \} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

MOORE LOGIC OF INCORRECTNESS

More incorrectness

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg \{P\} S \{Q\} \\ &= \neg (\text{post}[S] P \subseteq Q) \\ &= \neg (\{P' \mid \exists p \in P. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S\} \subseteq Q) \\ &= \exists p \in P. \exists p'. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S \wedge p' \notin Q \\ &= \exists p \in P \cap \{p \mid \exists p'. \langle p, p' \rangle \in S \wedge p' \in \neg Q\} \\ &= P \cap \text{pre}[S] \neg Q \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Induction principle

Theorem 4 (Non empty intersection with abstraction of least fixpoint).
Assume that (1) $\langle L, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \top, \sqcap, \sqcup \rangle$ is an atomic complete lattice; (2) $f \in L \rightarrow L$ preserves nonempty joins \sqcup ; (3) $\langle L, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle \bar{L}, \preceq, \wedge \rangle$; (4) $\bar{Q} \in \bar{L} \setminus \{0\}$ where $0 \triangleq \alpha(\perp)$; (5) There exists an inductive invariant $I \in L$ of f (i.e. $f(I) \sqsubseteq I$); (6) $\langle W, \leq \rangle$ is a well-founded set and $\nu \in \text{atoms}(I) \rightarrow W$ is a (variant) function; (7) There exists a sequence $\langle a_i \in \text{atoms}(I), i \in [1, \infty] \rangle$ that (7.a) $a_1 \in f(\perp)$, (7.b) $\forall i \in [1, \infty] . a_{i+1} \in \text{atoms}(f(a_i))$, (7.c) $\forall i \in [1, \infty] . (a_i \neq a_{i+1}) \Rightarrow (\nu(a_i) > \nu(a_{i+1}))$, (7.d) $\forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\nu(a_i) \not> \nu(a_{i+1})) \Rightarrow \alpha(a_i) \wedge \bar{Q} \neq 0$; Then, hypotheses (1) to (7) imply $\alpha(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) \wedge \bar{Q} \neq 0$. Conversely (1) to (4) and $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f \sqcap \gamma(\bar{Q}) \neq \perp$ imply (5) to (7).

Calculational design

$w = \text{while}(B)S$

$\mathcal{J}^{\text{HL}} \llbracket w \rrbracket$

$$\equiv \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \neg(\text{post} \llbracket W \rrbracket P \subseteq Q) \} \quad \{\text{def. } \alpha^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \text{post} \llbracket W \rrbracket P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \} \quad \{\text{def. } \subseteq \text{ and } \neg\}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \text{post} \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket (\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P) \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \} \quad \{(5), F'_P(X) \triangleq P \cup \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)X\}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'_P \cap \text{pre} \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket (\neg Q) \neq \emptyset \} \quad \{\text{post}(R)P \cap Q \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow P \cap \text{pre}(R)Q \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I \in \wp(\Sigma) . F'_P(I) \subseteq I \wedge \exists \langle W, \leq \rangle \in \mathfrak{Wf} . \exists \nu \in I \rightarrow W . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, \infty] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in F'_P(\emptyset) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . \sigma_{i+1} \in F'_P(\{\sigma_i\}) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\sigma_i \neq \sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow (\nu(\sigma_i) > \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\nu(\sigma_i) \not> \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow \{\sigma_i\} \cap \text{pre} \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket (\neg Q) \neq \emptyset) \} \quad \{\text{induction principle Th. 4}\}$$

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I \in \wp(\Sigma) . P \subseteq I \wedge \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)I \subseteq I \wedge \exists \langle W, \leq \rangle \in \mathfrak{Wf} . \exists \nu \in I \rightarrow W . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, \infty] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\sigma_{i+1} \in P \vee \{\sigma_{i+1}\} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)\{\sigma_i\}) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\sigma_i \neq \sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow (\nu(\sigma_i) > \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\nu(\sigma_i) \not> \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow \sigma_i \in \text{pre} \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket (\neg Q)) \}$$

{def. $F'_P(X) \triangleq P \cup \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)X$, \subseteq , and post , which is \emptyset -strict}

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I \in \wp(\Sigma) . P \subseteq I \wedge \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)I \subseteq I \wedge \exists \langle W, \leq \rangle \in \mathfrak{Wf} . \exists \nu \in I \rightarrow W . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, \infty] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . \{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)\{ \sigma_i \} \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\sigma_i \neq \sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow (\nu(\sigma_i) > \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \wedge \forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\nu(\sigma_i) \not> \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow \sigma_i \in \text{pre}[\llbracket \neg B \rrbracket](\neg Q)) \}$$

