Implementing Hybrid Semantics: From Functional to Imperative

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Abstract. Hybrid programs combine digital control with differential equations, and naturally appear in a wide range of application domains, from biology and control theory to real-time software engineering. The entanglement of discrete and continuous behaviour inherent to such programs goes beyond the established computer science foundations, producing challenges related to e.g. infinite iteration and combination of hybrid behaviour with other effects. A systematic treatment of hybridness as a dedicated computational effect has emerged recently. In particular, a generic idealized functional language HybCore with a sound and adequate operational semantics has been proposed. The latter semantics however did not provide hints to implementing HybCore as a runnable language, suitable for hybrid system simulation (e.g. the semantics features rules with uncountably many premises). We introduce an imperative counterpart of HybCore, whose semantics is simpler and runnable, and yet intimately related with the semantics of HybCore at the level of hybrid monads. We then establish a corresponding soundness and adequacy theorem. To attest that the resulting semantics can serve as a firm basis for the implementation of typical tools of programming oriented to the hybrid domain, we present a web-based prototype implementation to evaluate and inspect hybrid programs, in the spirit of GHCi for Haskell and UTop for OCaml. The major asset of our implementation is that it formally follows the operational semantic rules.

1 Introduction

The core idea of hybrid programming. Hybrid programming is a rapidly emerging computational paradigm \cite{26,29} that aims at using principles and techniques from programming theory (e.g. compositionality \cite{12,26}, Hoare calculi \cite{29,34}, theory of iteration \cite{2,8}) to provide formal foundations for developing computational systems that interact with physical processes. Cruise controllers are a typical example of this pattern; a very simple case is given by the hybrid program below.

\begin{verbatim}
while true do {
  if v ≤ 10 then (v' = 1 for 1) else (v' = -1 for 1) \quad \text{(cruise controller)}
}
\end{verbatim}
In a nutshell, the program specifies a digital controller that periodically measures and regulates a vehicle’s velocity ($v$): if the latter is less or equal than $10$ the controller accelerates during $1$ time unit, as dictated by the program statement $v' = 1$ for $1$ ($v' = 1$ is a differential equation representing the velocity’s rate of change over time. The value $1$ on the right-hand side of for is the duration during which the program statement runs). Otherwise, it decelerates during the same amount of time ($v' = -1$ for $1$). Figure 1 shows the output respective to this hybrid program for an initial velocity of $5$.

Note that in contrast to standard programming, the cruise controller involves not only classical constructs (while-loops and conditional statements) but also differential ones (which are used for describing physical processes). This cross-disciplinary combination is the core feature of hybrid programming and has a notably wide range of application domains (see [29,30]). However, it also hinders the use of classical techniques of programming, and thus calls for a principled extension of programming theory to the hybrid setting.

As is already apparent from the (cruise controller) example, we stick to an imperative programming style, in particular, in order to keep in touch with the established denotational models of physical time and computation. A popular alternative to this for modelling real-time and hybrid systems is to use a declarative programming style, which is done e.g. in real-time Maude [27] or Modelica [10]. A well-known benefit of declarative programming is that programs are very easy to write, however on the flip side, it is considerably more difficult to define what they exactly mean.

Motivation and related work. Most of the previous research on formal hybrid system modelling has been inspired by automata theory and Kleene algebra (as the corresponding algebraic counterpart). These approaches led to the well-known notion of hybrid automaton [17] and Kleene algebra based languages for hybrid systems [28,18,19]. From the purely semantic perspective, these formalizations are rather close and share such characteristic features as nondeterminism and what can be called non-refined divergence. The former is standardly justified by the focus on formal verification of safety-critical systems: in such contexts overabstraction is usually desirable and useful. However, coalescing purely hybrid behaviour with nondeterminism detaches semantic models from their prototypes as they exist in the wild. This brings up several issues. Most obviously, a nondeterministic semantics, especially not given in an operational form, cannot directly serve as a basis for languages and tools for hybrid system testing and simulation. Moreover, models with nondeterminism baked in do not provide a clear indication of how to combine hybrid behaviour with effects other
than nondeterminism (e.g. probability), or to combine it with nondeterminism in a different way (van Glabbeek’s spectrum [36] gives an idea about the diversity of potentially arising options). Finally, the Kleene algebra paradigm strongly suggests a relational semantics for programs, with the underlying relations connecting a state on which the program is run with the states that the program can reach. As previously indicated by Höfner and Möller [18], this view is too coarse-grained and contrasts to the trajectory-based one where a program is associated with a trajectory of states (recall Figure 1). The trajectory-based approach provides an appropriate abstraction for such aspects as notions of convergence, periodic orbits, and duration-based predicates [5]. This potentially enables analysis of properties such as how fast our (cruise controller) example reaches the target velocity or for how long it exceeds it.

The issue of non-refined divergence mentioned earlier arises from the Kleene algebra law $p; 0 = 0$ in conjunction with Fischer-Ladner’s encoding of while-loops $\text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}$ as $(b; p)^*; \neg b$. This creates a havoc with all divergent programs

$$\text{while } \text{true do } \{ p \}$$

as they become identified with divergence 0, thus making the above example of a (cruise controller) meaningless. This issue is extensively discussed in Höfner and Möller’s work [18] on a nondeterministic algebra of trajectories, which tackles the problem by disabling the law $p; 0 = 0$ and by introducing a special operator for infinite iteration that inherently relies on nondeterminism. This iteration operator inflates trajectories at so-called ‘Zeno points’ with arbitrary values, which in our case would entail e.g. the program

$$x := 1; \text{while } \text{true do } \{ \text{wait } x; x := x/2 \}$$

(zeno)

to output at time instant 2 all possible values in the valuation space (the expression $\text{wait } t$ represents a wait call of $t$ time units). More details about Zeno points can be consulted in [18,14].

In previous work [12,14], we pursued a purely hybrid semantics via a simple deterministic functional language HYBCore, with while-loops for which we used Elgot’s notion of iteration [8] as the underlying semantic structure. That resulted in a semantics of finite and infinite iteration, corresponding to a refined view of divergence. Specifically, we developed an operational semantics and also a denotational counterpart for HYBCore. An important problem of that semantics, however, is that it involves infinitely many premisses and requires calculating total duration of programs, which precludes using such semantics directly in implementations. Both the above examples (cruise controller) and (zeno) are affected by this issue. In the present paper we propose an imperative language with a denotational semantics similar to HYBCore’s one, but now provide a clear recipe for executing the semantics in a constructive manner.

**Overview and contributions.** Building on our previous work [14], we devise operational and denotational semantics suitable for implementation purposes, and provide a soundness and adequacy theorem relating both these styles of
semantics. Results of this kind are well-established yardsticks in the programming language theory [37], and are also beneficial from a practical perspective. For example, small-step operational semantics naturally guides the implementation of compilers/evaluators for programming languages, whilst denotational semantics is more abstract, syntax-independent, and guides the study of program equivalence, of the underlying computational paradigm, and its combination with other computational effects.

As mentioned before, in our previous work [14] we introduced a simple functional hybrid language HYBCore with operational and denotational monad-based semantics. Here, we work with a similar imperative while-language, whose semantics is given in terms of a global state space of trajectories over $\mathbb{R}^n$, which is a commonly used carrier when working with solutions of systems of differential equations. A key principle we have taken as a basis for our new semantics is the capacity to determine behaviours of a program $p$ by being able to examine only some subterms of it. In order to illustrate this aspect, first note that our semantics does not reduce program terms $p$ and initial states $\sigma$ (corresponding to valuation functions $\sigma : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on program variables $X$) to states $\sigma'$, as usual in classical programming. Instead it reduces triples $p, \sigma, t$ of programs $p$, initial states $\sigma$ and time instants $t$ to a state $\sigma'$; such a reduction can be read as “given $\sigma$ as the initial state, program $p$ produces a state $\sigma'$ at time instant $t$”. Then, the reduction process of $p, \sigma, t$ to a state only examines fragments of $p$ or unfolds it when strictly necessary, depending of the time instant $t$. For example, the reduction of the (cruise controller) unfolds the underlying loop only twice for the time instant $1 + \frac{1}{2}$ (the time instant $1 + \frac{1}{2}$ occurred in the second iteration of the loop). This is directly reflected in our prototype implementation of an interactive evaluator of hybrid programs LINCE. It is available online and comes with a series of examples for the reader to explore (http://arcatools.org/lince). The plot in Figure 1 was automatically obtained from LINCE, by calling on the previously described reduction process for a predetermined sequence of time instants $t$.

For the denotational model, we build on our previous work [12,14] where hybrid programs are interpreted via a suitable monad $H$, called the hybrid monad and capturing the computational effect of hybridness, following the seminal approach of Moggi [24,25]. Our present semantics is more lightweight and is naturally couched in terms of another monad $H_S$, parametrized by a set $S$. In our case, as mentioned above, $S$ is the set of trajectories over $\mathbb{R}^n$ where $n$ is the number of available program variables $X$. The latter monad is in fact parametrized in a formal sense [35] and comes out as an instance of a recently emerged generic construction [7]. A remarkable salient feature of that construction is that it can be instantiated in a constructive setting (without using any choice principles) – although we do not touch upon this aspect here, in our view this reinforces the fundamental nature of our semantics. Among various benefits of $H_S$ over $H$, the former monad enjoys a construction of an iteration operator (in the sense of Elgot [8]) as a least fixpoint, calculated as a limit of an $\omega$-chain of approximations, while for $H$ the construction of the iteration operator is rather intricate and no similar characterization is available. A natural question that arises is: how
are $H$ and $H_S$ related? We do answer it by providing an instructive connection, which sheds light on the construction of $H$, by explicitly identifying semantic ingredients which have to be added to $H_S$ to obtain $H$. Additionally, this results in “backward compatibility” with our previous work.

**Document structure.** After short preliminaries (Section 2), in Section 3 we introduce our while-language and its operational semantics. In Sections 4 and 5, we develop the denotational model for our language and connect it formally to the existing hybrid monad [12,14]. In Section 6, we prove a soundness and adequacy result for our operational semantics w.r.t. the developed model. Section 7 describes Lince’s architecture. Finally, Section 8 concludes and briefly discusses future work. Omitted proofs are found in appendix for reviewing purposes.

