CS636 Notes

1. Tautologies and Contradictions

Tautologies

- A tautology is a statement that is always true, no matter what the truth values of its variables are.
- **Example:**
  P∨¬P (A statement is true, or its negation is true).
  Truth Table:

P	¬P	P∨¬P
T	F	T
F	T	T

  - **Result: Always true.**

Contradictions

- A contradiction is a statement that is always false, no matter what the truth values of its variables are.
- **Example:**
  P∧¬P (A statement cannot be true and false at the same time).
  Truth Table:

P	¬P	P∧¬P
T	F	F
F	T	F

  - **Result: Always false.**

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2. Arguments

Definition

- An argument is a set of statements (called premises) that lead to a conclusion.
  - **Example:**
    If it rains, the ground gets wet (premise).
    It is raining (premise).
    Therefore, the ground is wet (conclusion).

Valid Argument

- An argument is valid if the conclusion is always true whenever the premises are true.

- **Example:**
  Premises:

P: It is raining.

P→Q: If it is raining, the ground is wet.
Conclusion:
Q: The ground is wet.

Truth Table:

P	Q	P→Q	Valid Argument?
T	T	T	Yes
F	T	T	Yes
T	F	F	No
F	F	T	Yes

Fallacy

- A fallacy is an invalid argument, where the conclusion does not logically follow the premises.

Example (Fallacy):
Premises: P→Q , Q.
Conclusion: P.

This is invalid because Q being true does not necessarily mean P is true.

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3. Validity of Arguments

How to Check Validity

An argument is valid if the conclusion Q is true whenever all the premises are true.

Mathematically: (P1∧P2∧...∧Pn)→Q must be a tautology.

Example of Valid Argument

Argument: P→Q,¬Q⊢ ¬P

- **Explanation:**
  - **Premises:**
    1. **If P, then Q (P→Q).**
    2. **Q is false (¬Q).**
  - **Conclusion: P must also be false (¬P).**

Truth Table:

P	Q	P→Q	¬Q	¬P	Valid?
T	T	T	F	F	Yes
T	F	F	T	F	No

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4. Three-Valued Logic

Definition

- **In classical logic, every statement is either true (T) or false (F).**
- **In three-valued logic, a statement can also be undefined (U).**
    - **Example: Division by zero (0/0) is undefined.**

Operators in Three-Valued Logic

1. **AND (∧): Both inputs must be true for the result to be true.**
    - **Example:**

P	Q	P∧Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
T	U	U

2. **OR (∨): At least one input must be true for the result to be true.**
    - **Example:**

P	Q	P∨Q
T	F	T
F	U	U

3. **Implication (→): If P is true, Q must be true for the result to be true.**
    - **Example:**

P	Q	P →Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
U	T	T

4. **Equivalence (↔): Both values must be the same for the result to be true.**

- **Example:**

P	Q	P↔Q
T	T	T
T	F	F

5. **Negation (¬): Reverses the truth value.**
    - **Example:**

P	¬P
T	F
F	T
U	U

Summary of Topics

1. Tautologies are always true, while Contradictions are always false.
2. An argument connects premises to a conclusion and is valid if the conclusion follows logically.
3. A fallacy occurs when the argument is invalid.
4. Three-valued logic extends classical logic to handle undefined values using operators like AND, OR, and NOT.

Predicate Logic

Why Predicate Logic?

- Propositional logic is limited because it only works with specific statements about individual values.
- Predicate logic is more powerful because it allows us to make statements about sets of values.

What is a Set?

- A set is a collection of objects, where the objects are called elements.
- Sets can be represented as:
  A={1,2,3,4,5} (set of numbers)
  B={Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday} (set of days).
- Symbol: ∈means "is an element of."
    - Example: 2∈A (2 is an element of set A).

What is a Predicate?

- A predicate is an expression that can be true or false depending on the values of its variables.
- **Examples of predicates:**
    - **C(x): x is a cat.**
    - **Studies(x,y): x studies y.**
    - **Prime(n): n is a prime number.**

How Predicates Work

- Predicates are "waiting" for you to assign values to their variables. Once you do, they can be evaluated as TRUE or FALSE.
    - **Example:**
      C(Simba): Simba is a cat → TRUE.
      Studies(Ali,Physics): Ali studies Physics→ TRUE.
      Prime(4)Prime(4)Prime(4): 4 is a prime number → FALSE.

Binding Variables in Predicates

What Does Binding Mean?

