

# OpSets: Sequential Specifications for Replicated Datatypes

## Proof Document

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### Abstract

We introduce OpSets, an executable framework for specifying and reasoning about the semantics of replicated datatypes that provide eventual consistency in a distributed system, and for mechanically verifying algorithms that implement these datatypes. Our approach is simple but expressive, allowing us to succinctly specify a variety of abstract datatypes, including maps, sets, lists, text, graphs, trees, and registers. Our datatypes are also composable, enabling the construction of complex data structures. To demonstrate the utility of OpSets for analysing replication algorithms, we highlight an important correctness property for collaborative text editing that has traditionally been overlooked; algorithms that do not satisfy this property can exhibit awkward interleaving of text. We use OpSets to specify this correctness property and prove that although one existing replication algorithm satisfies this property, several other published algorithms do not.

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## 1 Abstract OpSet

In this section, we define a general-purpose OpSet abstraction that is not specific to any one particular datatype. We develop a library of useful lemmas that we can build upon later when reasoning about a specific datatype.

```
theory OpSet
  imports Main
begin
```

### 1.1 OpSet definition

An OpSet is a set of (ID, operation) pairs with an associated total order on IDs (represented here with the *linorder* typeclass), and satisfying the following properties:

1. The ID is unique (that is, if any two pairs in the set have the same ID, then their operation is also the same).
2. If the operation references the IDs of any other operations, those referenced IDs are less than that of the operation itself, according to the total order on IDs. To avoid assuming anything about the structure of operations here, we use a function *deps* that returns the set of dependent IDs for a given operation. This requirement is a weak expression of causality: an operation can only depend on causally prior operations, and by making the total order on IDs a linear extension of the causal order, we can easily ensure that any referenced IDs are less than that of the operation itself.
3. The OpSet is finite (but we do not assume any particular maximum size).

```
locale opset =
  fixes opset :: ('oid::{linorder} × 'oper) set
  and deps :: 'oper ⇒ 'oid set
```

**assumes** *unique-oid*:  $(oid, op1) \in opset \implies (oid, op2) \in opset \implies op1 = op2$   
**and** *ref-older*:  $(oid, oper) \in opset \implies ref \in deps\ oper \implies ref < oid$   
**and** *finite-opset*: *finite opset*

We prove that any subset of an OpSet is also a valid OpSet. This is the case because, although an operation can depend on causally prior operations, the OpSet does not require those prior operations to actually exist. This weak assumption makes the OpSet model more general and simplifies reasoning about OpSets.

**lemma** *opset-subset*:  
**assumes** *opset*  $Y\ deps$   
**and**  $X \subseteq Y$   
**shows** *opset*  $X\ deps$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *opset-insert*:  
**assumes** *opset*  $(insert\ x\ ops)\ deps$   
**shows** *opset*  $ops\ deps$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *opset-sublist*:  
**assumes** *opset*  $(set\ (xs\ @\ ys\ @\ zs))\ deps$   
**shows** *opset*  $(set\ (xs\ @\ zs))\ deps$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

## 1.2 Helper lemmas about lists

Some general-purpose lemmas about lists and sets that are helpful for subsequent proofs.

**lemma** *distinct-rem-mid*:  
**assumes** *distinct*  $(xs\ @\ [x]\ @\ ys)$   
**shows** *distinct*  $(xs\ @\ ys)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-fst-append*:  
**assumes**  $x \in set\ (map\ fst\ xs)$   
**and** *distinct*  $(map\ fst\ (xs\ @\ ys))$   
**shows**  $x \notin set\ (map\ fst\ ys)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-set-remove-last*:  
**assumes** *distinct*  $(xs\ @\ [x])$   
**shows**  $set\ xs = set\ (xs\ @\ [x]) - \{x\}$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-set-remove-mid*:  
**assumes** *distinct*  $(xs\ @\ [x]\ @\ ys)$   
**shows**  $set\ (xs\ @\ ys) = set\ (xs\ @\ [x]\ @\ ys) - \{x\}$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-list-split*:  
**assumes** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $xs = xa @ x \# ya$   
**and**  $xs = xb @ x \# yb$   
**shows**  $xa = xb \wedge ya = yb$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-append-swap*:  
**assumes** *distinct (xs @ ys)*  
**shows** *distinct (ys @ xs)*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *append-subset*:  
**assumes**  $set\ xs = set\ (ys @ zs)$   
**shows**  $set\ ys \subseteq set\ xs$  **and**  $set\ zs \subseteq set\ xs$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *append-set-rem-last*:  
**assumes**  $set\ (xs @ [x]) = set\ (ys @ [x] @ zs)$   
**and** *distinct (xs @ [x])* **and** *distinct (ys @ [x] @ zs)*  
**shows**  $set\ xs = set\ (ys @ zs)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-map-fst-remove1*:  
**assumes** *distinct (map fst xs)*  
**shows** *distinct (map fst (remove1 x xs))*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

### 1.3 The *spec-ops* predicate

The *spec-ops* predicate describes a list of (ID, operation) pairs that corresponds to the linearisation of an OpSet, and which we use for sequentially interpreting the OpSet. A list satisfies *spec-ops* iff it is sorted in ascending order of IDs, if the IDs are unique, and if every operation's dependencies have lower IDs than the operation itself. A list is implicitly finite in Isabelle/HOL. These requirements correspond to the OpSet definition above, and indeed we prove later that every OpSet has a linearisation that satisfies *spec-ops*.

**definition** *spec-ops* ::  $('oid::\{linorder\} \times 'oper)\ list \Rightarrow ('oper \Rightarrow 'oid\ set) \Rightarrow bool$   
**where**

$$spec-ops\ ops\ deps \equiv (sorted\ (map\ fst\ ops) \wedge distinct\ (map\ fst\ ops) \wedge \\ (\forall\ oid\ oper\ ref.\ (oid,\ oper) \in set\ ops \wedge ref \in deps\ oper \longrightarrow ref < oid))$$

**lemma** *spec-ops-empty*:  
**shows** *spec-ops [] deps*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-distinct*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops ops deps*  
**shows** *distinct ops*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-distinct-fst*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops ops deps*  
**shows** *distinct (map fst ops)*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-sorted*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops ops deps*  
**shows** *sorted (map fst ops)*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-rem-cons*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops (x # xs) deps*  
**shows** *spec-ops xs deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-rem-last*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops (xs @ [x]) deps*  
**shows** *spec-ops xs deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-remove1*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops xs deps*  
**shows** *spec-ops (remove1 x xs) deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-ref-less*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops xs deps*  
**and**  $(oid, oper) \in \text{set } xs$   
**and**  $r \in \text{deps } oper$   
**shows**  $r < oid$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-ref-less-last*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) deps*  
**and**  $r \in \text{deps } oper$   
**shows**  $r < oid$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-id-inc*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) deps*  
**and**  $x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs)$   
**shows**  $x < oid$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-add-last*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops xs deps*  
**and**  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). i < \text{oid}$   
**and**  $\forall \text{ref} \in \text{deps oper}. \text{ref} < \text{oid}$   
**shows** *spec-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-add-any*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops (xs @ ys) deps*  
**and**  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). i < \text{oid}$   
**and**  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). \text{oid} < i$   
**and**  $\forall \text{ref} \in \text{deps oper}. \text{ref} < \text{oid}$   
**shows** *spec-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) @ ys) deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-split*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops xs deps*  
**and**  $\text{oid} \notin \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs)$   
**shows**  $\exists \text{pre suf}. xs = \text{pre} @ \text{suf} \wedge$   
 $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } \text{pre}). i < \text{oid}) \wedge$   
 $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } \text{suf}). \text{oid} < i)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-exists-base*:  
**assumes** *finite ops*  
**and**  $\bigwedge \text{oid op1 op2}. (\text{oid}, \text{op1}) \in \text{ops} \implies (\text{oid}, \text{op2}) \in \text{ops} \implies \text{op1} = \text{op2}$   
**and**  $\bigwedge \text{oid oper ref}. (\text{oid}, \text{oper}) \in \text{ops} \implies \text{ref} \in \text{deps oper} \implies \text{ref} < \text{oid}$   
**shows**  $\exists \text{op-list}. \text{set op-list} = \text{ops} \wedge \text{spec-ops op-list deps}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

