# Safe Optimisations for Shared-Memory Concurrent Programs

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## Motivation

We prove that the largest classes of compiler optimisations are safe in the DRF guarantee, i.e.

- any execution of the transformed traceset has the same behavior as some execution of the original traceset, provided that the original program was data race free
- the transformations preserve data race freedom
- the transformations cannot introduce values out-of-thin-air.

# Transformations

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- Trace preserving transformations
- Eliminations
- Reordering
- Memory Access Introduction

# Eliminations

Thread 0	Thread 1	Thread 0	Thread 1
x:=2 y:=1 x:=1	r1:=y print r1 r1:=x r2:=x print r2	y:=1 x:=1	r1:=y print r1 r1:=x r2:=r1 print r2
(original)		(transformed)	

# Reorderings

Thread 0		Thread 0	Thread 1	
r1:=x y:=r1	r2:=y x:=1 print r2	r1:=x y:=r1	x:=1 r2:=y print r2	
(original)		(tran	(transformed)	

### Memory Access Introduction

lock m	lock m	r1 := y	r2 := x
x := 1	y := 1	lock m	lock m
print y	print x	x := 1	y := 1
unlock m	unlock m	print y	print x
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#### (a) original

(b) with introduced reads

r1 := y lock m x := 1	r2 := x lock m
x := 1	y := 1
print r1	print r2
unlock m	unlock m

(c) after read elimination

### Actions

- $\bullet$  R[l=v] is a read from location I with value v
- W[l=v] a write to I with value v
- L[m] lock of monitor m
- U[m] an unlock of m
- X(v) an external action (input or output) with value v
- S(i) is a thread start action of thread i

### Traces

- A sequence of memory actions of a single thread
- A program is represented as a set of traces a traceset with requirements:
  - Prefix closed
  - ➤ Well locked
  - Properly started

## Interleaving

- Interleaving is a sequence of pairs  $p = \langle \theta, a \rangle$ , A(p) = a,  $T(p) = \theta$
- Interleaving *I* of traceset *T*:
  - > For thread-identifier  $\theta$  the trace of  $\theta$  is in T

$$\succ A(I_i) = \mathbf{S}(\theta) \longrightarrow T(I_i) = \theta$$

 $\geq A(I_i) = L[m] \longrightarrow \forall \theta \neq T(I_i) \qquad |\{j \mid j < i_{\Lambda} T(I_j) = \theta_{\Lambda} A(I_j) = L[m]\}| =$ 

$$|\{j \mid j < i \land T(I_j) = \theta \land A(I_j) = U[m]\}|$$

• Sequentially consistent interleavings of *T* are called *executions of T*.

# Example

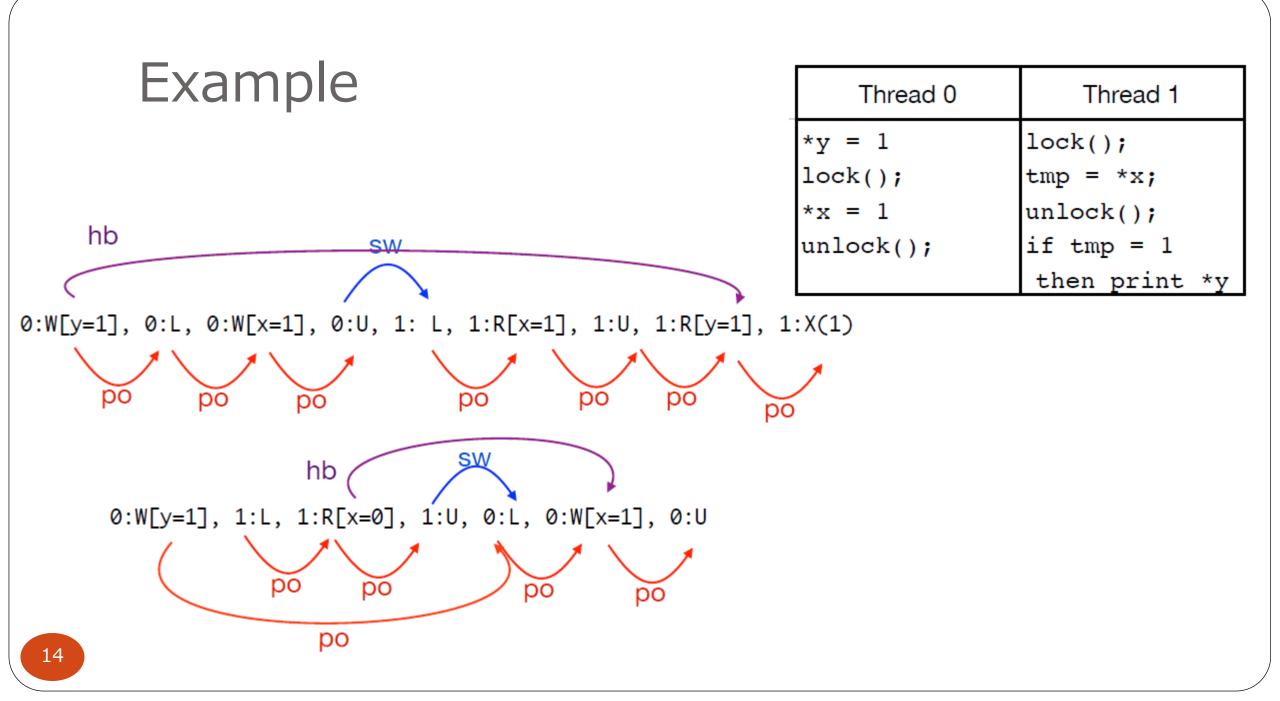
#### • Trace:

- [S(0),R[x=v],W[y=v]]
- [S(1),R[y=u],W[x=1],X(u)]
- Traceset:
  - Prefix closure {[S(0),R[x=v],W[y=v]] | v ∈ V } ∪
     {[S(1),R[y=v],W[x=1],X(v)] | v∈V}
- Interleaving:
  - [<0, S(0)>, <0, R[x=v]>, <1,S(1)>, <0,W[y=v]>, <1, R[y=v]>, <1, W[x=1]>, <1, X(v)>]

Thread 0		Thread 0	
r1:=x y:=r1	r2:=y x:=1 print r2	r1:=x y:=r1	x:=1 r2:=y print r2
(original)		(transformed)	

### Orders

- ▶ Program order  $-\leq_{po}^{I} = \{(i, j) | 0 \le i \le j < |I| \land T(I_i) = T(I_j)\}$
- Synchronize with  $-\leq_{sw}^{I} = \{(i, j) | 0 \le i < j < |I| \land A(I_i), A(I_j) \text{ are release } -acquire\}$
- ► Happens before transitive closure of *po* and *sw*



## Data Race Freedom

- Actions are conflicting if they access the same non-volatile location and at least one of them is a write
- An interleaving is DRF if all conflicting accesses are ordered by the happens before relation
- A traceset is *data race free if* none of its executions has a data race

# Semantic Transformations

## Semantics - Eliminations

- Wildcard trace a trace with wildcard reads R[x=\*]
- A wildcard trace belongs-to traceset T if T contains all instances of the trace
- An instance of a wildcard interleaving is achieved by replacing each wildcard read by a read of the same location with the value of the most recent write to the same location

### Example

- Wildcard Trace:
  - [S(0),W[y=1],R[x=\*]] and [S(1),R[y=\*],W[x=1]]
  - [S(0),W[y=1],R[x=\*],X(1)]
- Wildcard Interleaving:
  - [<0,S(0)>, <1,S(1)>, <1,R[y=0]>, <0,W[y=1]>, <1,W[x=1]>, <0,R[x=\*]>, <0,X(1)>]

### Eliminable

#### Given trace t we say that $i \in dom(t)$ (for non-volatile l, j < i):

- Redundant read after read if  $t_i = t_j = R[l=v]$  for some v and there is no release-acquire pair or write to l between j and i
- Redundant read after write if  $t_i = R[l=v]$ ,  $t_j = W[l=v]$  for some v and there is no release-acquire pair or write to l between j and i
- Irrelevant read if t<sub>i</sub> is a wildcard non-volatile read
- Redundant write after read if  $t_i = W[l=v]$ ,  $t_j = R[l=v]$  for some v and there is no release-acquire pair or other access to l between j and i
- Overwritten write if  $t_i = W[l=v]$ ,  $t_j = W[l=v']$  for some v, v', and there is no release-acquire pair or other access to l between j and i