2 Preliminaries

We assume familiarity with category theory [1]. By $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{R}_+$ and $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ we respectively denote the sets of reals, non-negative reals, and extended non-negative reals (i.e. $\mathbb{R}_+$ extended with the infinity value $\infty$). Let $[0, \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+]$ denote the set of downsets of $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ having the form $[0, d]$ ($d \in \mathbb{R}_+$) or the form $[0, d]$ ($d \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$). We call the elements of the dependent sum $\sum_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} X^n$ trajectories (over $X$). By $[0, \mathbb{R}_+]$, $[0, \mathbb{R}_+]$ and $[0, \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+]$ we denote the following corresponding subsets of $[0, \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+]$: $\{[0, d] \mid d \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$, $\{[0, d] \mid d \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$ and $\{[0, d] \mid d \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+\}$. By $X \cup Y$ we denote the **disjoint union**, which is the categorical coproduct in the category of sets with the corresponding left and right injections $\text{inl}: X \rightarrow X \cup Y$, $\text{inr}: Y \rightarrow X \cup Y$. To reduce clutter, we often use plain union $X \cup Y$ if $X$ and $Y$ are disjoint by construction.

By $a \triangleleft b \triangleright c$ we denote the case distinction construct: $a$ if $b$ is true and $c$ otherwise. By $!$ we denote the **empty function**, i.e. a function with the empty domain. For the sake of succinctness, we use the notation $e^t$ for the function application $e(t)$ with real-value $t$.

3 An imperative hybrid while-language and its semantics

This section introduces the syntax and operational semantics of our language. We first fix a stock of $n$-variables $X = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ over which we build atomic programs, according to the grammar

$$\text{At}(X) \ni x := t \mid x'_1 = t_1, \ldots, x'_n = t_n \text{ for } t$$

$$\text{LTerm}(X) \ni r \mid r \cdot x \mid t + s$$

where $x \in X$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$, $t_1, t, s \in \text{LTerm}(X)$. An atomic program is thus either a classical assignment $x := t$ or a differential statement $x'_1 = t_1, \ldots, x'_n = t_n$ for $t$. The latter reads as “run the system of differential equations $x'_1 = t_1, \ldots, x'_n = t_n$ for $t$ time units”.

We then define the while-language via the grammar

$$\text{Prog}(X) \ni a \mid p ; q \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \mid \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}$$
where \( p, q \in \text{Prog}(X) \), \( a \in \text{At}(X) \) and \( b \) is an element of the free Boolean algebra generated by the terms \( t \leq s \) and \( t \geq s \). The expression \( \text{wait} \ t \) (from the previous section) is encoded as the differential statement \( x'_1 = 0, \ldots, x'_n = 0 \) for \( t \).

Remark 1. The systems of differential equations that our language allows are always linear. This is not to say that we could not consider more expressive systems; in fact we could straightforwardly extend the language in this direction, for its semantics (presented below) is not impacted by specific choices of solvable systems of differential equations. But here we do not focus on such choices regarding the expressivity of continuous dynamics and concentrate on a core hybrid semantics instead on which to study the fundamentals of hybrid programming.

In the sequel we abbreviate differential statements \( x'_1 = t_1, \ldots, x'_n = t_n \) for \( t \) to the expression \( \bar{x}' = \bar{t} \) for \( t \), where \( \bar{x}' \) and \( \bar{t} \) abbreviate the corresponding vectors of variables \( x'_1, \ldots, x'_n \) and linear-combination terms \( t_1, \ldots, t_n \). We call functions of type \( \sigma : X \to \mathbb{R} \) environments; they map variables to the respective valuations. We use the notation \( \sigma^y_{\bar{x}} \) to denote the environment that maps each \( x_1 \) in \( \bar{x} \) to \( v_1 \) in \( \bar{v} \) and the rest of variables in the same way as \( \sigma \). Finally, we denote by \( \phi^\sigma_{\bar{x}} : [0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}^n \) the solution of a system of differential equations \( \bar{x}' = \bar{t} \) with \( \sigma \) determining the initial condition. When clear from context, we omit the superscript in \( \phi^\sigma_{\bar{x}} \). For a linear-combination term \( t \) the expression \( t^\sigma \) denotes the corresponding interpretation according to \( \sigma \) and analogously for \( b^\sigma \) where \( b \) is a Boolean expression.

We now introduce a small-step operational semantics for our language. Intuitively, the semantics establishes a set of rules for reducing a triple \( \langle \text{program statement}, \text{environment}, \text{time instant} \rangle \) to an environment, via a finite sequence of reduction steps. The rules are presented in Figure 2. The terminal configuration \( \langle \text{skip}, \sigma, t \rangle \) represents a successful end of a computation, which can then be fed into another computation (via rule \( \text{(seq-skip)} \)). Contrastingly, \( \langle \text{stop}, \sigma, t \rangle \) is a terminating configuration that inhibits the execution of subsequent computations. The latter is reflected in rules \( \text{(diff-stop)} \) and \( \text{(seq-stop)} \) which entail that, depending on the chosen time instant, we do not need to evaluate the whole program, but merely a part of it – consequently, infinite while-loops need not yield infinite reduction sequences (as explained in Remark 2). Note that time \( t \) is consumed when applying the rules \( \text{(diff-stop)} \) and \( \text{(diff-seq)} \) in correspondence to the duration of the differential statement at hand. The rules \( \text{(seq)} \) and \( \text{(seq-skip)} \) correspond to the standard rules of operational semantics for while languages over an imperative store [37].

Remark 2. Putatively infinite while-loops do not necessarily yield infinite reduction steps. Take for example the while-loop below whose iterations have always duration 1.

\[
x := 0 \text{; while true do } \{ x := x + 1 ; \text{wait} 1 \}
\]

It yields a finite reduction sequence for the time instant \( \frac{1}{2} \), as shown below:

\[
x := 0 \text{; while true do } \{ x := x + 1 ; \text{wait} 1 \}, \sigma, \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow
\]
The following theorem entails that our semantics is deterministic, which is would not terminate, intuitively because all iterations would be instantaneous. The gist is that to evaluate program (1) at time instant \( t \sigma \),

Let \( \bar{x} = \frac{x}{\sigma} \) for \( t, \sigma, t \rightarrow \text{stop}, \sigma \bigvee [\phi_e(t)/\bar{x}], 0 \) (if \( t < t \sigma \))

(1) 

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(diff-stop)} & \quad x := t, \sigma, t \rightarrow \text{skip}, \sigma \bigvee [\phi_e(t)/\bar{x}], t \\
\text{(seq-
}) & \quad p, \sigma, t 
\end{align*}
\]

Let \( \bar{x} = \frac{x}{\sigma} \) for \( t, \sigma, t \rightarrow \text{skip}, \sigma \bigvee [\phi_e(t)/\bar{x}], t - (t \sigma) \) (if \( t \geq t \sigma \))

(2) 

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(if-true)} & \quad \text{if } b \text{ then } p \text{ else } q, \sigma, t \rightarrow p, \sigma, t \quad \text{(if } b \sigma = \top) \\
\text{q, \sigma, t \rightarrow q, \sigma, t} & \quad \text{if } b \sigma = \bot (if \text{False}) \\
\text{p, \sigma, t \rightarrow q, \sigma, t} & \quad \text{else, \sigma, t \rightarrow p, \sigma, t} \\
\text{p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p, \sigma, t} & \quad \text{if } p \neq \text{stop and } p \neq \text{skip} \\
\end{align*}
\]

(3) 

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p', \sigma', t'} & \quad \text{p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p', \sigma', t'} \\
\text{p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p', \sigma', t'} & \quad \text{if } p' \neq \text{stop and } p' \neq \text{skip} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 2: Small-step Operational Semantics

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\begin{align*}
\{ \text{by the rules (}\text{diff-stop}) \text{ and (}\text{seq-skip}) \} \\
\text{while true do } \{ x := x + 1 \ ; \ \text{wait} \ 1 \}, \sigma \bigvee [0/x], \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \\
\{ \text{by the rule (}\text{wh-true}) \} \\
x := x + 1 \ ; \ \text{wait} \ 1 \ ; \ \text{while true do } \{ x := x + 1 \ ; \ \text{wait} \ 1 \}, \sigma \bigvee [0/x], \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \\
\{ \text{by the rules (}\text{asg}) \text{ and (}\text{seq-stop}) \} \\
\text{wait} \ 1 \ ; \ \text{while true do } \{ x := x + 1 \ ; \ \text{wait} \ 1 \}, \sigma \bigvee [0+1/x], \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \\
\{ \text{by the rules (}\text{diff-stop}) \text{ and (}\text{seq-stop}) \} \\
\text{stop}, \sigma \bigvee [0 + 1/x], 0 \\
\end{align*}
\]

The gist is that to evaluate program (1) at time instant \( \frac{1}{2} \), one only needs to unfold the underlying loop until surpassing \( \frac{1}{2} \) in terms of execution time. Note that if the wait statement is removed from the program then the reduction sequence would not terminate, intuitively because all iterations would be instantaneous and thus the total execution time of the program would never reach \( \frac{1}{2} \).

The following theorem entails that our semantics is deterministic, which is instrumental for our implementation.

**Theorem 1.** For every program \( p \), environment \( \sigma \), and time instant \( t \) there is at most one applicable reduction rule.

Let \( \rightarrow^* \) be the transitive closure of the reduction relation \( \rightarrow \) that was previously presented.

**Corollary 1.** For every program term \( p \), environments \( \sigma, \sigma', \sigma'' \), time instants \( t, t', t'' \), and termination flags \( s, s' \in \{ \text{skip, stop} \} \), if \( p, \sigma, t \rightarrow^* s, \sigma', t' \) and \( p, \sigma, t \rightarrow^* s', \sigma'', t'' \), then the equations \( s = s', \sigma' = \sigma'' \) and \( t' = t'' \) must hold.
Proof. Follows by induction on the number of reduction steps and Theorem 1. □

As alluded above, the operational semantics treats time as a resource. This is formalised below.

