

# Higher-Order Constrained Horn Clauses (and Refinement Types)

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## Higher-order “unknown” relations:

*Iter* : (int → int → int → bool) → int → int → int → bool

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## Quantification at higher-sorts:

$\forall$  at sort int → int → int → bool

## Literals headed by variables:

$f \ n \ p \ r : \text{bool}$

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# Least models

and the monotone semantics

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$$\forall x. x \ Q \Rightarrow P \ x$$



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$x \ Q$

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All upward closed sets of upward closed sets of sets of integers

$x \mapsto \{ \{ 1 \} \}$

$\not\models$

$\exists yz. x y \wedge y z$

# Standard semantics



Completely standard satisfiability problem (modulo background theory) in higher-order logic.



No least model

# Monotone semantics



Bespoke satisfiability problem with highly restricted class of models.



Least model arising in the usual way

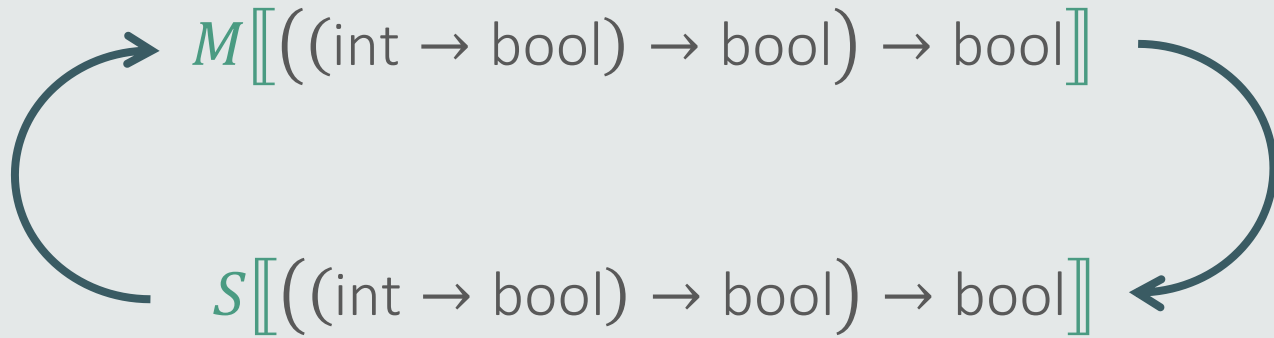


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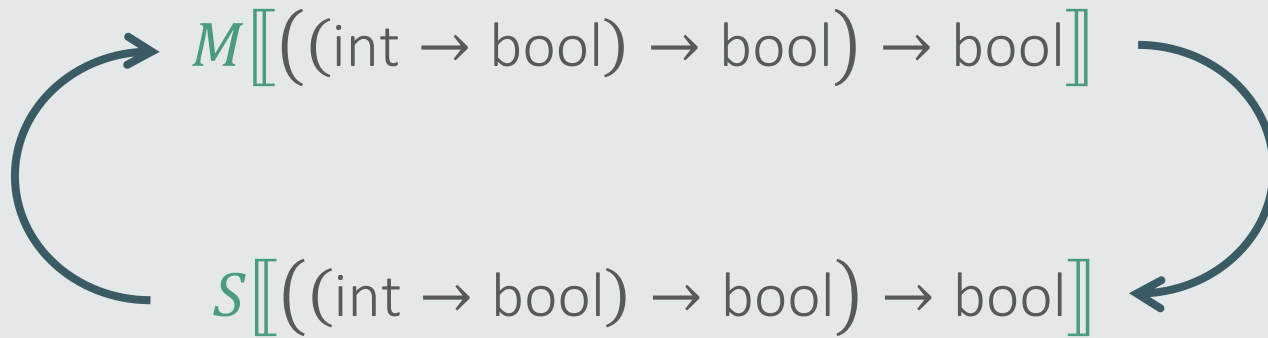
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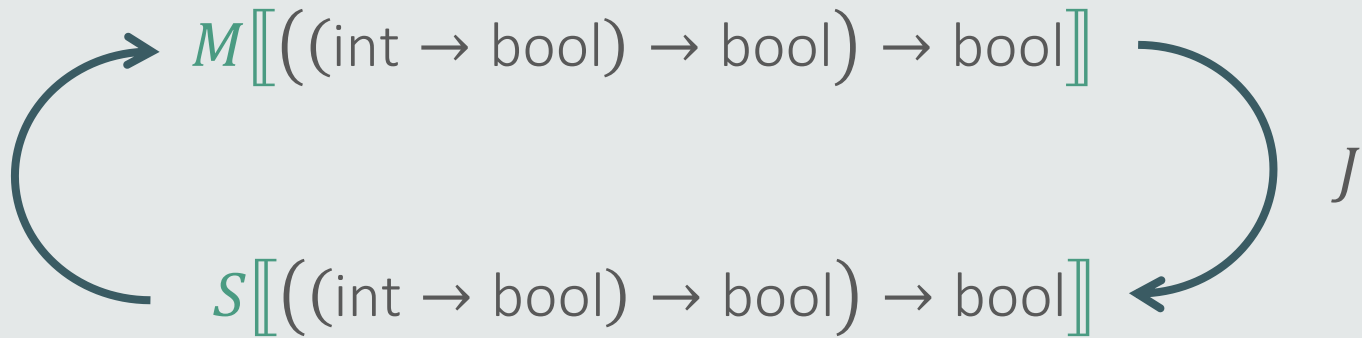