We prove that for any given OpSet, a *spec-ops* linearisation exists:

**lemma** *spec-ops-exists*:  
**assumes** *opset ops deps*  
**shows**  $\exists \text{op-list}. \text{set op-list} = \text{ops} \wedge \text{spec-ops op-list deps}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *spec-ops-oid-unique*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops op-list deps*  
**and**  $(\text{oid}, \text{op1}) \in \text{set op-list}$   
**and**  $(\text{oid}, \text{op2}) \in \text{set op-list}$   
**shows**  $\text{op1} = \text{op2}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Conversely, for any given *spec-ops* list, the set of pairs in the list is an OpSet:

**lemma** *spec-ops-is-opset*:  
**assumes** *spec-ops op-list deps*  
**shows** *opset (set op-list) deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 1.4 The *crdt-ops* predicate

Like *spec-ops*, the *crdt-ops* predicate describes the linearisation of an OpSet into a list. Like *spec-ops*, it requires IDs to be unique. However, its other properties are different: *crdt-ops* does not require operations to appear in sorted order, but instead, whenever any operation references the ID of a prior operation, that prior operation must appear previously in the *crdt-ops* list. Thus, the order of operations is partially constrained: operations must appear in causal order, but concurrent operations can be ordered arbitrarily. This list describes the operation sequence in the order it is typically applied to an operation-based CRDT. Applying operations in the order they appear in *crdt-ops* requires that concurrent operations commute. For any *crdt-ops* operation sequence, there is a permutation that satisfies the *spec-ops* predicate. Thus, to check whether a CRDT satisfies its sequential specification, we can prove that interpreting any *crdt-ops* operation sequence with the commutative operation interpretation results in the same end result as interpreting the *spec-ops* permutation of that operation sequence with the sequential operation interpretation.

**inductive** *crdt-ops* :: ('oid::{'linorder'} × 'oper) list ⇒ ('oper ⇒ 'oid set) ⇒ bool  
**where**

```

crdt-ops [] deps |
[[crdt-ops xs deps;
  oid ∉ set (map fst xs);
  ∀ ref ∈ deps oper. ref ∈ set (map fst xs) ∧ ref < oid
]] ⇒ crdt-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)] deps

```

**inductive-cases** *crdt-ops-last*: *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [*x*]) *deps*

**lemma** *crdt-ops-intro*:

```

assumes ∧r. r ∈ deps oper ⇒ r ∈ fst ' set xs ∧ r < oid
and oid ∉ fst ' set xs
and crdt-ops xs deps
shows crdt-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)] deps
<proof>

```

**lemma** *crdt-ops-rem-last*:

```

assumes crdt-ops (xs @ [x]) deps
shows crdt-ops xs deps
<proof>

```

**lemma** *crdt-ops-ref-less*:

```

assumes crdt-ops xs deps
and (oid, oper) ∈ set xs
and r ∈ deps oper
shows r < oid
<proof>

```

**lemma** *crdt-ops-ref-less-last*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)]) *deps*  
**and**  $r \in \text{deps } \text{oper}$   
**shows**  $r < \text{oid}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-distinct-fst*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* *xs* *deps*  
**shows** *distinct* (map *fst xs*)  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-distinct*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* *xs* *deps*  
**shows** *distinct xs*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-unique-last*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)]) *deps*  
**shows**  $\text{oid} \notin \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } \text{xs})$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-unique-mid*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)] @ *ys*) *deps*  
**shows**  $\text{oid} \notin \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } \text{xs}) \wedge \text{oid} \notin \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } \text{ys})$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-ref-exists*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*pre* @ (*oid*, *oper*) # *suf*) *deps*  
**and**  $\text{ref} \in \text{deps } \text{oper}$   
**shows**  $\text{ref} \in \text{fst } \text{' set } \text{pre}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-no-future-ref*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)] @ *ys*) *deps*  
**shows**  $\bigwedge \text{ref. } \text{ref} \in \text{deps } \text{oper} \implies \text{ref} \notin \text{fst } \text{' set } \text{ys}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-reorder*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)] @ *ys*) *deps*  
**and**  $\bigwedge \text{op2 } r. \text{op2} \in \text{snd } \text{' set } \text{ys} \implies r \in \text{deps } \text{op2} \implies r \neq \text{oid}$   
**shows** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ *ys* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)]) *deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *crdt-ops-rem-middle*:  
**assumes** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *ref*)] @ *ys*) *deps*  
**and**  $\bigwedge \text{op2 } r. \text{op2} \in \text{snd } \text{' set } \text{ys} \implies r \in \text{deps } \text{op2} \implies r \neq \text{oid}$   
**shows** *crdt-ops* (*xs* @ *ys*) *deps*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$



```

lemma crdt-ops-independent-suf:
  assumes spec-ops (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) deps
    and crdt-ops (ys @ [(oid, oper)] @ zs) deps
    and set (xs @ [(oid, oper)]) = set (ys @ [(oid, oper)] @ zs)
  shows  $\bigwedge op2\ r. op2 \in snd\ 'set\ zs \implies r \in deps\ op2 \implies r \neq oid$ 
  <proof>

```

```

lemma crdt-ops-reorder-spec:
  assumes spec-ops (xs @ [x]) deps
    and crdt-ops (ys @ [x] @ zs) deps
    and set (xs @ [x]) = set (ys @ [x] @ zs)
  shows crdt-ops (ys @ zs @ [x]) deps
  <proof>

```

```

lemma crdt-ops-rem-spec:
  assumes spec-ops (xs @ [x]) deps
    and crdt-ops (ys @ [x] @ zs) deps
    and set (xs @ [x]) = set (ys @ [x] @ zs)
  shows crdt-ops (ys @ zs) deps
  <proof>

```

```

lemma crdt-ops-rem-penultimate:
  assumes crdt-ops (xs @ [(i1, r1)] @ [(i2, r2)]) deps
    and  $\bigwedge r. r \in deps\ r2 \implies r \neq i1$ 
  shows crdt-ops (xs @ [(i2, r2)]) deps
  <proof>

```

```

lemma crdt-ops-spec-ops-exist:
  assumes crdt-ops xs deps
  shows  $\exists ys. set\ xs = set\ ys \wedge spec-ops\ ys\ deps$ 
  <proof>

```

**end**

## 2 Specifying list insertion

```

theory Insert-Spec
  imports OpSet
begin

```

In this section we consider only list insertion. We model an insertion operation as a pair  $(ID, ref)$ , where *ref* is either *None* (signifying an insertion at the head of the list) or *Some* *r* (an insertion immediately after a reference element with ID *r*). If the reference element does not exist, the operation does nothing.

