

A Formal Foundation for Dynamic Delta-Oriented Software Product Lines¹

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Motivation

- DOP has been used for modelling variability at **compile time**
- This paper extends it for
 - 1 modelling variability at **run time**
 - 2 providing a framework for **unanticipated software evolution**

Outline

- Delta-oriented Programming
- Dynamic DOP
- Evolving Dynamic DOP SPLs
- Dynamic DOP (cont.)
- Formalization
- Related/Future Work

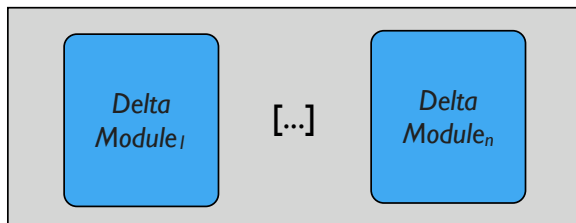
Delta-oriented Programming (DOP): concepts

A DOP SPL consists of:

Product Line
Declaration

- Connection between Delta Modules and Product Features
- Order of Delta Module Application

Code
Base



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- A type system that ensures type safety of DOP SPLs of IMPERATIVE FEATHERWEIGHT JAVA programs [Bettini et al., *Acta Inf.*, 2013]

Dynamic DOP: concepts

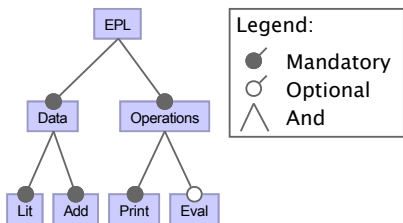
A **Dynamic** DOP SPL consists of:

- 1 Product-line code base
- 2 Product-line declaration
- 3 **Product-line dynamic reconfiguration graph**

Example: (Dynamic) Expression Product Line

```
Exp ::= Lit | Add
Lit  ::= <non-negative integers>
Add  ::= Exp "+" Exp
```

Feature Model of (Dynamic) EPL:



There are 2 valid feature configurations:

LAP = Lit, Add, Print

LAPE = Lit, Add, Print, Eval

1. Product-Line Code Base for (Dynamic) EPL

```
delta DLitAddPrint{
  adds class Exp extends Object { ... }
  adds class Lit extends Exp { ... }
  adds class Add extends Exp { ... }
  adds class Printer { ... }
  adds class Main { ... }
  adds class ExpScanner ...
}

delta DLitEval {
  modifies Exp { ... }
  modifies Lit { ... }
}

delta DAddEval {
  modifies Add { ... }
}

delta DPrinterEval {
  modifies Printer { ... }
}
```

Product-Line Code Base for EPL (1/2)

```

delta DLitAddPrint{
  adds class Exp extends Object { // Exp is only used as a type
    int counter; // number of operations invoked on the expression
    String toString() { return ""; }
  }
  adds class Lit extends Exp {
    int value; // value >= 0
    Lit setLit(int n) { value = n; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return value + ""; }
  }
  adds class Add extends Exp {
    Exp expr1;
    Exp expr2;
    Add setAdd(Exp a, Exp b) { expr1 = a; expr2 = b; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return expr1.toString() + "+" + expr2.toString(); }
  }
  adds class Printer { String compute(Exp a) { return a.toString(); }
  }
  adds class Main {
    void main() {
      Scanner in = new ExpScanner(System.in);
      Printer pr = new Printer();
      while (true) {
        Exp expr = in.nextExp();
        System.out.println(pr.compute(expr));
      }
    }
  }
  adds class ExpScanner ... // parses data of Exp type
}

```

Product-Line Code Base for EPL (2/2)

```
delta DLitEval {
  modifies Exp {
    adds int eval() { return 0; }
  }
  modifies Lit {
    adds int eval() { counter++; return value; }
  }
}

delta DAddEval {
  modifies Add {
    adds int eval() { counter++; return expr1.eval() + expr2.eval(); }
  }
}

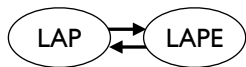
delta DPrinterEval {
  modifies Printer {
    modifies String compute(Exp a) { return original(a) + "=" + a.eval(); }
  }
}
```

2. Product-Line Declaration for (Dynamic) EPL

```
features
  Lit, Add, Print, Eval
configurations
  Lit & Add & Print
deltas
  { DLitAddPrint }
  { DLitEval when Eval, DAddEval when Eval, DPrinterEval when Eval }
```

