# Types for Safe Locking: Static Race Detection for Java

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This article presents a static race-detection analysis for multithreaded shared-memory programs, focusing on the Java programming language. The analysis is based on a type system that captures many common synchronization patterns. It supports classes with internal synchronization, classes that require client-side synchronization, and thread-local classes. In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the type system, we have implemented it in a checker and applied it to over 40,000 lines of hand-annotated Java code. We found a number of race conditions in the standard Java libraries and other test programs. The checker required fewer than 20 additional type annotations per 1,000 lines of code. This article also describes two improvements that facilitate checking much larger programs: an algorithm for annotation inference and a user interface that clarifies warnings generated by the checker. These extensions have enabled us to use the checker for identifying race conditions in large-scale software systems with up to 500,000 lines of code.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Race conditions are common, insidious errors in multithreaded programs. A race condition occurs when two threads manipulate a shared data structure simultaneously, without synchronization. Although some race conditions are benign and do not affect program correctness, in many cases race conditions result in program crashes, incorrect results, and other unintended program behavior. Race conditions can be avoided by careful programming discipline: protecting each data structure with a lock and acquiring that lock before manipulating the data structure [Birrell 1989]. Since a lock can be held by at most one thread at any time, adherence to this lock-based synchronization discipline ensures a race-free program.

Current programming tools provide little support for this synchronization discipline. It is easy to write a program that inadvertently neglects to perform crucial synchronization operations. These synchronization errors are not detected by traditional compile-time checks. Furthermore, because the resulting race conditions are scheduler dependent, they are difficult to catch using runtime testing techniques. A single synchronization error in an otherwise correct program may yield a race condition whose cause takes weeks to identify [Savage et al. 1997].

This article investigates a static analysis system for detecting race conditions in Java programs. The analysis supports the lock-based synchronization discipline by associating a lock with each shared field and by verifying that the appropriate lock is held whenever a shared field is accessed (that is, read or updated). We express the reasoning and checks performed by this analysis as an extension of Java's type system. We start by presenting an initial type system that suffices to verify that some example programs in a core subset of Java are free of race conditions. In order to accommodate larger, more realistic, multithreaded programs, we extend the initial type system with a number of additional features. These features include:

- -classes parameterized by locks, which allow the fields of a class to be protected by some lock external to the class;
- -the notion of objects that are local to a particular thread and therefore safely accessible without synchronization; and
- —mechanisms for escaping from the type system in places where it proves too restrictive, or where a particular race condition is considered benign.

In order to evaluate the utility of the resulting type system, we have implemented a typechecker and tested it on a variety of Java programs totaling over 40,000 lines of code. These programs include the standard Java input/output package java.io; an interpreter for the web scripting language WebL; and Ambit, a mobile-ambient calculus implementation.

Checking these programs using our type system requires adding some type annotations. Typically, fewer than 20 annotations are required per 1,000 lines of code. Most of the annotations were inserted in response to feedback from the checker. The annotation process proceeded at a rate of roughly 1,000 lines of code per programmer-hour. During this process, we discovered a number of race conditions in the programs being checked, including one race condition in the class java.util.Vector, four in the java.io package, and five in the WebL implementation. Although it is far from complete, the type system proved sufficiently expressive to accommodate the majority of synchronization patterns present in these programs.

Despite these successes, the annotation cost of our initial checker prevented its adoption for large-scale software development projects, particularly when a sizable code base already exists. The second half of this article extends the race-condition checker with two key features:

- an annotation-inference algorithm that automatically computes annotations, and
- —a user interface that reduces the burden of inspecting the warnings generated by the checker.

The annotation inference has enabled us to analyze programs with up to 500,000 lines of code, and the user interface helped us in identifying race conditions in those programs.

The presentation of our results proceeds as follows. Section 2 introduces a small concurrent subset of Java, which we use to provide a formal description of our type system. Section 3 describes an initial type system, plus extensions for classes parameterized by locks and thread-local classes. Section 4 describes our prototype implementation, including the escape mechanisms. Section 5 discusses our experiences checking several Java programs. In Section 6, we turn our attention to issues of scale and extensions to check large programs, and present our annotation-inference algorithm and user interface. Section 7 describes our experiences applying these tools to large examples. We relate this work to other projects in Section 8, and we conclude in Section 9. The Appendix contains a formal definition of the type system and proofs.

This article is based on work presented in preliminary form at conferences and workshops [Flanagan and Abadi 1999b; Flanagan and Abadi 1999a; Flanagan and Freund 2000; Flanagan and Freund 2001]. Some of that work focused on lambda calculi and object calculi (rather than Java), and some relied on type constructions not considered here (for example, existential types). It also treated deadlocks, which, like race conditions, are infamously common in multithreaded programming.

## 2. A MULTITHREADED SUBSET OF JAVA

This section introduces CONCURRENTJAVA, a small multithreaded subset of Java. This language is derived from CLASSICJAVA [Flatt et al. 1998], a sequential subset of Java, and we adopt much of the type structure and semantics of CLASSICJAVA.

$$P ::= defn^* e$$
(program)  

$$defn ::= class cn body$$
(class declaration)  

$$body ::= extends c \{ field^* meth^* \}$$
(class body)  

$$field ::= [final]_{opt} t fn = v$$
(field declaration)  

$$meth ::= t mn(arg^*) \{ e \}$$
(method declaration)  

$$arg ::= t x$$
(variable declaration)  

$$s, t ::= c$$
(type)  

$$| int$$
(class type)  

$$| Object$$
  

$$e, f ::= v$$
(value)  

$$| new c()$$
(allocate)  

$$| e.fn = e$$
(field read)  

$$| e.fn = e$$
(field update)  

$$| e.mn(e^*)$$
(method call)  

$$| let arg = e in e$$
(variable binding)  

$$| synchronized e e$$
(synchronization)  

$$| e.fork$$
(fork)  

$$v ::= x$$
(variable)  

$$| n$$
(integer)  

$$| null$$
(null reference)  

$$cn \in class names$$
fn  $\in$  field names   

$$mn \in method names$$
x, y  $\in$  variable names   
n  $\in$  integers

Fig. 1. The grammar for CONCURRENTJAVA.

#### 2.1 Syntax and Informal Semantics

The syntax of CONCURRENTJAVA is shown in Figure 1. A program is a sequence of class declarations together with an initial expression, which is the starting point for the program's execution. Each class declaration associates a class name with a body that consists of a super class, a sequence of field declarations, and a sequence of method declarations. The self-reference variable "this" is implicitly bound within these field and method declarations.

A field declaration includes an initializer expression and an optional final modifier; if this modifier is present, then the field cannot be updated after initialization. We use " $[X]_{opt}$ " in grammars to denote either "X" or the empty string. A field initializer may be an integer, null, or a variable. A method declaration consists of the method name, its return type, number and types of its arguments, and an expression for the method body. Types include class types and integers. Class types include class names introduced by the program, as well as the predefined class Object, which serves as the root of the class hierarchy.

Expressions include the typical ones for object allocation, field read and update, method invocation, and variable binding and reference. CONCURRENTJAVA also supports multithreaded programs by including the operation *e*.fork. Here,

```
class Account {
  int balance = 0;
  int deposit (int x) {
    int temp = this.balance;
    temp = temp + x;
    this.balance = temp;
 }
}
class DepositThread {
  final Account a = new Account();
  int run() {
    a.deposit(10);
  }
}
let DepositThread t = new DepositThread() in {
  t.fork:
  t.fork;
}
```

Fig. 2. Multithreaded bank account program.

e should evaluate to an object that includes a nullary method run. The fork operation spawns a new thread that calls that run method. This evaluation is performed only for its effect; the result of the method call is never used.

Locks are provided for thread synchronization: each object has an associated lock that has two states, locked and unlocked, and is initially unlocked. The expression synchronized  $e_1 e_2$  is evaluated in a manner similar to Java's synchronized statement: the subexpression  $e_1$  is evaluated first, and should yield an object, whose lock is then acquired; the subexpression  $e_2$  is then evaluated; and finally the lock is released. The result of  $e_2$  is returned as the result of the synchronized expression. While evaluating  $e_2$ , the current thread is said to hold the lock. Any other thread that attempts to acquire the lock blocks until the lock is released. A newly forked thread does not inherit locks held by its parent thread.

We present example programs in an extended language with integer operations and additional control structures such as conditional and loop statements, and we permit fields to be initialized with freshly created objects. Adding these extensions to the formal language would not introduce any major technical challenges.

We use  $e_1; e_2$  to abbreviate let  $x = e_1$  in  $e_2$ , where x does not occur free in  $e_2$ . We sometimes enclose expressions in parentheses or braces, and sometimes add semicolons for clarity. We use the notation  $[e_1/x_1, \ldots, e_n/x_n]e$  to denote the parallel capture-free substitution of  $e_i$  for all free occurrences of  $x_i$  within e, for each  $i \in 1..n$ .

CONCURRENTJAVA is simpler than Java in a number of respects. For example, CONCURRENTJAVA includes neither arrays nor the complex object initialization of Java. We deal with the full Java language starting in Section 4.

#### 2.2 Locks Against Races

Multithreaded CONCURRENTJAVA programs are prone to race conditions, as illustrated by the program in Figure 2, which allocates a new bank account and makes two deposits into the account in parallel. The program contains a race condition: two threads may attempt to manipulate the field balance simultaneously. In particular, suppose that two executions of deposit are interleaved as follows:

Thread 1	Thread 2
<pre>int temp = this.balance;</pre>	
	<pre>int temp = this.balance;</pre>
	<pre>temp = temp + x;</pre>
<pre>temp = temp + x;</pre>	
<pre>this.balance = temp;</pre>	
	<pre>this.balance = temp;</pre>

The final value of balance reflects only one of the two deposits made to the account. This behavior is not the intended one. Thus, the race condition leads to incorrect results.

We can fix this error by protecting the field balance by the lock of the account object and accessing balance only when that lock is held:

```
class Account {
  int balance = 0;
  int deposit(int x) {
    synchronized (this) {
      this.balance = this.balance + x;
    }
  }
}
```

The modified account implementation is race-free. It will behave correctly even when multiple deposits are made to the account concurrently.

## 3. TYPES AGAINST RACES

In practice, race conditions are commonly avoided by the lock-based synchronization discipline used in the example of Section 2.2. We now present a type system that supports this programming discipline.

## 3.1 RaceFreeJava

In order to enforce lock-based synchronization, the type system requires that each field have an associated lock that is held whenever the field is read or updated. For this purpose, the type system:

- -associates a lock with each field declaration, and
- -tracks the set of locks held at each program point.

We rely on the programmer to aid the verification process by providing a small number of additional type annotations. The type annotation guarded\_by l

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on a field declaration states that the lock l protects that field; the type system then verifies that whenever a thread accesses a field, that thread holds the field's lock. The type annotation requires  $l_1, \ldots, l_n$  on a method declaration states that the locks  $l_1, \ldots, l_n$  are held on method entry. The type system verifies that these locks are indeed held at each call-site of the method and uses this assumption when checking that the method body is race-free. In essence, we are using an effect system [Jouvelot and Gifford 1991] to determine statically where locks are held. We extend the syntax of field and method declarations to include these type annotations.

field	::=	[final] <sub>opt</sub> t fn	$= v[\text{guarded_by } l]_{\text{opt}}$
meth	::=	<pre>t mn(arg*) re</pre>	quires $ls$ {e}
ls	::=	$l^*$	(lock set)
l	::=	x	(lock expression)

We refer to the extended language as RACEFREEJAVA.

To ensure that each field is consistently protected by a particular lock, irrespective of any assignments performed by the program, the type system requires that the lock expression in a guarded\_by clause be a *final expression* whose value does not change during program execution. For RACEFREEJAVA, a final expression is simply a reference to an immutable variable. When considering the full Java language in Section 4, we will generalize the set of final expressions. The type system also requires that the lock expressions in a requires clause be final for similar reasons.

Since field and method types now include final expressions, our type system supports a specialized notion of dependent types. In a previous article [Flanagan and Abadi 1999b], we explored an alternative approach that avoids these dependent types, and instead uses singleton types (types with one single element) to enable the tracking of locks. These singleton types can be hidden when necessary, using existential types. For example, if an object type A contains a lock with singleton lock type  $t_1$ , then we can hide this singleton type using  $\exists t_1.A$ .

However, the singleton-type approach is syntactically cumbersome, since it requires introducing two names for each lock; one name for the lock itself and a second name for the corresponding singleton type, like the type  $t_1$  above. Moreover, the singleton type approach does not easily support the flexible sub-typing relations needed in object-oriented languages. For example, suppose A has a subtype B <: A that, in addition to the lock of type  $t_1$ , contains a second lock of type  $t_2$ . Then, after hiding these singleton types, the standard rules for existential types do not yield the desired subtyping relation:

$$(\exists t_1. \exists t_2. B) \not\leq: (\exists t_1. A)$$

Because of these two limitations of the singleton-type approach, in RACEFREEJAVA we chose to adopt specialized dependent types instead.

The core of our type system is a set of rules for reasoning about the judgment

$$P; E; ls \vdash e: t$$

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Here, P (the program being checked) is included in the judgment in order to provide information about class declarations in the program; E is an environment that provides types for the free variables of the expression e; ls is a set of final expressions that describe the locks that are held when the expression e is evaluated; and t is the inferred type of e. Thus, the type rules track the set of locks held at each program point.

Most of the type rules are straightforward and similar to those of CLASSICJAVA. The complete set of judgments and rules, as well as a proof of soundness for the rules, is contained in the Appendix. Here we briefly explain some of the crucial rules.

—The rule [EXP SYNC] for synchronized  $e_1 e_2$  checks that  $e_1$  is a final expression of some class type c, and checks  $e_2$  with an extended lock set that includes  $e_1$ , since the lock  $e_1$  is held when  $e_2$  is evaluated.

EXP SYNC	
$P; E \vdash_{ ext{final}} e_1 : c$	$P;E;ls\cup\{e_1\}\vdash e_2:t$
$P; E; ls \vdash \mathtt{syn}$	chronized $e_1  e_2 : t$

The judgment  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} e_1 : c$  in the hypotheses means that  $e_1$  is a final expression of type c.

— The rule [EXP REF GUARDED] for *e.fn* checks that *e* is a well-typed expression of some class type *c*, that *c* has a field *fn* of type *t*, guarded by lock *l*, and that *l* is held.