- To "bind" a variable means to give it a specific value so that the predicate can be evaluated. There are two ways to bind variables:

1. **Substitution:** Directly replacing variables with values.
    - **Example: C(Simba): Substitute x with Simba.**
2. **Quantification:** Making a statement about one or more values in a set.

Quantifiers in Predicate Logic

Quantifiers allow us to express predicates about entire sets of values. There are three types of quantifiers:

1. Universal Quantifier (∀)

- **Symbol: ∀ means "for all."**
- **Use: States that something is true for every element in a set.**
- **Example:**
  Predicate: M(x): x chases mice.
  Statement: ∀x∈Cats●M(x).
  Translation: "For all cats, x, x chases mice."

- **Meaning: All cats chase mice.**

2. Existential Quantifier (∃)

- **Symbol: ∃ means "there exists."**
- **Use: States that at least one element in a set satisfies a condition.**
- **Example:**
  Predicate: Prime(n): n is a prime number.
  Statement: ∃n∈N●Prime(n).
  Translation: "There exists a natural number n such that n is a prime number."
  - **Meaning: There is at least one prime number.**

3. Unique Existential Quantifier (∃!)

- **Symbol: ∃! means "there exists one and only one."**
- **Use: States that exactly one element in a set satisfies a condition.**
- **Example:**
  Predicate: G(x): x is green.
  Statement: ∃!x∈Cats●G(x).
  Translation: "There exists exactly one cat x such that x is green."
  - **Meaning: Only one cat is green.**

Summary of Predicate Logic

1. **Predicate Logic helps us reason about sets of values.**
2. **A predicate is an expression that becomes true or false when we give its variables values.**
3. **Quantifiers allow us to make statements about entire sets:**
   - **∀: "For all" (universal).**
   - **∃: "There exists" (existential).**
   - **∃!: "There exists exactly one" (unique existential).**
4. **Predicates become meaningful when their variables are bound using substitution or quantifiers.**

Introduction to Specification in VDM-SL

Key Goals:

- Understand how to write a formal specification in VDM-SL (Vienna Development Method - Specification Language).
- Learn the relationship between a UML class diagram and a VDM specification.
- Declare constants and functions to make the specification more effective.
- Use state invariants to enforce global rules in the system.
- Learn the purpose of nil value in VDM-SL.

Case Study: Requirements Analysis

Example:

- The example revolves around an **incubator** that needs its temperature monitored and controlled for a biological experiment.
- The system you're developing will focus only on monitoring the incubator's temperature, not controlling the hardware.

Requirements:

1. Analyze the system and state what it should do (requirements analysis).
2. Identify system boundaries. For now, your system **only monitors** temperature.
3. Hardware changes the incubator's temperature by 1°C increments or decrements, and your software keeps a record of these changes.
4. Safety rules:
    - The temperature must stay between **-10°C and +10°C**.

UML Specification

IncubatorMonitor Class:

- **Attribute:**
    - Records the current temperature as an integer (e.g., 5, -3, etc.).
- **Methods:**
    - Two methods record a **1°C increase** and **1°C decrease** (no inputs or outputs).
    - One method outputs the current temperature value.

Specifying the State

State in VDM-SL:

- The **state** represents the data that the system permanently stores and can access through operations.

Types of Data in VDM-SL:

1. **N**: Natural numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3…).
2. **N1**: Natural numbers excluding zero (e.g., 1, 2, 3…).
3. **Z**: Integers (e.g., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2…).
4. **R**: Real numbers (e.g., 2.5, -3.7…).
5. **B**: Boolean values (TRUE or FALSE).
6. **Char**: Characters (e.g., 'A', 'b', etc.).

Specifying the Operations

Operations in VDM-SL:

- Operations are similar to "methods" in programming. They interact with the system's state (read or update data).

Structure of an Operation:

1. **Operation Header:** The operation's name and input/output types.
2. **External Clause:** States if the operation interacts with external components.
3. **Precondition:** Rules that must be true before the operation runs.
4. **Postcondition:** Describes the result after the operation is completed.

Three Operations for the IncubatorMonitor:

1. **Increment:** Increase the temperature by 1°C.
2. **Decrement:** Decrease the temperature by 1°C.
3. **Get Temperature:** Output the current temperature value.

Declaring Constants (Topic #062)

- **What are constants?** Constants are fixed values that do not change. Declaring constants in VDM-SL is optional but can improve the readability and clarity of your specification.
- **How to declare constants?** Use the values keyword before defining the system's state. For example, in the IncubatorMonitor system, you could declare maximum and minimum temperature constants like this:

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values

MAX_TEMP: nat1 = 10;

MIN_TEMP: int = -10;

- These constants can be used in operations to make the system's constraints clearer and easier to manage.