3. Dynamic Reconfiguration Graph for Dynamic EPL

Graphical representation:



Textual representation:

nodes

```
LAP = Lit, Add, Print;
```

```
LAPE = Lit, Add, Print, Eval;
```

edges

```
LAP => LAPE { }
```

```
LAPE => LAP { }
```

Runtime reconfiguration: changing the configuration of the running product

- A class C is **affected** by a reconfiguration if
 - either C is **recoded** (the code of C or of a superclass of C is modified)
 - or C is **reallocated** (the instances of C are changed)
- A reconfiguration is **enabled** if
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Product LAP of the Dynamic EPL

```

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    int counter; // number of operations invoked on the expression
    String toString() { return ""; }

}

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    int value; // value >= 0
    Lit setLit(int n) { value = n; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return value + ""; }

}

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    Exp expr1;
    Exp expr2;
    Add setAdd(Exp a, Exp b) { expr1 = a; expr2 = b; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return expr1.toString() + "+" + expr2.toString(); }

}

}

class Printer {

    String compute(Exp a) { return a.toString(); }

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        }
    }

}

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Product LAPE of the Dynamic EPL

```

class Exp extends Object { // Exp is only used as a type
    int counter; // number of operations invoked on the expression
    String toString() { return ""; }
    int eval() { return 0; } // ***ADDED***
}
class Lit extends Exp {
    int value; // value >= 0
    Lit setLit(int n) { value = n; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return value + ""; }
    int eval() { counter++; return value; } // ***ADDED***
}
class Add extends Exp {
    Exp expr1;
    Exp expr2;
    Add setAdd(Exp a, Exp b) { expr1 = a; expr2 = b; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return expr1.toString() + "+" + expr2.toString(); }
    int eval() { counter++; return expr1.eval() + expr2.eval(); } // ***ADDED***
}
class Printer {
    String compute$DPrinterEval(Exp a) { return a.toString(); } // ***ADDED***
    String compute(Exp a) { return compute$DPrinterEval(a) + "=" + a.eval(); } // ***MODIFIED***
}
class Main { // ***UNCHANGED***
    void main() {
        Scanner in = new ExpScanner(System.in);
        Printer pr = new Printer();
        while (true) {
            Exp expr = in.nextExp();
            System.out.println(pr.compute(expr));
        }
    }
}
class ExpScanner ... // parses data of Exp type // ***CHANGED***

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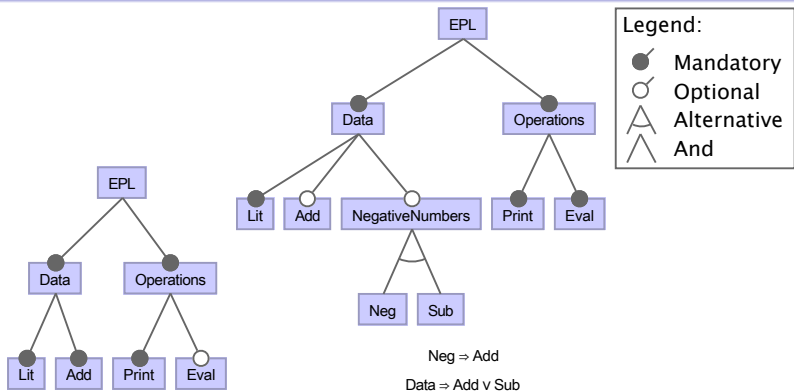
Preserved product

A product is **preserved** by an evolution if in both the SPLs:

- the feature configuration of the product is valid, and
- the feature configuration selects the same delta modules (in the same order).^a

^aThis implies that code of the selected delta modules is unchanged.

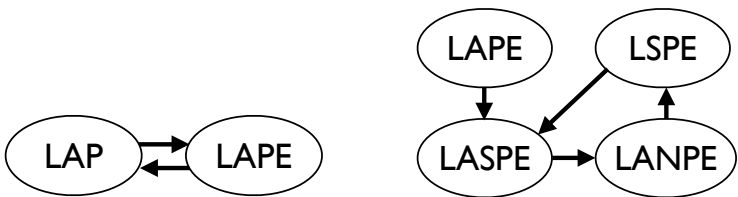
Example: Evolving the Feature Model of the Dynamic EPL



There are 4 valid feature configurations:

- LAP** \neq ~~Lit~~/~~Add~~/~~Print~~
- LAPE** = Lit, Add, Print, Eval
- LASPE** = Lit, Add, **Sub**, Print, Eval
- LANPE** = Lit, Add, **Neg**, Print, Eval
- LSPE** = Lit, **Sub**, Print, Eval

Example: Evolving the Dynamic Reconfiguration Graph of the Dynamic EPL



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1. Product-Line Code Base of the evolved Dynamic EPL (added delta modules)

```

delta DNeg {
  adds class Neg extends Exp {
    Exp expr;
    Neg setNeg(Exp a) { expr = a; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return "(" + "-" + expr.toString() + ")"; }
    int eval() { counter++; return (-1) * expr.eval(); }
  }
  modifies class ExpScanner ... // parses Neg expressions
}

delta DSub {
  adds class Sub extends Exp {
    Exp expr1;
    Exp expr2;
    Add setSub(Exp a, Exp b) { expr1 = a; expr2 = b; return this; }
    String toString() { counter++; return expr1.toString() + "-" + expr2.toString(); }
    int eval() { counter++; return expr1.eval() - expr2.eval(); }
  }
  modifies class ExpScanner ... // parses Sub expressions
}

delta DremAdd {
  removes Add
  modifies class ExpScanner ... // removes code for parsing Add expressions
}

```

2. Product-Line Declaration of the evolved Dynamic EPL

```
features
  Lit, Add, Neg, Sub, Print, Eval
configurations
  Lit & Print & Eval & (Add|Sub) & (Neg->Add) & !(Neg&Sub)
deltas
  { DLitAddPrint }
  { DLitEval,   DAddEval when Add,   DPrinterEval }
  { DSub when Sub }
  { DNeg when Neg }
  { DremAdd when !Add }
```