 $\begin{array}{c} [\texttt{EXP REF GUARDED}] \\ P; E; ls \vdash e:c \\ P; E \vdash \varsigma \texttt{this.}([\texttt{final}]_{opt} t \ fn = v \ \texttt{guarded_by} \ l) \in c \\ P; E \vdash [e/\texttt{this}]l \in ls \\ \hline P; E \vdash [e/\texttt{this}]t \\ \hline P; E; ls \vdash e.fn: [e/\texttt{this}]t \end{array}$ 

The judgment  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$  this.([final]<sub>opt</sub> t fn = v guarded\_by l)  $\in c$  in the hypotheses means that c declares or inherits a field fn of type t, guarded by l, where the self-reference variable "this" provides a means for the field to refer to its containing object. In the source syntax, self-reference bindings were implicit. However, in order to support  $\alpha$ -renaming and avoid name collisions, this judgment makes the self-reference binding explicit via the construct " $\varsigma$  this.(...)." Note that, apart from being implicitly bound within field and method declarations in the source language, the variable "this" is otherwise a regular variable. In particular, we could rewrite the rule above using a different variable name instead of "this," but for clarity we follow Java's convention of using "this" as the self-reference variable.

In order to ensure that the protecting lock l is held, it suffices to establish that l denotes the same lock as some expression l' in the current lock set. In general, proving that l and l' denote the same lock may be undecidable. Therefore, we rely on a conservative approximation. In a first attempt to define such an approximation, one may simply check that l and l' are syntactically identical. However, requiring this syntactic identity is too restrictive in many cases. In particular, occurrences of this in the lock expression l refer

to the object *e* being dereferenced. To account for the aliasing of this and *e*, the rule replaces all occurrences of this in *l* by *e*. Accordingly, the antecedent  $P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}]l \in ls$  ensures that [e/this]l is in the current lock set. This conservative approximation has been sufficient for most programs we have inspected.

A similar aliasing situation arises in the next section, where we introduce types that contain lock expressions. In order to accommodate this future extension, we include the appropriate substitutions for types here, and give [e/this]t as the type of the field read. The antecedent  $P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}]t$  ensures that [e/this]t is a well-formed type.

—The rule [EXP ASSIGN] for e.fn = e' ensures that the appropriate lock is held whenever a field is updated.

[EXP ASSIGN]

$$P; E; ls \vdash e: c$$
  
 $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this. $(t fn = v \text{ guarded_by } l) \in c$   
 $P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}]l \in ls$   
 $P; E; ls \vdash e': [e/\text{this}]t$   
 $P; E; ls \vdash e.fn = e': [e/\text{this}]t$ 

-The rule [EXP INVOKE] for a method invocation ensures that all locks in the requires clause of a method declaration are held at each call-site of the method.

 $\begin{array}{c} [\texttt{EXP INVOKE}] \\ P;E;ls_1 \vdash e:c \\ P;E \vdash \varsigma\texttt{this.}(t \; mn(s_j \; y_j{}^{j \in 1..n}) \; \texttt{requires} \; ls_2 \; \{e'\}) \in c \\ P;E;ls_1 \vdash e_j : [e/\texttt{this}]s_j \quad \forall j \in 1..n \\ P;E \vdash [e/\texttt{this}]ls_2 \subseteq ls_1 \\ \hline P;E \vdash [e/\texttt{this}]t \\ \hline P;E;ls_1 \vdash e.mn(e_{1..n}) : [e/\texttt{this}]t \end{array}$ 

The judgment  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$  this.  $(t \ mn(s_1 \ y_1, \ldots, s_n \ y_n)$  requires  $ls_2 \{e'\}) \in c$  in the hypotheses means that c has a method of the expected form, where the self-reference variable "this" provides a means for the method to refer to the containing object. The judgment  $P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}] ls_2 \subseteq ls_1$  simply expresses set inclusion for lock sets.

-The rule [EXP FORK] for *e*.fork checks that *e* refers to an object with a run method:

 $\begin{array}{c} \hline [\texttt{EXP FORK}] \\ P; E; ls \vdash e:c \\ \hline \\ \hline P; E \vdash \varsigma \texttt{this.}(t \; \; \texttt{run}() \; \texttt{requires} \; \emptyset \; \{e' \; \}) \in c \\ \hline \\ P; E; ls \vdash e.\texttt{fork}:\texttt{int} \end{array}$ 

The fork expression always evaluates to the dummy result zero and has type int.

*Race-Free Bank Accounts.* We can use this type system to verify that the synchronized bank account implementation is race-free by adding a type annotation that expresses that the field balance is guarded by this. When no locks

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                       class Account {
                          int balance = 0 guarded_by this;
                          int deposit(int x) requires this {
                            this.balance = this.balance + x;
                         }
                       }
                       class DepositThread {
                          final Account a = new Account();
                          int run() {
                            synchronized (a) {
                              a.deposit(10);
                            3
                          }
                       }
```

Fig. 3. Bank account implementation with client-side locking.

are required to invoke a method we omit its requires clause, as we have done for deposit. The following class declaration replaces the corresponding one of Figure 2:

```
class Account {
  int balance = 0 guarded_by this;
  int deposit(int x) {
    synchronized (this) {
      this.balance = this.balance + x;
    }
  }
}
```

An alternative implementation of the bank account may rely on its clients to perform the necessary synchronization operations, as shown in Figure 3. In this example, the method signature

```
int deposit(int x) requires this
```

declares that the object's lock must be acquired before calls to deposit. Since the necessary lock is indeed held at each call-site, this program is well-typed and race-free.

## 3.2 External Locks

The type system of the previous section can verify the absence of race conditions in a number of interesting examples. However, larger programs frequently use additional synchronization patterns that cannot be captured by that system. In order to accommodate such programs, this section extends the RACEFREEJAVA type system with classes parameterized by locks, and Section 3.3 further extends the type system with thread-local classes.

In the type system of the previous section, each field of an object can be protected only by the object itself or by some field of the object. In some cases, however, we would like to allow an external lock to protect a field. For example, all of the fields in a linked list might be protected by some lock external to the list.

To accommodate this programming pattern, we extend RACEFREEJAVA to allow classes to be parameterized by external locks:

defn	::=	class $cn\langle garg^* \rangle \ body$	(class declaration)
garg	::=	$ ext{ghost} t x$	(ghost declaration)
c	::=	$cn\langle l^* angle$   Object	(class type)

A class declaration now contains a (possibly empty) sequence of formal parameters or *ghost variables*. These ghost variables are used by the type system to verify that the program is race-free and they can appear only in type annotations and not in regular code. In particular, to preserve compatibility with existing Java compilers, they do not affect run-time program behavior. A class type *c* consists of a class name *cn* parameterized by a sequence of final expressions. The number and type of these expressions must match the formal parameters of the class.

Checking of parameterized classes is handled via substitution. If

class cn (ghost  $t_1 x_1, \ldots$ , ghost  $t_n x_n$ ) body

is a well-formed class declaration, then for any final expressions  $l_1, \ldots, l_n$  of the appropriate types  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$ , the type  $cn\langle l_1, \ldots, l_n\rangle$  is a valid instantiated class type, with associated instantiated class declaration

class  $cn\langle l_1,\ldots,l_n\rangle$   $[l_1/x_1,\ldots,l_n/x_n]body$ 

Methods could be parameterized in a similar fashion, but we did not find parameterized methods necessary in most of the programs we studied.

Using External Locks. As an example of the use of external locks, consider the dictionary implementation of Figure 4. A dictionary maps keys to values. In our implementation, a dictionary is represented as an object that contains a linked list of Nodes, where each Node contains a key, a value, and a next pointer.

We may wish to protect the entire dictionary, including its linked list, with the lock of the dictionary. For this purpose, the class Node is parameterized by the enclosing dictionary; the fields of Node are guarded by the dictionary lock; and each method of Node requires that the dictionary lock be held on entry. Each method of Dictionary first acquires the dictionary lock and then proceeds with the appropriate manipulation of the linked list. Since all fields of the linked list are protected by the dictionary lock, the type system verifies that this program is well-typed and race-free.

#### 3.3 Thread-Local Classes

Large multithreaded programs typically include sections of code that operate on data that is not shared across multiple threads. For example, only a single thread in a concurrent web server may need to access the information about a particular request. Objects used in this fashion require no synchronization and should not need to have locks guarding their fields. To accommodate this situation, we introduce the concept of thread-local classes. We extend the grammar to allow an optional thread\_local modifier on class declarations:

 $defn ::= [\texttt{thread_local}]_{opt} \text{ class } cn \langle garg^* \rangle \ body$ 

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```
class Node\langleghost Dictionary d\rangle {
                                                   class Dictionary {
                                                     Node\langlethis\rangle head = null guarded_by this;
  String key = null guarded_by d;
  Object value = null guarded_by d;
  Node\langle d \rangle next = null guarded_by d;
                                                     void put(String k, Object v) {
                                                       synchronized (this) {
  void init(String k, Object v, Node\langle d \rangle n)
                                                          if (this.contains(k)) {
      requires d {
                                                            this.head.update(k,v);
    node.key = k;
                                                          } else {
    node.value = v;
                                                            let Node\langlethis\rangle node =
    node.next = n:
                                                                       new Node\langlethis\rangle() in {
  }
                                                              node.init(k,v,this.head);
  void update(String k, Object v)
                                                              this.head = node;
      requires d {
    if (this.key.equals(k)) {
      this.value = v;
    } else if (this.next != null) {
       this.next.update(k,v);
                                                   7
    7
  }
7
```

Fig. 4. A synchronized dictionary.

We also modify the typing rules for fields so that thread-local classes can have non-final, unguarded fields.

An example of a thread-local class appears in Figure 5. The class Crawler defines a concurrent web crawler that forks new threads to process pages stored in a shared queue. Instances of the LinkEnumerator class, which parses the text of the page in order to find links, are not shared among threads. Therefore, it is declared as a thread\_local class and contains unguarded fields.

A simple form of escape analysis is used to enforce single-threaded use of thread-local objects. A type is *thread-shared* provided it is not a thread-local class type. The type system must ensure that thread-local objects are not accessible from thread-shared objects. Therefore, a thread-shared class declaration must (1) have a thread-shared superclass and (2) contain only shareable fields. A field is *shareable* only if it has a thread-shared type and is either final or protected by a lock. The typing rule for fork ensures that the new thread starts by calling the run method of a thread-shared class. The rules for thread-shared types and fork appear in Appendix C.

Interestingly, our type system permits a thread-local class to have a threadshared superclass. This design permits us to maintain Object (which is threadshared) as the root of the class hierarchy, as it is in Java. However, it also permits a thread-local object to be viewed as an instance of a thread-shared class and hence to be shared between threads. This sharing does not cause a problem unless the object is downcast back to the thread-local type in a thread other than the one in which it was created. This downcast would make unguarded fields in the subclass visible to more than one thread.

To eliminate this possibility, our type system forbids downcasts from a thread-shared type to a thread-local type. In particular, this restriction applies to the implicit downcasts that occur during dynamic dispatch. To avoid such

```
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                                                                 •
thread_local class LinkEnumerator {
  String text = null;
  int index = 0;
  void init(String t) {
    this.text = t;
  7
  boolean hasMoreLinks() { ... }
  String nextLink() { ... }
}
class Crawler {
 final Set visited = new Set();
  final Queue todo = new Queue();
  void run() {
    while (true) {
      String url = todo.dequeue();
      if (!visited.add(url)) {
        let String text = loadPageText(url) in {
          let LinkEnumerator enum = new LinkEnumerator() in {
            enum.init(text);
            while (enum.hasMoreLinks()) {
              todo.enqueue(enum.nextLink());
            7
          }
       }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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```
let Crawler c = new Crawler() in {
   c.todo.enqueue("http://www.yahoo.com");
   c.fork;
   c.fork;
}
```

Fig. 5. A concurrent web crawler with a thread-local enumeration class.

implicit downcasts, our type system requires that a thread-local class does not override any methods declared in a thread-shared superclass. In the context of the full Java language, this restriction also applies to explicit cast operations. (RACEFREEJAVA does not contain those operations.) A consequence of preventing these downcasts is that thread-local objects cannot be stored in collection classes. This is not a problem, however, in GJ [Bracha et al. 1998] or Java 1.5 [JavaSoft 2004], both of which support parametric polymorphism.

Alternatively, we could replace these static requirements with dynamic checks: a compiler could insert code to track the allocating thread of each object and dynamically check that thread-shared to thread-local downcasts are performed only by the appropriate thread.

```
class Vector {
   Object elementData[] /*# guarded_by this */;
   int elementCount /*# guarded_by this */;
   synchronized void trimToSize() { ... }
   synchronized boolean removeAllElements() { ... }
   synchronized int lastIndexOf(Object elem, int n) {
    for (int i = n ; --i >= 0 ; )
        if (elem.equals(elementData[i])) { ... }
   }
   int lastIndexOf(Object elem) {
      return lastIndexOf(elem, elementCount); // race!!!
   }
   ...
}
```

Fig. 6. Excerpt from java.util.Vector.

## 4. THE RCCJAVA CHECKER

We extended the RACEFREEJAVA type system to the full Java language [Gosling et al. 1996] and implemented the resulting system. This race-condition checker, rccjava, extends the type system outlined in Section 3 to accommodate the additional features of Java, including arrays, interfaces, constructors, and static fields and methods. In addition, we extended the notion of final expressions to include a field read *e.fn*, where *e* is a final expression and *fn* is a final field. The additional type information required by rccjava is embedded in Java comments in order to preserve compatibility with existing Java tools, such as compilers. Specifically, comments that start with the character "#" are treated as type annotations by rccjava. See Figure 6 for an example. To specify the lock guarding elements in an array, we introduced an /\*# elems\_guarded\_by l\*/ annotation.

The rccjava tool was built on top of an existing Java front-end that includes a scanner, parser, and typechecker. The extensions for race detection were relatively straightforward to add to the existing code base and required approximately 5,000 lines of new code. The major additions were maintaining the lock set during typechecking, implementing syntactic equality and substitution on abstract syntax trees, and incorporating classes parameterized by locks.

An important goal in the design of rccjava was to provide a cost-effective way to detect race conditions statically. Thus, it was important to minimize both the number of annotations required and the number of false alarms produced. In order to attain this goal, rccjava relaxes the formal type system in several ways, and also infers default annotations for unannotated code. These features are described below.

## 4.1 Escape Mechanisms

The rccjava checker provides mechanisms for escaping from the type system when it proves too restrictive. The simplest escape mechanism is the no\_warn annotation, which turns off certain kinds of warnings on a particular line of

code, as in:

This annotation is commonly used if a particular race condition is considered benign.

Also, rccjava may be configured with a command-line flag to ignore all errors of a particular kind. For example, the "-no\_warn thread\_local\_override" flag turns off the restrictions whereby a thread-local class cannot override a method of its thread-shared superclass. Our experience has shown that, while many such overrides exist in large programs, they are typically not sources of many race conditions. Therefore, this flag suppresses some errors but also many false alarms.