**Proposition 1.** For all program terms \( p \) and \( q \), environments \( \sigma \) and \( \sigma' \), and time instants \( t, t' \) and \( s \), if \( p, \sigma, t \rightarrow q, \sigma', t' \) then \( p, \sigma, t + s \rightarrow q, \sigma', t' + s \).

4 Towards Denotational Semantics: The Hybrid Monad

A mainstream subsuming paradigm in denotational semantics is due to Moggi [24,25], who proposed to identify a computational effect of interest as a monad, around which the denotational semantics is built using standard generic mechanisms, prominently provided by category theory. In this section we recall necessary notions and results, motivated by this approach, to prepare ground for our main constructions in the next section.

**Definition 1 (Monad).** A monad \( T \) (on the category of sets and functions) is given by a triple \((T, \eta, (-)^T)\), consisting of an endomap \( T \) over the class of all sets, together with a set-indexed class of maps \( \eta_X : X \rightarrow TX \) and a so-called Kleisli lifting sending each \( f: X \rightarrow TY \) to \( f^* : TX \rightarrow TY \) and obeying certain established axioms of iteration [2,16].

A monad morphism \( \theta : T \rightarrow S \) from \((T, \eta^T, (-)^T)\) to \((S, \eta^S, (-)^S)\) is called a natural transformation \( \theta : T \rightarrow S \) such that \( \theta \cdot \eta^T = \eta^S \) and \( \theta \cdot f^T = (\theta \cdot f)^S \cdot \theta \).

We will continue to use bold capitals (e.g. \( T \)) for monads over the corresponding endofunctors written as capital Romans (e.g. \( T \)).

In order to interpret while-loops one needs additional structure on the monad.

**Definition 2 (Elgot Monad).** A monad \( T \) is called Elgot if it is equipped with an iteration operator \((-)^T\) that sends each \( f: X \rightarrow TY \) to \( f^\dagger : X \rightarrow TY \) in such a way that certain established axioms of iteration are satisfied [2,16].

Monad morphisms between Elgot monads are additionally required to preserve iteration: \( \theta : f^\dagger T = (\theta \cdot f)^S \) for \( \theta : T \rightarrow S, f: X \rightarrow T(Y \uplus X) \).

For a monad \( T \), a map \( f: X \rightarrow TY \), called a Kleisli map, is roughly to be regarded as a semantics of a program \( p \), with \( X \) as the semantics of the input, and \( Y \) as the semantics of the output. For example, with \( T \) being the maybe monad \((-) \uplus \{\bot\}\), we obtain semantics of programs as partial functions. Let us record this example in more detail for further reference.

**Example 1 (Maybe Monad \( M \)).** The maybe monad is determined by the following data: \( MX = X \uplus \{\bot\} \), the unit is the left injection \( \text{inl} : X \rightarrow X \uplus \{\bot\} \) and given \( f : X \rightarrow Y \uplus \{\bot\} \), \( f^* \) is equal to the copairing \( [f, \text{inr}] : X \uplus \{\bot\} \rightarrow Y \uplus \{\bot\} \).

It follows by general considerations (enrichment of the category of Kleisli maps over complete partial orders) that \( M \) is an Elgot monad with the following
iteration operator \((-)^\); given \(f \colon X \to (Y \uplus X) \uplus \{\bot\}\), and \(x_0 \in X\), let \(x_0, x_1, \ldots\) be the longest (finite or infinite) sequence over \(X\) constructed inductively in such a way that \(f(x_i) = \text{inr} x_{i+1}\). Now, \(f^\delta(x_0) = \text{inr} \bot\) if the sequence is infinite or \(f(x_i) = \text{inr} \bot\) for some \(i\), and \(f^\delta(x_0) = \text{inl} y\) if for the last element of the sequence \(x_n\), which must exist, \(f(x_n) = \text{inl} y\).

Other examples of Elgot monad can be consulted e.g. in [16].

The computational effect of \textit{hybridness} can also be captured by a monad, called \textit{hybrid monad} [12,14], which we recall next (in a slightly different but equivalent form). To that end, we also need to recall \textit{Minkowski addition} for subsets of the set \(\mathbb{R}\), of extended non-negative reals (see Section 2): \(A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}\), e.g. \([a, b] + [c, d] = [a + c, b + d]\) and \([a, b] + [c, d] = [a + c, b + d]\).

\textbf{Definition 3 (Hybrid Monad H).} The hybrid monad \(H\) is defined as follows.

\(HX = \sum_{I \in [0, R]} X^I \uplus \sum_{I \in [0, R]} X^I, \) i.e. it is a set of trajectories valued on \(X\) and with the domain downclosed. For any \(p = \text{inj}(I, e) \in HX\) with \(\text{inj} \in \{\text{inl}, \text{inr}\}\), let us use the notation \(p_\| = I\), \(p_\| = e\), the former being the duration of the trajectory and the latter the trajectory itself. Let also \(e = (\emptyset, !)\).

\(\eta(x) = \text{inl}([0, 0], \lambda t. x)\), i.e. \(\eta(x)\) is a trajectory of duration 0 that returns \(x\).  

\(- \) given \(f \colon X \to HY\), we define \(f^* \colon HX \to HY\) via the following clauses:

\(f^*(\text{inj}(I, e)) = \text{inj}(I + J, \lambda t. (f(e^t))^0_{e} \land t < d \lor (f(e^t))^\|_{e} < d)\) \hspace{1cm} \text{if } I' = I = [0, d]\) for some \(d\), \(f(e^t) = \text{inj} (J, e')\)

\(f^*(\text{inr}(I, e)) = \text{inr}(I', \lambda t. (f(e^t))^0_{e})\) \hspace{1cm} \text{if } I' \neq I

\(f^*(\text{inj}(I, e)) = \text{inr}(I', \lambda t. (f(e^t))^0_{e})\)

where \(I' = \bigcup \{[0, t] \subseteq I \mid \forall s \in [0, t], f(e^s) \neq \text{inr} e\} \) and \(\text{inj} \in \{\text{inl}, \text{inr}\}\).

The definition of the hybrid monad \(H\) is somewhat intricate, so let us complement it with some explanations (details and further intuitions about the hybrid monad can also be consulted in [12]). The domain \(HX\) constitutes three types of trajectories representing different kinds of hybrid computation:

\(\) (closed) convergent: \(\text{inl}([0, d], e) \in HX\) (e.g. instant termination \(\eta(x)\));

\(- \) open divergent: \(\text{inr}([0, d], e) \in HX\) (e.g. instant divergence \(\text{inr} e\) or a trajectory \([0, \infty) \to X\) which represents a computation that runs \textit{ad infinitum});

\(- \) closed divergent: \(\text{inr}([0, d], e) \in HX\) (representing computations that start to diverge \textit{precisely} after the time instant \(d\)).

The Kleisli lifting \(f^*\) works as follows: for a given trajectory \(\text{inj}(I, e)\), we first calculate the largest interval \(I' \subseteq I\) on which the trajectory \(\lambda t \in I'. f(e^t)\) does not instantly diverge (i.e. \(f(e^t) \neq \text{inr} e\) throughout, hence \(I'\) is either \([0, d']\) or \([0, d')\) for some \(d'\). Now, the first clause in the definition of \(f^*\) corresponds to the successful composition scenario: the argument trajectory \(\langle I, e \rangle\) is convergent, and composing \(f\) with \(e\) as described in the definition of \(I'\) does not yield divergence all over \(I\). In that case, we essentially concatenate \(\langle I, e \rangle\) with \(f(e^t)\), the latter
being the trajectory computed by \( f \) at the last point of \( e \). The remaining two clauses correspond to various flavours of divergence, including divergence of the input \((\text{inr}(I,e))\) and divergences occurring along \( f \cdot e \). Incidentally, this explains how closed divergent trajectories may arise: if \( I' = [0,d'] \) and \( d' \) is properly smaller than \( d \), this indicates that we diverge precisely after \( d' \), which is possible e.g. if the program behind \( f \) continuously checks a condition which did not fail up until \( d' \).

5 Deconstructing the Hybrid Monad

As mentioned in the introduction, in [14] we used \( H \) for giving semantics to a functional language HYBCORE whose programs are interpreted as morphisms of type \( X \to HY \). Here, we are dealing with an imperative language, which from a semantic point of view amounts to fixing a type of states \( S \), shared between all programs; the semantics of a program is thus restricted to morphisms of type \( S \to HS \). As explained next, this allows us to make do with a simpler monad \( H_S \), globally parametrized by \( S \). The new monad \( H_S \) has the property that \( H_S S \) is naturally isomorphic to \( HS \). Apart from (relative to \( H \)) simplicity, the new monad enjoys further benefits, specifically \( H_S \) is mathematically a better behaved structure, e.g. in contrast to \( H \), Elgot iteration on \( H_S \) is constructed as a least fixed point. Factoring the denotational semantics through \( H_S \) thus allows us to bridge the gap to the operational semantics given in Section 3, and facilitates the soundness and adequacy proof in the forthcoming Section 6.

In order to define \( H_S \), it is convenient to take a slightly broader perspective. We will also need to make a detour through the topic of ordered monoid modules with certain completeness properties so that we can characterise iteration on \( H_S \) as a least fixed point.

**Definition 4 (Monoid Module, Generalized Writer Monad [14]).** Given a (not necessarily commutative) monoid \((\mathbb{M}, +, 0)\), a monoid module is a set \( E \) equipped with a map \( \triangleright : \mathbb{M} \times E \to E \) (monoid action), subject to the laws \( 0 \triangleright e = e \), \((m + n) \triangleright e = m \triangleright (n \triangleright e)\).

Every monoid-module pair \((\mathbb{M}, E)\) induces a generalized writer monad \( T = (T, \eta, (-)\triangleright) \) with \( T = \mathbb{M} \times (-) \cup E \), \( \eta_X(x) = (0, x) \), and

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{f}^*(m, x) &= (m + n, y) \quad \text{where} \quad m \in \mathbb{M}, \ x \in X, \ f(x) = (n, y) \in \mathbb{M} \times Y \\
\text{f}^*(m, x) &= m \triangleright e \quad \text{where} \quad m \in \mathbb{M}, \ x \in X, \ f(x) = e \in E \\
\text{f}^*(e) &= e \quad \text{where} \quad e \in E
\end{align*}
\]

This generalizes the writer monad \((E = \emptyset)\) and the exception monad \((\mathbb{M} \equiv 1)\).

