

Coneris:

Modular Reasoning about Error Bounds for Concurrent Probabilistic Programs

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**Aim: show twoAdd returns 0 (error result)
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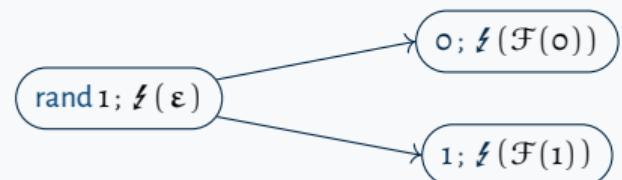
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By adequacy, the probability of the program returning a non-positive value (error result) is at most $1/16$.

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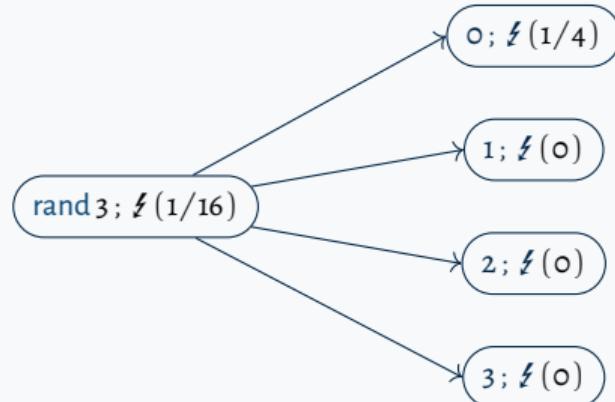
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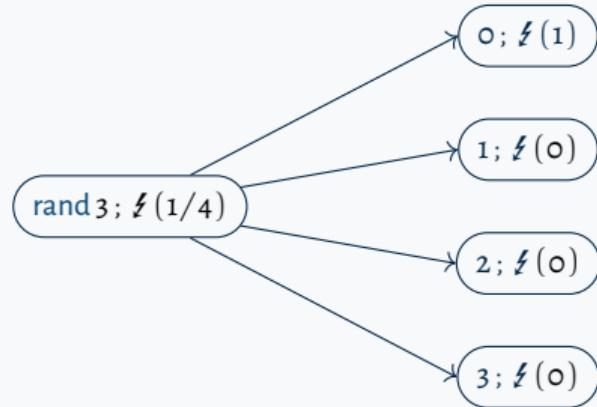
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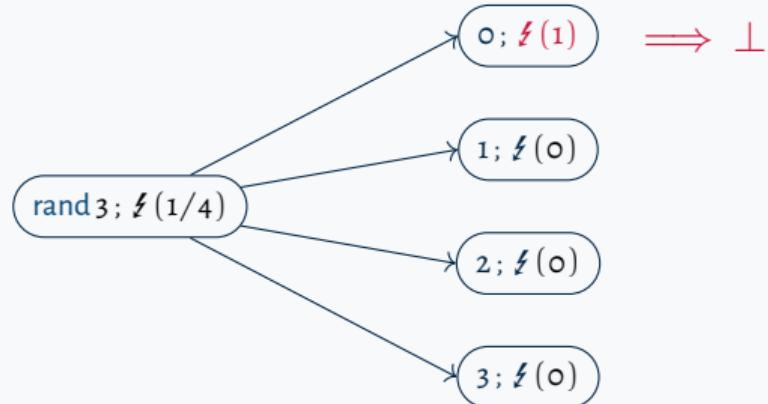
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faa l x reads from reference l and increments it by x *atomically*

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Urgh... problem with invariants

$$\left\{ \boxed{I(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)}^{\iota} * \boxed{\circ S_0}^{\gamma_1} \right\}$$

$$incrCntr l \triangleq (\lambda l. \text{faal } l(\text{rand } 3)) l$$

$$\left\{ \exists n. \boxed{\circ S_2(n)}^{\gamma_1} \right\}$$

HT-INV-OPEN

$$\frac{e \text{ atomic} \quad \{\triangleright I * P\} e \{\triangleright I * Q\}_{\mathcal{E}}}{\left\{ \boxed{I}^{\iota} * P \right\} e \{Q\}_{\mathcal{E} \cup \{\iota\}}}$$

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Weakest-pre

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State and program step precondition

$$\frac{\text{STATE-STEP-ERR-1}}{1 \leqslant \varepsilon} \quad \frac{}{\text{sstep } \sigma \varepsilon \{ \Phi \}}$$

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Probabilistic update modality

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PUPD-ERR

$$\frac{}{\rightsquigarrow_{\varepsilon} (\exists \varepsilon. 0 < \varepsilon * \sharp(\varepsilon))}$$