We provide two different definitions of the interpretation function for list insertion: *insert-spec* and *insert-alt*. The *insert-alt* definition matches the paper, while *insert-spec* uses the Isabelle/HOL list datatype, making it more

suitable for formal reasoning. In a later subsection we prove that the two definitions are in fact equivalent.

```
fun insert-spec :: 'oid list  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  'oid option)  $\Rightarrow$  'oid list where
  insert-spec xs (oid, None) = oid#xs |
  insert-spec [] (oid, -) = [] |
  insert-spec (x#xs) (oid, Some ref) =
    (if x = ref then x # oid # xs
     else x # (insert-spec xs (oid, Some ref)))
```

```
fun insert-alt :: ('oid  $\times$  'oid option) set  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  'oid)  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  'oid option) set
where
  insert-alt list-rel (oid, ref) = (
    if  $\exists n. (ref, n) \in list-rel$ 
    then  $\{(p, n) \in list-rel. p \neq ref\} \cup \{(ref, Some\ oid)\} \cup$ 
        $\{(i, n). i = oid \wedge (ref, n) \in list-rel\}$ 
    else list-rel)
```

*interp-ins* is the sequential interpretation of a set of insertion operations. It starts with an empty list as initial state, and then applies the operations from left to right.

```
definition interp-ins :: ('oid  $\times$  'oid option) list  $\Rightarrow$  'oid list where
  interp-ins ops  $\equiv$  foldl insert-spec [] ops
```

## 2.1 The *insert-ops* predicate

We now specialise the definitions from the abstract OpSet section for list insertion. *insert-opset* is an opset consisting only of insertion operations, and *insert-ops* is the specialisation of the *spec-ops* predicate for insertion operations. We prove several useful lemmas about *insert-ops*.

```
locale insert-opset = opset opset set-option
for opset :: ('oid::{linorder}  $\times$  'oid option) set
```

```
definition insert-ops :: ('oid::{linorder}  $\times$  'oid option) list  $\Rightarrow$  bool where
  insert-ops list  $\equiv$  spec-ops list set-option
```

```
lemma insert-ops-NilI [intro!]:
  shows insert-ops []
  <proof>
```

```
lemma insert-ops-rem-last [dest]:
  assumes insert-ops (xs @ [x])
  shows insert-ops xs
  <proof>
```

```
lemma insert-ops-rem-cons:
  assumes insert-ops (x # xs)
  shows insert-ops xs
```

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-appendD*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs* @ *ys*)  
  **shows** *insert-ops xs*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-rem-prefix*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*pre* @ *suf*)  
  **shows** *insert-ops suf*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-remove1*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops xs*  
  **shows** *insert-ops* (*remove1 x xs*)  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *last-op-greatest*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*op-list* @ [(*oid*, *oper*)])  
  **and**  $x \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } \text{op-list})$   
  **shows**  $x < \text{oid}$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-ref-older*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*pre* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *suf*)  
  **shows**  $\text{ref} < \text{oid}$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-memb-ref-older*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops op-list*  
  **and**  $(\text{oid}, \text{Some ref}) \in \text{set } \text{op-list}$   
  **shows**  $\text{ref} < \text{oid}$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

## 2.2 Properties of the *insert-spec* function

**lemma** *insert-spec-none* [*simp*]:  
  **shows**  $\text{set } (\text{insert-spec } xs \ (\text{oid}, \text{None})) = \text{set } xs \cup \{\text{oid}\}$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-spec-set* [*simp*]:  
  **assumes**  $\text{ref} \in \text{set } xs$   
  **shows**  $\text{set } (\text{insert-spec } xs \ (\text{oid}, \text{Some ref})) = \text{set } xs \cup \{\text{oid}\}$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-spec-none<sub>x</sub>* [*simp*]:  
  **assumes**  $\text{ref} \notin \text{set } xs$   
  **shows**  $\text{insert-spec } xs \ (\text{oid}, \text{Some ref}) = xs$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *list-greater-non-memb*:  
**fixes** *oid* :: 'oid::{linorder}  
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } xs \implies x < oid$   
**and** *oid*  $\in \text{set } xs$   
**shows** *False*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *inserted-item-ident*:  
**assumes** *a*  $\in \text{set } (\text{insert-spec } xs \ (e, i))$   
**and** *a*  $\notin \text{set } xs$   
**shows** *a* = *e*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-spec-distinct* [intro]:  
**fixes** *oid* :: 'oid::{linorder}  
**assumes** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } xs \implies x < oid$   
**and** *ref* = *Some r*  $\longrightarrow r < oid$   
**shows** *distinct* (*insert-spec xs (oid, ref)*)  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-after-ref*:  
**assumes** *distinct* (*xs @ ref # ys*)  
**shows** *insert-spec* (*xs @ ref # ys*) (*oid, Some ref*) = *xs @ ref # oid # ys*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-somewhere*:  
**assumes** *ref* = *None*  $\vee$  (*ref* = *Some r*  $\wedge r \in \text{set list}$ )  
**shows**  $\exists xs \ ys. \text{list} = xs @ ys \wedge \text{insert-spec list } (oid, ref) = xs @ oid \# ys$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-first-part*:  
**assumes** *ref* = *None*  $\vee$  (*ref* = *Some r*  $\wedge r \in \text{set } xs$ )  
**shows** *insert-spec* (*xs @ ys*) (*oid, ref*) = (*insert-spec xs (oid, ref)*) @ *ys*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-second-part*:  
**assumes** *ref* = *Some r*  
**and** *r*  $\notin \text{set } xs$   
**and** *r*  $\in \text{set } ys$   
**shows** *insert-spec* (*xs @ ys*) (*oid, ref*) = *xs @ (insert-spec ys (oid, ref))*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 2.3 Properties of the *interp-ins* function

**lemma** *interp-ins-empty* [simp]:  
**shows** *interp-ins* [] = []  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-tail-unfold*:  
**shows**  $\text{interp-ins } (xs @ [x]) = \text{insert-spec } (\text{interp-ins } xs) \ x$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-subset [simp]*:  
**shows**  $\text{set } (\text{interp-ins } \text{op-list}) \subseteq \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } \text{op-list})$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-distinct*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops op-list*  
**shows** *distinct (interp-ins op-list)*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 2.4 Equivalence of the two definitions of insertion

At the beginning of this section we gave two different definitions of interpretation functions for list insertion: *insert-spec* and *insert-alt*. In this section we prove that the two are equivalent.

We first define how to derive the successor relation from an Isabelle list. This relation contains  $(id, \text{None})$  if *id* is the last element of the list, and  $(id1, id2)$  if *id1* is immediately followed by *id2* in the list.

**fun** *succ-rel* ::  $'oid \text{ list} \Rightarrow ('oid \times 'oid \text{ option}) \text{ set}$  **where**  
 $\text{succ-rel } [] = \{\}$  |  
 $\text{succ-rel } [\text{head}] = \{(\text{head}, \text{None})\}$  |  
 $\text{succ-rel } (\text{head} \# x \# xs) = \{(\text{head}, \text{Some } x)\} \cup \text{succ-rel } (x \# xs)$

*interp-alt* is the equivalent of *interp-ins*, but using *insert-alt* instead of *insert-spec*. To match the paper, it uses a distinct head element to refer to the beginning of the list.