3. Dynamic Reconfiguration Graph of the evolved Dynamic EPL

```

nodes
  LAPE = Lit, Add, Print, Eval;
  LASPE = Lit, Add, Sub, Print, Eval;
  LANPE = Lit, Add, Neg, Print, Eval;
  LSPE = Lit, Sub, Print, Eval;
edges
  LAPE => LASPE { }
  LASPE => LANPE { // e.g.: (7-8) becomes (7+(-8))
    Sub->Add { pre:
      Exp y1 = this.expr1; Exp y2 = this.expr2;
    post:
      Exp z1 = y1; Exp z2 = y2; Exp z3 = new Neg(z2);
      this.counter = 0; this.expr1 = z1;
      this.expr2 = z3; }
  }
  LANPE => LSPE {
    Neg->Sub { pre:
      Exp y = this.expr;
    post:
      Exp z1 = new Lit(0); Exp z2 = y;
      this.counter = 0; this.expr1 = z1; this.expr2 = z2; }

    Add->Sub { pre:
      Exp y1 = this.expr1; Exp y2 = this.expr2;
    post:
      Exp z1 = y1; Exp z2 = y2;
      Exp z3 = new Lit(0); Exp z4 = new Sub(z4,z3);
      this.counter = 0; this.expr1 = z1;
      this.expr2 = z4; }
  }
  LSPE => LASPE { }

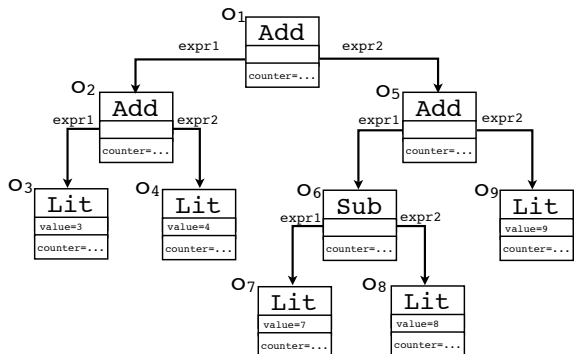
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Example: reconfiguration LASPE \Rightarrow LANPE in the evolved Dynamic EPL

$(3 + 4) + ((7 - 8) + 9)$ becomes $(3 + 4) + ((7 + (-8)) + 9)$

Affects classes

- ExpScanner (without reallocating its object)
- Sub (by dropping it and reallocating its object to class Add)



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Lazy Heap Update

Each object is reallocated when the running product accesses it.

- The queue of the ($n \geq 0$) pending reconfigurations is maintained.
- The heap is partitioned in $n+1$ regions.
 - 0-st region contains non-reallocated objects,
 - 1-nd region contains objects reallocated by the 1-st pending reconfiguration,
 - \vdots
 - i -th region ($0 \leq i \leq n$) contains objects updated by pending reconfigurations $1, \dots, i-1$ (the n -th region contains fully reallocated objects).

Imperative Featherweight Dynamic Delta Java (IFD Δ J)

STARTING POINT: Imperative Featherweight Delta Java (IF Δ J):
a calculus for SPLs of IMPERATIVE
FEATHERWEIGHT JAVA programs [Bettini et al., *Acta. Inf.*, 2013]

- Product generation
- Type system ensuring type safety

THIS PAPER: Extends IF Δ J to dynamic DOP:

- 1 Dynamic reconfiguration graph
- 2 Typing rules for the dynamic reconfiguration graph
- 3 Operational semantics with lazy heap (small step reduction)
- 4 Type soundness (subject reduction + progress)

IF Δ J: Syntax of Classes and Delta Modules

Imperative Featherweight Java (IFJ)

CD	::=	class C extends C { \overline{FD} ; \overline{MD} }	classes
FD	::=	C f	fields
MD	::=	C m (\overline{C} \overline{x}) { return e; }	methods
e	::=	x e.f e.m(\overline{e}) new C() (C)e e.f = e null	expressions

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Imperative Featherweight Delta Java (IF Δ J)

DM	::=	delta δ { \overline{CO} }	delta modules
CO	::=	adds CD modifies C [extending C] { \overline{AO} } removes C	class operations
AO	::=	adds FD adds MD modifies MD removes a	attribute operations

IFD Δ J: Dynamic Reconfiguration Graph

Syntax

R	::=	$\overline{\Psi} \Rightarrow \overline{\Psi}' \{ \overline{\text{OR}} \}$	reconfiguration declarations
OR	::=	$C \rightarrow C' \{ \text{pre: } \overline{A y = p};$ $\text{post: } \overline{B z = q}; \overline{\text{this.f} = z}; \}$	object reallocations
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Typing

- 1 If (in $\overline{\psi}$) C is a subclass of C_0 and C_0 is not removed by R, then (in $\overline{\psi}'$) R(C) is a subclass of C_0 .
- 2 If y of type A is assigned to z of type B, then the objects of every subclass D of A (in $\overline{\psi}$) are reallocated to a class D' that is a subclass of B (in $\overline{\psi}'$).

IFD Δ J semantics: address, value, object, stack and heap

Addresses, ranged over by the metavariable ι , are the elements of the denumerable set \mathbf{I} .

Values, ranged over by the metavariable v , are either addresses or `null`.

Objects are denoted by $\langle C, \bar{f} = \bar{v} \rangle$, where C is the class of the object, \bar{f} are the names of the fields and \bar{v} are the values of the fields.

A *stack* $\bar{\iota}$ is a possibly empty sequence of addresses (possibly containing duplicates). The empty stack is denoted by \bullet .

A *heap* \mathcal{H} is a mapping from *addresses* to *objects*. The empty heap is denoted by \emptyset .

IFD Δ J semantics: lazy heap

Lazy heaps are defined as follows $\boxed{\mathcal{L} ::= \mathcal{H} \mid \mathcal{H} : \mathbf{R}(\mathcal{L})}$.