The holds annotation asserts that a particular lock is held at a given program point:

This annotation puts f into the lock set for the remainder of the current statement block. As with the no\_warn annotations, rccjava may be configured to make global assumptions about when locks are held. For instance, when run with the command-line flag "-constructor\_holds\_lock", rccjava assumes that the lock this is held in constructors. An object is typically initialized in the object's constructor without synchronization. This initialization pattern is sound provided that no references to the object being initialized escape from the creating thread until after the constructor exits. Violations of this assumption are unlikely, and using it eliminates a large number spurious warnings. We believe that this command-line flag could be replaced with a sound escape analysis (such as those of Choi et al. [1999] and Salcianu and Rinard [2001]) without significant reduction in the expressiveness of the system.

## 4.2 Default Annotations

Although not originally designed to infer type information, rccjava does construct default annotations for unannotated classes and fields. The heuristics used to compute default annotations are:

- —A class with no annotations and no synchronized methods is threadlocal by default, unless the class is java.lang.Object or a subclass of java.lang.Thread.
- -Unguarded nonfinal instance fields in thread shared classes are guarded by this.
- -Unguarded nonfinal static fields are guarded by the class object for the class to which they belong.
- —A guarded\_by annotation is permitted on a class declaration, and it applies to all fields of the class.

These heuristics are not guaranteed to produce the correct annotations, but experience has shown that they save a significant amount of time while

		Programmer		
Program	KLOC	Time (hrs)	Annotations	Races Found
java.util.Hashtable	0.4	0.5	60	0
java.util.Vector	0.4	0.5	10	1
java.io.*	16.0	16.0	139	4
Ambit	4.5	4.0	38	0
WebL	20.0	12.0	358	5

Table I. Programs Analyzed Using rccjava

Table II.	Number of rccjava	Annotations	Added to	Each	Program
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	Annotations per KLOC						
	guarded		class param	thread	no		
Program	by	requires	or arg	local/shared	warn	holds	Total
java.util.Hashtable	29.0	2.3	79.5	0.0	11.0	11.4	136.0
java.util.Vector	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	9.3	23.2
java.io.*	2.9	0.8	0.0	1.8	0.7	2.4	8.7
Ambit	2.7	0.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	1.1	8.4
WebL	4.1	1.7	5.2	0.9	3.1	3.1	17.9

annotating large programs. Roughly 90% of the classes in the test programs described below are treated correctly by these heuristics.

## 5. EVALUATION OF RCCJAVA

In order to test the effectiveness of rccjava as a static race-detection tool, we used it for checking several multithreaded Java programs. Our test cases include two representative single classes, java.util.Hashtable and java.util.Vector, and several larger programs, including java.io, the Java input/output package (version 1.1) [JavaSoft 1998]; Ambit, an implementation of a mobile-ambient calculus [Cardelli 1997]; and an interpreter and run-time environment for WebL, a language for automating web-based tasks [Kistler and Marais 1998].

These five programs use a variety of synchronization patterns, most of which were easily captured with rccjava annotations. We used the command-line flags "-no\_warn thread\_local\_override" and "-constructor\_holds\_lock" for these tests (see Section 4.1). Although these flags may cause rccjava to miss some potential race conditions, they significantly reduce the number of false alarms reported and provide the most effective way to deal with existing programs that were not written with this type system in mind. Table I summarizes our experience in checking these programs. It shows the number of race conditions found in each program. The time includes both the time spent by the programmer inserting annotations and the time to run the tool. We added annotations to these programs until the tool reported warnings only for the race conditions listed in the last column.

Table II breaks down the annotation count into the different categories of annotations, normalized to the frequency with which they appear in 1,000 lines of code. For the large programs, fewer than 20 annotations were required per 1,000

lines. Most of these annotations were clustered in the small number of classes that directly manipulate thread-shared data. The majority of classes typically required very few or no annotations. Evidence of this pattern is reflected in the statistics for the single-class examples, which have higher annotation frequencies than the larger programs. Hashtable has a high occurrence of annotations concerning class parameters and arguments because it contains a linked list similar to that of Figure 4. Interestingly, restructuring Hashtable to declare the linked list as an inner class within the scope of the protecting lock reduces the number of annotations from 60 to 25.

We discovered problematic race conditions in three of the five example programs, even though these programs were well tested and relatively mature. Of the four race conditions found in java.io, one was fixed in JDK version 1.2. We also found benign race conditions in all test cases; those are not counted in Table I. Race conditions are benign if they do not affect program correctness. Examples include unsynchronized increments of global performance counters, where any resulting race conditions will not cause the resulting count to be substantially incorrect, and patterns like double-checked initialization [Schmidt and Harrison 1997], among others.

Figure 6 contains an excerpt from java.util.Vector that illustrates a typical race condition caught during our experiments. Suppose that there are two threads manipulating a shared Vector w. If one thread calls lastIndexOf(elem) for some elem, that method may read elementCount without acquiring the lock of the Vector object. However, the other thread may call removeAllElements (which sets elementCount to 0) and then call trimToSize (which resets elementData to an array of length 0). Thus, an array-out-of-bounds exception will be triggered when the first thread enters the binary version of lastIndexOf and reads the elementData array based on the old value of elementCount. Declaring both versions of lastIndexOf to be synchronized removes this race condition. Sun essentially adopted this solution for JDK version 1.4 in response to our bug report and the original publication of our results [Flanagan and Freund 2000].

## 6. HOUDINI/RCC

We now turn our attention to checking significantly larger programs. For such programs, the burden of manually inserting type annotations and understanding error messages becomes more significant. This section introduces Houdini/rcc, which makes the following two contributions:

**Annotation inference:** In practice, reliance on programmer-supplied annotations has restricted the application of rccjava to small to medium-sized (about 20 KLOC) programs for which the task of writing annotations is tolerable. To achieve practical analysis of large programs, we developed an annotation-inference system for rccjava based on the Houdini framework [Flanagan et al. 2001].

**User interface:** Processing and understanding rccjava's output is labor intensive, particularly for large programs with many potential race conditions. To facilitate this process, we developed a simple but effective user interface that

describes the potential race conditions. The interface also clusters race conditions together according to their probable cause so that related race conditions can be dealt with as a single unit. In addition, the user interface describes the reasoning of the annotation-inference system so that the programmer can identify the cause of each warning.

The rest of this section covers these two items in more detail, and the next section describes our experience using Houdini/rcc to catch race conditions in several large test programs.

## 6.1 Annotation Inference

Houdini/rcc infers annotations using the following algorithm.

generate candidate annotation set; **repeat** invoke rccjava to refute annotations; remove the refuted annotations **until** guiescence

The simplicity of this algorithm is due to its reuse of rccjava to reason about the correctness of particular annotations.

The first step in the algorithm is to generate a finite set of *candidates annotations*. Each candidate annotation is a conjectured property of the locking discipline used by the program. For each class, the candidate annotation set includes an annotation thread\_local conjecturing that all instances of that class are local to a particular thread. In addition, Houdini/rcc conjectures that each nonfinal field is guarded by a number of different candidate locks. The candidate locks include this and any final field declared in the same class or a superclass. We extend the typing rules to permit field declarations prefixed by multiple guarded\_by annotations. Similarly, Houdini/rcc conjectures that each of these candidate locks are held on entry to each routine. Houdini/rcc does not conjecture requires clauses for methods that are called by the Java run-time systems with no lock held: such methods include main, the entry point of the program, and run, the entry point of a particular thread. Houdini/rcc also does not conjecture type parameter annotations.

Many candidate annotations will of course be incorrect. To identify incorrect annotations, the Houdini algorithm invokes rccjava on the annotated program. Like any invocation of rccjava, this invocation produces warnings about violations of the given annotations. Houdini/rcc interprets such warnings as identifying incorrect annotation guesses in the candidate set. In this sense, each invocation of rccjava has the effect of refuting some number of candidate annotations, and these annotations are then removed from the program.

Since removing one annotation may cause other annotations to become invalid, this check-and-refute cycle iterates until a fixed point is reached. At that point, all incorrect annotations have been removed from the program. The set of remaining annotations is a correct subset of the candidate set, and is in fact, the unique maximal such set [Flanagan et al. 2001].

```
/*# thread_local */
                                               /*# thread_local */
class Account {
                                               class Add100 extends java.lang.Thread {
  final Object lock = new Object();
                                                 final Account a;
  /*# guarded_by lock */
                                                 Add100(Account a) { this.a = a; }
  /*# guarded_by this */
  int balance = 0;
                                                 public void run() { a.deposit(100); }
                                                 static public void main(String st[]) {
  /*# requires lock */
                                                   Account a = new Account():
  /*# requires this */
                                                    (new Add100(a)).start();
  void update(int n) { balance = n; }
                                                    (new Add100(a)).start();
                                                 3
  /*# requires lock */
                                               }
  /*# requires this */
  void deposit(int x) {
    synchronized(lock) {
      update(balance + x);
    }
 }
}
```

Fig. 7. The Houdini/rcc candidate annotations for Account. The underlined annotations are refuted by the Houdini/rcc algorithm.

We illustrate this annotation-inference process for a small example program that includes the Account class. This program, together with the candidate annotations conjectured by Houdini/rcc, is shown in Figure 7. Candidate annotations refuted by the Houdini/rcc algorithm are underlined. The new class Add100 is a subclass of java.lang.Thread. Therefore, invoking the start method of an Add100 object causes the object's run method to be executed in the object's thread. The Add100.main method spawns two new threads, both of which will add 100 to the balance of an Account object.

The Houdini/rcc algorithm performs four iterations through the loop:

- (1) On the first iteration, rccjava refutes three annotations. The annotation thread\_local on the class Add100 is refuted since each instance of this class is also an instance of its superclass java.lang.Thread. Any object of this class can be accessed by two threads: both itself and the parent thread that started it. In addition, rccjava sees that the run method calls deposit with no locks held, and hence refutes the two requires annotations on deposit.
- (2) On the next iteration, rccjava sees that the (now thread-shared) class Add100 contains a reference to Account, and rccjava therefore refutes the annotation thread\_local on Account. In addition, rccjava refutes the annotation requires this on update, since it is called from deposit when the lock this is not held.
- (3) On the third iteration, rccjava refutes the annotation guarded\_by this on the field balance, since it is accessed from update when the lock this is not held.
- (4) On the fourth iteration, no further annotations are refuted, so the remaining annotations are all correct and quiescence is reached.

The rccjava checker is invoked one last time on the now-annotated program to determine the set of warnings to be reported to the user. For this example, the final run produces no warnings, indicating that the program is indeed free of race conditions. If, on the other hand, there was a race condition on a particular field, Houdini/rcc would refute all of the conjectured guarding locks on that field. Thus, the final run of rccjava would produce a warning that there is no lock guarding that field.

## 6.2 Extensions

While the basic Houdini/rcc algorithm can detect race conditions in unannotated programs, it produces many false alarms. This section describes two extensions to Houdini/rcc that help eliminate false alarms.

*Read-Only Data Inference.* Constant fields can be read safely by multiple threads without synchronization. Ideally, such fields would be declared as final, in which case rccjava would not warn about unsynchronized accesses. However, our experiments with Houdini/rcc indicated that a large number of shared constant fields are not declared as final, because of either programmer oversight or the use of initialization patterns that violate the restrictions on final fields.

To avoid false alarms in these cases, we have extended rccjava to allow a field to be annotated with the annotation readonly. This annotation behaves much like Java's final annotation, except that readonly is an rccjava annotation that can be inferred by Houdini/rcc in a preliminary pass.

Moreover, since readonly reference fields are constant values, they can be included in the set of candidate locks for a class, thus increasing the set of candidate annotations conjectured by Houdini/rcc.

*Main-Lock Inference.* Since static fields are accessible by all threads, rccjava requires that every static field be protected by a lock. However, a number of the programs we examined exhibited a common pattern whereby a static field would be accessed exclusively by the main thread, without synchronization. To accommodate this programming pattern, we extended rccjava with the notion of a *main lock*, that is, a lock that is implicitly held by the main thread.

To infer annotations regarding the main lock, we extended Houdini/rcc so that it guesses the annotation requires MainLock for each method and the annotation guarded\_by MainLock for each field. The refutation loop of Houdini/rcc then determines which fields are accessed exclusively by the main thread, thus avoiding false alarms on such fields.

## 6.3 User Interface

We now turn our attention to how a programmer can identify defects using the feedback from Houdini/rcc. The Houdini/rcc interface, based on the interface of Houdini for ESC/Java [Flanagan and Leino 2001], generates the following output for an input program:

```
class BadAccount {
                                           class Add100 extends java.lang.Thread {
  final Object lock = new Object();
                                             final BadAccount a;
                                             Add100(BadAccount a) { this.a = a; }
  int balance = 0:
  void update(int n) { balance = n; }
                                             public void run() { a.deposit(100); }
  void deposit(int x) {
                                             static public void main(String st[]) {
      update(balance + x);
                                               BadAccount a = new BadAccount();
                                                (new Add100(a)).start();
  }
7
                                                (new Add100(a)).start();
                                             3
                                           }
```

Fig. 8. A version of Account that contains a race condition on balance.

- —a collection of HTML pages containing the *source code view* for each Java file analyzed, which contains information about both the valid and the invalid candidate annotations guessed by Houdini/rcc, and
- —a root HTML page listing the warnings produced by the final call to rccjava, where each warning message contains a hyperlink to the source view of the code at the location of the offending program line.

As an example of the process of finding errors with this tool, consider BadAccount, a broken version of the Account class shown in Figure 8. Note that the synchronization code from deposit is missing, so there is a potential race condition on the field balance. For this program, Houdini/rcc generates the following warning:

BadAccount.java:7: field 'BadAccount.balance' must be guarded in a thread shared class

Clicking on this warning would open up the source code view for line 7 of the Account class (see Figure 9). The source code view displays all of the candidate annotations guessed by Houdini/rcc. A refuted annotation is underlined, whereas a valid annotation is darkened. In this case, all annotations were refuted, but Figure 10, as described below, contains several valid annotations. Houdini/rcc also inserts the warning messages into the source code view.

In a situation like this, a programmer may wonder why the annotation guarded\_by lock was not inferred for the field balance. Identifying the cause of rccjava warnings often boils down to answering such questions. To facilitate this process, each refuted annotation is a hyperlink to the line of code refuting that annotation. Figure 9 shows that the candidate annotations guarded\_by lock for the field balance was refuted. Clicking on this refuted annotation brings the programmer to an access of field balance on line 10 where rccjava believes the lock lock is not held. To determine why the lock is not held on line 10, the programmer could click on the refuted annotation requires lock on line 8. This hyperlink then brings the programmer to line 15, where the required synchronization statement is missing. Surprisingly, our experience indicates that presenting the *refuted* annotations and the causes thereof is the most important aspect of the user interface.



