

Modular Termination Verification

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  {  $\text{sqrt}(x \cdot x + y \cdot y)$  }
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void main()  
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```

```
num vectorSize(num x, num y)
```

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```
✓ { sqrt(x · x + y · y) }
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```
void main()
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✓ { assert  $0 \leq \text{vectorSize}(3, 4)$  }
```


num sqrt(**num** x)

req $0 \leq x$

ens $0 \leq \text{result}$

✓ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{num } y := (1 + x)/2; \\ (y + x/y)/2 \end{array} \right\}$

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```
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  level 1  
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```

```
void main()  
  level 2  
{ assert 0 ≤ vectorSize(3, 4) }
```

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num average(**num** x, **num** y)

level 0

{ $(x + y)/2$ }

num sqrt(**num** x)

level 0

{ average(1, x) }

num vectorSize(**num** x, **num** y)

level 1

{ $\text{sqrt}(x \cdot x + y \cdot y)$ }

void main()

level 2

{ **assert** $0 \leq \text{vectorSize}(3, 4)$ }

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```
class Math { static num sqrt(num x) }  
           { { (1 + x)/2 } }
```

```
class Util { static num vectorSize(num x, num y) }  
           { { sqrt(x · x + y · y) } }
```

```
class Main { static void main() }  
           { { assert 0 ≤ vectorSize(3, 4) } } }
```

Import Relation

```
class Math { static num sqrt(num x) }  
           { (1 + x)/2 }
```

```
class Util import Math { static num vectorSize(num x, num y) }  
                       { sqrt(x · x + y · y) }
```

```
class Main import Util { static void main()  
                       { assert 0 ≤ vectorSize(3, 4) } }
```

Levels: Method Names

```
class Math {  
  static num sqrt(num x)  
  level Math.sqrt  
  { (1 + x)/2 }  
}
```

```
class Util import Math {  
  static num vectorSize(num x, num y)  
  level Util.vectorSize  
  { sqrt(x · x + y · y) }  
}
```

```
class Main import Util {  
  static void main()  
  level Main.main  
  { assert 0 ≤ vectorSize(3, 4) }  
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  level sqrt  
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```
class Math {  
  static num average(num x, num y)  
    level average  
    { (x + y)/2 }  
  static num sqrt(num x)  
    level sqrt  
    { average(1, x) }  
}
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```
class Util import Math {  
  static num vectorSize(num x, num y)  
    level vectorSize  
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}
```

```
class Main import Util {  
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    level main  
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Specification Pattern

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$$\dots m(\dots)$$

level m

$$\{ \dots \}$$

Reason

Allows arbitrary upcalls.

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Dynamic Binding

```
interface Function {  
    num apply(num x)  
}
```

```
class Util {
```

```
    static num derivative(Function f, num x)  
    { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }  
}
```

```
class ZeroFunc implements Function { num apply(num x) { 0 } }
```

```
class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc {  
    void main()  
    { derivative(new ZeroFunc(), 0) }  
}
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Dynamic Binding

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interface Function {  
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        level main
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Dynamic Binding

```
interface Function {  
    num apply(num x)  
        level classOf(this).apply  
}
```

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class Util {  
  
    static num derivative(Function f, num x)  
        level ?  
    { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }  
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        level derivative  
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}
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Dynamic Binding

```
interface Function {  
    num apply(num x)  
    level this.apply  
}  
class Util {  
    static num derivativeHelper(Function f, num x)  
        level f.apply  
    { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }  
    static num derivative(Function f, num x)  
        level f.apply  
    { derivativeHelper(f, x) }  
}  
class ZeroFunc implements Function { num apply(num x) { 0 } }  
class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc {  
    void main()  
        level main  
    { derivative(new ZeroFunc(), 0) }  
}
```


Dynamic Binding: Multiset Order

```
interface Function {
  num apply(num x)
  level {this.apply}
}
class Util {
  static num derivativeHelper(Function f, num x)
  level {derivativeHelper, f.apply}
  { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }
  static num derivative(Function f, num x)
  level {derivative, f.apply}
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Complex Objects

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}
class Util {
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    { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }
}
class ZeroFunc implements Function { num apply(num x) { 0 } }
class Plus1Func(Function f) implements Function {
    num apply(num x) { f.apply(x) + 1 }
}
class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {
    void main()
    { derivative(new Plus1Func(new ZeroFunc()), 0) }
}
```

