

FORMULA & P Language

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• What is FORMULA? Language

FORMULA is a language and framework for specifying domain-specific languages (DSLs) and checking properties of those specifications. It aims to provide efficient reasoning and compilation of input programs, as well as symbolic model generation.

• How it works

FORMULA specifications are written as strongly-typed open-world logic programs. They are highly declarative and can express rich synthesis and verification problems. Model generation is enabled by efficient symbolic execution of logic programs into constraints.

• What is P?

P is a domain-specific language for modeling, specifying, and testing distributed systems. The original P compiler was implemented using FORMULA.

• What I did

This summer I expanded the set of example FORMULA programs, created tutorials, tested new features, and developed a wiki page with documentation.

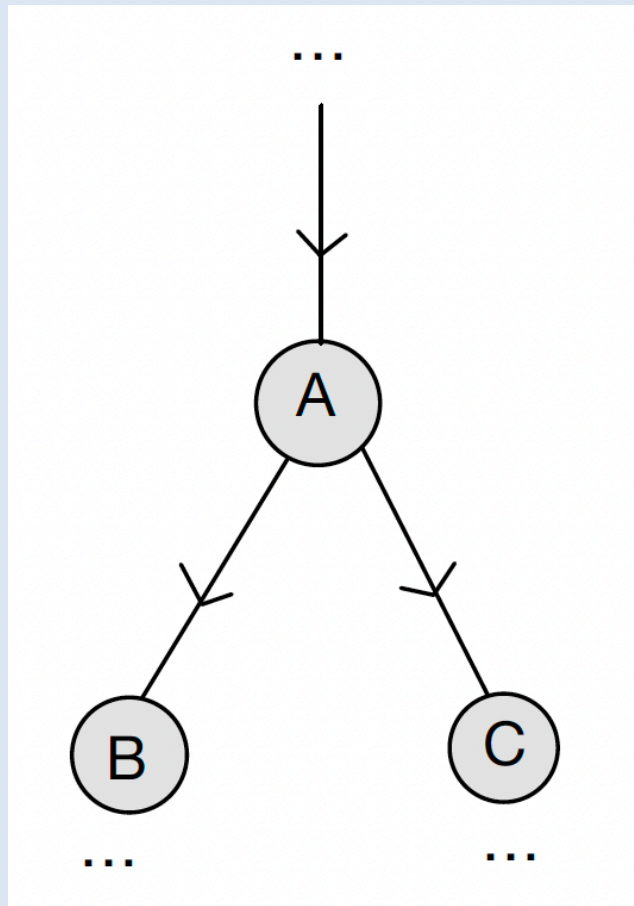
I also learned about the domain-specific language P and helped identify changes to the P language that were made since the initial P compiler was migrated from FORMULA to a standalone compiler.

Example FORMULA program: Data

Graphs

domain Digraphs

```
{  
  V ::= fun (lbl: Integer -> dat: Integer).  
  E ::= new (src: V, dst: V).  
}
```



domain DAGs extends Digraphs

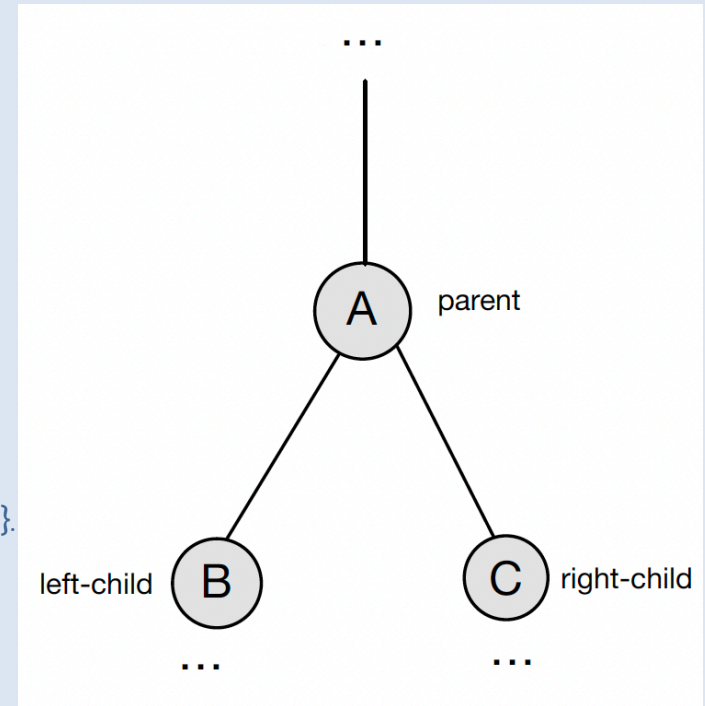
```
{  
  path ::= (V, V).  
  path(u, w) :- E(u, w); E(u, v), path(v, w).  
  conforms no path(u, u).  
}
```