**Example 2.** A simple motivating example of a monoid-module pair \((\mathbb{M}, E)\) is the pair \((\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)\) where the monoid operation is addition with 0 as the unit and the monoid action is also addition.

More specifically, we are interested in ordered monoids and (conservatively) complete monoid modules. These are defined as follows.
Definition 5 (Ordered Monoids, (Conservatively) Complete Monoid Modules [7]). We call a monoid $(\mathcal{M}, 0, +)$ an ordered monoid if it is equipped with a partial order $\leq$, such that $0$ is the least element of this order and $+$ is right-monotone (but not necessarily left-monotone).

An ordered $\mathcal{M}$-module w.r.t. an ordered monoid $(\mathcal{M}, +, 0, \leq)$, is an $\mathcal{M}$-module $(\mathcal{E}, \triangleright)$ together with a partial order $\sqsubseteq$ and a least element $\bot$, such that $\triangleright$ is monotone on the right and $(\neg \triangleright \bot)$ is monotone, i.e.

$$\bot \sqsubseteq x \quad x \sqsubseteq y \quad a \sqsubseteq b$$

We call the last property restricted left monotonicity.

An ordered $\mathcal{M}$-module is $(\omega)$-complete if for every $\omega$-chain $s_1 \sqsubseteq s_2 \sqsubseteq \ldots$ on $\mathcal{E}$ there is a least upper bound $\bigsqcup s_i$ and $\triangleright$ is continuous on the right, i.e.

$$\forall i, s_i \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup s_i \quad \forall i, s_i \sqsubseteq x \quad x \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup s_i$$

(the law $\bigsqcup a \triangleright s_i \sqsubseteq a \triangleright \bigsqcup s_i$ is derivable). Such an $\mathcal{M}$-module is conservatively complete if additionally for every $\omega$-chain $a_1 \sqsubseteq a_2 \sqsubseteq \ldots$ in $\mathcal{M}$, such that the least upper bound $\bigvee_i a_i$ exists, $(\bigvee_i a_i) \triangleright \bot = \bigsqcup_i a_i \triangleright \bot$.

A homomorphism $h : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ of (conservatively) complete monoid $\mathcal{M}$-modules is required to be monotone and structure-preserving in the following sense: $h(\bot) = \bot$, $h(a \triangleright x) = a \triangleright h(x)$, $h(\bigvee_i x_i) = \bigsqcup_i h(x_i)$.

The completeness requirement for $\mathcal{M}$-modules has a standard motivation coming from domain theory, where $\sqsubseteq$ is regarded as an information order and completeness is needed to ensure that the relevant semantic domain can accommodate infinite behaviours. The conservativity requirement additionally ensures that the least upper bounds, which exist in $\mathcal{M}$, agree with those in $\mathcal{E}$. Our main example is as follows (we will use it for building $H_S$ and its iteration operator).

Definition 6 (Monoid Module of Trajectories). The ordered monoid of finite open trajectories $\langle \text{Trj}_S, \cdot, \langle \emptyset, ! \rangle, \sqsubseteq \rangle$ over a given set $S$, is defined as follows: $\text{Trj}_S = \sum_{t \in [0, \mathbb{R}_+,)} S^t$, the unit is the empty trajectory $\varepsilon = \langle \emptyset, ! \rangle$; summation is concatenation of trajectories $\cdot$, defined as follows:

$$\langle [0, d_1), e_1 \rangle \cdot (t \sqsubseteq [0, d_2), e_2) = (t \sqsubseteq [0, d_1 + d_2), \lambda t. e'_1 \sqsubseteq t < d_1 \triangleright e'_2^{t-d_1}).$$

The relation $\sqsubseteq$ is defined as follows: $\langle [0, d_1), e_1 \rangle \sqsubseteq \langle [0, d_2), e_2 \rangle$ if $d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2$ and $e'_1 = e'_2$ for every $t \in [0, d_1)$. We can additionally consider both sets $\sum_{t \in [0, \mathbb{R}_+,)} S^t$ and $\sum_{t \in [0, \mathbb{R}_+,)} S^t$ as $\text{Trj}_S$-modules, by defining the monoid action $\triangleright$ also as concatenation of trajectories and by equipping these sets with the order $\sqsubseteq$: $\langle I_1, e_1 \rangle \sqsubseteq \langle I_2, e_2 \rangle$ if $I_1 \sqsubseteq I_2$ and $e'_1 = e'_2$ for all $t \in I_1$.

Consider the following functors:

$$H_S' X = \sum_{t \in [0, \mathbb{R}_+,)} S^t \times X \cup \sum_{t \in [0, \mathbb{R}_+,)} S^t$$

(2)
\[ H_S X = \sum_{t \in [0, \infty)} S^t \times X \cup \sum_{t \in [0, \infty)} S^t \]  

(3)

Both of them extend to monads \( H'_S \) and \( H_S \) as they are instances of Definition 4. Moreover, it is laborious but straightforward to prove that both \( H'_S X \) and \( H_S X \) are conservatively complete \( \text{Trj}_S \)-modules on \( X \) [7], i.e. conservatively complete \( \text{Trj}_S \)-modules, equipped with distinguished maps \( \eta: X \to H'_S X \), \( \eta: X \to H_S X \). In each case \( \eta \) sends \( x \in X \) to \( \langle \varepsilon, x \rangle \). The partial order on \( H'_S X \) (which we will use for obtaining the least upper bound of a certain sequence of approximations) is given by the clauses below and relies on the previous order \( \leq \) on trajectories:

\[
\langle (I, e), x \rangle \sqsubseteq \langle (I, e), x \rangle \quad \langle (I, e), x \rangle \sqsubseteq \langle (I', e'), x \rangle \quad \langle (I, e), x \rangle \sqsubseteq \langle (I', e'), x \rangle 
\]

The monad given by (2) admits a sharp characterization, which is an instance of a general result [7]. In more detail,

**Proposition 2.** The pair \( (H'_S X, \eta) \) is a free conservatively complete \( \text{Trj}_S \)-module on \( X \), i.e. for every conservatively complete \( \text{Trj}_S \)-module \( E \) and a map \( f: X \to E \), there is unique homomorphism \( \tilde{f}: H'_S X \to E \) such that \( \tilde{f} \cdot \eta = f \).

Intuitively, Proposition 2 ensures that \( H'_S X \) is a least conservatively complete \( \text{Trj}_S \)-module generated by \( X \). This characterization entails a construction of an iteration operator on \( H'_S \) as a least fixpoint. This, in fact, also transfers to \( H_S \) (as detailed in the proof of the following theorem).

**Theorem 2.** Both \( H'_S \) and \( H_S \) are Elgot monads, for which \( f^! \) is computed as a least fixpoint of \( \omega \)-continuous endomaps \( g \mapsto [\eta, g]^*: f \) over the function spaces \( X \to H'_S Y \) and \( X \to H_S Y \) correspondingly.

In this section’s remainder, we formally connect the monad \( H_S \) with the monad \( H \), the latter introduced in our previous work and used for providing a semantics to the functional language HybCore. In the following section we provide a semantics for the current imperative language via the monad \( H_S \). Specifically, in this section we will show how to build \( H \) from \( H_S \) by considering additional semantic ingredients on top of the latter.

Let us subsequently write \( \eta^\ast, (-)^\ast_S \) and \( (-)^!_S \) for the unit, the Kleisli lifting and the Elgot iteration of \( H_S \). Note that \( S, X \mapsto H_S X \) is a parametrized monad in the sense of Uustalu [35], in particular \( H_S \) is functorial in \( S \) and for every \( f: S \to S' \), \( H_f: H_S \to H_{S'} \) is a monad morphism. Then we introduce the following technical natural transformations \( \iota: H_S X \to X \omega (S \omega \downarrow) \) and \( \tau: H_{S \omega Y} X \to H_S X \). First, let us define \( \iota \):

\[
\iota(I, e, x) = \begin{cases} \text{inr inl } e^0, & \text{if } I \neq \emptyset \\ \text{inl } x, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\]

\[
\iota(I, e) = \begin{cases} \text{inr inl } e^0, & \text{if } I \neq \emptyset \\ \text{inl } e, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\]

In words: \( \iota \) returns the initial point for non-zero length trajectories, and otherwise returns either an accompanying value from \( X \) or \( \uparrow \) depending on that if the given trajectory is convergent or divergent. The functor \( (-) \omega E \) for every \( E \) extends to a monad, called the exception monad. The following is easy to show for \( \iota \).
[x := t](σ) = η(σ ∪ [tσ/x])
[x' = ã for t](σ) = (0, tσ, λt. σ ∪ [φt(t)/t], σ ∪ [φt(tσ)/t])
[p; q](σ) = [[q]([p](σ))]
[if b then p else q](σ) = [p](σ) ⊢ σ b ⊢ [q](σ)
[while b do { p }](σ) = (λs. (tH inr)([p](σ)) ⊢ σ b ⊢ η(inl σ))'(σ)

Fig. 3: Denotational semantics.

Lemma 1. For every $S, \iota: H_S \to (-) \uplus (S \uplus \bot)$ is a monad morphism.

Next we define $\tau: H_{S \uplus Y} X \to H_S X$:

$$\tau(I, e, x) = \begin{cases} (I, e, x), & \text{if } I = I' \\ (I', e'), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau(I, e) = (I', e')$$

where $(I', e')$ is the largest such trajectory that for all $t \in I'$, $e^t = \text{inl } e^t$.

Lemma 2. For all $S$ and $Y$, $\tau: H_{S \uplus Y} \to H_S$ is a monad morphism.

We now arrive at the main result of this section.