From monotone to standard: inclusion?

$$\alpha(\mathbf{P}) = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})) : X \text{ upward closed} \}$$

$$\alpha \models_M \forall x: (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{bool}. \quad \text{true} \Rightarrow \mathbf{P} x$$

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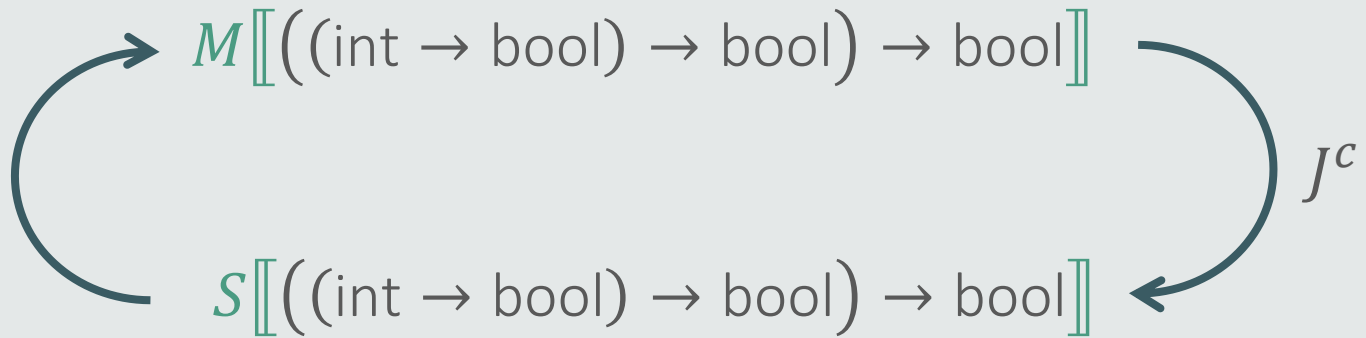


**Inclusion:** constructs relations that are typically too small

$$J(r)(t) = \begin{cases} r(t) & \text{if } t \in M \left[ \left( (int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool \right) \rightarrow bool \right] \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Complementary inclusion: constructs relations that are typically too large

$$J^c(r)(t) = \begin{cases} r(t) & \text{if } t \in M \left[ \left( (int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool \right) \rightarrow bool \right] \\ T & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Determine the value of standard relation  $J(r)$  on non-(hereditarily) monotone input  $t$  by considering the value of  $r$  on:

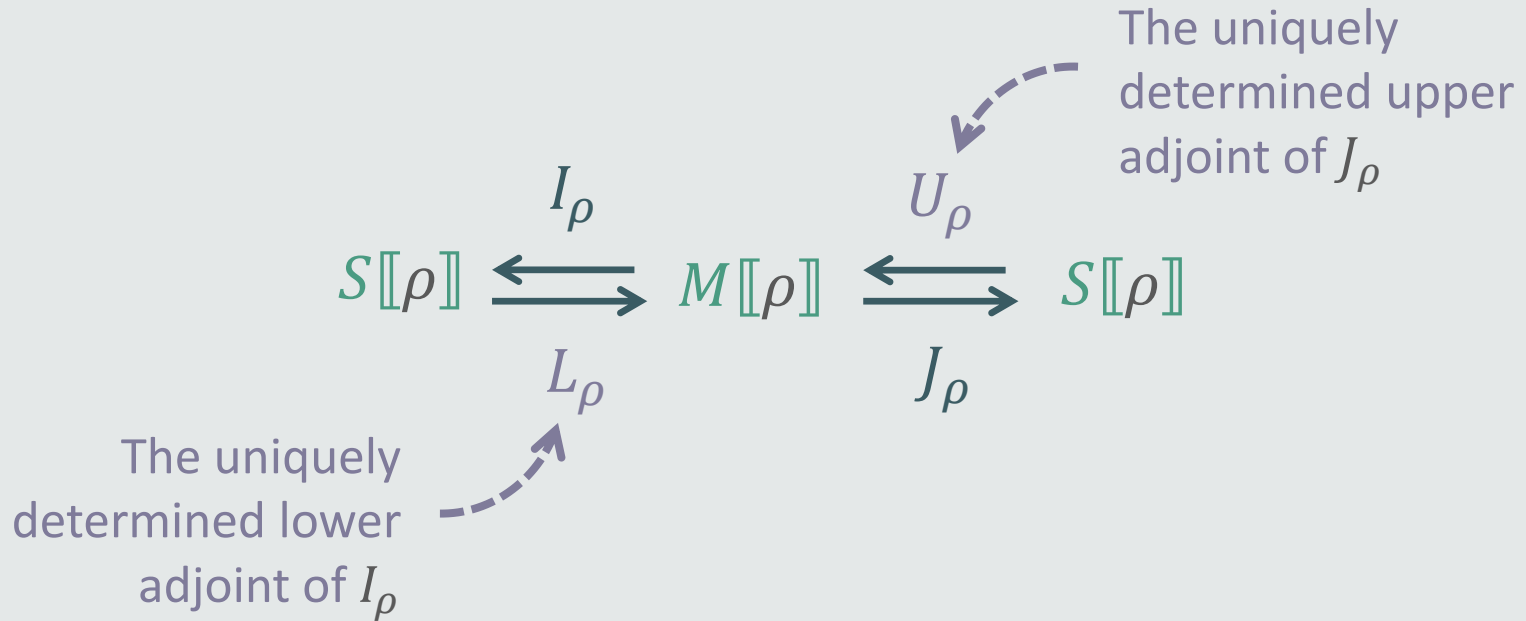
The **largest** (hereditarily) monotone relation of **at most**  $t$

