The Inductive Unwinding Theorem for CSP Noninterference Security

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Abstract

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1 The Inductive Unwinding Theorem

theory Inductive Unwinding imports Noninterference-Ipurge-Unwinding. Deterministic Processes begin

The necessary and sufficient condition for CSP noninterference security [7] stated by the Ipurge Unwinding Theorem [8] is expressed in terms of a pair of event lists varying over the set of process traces. This does not render it suitable for the subsequent application of rule induction in the case of a process defined inductively, since rule induction may rather be applied to a single variable ranging over an inductively defined set (cf. [5]).

However, the formulation of an inductive definition is the standard way of defining a process that admits traces of unbounded length, indeed because it provides rule induction as a powerful method to prove process properties, particularly noninterference security, by considering any indefinitely long trace of the process. Therefore, it is essential to infer some condition equivalent to CSP noninterference security and suitable for being handled by means of rule induction.

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For details about the theory of Communicating Sequential Processes, to which the notion of process security defined in [7] and applied in this paper refers, cf. [1].

As regards the formal contents of this paper, the salient points of definitions and proofs are commented; for additional information, cf. Isabelle documentation, particularly [5], [4], [3], and [2].

1.1 Propaedeutic lemmas

Here below are the proofs of some lemmas on the constants defined in [7] and [8] which are propaedeutic to the demonstration of the Inductive Unwinding Theorem.

Among other things, the lemmas being proven formalize the following statements:

- A set of domains U may affect a set of domains V via an event list xs, as expressed through function sinks-aux, just in case V may be affected by U via xs, as expressed through function sources-aux.
- The event lists output by function *ipurge-tr* are not longer than the corresponding input ones.
- Function *ipurge-tr-rev* is idempotent.

```
lemma sources-aux-single-dom:
 sources-aux ID \{u\} xs = insert u (sources ID u xs)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma sources-interference-eq:
 ((D x, u) \in I \lor (\exists v \in sources \ I \ D \ u \ xs. \ (D \ x, v) \in I)) =
  (D \ x \in sources \ I \ D \ u \ (x \ \# \ xs))
\langle proof \rangle
lemma ex-sinks-sources-aux-1 [rule-format]:
 (\exists u \in sinks-aux \ I \ D \ U \ xs. \ \exists v \in V. \ (u, v) \in I) \longrightarrow
  (\exists u \in U. \exists v \in sources\text{-}aux \ I \ D \ V \ xs. \ (u, v) \in I)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma ex-sinks-sources-aux-2 [rule-format]:
 (\exists u \in U. \exists v \in sources\text{-}aux \ I \ D \ V \ xs. \ (u, v) \in I) \longrightarrow
  (\exists u \in sinks-aux \ I \ D \ U \ xs. \ \exists \ v \in V. \ (u, \ v) \in I)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma ex-sinks-sources-aux:
 (\exists u \in sinks-aux \ I \ D \ U \ xs. \ \exists v \in V. \ (u, v) \in I) =
  (\exists u \in U. \exists v \in sources-aux \ I \ D \ V \ xs. \ (u, v) \in I)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma ipurge-tr-rev-ipurge-tr-sources-aux-1 [rule-format]:
 \neg (\exists v \in D \text{ '} set ys. \exists u \in sources-aux I D U zs. (v, u) \in I) \longrightarrow
  ipurge-tr-rev-aux \ I \ D \ U \ (xs @ ys @ zs) =
  ipurge-tr-rev-aux I D U (xs @ ipurge-tr-aux I D (D ' set ys) zs)
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma ipurge-tr-rev-ipurge-tr-sources-1:
   assumes A: D y \notin sources I D u (y \# zs)
   shows
   ipurge-tr-rev I D u (xs @ y \# zs) =
   ipurge-tr-rev I D u (xs @ ipurge-tr I D (D y) zs)
\langle proof \rangle

lemma ipurge-tr-length:
   length (ipurge-tr I D u xs) \leq length xs
\langle proof \rangle

lemma sources-idem:
   sources I D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = sources I D u xs
\langle proof \rangle

lemma ipurge-tr-rev-idem:
   ipurge-tr-rev I D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs
\langle proof \rangle
```