Theorem 3. The correspondence $S \mapsto H_S S$ extends to an Elgot monad as follows:

$$\eta(x \in S) = \eta^S(x),$$

$$(f: X \to H_S S)^* = (H_X X \xrightarrow{H_{\iota}, \iota \text{id}} H_{S \uplus (\bot)} X \xrightarrow{\tau} H_S X \xrightarrow{f^S} H_S S),$$

$$(f: X \to H_{S \uplus X}(S \uplus X))^! = (X \xrightarrow{f^S \uplus S} H_{S \uplus X} S \xrightarrow{H_{\iota}, \iota, \iota \text{id}} H_{S \uplus (\bot)} S \xrightarrow{\tau} H_S S).$$

where $\iota = [\text{inl, id}] \cdot \iota: H_S S \to S \uplus (\bot)$ and $(-)^!: (X \to (S \uplus X) \uplus (\bot)) \to (X \to S \uplus (\bot))$ is the iteration operator of the maybe-monad $(-) \uplus (\bot)$ (as in Example 1). Moreover, this defined monad is isomorphic to $H$.

Proof (Proof Sketch). It is first verified that the monad axioms are satisfied using abstract properties of $\iota$ and $\tau$, mainly provided by Lemmas 1 and 2. Then the isomorphism $\theta: H_S S \cong H_S S$ is defined as expected: $\theta(\iota([0, d], e, x) = \text{inl}([0, d], e)$ where $e^t = \hat{e}^t$ for $t \in [0, d]$, $\hat{e}^0 = x$; and $\theta(I, e) = \text{inr}(I, e)$. It is easy to see that $\theta$ respects the unit. The fact that $\theta$ respects Kleisli lifting amounts to a (tedious) verification by case distinction. Checking the formula for $(-)^!$ amounts to transferring the definition of $(-)^!$, as defined in previous work [13], along $\theta$. See the full proof in the appendix. □

6 Soundness and Adequacy

Let us start this section by providing a denotational semantics to our language using the results of the previous section. We will then provide a soundness
and adequacy result that formally connects the thus established denotational semantics with the operational semantics presented in Section 3.

First, consider the monad in (3) and fix $S = \mathbb{R}^X$. We denote the obtained instance of $HS$ as $\hat{H}$. Intuitively, we interpret a program $p$ as a map $\llbracket p \rrbracket : S \rightarrow \hat{H}S$ which given an environment (a map from variables to values) returns a trajectory over $S$. The definition of $\llbracket p \rrbracket$ is inductive over the structure of $p$ and is given in Figure 3.

**Example 3.** Given an element $p = \text{inl}(I, e, x) \in \hat{H}X$, let us denote $I$ by $p_d$ and $e$ by $p_e$, and analogously for elements $p = \text{inr}(I, e) \in \hat{H}X$. Now, consider the program $x := x + 1$; \text{wait} 1 and denote its interpretation $[x := x + 1$; \text{wait} 1] by $f : S \rightarrow \hat{H}S$. According to the denotational semantics, wrapping this program into an infinite while-loop yields $(\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)^1 : S \rightarrow \hat{H}S$. Drawing a parallel with Remark 2, we will show that we can derive the value of the trajectory $(\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)^1(\sigma)$ at time instant $1/2$ by unfolding just once the fixpoint equation concerning $(\cdot)^1$. First, let us observe that $((\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2 = \sigma \triangledown [(x + 1)\sigma/x]$. Moreover, note that $((\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2 = [0, 1]$ because the only non-instantaneous term in the program is \text{wait} 1, which terminates after exactly one time unit. Now, according to the Kleisli lifting of $H$ (recall Definition 6), and since $1/2 < 1$, the equation

$$(g^* : \hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2 = ((\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2$$

holds for every map $g : S \uplus S \rightarrow \hat{H}S$. Therefore,

$$(\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)^1(\sigma)^1/2 = (((\eta, (\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)^1)* : \hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2 \quad \text{fixpoint equation}$$

$$= ((\hat{H} \text{inr} \cdot f)(\sigma))^1/2 \quad \text{if } 1/2 < 1$$

$$= \sigma \triangledown [(x + 1)\sigma/x]$$

In order to establish soundness and adequacy between the small-step operational semantics and the denotational semantics, we will use an auxiliary device. Namely, we will introduce a big-step operational semantics that will serve as midpoint between the two previously introduced semantics. We will show that the small-step semantics is equivalent to the big-step one and then establish soundness and adequacy between the big-step semantics and the denotational one. The desired result then follows by transitivity. The big-step rules are presented in Figure 4 and follow the same reasoning than the small-step ones. The expression $p, \sigma, t \downarrow r, \sigma'$ means that $p$ paired with $\sigma$ evaluates to $r, \sigma'$ at time instant $t$.

Next, we need the following result to formally connect both styles of operational semantics.

**Lemma 3.** Given a program $p$, an environment $\sigma$ and a time instant $t$

1. if $p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p', \sigma', t'$ and $p', \sigma', t' \Downarrow \text{skip}, \sigma''$ then $p, \sigma, t \Downarrow \text{skip}, \sigma''$;
2. if $p, \sigma, t \rightarrow p', \sigma', t'$ and $p', \sigma', t' \Downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma''$ then $p, \sigma, t \Downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma''$.

**Proof.** The proofs follows by induction over the derivation of the small step relation. \hfill \Box
Theorem 4. The small-step semantics and the big-step semantics are related as follows. Given a program $p$, an environment $\sigma$ and a time instant $t$

1. $p, \sigma, t \Downarrow_{\text{skip}} \sigma' \iff p, \sigma, t \rightarrow_{\text{skip}} \sigma', 0$;
2. $p, \sigma, t \Downarrow_{\text{stop}} \sigma' \iff p, \sigma, t \rightarrow_{\text{stop}} \sigma', 0$.

Proof. The right-to-left direction is obtained by induction over the length of the small-step reduction sequence using Lemma 3. The left-to-right direction follows by induction over the proof of the big-step judgement using Proposition 1. □

Finally, we can connect the operational and the denotational semantics in the expected way.

Theorem 5 (Soundness and Adequacy). Given a program $p$, an environment $\sigma$ and a time instant $t$

1. $p, \sigma, t \rightarrow_{\sigma, t} \Downarrow_{\text{skip}} \sigma', 0 \iff \mu \in \mathcal{P}_0(\sigma, t) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^X, \sigma'$;
2. $p, \sigma, t \rightarrow_{\sigma, t} \Downarrow_{\text{stop}} \sigma', 0 \iff$ either $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_0(\sigma, t) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^X, \sigma''$ or $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_0(\sigma, t) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^X, \sigma''$ and in either case with $t' > t$ and $h(t) = \sigma'$.

Here, “soundness” corresponds to the left-to-right directions of the equivalences and “adequacy” to the right-to-left ones.

Proof. By Theorem 4, we equivalently replace the goal as follows:
2. \( p, \sigma, t \downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma' \) iff either \( \llbracket p \rrbracket (\sigma) = (h; [0, t') \to \mathbb{R}^X, \sigma'') \) or \( \llbracket p \rrbracket (\sigma) = h; [0, t') \to \mathbb{R}^X \), and in either case with \( t' > t \) and \( h(t) = \sigma' \).

Then the “soundness” direction is obtained by induction over the derivation of the rules in Fig. 4. The “adequacy” direction follows by structural induction over \( p \); for while-loops, we call on the fixpoint law \( [\eta, f^\uparrow] \cdot f = f^\uparrow \) of Elgot monads.

7 Implementation

This section presents our prototype implementation – LINCE – which is available online both to run in our servers and to be compiled and executed locally (http://arcatools.org/lince). Its architecture is depicted in Figure 5. The dashed rectangles correspond to its main components. The one on the left (Core engine) provides the parser respective to the while-language and the engine to evaluate hybrid programs using the small-step operational semantics of Section 3. The one on the right (Inspector) depicts trajectories produced by hybrid programs according to parameters specified by the user and provides an interface to evaluate hybrid programs at specific time instants (the initial environment \( \sigma : X \to \mathbb{R} \) is assumed to be the function constant on zero). As already mentioned, plots are generated by automatically evaluating at different time instants the program given as input. Incoming arrows in the figure denote an input relation and outgoing arrows denote an output relation. The two main components are further explained below.

Core engine. Our implementation extensively uses the computer algebra tool SAGEMath [31]. This serves two purposes: (1) to solve systems of differential equations (present in hybrid programs); and (2) to correctly evaluate if-then-else statements. Regarding the latter, note that we do not merely use predicate functions in programming languages for evaluating Boolean conditions, essentially because such functions tend to give wrong results in the presence of real numbers (due to the finite precision problem). Instead of this, LINCE uses SAGEMath and its ability to perform advanced symbolic manipulation to check whether a Boolean condition is true or not. However, note that this will not always give an output, fundamentally because solutions of linear differential equations involve transcendental numbers and real-number arithmetic with such numbers is
undecidable [20]. We leave as future work the development of more sophisticated techniques for avoiding errors in the computational evaluation of hybrid programs.

**Inspection.** The user interacts with Lince at two different stages: (a) when inputting a hybrid program and (b) when inspecting trajectories using Lince’s output interfaces. The latter case consists of adjusting different parameters for observing the generated plots in an optimal way. Plot parameters include the time range of observation, visibility of variable’s trajectories, and options to display additional information about the trajectory (e.g. where in time conditional statements are evaluated).

**Event-triggered programs.** Observe that the differential statements $x_1' = t, \ldots, x_n' = t$ for $t$ are time-triggered: they terminate precisely when the instant of time $t$ is achieved. In the area of hybrid systems it is also usual to consider event-triggered programs: those that terminate as soon as a specified condition $\psi$ becomes true [38,6,11]. So we next consider atomic programs of the type $x_1' = t, \ldots, x_n' = t$ until $\psi$ where $\psi$ is an element of the free Boolean algebra generated by $t \leq s$ and $t \geq s$ where $t, s \in \text{LTerm}(X)$, signalling the termination of the program. In general, it is impossible to determine with exact precision when such programs terminate (again due to the undecidability of real-number arithmetic with transcendental numbers). A natural option is to tackle this problem by checking the condition $\psi$ periodically, which essentially reduces event-triggered programs into time-triggered ones. The cost is that the evaluation of a program might greatly diverge from the nominal behaviour, as discussed for instance in documents [4,6] where an analogous approach is discussed for the well-established simulation tools Simulink and Modelica. In our case, we allow programs of the form $x_1' = t, \ldots, x_n' = t$ until $\psi$ in the tool and define them as the abbreviation of while $\neg \psi$ do{ $x_1' = t, \ldots, x_n' = t$ for $t$}. This sort of abbreviation has the advantage of avoiding spurious evaluations of hybrid programs w.r.t. the established semantics. We could indeed easily allow such event-triggered programs natively in our language (i.e. without recurring to abbreviations) and extend the semantics accordingly. But we prefer not to do this at the moment, because we wish first to fully understand the ways of limiting spurious computational evaluations arising from event-triggered programs.

