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**Problem 1.** [O/X questions] (20 pts). Mark O for each correct statement (X for wrong statement). You will get 2 points per correct answer, but you will lose 2 points for each wrong answer. Leave a blank when you are uncertain.

- a) A binary relation is a partial order if it has reflexivity, antisymmetry, and transitivity (O, X) (O)
- b) The powerset of integers  $(\wp(\mathbb{Z}), \subseteq)$  is a CPO. (O, X) (O)
- c) If a function is monotone, then it is also continuous. (O, X) (X)
- d) Best abstraction is always obtainable. (O, X) (X)
- e) Suppose  $D \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \hat{D}$  for some CPOs  $D$  and  $\hat{D}$ . Both  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are monotone. (O, X) (O)
- f) We can build a sound and complete static analyzer for any kinds of non-trivial properties. (O, X) (X)
- g) Proving absence of invariant violations or crashing errors are examples of proving safety properties. (O, X) (O)
- h) Fully context-sensitive analysis is cheap in general, thus feasible in practice. (O, X) (X)
- i) We can express any kinds of static analysis in Datalog. (O, X) (X)
- j) Sparse analysis improves performance of the original analysis by sacrificing precision. (O, X) (X).

**Problem 2.** [Spectrum of Program Analysis Techniques], (10 pts). Rice's theorem is as follows:

Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be a Turing-complete language, and let  $P$  be a nontrivial semantic property of program of  $\mathbb{L}$ . There exists no *automatic* and *eventually terminating* method such that,

For *every* program  $p$  in  $\mathbb{L}$ , it returns true *if and only if*  
 $p$  satisfies the semantic property  $P$ .

Choose either one of

1. Machine-assisted proving
2. Finite-state model checking,
3. Testing
4. Domain-specific verifier

for each of the following cases of giving up something among the above keywords.

- “automatic”: 1
- “every”: 4
- “eventually terminating”: 2
- “if and only if”: 3

**Problem 3.** [Soundness & Completeness], (10 pts). What are the pros and cons of a program analyzer which is unsound but complete? What does this analyzer guarantee?

Pros: no false alarm.

Cons: cannot cover all errors.

**Problem 4.** [Pointer analysis], (10 pts). Write the result of flow- and context-insensitive pointer analysis of the following program.

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f(v) {
  u = v;
  return u;
}
x = &h1;
z = &h2;
y = f(x);
w = f(z);

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$\{x \rightarrow h1, z \rightarrow h2, \boxed{y \rightarrow h1, y \rightarrow h2, w \rightarrow h1, w \rightarrow h2, u \rightarrow h1, u \rightarrow h2, v \rightarrow h1, v \rightarrow h2}\}$

**Problem 5.** [Galois connection] (10 pts). The following is a Galois connection to abstract a set of integers into a set  $\hat{Z}$  of their remainders modulo 4. For example,  $\{14, 22\}$  can be abstracted to  $\{2\}$ .

$$\wp(\mathbb{Z}) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \hat{Z} = \wp(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$$

Complete the definition of  $\gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(\emptyset) &= \emptyset \\
\alpha(X) &= \{n \bmod 4 \mid n \in X\} \\
\gamma(\emptyset) &= \emptyset \\
\gamma(\hat{X}) &= \boxed{\{n \mid (n \bmod 4) \in \hat{X}\}}
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 6.** [Collecting semantics] (20 pts). Consider the following simple language:

$E$	::=	$n$	integer constants
		$x$	variable
		$E + E$	binary operation
$B$	::=	$x < E$	comparison expressions
		$\neg B$	negation expressions
$C$	::=	<b>skip</b>	skip
		$C ; C$	sequence
		$x := E$	assignment command
		<b>input</b> ( $x$ )	external input
		<b>if</b> $B$ { $C$ } <b>else</b> { $C$ }	conditional command
		<b>while</b> $B$ $C$	loop command

The collecting semantics can be described as *denotational semantics*:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket C \rrbracket &\in \wp(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{M}) \\ \llbracket E \rrbracket &\in \wp(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{Z}) \\ \llbracket B \rrbracket &\in \wp(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{M}) \\ \mathbb{M} &= \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\wp(\mathbb{M})$  denotes the powerset of memories,  $\mathbb{X}$  is the set of variables in a given program and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. Define the collecting semantic functions by filling the holes in the followings.