### Eliminable

#### Given trace *t* we say that $i \in dom(t)$ :

- *Redundant last write if t<sub>i</sub> is a normal write and there is no later release action or memory access to the same location*
- Redundant release if t<sub>i</sub> is a release and there are no later synchronization or external action
- *Redundant external action if t<sub>i</sub> is an external action and there are no later synchronization or external actions*

# Example – read after read

- Original:
  - 2 cannot be printed
- Eliminated (r2:= xvol turns into r2:=r1):
  - 2 can be printed

Thread 0Thread 1r1:=xvollock()lock()xvol:=1r2:=xvoly:=2if(r2==0)unlock()print yelseprint 5unlock()

Non volatile x doesn't solve issue, it creates DRF

# Example – read after write

- Original:
  - 1 cannot be printed
- Eliminated (r1:=x turns into r1:=1):
  - if x:=2 is written after x:=1 then 1 is printed

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Thread 0
              Thread 1
lock()
               lock()
               x:=2
x:=1
r2:=3
               unlock()
unlock()
lock()
r1:=x
if x = 1
    print r2
else
    print r1
unlock
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 Removing release-acquire pair between the write and the read makes it so only 3 can be printed which is sound

## Example – last write

- Eliminated:
  - 0 can be printed

Thread 0	Thread 1
x:=1 r1:=x print r1	y:=1

# Eliminable

- An index *i* is eliminable in *t* if *i* satisfies one of the conditions
- t' is eliminations of t if there's S ⊆ dom(t) s.t. t'=t/S and all indices in dom(t)\S are eliminable
- A traceset T' is an elimination of a set of traces T if each trace  $t' \in T'$  is an elimination of some wildcard trace that belongs-to T.

*t/S – subsequence of t with only indices from S* 

# Semantics - Reorderings

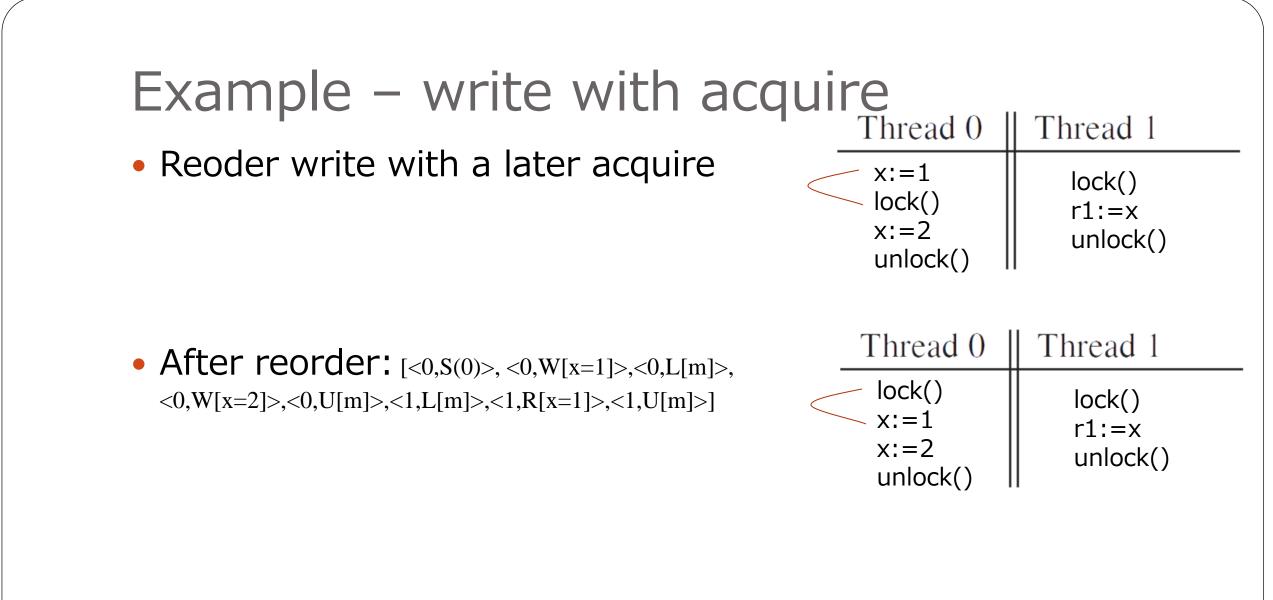
- a is a non-volatile memory access, and b is a non conflicting non-volatile memory access, or an acquire action, or an external action;
- b is a non-volatile memory access, and b is a non conflicting non-volatile memory access, or an release action, or an external action

a b	W[x=v <sub>x</sub> ]	$R[x=v_y]$	Acquire	Release	External
W[y=v <sub>y</sub> ]	$x \neq y$	$x \neq y$	V	x	
$R[y=v_y]$	$x \neq y$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	V	x	
Acquire	x	x	x	x	x
Release	V	V	x	x	x
External	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	x	x	x