**definition** *interp-alt* ::  $'oid \Rightarrow ('oid \times 'oid \text{ option}) \text{ list} \Rightarrow ('oid \times 'oid \text{ option}) \text{ set}$   
**where**  
 $\text{interp-alt } \text{head } \text{ops} \equiv \text{foldl } \text{insert-alt } \{(\text{head}, \text{None})\}$   
 $(\text{map } (\lambda x. \text{case } x \text{ of}$   
 $\quad (\text{oid}, \text{None}) \Rightarrow (\text{oid}, \text{head}) \mid$   
 $\quad (\text{oid}, \text{Some } \text{ref}) \Rightarrow (\text{oid}, \text{ref}))$   
 $\quad \text{ops})$

**lemma** *succ-rel-set-fst*:  
**shows**  $\text{fst } '(\text{succ-rel } xs) = \text{set } xs$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-functional*:  
**assumes**  $(a, b1) \in \text{succ-rel } xs$   
**and**  $(a, b2) \in \text{succ-rel } xs$   
**and** *distinct xs*  
**shows**  $b1 = b2$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-rem-head*:

**assumes** *distinct* ( $x \# xs$ )

**shows**  $\{(p, n) \in \text{succ-rel } (x \# xs). p \neq x\} = \text{succ-rel } xs$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-swap-head*:

**assumes** *distinct* ( $ref \# list$ )

**and**  $(ref, n) \in \text{succ-rel } (ref \# list)$

**shows**  $\text{succ-rel } (oid \# list) = \{(oid, n)\} \cup \text{succ-rel } list$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-insert-alt*:

**assumes**  $a \neq ref$

**and** *distinct* ( $oid \# a \# b \# list$ )

**shows**  $\text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } (a \# b \# list)) (oid, ref) =$

$\{(a, \text{Some } b)\} \cup \text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } (b \# list)) (oid, ref)$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-insert-head*:

**assumes** *distinct* ( $ref \# list$ )

**shows**  $\text{succ-rel } (\text{insert-spec } (ref \# list) (oid, \text{Some } ref)) =$

$\text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } (ref \# list)) (oid, ref)$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-insert-later*:

**assumes**  $\text{succ-rel } (\text{insert-spec } (b \# list) (oid, \text{Some } ref)) =$

$\text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } (b \# list)) (oid, ref)$

**and**  $a \neq ref$

**and** *distinct* ( $a \# b \# list$ )

**shows**  $\text{succ-rel } (\text{insert-spec } (a \# b \# list) (oid, \text{Some } ref)) =$

$\text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } (a \# b \# list)) (oid, ref)$

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *succ-rel-insert-Some*:

**assumes** *distinct* *list*

**shows**  $\text{succ-rel } (\text{insert-spec } list (oid, \text{Some } ref)) = \text{insert-alt } (\text{succ-rel } list) (oid, ref)$

$\langle proof \rangle$

The main result of this section, that *insert-spec* and *insert-alt* are equivalent.

**theorem** *insert-alt-equivalent*:

**assumes** *insert-ops ops*

**and**  $head \notin \text{fst ' set ops}$

**and**  $\bigwedge r. \text{Some } r \in \text{snd ' set ops} \implies r \neq head$

**shows**  $\text{succ-rel } (head \# \text{interp-ins ops}) = \text{interp-alt } head \text{ ops}$

$\langle proof \rangle$

## 2.5 The *list-order* predicate

*list-order ops x y* holds iff, after interpreting the list of insertion operations *ops*, the list element with ID *x* appears before the list element with ID *y* in the resulting list. We prove several lemmas about this predicate; in particular, that executing additional insertion operations does not change the relative ordering of existing list elements.

**definition** *list-order* :: ('oid::{'linorder'} × 'oid option) list ⇒ 'oid ⇒ 'oid ⇒ bool  
**where**

*list-order ops x y* ≡ ∃ *xs ys zs*. *interp-ins ops* = *xs* @ [*x*] @ *ys* @ [*y*] @ *zs*

**lemma** *list-orderI*:

**assumes** *interp-ins ops* = *xs* @ [*x*] @ *ys* @ [*y*] @ *zs*

**shows** *list-order ops x y*

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *list-orderE*:

**assumes** *list-order ops x y*

**shows** ∃ *xs ys zs*. *interp-ins ops* = *xs* @ [*x*] @ *ys* @ [*y*] @ *zs*

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *list-order-memb1*:

**assumes** *list-order ops x y*

**shows** *x* ∈ set (*interp-ins ops*)

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *list-order-memb2*:

**assumes** *list-order ops x y*

**shows** *y* ∈ set (*interp-ins ops*)

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *list-order-trans*:

**assumes** *insert-ops op-list*

**and** *list-order op-list x y*

**and** *list-order op-list y z*

**shows** *list-order op-list x z*

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *insert-preserves-order*:

**assumes** *insert-ops ops* **and** *insert-ops rest*

**and** *rest* = before @ after

**and** *ops* = before @ (*oid*, ref) # after

**shows** ∃ *xs ys zs*. *interp-ins rest* = *xs* @ *zs* ∧ *interp-ins ops* = *xs* @ *ys* @ *zs*

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *distinct-fst*:

**assumes** *distinct* (map fst *A*)

**shows** *distinct A*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *subset-distinct-le*:

**assumes** *set A*  $\subseteq$  *set B* **and** *distinct A* **and** *distinct B*

**shows** *length A*  $\leq$  *length B*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *set-subset-length-eq*:

**assumes** *set A*  $\subseteq$  *set B* **and** *length B*  $\leq$  *length A*

**and** *distinct A* **and** *distinct B*

**shows** *set A* = *set B*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *length-diff-Suc-exists*:

**assumes** *length xs* - *length ys* = *Suc m*

**and** *set ys*  $\subseteq$  *set xs*

**and** *distinct ys* **and** *distinct xs*

**shows**  $\exists e. e \in \text{set } xs \wedge e \notin \text{set } ys$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *app-length-lt-exists*:

**assumes** *xsa* @ *zsa* = *xs* @ *ys*

**and** *length xsa*  $\leq$  *length xs*

**shows** *xsa* @ (*drop (length xsa) xs*) = *xs*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *list-order-monotonic*:

**assumes** *insert-ops A* **and** *insert-ops B*

**and** *set A*  $\subseteq$  *set B*

**and** *list-order A x y*

**shows** *list-order B x y*

*<proof>*

**end**

### 3 Relationship to Strong List Specification

In this section we show that our list specification is stronger than the  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$  specification of collaborative text editing by Attiya et al. [1]. We do this by showing that the OpSet interpretation of any set of insertion and deletion operations satisfies all of the consistency criteria that constitute the  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$  specification.

Attiya et al.'s specification is as follows [1]:

An abstract execution  $A = (H, \text{vis})$  belongs to the *strong list specification*  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$  if and only if there is a relation  $\text{lo} \subseteq \text{elems}(A) \times$



$\text{elems}(A)$ , called the *list order*, such that:

1. Each event  $e = do(op, w) \in H$  returns a sequence of elements  $w = a_0 \dots a_{n-1}$ , where  $a_i \in \text{elems}(A)$ , such that
  - (a)  $w$  contains exactly the elements visible to  $e$  that have been inserted, but not deleted:

$$\forall a. a \in w \iff (do(\text{ins}(a, \_), \_) \leq_{\text{vis}} e) \wedge \neg(do(\text{del}(a), \_) \leq_{\text{vis}} e).$$

- (b) The order of the elements is consistent with the list order:

$$\forall i, j. (i < j) \implies (a_i, a_j) \in \text{lo}.$$

- (c) Elements are inserted at the specified position: if  $op = \text{ins}(a, k)$ , then  $a = a_{\min\{k, n-1\}}$ .
2. The list order  $\text{lo}$  is transitive, irreflexive and total, and thus determines the order of all insert operations in the execution.