**Remark 3.** Simulink and Modelica are powerful tools for simulating hybrid systems, but lack a well-established, formal semantics. This is discussed for example in [3,9], where the authors aim to provide semantics to subsets of Simulink and Modelica. Getting inspiration from control theory, the language of Simulink is circuit-like, block-based; the language of Modelica is acausal and thus particularly useful for modelling electric circuits and the like which are traditionally modelled by systems of equations.

**Example 4 (Bouncing Ball).** As an illustration of the approach described above for event-triggered programs, take a bouncing ball dropped at a positive height $p$ and with no initial velocity $v$. Due to the gravitational acceleration $g$, it falls to the ground and bounces back up, losing part of its kinetic energy in the process.
This can be approximated by the following hybrid program

\[
(p' = v, v' = \textit{until}_{0.01} p \leq 0 \land v \leq 0); (v := v \times -0.5)
\]

where 0.5 is the dampening factor of the ball. We now want to drop the ball from a specific height (e.g. 5 meters) and let it bounce until it stops. Abbreviating the previous program into \( b \), this behaviour can be approximated by \( p := 5; v := 0; \text{while true do} \{ b \} \). Figure 6 presents the trajectory generated by the ball (calculated by \textsc{Lince}). Note that since \( \epsilon = 0.01 \) the ball reaches below ground, as shown in Figure 6 on the right. Other examples of event- and time-triggered programs can be seen in \textsc{Lince}'s website.

8 Conclusions and future work

We introduced small-step and big-step operational semantics for hybrid programs suitable for implementation purposes and provided a denotational counterpart via the notion of Elgot monad. These semantics were then linked by a soundness and adequacy theorem [37]. We regard these results as a stepping stone for developing computational tools and techniques for hybrid programming; which we attested with the development of \textsc{Lince}. With this work as basis, we plan to explore the following research lines in the near future.

Program equivalence. Our denotational semantics entails a natural notion of program equivalence (denotational equality) which inherently includes classical laws of iteration and a powerful uniformity principle [33], thanks to the use of Elgot monads. We intend to further explore the equational theory of our language so that we can safely refactor/simplify hybrid programs. Note that the theory includes equational schema like \((x := a; x := b) = x := b \) and \((\text{wait } a; \text{wait } b) = \text{wait } (a + b)\) thus encompassing not only usual laws of programming but also axiomatic principles behind the notion of time.

New program constructs. Our while-language is intended to be as simple as possible whilst harbouring the core, uncontroversial features of hybrid programming. This was decided so that we could use the language as both a theoretical and practical basis for advancing hybrid programming. A particular case that we
wish to explore next is the introduction of new program constructs, including e.g. non-deterministic or probabilistic choice and exception operations \texttt{raise(exc)}. Denotationally, the fact that we used monadic constructions readily provides a palette of techniques for this process, e.g. tensoring and distributive laws \cite{22,23}.

**Robustness.** One important aspect of hybrid programming is that programs should be robust: small variations in their input should not result in big changes in their output \cite{32,21}. We wish to extend LINCE with features for automatically detecting non-robust programs. A main source of non-robustness are conditional statements \texttt{if b then p else q}: very small changes in their input may change the validity of \( b \) and consequently cause a switch between (possibly very different) execution branches. Currently, we are working on the systematic detection of non-robust conditional statements in hybrid programs, by taking advantage of the notion of \( \delta \)-perturbation \cite{20}.

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A Appendix: Omitted Proofs

Proof of Theorem 1

The proof follows by inspecting the structure of program terms: first, for atomic programs the proof follows directly, because the corresponding premises are mutually exclusive. For conditionals, the proof also follows directly due to the same reason. For sequential composition \( p ; q \), we need to proceed by case distinction: if \( p \) is atomic then the only applicable rules are (seq-stop\(^{-}\)) and (seq-skip\(^{-}\)) but then it is easy to see that the corresponding premises are mutually exclusive. If \( p \) is non-atomic then the only applicable rules are (seq\(^{-}\)) and (seq-skip\(^{-}\)). But in this context, the application of (seq-skip\(^{-}\)) requires that \( p \) is a while-loop with \( b \sigma = \bot \) which forbids the application of (seq\(^{-}\)). Conversely, the application of (seq\(^{-}\)) requires that \( p \) is not a while-loop with \( b \sigma = \bot \) and thus we cannot apply (seq-skip\(^{-}\)). The proof for while-loops is direct because the relevant premises are mutually disjoint. \( \square \)

Proof of Theorem 2

Proposition 2 entails an enrichment of the Kleisli category of \( \mathcal{H}_S \) over complete partial orders [7, Theorem 7] and such monads are Elgot by a general argument [15, Theorem 5.8]. The monad \( \mathcal{H}_S \) can be obtained from \( \mathcal{H}_S' \) by application of an exception monad transformer, which sends \( T \) to \( T(- \sum_{\ell \in [0, \infty]} S^\ell) \) and then \( \mathcal{H}_S \) is again Elgot by a general result [15, Theorem 7.1]. The obtained iteration operator is by definition a least fixpoint of the same \( \omega \)-continuous endomap. \( \square \)

Proof of Lemma 2

The proof that the equation concerning monad units \( \tau \cdot \eta_{H_{S \circ Y}} = \eta_{H_S} \) holds follows easily from the fact that \( \tau(\varepsilon, x) = (\varepsilon, x) \). It remains to show that the equation concerning Kleisli liftings

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S \circ Y}}(p) = (\tau \cdot f)_{H_S} \cdot \tau(p)
\]

also holds for every element \( p \in H_{S \circ Y} X \). This is straightforward, but laborious because it requires several case distinctions. We first consider the simple case in which \( p = (I, e) \) for some interval \( I \) and trajectory \( e \):

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S \circ Y}}(I, e) = \tau(I, e) = (\tau \cdot f)_{H_S} \cdot \tau(I, e)
\]

Next, we consider the case in which \( p = (I, e, x) \) for some interval \( I \), trajectory \( e \), and element \( x \in X \). We proceed with a further case distinction: first, we assume the existence of some \( t \in I \) such that \( e^t = \text{inr } y \) for some \( y \in Y \). In this case \( \tau(I, e, x) \) is open convergent, and therefore,

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S \circ Y}}(I, e, x) = \tau(I, e, x) = (\tau \cdot f)_{H_S} \cdot \tau(I, e, x)
\]
Now we assume the opposite, namely that there is no \( t \in I \) such that \( e' = \text{inr} \ y \) for some \( y \in Y \). For this particular case, we can slightly abuse notation and state that \( \tau(I, e, x) = \langle I, e, x \rangle \). Going further in case distinctions, we assume that \( f(x) = \langle I', e' \rangle \) for some interval \( I' \) and trajectory \( e' \). In this case,

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S_{Y}}}(I, e, x) = \tau((I, e)\sim (I', e'))
\]

\[
= (I, e)\sim \tau(I', e')
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}}(I, e, x)
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}} \cdot \tau(I, e, x)
\]

Next we assume that \( f(x) = \langle I', e', x' \rangle \) and proceed with a further case distinction: we assume the existence of some \( t \in I' \) such that \( e' = \text{inr} \ y \) for some \( y \in Y \), and calculate,

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S_{Y}}}(I, e, x) = \tau((I, e)\sim (I', e'), x')
\]

\[
= (I, e)\sim \tau(I', e')
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}}(I, e, x)
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}} \cdot \tau(I, e, x)
\]

Finally, we assume the non-existence of some \( t \in I \) such that \( e' = \text{inr} \ y \) for some \( y \in Y \). For this particular case, we can slightly abuse notation and state that \( \tau((I, e)\sim (I', e'), x') = \tau((I, e)\sim (I', e'), x') \). Then we obtain,

\[
\tau \cdot f_{H_{S_{Y}}}(I, e, x) = \tau((I, e)\sim (I', e'), x')
\]

\[
= (I, e)\sim (I', e', x')
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}}(I, e, x)
\]

\[
= (\tau \cdot f)_{H_{S}} \cdot \tau(I, e, x)
\]

This concludes the proof. \( \square \)

**Proof of Theorem 3**

The fact that \( \iota \) and \( \tau \) are monad morphisms expands as follows:

\( \iota \cdot (\eta^{S})_{X} : X \to H_{S}X = \text{inl} \), \hspace{1cm} (4)

\( \iota \cdot (f : X \to H_{S}Y)_{S} = [\iota \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota \), \hspace{1cm} (5)

\( \tau \cdot (\eta^{S_{Y}})_{X} : X \to H_{S_{Y}}X = \eta^{S} \), \hspace{1cm} (6)

\( \tau \cdot (f : X \to H_{S_{Y}}Z)_{S_{Y}} = (\tau \cdot f)_{S} \cdot \tau \). \hspace{1cm} (7)

Note the following simple joint properties of \( \iota \) and \( \tau \):

\( \iota \cdot \tau = (\text{id} \cup [\text{id} \cup \perp, \text{inr}]) \cdot \iota \), \hspace{1cm} (8)