1.2 Closure of the traces of a secure process under reverse intransitive purge

The derivation of the Inductive Unwinding Theorem from the Ipurge Unwinding Theorem requires to prove that the set of the traces of a secure process is closed under reverse intransitive purge, i.e. function *ipurge-tr-rev* [8]. This can be expressed formally by means of the following statement:

```
\llbracket secure\ P\ I\ D;\ xs \in traces\ P \rrbracket \implies ipurge\text{-}tr\text{-}rev\ I\ D\ u\ xs \in traces\ P
```

The reason why such closure property holds is that the reverse intransitive purge of a list xs with regard to a policy I, an event-domain map D, and a domain u can equivalently be computed as follows: for each item x of xs, if x may affect u, retain x and go on recursively using as input the sublist of xs following x, say xs'; otherwise, discard x and go on recursively using $ipurge-tr\ I\ D\ (D\ x)\ xs'$ [7] as input.

The result actually matches *ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs*. In fact, for each x not affecting u, $ipurge-tr\ I\ D\ (D\ x)\ xs'$ retains any item of xs' not affected by x, which is the case for any item of xs' affecting u, since otherwise x would affect u.

Furthermore, if xs is a trace of a secure process, the result is still a trace. In fact, for each x not affecting u, if ys is the partial output for the sublist of xs preceding x, then ys @ ipurge-tr I D (D x) xs' is a trace provided such is ys @ x # xs', by virtue of the definition of CSP noninterference security [7]. Hence, the property of being a trace is conserved upon each recursive call by the concatenation of the partial output and the residual input, until

the latter is nil and the former matches the total output.

This argument shows that in order to prove by induction, under the aforesaid assumptions, that the output of such a reverse intransitive purge function is a trace, the partial output has to be passed to the function as an argument, in addition to the residual input, in the recursive calls contained within the definition of the function. Therefore, the output of the function has to be accumulated into one of its parameters, viz. the function needs to be tail-recursive. This suggests to prove the properties of interest of the function by applying the ten-step proof method for theorems on tail-recursive functions described in [6].

The starting point is to formulate a naive definition of the function, which will then be refined as specified by the proof method. The name of the refined function, from which the name of the naive function here below is derived, will be *ipurge-tr-rev-t*, where suffix t stands for *tail-recursive*.

```
function (sequential) ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive ::  ('d \times 'd) \ set \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'd) \Rightarrow 'd \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow 'a \ list \ where \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive I \ D \ u \ (x \# xs) \ ys = \\ (if \ D \ x \in sources I \ D \ u \ (x \# xs) \ then \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive I \ D \ u \ (sys @ [x]) \ else \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive I \ D \ u \ (ipurge-tr \ I \ D \ (D \ x) \ xs) \ ys) \ | \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive - - - ys = ys \ \langle proof \rangle
```

The parameter into which the output is accumulated is the last one.

As shown by the previous argument, the properties of function *ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive* that would have to be proven are the following ones:

```
ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive\ I\ D\ u\ xs\ []=ipurge-tr-rev\ I\ D\ u\ xs [[secure\ P\ I\ D;\ xs\in traces\ P]] \implies ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive\ I\ D\ u\ xs\ []\in traces\ P
```

as they clearly entail the above formal statement of the target closure lemma.

1.2.1 Step 1

In the definition of the auxiliary tail-recursive function *ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux*, the Cartesian product of the input types of function *ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive* will be implemented as a record type.

```
\mathbf{record} ('a, 'd) ipurge\text{-}rec =
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```
Pol :: ('d \times 'd) \ set
  Map :: 'a \Rightarrow 'd
  Dom :: 'd
  In :: 'a \ list
  Out :: 'a \ list
function (sequential) ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux ::
  ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec \Rightarrow ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec where
ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux \ (Pol=I, Map=D, Dom=u, In=x \# xs, Out=ys) =
(if D x \in sources I D u (x \# xs))
  then ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux
   (Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = xs, Out = ys @ [x])
  else\ ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux
   (Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = ipurge-tr I D (D x) xs, Out = ys))
ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux\ X=X
\langle proof \rangle
termination ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux
\langle proof \rangle
```

As shown by this proof, the termination of function *ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux* is guaranteed by the fact, proven previously, that the event lists output by function *ipurge-tr* are not longer than the corresponding input ones.