Specifying Functions (Topic #063)

- **What is a function?** A function takes an input, performs a specific operation, and returns an output. For example:
    - Input: A number.
    - Output: The square of that number.
- **Two ways to define functions in VDM-SL:**

1. **Explicit Functions:** Define how inputs are transformed into outputs using an algorithm. Example:

add(a: nat, b: nat): nat ==

a + b;

    - **Signature:** add(a: nat, b: nat): nat
    - **Definition:** a + b

2. **Implicit Functions:** Use preconditions and postconditions to describe what the function does without specifying how. Example:

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add(a: nat, b: nat): nat

pre a >= 0 and b >= 0

post RESULT = a + b;

State Invariant (Topic #064)

- **What is a state invariant?** A state invariant is a rule that places a global restriction on the system's state. It ensures that the system remains valid by preventing invalid states.
- **Example in IncubatorMonitor:** The temperature must always be between -10°C and +10°C. This can be expressed as an invariant:

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inv mk-IncubatorMonitor(t: int) ==

t >= -10 and t <= 10;

- The invariant checks if the state of the system satisfies the condition. If it doesn't, the system raises an error.

Initialization Function (Topic #065)

- **Why is initialization important?** The system needs a starting value for its state. Without an initial value, operations like increment or decrement wouldn't make sense.
- **How to define an initialization function?** Use the init keyword to set the initial state. For IncubatorMonitor, the initial temperature is set to 5°C:

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init mk-IncubatorMonitor(t) ==

t = 5;

- The initialization function must satisfy the state invariant. For example, 5°C is valid because it's between -10°C and +10°C.

User-Defined Types (Topic #066)

- **What are user-defined types?** These are custom types created by the developer to better model the system. For example, you might define a Signal type with specific actions like INCREASE, DECREASE, and DO_NOTHING.
- **How to declare user-defined types?** Use the types keyword. Example for the Signal type:

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types

Signal = <INCREASE> | <DECREASE> | <DO_NOTHING>;

- **Quote types:** Values like <INCREASE> are called quote types. They represent single values and are often used in union types.

The nil Value (Topic #067)

- **What is the nil value?** The nil value in VDM-SL represents an undefined state or value. It is used when a variable does not yet have a meaningful value.
- **How is it used?** To allow a variable to take the value nil, its type is modified using square brackets. For example:
    - [N] means the variable can hold a natural number or nil.
    - [Z] means the variable can hold an integer or nil.
- **Why use nil?** It is useful in scenarios where a value may not be initialized yet, such as when the system is just starting up or awaiting input.

Improving the Incubator System (Topic #068)

- **Enhancements in the new system:**
    - The software now controls hardware in addition to recording the temperature.
    - The initial temperature is handled more realistically.
- **New features in the system:**
    - A UML diagram is used to design the system.
    - A Signal type is specified for better control of operations like increasing or decreasing temperature.

Specifying the State of the IncubatorController System (Topic #069)

- **Components of the new state:**
    1. **Actual temperature:** Records the current temperature of the system.
    2. **Requested temperature:** Holds the desired temperature.
- **New state definition:** The state now includes both components, and both are initialized to nil using an initialization function.
- **Invariant with the inRange function:**
    - The inRange function ensures that temperature values stay within the defined MIN and MAX limits.
    - Example of inRange:

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inRange(val: int): bool ==
  val >= MIN and val <= MAX;
```

- **Why use the inRange function?**
    - Improves readability of the invariant.
    - Allows reusability of the range-check logic across the system.
- **Initialization Function:** Since both the actual and requested temperatures are undefined when the system starts, they are initialized to nil:

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```
init mk-IncubatorController(actual, requested) ==
  actual = nil and requested = nil;
```

Specifying the Operations of the IncubatorController System (Topic #070)

- **Key operations in the system:**
    1. **setInitialTemp:**
        - Sets the initial temperature when the incubator stabilizes.
        - Example:

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setInitialTemp(temp: int)

pre inRange(temp)

post actual = temp and requested = nil;

    2. **requestChange:**
        - Handles user requests to change the temperature.
    3. **increment and decrement:**
        - Adjust the temperature upwards or downwards.

- **Read operations:**
    - Provide access to the current and requested temperatures without altering them.

Topic #071: A Standard Template for VDM-SL Specifications

- A generalized **template for VDM-SL specifications** is provided, which serves as a standard structure.
- Not all clauses need to appear in every specification.
- The template ensures clarity and uniformity in specifications.