\( \tau \cdot H_{f,[\text{inr}]} \cdot \text{id} = \tau \cdot (H_{f} \cdot \text{id}) \cdot \tau \) \hspace{1cm} (9)

for any \( f : X \to Y \cup Z \).
Let us show that

\[ \iota' \cdot f^* = [\iota \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota' \]  

for \( f : X \to H_S S \). In conjunction with the obvious equation \( \iota' \cdot \eta = \text{inl} \) this will certify that \( \iota' \) is a monad morphism. Indeed,

\[
\begin{align*}
\iota' \cdot f^* & \equiv [\text{inl}, \text{id}] \cdot \iota \cdot f_S \cdot \tau \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& \equiv [\text{inl}, \text{id}] \cdot [\iota \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota \cdot \tau \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} \quad \text{(5)} \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot \iota \cdot \tau \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot (\text{id} \ \psi \ \text{id} \ \text{inr}) \cdot \iota \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} \quad \text{(8)} \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot (\text{id} \ \psi \ (\text{inl}, \text{id}) \cdot f \ \text{id}) \cdot \iota \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot (\text{id} \ \psi \ (\text{inl}, \text{id}) \cdot f \ \text{id}) \cdot \iota \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot (\text{id} \ \psi \ [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota) \quad \text{(definition)} \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{id}] \cdot (\text{id} \ \psi \ [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota) \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \text{inl} \cdot \iota \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota \\
& = [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota \\
& \equiv [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota \\
& \equiv [\iota' \cdot f, \text{inr}] \cdot \iota
\end{align*}
\]

We proceed with proving the monad laws.

\[ \eta^* \equiv \text{id} \cdot \eta^* = (\eta_S)^* \cdot \tau \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} = \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot \text{id} = \text{id}, \] using (4);

\[ f^* \cdot \eta = f : f^* \cdot \eta = f_S^* \cdot \tau \cdot H_{(\text{inl}, \text{id})} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot \eta^S = f_S^* \cdot \tau \cdot \eta^{S \psi (\text{id})} = f_S^* \cdot \eta^S = f, \] using (6);

\[ (f^* \cdot g)^* = f^* \cdot g^* \] where \( f : X \to H_S S \), \( g : Y \to H_X X \): the calculation runs as follows.

\[
\begin{align*}
(f^* \cdot g)^* & \equiv (f_S^* \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot g^*) \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& = f_S^* \cdot (\tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot g^*) \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \quad \text{(10)} \\
& = f_S^* \cdot (\tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot g^*) \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& = f_S^* \cdot (\tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot g^*) \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& = f_S^* \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \cdot g^* \cdot \tau \cdot H_{\text{inl}} \cdot f^* \text{id} \\
& = f^* \cdot g^*.
\end{align*}
\]

The isomorphism \( \theta : H_S S \cong H S \) is defined as expected: \( \theta(\langle 0, d, \epsilon, x \rangle) = \text{inl}(\langle 0, d, \hat{\epsilon} \rangle) \) where \( \epsilon^t = \hat{\epsilon}^d \) for \( t \in [0, d] \) and \( \hat{\epsilon}^d = x \); and \( \theta(\langle I, e \rangle) = \text{inr}(\langle I, e \rangle) \). It is easy to see that \( \theta \) respects unit. Let us show that \( \theta \) also respects Kleisli lifting. Let \( f : X \to H_S S \) and proceed by case distinction.

1. We first prove \( (\theta \cdot f)^*(\langle I, e \rangle) = (\theta \cdot f)^*(\theta(\langle I, e \rangle)) \). Let \( \langle I', \epsilon' \rangle \subseteq \langle I, e \rangle \) be the largest such trajectory that for all \( t \in I', f(e^t) \neq e \). By unfolding definitions, the goal reduces to

\[
\theta(f_S^* \langle I', \lambda t. \text{snd} f(e^t) \rangle^0) = \text{inr}(\langle I'', \lambda t. ((\theta \cdot f)(e^t))_e^0 \rangle).
\]

(11)
where $I''$ is the largest subinterval of $I$, such that $(\theta \cdot f)(e') \neq \text{inr} \varepsilon$ for all $t \in I''$. By definition, $I' = I''$ and $\theta(f^*_S(I', \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0)) = (I', \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0)$. Therefore, we are left to verify that for all $t \in I'$, $(\text{snd} f(e'))^0 = (\theta(f(e')))^0_I$. Indeed, for any $t \in I'$, $f(e') \neq \varepsilon$ and therefore the initial point of the trajectory returned by $\theta(f(e'))$ is the same as for $f(e')$.

Next we prove $(\theta \cdot f^*)((0, d), e, x) = (\theta \cdot f)^*((0, d), e, x)$, which unfolds to

\[(\theta \cdot f^*)((\tau \cdot H_{f^*})(0, d), e, x) = (\theta \cdot f)^*((\text{inr}([0, d], \hat{e})))\]  

(12)

where $e' = \hat{e}'$ for $t \in [0, d)$ and $\hat{e}^d = x$. Again, let $\langle I', e' \rangle \subseteq ([0, d], e)$ be the largest such trajectory that for all $t \in I'$, $f(e') \neq \varepsilon$. If $I' \neq [0, d)$ then (12) reduces to (11) and we are done by the previous clause. Let us proceed under the assumption that $I' = [0, d)$. The left hand side of (12) reduces to $\theta([([0, d], \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0) \triangleright f(x))$. If $f(x) = \varepsilon$ then the later reduces $\text{inr}([0, d), \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0)$ and since $(\theta \cdot f)(x) = \text{inr} \varepsilon$, the right hand side of (12) also reduces to the same expression by definition of the Kleisli composition of $H$. Finally, consider the remaining case of $f(x) \neq \varepsilon$. Then $\theta([([0, d], \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0) \triangleright f(x)) = \text{inj}([0, d), \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0) \triangleright p)$ where $\theta(f(x)) = \text{inj} p$. Analogously, $(\theta \cdot f)^*((\text{inr}([0, d], \hat{e}))) = \text{inj}([0, d), \lambda t. (\text{snd} f(e'))^0) \triangleright p)$, and we are done.

We proceed to verify correctness of the stated characterization of the iteration operator of $H$.

**Lemma 4.** The natural transformation $\iota' = [\text{inl} \circ \text{id}] \cdot \iota : H_S S \to S \cup \{\bot\}$ is an Elgot monad morphism.

**Proof.** We have already seen above that $\iota'$ is a monad morphism (the non-trivial part of this statement is equation (10)). We are left to check that $\iota'$ is iteration preserving, i.e. $(\iota' \cdot f^*)(x_0) = (\iota' \cdot f)^2(x_0)$ for all $f : X \to H_{S \cup X}(S \cup X)$ and $x_0 \in X$. Let us recall the definition of $(\iota' \cdot f)^2(x_0)$ from Example 1: we build a sequence $x_0, x_1, \ldots$ where $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \text{inl} \text{inr} x_{i+1}$ for every $i$, and then $(\iota' \cdot f)^2(x_0) = \text{inr} \bot$ either if this sequence is infinite or $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \text{inr} \bot$ for some $i$, and $(\iota' \cdot f)^2(x_0) = \text{inl} y$ if $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \text{inl} y$ for some $i$.

Suppose that the constructed sequence is infinite. This means that for every $i$, $f(x_i) = \langle \varepsilon, \text{inr} x_{i+1} \rangle$, or $f(x_i) = \langle I, e, y \rangle$ with $I \neq \emptyset$, and $e^0 = \text{inr} x_{i+1}$, or $f(x_i) = \langle I, e \rangle$ with $I \neq \emptyset$, and $e^0 = \text{inr} x_{i+1}$. Note also that $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \text{inr} \bot$ for any $i$. Now, consider

\[(\iota' \cdot f^*)(x_0) = ([\text{inl} \circ \text{id}] \cdot \iota' \cdot H_{[\text{inl} \circ \iota' \circ f]} \circ \text{id})(f^*_{S \cup X}(x_0)).\]  

(13)

If for every $i$, $f(x_i) = \langle \varepsilon, \text{inr} x_{i+1} \rangle$ then $f^*_{S \cup X}(x_0) = \varepsilon$ and the whole expression (13) evaluates to $\text{inr} \bot$. Otherwise, suppose that $f(x_i) = \langle \varepsilon, \text{inr} x_{i+1} \rangle$ for $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ and either $f(x_{n-1}) = \langle I, e, y \rangle$, $I \neq \emptyset$, $e^0 = \text{inr} x_n$, or $f(x_{n-1}) = \langle I, e \rangle$, $I \neq \emptyset$, $e^0 = \text{inr} x_{i+1}$. It is then easy to see that in each case $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \langle I, e, y \rangle$ or $\iota'(f(x_i)) = \langle I, e \rangle$, and in both cases $I$ non-empty and $e^0 = \text{inr} x_n$. The effect of $H_{[\text{inl} \circ \iota' \circ f]} \circ \text{id}$ on the result of $f^*_{S \cup X}(x_0)$ includes
replacing $e^0$ with $\text{inr}\perp$, which in conjunction with subsequent action of $\tau$, turns the whole expression (13) into $\text{inr}\perp$.

Suppose next that the sequence $x_0,\ldots$ is finite and prove by induction over its length $n$ that $(\iota' \cdot f^\dagger)(x_0) = (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger x_0)$. Suppose that $n > 0$. Then $\iota'(f(x_0)) = \text{inl}\text{inr} x_1$ for a suitable $x_1 \in X$, and

\[
(\iota' \cdot f^\dagger)(x_0) = (\iota' \cdot [\eta, f^\dagger])^\ast(f(x_0)) \quad \text{// fixpoint law}
\]

\[
= [\iota' \cdot [\eta, f^\dagger]], \text{inr}([\iota'(f(x_0))]) \quad \text{// (10)}
\]

\[
= [[\text{inl}, \iota' \cdot f^\dagger]], \text{inr}([\iota'(f(x_0))])
\]

\[
= [[\text{inl}, \iota' \cdot f^\dagger]], \text{inr}([\text{inl}\text{inr} x_1]) \quad \text{// assumption}
\]

\[
= (\iota' \cdot f^\dagger)(x_1)
\]

\[
= (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger(x_1) \quad \text{// induction hypothesis}
\]

\[
= [[\text{inl}, (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger]], \text{inr}([\text{inl}\text{inr} x_1])
\]

\[
= [[\text{inl}, (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger]], \text{inr}([\iota'(f(x_0))]) \quad \text{// assumption}
\]

\[
= (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger(x_0). \quad \text{// fixpoint law}
\]

If $n = 0$ then either $\iota'(f(x_0)) = \text{inl}\text{inl}s$ or $\iota'(f(x_0)) = \text{inr}\perp$. The proof that $(\iota' \cdot f^\dagger)(x_0) = (\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger(x_0)$ is then analogous to the above, except that we need not call the induction hypothesis.