This specification considers only insertion and deletion operations, but no assignment. Moreover, it considers only a single list object, not a graph of composable objects like in our paper. Thus, we prove the relationship to  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$  using a simplified interpretation function that defines only insertion and deletion on a single list.

```
theory List-Spec
imports Insert-Spec
begin
```

We first define a datatype for list operations, with two constructors: *Insert ref val*, and *Delete ref*. For insertion, the *ref* argument is the ID of the existing element after which we want to insert, or *None* to insert at the head of the list. The *val* argument is an arbitrary value to associate with the list element. For deletion, the *ref* argument is the ID of the existing list element to delete.

```
datatype ('oid, 'val) list-op =
  Insert 'oid option 'val |
  Delete 'oid
```

When interpreting operations, the result is a pair  $(\text{list}, \text{vals})$ . The *list* contains the IDs of list elements in the correct order (equivalent to the list relation in the paper), and *vals* is a mapping from list element IDs to values (equivalent to the element relation in the paper).

Insertion delegates to the previously defined *insert-spec* interpretation function. Deleting a list element removes it from *vals*.

```
fun interp-op :: ('oid list  $\times$  ('oid  $\rightarrow$  'val))  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  ('oid, 'val) list-op)
            $\Rightarrow$  ('oid list  $\times$  ('oid  $\rightarrow$  'val)) where
```

$interp\text{-}op\ (list, vals)\ (oid, Insert\ ref\ val) = (insert\text{-}spec\ list\ (oid, ref), vals(oid \mapsto val)) \mid$   
 $interp\text{-}op\ (list, vals)\ (oid, Delete\ ref\ ) = (list, vals(ref := None))$

**definition**  $interp\text{-}ops :: ('oid \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ list \Rightarrow ('oid\ list \times ('oid \rightarrow 'val))$   
**where**

$interp\text{-}ops\ ops \equiv foldl\ interp\text{-}op\ ([], Map.empty)\ ops$

$list\text{-}order\ ops\ x\ y$  holds iff, after interpreting the list of operations  $ops$ , the list element with ID  $x$  appears before the list element with ID  $y$  in the resulting list.

**definition**  $list\text{-}order :: ('oid \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ list \Rightarrow 'oid \Rightarrow 'oid \Rightarrow bool$  **where**  
 $list\text{-}order\ ops\ x\ y \equiv \exists xs\ ys\ zs. fst\ (interp\text{-}ops\ ops) = xs\ @\ [x]\ @\ ys\ @\ [y]\ @\ zs$

The *make-insert* function generates a new operation for insertion into a given index in a given list. The exclamation mark is Isabelle's list subscript operator.

**fun**  $make\text{-}insert :: 'oid\ list \Rightarrow 'val \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op$  **where**  
 $make\text{-}insert\ list\ val\ 0 = Insert\ None\ val \mid$   
 $make\text{-}insert\ []\ val\ k = Insert\ None\ val \mid$   
 $make\text{-}insert\ list\ val\ (Suc\ k) = Insert\ (Some\ (list\ !\ (min\ k\ (length\ list - 1))))\ val$

The *list-ops* predicate is a specialisation of *spec-ops* to the *list-op* datatype: it describes a list of (ID, operation) pairs that is sorted by ID, and can thus be used for the sequential interpretation of the OpSet.

**fun**  $list\text{-}op\text{-}deps :: ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op \Rightarrow 'oid\ set$  **where**  
 $list\text{-}op\text{-}deps\ (Insert\ (Some\ ref)\ -) = \{ref\} \mid$   
 $list\text{-}op\text{-}deps\ (Insert\ None\ -) = \{\} \mid$   
 $list\text{-}op\text{-}deps\ (Delete\ ref\ ) = \{ref\}$

**locale**  $list\text{-}opset = opset\ opset\ list\text{-}op\text{-}deps$   
**for**  $opset :: ('oid::\{linorder\} \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ set$

**definition**  $list\text{-}ops :: ('oid::\{linorder\} \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ list \Rightarrow bool$  **where**  
 $list\text{-}ops\ ops \equiv spec\text{-}ops\ ops\ list\text{-}op\text{-}deps$

### 3.1 Lemmas about insertion and deletion

**definition**  $insertions :: ('oid::\{linorder\} \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ list \Rightarrow ('oid \times 'oid\ option)\ list$  **where**  
 $insertions\ ops \equiv List.map\text{-}filter\ (\lambda oper.$

$case\ oper\ of\ (oid, Insert\ ref\ val) \Rightarrow Some\ (oid, ref) \mid$   
 $(oid, Delete\ ref\ ) \Rightarrow None)\ ops$

**definition**  $inserted\text{-}ids :: ('oid::\{linorder\} \times ('oid, 'val)\ list\text{-}op)\ list \Rightarrow 'oid\ list$  **where**

$inserted\text{-}ids\ ops \equiv List.map\text{-}filter\ (\lambda oper.$   
 $case\ oper\ of\ (oid, Insert\ ref\ val) \Rightarrow Some\ oid \mid$

$$(oid, Delete\ ref\ \ ) \Rightarrow None) ops$$

**definition** *deleted-ids* :: ('oid::{'linorder'} × ('oid, 'val) list-op) list ⇒ 'oid list  
**where**

*deleted-ids ops* ≡ List.map-filter (λoper.  
 case oper of (oid, Insert ref val) ⇒ None |  
 (oid, Delete ref\ ) ⇒ Some ref) ops

**lemma** *interp-ops-unfold-last*:

**shows** *interp-ops* (xs @ [x]) = *interp-op* (*interp-ops* xs) x  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *map-filter-append*:

**shows** List.map-filter P (xs @ ys) = List.map-filter P xs @ List.map-filter P ys  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *map-filter-Some*:

**assumes** P x = Some y  
**shows** List.map-filter P [x] = [y]  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *map-filter-None*:

**assumes** P x = None  
**shows** List.map-filter P [x] = []  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *insertions-last-ins*:

**shows** *insertions* (xs @ [(oid, Insert ref val)]) = *insertions* xs @ [(oid, ref)]  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *insertions-last-del*:

**shows** *insertions* (xs @ [(oid, Delete ref)]) = *insertions* xs  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *insertions-fst-subset*:

**shows** set (map fst (*insertions* ops)) ⊆ set (map fst ops)  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *insertions-subset*:

**assumes** list-ops A **and** list-ops B  
**and** set A ⊆ set B  
**shows** set (*insertions* A) ⊆ set (*insertions* B)  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *list-ops-insertions*:

**assumes** list-ops ops  
**shows** *insert-ops* (*insertions* ops)  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *inserted-ids-last-ins*:

**shows**  $\text{inserted-ids } (xs @ [(oid, \text{Insert } ref \text{ val}]]) = \text{inserted-ids } xs @ [oid]$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *inserted-ids-last-del*:

**shows**  $\text{inserted-ids } (xs @ [(oid, \text{Delete } ref)]) = \text{inserted-ids } xs$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *inserted-ids-exist*:

**shows**  $oid \in \text{set } (\text{inserted-ids } ops) \longleftrightarrow (\exists ref \text{ val}. (oid, \text{Insert } ref \text{ val}) \in \text{set } ops)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *deleted-ids-last-ins*:

**shows**  $\text{deleted-ids } (xs @ [(oid, \text{Insert } ref \text{ val}]]) = \text{deleted-ids } xs$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *deleted-ids-last-del*:

**shows**  $\text{deleted-ids } (xs @ [(oid, \text{Delete } ref)]) = \text{deleted-ids } xs @ [ref]$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *deleted-ids-exist*:

**shows**  $ref \in \text{set } (\text{deleted-ids } ops) \longleftrightarrow (\exists i. (i, \text{Delete } ref) \in \text{set } ops)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *deleted-ids-refs-older*:

**assumes**  $\text{list-ops } (ops @ [(oid, oper)])$   
**shows**  $\bigwedge ref. ref \in \text{set } (\text{deleted-ids } ops) \implies ref < oid$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 3.2 Lemmas about interpreting operations

**lemma** *interp-ops-list-equiv*:

**shows**  $\text{fst } (\text{interp-ops } ops) = \text{interp-ins } (\text{insertions } ops)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ops-distinct*:

**assumes**  $\text{list-ops } ops$   
**shows**  $\text{distinct } (\text{fst } (\text{interp-ops } ops))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *list-order-equiv*:

**shows**  $\text{list-order } ops \ x \ y \longleftrightarrow \text{Insert-Spec.list-order } (\text{insertions } ops) \ x \ y$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ops-vals-domain*:

**assumes**  $\text{list-ops } ops$   
**shows**  $\text{dom } (\text{snd } (\text{interp-ops } ops)) = \text{set } (\text{inserted-ids } ops) - \text{set } (\text{deleted-ids } ops)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-spec-nth-oid*:  
**assumes** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $n < \text{length } xs$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-spec } xs \ (oid, \text{Some } (xs ! n)) ! \text{Suc } n = oid$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-spec-inc-length*:  
**assumes** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $n < \text{length } xs$   
**shows**  $\text{length } (\text{insert-spec } xs \ (oid, \text{Some } (xs ! n))) = \text{Suc } (\text{length } xs)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *list-split-two-elems*:  
**assumes** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $x \in \text{set } xs$  **and**  $y \in \text{set } xs$   
**and**  $x \neq y$   
**shows**  $\exists \text{pre mid suf. } xs = \text{pre} @ x \# \text{mid} @ y \# \text{suf} \vee xs = \text{pre} @ y \# \text{mid} @ x \# \text{suf}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 3.3 Satisfying all conditions of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$

Part 1(a) of Attiya et al.'s specification states that whenever the list is observed, the elements of the list are exactly those that have been inserted but not deleted.  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{strong}}$  uses the visibility relation  $\leq_{\text{vis}}$  to capture the operations known to a node at some arbitrary point in the execution; in the OpSet model, we can simply prove the theorem for an arbitrary OpSet, since the contents of the OpSet at a particular time on a particular node correspond exactly to the set of operations known to that node at that time.

**theorem** *inserted-but-not-deleted*:  
**assumes** *list-ops ops*  
**and**  $\text{interp-ops } ops = (\text{list}, \text{vals})$   
**shows**  $a \in \text{dom } (\text{vals}) \longleftrightarrow (\exists \text{ref val. } (a, \text{Insert ref val}) \in \text{set } ops) \wedge$   
 $(\nexists i. (i, \text{Delete } a) \in \text{set } ops)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Part 1(b) states that whenever the list is observed, the order of list elements is consistent with the global list order. We can define the global list order simply as the list order that arises from interpreting the OpSet containing all operations in the entire execution. Then, at any point in the execution, the OpSet is some subset of the set of all operations.

We can then rephrase condition 1(b) as follows: whenever list element  $x$  appears before list element  $y$  in the interpretation of *some-ops*, then for any OpSet *all-ops* that is a superset of *some-ops*,  $x$  must also appear before  $y$  in the interpretation of *all-ops*. In other words, adding more operations to the OpSet does not change the relative order of any existing list elements.

**theorem** *list-order-consistent*:  
**assumes** *list-ops some-ops* **and** *list-ops all-ops*  
**and** *set some-ops*  $\subseteq$  *set all-ops*  
**and** *list-order some-ops*  $x\ y$   
**shows** *list-order all-ops*  $x\ y$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Part 1(c) states that inserted elements appear at the specified position: that is, immediately after an insertion of *oid* at index  $k$ , the list index  $k$  does indeed contain *oid* (provided that  $k$  is less than the length of the list). We prove this property below.

**theorem** *correct-position-insert*:  
**assumes** *list-ops* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *ins*)])  
**and** *ins* = *make-insert* (*fst* (*interp-ops ops*)) *val k*  
**and** *list* = *fst* (*interp-ops* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *ins*)]))  
**shows** *list* ! (*min k* (*length list* - 1)) = *oid*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Part 2 states that the list order relation must be transitive, irreflexive, and total. These three properties are straightforward to prove, using our definition of the *list-order* predicate.

**theorem** *list-order-trans*:  
**assumes** *list-ops ops*  
**and** *list-order ops*  $x\ y$   
**and** *list-order ops*  $y\ z$   
**shows** *list-order ops*  $x\ z$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**theorem** *list-order-irrefl*:  
**assumes** *list-ops ops*  
**shows**  $\neg$  *list-order ops*  $x\ x$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**theorem** *list-order-total*:  
**assumes** *list-ops ops*  
**and**  $x \in \text{set } (\text{fst } (\text{interp-ops } ops))$   
**and**  $y \in \text{set } (\text{fst } (\text{interp-ops } ops))$   
**and**  $x \neq y$   
**shows** *list-order ops*  $x\ y \vee$  *list-order ops*  $y\ x$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**end**

## 4 Interleaving of concurrent insertions

In this section we prove that our list specification rules out interleaving of concurrent insertion sequences starting at the same position.

```

theory Interleaving
  imports Insert-Spec
begin

```

#### 4.1 Lemmas about *insert-ops*

```

lemma map-fst-append1:
  assumes  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } xs). P\ i$ 
  and  $P\ x$ 
  shows  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } (xs @ [(x, y)])) . P\ i$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma insert-ops-split:
  assumes insert-ops ops
  and  $(oid, ref) \in \text{set } ops$ 
  shows  $\exists pre\ suf. ops = pre @ [(oid, ref)] @ suf \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } pre). i < oid) \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } suf). oid < i)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma insert-ops-split-2:
  assumes insert-ops ops
  and  $(xid, xr) \in \text{set } ops$ 
  and  $(yid, yr) \in \text{set } ops$ 
  and  $xid < yid$ 
  shows  $\exists as\ bs\ cs. ops = as @ [(xid, xr)] @ bs @ [(yid, yr)] @ cs \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } as). i < xid) \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } bs). xid < i \wedge i < yid) \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map } \text{fst } cs). yid < i)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma insert-ops-sorted-oids:
  assumes insert-ops  $(xs @ [(i1, r1)] @ ys @ [(i2, r2)])$ 
  shows  $i1 < i2$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma insert-ops-subset-last:
  assumes insert-ops  $(xs @ [x])$ 
  and insert-ops  $ys$ 
  and  $\text{set } ys \subseteq \text{set } (xs @ [x])$ 
  and  $x \in \text{set } ys$ 
  shows  $x = \text{last } ys$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma subset-butlast:
  assumes  $\text{set } xs \subseteq \text{set } (ys @ [y])$ 
  and  $\text{last } xs = y$ 
  and distinct  $xs$ 
  shows  $\text{set } (\text{butlast } xs) \subseteq \text{set } ys$ 

```

$\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-append-butlast1*:  
  **assumes** *distinct* (*map fst xs @ map fst ys*)  
  **shows** *distinct* (*map fst (butlast xs) @ map fst ys*)  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *distinct-append-butlast2*:  
  **assumes** *distinct* (*map fst xs @ map fst ys*)  
  **shows** *distinct* (*map fst xs @ map fst (butlast ys)*)  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