domain Trees extends DAGs

```
{  
  conforms no { w | E(u, w), E(v, w), u != v }.  
}
```

domain AlgTrees

```
{  
  Node ::= new (dat: Integer, left: any Node + { NIL }, right: any Node + { NIL }).  
  Tree ::= new (any Node).  
  conforms count({ t | t is Tree }) <= 1.  
}
```



Example FORMULA program: Data

Graph

```

transform AlgToRelTree (tree:: AlgTrees) returns (graph::
Trees)
{
  Path    ::= ({ LEFT, RIGHT }, Path + { NIL }).
  PathData ::= (path: Path + { NIL }, node: Node, id: Integer).
  IdMax   ::= (path: Path + { NIL }, id: Integer).

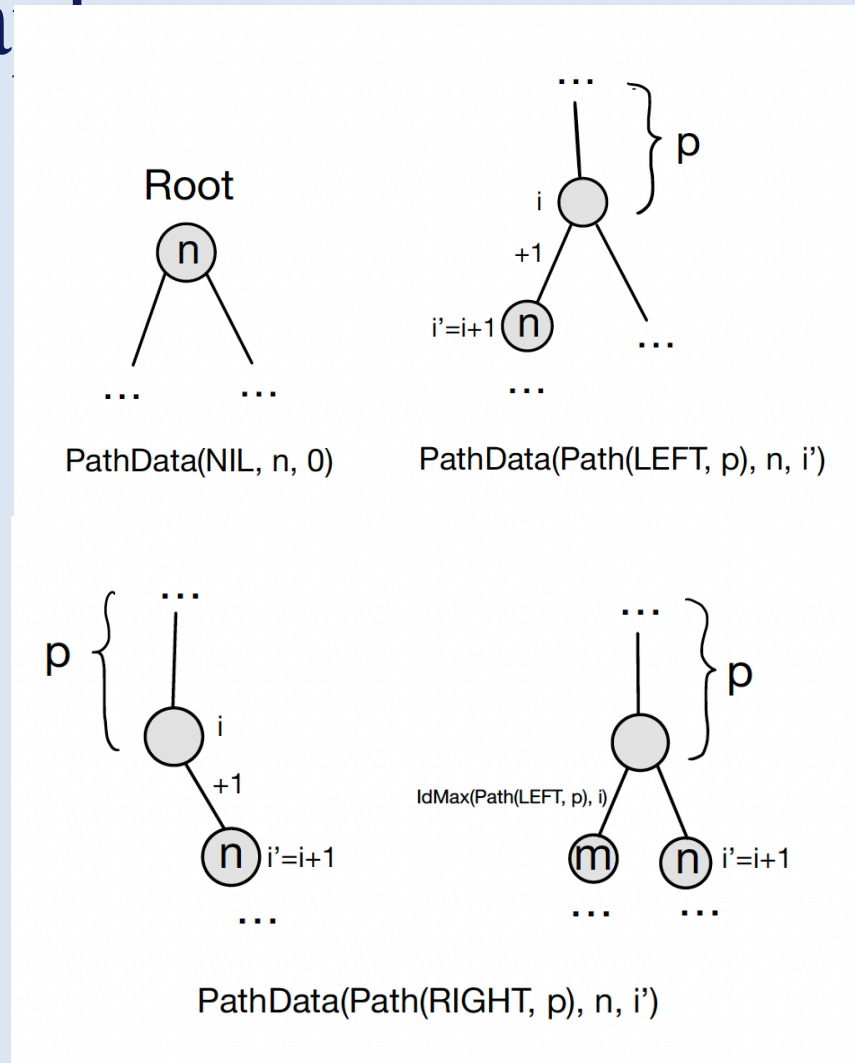
  PathData(NIL, n, 0) :- Tree(n).
  PathData(Path(LEFT, p), n, i') :- PathData(p, Node(_, n, _),
i), i' = i + 1, n : Node.
  PathData(Path(RIGHT, p), n, i') :- PathData(p, Node(_, NIL,
n), i), i' = i + 1, n : Node;
      PathData(p, Node(_, m, n), _),
  IdMax(Path(LEFT, p), i), i' = i + 1, n : Node.

  IdMax(pd.path, pd.id) :- pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_,
NIL, NIL).
  IdMax(pd.path, i)    :- pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_, n,
NIL), IdMax(Path(LEFT, pd.path), i);
      pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_, _, n),
  IdMax(Path(RIGHT, pd.path), i).

  V(id, n.dat) :- PathData(_, n, id).

  E(V(pid, prnt.dat), V(cid, chld.dat)) :- PathData(p, chld, cid),
PathData(p', prnt, pid), p = Path(_, p').
