

# Hyperproperties



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## Comparing hypothetical executions

Often, we want to say that two operations have the same effects

- ▶ Two small deposits are the same as one big deposit
- ▶ Adding permissions doesn't cause reverts
- ▶ Staking more earns more
- ▶ Staking longer earns more

CVL allows saving and restoring the state of the world

- ▶ `storage` type represents a snapshot of storage
- ▶ `lastStorage` gives the current state of storage
- ▶ `f(...)` at `s` resets the storage before executing `f`

## Example

- ▶ Want to show that transferring a and the b is the same as transferring a + b

```
//// certora/specs/ERC20.spec

/// transferring `a` tokens and then then `b` tokens has the same effect as
/// transferring `a+b` tokens
rule transferFromAdditive {
  address sender; address recipient;
  uint amount_a; uint amount_b;

  storage init = lastStorage; // save storage

  transferFrom(sender, recipient, amount_a);
  transferFrom(sender, recipient, amount_b);

  mathint balance_sender_1 = balanceOf(sender);
  mathint balance_recip_1  = balanceOf(recipient);

  transferFrom(sender, recipient, amount_a + amount_b) at init; // restore storage

  mathint balance_sender_2  = balanceOf(sender);
  mathint balance_recipient_2 = balanceOf(recipient);

  assert balance_sender_1 == balance_sender_2,
    "two small transfers must change the sender's balance by the same amount as one large transfer";

  assert balance_recip_1 == balance_recip_2,
    "two small transfers must change the recipient's balance by the same amount as one large transfer";
}
```