## 4.2 Lemmas about *interp-ins*

**lemma** *interp-ins-maybe-grow*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs @ [(oid, ref)]*)  
  **shows** *set (interp-ins (xs @ [(oid, ref)])) = set (interp-ins xs)  $\vee$*   
          *set (interp-ins (xs @ [(oid, ref)])) = (set (interp-ins xs)  $\cup$  {oid})*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-maybe-grow2*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs @ [x]*)  
  **shows** *set (interp-ins (xs @ [x])) = set (interp-ins xs)  $\vee$*   
          *set (interp-ins (xs @ [x])) = (set (interp-ins xs)  $\cup$  {fst x})*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-maybe-grow3*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs @ ys*)  
  **shows**  $\exists A. A \subseteq \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys) \wedge \text{set } (\text{interp-ins } (xs @ ys)) = \text{set } (\text{interp-ins } xs) \cup A$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-ref-none*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
    **and** *ops = xs @ [(oid, Some ref)] @ ys*  
    **and** *ref  $\notin$  set (interp-ins xs)*  
  **shows** *oid  $\notin$  set (interp-ins ops)*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-last-None*:  
  **shows** *oid  $\in$  set (interp-ins (ops @ [(oid, None)]))*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-monotonic*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops (pre @ suf)*  
    **and** *oid  $\in$  set (interp-ins pre)*  
  **shows** *oid  $\in$  set (interp-ins (pre @ suf))*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$



**lemma** *interp-ins-append-non-memb*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*pre* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *suf*)  
**and** *ref*  $\notin$  *set* (*interp-ins pre*)  
**shows** *ref*  $\notin$  *set* (*interp-ins* (*pre* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *suf*))  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-append-memb*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*pre* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *suf*)  
**and** *ref*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins pre*)  
**shows** *oid*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins* (*pre* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *suf*))  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-append-forward*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs* @ *ys*)  
**and** *oid*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins* (*xs* @ *ys*))  
**and** *oid*  $\in$  *set* (*map fst xs*)  
**shows** *oid*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins xs*)  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *interp-ins-find-ref*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *ys*)  
**and** *ref*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins* (*xs* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] @ *ys*))  
**shows**  $\exists r. (ref, r) \in$  *set xs*  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

### 4.3 Lemmas about *list-order*

**lemma** *list-order-append*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*pre* @ *suf*)  
**and** *list-order pre x y*  
**shows** *list-order* (*pre* @ *suf*) *x y*  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *list-order-insert-ref*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] )  
**and** *ref*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins ops*)  
**shows** *list-order* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] ) *ref oid*  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *list-order-insert-none*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *None*)] )  
**and** *x*  $\in$  *set* (*interp-ins ops*)  
**shows** *list-order* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *None*)] ) *oid x*  
 $\langle$ *proof* $\rangle$

**lemma** *list-order-insert-between*:  
**assumes** *insert-ops* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] )  
**and** *list-order ops ref x*  
**shows** *list-order* (*ops* @ [(*oid*, *Some ref*)] ) *oid x*

$\langle proof \rangle$

#### 4.4 The *insert-seq* predicate

The predicate *insert-seq start ops* is true iff *ops* is a list of insertion operations that begins by inserting after *start*, and then continues by placing each subsequent insertion directly after its predecessor. This definition models the sequential insertion of text at a particular place in a text document.

**inductive** *insert-seq* :: 'oid option  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  'oid option) list  $\Rightarrow$  bool **where**  
  *insert-seq start* [(oid, start)] |  
  [[*insert-seq start* (list @ [(prev, ref)])]]  
     $\Rightarrow$  *insert-seq start* (list @ [(prev, ref), (oid, Some prev)])

**lemma** *insert-seq-nonempty*:  
  **assumes** *insert-seq start xs*  
  **shows**  $xs \neq []$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-hd*:  
  **assumes** *insert-seq start xs*  
  **shows**  $\exists oid. hd\ xs = (oid, start)$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-rem-last*:  
  **assumes** *insert-seq start (xs @ [x])*  
  **and**  $xs \neq []$   
  **shows** *insert-seq start xs*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-butlast*:  
  **assumes** *insert-seq start xs*  
  **and**  $xs \neq []$  **and**  $xs \neq [last\ xs]$   
  **shows** *insert-seq start (butlast xs)*  
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-last-ref*:  
  **assumes** *insert-seq start (xs @ [(xi, xr), (yi, yr)])*  
  **shows**  $yr = Some\ xi$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-start-none*:  
  **assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
  **and** *insert-seq None xs* **and** *insert-ops xs*  
  **and**  $set\ xs \subseteq set\ ops$   
  **shows**  $\forall i \in set\ (map\ fst\ xs). i \in set\ (interp-ins\ ops)$   
   $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-after-start*:

**assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
**and** *insert-seq (Some ref) xs and insert-ops xs*  
**and** *set xs  $\subseteq$  set ops*  
**and** *ref  $\in$  set (interp-ins ops)*  
**shows**  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). \text{list-order ops ref } i$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-seq-no-start:*

**assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
**and** *insert-seq (Some ref) xs and insert-ops xs*  
**and** *set xs  $\subseteq$  set ops*  
**and** *ref  $\notin$  set (interp-ins ops)*  
**shows**  $\forall i \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). i \notin \text{set } (\text{interp-ins ops})$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 4.5 The proof of no interleaving

**lemma** *no-interleaving-ordered:*

**assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
**and** *insert-seq start xs and insert-ops xs*  
**and** *insert-seq start ys and insert-ops ys*  
**and** *set xs  $\subseteq$  set ops and set ys  $\subseteq$  set ops*  
**and** *distinct (map fst xs @ map fst ys)*  
**and** *fst (hd xs) < fst (hd ys)*  
**and**  $\bigwedge r. \text{start} = \text{Some } r \implies r \in \text{set } (\text{interp-ins ops})$   
**shows**  $(\forall x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). \forall y \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). \text{list-order ops } y \ x) \wedge$   
 $(\forall r. \text{start} = \text{Some } r \longrightarrow (\forall x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). \text{list-order ops } r \ x) \wedge$   
 $(\forall y \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). \text{list-order ops } r \ y))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Consider an execution that contains two distinct insertion sequences, *xs* and *ys*, that both begin at the same initial position *start*. We prove that, provided the starting element exists, the two insertion sequences are not interleaved. That is, in the final list order, either all insertions by *xs* appear before all insertions by *ys*, or vice versa.

**theorem** *no-interleaving:*

**assumes** *insert-ops ops*  
**and** *insert-seq start xs and insert-ops xs*  
**and** *insert-seq start ys and insert-ops ys*  
**and** *set xs  $\subseteq$  set ops and set ys  $\subseteq$  set ops*  
**and** *distinct (map fst xs @ map fst ys)*  
**and**  $\text{start} = \text{None} \vee (\exists r. \text{start} = \text{Some } r \wedge r \in \text{set } (\text{interp-ins ops}))$   
**shows**  $(\forall x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). \forall y \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). \text{list-order ops } x \ y) \vee$   
 $(\forall x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs). \forall y \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). \text{list-order ops } y \ x)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

For completeness, we also prove what happens if there are two insertion sequences, *xs* and *ys*, but their initial position *start* does not exist. In that case, none of the insertions in *xs* or *ys* take effect.

```

theorem missing-start-no-insertion:
  assumes insert-ops ops
    and insert-seq (Some start) xs and insert-ops xs
    and insert-seq (Some start) ys and insert-ops ys
    and set xs  $\subseteq$  set ops and set ys  $\subseteq$  set ops
    and start  $\notin$  set (interp-ins ops)
  shows  $\forall x \in \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs) \cup \text{set } (\text{map fst } ys). x \notin \text{set } (\text{interp-ins ops})$ 
  <proof>

end