{since if $\sigma_{i+1} \in P$, we can equivalently consider the sequence $\langle \sigma_j \in I, j \in [i+1, \infty] \rangle$ }

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I \in \wp(\Sigma) . P \subseteq I \wedge \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)I \subseteq I \wedge \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)\{ \sigma_i \} \wedge \sigma_n \in \text{pre}[\llbracket \neg B \rrbracket](\neg Q) \}$$

{(\subseteq) By $\langle W, \leq \rangle \in \mathfrak{Wf}$, $\nu \in I \rightarrow W$, $\forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\sigma_i \neq \sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow (\nu(\sigma_i) > \nu(\sigma_{i+1}))$, the sequence is ultimately stationary at some rank n . For then on, $\sigma_{i+1} = \sigma_i$, $i \geq n$ and so $\nu(\sigma_i) = \nu(\sigma_{i+1})$. Therefore $\forall i \in [1, \infty] . (\nu(\sigma_i) \not> \nu(\sigma_{i+1}) \Rightarrow \sigma_i \notin Q$ implies that $\sigma_n \in \text{pre}[\llbracket \neg B \rrbracket](\neg Q)$;

{(\supseteq) Conversely, from $\langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle$ we can define $W = \{ \sigma_i \mid i \in [1, n] \} \cup \{ -\infty \}$ with $-\infty < \sigma_i < \sigma_{i+1}$ and $\nu(x) = (\exists i \in [1, n] . x = \sigma_i) \vee (x = -\infty)$ and the sequence $\langle \sigma_j \in I, j \in [1, \infty] \rangle$ repeats σ_n ad infimum for $j \geq n$.}

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists I \in \wp(\Sigma) . P \subseteq I \wedge \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)I \subseteq I \wedge \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket ; \llbracket S \rrbracket)\{ \sigma_i \} \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket B \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$

{def. pre }

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket ; \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket) \{ \sigma_i \} \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$

(I is not used and can always be chosen to be Σ)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket ; \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket) \{ \sigma_i \} \cap \{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \neq \emptyset \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$
 (since $x \in X \Leftrightarrow X \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket ; \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket) \{ \sigma_i \} \cap \neg(\neg\{ \sigma_{i+1} \}) \neq \emptyset \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$
 (def. $\neg X = \Sigma \setminus X$)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \neg(\text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket ; \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket) \{ \sigma_i \} \subseteq (\neg\{ \sigma_{i+1} \})) \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$
 ($\neg(X \subseteq Y) \Leftrightarrow (X \cap \neg Y \neq \emptyset$)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \neg(\text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket)(\mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \cap \{ \sigma_i \}) \subseteq (\neg\{ \sigma_{i+1} \})) \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$

(def. post, $\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket$, and $;$)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \langle \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \cap \{ \sigma_i \}, \neg\{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \rangle \in \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \neg(\text{post}(\llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket) P \subseteq Q) \} \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$
 (def. \in)

$$= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \geq 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \forall i \in [1, n[. \langle \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \cap \{ \sigma_i \}, \neg\{ \sigma_{i+1} \} \rangle \in \mathcal{S}^{\text{HL}} \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket \wedge \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\llbracket \mathbf{B} \rrbracket] \wedge \sigma_n \in Q \}$$
 (def. $\mathcal{S}^{\text{HL}} \llbracket \mathbf{S} \rrbracket$) □

Hoare incorrectness proof rule

$w = \text{while}(B)S$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \\ \forall i \in [1, n[. (\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{B}] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) S (\neg\{\sigma_{i+1}\}) \wedge \\ \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{B}] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbf{P}) \text{ while } (\mathbf{B}) S (\mathbf{Q})$$

which is ???

Hoare incorrectness proof rule

$w = \text{while}(B)S$

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \wedge \\ \quad \forall i \in [1, n[. (\mathcal{B}[[B]] \cap \{ \sigma_i \}) S (\neg \{ \sigma_{i+1} \}) \wedge \\ \quad \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[[B]] \wedge \sigma_n \notin Q \\ \hline (P) \text{while} (B) S (Q) \end{array}$$

which is **debugging**!

THE END, THANK YOU