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Predicate abstraction and CEGAR for \( \nu \)\text{HFL}_Z validity checking. (English)
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Summary: We propose an automated method for \( \nu \)\text{HFL}_Z validity checking. \text{HFL}_Z is an extension of the higher-order fixpoint logic HFL with integers, and \( \nu \)\text{HFL}_Z is a restriction of it to the fragment without the least fixpoint operator. The validity checking problem for \text{HFL}_Z has recently been shown to provide a uniform approach to higher-order program verification. The restriction to \( \nu \)\text{HFL}_Z studied in this paper already provides an automated method for a large class of program verification problems including safety and non-termination verification, and also serves as a key building block for solving the validity checking problem for full \text{HFL}_Z. Our approach is based on predicate abstraction and counterexample-guided abstraction refinement (CEGAR). We have implemented the proposed method, and applied it to program verification. According to experiments, our tool outperforms a closely related tool called Horus in terms of precision, and is competitive with a more specialized program verification tool called MoCHi despite the generality of our approach.

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