Complex Objects

```
interface Function {  
    num apply(num x)  
    level {this.apply}  
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        level {main}  
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    level {this.apply, this.f.apply}  
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class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {  
    void main()  
    level {main}  
    { derivative(new Plus1Func(new ZeroFunc()), 0) }  
}
```

Complex Objects

```
interface Function {
  num apply(num x)
  level if this instanceof Plus1Func then {this.apply, this.f.apply}
  else {this.apply}
}

class Util {
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  level {derivative, f.apply}
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class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {
  void main()
  level {main}
  { derivative(new Plus1Func(new ZeroFunc()), 0) }
```

Complex Objects: Predicate Families, Dynamic Depths

```
interface Function {  
  predicate valid(MethodBag depth)  
  num apply(num x)  
  req this.valid(d)  
  level d  
}
```


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  req this.valid(d)  
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}  
class ZeroFunc implements Function {  
  predicate valid(MethodBag depth) =  
    (depth = {this.apply})  
  num apply(num x) { 0 }  
}
```

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        (depth = {this.apply})  
    num apply(num x) { 0 }  
}  
  
class Plus1Func(Function f) implements Function {  
    predicate valid(MethodBag depth) =  
        ( $\exists df. f.valid(df) \wedge depth = \{this.apply\} \uplus df$ )  
    num apply(num x) { f.apply(x) + 1 }  
}
```

Predicate Families: Inductive Interpretation

$$\frac{\text{ZEROFUNCVALID} \quad \text{classOf}(o) = \text{ZeroFunc} \quad \text{depth} = \{\{o.\text{apply}\}\}}{o.\text{valid}(\text{depth})}$$

$$\frac{\text{PLUS1FUNCVALID} \quad \text{classOf}(o) = \text{Plus1Func} \quad o.f.\text{valid}(\text{df}) \quad \text{depth} = \{\{o.\text{apply}\}\} \uplus \text{df}}{o.\text{valid}(\text{depth})}$$

[Parkinson and Bierman, POPL 2005]

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}

class Util {
  static num derivative(Function f, num x)
  req f.valid(d)
  level {derivative}  $\uplus$  d
  { f.apply(x + 1) - f.apply(x) }
}

class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {
  void main()
  level {main}
  { derivative(new Plus1Func(new ZeroFunc()), 0) }
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```

Complex Objects: Predicate Families, Dynamic Depths

```
class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {  
  void main()  
    level {main}  
  {  
    Function f1 := new ZeroFunc();  
    {f1.valid({ZeroFunc.apply})}  
    Function f2 := new Plus1Func(f1);  
    {f2.valid({Plus1Func.apply, ZeroFunc.apply})}  
    {{derivative, Plus1Func.apply, ZeroFunc.apply} < {main}}  
    derivative(f2, 0)  
  }  
}
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Abstract Object Construction

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    predicate valid(MethodBag depth) =  
        (depth = {this.apply})  
    num apply(num x) { 0 }  
    static create()  
        level {create}  
        ens  $\exists d. \text{result.valid}(d) \wedge d < \{\text{create}\}$   
    { new ZeroFunc() }  
}
```

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```
class Plus1Func(Function f) implements Function {  
  predicate valid(MethodBag depth) =  
    ( $\exists d. f.valid(d) \wedge depth = \{\{this.apply\} \uplus d\}$ )  
  num apply(num x) { f.apply(x) + 1 }  
  static create(Function f)  
    req f.valid(df)  
    level  $\{\{create\} \uplus df\}$   
    ens  $\exists d. result.valid(d) \wedge d < \{\{create\} \uplus df\}$   
  { new Plus1Func(df) }  
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```
class Main imports Util, ZeroFunc, Plus1Func {  
  void main()  
    level {main}  
  {  
    Function f1 := ZeroFunc.create();  
    {f1.valid(d1)  $\wedge$  d1 < {ZeroFunc}}  
    Function f2 := Plus1Func.create(f1);  
    {f2.valid(d2)  $\wedge$  d2 < {Plus1Func, ZeroFunc}}  
    {{derivative}  $\uplus$  d2 < {main}}  
    derivative(f2, 0)  
  }  
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