```

## 5 The Replicated Growable Array (RGA)

The RGA algorithm [4] is a replicated list (or collaborative text-editing) algorithm. In this section we prove that RGA satisfies our list specification. The Isabelle/HOL definition of RGA in this section is based on our prior work on formally verifying CRDTs [3, 2].

```

theory RGA
  imports Insert-Spec
begin

```

```

fun insert-body :: 'oid::{linorder} list  $\Rightarrow$  'oid  $\Rightarrow$  'oid list where
  insert-body [] e = [e] |
  insert-body (x # xs) e =
    (if x < e then e # x # xs
     else x # insert-body xs e)

fun insert-rga :: 'oid::{linorder} list  $\Rightarrow$  ('oid  $\times$  'oid option)  $\Rightarrow$  'oid list where
  insert-rga xs (e, None) = insert-body xs e |
  insert-rga [] (e, Some i) = [] |
  insert-rga (x # xs) (e, Some i) =
    (if x = i then
     x # insert-body xs e
    else
     x # insert-rga xs (e, Some i))

```

```

definition interp-rga :: ('oid::{linorder}  $\times$  'oid option) list  $\Rightarrow$  'oid list where
  interp-rga ops  $\equiv$  foldl insert-rga [] ops

```

### 5.1 Commutativity of *insert-rga*

```

lemma insert-body-set-ins [simp]:
  shows set (insert-body xs e) = insert e (set xs)
  <proof>

```

```

lemma insert-rga-set-ins:
  assumes i  $\in$  set xs

```

**shows**  $\text{set } (\text{insert-rga } xs \text{ (oid, Some i)}) = \text{insert oid } (\text{set } xs)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-body-commutes*:  
**shows**  $\text{insert-body } (\text{insert-body } xs \ e1) \ e2 = \text{insert-body } (\text{insert-body } xs \ e2) \ e1$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-insert-body-commute*:  
**assumes**  $i2 \neq \text{Some } e1$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-body } xs \ e1) \ (e2, i2) = \text{insert-body } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e2, i2)) \ e1$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-None-commutes*:  
**assumes**  $i2 \neq \text{Some } e1$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e1, \text{None})) \ (e2, i2) =$   
 $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e2, i2)) \ (e1, \text{None})$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-nonexistent*:  
**assumes**  $i \notin \text{set } xs$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e, \text{Some } i) = xs$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-Some-commutes*:  
**assumes**  $i1 \in \text{set } xs$  **and**  $i2 \in \text{set } xs$   
**and**  $e1 \neq i2$  **and**  $e2 \neq i1$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e1, \text{Some } i1)) \ (e2, \text{Some } i2) =$   
 $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e2, \text{Some } i2)) \ (e1, \text{Some } i1)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-commutes*:  
**assumes**  $i2 \neq \text{Some } e1$  **and**  $i1 \neq \text{Some } e2$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e1, i1)) \ (e2, i2) =$   
 $\text{insert-rga } (\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e2, i2)) \ (e1, i1)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-body-split*:  
**shows**  $\exists p \ s. xs = p @ s \wedge \text{insert-body } xs \ e = p @ e \# s$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-between-elements*:  
**assumes**  $xs = \text{pre} @ \text{ref} \# \text{suf}$   
**and** *distinct xs*  
**and**  $\bigwedge i. i \in \text{set } xs \implies i < e$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } xs \ (e, \text{Some ref}) = \text{pre} @ \text{ref} \# e \# \text{suf}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-after-ref*:

**assumes**  $\forall x \in \text{set } as. a \neq x$   
**and**  $\text{insert-body } (cs @ ds) e = cs @ e \# ds$   
**shows**  $\text{insert-rga } (as @ a \# cs @ ds) (e, \text{Some } a) = as @ a \# cs @ e \# ds$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-rga-preserves-order*:  
**assumes**  $i = \text{None} \vee (\exists i'. i = \text{Some } i' \wedge i' \in \text{set } xs)$   
**and** *distinct xs*  
**shows**  $\exists \text{pre suf}. xs = \text{pre} @ \text{suf} \wedge \text{insert-rga } xs (e, i) = \text{pre} @ e \# \text{suf}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 5.2 Lemmas about the *rga-ops* predicate

**definition** *rga-ops* ::  $(\text{'oid}::\{\text{linorder}\} \times \text{'oid option}) \text{ list} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  **where**  
 $\text{rga-ops list} \equiv \text{crdt-ops list set-option}$

**lemma** *rga-ops-rem-last*:  
**assumes**  $\text{rga-ops } (xs @ [x])$   
**shows**  $\text{rga-ops } xs$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *rga-ops-rem-penultimate*:  
**assumes**  $\text{rga-ops } (xs @ [(i1, r1), (i2, r2)])$   
**and**  $\bigwedge r. r2 = \text{Some } r \implies r \neq i1$   
**shows**  $\text{rga-ops } (xs @ [(i2, r2)])$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *rga-ops-ref-exists*:  
**assumes**  $\text{rga-ops } (\text{pre} @ (\text{oid}, \text{Some } \text{ref}) \# \text{suf})$   
**shows**  $\text{ref} \in \text{fst } \text{' set pre}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 5.3 Lemmas about the *interp-rga* function

**lemma** *interp-rga-tail-unfold*:  
**shows**  $\text{interp-rga } (xs @ [x]) = \text{insert-rga } (\text{interp-rga } (xs)) x$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-rga-ids*:  
**assumes**  $\text{rga-ops } xs$   
**shows**  $\text{set } (\text{interp-rga } xs) = \text{set } (\text{map fst } xs)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-rga-distinct*:  
**assumes**  $\text{rga-ops } xs$   
**shows**  $\text{distinct } (\text{interp-rga } xs)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 5.4 Proof that RGA satisfies the list specification

**lemma** *final-insert*:

**assumes**  $set\ (xs\ @\ [x]) = set\ (ys\ @\ [x])$   
**and**  $rga-ops\ (xs\ @\ [x])$   
**and**  $insert-ops\ (ys\ @\ [x])$   
**and**  $interp-rga\ xs = interp-ins\ ys$   
**shows**  $interp-rga\ (xs\ @\ [x]) = interp-ins\ (ys\ @\ [x])$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *interp-rga-reorder*:

**assumes**  $rga-ops\ (pre\ @\ suf\ @\ [(oid,\ ref)])$   
**and**  $\bigwedge i\ r. (i,\ Some\ r) \in set\ suf \implies r \neq oid$   
**and**  $\bigwedge r. ref = Some\ r \implies r \notin fst\ 'set\ suf$   
**shows**  $interp-rga\ (pre\ @\ (oid,\ ref)\ \# \ suf) = interp-rga\ (pre\ @\ suf\ @\ [(oid,\ ref)])$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *rga-spec-equal*:

**assumes**  $set\ xs = set\ ys$   
**and**  $insert-ops\ xs$   
**and**  $rga-ops\ ys$   
**shows**  $interp-ins\ xs = interp-rga\ ys$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *insert-ops-exist*:

**assumes**  $rga-ops\ xs$   
**shows**  $\exists ys. set\ xs = set\ ys \wedge insert-ops\ ys$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**theorem** *rga-meets-spec*:

**assumes**  $rga-ops\ xs$   
**shows**  $\exists ys. set\ ys = set\ xs \wedge insert-ops\ ys \wedge interp-ins\ ys = interp-rga\ xs$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**end**

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