Fig. 9. Screen shot showing the Houdini/rcc user interface for the BadAccount class. The overlaid arrows indicate where two of the hyperlinks are pointing.

Running Houdini/rcc on the correct version of Account produces no warnings and yields the source code view shown in Figure 10, where the inferred annotations appear in bold.

*Clustering Warnings.* During our experiments, we noticed several cases where Houdini/rcc would incorrectly characterize a thread-local class C as thread-shared, because of conservative approximations introduced by the analysis. Unfortunately, in these cases, Houdini/rcc subsequently characterizes as thread-shared all classes reachable (transitively) from C and produces spurious warnings regarding race conditions on accesses to the fields of these classes.

To reduce this problem, we extended the user interface to group into a single cluster all of the warnings that were caused, either directly or indirectly, by C being characterized as thread-shared. The programmer can often deal with all the warnings in a cluster as a single unit. For example, a programmer who verifies that C is actually thread-local can easily ignore the entire cluster of warnings.

## 7. EVALUATION OF HOUDINI/RCC

We have evaluated Houdini/rcc on test programs with sizes that range from several thousand lines to a half million lines of code. The programs include Ambit and WebL, described in Section 5. They also include jbb2000, a Java SPEC benchmark that models a server application [Standard Performance

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	1 2	/* thread_local */ class Account {	<u> </u>
	3	<pre>final Object lock = new Object();</pre>	_
	4		
	5	/*# guarded_by lock */	
	6	<pre>/* guarded_by this */</pre>	
	7	<pre>int balance = 0;</pre>	
	8		
	9	/*# requires lock */	
	10	<u>/* requires this */</u>	
	11	<pre>void update(int n) { balance = n;</pre>	}
	12		
	13	<u>/* requires lock */</u>	
	14	<u>/* requires this */</u>	
	15	void deposit( <b>int</b> x) {	
	16	synchronized (lock) {	
	17	update(balance + x);	
	18	}	
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Fig. 10. Screen shot showing the Houdini/rcc user interface for the Account class.

			Warnings per KLOC					
				-no_warn				
			Basic	thread-local	-constructor-	-read	-main	
Program	KLOC	rccjava	Houdini/rcc	override	holds_lock	only	lock	
Ambit	4.5	13.6	37.3	14.2	13.3	7.1	7.1	
WebL	20.0	11.8	12.2	5.1	4.8	1.9	1.9	
jbb2000	30.8	18.8	4.9	3.4	3.3	1.3	0.6	
TLC	53.5	11.0	14.7	4.7	4.5	2.2	1.0	
jigsaw	128.9	21.1	13.6	8.2	7.7	2.9	2.9	
orange	28.0	17.7	33.3	14.0	13.6	6.0	3.6	
red	445.0	16.6	9.0	5.2	4.8	2.2	2.2	
Average		15.8	17.9	8.3	7.9	3.6	2.9	

Table III. Number of Warnings Produced by rccjava and Various Versions of Houdini/rcc

Evaluation Corporation 2000]; TLC, a multi-threaded model checker for the TLA specification language [Yu et al. 1999]; jigsaw, a web server written in Java [World Wide Web Consortium 2001]; and orange and red, two large, proprietary Compag systems.

Table III shows the results of running rccjava (without annotations) and various versions of Houdini/rcc on these programs. The table shows the size of each unannotated program and the number of warnings reported by running rccjava on that program. The column labeled Basic Houdini/rcc corresponds to running Houdini/rcc in its original form from Section 6. The four remaining columns show the number of warnings reported by Houdini/rcc with

								Races
		Annotati	lons				Number	(found/
		per KLO	JC	Time	Warnin	gs	of	clusters
Program	KLOC	Candidate	Valid	(min)	per KLOC	Total	Clusters	examined)
Ambit	4.5	433	78	4	7.1	32	6	0/6
WebL	20.0	262	43	9	1.9	37	10	6/10
jbb2000	30.8	282	74	9	0.6	17	17	0/17
TLC	53.5	758	124	31	1.0	52	30	4/30
jigsaw	128.9	375	49	62	2.9	367	78	0/30
orange	28.0	863	135	74	3.6	100	84	1/84
red	445.0	358	64	286	2.2	957	340	5/70

Table IV. Statistics for Houdini/rcc with All Flags Enabled

various extensions turned on. These extensions are the two flags (-no\_warn thread\_local\_override and -constructor\_holds\_lock) described in Section 4 and the two inference modifications (-read\_only and -main\_lock) described in Section 6.2. Note that the additions to Houdini/rcc are cumulative across the columns so that, for example, the "-constructor\_holds\_lock" column reflects Basic Houdini/rcc run with both the "-no\_warn thread\_local\_override" and "-constructor\_holds\_lock" extensions. All of the columns are normalized to show the number of warnings reported per 1,000 lines of code.

Excluding method override warnings reduced the number of warnings by roughly a factor of two across the test programs. The read-only field inference also decreased the number of warnings by another factor of two. Although the other two extensions were not as consistent in their effectiveness, there were some programs in which they also significantly reduced the number of warnings produced by Houdini/rcc.

Table IV shows more detailed statistics for running Houdini/rcc with all of the extensions described. From this table, it is clear that Houdini/rcc infers a nontrivial number of annotations. In general, it guesses roughly 350 candidate annotations per 1,000 lines of code, with roughly 1/4 of these annotations being valid. Our system ran in time proportional to the size of the program, processing approximately 2,000 lines per minute on a 667 MHz Alpha workstation. However, we have not optimized our tool for performance, and there are several architectural improvements that would significantly speed up the system. For instance, Houdini/rcc makes heavy use of temporary files, and reading and writing these files accounts for a sizable fraction of its run time.

In most examples, the clustering algorithm was successful at grouping related warnings. A representative situation of this appears in jigsaw. In that program, a DebugThread object gathers and prints statistics about the program as it runs. This object accesses fields of a number of different objects both directly and through multiple levels of accessor methods without acquiring the necessary locks for those fields. The clustering algorithm identified the DebugThread class implementation as the common source of 92 such potential race conditions. All of these race conditions were deemed benign because the debugging code was intentionally designed to read data in this manner.

The last column in Table IV reflects how many nonbenign race conditions we identified while studying the warnings reported by Houdini/rcc. Since we have

not examined every cluster for the larger examples, this column shows both the number of real race conditions found and the number of warning clusters examined. For example, six race conditions were found in WebL while examining all 10 clusters. These race conditions include one that had been mistakenly considered benign when WebL was annotated by hand (hence the slight discepancy with Table I).

## 8. RELATED WORK

A number of tools have been developed for detecting race conditions, both statically and dynamically. We review many of them below. Several of these tools have been developed since the initial publication of our results.

Warlock [Sterling 1993] is a static race-detection system for ANSI C programs. It supports the lock-based synchronization discipline through annotations similar to ours. However, Warlock uses a different analysis mechanism; it works by tracing execution paths through the program, but it fails to trace paths through loops or recursive function calls, and thus may not detect certain race conditions. In addition, Warlock assumes, but does not verify, the threadlocal annotations introduced by the programmer. However, these soundness issues have not prevented Warlock from being a practical tool. It has been used to catch race conditions in several programs, including an X-windows library.

The extended static checker for Java (ESC/Java) is a tool for static detection of software defects [Leino et al. 1999; Flanagan et al. 2002; Detlefs et al. 1998]. It uses an underlying automatic theorem prover to reason about program behavior and to verify the absence of certain kinds of errors, such as null dereferences and array-out-of-bounds errors. ESC/Java supports multithreaded programming via annotations similar to our guarded\_by and requires clauses, and verifies that the appropriate lock is held whenever a guarded field is accessed. However, it may still permit race conditions on unguarded fields, since it does not verify that such unguarded fields occur only in thread-local classes. Overall, ESC/Java is a complex but powerful tool capable of detecting many kinds of errors, whereas rccjava is a lightweight tool tuned specifically for detecting race conditions.

Aiken and Gay [1998] also investigate static race detection, in the context of SPMD programs. Since synchronization in these programs is performed using barriers, rather than locks, their system does not need to track the locks held at each program point or the association between locks the fields they protect. Their system has been used successfully on a number of SPMD programs.

Eraser is a tool for detecting race conditions and deadlocks dynamically [Savage et al. 1997], rather than statically. This approach has the advantage of being applicable to unannotated programs, but it may fail to detect certain errors because of insufficient test coverage. The Eraser algorithm has been extended to handle features, such as constructors, that are common in object-oriented programming languages [von Praun and Gross 2001]. Another recent approach has combined dynamic analysis with a global static analysis to improve precision and performance [Choi et al. 2002].

Boyapati and Rinard [2001] have defined a type system much like RACEFREEJAVA but with a notion of object ownership. Their system allows a single class declaration to yield both thread-local and thread-shared instances. Tracking thread locality on a per-object basis in this manner seems to be a promising alternative to the notion of thread-local classes presented in this article (which forbid a class to yield both thread-local and thread-shared instances). In the system of Boyapati and Rinard, synchronization is expressed only at the object level, and not at the field level. They have extended their analysis to identify deadlocks [Boyapati et al. 2002] by using a partial ordering over the lock names manipulated by the program, much as in Flanagan and Abadi [1999b].

Grossman [2003] has developed a type system for preventing race conditions in Cyclone, a statically safe variant of C, adapting our approach. The differences between class-based languages and Cyclone cause his system to differ from ours in several ways. Most significantly, Grossman permits functions to be polymorphic over the locks guarding the parameters of the function. In another interesting approach, Bacon et al. [2001] developed Guava, an extension to the Java language with a form of monitor capable of sharing object state in a race-free manner.

RACEFREEJAVA has also been extended to verify atomicity [Flanagan and Qadeer 2003a, 2003b; Flanagan et al. 2004]. Whereas race conditions yield valuable indications of unintended interference between threads, atomicity guarantees the absence of such interference. In particular, a method is atomic if for every program execution, there is an equivalent serial execution where the actions of the method are executed contiguously, without interleaved actions of other threads. Atomic methods are amenable to sequential reasoning, which significantly simplifies subsequent (formal or informal) correctness arguments.

Vault [DeLine and Fähndrich 2001] is a system for checking resource management protocols, and is mainly focused on sequential programs. Capabilities in Vault are encoded using a combination of singleton types and existential types (much as in Flanagan and Abadi [1999b]). While Vault has been used to reason about protocols involving mutual exclusion locks, it does not currently have a multithreaded execution model.

A variety of other approaches have been developed for race condition and deadlock prevention; these include model checking [Chamillard et al. 1996; Corbett 1996; Fajstrup et al. 1998; Yahav 2001], dataflow analysis [Dwyer and Clarke 1994], and type systems for process calculi [Kobayashi 1998; Kobayashi et al. 2000].

A number of formal calculi for Java have been presented in recent literature. These include attempts to model the entire Java language [Drossopoulou and Eisenbach 1997; Syme 1997; Nipkow and von Oheimb 1998] and, also, smaller systems designed to study specific features and extensions [Igarashi et al. 2001]. We chose to use the CLASSICJAVA calculus of Flatt, Krishnamurthi, and Felleisen [Flatt et al. 1998] as the starting point for our study.

There have been many suggested language extensions for supporting Java classes parameterized by types [Odersky and Wadler 1997; Bracha et al. 1998; Agesen et al. 1997; Myers et al. 1997; Cartwright and Steele 1998]. Our work

uses a different notion of parameterization, namely, classes parameterized by *values* (more specifically, lock expressions). Apart from this distinction, our class parameterization approach most closely follows that of GJ [Bracha et al. 1998], in that information about class parameters is not preserved at run time.

The requires annotations used by rccjava are similar to effects [Jouvelot and Gifford 1991; Lucassen and Gifford 1988; Nielson 1996]. Thus, the analysis performed by Houdini/rcc includes a basic form of effect reconstruction [Tofte and Talpin 1994, 1997; Amtoft et al. 1997; Talpin and Jouvelot 1992], and the Houdini/rcc interface provides an explanation of why certain effects were inferred.

The Houdini/rcc algorithm can be viewed as an abstract interpretation [Cousot and Cousot 1977], where the abstract state space is the powerset lattice over the candidate annotations and rccjava is used to compute the abstract transition relation. Houdini/rcc may also be seen as a variant of predicate abstraction [Graf and Saidi 1997] in which each candidate annotation corresponds to a predicate. The Houdini algorithm finds the largest conjunction of these predicates that holds in all reachable states.

Houdini/rcc infers thread-local annotations for classes whose instances are never shared between threads. Other work on this escape-analysis problem [Choi et al. 1999; Blanchet 1999; Bogda and Hölzle 1999; Whaley and Rinard 1999; Aldrich et al. 1999] has primarily focused on optimizing synchronization operations. Because of its intended application, Houdini/rcc includes an interface that provides explanations.

#### 9. CONCLUSIONS

Type systems have proven remarkably effective for preventing errors in sequential programs. In this work, we adapt type-based analysis techniques to multithreaded programs, and focus in particular on race conditions, a common source of errors in multithreaded programs.

In comparison to both traditional testing and dynamic analysis techniques such as Eraser [Savage et al. 1997], the main benefit of our type-based analysis is that it is not limited by the test coverage concerns of dynamic approaches. In particular, our core type system is provably sound, although in practice we use unsound (but useful) extensions to this core system.

Dependent types are a key feature of our type system, since the type of a field includes its protecting lock. Many dependent type systems are undecidable, since they require checking the semantic equality of two expressions [Cardelli 1988]. Our type system approximates semantic equality by syntactic equality modulo substitution; this approximation yields a decidable type system without substantially reducing expressiveness in practice. Our type system also supports dependent or parameterized classes, which significantly extend its expressiveness.

Further extensions to the type system could help reduce the number of false alarms. For example, an escape analysis would permit safe, synchronizationfree initialization of an object that is not yet thread-shared, and it would remove

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the need for our implementation's unsound assumption that objects are never shared before being fully constructed. Similarly, a unique pointer analysis could statically guarantee the soundness of typecasts that change the ghost parameters in an object type. However, such extensions would also result in a more complex type system, and perhaps more complex type annotations.

Providing type annotations is perhaps the dominant obstacle to the wider adoption of RACEFREEJAVA. The experimental results with Houdini/rcc are promising, but are limited by Houdini/rcc's inability to infer ghost parameters. We believe that developing a cost-effective type system for race freedom requires a type inference algorithm that infers ghost parameters. This more general type inference problem is NP-complete and we are tackling this problem via reduction to propositional satisfiability [Flanagan and Freund 2004].