• Original: [<0,S(0)><1,S(1)>, <0,L[m]>,<0,W[x=1]>,<0,W[x=2]>,<0,U[m]>,<1,L[m]>,<1,R[x=2]>,<1,U[m]>]

- Transformed: [<0,S(0)><1,S(1)>, <0,L[m]>,<0,W[x=2]>,<0,W[x=1]>,<0,U[m]>,<1,L[m]>,<1,R[x=1]>,<1,U[m]>]
- $x \neq y$  Not possible



# Semantics - Reorderings

A traceset T' is a reordering of a traceset T if each trace t' in T'

is a permutation of some trace *t* from *T* with conditions:

- Only swap reorderable actions
- Applying the permutation to any prefix of t', that is, if we leave out from t all the actions that are not in the prefix, then

the resulting trace belongs to T.

### Notations

- $[a \leftarrow t. P(a)]$  actions a in sequence t that satisfy condition P
- $[f(a) | a \leftarrow t. P(a)] [a \leftarrow t. P(a)]$  with each element transformed by function f

# Semantics - Reorderings

• A bijection f is a reordering function if

 $f: dom(t) \rightarrow dom(t')$ .  $i < j, f(j) < f(i) \rightarrow t_j$  is reordable with  $t_i$ 

- De-permutation of a prefix of trace t  $f_{\leq n}^{\rightarrow}(t) = [t_{f^{-1}(i)}|i \leftarrow ldom(t).f^{-1}(i) < n]$
- f de-permutes t to T if f is a reordering function t and for  $n \le |t'| \rightarrow f^{\rightarrow}(t) \in T$
- set of traces T' is a reordering of a set of traces T if for each t' in T' there is a function that de-permutes t' into T

# Safety of Transformations

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### Example

- We've seen examples of transformations breaking the first two safety constraits
- Transformation causing out of thin air value :

# Safety of Eliminations - Unelimination

Matching f f: dom(I)  $\rightarrow$  dom(I') s.t. I<sub>i</sub> = I'<sub>f(i)</sub> where dom(t) = {0, ..., |t| - 1}

# Unelimination function is a complete matching between *I*, *I*' s.t.:

- $i < j \in dom(I') \land T(I_i') = T(I_j') \rightarrow f(i) < f(j)$
- $i < j \in dom(I') \land A(I_i'), A(I_j')$  are synchronization or external actions  $\rightarrow f(i) < f(j)$
- $i \in range(f), j \in dom(I) \setminus range(f)$

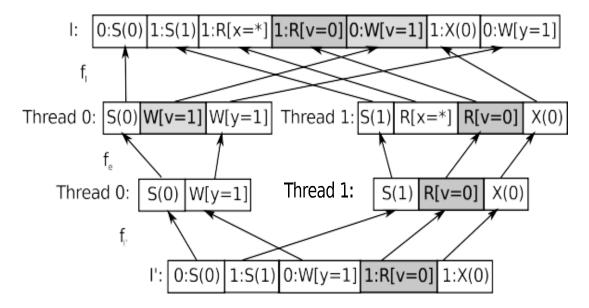
 $\land A(I_i), A(I_j)$  are synchronization or external actions  $\rightarrow i < j$ 

•  $i \in dom(I) \setminus range(f) \rightarrow is eliminable$ 

# Unelimination

- Let traceset T' be an elimination of traceset T and I' an interleaving of T'. Then there is a wildcard interleaving I belonging-to T and an unelimination function f from I' to I
- Let traceset T' be an elimination of a data free traceset T. Then T' is data race free and any execution of T' has the same behaviour as some execution of T.