1.2.2 Step 2

```
definition ipurge-tr-rev-t-in: ('d \times 'd) set \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'd) \Rightarrow 'd \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow ('a, 'd) \ ipurge-rec \ \mathbf{where} ipurge-tr-rev-t-in \ I \ D \ u \ xs \equiv (Pol = I, \ Map = D, \ Dom = u, \ In = xs, \ Out = []) definition ipurge-tr-rev-t-out: ('a, 'd) \ ipurge-rec \Rightarrow 'a \ list \ \mathbf{where} ipurge-tr-rev-t-out \equiv Out definition ipurge-tr-rev-t: ('d \times 'd) \ set \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'd) \Rightarrow 'd \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow 'a \ list \ \mathbf{where} ipurge-tr-rev-t \ I \ D \ u \ xs \equiv ipurge-tr-rev-t-out \ (ipurge-tr-rev-t-out \ (ipurge-tr-rev-t-in \ I \ D \ u \ xs))
```

Since the significant inputs of function ipurge-tr-rev-t-naive match pattern -, -, -, -, [], those of function ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux, as returned by function ipurge-tr-rev-t-in, match pattern (Pol = -, Map = -, Dom = -, In = -, Out = []).

In terms of function *ipurge-tr-rev-t*, the statements to be proven, henceforth respectively named *ipurge-tr-rev-t-equiv* and *ipurge-tr-rev-t-trace*, take the

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following form:
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ipurge-tr-rev-t \ I \ D \ u \ xs = ipurge-tr-rev \ I \ D \ u \ xs
```

 $\llbracket secure\ P\ I\ D;\ xs \in traces\ P \rrbracket \implies ipurge-tr-rev-t\ I\ D\ u\ xs \in traces\ P$

1.2.3 Step 3

```
inductive-set ipurge-tr-rev-t-set :: ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec ⇒ ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec set for X :: ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec where R0: X \in ipurge-tr-rev-t-set X \mid R1: [[Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = x \# xs, Out = ys]] ∈ ipurge-tr-rev-t-set X; D x \in sources I D u (x \# xs)]] ⇒ [Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = xs, Out = ys @ [x]]) ∈ ipurge-tr-rev-t-set X \mid R2: [[Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = x \# xs, Out = ys]) ∈ ipurge-tr-rev-t-set X; D x \notin sources I D u (x \# xs)]] ⇒ [Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = ipurge-tr I D (D x) xs, Out = ys]) ∈ ipurge-tr-rev-t-set X
```

1.2.4 Step 4

```
 \begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma} \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-subset:} \\ \textbf{assumes} \ A \colon Y \in ipurge-tr-rev-t-set} \ X \\ \textbf{shows} \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-set} \ Y \subseteq ipurge-tr-rev-t-set} \ X \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \end{array}
```

lemma ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux-set: ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux $X \in ipurge$ -tr-rev-t-set $X \langle proof \rangle$

1.2.5 Step 5

```
definition ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 ::  ('d \times 'd) \ set \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'd) \Rightarrow 'd \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow ('a, 'd) \ ipurge-rec \Rightarrow bool  where  ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 \ I \ D \ u \ xs \ X \equiv   Out \ X \ @ \ ipurge-tr-rev \ I \ D \ u \ (In \ X) = ipurge-tr-rev \ I \ D \ u \ xs  definition  ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2 \ ::   'a \ process \Rightarrow ('d \times 'd) \ set \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'd) \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow ('a, 'd) \ ipurge-rec \Rightarrow bool  where  ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2 \ P \ I \ D \ xs \ X \equiv   secure \ P \ I \ D \ \rightarrow xs \in traces \ P \ \rightarrow Out \ X \ @ \ In \ X \in traces \ P
```

Two invariants have been defined, one for each of lemmas *ipurge-tr-rev-t-equiv*, *ipurge-tr-rev-t-trace*.

More precisely, the invariants are $ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1\ I\ D\ u\ xs$ and $ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2\ P\ I\ D\ xs$, where the free variables are intended to match those appearing in the aforesaid lemmas.

1.2.6 Step 6

```
lemma ipurge-tr-rev-t-input-1: ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 I D u xs (Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = xs, Out = []) \langle proof \rangle lemma ipurge-tr-rev-t-input-2:
```

ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2 P I D xs (Pol = I, Map = D, Dom = u, In = xs, Out = []) $\langle proof \rangle$

1.2.7 Step 7