#### APPENDIX

We present the syntax, semantics, and type system for RACEFREEJAVA without thread-local classes in Appendix A and the soundness proof for this system in Appendix B. We extend the type system to thread-local classes and discuss the modifications to the soundness proof needed for thread-local classes in Appendices C and D. We divide the formal development in this manner for simplicity of presentation, and also because we believe that, without thread-local classes, our semantics and type system should be a useful starting point for future work on other analysis problems that require dependent types and parameterized classes.

## A. FORMAL DEFINITION OF RACEFREEJAVA

#### A.1 Syntax

The grammar for RACEFREEJAVA is presented in Figure 11. In order to support a substitution-based operational semantics, the set of values is extended to include addresses, which are described below. The set of expressions is also extended to include the construct in-sync p e, which indicates that the lock p has been acquired and e is being evaluated. Addresses and the in-sync construct should not appear in source programs. The grammar also defines class instantiations, which are instantiations of parameterized classes.

#### A.2 Semantics

We specify the operational semantics of RACEFREEJAVA using the abstract machine in Figure 12. The machine evaluates a program by stepping through a sequence of states. A state consists of two components: an object store and a sequence of expressions, each of which is a thread. The result of a program is the result of the initial thread, which will always appear at the beginning of a sequence of thread expressions. New threads are added to the end of the sequence. We use T.T' to denote the concatenation of two sequences.

Objects are kept in an object store  $\sigma$  that maps addresses to objects. An object  $\|db\|_c^m$  has three components: a map db from field names to values, a lock state

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P ::= defn^* e
                                                         (program)
defn ::= class cn \langle garg^* \rangle body
                                                         (class declaration)
garg ::= ghost t x
                                                         (ghost var)
body ::= extends c \in field^* meth^* \}
                                                         (class body)
field ::= [\texttt{final}]_{opt} \ t \ fn = v \ [\texttt{guarded_by} \ l]_{opt}
                                                         (field declaration)
meth ::= t mn(arg^*) requires ls \{ e \}
                                                         (method declaration)
 arg ::= t x
                                                         (variable declaration)
  s,t ::= c \mid int
                                                         (type)
   c ::= cn\langle l^* \rangle \mid \text{Object}
                                                         (class type)
   ls ::= l^*
                                                         (lock set)
    l ::= v
                                                         (lock)
                                                         (class instantiation)
   ci \ ::= \ \texttt{class} \ c \ body
 e, f ::= v
                                                         (value)
         | new c()
                                                         (allocate)
           e.fn
                                                         (field read)
           e.fn = e
                                                         (field update)
           e.mn(e^*)
                                                         (method call)
           let arg = e \text{ in } e
                                                         (variable binding)
           synchronized e e
                                                         (synchronization)
           e.{\tt fork}
                                                         (fork)
                                                         (in sync)
          | in-sync p \ e
    v ::= x
                                                         (variable)
         \mid n
                                                         (integer)
                                                         (null reference)
           null
                                                         (address)
          \mid p
  cn
       \in
           class names
   fn
       \in
           field names
           method names
 mn \in
      \in
          variable names
 x, y
   n \in \text{integers}
       \in
          addresses
   p
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Fig. 11. The grammar for RACEFREEJAVA.

*m*, and the class *c* of the object. The field map *db* is a list  $fn_1 = v_1, \ldots, fn_n = v_n$ , and we use  $\epsilon$  to denote the empty field map. The lock state is either unlocked or locked, denoted by  $\circ$  and  $\bullet$ , respectively.

Program evaluation begins in a state with an empty store and a single thread. Evaluation proceeds according to the evaluation rules, and terminates when all the threads are reduced to values. We use  $\sigma[p \mapsto d]$  to denote the store that agrees with  $\sigma$  at all addresses except p, which is mapped to d. The store  $\sigma[p.fn \mapsto v]$  denotes the store that agrees with  $\sigma$  at all addresses except p, which is mapped to the object  $\sigma(p)$  updated so that field fn contains value v.

The reduction rules are mostly straightforward. They rely on the following auxiliary judgments. The rule [RED NEW] uses the auxiliary judgment  $P; c \vdash_{\text{initial}} db$  to determine the initial field map db for a newly allocated object. The rule for method dispatch uses the auxiliary judgment  $P; c \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} meth$  to determine the correct method to call. The judgment  $P \vdash_{\text{inst}} ci$  states that the class

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Evaluator

$$eval(P, v_1) \iff P \vdash \langle \emptyset, e \rangle \longmapsto^* \langle \sigma, v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$$
  
where  $P = defn^* e$ 

State Space

 $\begin{array}{rcl} S & \in & State = Store \times ThreadSeq \\ \sigma & \in & Store = p \rightharpoonup d \\ T & \in & ThreadSeq = e^* \\ d & ::= \; \{ \mid db \}_c^m \\ db & ::= \; fn_1 = v_1, \cdots, fn_n = v_n \\ m & ::= \; \circ \mid \bullet \end{array}$ 

#### **Evaluation Contexts**

$$\mathcal{E} = [] | \mathcal{E}.fn | \mathcal{E}.fn = e | p.fn = \mathcal{E} \\ | \mathcal{E}.mn(e^*) | p.mn(v^*, \mathcal{E}, e^*) | \text{let } arg = \mathcal{E} \text{ in } e \\ | \mathcal{E}.fork | synchronized \mathcal{E} e | in-sync p \mathcal{E}$$

#### Transition Rules

[RED NEW]

 $\begin{array}{ccc} P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[\texttt{new } c\,()].T' \rangle &\longmapsto & \langle \sigma[p \mapsto \{\!\mid db \, ]\!\}_c^\circ], T.\mathcal{E}[p].T' \rangle \\ & \text{if } p \not\in \textit{dom}(\sigma) \text{ and } P; c \vdash_{\text{initial}} \textit{db} \end{array}$ 

[RED READ]

$$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[p.fn].T' \rangle \longmapsto \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[v].T' \rangle$$
  
if  $\sigma(p) = \{ \dots, fn = v, \dots \}_c^m$ 

[RED ASSIGN]

$$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[p.\mathit{fn} \ = \ v].T' \rangle \ \longmapsto \ \langle \sigma[p.\mathit{fn} \ \mapsto \ v], T.\mathcal{E}[v].T' \rangle$$

[RED INVOKE]

$$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[p.mn(v_{1..n})].T' \rangle \longmapsto \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[[v_i/x_i^{i\in 1..n}, p/\text{this}]e].T' \rangle$$
  
if  $\sigma(p) = \{ db \}_{c}^{m}$  and  
$$P: c \vdash_{dispatch} t mn(t_i x_i^{i\in 1..n})$$

requires  $ls \ \{ e \ \}$ 

[RED LET]

$$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[\texttt{let } t \ x \ \texttt{=} \ v \ \texttt{in} \ e].T' \rangle \ \longmapsto \ \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[[v/x]e].T' \rangle$$

[RED SYNC]

$$\begin{split} P \vdash \langle \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \mid db \mid \}_{c}^{\circ}], T.\mathcal{E}[\texttt{synchronized} \ p \ e].T' \rangle &\longmapsto \langle \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \mid db \mid \}_{c}^{\circ}], T.\mathcal{E}[\texttt{in-sync} \ p \ e].T' \rangle \\ \\ [\text{RED IN-SYNC]} \\ P \vdash \langle \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \mid db \mid \}_{c}^{\circ}], T.\mathcal{E}[\texttt{in-sync} \ p \ v].T' \rangle &\longmapsto \langle \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \mid db \mid \}_{c}^{\circ}], T.\mathcal{E}[v].T' \rangle \end{split}$$

[RED FORK]

$$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[p.\texttt{fork}].T' \rangle \longmapsto \langle \sigma, T.\mathcal{E}[0].T'.(p.\texttt{run()}) \rangle$$

Fig. 12. The semantics for RACEFREEJAVA.

declaration ci is a well-formed instantation of a class appearing in the program P.

Judgment	Meaning
$P; c \vdash_{ ext{initial}} db$	db are the initialized fields of an object of class $c$
$P; c \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} meth$	meth is a resolved method for $c$
$P \vdash_{\mathrm{inst}} ci$	ci is an instantiated class from $P$

These auxiliary judgments are defined as follows:

$P; c \vdash_{ ext{initial}} db$	
[INIT EMPTY] [INIT OBJ	ECT]
$P$ ; Object $\vdash_{initial} \epsilon$ $P$ $field_i = (l)$	$\begin{array}{l} P;c' \vdash_{\text{initial}} db \\ \vdash_{\text{inst}} \text{ class } c \text{ extends } c' \left\{ field_{1.m} \ meth_{1.n} \right\} \\ \text{ final}_{\text{opt}} t_i \ fn_i = v_i \left[ \text{guarded.by } l_i \right]_{\text{opt}} \right) \ \forall i \in 1m \\ P;c \vdash_{\text{initial}} db, fn_1 = v_1, \dots, fn_m = v_m \end{array}$
$P; c \vdash_{ ext{dispatch}} meth$	
	[LOOKUP SUPER]
$  \frac{ [LOOKUP] }{P \vdash_{inst} class c extends c' \\                                  $	$\begin{array}{c} P \vdash_{\text{inst}} \text{class } c \text{ extends } c' \{ \dots \text{ meth}_{1.k} \} \\ P; c' \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} \text{ meth} \\ meth = t \text{ mn}(\arg_{1.n}) \text{ requires } ls \{ e \} \\ meth_i = t_i \text{ mn}_i(\arg_{i.1.n_i}) \text{ requires } ls_i \{ e_i \}  \forall i \in 1k \\ mn \neq mn_i  \forall i \in 1k \end{array}$
	$P; c \vdash_{dispatch} meth$
$P \vdash_{ ext{inst}} ci$	
[INST]	
$class \ cn \langle ghost \ t_i \ x_i^{i \in 1n} \rangle \ body \in F$	<b>)</b>

 $P \vdash_{\text{inst}} \text{class } cn \langle l_{1..n} \rangle [l_i / x_i^{i \in 1..n}] body$ 

The rule [RED FORK] for *p*.fork creates a new thread to evaluate *p*.run(), and returns 0 as the (dummy) result of the fork expression. The rule [RED SYNC] evaluates the expression synchronized *p e* by acquiring the lock of *p*, and it yields the expression in-sync *p e*. The new expression denotes that the lock of *p* has been acquired and *e* is being evaluated. After *e* evaluates to some value *v*, the rule [RED IN-SYNC] releases the lock of *p* and returns the value *v*. We say that an expression *e* is in a *critical section* on *p* if  $e = \mathcal{E}[\text{in-sync } p e']$  for some evaluation context  $\mathcal{E}$  and expression e'.

We use the semantics to formalize the notion of a race condition. An expression *e* accesses *p.fn* if  $e = \mathcal{E}[p.fn]$  or  $e = \mathcal{E}[p.fn = v]$  for some  $\mathcal{E}$  and v. A state has *conflicting accesses* on *p.fn* if its thread sequence contains two or more (top-level) expressions that access *p.fn* and at least one of the accesses is a write. A program has a *race condition* if its evaluation may yield a state with conflicting accesses. In other words, a program  $P = defn^* e$  has a race condition if  $P \vdash \langle \emptyset, e \rangle \longmapsto^* S$  where S has conflicting accesses.

## A.3 Type System

We first define a number of predicates used in the type system informally. These predicates are based on similar predicates from a previous article [Flatt et al.

1998], to which we refer the reader for their precise formulation.

Predicate	Meaning
ClassOnce(P)	no class is declared twice in P
WFClasses(P)	there are no cycles in the class hierarchy
FieldsOnce(P)	no class contains two fields with the same name,
	either declared or inherited
MethodsOncePerClass(P)	no method name appears more than once per class
OverridesOK(P)	overriding methods have the same return type, parameter
	types, and requires set as the method being overridden

A typing environment maps variables to types, addresses to classes, and ghost variables to types:

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E ::= \emptyset \mid E, arg \mid E, c p \mid E, garg
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We define the type system using the following judgments.

Judgment	Meaning	
$\vdash P:t$	program $P$ yields type $t$	
$P \vdash defn$	<i>defn</i> is a well-formed class declaration	
$P \vdash E$	E is a well-formed typing environment	
$P; E \vdash t$	<i>t</i> is a well-formed type	
$P; E \vdash s <: t$	s is a subtype of $t$	
$P; E \vdash meth$	<i>meth</i> is a well-formed method	
$P; E \vdash field$	<i>field</i> is a well-formed field	
$P; E \vdash \varsigma y. field \in c$	class $c$ declares/inherits <i>field</i> , where $y$ is the self-reference variable	
$P; E \vdash \varsigma y.meth \in c$	class $c$ declares/inherits $meth$ , where $y$ is the self-reference variable	
$P; E \vdash_{ ext{final}} e: t$	e is a final expression with type $t$	
$P; E \vdash ls$	<i>ls</i> is a well-formed lock set	
$P; E \vdash l \in ls$	<i>l</i> appears in <i>ls</i>	
$P; E \vdash ls_1 \subseteq ls_2$	lock set $ls_1$ is contained in $ls_2$	
$P; E; ls \vdash e: t$	expression $e$ has type $t$	
$P \vdash S : E$	S is a well-formed state with environment $E$	
$P \vdash \sigma : E$	$\sigma$ is a well-formed store with environment $E$	
$P; E; p \vdash ls: c$	db is a well-formed object of class $c$ at address $p$	

The typing rules for these judgments are presented below.