### Unelimination Example



Unelimination construction

### Safety of Reorderings

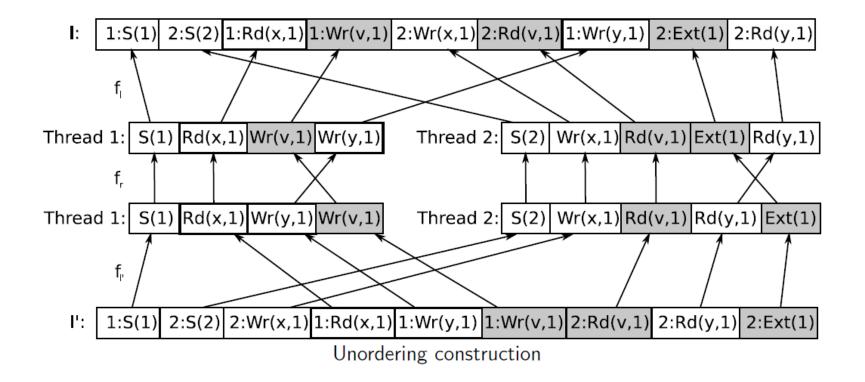
Unordering function is a complete matching between *I*, *I*' s.t.:

- $i < j \in dom(I') \land T(I_i') = T(I_j') \land A(I_i'), A(I_j') \text{ not reordable} \to f(i)$ < f(j)
- $i < j \in dom(I') \land A(I_i'), A(I_j')$  are synchronization or external actions  $\rightarrow f(i) < f(j)$
- for each thread  $\theta$ , the permutation f restricted to actions of  $\theta$  de - permutes the trace of  $\theta$  in I' into T

### Unordering

Suppose that traceset T' is a reordering of a data race free traceset T. Then any execution of T' has the same behaviour as some execution of T. Moreover, T' is data race free.

### Unordering Example



### Out-of-thin-air

- Origin t is an origin for v if there is i∈dom(t) s.t. t<sub>i</sub> is a write of v or an external action with value v and there is no j<i s.t. t<sub>i</sub> is a read of v
- Let traceset T' be a reordering or an elimination of traceset T and suppose that no trace in T is an origin for v, then no trace in T' is an origin for v.
- If T does not contain an origin for a value, no execution of T can output that value

# Syntactic Transformations

## The syntax

A simple concurrent language – syntax.

### Notations

- A thread local configuration is </a>. C>::
  - $\succ \Lambda$  is a function that maps monitor names to the nesting level of locks  $\succ$  local state  $\sigma$  maps register names to values
  - $\succ C$  is a code fragment, which is either S or L or P from the syntax
- The step relation  $<\Lambda$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $C > \rightarrow^a <\Lambda'$ ,  $\sigma'$ , C' > for action a
- < $\Lambda$ ,  $\sigma$ , C>  $\Rightarrow_n^t < \Lambda'$ ,  $\sigma'$ , C'> for a sequence of *n* transitions
- $<\Lambda, \sigma, C > \Downarrow t$  if there exists  $<\Lambda', \sigma', C' > s.t. <\Lambda, \sigma, C > \Rightarrow_n^t <\Lambda', \sigma', C' >$
- $[c]_{\Lambda,\sigma} = \{t \mid < \Lambda, \sigma, C > \Downarrow t\}$