```
definition ipurge-tr-rev-t-form :: ('a, 'd) ipurge-rec \Rightarrow bool where ipurge-tr-rev-t-form X \equiv In \ X = []
```

```
lemma ipurge-tr-rev-t-intro-1: 

[[ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 I D u xs X; ipurge-tr-rev-t-form X]] \Longrightarrow ipurge-tr-rev-t-out X = ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs \langle proof \rangle
```

 $\mathbf{lemma}\ ipurge\text{-}tr\text{-}rev\text{-}t\text{-}intro\text{-}2\text{:}$

1.2.8 Step 8

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma} \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-form-aux:} \\ ipurge-tr-rev-t-form \ (ipurge-tr-rev-t-aux \ X) \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
```

1.2.9 Step 9

```
lemma ipurge-tr-rev-t-invariance-aux: Y \in ipurge-tr-rev-t-set \ X \Longrightarrow Pol \ Y = Pol \ X \land Map \ Y = Map \ X \land Dom \ Y = Dom \ X \land proof \rangle
```

The lemma just proven, stating the invariance of the first three record fields over inductive set $ipurge-tr-rev-t-set\ X$, is used in the following proofs of the invariance of predicates $ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1\ I\ D\ u\ xs$ and $ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2\ P\ I\ D\ xs$.

The equality between the free variables appearing in the predicates and the corresponding fields of the record generating the set, which is required for such invariance properties to hold, is asserted in the enunciation of the properties by means of record updates. In the subsequent proofs of lemmas ipurge-tr-rev-t-equiv, ipurge-tr-rev-t-trace, the enforcement of this equality will be ensured by the identification of both predicate variables and record fields with the related free variables appearing in the lemmas.

```
 \begin{split} & \textbf{lemma} \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-invariance-1: \\ & \textbf{[} Y \in ipurge-tr-rev-t-set \ (X(\P{Pol} := I, \ Map := D, \ Dom := u)); \\ & ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 \ I \ D \ u \ ws \ (X(\P{Pol} := I, \ Map := D, \ Dom := u))) \textbf{]} \Longrightarrow ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-1 \ I \ D \ u \ ws \ Y \\ & \langle proof \rangle \end{split}   \begin{split} & \textbf{lemma} \ ipurge-tr-rev-t-invariance-2: \\ & \textbf{[} Y \in ipurge-tr-rev-t-set \ (X(\P{Pol} := I, \ Map := D)); \\ & ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2 \ P \ I \ D \ ws \ (X(\P{Pol} := I, \ Map := D))) \textbf{]} \Longrightarrow ipurge-tr-rev-t-inv-2 \ P \ I \ D \ ws \ Y \\ & \langle proof \rangle \end{split}
```

1.2.10 Step 10

Here below are the proofs of lemmas *ipurge-tr-rev-t-equiv*, *ipurge-tr-rev-t-trace*, which are then applied to demonstrate the target closure lemma.

1.3 The Inductive Unwinding Theorem in its general form

In what follows, the Inductive Unwinding Theorem is proven, in the form applying to a generic process. The equivalence of the condition expressed by the theorem to CSP noninterference security, as defined in [7], is demonstrated by showing that it is necessary and sufficient for the verification of the condition expressed by the Ipurge Unwinding Theorem, under the same assumption that the sets of refusals of the process be closed under union (cf. [8]).

Particularly, the closure of the traces of a secure process under function *ipurge-tr-rev* and the idempotence of this function are used in the proof of condition necessity.

```
lemma inductive-unwinding-1:
 assumes
    R: ref-union-closed P and
    S: secure P I D
  shows \forall xs \in traces \ P. \ \forall \ u \in range \ D \cap (-I) "range \ D.
    next-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = next-dom-events P D u xs \land
    ref-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = ref-dom-events P D u xs
\langle proof \rangle
lemma inductive-unwinding-2:
 assumes
   R: ref-union-closed P and
   S: \forall xs \in traces \ P. \ \forall \ u \in range \ D \cap (-I) "range \ D.
     next-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) =
       next-dom-events P D u xs \land
     ref-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) =
       ref-dom-events P D u xs
 shows secure P I D
\langle proof \rangle
theorem inductive-unwinding:
ref-union-closed P \Longrightarrow
 secure\ P\ I\ D =
  (\forall xs \in traces \ P. \ \forall \ u \in range \ D \cap (-I) \ "range \ D.
   next-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = next-dom-events P D u xs \land
   ref-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = ref-dom-events P D u xs)
\langle proof \rangle
```

Interestingly, this necessary and sufficient condition for the noninterference security of a process resembles the classical definition of noninterference security for a deterministic state machine with outputs formulated in [9], which is formalized in [7] as predicate *c-secure*.