$$J(r)(\{\{1\}\}) = r(\emptyset)$$

The **smallest** (hereditarily) monotone relation of **at least**  $t$

$$I(r)(\{\{1\}\}) = r(\{\{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}, \dots\})$$

For each sort of relations  $\rho$ :



$$I_{bool}(b) = b$$

$$J_{bool}(b) = b$$

$$I_{int \rightarrow \rho}(r) = I_\rho \circ r$$

$$J_{int \rightarrow \rho}(r) = J_\rho \circ r$$

$$I_{\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_2}(r) = I_{\rho_2} \circ r \circ L_{\rho_1}$$

$$J_{\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_2}(r) = J_{\rho_2} \circ r \circ U_{\rho_1}$$

$$S[\rho] \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{I_\rho} \\ \xrightarrow{L_\rho} \end{array} M[\rho] \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{U_\rho} \\ \xrightarrow{J_\rho} \end{array} S[\rho]$$

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# Refinement Types

in the rest of the paper

A refinement type system for solving the monotone satisfiability problem:

In models  $\Gamma \vdash G : \mathit{bool}\langle\phi\rangle$  ... is bounded above  
satisfying  $\Gamma$  ... the truth of goal  $G$  ... by constraint  $\phi$

Typability reduces to first-order constrained Horn clause solving

Given any refinement type  $T$  and any goal term  $G$ ,  $G : T$  can be expressed as a higher-order constrained Horn clause.

Future  
work

relative completeness?

problem reduction?



Higher-order program  
safety problem

Higher-order  
constrained Horn  
clause problem

First-order constrained  
Horn clause problem

Refinements of type constructors:

*int* refined by  $P : int \rightarrow bool$

*List* refined by  $P : (\alpha \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow List\ \alpha \rightarrow bool$

Thanks.

**Atom**

e.g.  $Iter\ f\ m\ (n-1)\ p$

e.g.  $f\ n\ p\ r$

**Constraint**

e.g.  $x > 3$

$G ::= A \mid G \wedge G \mid G \vee G \mid \phi \mid \exists x: \sigma. G$

$D ::= true \mid G \Rightarrow Xy_1 \dots y_k \mid D \wedge D \mid \forall x: \sigma. D$

**Relational “unknown”**

e.g.  $Iter$

$$J_{bool}(b) = b$$

$$J_{int \rightarrow \rho}(r) = J_{\rho} \circ r$$

$$J_{\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_2}(r) = J_{\rho_2} \circ r \circ U_{\rho_1}$$

At *bool*:  $M[[bool]] = S[[bool]]$

$J_{bool}$  is the identity with upper adjoint  $U_{bool}$  also the identity

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$J_{int \rightarrow bool}(r) = J_{bool} \circ r = r$  is the identity  
with upper adjoint  $U_{int \rightarrow bool}$  also the identity

At  $(int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool$ :  $M[[int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool]] \subseteq S[[int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool]]$

$J_{(int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool}(r) = J_{bool} \circ r \circ U_{int \rightarrow bool} = r$  is an inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} U_{(int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool}(s) &= \bigcup \{t \in M[[int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool]] \mid J_{(int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool}(t) \subseteq s\} \\ &= \bigcup \{t \in M[[int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool]] \mid t \subseteq s\} \end{aligned}$$