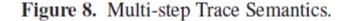
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, r := ri; \rangle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \Lambda, \sigma[r \mapsto \operatorname{Val}(\sigma, ri)], \mathtt{skip}; \rangle$		(Regs)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, x := r; \rangle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{W}[x=\sigma(r)]} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, \mathtt{skip}; \rangle$		(WRITE)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, r := x; \rangle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{R}[x=v]} \langle \Lambda, \sigma[r \mapsto v], \texttt{skip;} \rangle$	where $v \in \tau(x)$	(Read)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{lock} \; m  ;  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{L}[m]} \langle \Lambda[m \mapsto \Lambda(m) + 1], \sigma, \mathtt{skip}; \rangle$		(Lock)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{unlock}\; m ;  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{U}[m]} \langle \Lambda[m \mapsto \Lambda(m) - 1], \sigma, \mathtt{skip}; \rangle$	where $\Lambda(m) > 0$	(Ulk)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{unlock}\; m ;  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau}$ $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{skip}; \rangle$	where $\Lambda(m) = 0$	(E-Ulk)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{print} \; r  ;  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{X}(\sigma(r))} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, \mathtt{skip}; \rangle$		(EXT)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{if}$ (T) $S_1$ else $S_2  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, S_1 \rangle$	$\operatorname{if}\operatorname{Val}(\sigma,T)=\operatorname{tt}$	(Cond-T)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{if}$ (T) $S_1$ else $S_2  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, S_2 \rangle$	$\operatorname{if}\operatorname{Val}(\sigma,T)=\operatorname{ff}$	(Cond-F)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{while}$ (T) $S  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau}$ $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, S;$ while (T) $S \rangle$	$\operatorname{if}\operatorname{Val}(\sigma,T)=\operatorname{tt}$	(LOOP-T)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{while}$ (T) $S  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{skip}; \rangle$	$\operatorname{if}\operatorname{Val}(\sigma,T)=\operatorname{ff}$	(LOOP-F)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{skip}; L  angle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, L \rangle$		(Seq)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \{\texttt{skip};\} \rangle$	$\xrightarrow{\tau}$ $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \texttt{skip}; \rangle$		(Block)
$\langle \Lambda, \sigma, L_0 \mid \mid \ldots \mid \mid L_n \rangle$	$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{S}(i)} \langle \Lambda, \sigma, L_i \rangle$	where $0 \le i \le n$	(Par)

$$\frac{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, S \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', S' \rangle}{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, S L \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', S'L \rangle} (\text{Ev-Seq}) \qquad \frac{\Lambda, \sigma, L \xrightarrow{a} \Lambda', \sigma', L'}{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, \{L\} \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', \{L'\} \rangle} (\text{Ev-BLOCK})$$

Figure 7. Small-step Trace Semantics.

$$\frac{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\pi} \langle \Lambda'', \sigma'', C'' \rangle \quad \langle \Lambda'', \sigma'', C'' \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', C' \rangle}{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\pi} \langle \Lambda', \sigma, C \rangle} (\text{TR-SEQT})$$

$$\frac{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \Lambda'', \sigma'', C'' \rangle \quad a \neq \tau \quad \langle \Lambda'', \sigma'', C'' \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', C' \rangle}{\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \xrightarrow{a::\alpha} n+1} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', C' \rangle} (\text{TR-SEQA})$$



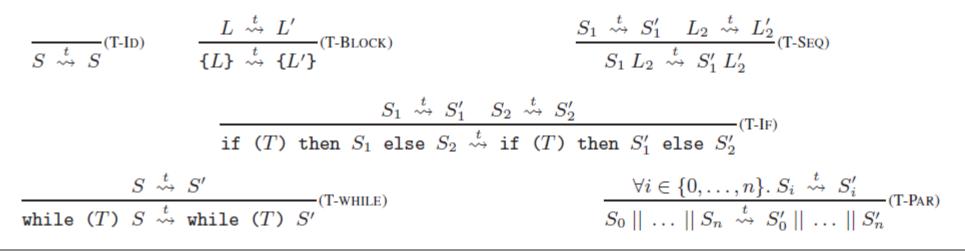


Figure 9. Transformation template.

### Sytactic Eliminations

**Lemma 4.** Let C be a code fragment and  $C \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} C'$ . Then for any monitor states  $\Lambda, \Lambda'$ , register states  $\sigma, \sigma'$  and trace t' we have:

- If  $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C' \rangle \Downarrow t'$  then there is a wildcard trace t such that  $t \to_e t'$  and for any instance  $\hat{t}$  of t we have  $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \Downarrow \hat{t}$ .
- If  $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C' \rangle \stackrel{t'}{\Longrightarrow} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', skip; \rangle$  then there is a wildcard trace t such that  $t \to_e t'$  and for any instance  $\hat{t}$  of t we have  $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C \rangle \stackrel{\hat{t}}{\Longrightarrow} \langle \Lambda', \sigma', skip; \rangle$ .