}

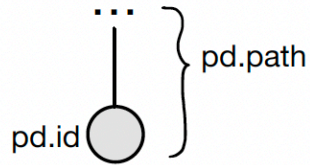
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Example FORMULA program: Data Graphs

IdMax:

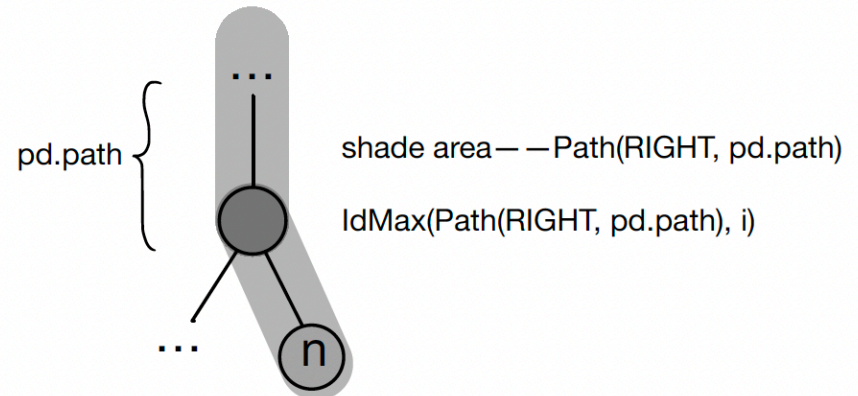
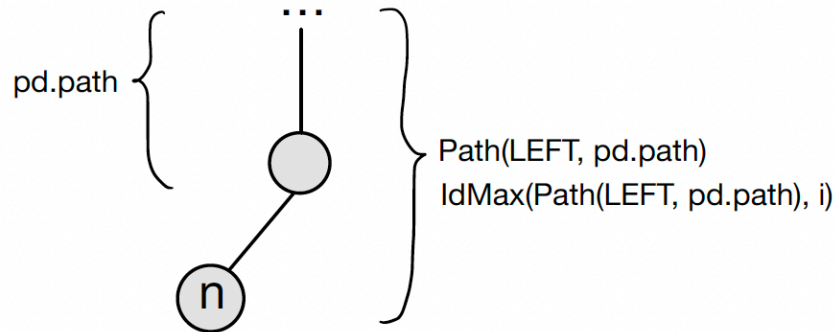
case 1: IdMax(pd.path, pd.id)

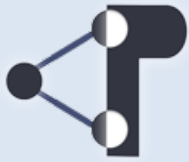


```
IdMax(pd.path, pd.id) :- pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_, NIL, NIL).
```

```
IdMax(pd.path, i) :- pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_, n, NIL),  
IdMax(Path(LEFT, pd.path), i); pd is PathData, pd.node = Node(_, _,  
NIL, D1(RIGHT, pd.path)).
```

case 2: IdMax(pd.path, i)





P Language: Modular and Safe Programming for Distributed Systems

```
// PingPong.p
event PING assert 1: machine;
event PONG assert 1;
event SUCCESS;

main machine Client {
  var server: machine;

  start state Init {
    entry {
      server = new Server();
      raise SUCCESS;
    }
    on SUCCESS goto SendPing;
  }

  state SendPing {
    entry {
      send server, PING, this;
      raise SUCCESS;
    }
    on SUCCESS goto
WaitPong;
  }

  state WaitPong {
    on PONG goto SendPing;
  }
}
```

```
machine Server {
  start state WaitPing {
    on PING goto SendPong;
  }

  state SendPong {
    entry (payload: machine) {
      send payload, PONG;
      raise SUCCESS;
    }
    on SUCCESS goto
WaitPing;
  }
}
```