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[EXP ADDRESS]	[EXP NEW]	[EXP REF UNGUARDED]
$P: E \vdash ls$	$P: E \vdash ls$	$P; E; ls \vdash e: c$
$E = E_1, c p, E_2$	$P; E \vdash c$	$P; E \vdash \varsigma \text{this.}([\text{final}]_{\text{opt}} t fn = v) \in c$ $P: E \vdash [e/\text{this}]t$
$P; E; ls \vdash p: c$	$P; E; ls \vdash \texttt{new} c() : c$	$\frac{P:E:ls \vdash e.fn:[e/this]t}{P:E:ls \vdash e.fn:[e/this]t}$
		- , - ,
[EXP REF GUARDE	D]	
D. D. 1	$P; E; ls \vdash e: c$	- D
$P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this.([fin $p$ .	nal] <sub>opt</sub> $t fn = v$ guarded. $F \vdash [a/this] l \in l_{0}$	by $l \in c$
1, 1	$P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}]t$	
P; E	$; ls \vdash e.fn : [e/this]t$	
r1		[EXP INVOKE]
[EXP ASSIGN]		$P; E; ls_1 \vdash e: c$
P; E $P: E \vdash c + his(t fn)$	$(ls \vdash e : c)$	$P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this. $(t mn(s_j y_j) \in \mathbb{N})$
$P; E \vdash [$	$e/\text{this} l \in ls$	$P \cdot E \cdot l_{S_1} \vdash \rho_i : [\rho/this]_{S_i}  \forall i \in I \ n$
$P; E; ls \vdash$	-e':[e/this]t	$P; E \vdash [e/\text{this}] ls_2 \subseteq ls_1$
$P; E; ls \vdash e.fi$	n = e' : [e/this]t	$P; E \vdash [e/\texttt{this}]t$
		$P; E; ls_1 \vdash e.mn(e_{1n}) : [e/this]t$
[FYP LET]		FXP FORK
$P \cdot E \cdot ls$	$s \vdash \rho_1 \cdot t$	$P \cdot E \cdot ls \vdash e \cdot c$
$P; E, t x; ls \vdash e_2 : s$	s $P; E \vdash [e_1/x]s$	$P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this. $(t run() requires \emptyset \{ e' \}) \in c$
$P; E; ls \vdash \texttt{let} \ t \ x$	$= e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : [e_1/x]s$	$P; E; ls \vdash e.\texttt{fork}:\texttt{int}$
[EXP SYNC]	$\mathbf{D}$ , $\mathbf{E}$ , $\mathbf{I}$ , $  $ ,	$\begin{bmatrix} EXP \text{ IN-SYNC} \end{bmatrix}$
$P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} e_1 : c$	$P; E; ls \cup \{e_1\} \vdash e_2 : t$	$\frac{P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} p: c  P; E; ls \cup \{p\} \vdash e: t}{P; E; ls \sqcup in-sum s n s: t}$
$F; E; ls \vdash syn$	chronized $e_1 e_2 : i$	$F; E; ls \vdash \text{in-sync } p e: l$
,	$P \vdash c$	$\sigma: E$
$P \vdash S : E$	Г	_1
	LSTOR	
$P \vdash \sigma \cdot E$	d	
T  > 0	$\sigma(p$	$a_i) = \{ \dots \}_{c_i}^{m_i}  \forall i \in 1n$
$P; E; \emptyset \vdash T_i : t_i  \forall$	$i \in 1 T $	$E = c_1 \ p_1, \ldots, c_n \ p_n$
$P \vdash \langle \sigma, T \rangle$ :	E	$\frac{p_i \vdash \sigma(p_i) : c_i  \forall i \in 1n}{P_i \vdash P_i}$
		$P \vdash \sigma : E$
$P \cdot E \cdot n \vdash dh \cdot t$	<u>+</u>	
1,2,7 00.0	·	
	[VAL SUB	CLASS]
	<b>D</b> :	$P; E \vdash c$
[VAL OBJECT]	$P \vdash_{\text{inst}} c$	Lass c extends c' { $field_{1.n} meth_{1.m}$ }
$P \cdot E \cdot n \vdash \{\}_{n=1}^{m}$	.:Object P:	$E: \emptyset \vdash v_i : [p/\text{this}]t_i  \forall i \in 1n$
-, -, P Ubject	t, ,	$P; E; p \vdash \{ db \}_{e'}^{m'} : c'$
	P; E; p	$\mathbf{v} \vdash \{db, fn_1 = v_1, \dots, fn_n = v_n\}_c^m : c$

## **B. SOUNDNESS**

In this section, we prove that well-typed RACEFREEJAVA programs without thread-local classes cannot have race conditions. The preliminary lemmas are routine, and much of their structure is derived directly from previous work on similar systems [Flatt et al. 1998]. Therefore, we primarily focus on the novel aspects of RACEFREEJAVA, including how lock sets and dependent types are handled.

We start by presenting a lemma that states that, given a well-typed expression, there is a deduction that yields that the expression has a type and that

does not end with an application of [EXP SUB]. This lemma enables us to establish a number of properties, such as that subexpressions of a well-typed expression are well-typed.

LEMMA 1. Suppose there exists a deduction that concludes  $P; E; ls \vdash e : t$ . Then that deduction contains a subdeduction that concludes  $P; E; ls \vdash e : t'$ and does not end with an application of rule [EXP SUB] for some type t' where  $P; E \vdash t' <: t$ .

**PROOF.** Induction over the derivation of  $P; E; ls \vdash e: t$ .  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 2 (CONTEXT SUBEXPRESSION). Suppose there is a deduction that concludes  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}[e] : t$ . Then that deduction contains, at a position corresponding to the hole in  $\mathcal{E}$ , a subdeduction that concludes  $P; E; ls' \vdash e : t'$  for some t' and ls' such that  $P; E \vdash ls \subseteq ls'$  and for all  $l \in ls' \setminus ls$ ,  $\mathcal{E}[e]$  is in a critical section on l.

**PROOF.** The proof is a routine induction on the structure of  $\mathcal{E}$ . We show the representative case where  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}'.fn$ . If  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}'[e].fn : t$ , then Lemma 1 indicates that  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}'[e].fn : s$  for some s, where an application of [EXP SUB] is not the last step of the derivation. Suppose that [EXP REF GUARDED] is used to conclude that  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}'[e].fn : s$ , using the antecedent  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}'[e] : c$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $P; E; ls' \vdash e : t'$  for some t' and  $\forall l \in ls' \setminus ls$ .  $\mathcal{E}[e]$  is in a critical section on l. The case for [EXP REF UNGUARDED] is similar.  $\Box$ 

Note that the subexpression *e* is typed with the original lock set, extended only with locks for which  $\mathcal{E}[e]$  is in a critical section.

LEMMA 3. Suppose there is a deduction that concludes  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}[e] : t$ . Then that deduction contains, at a position corresponding to the hole in  $\mathcal{E}$ , a subdeduction that concludes  $P; E; ls' \vdash e : t'$  for some t' and ls' such that  $P; E \vdash ls \subseteq ls'$  and for all  $l \in ls' \setminus ls$ ,  $\mathcal{E}[e]$  is in a critical section on l. In addition, the subdeduction ends with an application of a rule other than [EXP SUB].

**PROOF.** Simple application of Lemmas 1 and 2.  $\Box$ 

The next lemma shows that a subexpression  $e_1$  may be replaced by a different subexpression with the same type, provided  $e_1$  is not a value. (If  $e_1$  is a value, it may appear in the type t or in the lock set ls, since our system supports dependent types that contain values.)

LEMMA 4 (CONTEXT REPLACEMENT). Suppose a deduction concluding  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}[e_1] : t$  contains a deduction concluding  $P; E; ls' \vdash e_1 : t'$  at a position corresponding to the hole in  $\mathcal{E}$ . If  $e_1$  is not a value and  $P; E; ls' \vdash e_2 : t'$ , then  $P; E; ls \vdash \mathcal{E}[e_2] : t$ .

**PROOF.** Induction on the structure of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

The next lemma shows that judgments from the formal system are preserved under capture-free variable substitution. We use Z as a place holder for the right-hand side of any judgment used in the type system.

LEMMA 5 (SUBSTITUTION). If  $P; E; ls' \vdash v : s$  then:

(1) if  $P \vdash E$ , s x, E' then  $P \vdash E$ , [v/x]E', and

(2) if  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]Z$ , and

(3) if  $P; E, s x, E'; ls \vdash Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]Z$ , and

(4) if  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash_{\text{final}} Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash_{\text{final}} [v/x]Z$ .

PROOF. The proof is by a simultaneous induction on the four parts of the lemma. We present details of the proof of part 3 for expression typing judgments. In particular, we show that if  $P; E; ls' \vdash v : s$  and  $P; E, s x, E'; ls \vdash e : t$ then  $P: E, [v/x]E': [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]t$  by induction over the derivation of  $P; E, s x, E'; ls \vdash e : t$ . We consider three representative cases:

[EXP SUB]: To have applied this rule, it must be the case that P; E, s x, E';  $ls \vdash$ e: t' and  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash t' <: t$ . By the induction hypothesis:

 $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]t'$  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]t' <: [v/x]t$ 

Thus, we apply [EXP SUB] to conclude  $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]t$ . [EXP REF GUARDED]: Let e be the expression e'.fn. Then:

 $P; E, s x, E'; ls \vdash e' : c$  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash \varsigma$ this.([final]<sub>opt</sub> t' fn = v' guarded\_by  $l) \in c$  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash [e'/\text{this}]l \in ls$  $P; E, s x, E' \vdash [e'/\text{this}]t'$ 

where t = [e'/this]t'. We may assume  $x \neq \text{this}$  and  $v \neq \text{this}$ , renaming the bound variable if necessary. By the induction hypothesis:

 $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e' : [v/x]c$  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x](\varsigma \text{this.}([\text{final}]_{opt} t' fn = v' \text{ guarded_by } l) \in c)$  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]([e'/\text{this}]l) \in [v/x]ls$  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]([e'/this]t')$ 

The second line above simplifies to:

 $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash$ 

 $\varsigma$ this.([final]<sub>opt</sub> [v/x]t' fn = [v/x]v' guarded\_by  $[v/x]l \in [v/x]c$ 

In addition, [v/x]t = [v/x]([e'/this]t') = [([v/x]e')/this]([v/x]t'), and we may transform lines 3 and 4 into:

 $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [([v/x]e')/\text{this}]([v/x]l) \in [v/x]ls$ 

 $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [([v/x]e')/\text{this}]([v/x]t')$ 

Using these conditions, we can apply the rule [EXP REF GUARDED] to conclude  $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]t.$ 

[EXP LET]: Let *e* be the expression let  $t_1 y = e_1$  in  $e_2$ . It must be that:

 $P; E, s x, E'; ls \vdash e_1 : t_1$  $P; E, s x, E', t_1 y; ls \vdash e_2 : t_2$  $P: E. s x. E' \vdash t$ 

where  $t = [e_1/y]t_2$ . We know that the variable x is different from y because  $E, s, x, E', t_1, y$  is a well-formed environment. By the induction hypothesis:

 $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e_1 : [v/x]t_1$  $P; E, [v/x]E', [v/x]t_1 y; [v/x]l_3 \vdash [v/x]e_2 : [v/x]t_2$  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]t$ 

Since x and y are distinct and y is not free in v,  $[v/x]t = [v/x]([e_1/y]t_2) = [([v/x]e_1)/y]([v/x]t_2)$ . Therefore,  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [([v/x]e_1)/y]([v/x]t_2)$ . We may thus conclude  $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]t$  using rule [EXP LET].  $\Box$ 

A similar lemma is used to substitute values for ghost variables.

LEMMA 6 (GHOST SUBSTITUTION). If  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} v : t$ , then:

- (1) if  $P \vdash E$ , ghost t x, E' then  $P \vdash E, [v/x]E'$ , and
- (2) if P; E, ghost  $t x, E' \vdash Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash [v/x]Z$ , and
- (3) if P; E, ghost  $t x, E'; ls \vdash Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E'; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]Z$ , and
- (4) if P; E, ghost  $t x, E' \vdash_{\text{final}} Z$  then  $P; E, [v/x]E' \vdash_{\text{final}} [v/x]Z$ .

**PROOF.** Proof is by simultaneous induction on the four parts.  $\Box$ 

Next we show the conditions under which an environment can be strengthened with additional variable declarations.

LEMMA 7 (ENVIRONMENT STRENGTHENING). If E = E', [ghost]<sub>opt</sub> t v, E'' and  $P \vdash E$  then:

- (1) if  $P; E', E'' \vdash Z$  then  $P; E \vdash Z$ , and (2) if  $P; E', E''; ls \vdash Z$  then  $P; E; ls \vdash Z$ , and
- (3) if  $P; E', E'' \vdash_{\text{final}} Z$  then  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} Z$ .

**PROOF.** By simultaneous induction on the three parts of the lemma.  $\Box$ 

The previous two lemmas are sufficient to prove that the fields, methods, and class names of instantiations are well-formed. We begin by showing that class names appearing in typing derivations are well-formed.

LEMMA 8 (CLASS NAME INSTANTIATION). If  $\vdash P : t \text{ and } P; E; ls \vdash p : c \text{ then } P; E \vdash c$ .

PROOF. If we deduce  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c$  with rule [EXP ADDRESS], then  $E = E_1, c \ p, E_2$ , where  $P \vdash E$ . Well-formed environments contain only valid class names. Thus,  $P; E \vdash c$ .

If we deduce  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c$  with rule [EXP SUB], then  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c_1$  where  $P; E \vdash c_1 <: c$  for some  $c_1$ . We proceed to show by induction on the deduction of  $P; E \vdash c_1 <: c$  that if  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c_1$  and  $P; E \vdash c_1 <: c$ , then  $P; E \vdash c$ . There are two cases:

[SUBTYPE REFL]: A hypothesis of the rule is  $P; E \vdash c$ . [SUBTYPE CLASS]: In this case:

 $\begin{array}{l} P; E \vdash c_1 <: cn \langle l_{1..n} \rangle \\ \texttt{class } cn \langle \texttt{ghost } t_i \; x_i \overset{i \in 1..n}{} \rangle \; \texttt{extends } c' \; \{ \; \dots \; \} \in P \\ c = [l_i / x_i \overset{i \in 1..n}{}] c' \end{array}$ 

The inductive hypothesis indicates that  $P; E \vdash cn\langle l_{1..n} \rangle$ . Therefore,  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} l_i : t_i \text{ for } i \in 1..n$ . Since  $\vdash P : t$ , we know that the definition of cn is well-formed, which implies that P; ghost  $t_i x_i^{i \in 1..n} \vdash c'$  as a requirement of

rule [CLASS]. Assuming that  $x_{1.n}$  do not appear in E ( $\alpha$ -renaming if necessary), we may apply Lemma 7 to obtain

P; E, ghost  $t_i x_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{\vdash} c'$ 

Replacing each  $x_i$  with  $l_i$  using Lemma 6 gives us  $P; E \vdash c$ .  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 9 (FIELD AND METHOD INSTANTIATION). If  $\vdash P : t \text{ and } P; E; ls \vdash p : c$  then:

(1) if  $P; E \vdash \zeta y$  field  $\in c$  then  $P; E \vdash [p/y]$  field, and

(2) if  $P; E \vdash \varsigma y.meth \in c$  then  $P; E \vdash [p/y]meth$ .