That is, a lazy heap is either a heap \mathcal{H} or a partially reconfigured heap of the form $\mathcal{H}_n : \mathbf{R}_n(\mathcal{H}_{n-1} : \mathbf{R}_{n-1}(\cdots \mathcal{H}_1 : \mathbf{R}_1(\mathcal{H}_0) \cdots))$, for some $n \geq 1$, where

- \mathcal{H}_n is the part of heap that has been reconfigured by $\mathbf{R}_n, \dots, \mathbf{R}_1$ and that may have been subsequently modified by the execution of non-reconfiguration operations.
- each \mathcal{H}_i ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$) is the part of heap that has been reconfigured by $\mathbf{R}_i, \dots, \mathbf{R}_1$ and that may have been subsequently modified by the execution of non-reconfiguration operations before the invocation of \mathbf{R}_{i+1} .
- \mathcal{H}_0 is the heap before the invocation of \mathbf{R}_1 .

IFD Δ J: semantics: reduction rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{(R-EVAL)} \\
 \overline{\Psi}, \mathcal{L}, \bar{t}, e \longrightarrow \overline{\Psi}, \mathcal{L}', \bar{t}', e' \\
 \hline
 \overline{\Psi}, \mathcal{L}, \bar{t}, e \Longrightarrow \overline{\Psi}, \mathcal{L}', \bar{t}', e'
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{(R-RECONF)} \\
 \mathbf{R} = \overline{\Psi} \Rightarrow \overline{\Psi}' \{ \dots \} \quad \mathbf{Enabled}(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{L}, \bar{t}, e) \\
 \hline
 \overline{\Psi}, \mathcal{L}, \bar{t}, e \Longrightarrow \overline{\Psi}', \emptyset : \mathbf{R}(\mathcal{L}), \bar{t}, e
 \end{array}$$

IFD Δ J: semantics: computation rules

(C-NEW)

$$\frac{\iota \text{ fresh} \quad \text{fields}_{\bar{\psi}}(\mathbf{C}) = \bar{\mathbf{C}} \bar{\mathbf{f}}}{\neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}, \text{new } \mathbf{C}() \longrightarrow \neg, \mathcal{L} \cup \{\iota \mapsto \langle \mathbf{C}, \bar{\mathbf{f}} = \text{null} \rangle\}, \bar{\iota}, \iota}$$

(C-FIELD)

$$\frac{\text{lookup}(\iota, \mathcal{L}) = \langle \mathbf{C}, \bar{\mathbf{f}} = \bar{\mathbf{v}} \rangle, \mathcal{L}'}{\neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}, \iota.f_i \longrightarrow \neg, \mathcal{L}', \bar{\iota}, \mathbf{v}_i}$$

(C-ASSIGN)

$$\frac{\text{lookup}(\iota, \mathcal{L}) = \langle \mathbf{C}, \bar{\mathbf{f}} = \bar{\mathbf{v}} \rangle, \mathcal{L}'}{\neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}, \iota.f_i = \mathbf{v} \longrightarrow \neg, \mathcal{L}'[\iota \mapsto \langle \mathbf{C}, \dots, f_i = \mathbf{v}, \dots \rangle], \bar{\iota}, \mathbf{v}}$$

(C-INVK)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{lookup}(\iota, \mathcal{L}) = \langle \mathbf{C}, \dots \rangle, \mathcal{L}' \\ \text{meth}_{\bar{\psi}}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{C}) = _ \mathbf{m}(_ \bar{\mathbf{x}})\{\text{return } \mathbf{e}_0;\} \end{array}}{\neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}, \iota.\mathbf{m}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) \longrightarrow \neg, \mathcal{L}', \bar{\iota}\iota, \text{return}([\bar{\mathbf{x}}/\bar{\mathbf{v}}, \text{this} / \iota]\mathbf{e}_0)}$$

(C-RET)

$$\neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}\iota, \text{return}(\mathbf{v}) \longrightarrow \neg, \mathcal{L}, \bar{\iota}, \mathbf{v}$$

IFD Δ J: type soundness

Type soundness

Let $L = (\bar{\psi}, \Phi, \text{DMT}, \Delta, \prec, \text{RG})$ be a well-typed IFD Δ J dynamic SPL. If $\bar{\psi}, \emptyset, \bullet, e$ is the initial state for a valid product $\text{CT}_{\bar{\psi}}$ and $\bar{\psi}, \emptyset, \bullet, e \Longrightarrow^* \bar{\psi}', \mathcal{L}', \bar{t}, e' \dashrightarrow$, then e' is either

- null, or
- an address ι such that $\mathcal{L}(\iota) = \langle C, \bar{f} = \bar{v} \rangle$ with $C \prec_{:\bar{\psi}} C_{\text{Main}}$, or
- an expression containing either `null.f` or `null.f = v` or `null.m(\bar{v})` for some f , v , m , and \bar{v} .

Some Recent Related Work

- Dynamic classes: runtime updates in distribute OO systems [Johnsen et al., FM 2009]
- Direct semantics for FOP SPL [Apel et al., J. of Automated Software Engineering, 2010]
- Aspect-based dynamic software update extraction [Cech Previtali and Gross, AOSD 2011]
- JAVADAPTOR [Pukall et al. 2013]

Conclusion

Summary:

- Dynamic Delta-Oriented Programming

Future Work:

- Case studies (application to autonomic systems?)
- A *direct semantics* for Dynamic DOP [Apel et al., J. ASE, 2010]
- Extension to *distribute systems* [Johnsen et al., FM 2009]
- Developing a proof system for Dynamic DOP [Damiani et al., FMSPLE@SPLC 2012]
- A general paradigm for Unanticipated Software Evolution
 - Programming languages where code update is a first class construct