Topic #072: Including Comments

- Comments enhance the **readability** of VDM-SL specifications.
- Comments start with -- and continue until the end of the line.
    - Example:

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someSet = {x | x ∈ {1,...,5} ● x > 2} -- This set includes numbers greater than 2

Topic #073: The Complete Specification of the IncubatorController System

- The **complete specification** integrates all previously discussed components:
    - State definitions
    - Invariants

- Operations (e.g., setInitialTemp, requestChange)
- Read functions

- This topic serves as a cumulative documentation of the system design.

Topic 10.1: Sets for System Modelling

Key Points on Sets:

1. **Definition:**
   - A set is an unordered collection of unique objects.
   - Example:

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someNumbers = {2, 4, 6}

2. **Set Declaration in VDM-SL:**
   - Declared using the -set suffix with a type.

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someNumbers: ℕ-set -- Set of natural numbers

3. **Subranges:**
   - Specify continuous ranges:

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someRange = {5,...,10} -- {5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}

4. **Empty Sets:**
   - Represented as {}.

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{7,...,6} = {} -- Empty set as the range is invalid

5. **Set Comprehension:**
   - Create sets with rules:

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evenNumbers = {x | x ∈ {2,...,6} ● x mod 2 = 0} -- {2, 4, 6}

6. **Complex Expressions:**
   - Use expressions and types in bindings:

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squaredNumbers = {x^2 | x ∈ {2,...,4}} -- {4, 9, 16}

7. **Finite Sets:**
    - In VDM-SL, all sets are finite because of machine implementation constraints.

Set Operations

1. **Union (∪):** Combines all elements from two sets, without duplicates.
   Example:
    - Set J = {MON, TUE, WED, SUN}
    - Set K = {MON, FRI, TUE}
    - J ∪ K = {MON, TUE, WED, SUN, FRI}
2. **Intersection (∩):** Finds common elements between two sets.
   Example:
    - Set J = {MON, TUE, WED, SUN}
    - Set K = {MON, FRI, TUE}
    - J ∩ K = {MON, TUE}
3. **Difference ():** Finds elements in one set that are not in the other.
   Example:
    - J = {MON, TUE, WED, SUN}
    - K = {MON, FRI, TUE}
    - J \ K = {WED, SUN}
4. **Equality:** Two sets are equal if they contain exactly the same elements, regardless of order.
   Example:
    - {a, b, c} = {b, a, c} (Equal)
    - {a, b, c} ≠ {b, a, c, d} (Not Equal)
5. **Membership (∈):** Checks if an element belongs to a set.
    - Example: If A = {1, 3, 5, 7}, then 1 ∈ A but 2 ∉ A.
6. **Subsets (⊆):** A set is a subset of another if all its elements exist in the other set.
   Example:
    - {a, d, e} ⊆ {a, b, c, d, e, f} (True)
    - {a, b, c, d, e, f} ⊆ {a, d, e} (False)
7. **Cardinality (card):** Counts the unique elements in a set.
   Examples:
    - card {7, 2, 12} = 3
    - card {7, 2, 12, 2, 2} = 3 (Duplicates are ignored)

Patient Register Example

A **Patient Register** system can:

1. **Register up to 200 patients.**
2. **Add or remove patients.**
3. Return the **list of registered patients** and the **number of registered patients.**
4. Check if a patient is already registered.

Implementation in VDM-SL

1. **Define the patient type:**

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Patient = TOKEN

   - TOKEN represents a unique identifier for each patient.

2. **Set a limit for registrations:**

LIMIT: ℕ = 200

   - ℕ is a natural number.

3. **Patient Register State:**

   - reg is a set to store the registered patients.
   - It ensures:
     - card reg ≤ LIMIT (The number of patients doesn't exceed 200).
     - Starts with an empty set: reg = {}.

4. **Operations:**

   - **Add a Patient:**
     Only adds if the patient is not already registered and the limit is not exceeded.

addPatient(patientIn)

pre patientIn ∉ reg ∧ card reg < LIMIT

post reg = reg ∪ {patientIn}

   - **Remove a Patient:**
     Removes a patient if they are in the register.

removePatient(patientIn)

pre patientIn ∈ reg

post reg = reg \ {patientIn}

- **Get List of Patients:**
  Returns all registered patients.

getPatients()

post output = reg

- **Check Registration:**
  Verifies if a patient is registered.

isRegistered(patientIn)

post query ⇔ patientIn ∈ reg

- **Count Registered Patients:**
  Counts the total number of registered patients.

numberRegistered()

post total = card reg

Key Points

- Sets are **unordered collections** of unique elements.
- Set operations like union, intersection, and difference help manage data.
- VDM-SL is used to formally define and implement systems, ensuring precision and correctness.