PROOF. We consider fields. We can handle methods in a similar fashion. If  $P; E \vdash \varsigma y$  field  $\in c$ , then

 $\begin{array}{l} P; E \vdash c <: cn \langle l_{1..n} \rangle \\ y \text{ does not appear in } l_{1..n} \\ \texttt{class } cn \langle \texttt{ghost } t_i \; x_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{\longrightarrow} \; \dots \; \{ \; \dots \; \textit{field}' \; \dots \} \in P \\ \textit{field} = [l_i / x_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{\longrightarrow} \; y / \texttt{this}] \textit{field}' \end{array}$ 

Since  $P; E; ls \vdash p : cn\langle l_{1..n} \rangle$  by rule [EXP SUB], Lemma 8 indicates that  $P; E \vdash cn\langle l_{1..n} \rangle$ . Thus,  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} l_i : t_i$  for  $i \in 1..n$ . Since  $\vdash P : t$ , we know that the declaration of cn is well-formed, which requires that P; ghost  $t_i x_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{i \in 1..n}, cn\langle x_{1..n} \rangle$  this  $\vdash field'$ . Assuming that  $x_{1..n}$  and y do not appear in E ( $\alpha$ -renaming if necessary), we may apply Lemma 7 and rename this to obtain

$$P; E, \text{ghost } t_i x_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{\longrightarrow}, cn \langle x_{1..n} \rangle y \vdash [y/\text{this}] field'$$

After replacing  $x_i$  with  $l_i$  for  $i \in 1..n$ , we have  $P; E, cn\langle l_{1..n} \rangle y \vdash field$ , which leaves us with  $P; E \vdash \lfloor p/y \rfloor$  field after replacing y with p.  $\Box$ 

We next show that the types assigned to addresses are supertypes of the allocated type of the corresponding heap objects.

LEMMA 10 (INFERRED TO EXACT TYPES). If  $P \vdash \langle \sigma, T \rangle$ : E and  $P; E; ls \vdash p: c$ , then  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p: c$  and there exists c' such that  $P; E \vdash c' <: c$ , E(p) = c', and  $\sigma(p) = \{ db \}_{c'}^{m}$ .

PROOF. Lemma 1 indicates that there exists a c' such that  $P; E \vdash c' <: c$  and  $P; E; ls \vdash p: c'$  is derivable by a rule other than [EXP SUB]. Since  $P; E; ls \vdash p: c'$  is derivable only by rule [EXP ADDRESS], E(p) = c'. In addition, to have concluded that  $P \vdash \langle \sigma, T \rangle : E$ , the object  $\sigma(p)$  must have type c'. Thus,  $\sigma(p) = \{ | db \} |_{c'}^m$ . Furthermore,  $P; E \vdash \emptyset$  by rule [LOCK SET EMPTY], and rules [EXP ADDRESS] and [EXP SUB] allow us to conclude that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p: c$ .  $\Box$ 

Every value stored in an object has the appropriate type.

LEMMA 11 (OBJECT FIELDS WELL-TYPED). If  $\sigma(p) = \{1, \dots, fn = v, \dots\}_c^m$  and  $P \vdash \sigma : E$  and  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$  this.([final]<sub>opt</sub> t fn = v' [guarded\_by l]<sub>opt</sub>)  $\in c$  then  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash v : [p/\text{this}]t$ .

PROOF. Proof is a straightforward induction on the subtyping deduction used to conclude  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$  this.([final]<sub>opt</sub> t fn = v' [guarded\_by l]<sub>opt</sub>)  $\in c$ .  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 12 (LOCK SET STRENGTHENING). If  $P; E; ls \vdash v : t \text{ and } P; E \vdash ls \subseteq ls'$ , then  $P; E; ls' \vdash v : t$ .

**PROOF.** By induction on the derivation of  $P; E; ls \vdash v : t$ .  $\Box$ 

The first of several subject-reduction lemmas states that types are preserved by reduction steps. Note that this itself does not prove that a program is free of race conditions, but it does allow us to conclude that all states reached from a well-typed state are also well-typed.

LEMMA 13 (TYPE SUBJECT REDUCTION). If  $P \vdash S : E$  and  $P \vdash S \longmapsto S'$  then  $P \vdash S' : E'$  for some E'.

Proof. We proceed by case analysis on the rule used to conclude  $P \vdash S \mapsto S'$ .

In the first four cases presented, we assume that thread k is reduced, and let  $S = \langle \sigma, e_1..e_k..e_n \rangle$  and  $S' = \langle \sigma, e_1..e'_k..e_n \rangle$ . Since  $\sigma$  and all  $e_i$ , for  $i \neq k$ , do not change, it is sufficient to show that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$  follows from  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e_k : t_k$ . Proving this guarantees that  $P \vdash S' : E$  via [STATE].

[RED LET]: In this case:

 $\begin{array}{l} e_k = \mathcal{E}[ \operatorname{let} t \; x \; = \; v \; \operatorname{in} e] \\ e'_k = \mathcal{E}[[v/x]e] \end{array}$ 

Lemma 3 implies that there is a deduction of  $P; E; ls \vdash \text{let } t \ x = v \text{ in } e: s$  that does not end with an application of rule [EXP SUB] for some ls and s. The only possible rule to conclude that statement is [EXP LET]. Therefore,  $P; E; ls \vdash v : t$  and  $P; E \vdash s$  and  $P; E, t \ x; ls \vdash e : s'$ , where s = [v/x]s'. Given the first and third statements, Lemma 5 establishes that  $P; E; [v/x]ls \vdash [v/x]e : [v/x]s'$ . Since  $E, t \ x$  is a well-formed environment, x does not appear in E. Therefore, x cannot appear in the well-formed lock set ls, and [v/x]ls = ls. Thus,  $P; E; ls \vdash [v/x]e : s$ , and  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$  follows by Lemma 4.

[RED READ]: In this case:

$$e_k = \mathcal{E}[p.fn]$$
$$e'_k = \mathcal{E}[v]$$

where  $\sigma(p) = \{1, \ldots, fn = v, \ldots\}_{c_p}^{m_p}$ . Lemma 3 implies that the derivation of  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e_k : t_k$  includes a derivation that concludes that  $P; E; ls \vdash p.fn : s$  where the last rule is not rule [EXP SUB]. We proceed to show that  $P; E; ls \vdash v : s$ , and this shall allow us to establish that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$  by Lemma 4. We consider each possible rule used to derive  $P; E; ls \vdash p.fn : s$ :

[EXP REF GUARDED]: It must be that

 $P; E; ls \vdash p: c$   $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this.([final]<sub>opt</sub>  $t_v$  fn = v' guarded\_by  $l) \in c$  $s = [p/this]t_v$ 

Thus, we may apply Lemmas 10 and 11 to conclude that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash v : s$ , which implies that  $P; E; ls \vdash v : s$  by Lemma 12.

[EXP REF UNGUARDED]: This case is similar to the previous. [RED INVOKE]: In this case,

 $\begin{array}{l} e_k = \mathcal{E}[p.mn(v_{1..m})] \\ e'_k = \mathcal{E}[[v_i/x_i^{i \in 1..m}, p/\texttt{this}]e] \end{array}$ 

where  $\sigma(p) = \{ db \}_{c}^{m}$  and  $P; c \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} t mn(s_{i} x_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1..m}{}) \text{ requires } ls' \{ e \}$ . Lemma 3 implies that there is a deduction of  $P; E; ls \vdash p.mn(v_{1..m}) : s$  that does not end with an application of rule [EXP SUB] for some ls and s. The only possible rule to conclude that statement is [EXP INVOKE]. Therefore,

 $\begin{array}{l} P; E; ls \vdash p:c \\ P; E \vdash_{\mathcal{G}} \texttt{this.}(t \; mn(s_j \; x_j \; ^{j \in 1..m}) \; \texttt{requires} \; ls' \; \{ \; e' \; \}) \in c \\ P; E; ls \vdash_{v_j} : [p/\texttt{this}] s_j \quad \forall j \in 1..m \\ P; E \vdash [p/\texttt{this}] ls' \subseteq ls \\ P; E \vdash [p/\texttt{this}] t \end{array}$ 

The method resolution in line 2 identifies a method with the same signature, but possibly a different implementation, than the dynamically dispatched version of mn. The predicate OverridesOK(P) ensures that the signatures will match. From the deduction of  $P; c \vdash_{dispatch} t mn(t_i x_i^{i \in 1..m})$  requires ls' $\{e\}$  we can deduce  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$  this. $(t mn(s_j x_j^{j \in 1..m}) \text{ requires } ls' \{e\}) \in c$ for the dynamically resolved method. We may then use Lemma 9 to show that  $P; E \vdash [p/\text{this}](t mn(s_j x_j^{j \in 1..m}) \text{ requires } ls' \{e\})$ . Therefore,  $P; E \vdash$ [p/this]t, and  $P; E \vdash [p/\text{this}]ls'$ , and  $P; E, [p/\text{this}]s_j x_j j \in 1..m; [p/\text{this}]ls' \vdash 1$ [p/this]e' : [p/this]t. The formal parameters  $x_{1..m}$  cannot appear in t or ls', and substituting the values  $v_{1.m}$  in for  $x_{1.m}$  gives us  $P; E; [p/ this] ls' \vdash$  $[v_i/x_i \ ^{i\in 1..m}, p/\text{this}]e' : [p/\text{this}]t$ . We may then use Lemma 12 to conclude  $P; E; ls \vdash [v_i/x_i \ ^{i\in 1..m}, p/\text{this}]e' : s$ , and  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$  follows by Lemma 4. [RED SYNC]: In this case  $e_k = \mathcal{E}[\text{synchronized } p e]$  and  $e'_k = \mathcal{E}[\text{in-sync } p e]$ . As in the previous cases, we determine that there is a derivation that yields  $P; E; ls \vdash$  synchronized p e : s that ends in a rule other than [EXP SUB] for some *ls* and *s*. The rule must be [EXP SYNC], meaning that  $P; E \vdash_{\text{final}} p : c$ and  $P; E; ls \cup \{p\} \vdash e : t$ , and these statements allow us to conclude that  $P; E; ls \vdash \text{in-sync } p \ e \ : s \ \text{by rule [exp in-sync]}. \ \text{As before, } P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k \ : t_k$ follows by Lemma 4.

We examine [RED FORK] separately. Assume that thread k is reduced, and let  $e_k = \mathcal{E}[p.\text{fork}], S = \langle \sigma, e_1..e_k..e_n \rangle, e'_k = \mathcal{E}[0], \text{ and } S' = \langle \sigma, e_1..e'_k..e_n.(p.\operatorname{run}()) \rangle$ . Since  $\sigma$  and all  $e_i, i \neq k$ , do not change, it is sufficient to show that, given  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e_k : t_k$ , it follows that (1)  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$ , and (2)  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e.\operatorname{run}() : t_e$  for some  $t_e$ . As before, we use Lemma 3 to conclude that  $P; E; l_s \vdash p.\text{fork} : t$  is derivable by a rule other than [EXP SUB]. The rule must be [EXP FORK]; this means that t is int and there exists some class c such that  $P; E; l_s \vdash p:c$  and  $P; E \vdash c$  this. $(t \operatorname{run}() \operatorname{requires} \emptyset \mid e' \mid) \in c$ . Lemma 4 implies that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e'_k : t_k$ . By Lemma 10,  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p:c$ , and  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p.\operatorname{run}(): t$ . Thus,  $P \vdash S' : E$ .

The case for [RED NEW] is similar to the previous cases, although we must construct a new environment E' containing the new object address in order to apply [STATE] to S'. Lemma 7 shows that the new environment is sufficient to deduce that all threads are well-typed in the post-state.

All other cases are similar to the above.  $\Box$ 

We now turn our attention to the relationship between lock sets and critical sections. We introduce a new judgment  $ls \vdash_{cs} e$  to indicate that ls contains all locks for which e is in a critical section. In other words,  $ls \vdash_{cs} e$  only if for all p such that  $e = \mathcal{E}[\text{in-sync } p e']$ , the lock p is in the set ls. This property is stated as a lemma below.



We also extend the notion of well-formed critical sections to states with the judgment  $\vdash_{cs} S$ . The set  $ls_1 \uplus ls_2$  is the disjoint union of  $ls_1$  and  $ls_2$ .

# $\vdash_{\rm cs} S$ [CS STATE]

 $\begin{array}{c} ls_i \vdash_{\mathrm{cs}} T_i \quad \forall i \in 1..|T| \\ ls = ls_1 \uplus \ldots \uplus ls_n \\ \forall p \in ls. \ \sigma(p) = \{\!\!\mid \ldots \!\mid \! \$_{cp}^\bullet \\ \hline \vdash_{\mathrm{cs}} \langle \sigma, T \rangle \end{array}$ 

LEMMA 14. If e is in a critical section on p and  $ls \vdash_{cs} e$ , then  $p \in ls$ .

PROOF. The proof is a straightforward induction on the derivation of  $ls \vdash_{cs} e$ .  $\Box$ 

In order to conclude that a program state has well-formed critical sections, the [CS STATE] rule requires that a distinct set of locks be held by each thread. This property is preserved by reduction steps on well-typed states:

LEMMA 15 (MUTUAL EXCLUSION SUBJECT REDUCTION). If  $P \vdash S : E$  and  $\vdash_{cs} S$  and  $P \vdash S \longmapsto S'$  then  $\vdash_{cs} S'$ .

PROOF. The proof is by case analysis on the reduction rule for  $P \vdash S \mapsto S'$ . All cases are straightforward except [RED SYNC] and [RED IN-SYNC]. In each case, let  $S = \langle \sigma, e_{1..n} \rangle$ . Since  $\vdash_{cs} S$ , we know that  $ls_i \vdash_{cs} e_i$  for all  $i \in 1..n$ ,  $ls = ls_1 \uplus \ldots \uplus ls_n$ , and  $\forall q \in ls$ .  $\sigma(q) = \{ \ldots \}_{c_q}^{\bullet}$ . Also, assume that the reduction happens in thread k and  $S' = \langle \sigma', e_{1..e_k} ..e_n \rangle$ .

[RED SYNC]: In this case,  $e_k = \mathcal{E}[\text{synchronized } p \ e]$  and  $\sigma(p) = \{ \dots \}_{c_p}^{\circ}$ . Also,  $e'_k = \mathcal{E}[\text{in-sync } p \ e]$  and  $\sigma' = \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \dots \}_{c_p}^{\circ}]$ . Therefore,  $ls_k \cup \{p\} \vdash_{cs} e'_k$ ,  $ls' = ls \cup \{p\}$ , and  $\forall q \in ls'$ .  $\sigma'(q) = \{ \dots \}_{c_q}^{\circ}$ , and we may conclude  $\vdash_{cs} S'$  by rule [cs state].