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket n \rrbracket(M) &= \{n\} \\ \llbracket x \rrbracket(M) &= \{m(x) \mid m \in M\} \\ \llbracket E_1 + E_2 \rrbracket(M) &= \boxed{\{v_1 + v_2 \mid v_1 \in \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket(M), v_2 \in \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket(M)\}} \\ \llbracket x < E \rrbracket(M) &= \{m \in M \mid m(x) < v, v \in \llbracket E \rrbracket(\{m\})\} \\ \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket(M) &= M \setminus \llbracket B \rrbracket(M) \\ \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket(M) &= M \\ \llbracket C_1 ; C_2 \rrbracket(M) &= \boxed{\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(M))} \\ \llbracket x := E \rrbracket(M) &= \{m[x \mapsto v] \mid v \in \llbracket E \rrbracket(M), m \in M\} \\ \llbracket \text{input}(x) \rrbracket(M) &= \boxed{\{m[x \mapsto v] \mid v \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in M\}} \\ \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 \rrbracket(M) &= \boxed{\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\llbracket B \rrbracket(M)) \cup \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\llbracket \neg B \rrbracket(M))} \\ \llbracket \text{while } B \text{ } C \rrbracket(M) &= \llbracket \neg B \rrbracket(\mathbf{ifp}_M F) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$F = \lambda X. \boxed{M \cup \llbracket C \rrbracket(\llbracket B \rrbracket(X))}$$

**Problem 7.** [Widening] (10pts). Write the conditions of widening operators ( $\nabla$ ) on an abstract domain  $\mathbb{A}$ .

1.  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{A}. a \sqsubseteq a \nabla b \wedge b \sqsubseteq a \nabla b$
2. For all sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of abstract elements, the sequence  $(a'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined below is ultimately stationary:

$$\begin{aligned} a'_0 &= \boxed{a_0} \\ a'_{n+1} &= \boxed{a'_n \nabla a_n} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8.** [Fixpoint Transfer Theorem] (20pts). Complete a fraction of the following proof of the fixpoint transfer theorem which says:

Let  $D \xleftrightarrow{\gamma} D^\#$  where  $D$  and  $D^\#$  are CPOs. If we have a continuous function  $F : D \rightarrow D$  and a monotone function  $F^\# : D^\# \rightarrow D^\#$  such that  $F \circ \gamma \sqsubseteq \gamma \circ F^\#$ . Then,

$$\mathbf{lfp}F \sqsubseteq \gamma\left(\bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F^{\#i}(\perp^\#)\right)$$

*Proof.* First we prove

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. F^n(\perp) \sqsubseteq \gamma(F^{\#n}(\perp^\#))$$

by induction. The base case is trivial. The inductive case is to show that

$$F^n(\perp) \sqsubseteq \gamma(F^{\#n}(\perp^\#)) \implies F^{n+1}(\perp) \sqsubseteq \gamma(F^{\#n+1}(\perp^\#)).$$

which can be proven as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F^{n+1}(\perp) &= F \circ F^n(\perp) \\ &\sqsubseteq F \circ \gamma(F^{\#n}(\perp^\#)) \quad (\text{because } \boxed{\text{by induction hypothesis and monotonicity of } F}) \\ &\sqsubseteq \gamma \circ F^\# \circ F^{\#n}(\perp^\#) \quad (\text{because } \boxed{\text{by assumption } F \circ \gamma \sqsubseteq \gamma \circ F^\#}) \\ &= \gamma(F^{\#n+1}(\perp^\#)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{lfp}F &= \bigsqcup_{i \geq 0} F^i(\perp) \\ &\sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i \geq 0} \gamma(F^{\#i}(\perp^\#)) \\ &\sqsubseteq \gamma(\bigsqcup_{i \geq 0} (F^{\#i}(\perp^\#))) \quad (\text{by monotonicity of } \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem 9.** [Safe Memory Access] (10 pts). Suppose we analyze the following program based on the interval domain. What will be the most precise interval values we can compute for variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  at the end of the program?

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x = 0;
y = 2;
if (*) { p = &x; }
else { p = &y; }
z = *p;
*p = 1;
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- x:  $[0, 1]$

- y:  $[1, 2]$

- z:  $[0, 2]$