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $P \stackrel{e}{\leadsto} P'$  and  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$  is data race free. Then  $\llbracket P' \rrbracket$  is data race free, and any execution of  $\llbracket P' \rrbracket$  has the same behaviour as some execution of  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$ .

x not volatile $r_1, r_2, x \notin fv(S)$ S sync-free	$\frac{x \text{ not volatile } r_1, r_2, x \notin \text{fv}(S)  S \text{ sync-free}}{x := r_1; S; r_2 := x \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} x := r_1; S; r_2 := r_1} (\text{E-RAW})$			
$\frac{x \text{ not volatile } r_1, r_2, x \notin \text{fv}(S)  S \text{ sync-free}}{r_1 := x;  S;  r_2 := x \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} r_1 := x;  S;  r_2 := r_1} (\text{E-RAR})$	$x:=r_1; S; r_2:=x \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} x:=r_1; S; r_2:=r_1$			
$\frac{x \text{ not volatile } r, x \notin \text{fv}(S)  S \text{ sync-free}}{r := x; S; x := r \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} r := x; S;} (\text{E-WAR})$	$\frac{x \text{ not volatile } r_1, r_2, x \notin \text{fv}(S)  S \text{ sync-free}}{x := r_1; S; x := r_2 \stackrel{e}{\rightsquigarrow} S; x := r_2} (\text{E-WBW})$			
$\frac{x \text{ not volatile}}{r := x; r := i \stackrel{e}{\leadsto} r := i} (\text{E-IR})$				

Figure 10. Additional rules for syntactic elimination.

### Syntactic Reorderings

**Lemma 5.** Assume that  $C \xrightarrow{r} C'$ . Then for each  $\Lambda$  and  $\sigma$  there is a prefix closed set of traces T satisfying these conditions: (i) the set of traces  $[\![C]\!]_{\Lambda,\sigma}$  is a subset of T, (ii) each trace from T is an elimination of some wildcard trace that belongs-to  $[\![C]\!]_{\Lambda,\sigma}$ , (iii) for each trace t', if  $\langle \Lambda, \sigma, C' \rangle \Downarrow t'$  holds then there is a function that

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that  $P \xrightarrow{r} P'$  and  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$  is data race free. Then  $\llbracket P' \rrbracket$  is data race free, and any execution of  $\llbracket P' \rrbracket$  has the same behaviour as some execution of  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$ .

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$r_1 \neq r_2  x \text{ not volatile} \tag{R-RR}$	$x \neq z$
$r_1:=x; r_2:=y; \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} r_2:=y; r_1:=x;$	$x := r_1; y :=$
$r_1 \neq r_2$ $x \neq y$ $x$ or $y$ not volatile (R-WR)	$r_1 \neq r_2$
$x:=r_1; r_2:=y; \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} r_2:=y; x:=r_1;$	$r_1:=x; y:=$
x not volatile (R-WL)	
$x:=r$ ; lock $m$ ; $\stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow}$ lock $m$ ; $x:=r$ ;	r:=x; lock
x  not volatile (R-UW)	
unlock $m; x:=r; \stackrel{r}{\leadsto} x:=r;$ unlock $m;$	unlock m;r;
$r_1 \neq r_2$ x not volatile (R-XR)	
print $r_1; r_2:=x; \stackrel{r}{\longleftrightarrow} r_2:=x;$ print $r_1;$	print $r_1; x:=$

 $\frac{x \neq y \quad y \text{ not volatile}}{x:=r_1; \ y:=r_2; \ \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} \ y:=r_2; \ x:=r_1;} (R-WW)$   $\frac{r_1 \neq r_2 \quad x \neq y \quad x, y \text{ not volatile}}{r_1:=x; \ y:=r_2; \ \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} \ y:=r_2; \ r_1:=x;;} (R-RW)$   $\frac{x \text{ not volatile}}{r:=x; \ \log m; \ \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} \ \log m; \ r:=x;} (R-RL)$   $\frac{x \text{ not volatile}}{unlock \ m;r:=x; \ \stackrel{r}{\rightsquigarrow} \ r:=x; unlock \ m;} (R-UR)$   $\frac{x \text{ not volatile}}{r_1:=r_2; \ \stackrel{r}{\longleftrightarrow} \ x:=r_2; print \ r_1;} (R-XW)$ 

Figure 11. Additional rules for syntactic reordering.

#### Out-of-thin-air

**Lemma 6.** Let v be a value such that v is not a default value for any location, i.e.,  $v \neq 0$ . Let P be a program without any statement of the form r := v, where r is a register name. Then no trace in the traceset of P is an origin for the value v.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that c is a constant different from 0, and P a program that does not contain a statement of the form r := c, where r is a register. Let P' be a program obtained from P by any composition of syntactic reorderings or eliminations. Then P' cannot output c.