[RED IN-SYNC]: In this case,  $e_k = \mathcal{E}[\text{in-sync } p v]$  and  $\sigma(p) = \{ \dots \}_{c_p}^{\bullet}$ . Also,  $e'_k = \mathcal{E}[v]$  and  $\sigma' = \sigma[p \mapsto \{ \dots \}_{c_p}^{\circ} ]$ . Therefore,  $ls_k \setminus \{p\} \vdash_{cs} e'_k, ls' = ls \setminus \{p\}$ , and  $\forall q \in ls'. \sigma'(q) = \{ \dots \}_{c_q}^{\bullet}$ , and we may conclude  $\vdash_{cs} S'$  by rule [cs STATE].  $\Box$ 

Before proving that a well-typed program state does not have conflicting accesses, we state the conditions under which an object will be accessed. In

particular, we show that a nonfinal field will be accessed by a thread only when that thread is in a critical section on the lock protecting the field.

LEMMA 16 (FIELD ACCESS). Suppose  $P \vdash S : E$  and  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e : t$  and e accesses p.fn. Then  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p : c$ , and either:

- (1)  $P; E \vdash {\varsigma}$ this. $(t \ fn = v \ guarded_by \ l) \in c \ and \ e \ is \ in \ a \ critical \ section \ on \ [p/this]l, \ or$
- (2)  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this.(final  $t fn = v) \in c$ .

**PROOF.** We examine two cases, starting with the case where  $e = \mathcal{E}[p.fn]$ . Using Lemma 3, we know that there is a derivation of  $P; E; ls \vdash p.fn : s$  that ends with the application of a rule other than [EXP SUB] such that for all l in ls, e is in a critical section on l. Note that E has the form  $c_1 \ p_1, \ldots, c_n \ p_n$  since it is the environment used to type a store. This means that ls contains only addresses. There are two possible rules used for deducing  $P; E; ls \vdash p.fn : s$ :

[EXP REF GUARDED]: For this case, it must be that  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c$  and  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this. $(t fn = v \text{ guarded_by } l) \in c$ . Also,  $P; E \vdash [p/\text{this}]l \in ls$ . Hence e is in a critical section on [p/this]l.

[EXP REF UNGUARDED]: For this case, it must be that  $P; E; ls \vdash p : c$  and  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this.([final]<sub>opt</sub>  $t fn = v) \in c$ . Lemma 9 indicates that  $P; E \vdash [p/\text{this}]([\text{final}]_{opt} t fn = v)$ . This could only be derived with [FINAL FIELD], and so fn must be declared as final.

In the case where  $e = \mathcal{E}[p.fn = v]$ , we may follow reasoning similar to the case for [EXP REF GUARDED] above to conclude that  $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this.(t fn = v guarded\_by l)  $\in c$  and that e is in a critical section on [p/this]l.  $\Box$ 

Since a nonfinal field will be accessed only when the appropriate lock is held, and two different threads cannot hold a lock at the same time, well-formed program states cannot have conflicting accesses.

LEMMA 17 (No CONFLICTING ACCESSES). If  $P \vdash S : E$  and  $\vdash_{cs} S$  then S does not have conflicting accesses.

PROOF. Suppose  $S = \langle \sigma, e_{1..n} \rangle$ . Rule [STATE] requires that  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash e_i : t_i$ , and rule [CS STATE] requires that  $ls = ls_1 \uplus ... \uplus ls_n$ , where  $ls_i \vdash_{cs} e_i$  for each thread  $e_i$ . Suppose S has conflicting accesses on p.fn. Then there exist distinct j and k, such that  $e_j$  and  $e_k$  both access some field p.fn and at least one of the accesses is a write. According to Lemma 16,  $P; E; \emptyset \vdash p : c$  and one of the following two cases holds:

 $P; E \vdash \varsigma$ this. $(t fn = v \text{ guarded_by } l) \in c \text{ and } e_j, e_k$  are in critical sections on [p/this]l: Lemma 14 indicates that  $[p/\text{this}]l \in ls_j$  and  $[p/\text{this}]l \in ls_k$ . However, this contradicts the assumption that  $ls = ls_1 \uplus \ldots \uplus ls_n$ . In other words, the sets of locks held by each thread are not disjoint, and a contradiction exists. Therefore, no such  $e_j$  and  $e_k$  exist.

 $P; E \vdash {\varsigma}$ this.(final  $t fn = v) \in c$ : In this case, neither access to p.fn can be a write because fn is a final field. Therefore,  $e_j$  and  $e_k$  do not have conflicting accesses on p.fn.  $\Box$ 

We extend the previous lemma to cover all states reachable during the execution of a well-typed program.

THEOREM 18 (RACE-FREEDOM). If  $\vdash P$ : t then P does not have a race condition.

PROOF. Let  $P = defn^* e$  and  $P \vdash \langle \emptyset, e \rangle \longmapsto^* S$ . To have concluded  $\vdash P : t$ , rule [PROG] requires that  $P; \emptyset; \emptyset \vdash e : t$ , which is sufficient to derive  $P \vdash \langle \emptyset, e \rangle : \emptyset$ with rule [STATE]. Using induction over the execution sequence and Lemma 13, we may conclude that that  $P \vdash S : E$  for some E. Clearly,  $\vdash_{cs} \langle \emptyset, e \rangle$  holds, and  $\vdash_{cs} S$  follows from Lemma 15 using induction over the execution steps from  $\langle \emptyset, e \rangle$  to S. By Lemma 17, S does not have conflicting accesses. This argument holds for any S reached during the execution of P, so P does not have a race condition.  $\Box$ 

#### C. THREAD-LOCAL CLASSES

This section extends the type system presented in Appendix A with thread-local classes, and Appendix D sketches the corresponding extension to the correctness proof.

#### C.1 Syntax

First, we extend the grammar to include an optional thread\_local modifier on class declarations and instantiations:

defn ::= [thread\_local]<sub>opt</sub> class cn (garg\*) body ci ::= [thread\_local]<sub>opt</sub> class c body

## C.2 Semantics

We extend class instantiation to thread-local classes in a straightforward manner.

 $\begin{array}{l} P \vdash_{\text{inst}} ci \\ \hline \\ [\text{INST LOCAL}] \\ \\ \underline{ \text{thread_local class } cn \langle \text{ghost } t_i \; x_i^{i \in 1.n} \rangle \; body \in P} \\ P \vdash_{\text{inst}} \text{thread_local class } cn \langle l_{1.n} \rangle \; [l_i / x_i^{i \in 1.n}] body \end{array}$ 

Other semantic rules from Appendix A.2 that match class instantiations of the form class c... are extended to match instantiations of the form thread\_local class c... as well. For example, the rule [LOOKUP] is extended as follows:

 $P; c \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} meth$ 

 $\frac{[\text{LOOKUP}]}{P \vdash_{\text{inst}} [\texttt{thread_local}]_{\text{opt}} \text{ class } c \text{ extends } c' \{ \dots \text{ meth } \dots \}}{P; c \vdash_{\text{dispatch}} \text{ meth}}$ 

# C.3 Type System

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The following judgments are added to the system:

Judgment	Meaning
$P; E \vdash t \ shared$	values of type t can be shared between threads
$P; E \vdash field shared$	<i>field</i> has a shared type and is guarded by a lock or is final
$P; E \vdash field \ local$	<i>field</i> has no guarding lock
$P; E; c \vdash meth$	meth does not override a method from any thread-shared
	super class of c

The type rules for these judgments and modified type rules for earlier judgments are presented below. Rules with subscripted names like  $[CLASS_2]$  replace earlier rules with the same base name, like [CLASS].

$P; E \vdash t \ shared$	
$ \begin{array}{c} [\text{CLASS SHARED}] \\ P; E \vdash c \\ \hline P \vdash_{\text{inst}} \text{class } c \ body \\ \hline P; E \vdash c \ shared \end{array} \begin{array}{c} [\text{OBJEC}] \\ \hline P; E \vdash c \end{array} $	T SHARED][INT SHARED] $P \vdash E$ $P \vdash E$ Object shared $P; E \vdash \text{int shared}$
$P; E \vdash field \ shared$	$P: F \vdash field local$
$\begin{bmatrix} \text{SHARED FIELD} \\ \textit{field} = [\texttt{final}]_{opt} t \textit{fn} = v [\texttt{guarde} \\ P; E \vdash \textit{field} \\ P; E \vdash \textit{tshared} \\ \hline P; E \vdash \textit{field shared} \\ \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{[I, E + pert votat]}{P; E \vdash ([final]_{opt} t fn = v) local}$
$P \vdash defn$	
	$ \begin{array}{l} \left[ \text{LOCAL CLASS} \right] \\ P; \emptyset \vdash t_i \ shared  \forall i \in 1n \\ garg_i = \text{ghost} \ t_i \ x_i  \forall i \in 1n \\ E = garg_{1n}, cn\langle x_{1n} \rangle \ \text{this} \\ P; garg_{1n} \vdash c \\ P; E \vdash field_i \ local  \forall i \in 1j \\ P; E \vdash meth_i  \forall i \in 1k \\ \hline P; E; c \vdash meth_i  \forall i \in 1k \\ \hline P \vdash \text{thread_local class} \ cn\langle garg_{1n} \rangle \\ \text{extends} \ c \ \{field_{1j} \ meth_{1k} \ \} \end{array} $
$P; E; c \vdash meth$	
[OVERRIDE OK]	
$\forall c'. \begin{bmatrix} P; E \vdash c <: c' \\ \land P; E \vdash \varsigma \texttt{this.}(\dots mn(\dots)) \end{bmatrix}$	) requires $\ldots ) \in c' \; \Bigg] \Rightarrow P; E \not\vdash c' \; shared$
$P; E; c \vdash t mn(c)$	$arg_{1n}$ ) requires $ls \{ e \}$
$P; E; ls \vdash e: t$	
$\begin{bmatrix} \text{EXP FORK}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{array}{c} P; E; ls \vdash e: c\\ P; E \vdash c \ shared \\ \hline P; E \vdash \varsigma \text{this.}(t \ run() \ requires \emptyset \\ \hline \hline P: E \cdot  s \vdash e \ \text{fork : int} \\ \hline \end{array}$	$[\text{EXP ASSIGN UNGUARDED}]$ $P; E; ls \vdash c : c$ $P; E \vdash c \text{this.} (t fn = v) \in c$ $P; E; ls \vdash e' : [e/\text{this.}]t$ $P: E; ls \vdash e fn = e' : [e/\text{this.}]t$

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The typing rules from Appendix A.3 that match class declarations and instantiations are extended to match thread\_local declarations and instantiations. Two rules in this category are the following:



## D. SOUNDNESS WITH THREAD-LOCAL CLASSES

The soundness proof in Appendix B can be extended to thread-local classes. Rather than repeat many of the details already presented, we give a brief, informal overview of the main technical issues involved with this extension.

The primary challenge is to ensure that two threads never have access to the thread-local part of an object, since those fields are accessed without synchronization. To do this, we require that only the thread that allocates a thread-local object has access to its thread-local fields. Other threads may access the shared part of the object because subsumption allows it to be treated as a thread-shared object. The typing rules prevent a thread from downcasting a thread-shared object to a thread-local subtype, ensuring that this type of sharing does not permit two threads to access the thread-local part of an object. The case in which both thread-local and thread-shared data are stored in the same object does not occur in similar systems [Grossman 2003], and a simpler proof strategy suffices for such systems.

We must change rule [STATE] in several substantial ways in order to preserve the necessary invariants. First, we type each thread i in a separate environment  $E_i$ , where  $E_i$  is derived from E, the environment constructed from the store. In other words, we have

$$P; E_i; \emptyset \vdash T_i : t_i$$

To construct  $E_i$ , we first partition the store into disjoint sets of addresses  $\mathcal{L}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{L}_n$ , and  $\mathcal{G}$ . The set  $\mathcal{L}_i$  contains all objects treated as thread-local by thread *i* and the set  $\mathcal{G}$  contains all thread-shared objects. We then require that the judgment  $P \vdash E \triangleleft_{\mathcal{L}_i} E_i$  holds; this judgment is defined by the rule [TL ENV]:

[TL ENV]

 $\begin{array}{c} dom(E) = dom(E_i) \\ \forall p \in (\mathcal{L}_i \cup \mathcal{G}). \ E(p) = E_i(p) \\ \hline \forall p \in dom(E) \setminus (\mathcal{L}_i \cup \mathcal{G}). \ E_i(p) \text{ is the closest ancestor of } E(p) \text{ with shared type} \\ \hline P \vdash E \lhd_{\mathcal{L}_i} E_i \end{array}$ 

Thus, any object treated as local by thread i is assigned the most specific type possible (its allocated type), and any other object is assigned the most specific shared type possible. Thread i will be unable to access any thread-local parts of the objects assigned shared types. In essence, using the most specific types allows us to show that if thread i reads from the store, the value obtained is consistent with  $E_i$ , and if thread i updates the store, the resulting store is consistent with E (and hence with  $E_j$ , for all j).

Since the sets of addresses  $\mathcal{L}_i$  are disjoint, we can extend Lemma 17 to prove that two threads never have conflicting accesses on fields declared in threadlocal classes. In order to ensure that this property is closed under reduction, we require that  $\mathcal{L}_i$  be closed under thread-local field access. The following two hypotheses capture this requirement for thread *i*:

$$\forall p \in \operatorname{FP}(T_i). \ P; E_i \not\vdash E_i(p) \ shared \Rightarrow p \in \mathcal{L}_i$$
  
$$\forall p \in \mathcal{L}_i. \ \forall p'. \ p' \text{ is stored in a thread-local field of } p \Rightarrow p' \in \mathcal{L}_i$$

where  $FP(T_i)$  is the set of all addresses occurring in the expression  $T_i$ . Thus, the new rule [STATE<sub>2</sub>] is as follows:

[STATE<sub>2</sub>]

$$\begin{array}{c} P \vdash \sigma : E \\ |T| > 0 \\ P; E_i; \emptyset \vdash T_i : t_i \quad \forall i \in 1..|T| \\ \mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_{|T|} \text{ are disjoint} \\ P \vdash E \lhd_{\mathcal{L}_i} E_i \quad \forall i \in 1..|T| \\ \forall p \in \operatorname{FP}(T_i). \ P; E_i \nvDash E_i(p) \ shared \Rightarrow p \in \mathcal{L}_i \quad \forall i \in 1..|T| \\ \forall p \in \mathcal{L}_i. \ \forall p'. \ p' \ \text{is stored in a thread-local field of } p \Rightarrow p' \in \mathcal{L}_i \quad \forall i \in 1..|T| \\ P \vdash \langle \sigma, T \rangle : E \end{array}$$

Lemmas 13, 15, and 17 and the Race-freedom Theorem (Theorem 18) can all be extended to cover thread-local classes using this new invariant.

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