Denoting with (1) the former and with (2) the latter, the differences between them can be summarized as follows:

- The event list appearing in (1) is constrained to vary over process traces, whereas the action list appearing in (2) is unconstrained. This comes as no surprise, since the state machines used as model of computation in [9] accept any action list as a trace.
- The definition of function *ipurge-tr-rev*, used in (1), does not implicitly assume that the noninterference policy be reflexive, even though

any policy of practical significance will be such. On the contrary, the definition of the intransitive purge function used in (2), which is formalized in [7] as function c-ipurge, makes this implicit assumption, as shown by the consideration that c-ipurge ID(Dx)[x] = [x] regardless of whether $(Dx, Dx) \in I$ or not.

This is the mathematical reason why the equivalence between CSP noninterference security and classical noninterference security for deterministic state machines with outputs, proven in [7], is subordinated to the assumption that the noninterference policy be reflexive.

• The equality of action outputs appearing in (2) is replaced in (1) by the equality of accepted and refused events.

The binding of the universal quantification over domains contained in (1) does not constitute an actual difference, since in (2) the purge function is only applied to domains in the range of the event-domain map, and its output matches the entire input action list, thus rendering the equation trivial, for domains allowed to be affected by any event domain.

1.4 The Inductive Unwinding Theorem for deterministic and trace set processes

Here below are the proofs of specific variants of the Inductive Unwinding Theorem applying to deterministic processes and trace set processes [8]. The variant for deterministic processes is derived, following the above proof of the general form of the theorem, from the Ipurge Unwinding Theorem for deterministic processes [8]. Then, the variant for trace set processes is inferred from the variant for deterministic processes.

Similarly to what happens for the Ipurge Unwinding Theorem, the refusals union closure assumption that characterizes the general form of the Inductive Unwinding Theorem is replaced by the assumption that the process actually be deterministic in the variant for deterministic processes, and by the assumption that the set of traces actually be such in the variant for trace set processes. Moreover, these variants involve accepted events only, in accordance with the fact that in deterministic processes, refused events are completely specified by accepted events (cf. [1], [7]).

```
lemma d-inductive-unwinding-1:
   assumes
   D: deterministic P and
   S: secure P I D
   shows \forall xs \in traces\ P.\ \forall\ u \in range\ D \cap (-I)\ "range\ D.
   next-dom-events P D u (ipurge-tr-rev I D u xs) = next-dom-events P D u xs
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma d-inductive-unwinding-2:
  assumes
    D: deterministic P and
    S: \forall xs \in traces \ P. \ \forall \ u \in range \ D \cap (-I) \ "range \ D.
      next-dom-events\ P\ D\ u\ (ipurge-tr-rev\ I\ D\ u\ xs) = next-dom-events\ P\ D\ u\ xs
  shows secure P I D
\langle proof \rangle
theorem d-inductive-unwinding:
 deterministic P \Longrightarrow
  secure\ P\ I\ D =
  (\forall xs \in traces \ P. \ \forall \ u \in range \ D \cap (-I) \ "range \ D.
    next-dom-events \ P \ D \ u \ (ipurge-tr-rev \ I \ D \ u \ xs) = next-dom-events \ P \ D \ u \ xs)
\langle proof \rangle
theorem ts-inductive-unwinding:
 assumes T: trace-set T
 shows secure (ts-process T) ID =
    (\forall xs \in T. \ \forall u \in range \ D \cap (-I) \ "range \ D. \ \forall x \in D - '\{u\}.
      (ipurge-tr-rev\ I\ D\ u\ xs\ @\ [x]\in T)=(xs\ @\ [x]\in T))
    (is secure ?P I D = -)
\langle proof \rangle
end
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