We proceed with the proof of Theorem 3. In order to show that the iteration operators of $H_S$ and $H$ are connected as stated, we first need to recall how the iteration operator of the latter monad is defined. We do it by resorting to singular iteration and progressive iteration [13]. Let $(-)^\dagger$ be the iteration operator transferred from $H$ to $S \mapsto HS$ along the isomorphism $\theta$.

Given $f: X \to H_{S \odot X}(S \odot X)$, we say that $f$ is singular if for all $x \in X$, $f(x) = (I, e, y)$ implies that $e^t$ factors through $\text{inl}$ for all $t > 0$ from $I$, and analogously $f(x) = (I, e, y)$ implies that $e^t$ factors through $\text{inl}$ for all $t > 0$ from $I$. We say that such $f$ is progressive if for every $x \in X$, $f(x) = (I, e, y)$ implies that $e^0$ factors through $\text{inl}$ unless $I$ is empty; $f(x) = (\varepsilon, y)$ implies that $y$ factors through $\text{inl}$; and $f(x) = (I, e, y)$ implies that $e^0$ factors through $\text{inl}$ unless $I$ is empty. Equivalently, $f$ is progressive if $\iota' \cdot f: X \to (S \odot X) \cup \{\perp\}$ factors through $\text{inl} \cup \text{id}$. It is known [13, Theorem 20] that every $f^\dagger$ is decomposable as $g^\dagger$ where the inner iteration is singular, the outer iteration is progressive and $g: X \to H_{(S \odot X) \cup X}((S \odot X) \cup X)$ is constructed from $f$ in such a way that $f = (H_{[\text{id}, \text{inl}]}(\text{id}, \text{inr})) \cdot g$. What we need to show thus is that $(-)^\dagger$ agrees with $(-)^\dagger$ both in the singular and in the progressive case and that $f^\dagger = g^\dagger$ for $f$ and $g$ as above. For general $g$, the latter equation is called the codiagonal law of iteration. Let us proceed by case distinction.

- **(singular case)** If $f$ is singular then for a given $x_0 \in X$, $f^\dagger(x_0)$ is described as follows. If $(\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger(x_0) = \text{inr}\perp$ then $f^\dagger(x_0) = \varepsilon$ — otherwise, we form the longest possible sequence $x_0,\ldots,x_n$ such that $f(x_i) = (\varepsilon, \text{inl} x_{i+1})$ for all $i$. This sequence, must be finite, for otherwise $(\iota' \cdot f)^\dagger(x_0)$ would be
equal to inr ⊥, and also \( f(x_n) \) cannot be \( \varepsilon \) for the same reason. If \( f(x_n) = (\varepsilon, \text{inr } y) \) then \( f^4(x) = (\varepsilon, y) \). In the remaining cases, \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_n) = (I, e) \) or \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x) = (I, e, y) \) with \( I \neq \emptyset \), and we put correspondingly \( f^1(x_0) = (I, e') \) and \( f^1(x_0) = (I, e', y) \) where \( e' \) is calculated as follows:

\[
e' = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } t = 0 \text{ and } (e' \cdot f)^4(x_0) = \text{inl } s \\ s, & \text{if } t > 0 \text{ and } e' = \text{inl } s \end{cases}
\]

Let us go through these clauses and argue that in each clause \( f^1(x_0) \) is defined in the same way. By Lemma 4, if \( (e' \cdot f)^4(x_0) = e' \cdot f^4(x_0) = \text{inr } \perp \) then \( f^1(x) = \varepsilon = f^4(x) \). We proceed under the assumption that \( (e' \cdot f)^4(x) \neq \text{inr } \perp \). If \( f(x_n) = (\varepsilon, \text{inr } y) \) then \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_0) \) in the expression

\[
(\tau \cdot H_{[\text{inr}, (e' \cdot f)^4]} \text{id})(f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_0))
\]

for \( f^1(x_0) \), evaluates to \( \eta(y) = (\varepsilon, y) \) and hence, the whole expression evaluates to \( \eta(y) \). Finally, if \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_n) = (I, e) \) then \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_0) = (I, e) \) and the effect of \( (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{inr}, (e' \cdot f)^4]} \text{id}) \) on \( (\text{id}, f^4) \) in the above expression coincides with the effect described above: for all points of \( e \), except for the initial one \( \tau \cdot H_{[\text{inr}, (e' \cdot f)^4]} \text{id} \) simply removes inl, and for \( e^0 \) it additionally calls \((e' \cdot f)^4\). But since \( e^0 = (e' \cdot f)^4(x_n) = (e' \cdot f)^4(x_0) \) and the latter must be of the form \text{inl } s, \text{ for the new trajectory } (I, e'), e^0 = s \). The case \( f^1_{\mathcal{S} w X}(x_n) = (I, e, y) \) is analogous.

\( \text{(progressive case)} \) The original construction [13] of \((\cdot)^4\) essentially amounts to regarding the given \( f : X \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{S} w X}(S \cup X) \) as operating on \( \text{partial trajectories} \) (i.e. such pairs \((I, e : I \rightarrow S \cup X) \) that \( e \) is a partial function), on which the requisite fixpoint is calculated as a suitable limit of an \( \omega \)-chain of approximations, subsequently trimmed by discarding trajectory fragments that occur after points of undefinedness.

For progressive \( f \) this construction simplifies: we have \( f^4 = f^1_{\mathcal{S}} \), where \( \hat{f} : X \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{S}}(S \cup X) \) is manufactured from \( f \) as follows. Given \( x \in X \), if \( f(x) = (I, e, y) \) or \( f(x) = (I, e) \) and for some \( t \in I \), \( e^t = \text{inr } x^t \) and \([\text{inl } \text{id}, \cdot \cdot f(x^t) = \text{inr } \perp \text{ then } f(x) = (I', e') \) where \( I' \) is the largest subinterval of \( I \) that does not contain such \( t \) and for every \( t' \in I' \), \( e'^t = s \) where either \( e^t = \text{inl } s \) or \( e^t = \text{inr } x^t \) and \([\text{inl } \text{id}, \cdot \cdot f(x^t) = \text{inl } s \). Otherwise, i.e. if the indicated \( t \in I \) does not exist, \( f(x) = (I, e^0) \) for \( f(x) = (I, e, y) \) and \( f(x) = (I, e') \) for \( f(x) = (I, e, y) \), where \( e' \) is calculated as before under \( I' = I \).

To show that \( f^4 = f^1 \), it therefore suffices to verify that \( \hat{f} \) equals to

\[
\tau \cdot H_{[\text{inl}, (e' \cdot f)^4]} \text{id} \cdot f.
\] (14)

Using progressiveness of \( f \), note that for every \( x \in X \), \((e' \cdot f)^4(x) = \text{inl } y \) if \( f(x) = (\varepsilon, \text{inl } y) \), \((e' \cdot f)^4(x) = \text{inr } \perp \text{ if } f(x) = \varepsilon \), and \((e' \cdot f)^4(x) = \text{inl } e^0 \) if \( f(x) = (I, e) \) or \( f(x) = (I, e, y) \) with \( I \neq \emptyset \). By definition, the effect of \( H_{[\text{inl}, (e' \cdot f)^4]} \text{id} \) on each \( f(x) \) can be described as follows: every \((I, e) \in f(x) \) is sent to \((I, e') \) and every \((I, e, y) \in f(x) \) is sent to \((I, e', y) \) where \( e' \) is obtained.
To obtain the desired equality, we are thus left to show that $h = \tau$. The effect of $\tau$ in (14) on the result amounts to restricting the obtained trajectories to subintervals on which the above clause returning $\inl$ is not effective. The total action of (14) on $x \in X$ then coincides with the corresponding action of $f$, as described above.

- **(codiagonal law)** We will show that $g^\dagger = (H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger$ for any given $g : X \to H_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}((S \bowtie X) \bowtie X)$. This is one of the axioms of Elgot monads, in particular, it holds for $H_S$, which fact we are going to use in the following calculation. Let

$$h = (\iota \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger : X \to S \bowtie \bot,$$

$$w = (\iota \cdot g)^\dagger : X \to S \bowtie \bot,$$

$$u = (\iota \cdot g)^\dagger : X \to (S \bowtie X) \bowtie \bot.$$  

Then, on the one hand:

$$(H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger$$

$$= (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger$$

$$= \tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot (H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

$$= \tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot (H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

and on the other hand:

$$(g^\dagger)^\dagger$$

$$= (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

$$= (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot \iota \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

$$= (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot \iota) \cdot (H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

$$= (\tau \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot \iota \cdot \iota \cdot \iota) \cdot \iota \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]} \cdot g)^\dagger_{(S \bowtie X) \bowtie X}$$

To obtain the desired equality, we are thus left to show that $h = w$ and $w = \iota \cdot u$. Indeed,

$$h = (\iota \cdot H_{[\text{id}, \inr]}[\text{id}, \inr] \cdot g)^\dagger$$
\[ \begin{align*}
&= \left(\left[\text{id}, \text{inr}\right] \cdot \lambda \cdot g\right)^2 \\
&= \left(\left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^2\right)^2 & \text{(5),(4)} \\
&= \left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^4 & \text{codiagonal law} \\
&= w
\end{align*} \]

and
\[ \begin{align*}
w &= \left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^4 \\
&= \left(\left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^2\right)^2 & \text{Lemma 4} \\
&= \left[[\text{inl}, \left((\lambda \cdot g)^2\right)], \text{inr}\right] \cdot \left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^2 & \text{fixpoint law} \\
&= \left[[\text{inl}, w], \text{inr}\right] \cdot \left(\lambda \cdot g\right)^2
\end{align*} \]

This completes the proof of Theorem 3. \qed