Airport Class and VDM-SL Implementation

Airport Class Overview

The system manages aircraft landing permissions at an airport.

- **Rules:**
  1. Aircraft must get permission **before landing**.
  2. Once an aircraft lands, it must have had permission.
  3. After takeoff, the aircraft's permission is **removed**.

Main Functions of the Airport Class

1. **givePermission**: Allows an aircraft to land by giving permission.
2. **recordLanding**: Marks an aircraft as landed at the airport.
3. **recordTakeOff**: Records that an aircraft has taken off, removing its permission.
4. **getPermission**: Lists all aircraft with permission to land.
5. **getLanded**: Lists all aircraft currently landed at the airport.
6. **numberWaiting**: Tells how many aircraft have permission but have not yet landed.

VDM-SL Implementation (Simplified)

Data Types

- **Aircraft**: Represents a plane (just a placeholder or token).
- **permission**: A set of aircraft that are allowed to land.
- **landed**: A set of aircraft that have already landed.

Rules in VDM-SL

1. **Invariant Rule**: All landed aircraft must have permission.

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inv mk-Airport(p, l) ⟹ l ⊆ p

(This means every landed aircraft (l) must be part of the permission list (p).)

2. **Initialization**: When the system starts, both permission and landed are empty.

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init mk-Airport(p, l) ⟹ p = {} ∧ l = {}

Functions (Simplified Explanation)

1. **givePermission(craftIn)**
    - Adds an aircraft to the permission list.
    - **Pre-condition:** The aircraft must not already have permission.
    - **Post-condition:** The aircraft is added to the permission list.
2. **recordLanding(craftIn)**
    - Marks an aircraft as landed.
    - **Pre-condition:** The aircraft must have permission but not already be landed.
    - **Post-condition:** The aircraft is added to the landed list.
3. **recordTakeOff(craftIn)**
    - Removes an aircraft from the landed list and permission list.
    - **Pre-condition:** The aircraft must be in the landed list.
    - **Post-condition:** It is removed from both lists.
4. **getPermission()**
    - Returns the current list of aircraft with landing permission.

5. **getLanded()**
    - Returns the current list of landed aircraft.
6. **numberWaiting()**
    - Counts aircraft with permission but not yet landed.

Sequences in VDM-SL

What are Sequences?

- A **sequence** is a collection of ordered items where repetition matters.
  For example:
    - [a, d, f, a]
    - Order matters, so [a, d, f] ≠ [a, f, d].
    - Repeated elements are allowed, like a in [a, d, f, a].

Notations and Examples

- **Empty Sequence:** []
- **Access by Position:**
    - Elements are numbered from 1.
    - s(3) means the 3rd element in sequence s.

Operators on Sequences

1. **Length (len)**:
    - Finds how many elements are in a sequence.
        - Example: len([a, d, f]) = 3
2. **Unique Elements (elems)**:
    - Returns a **set** of unique elements in the sequence.
        - Example: elems([a, d, f, a]) = {a, d, f}
3. **First and Rest (hd, tl):**
    - hd (head): First element of the sequence.
        - Example: hd([a, d, f]) = a
    - tl (tail): All elements except the first.
        - Example: tl([a, d, f]) = [d, f]
4. **Concatenation (^)**:
    - Joins two sequences together.

        - Example: [a, d] ^ [f, g] = [a, d, f, g]

5. **Override (†):**
    - Replaces specific elements in a sequence.
        - Example: [a, b, c] † {2 -> x} = [a, x, c]
          (This means the 2nd element is replaced by x.)
6. **Indices (inds):**
    - Returns the positions (indices) of elements in a sequence.
        - Example: inds([a, d, f]) = {1, 2, 3}
7. **Subsequence:**
    - Extracts part of a sequence using start and end indices.
        - Example: subseq([a, d, f, a], 2, 4) = [d, f, a]

Rules for Subsequence:

- If indices are invalid (e.g., out of range), the operation is **undefined**.

11.2: Defining a Sequence by Comprehension

Sequence Comprehension:
We can create sequences using rules to generate their elements. For example:

- To create a sequence of odd numbers from 1 to 20:

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[a | a ∈ {1, … , 20} ● is-odd(a)]

Here:

- a represents numbers between 1 and 20.
- is-odd(a) is a function that checks if a is odd.

Generic Form:

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[expression(a) | a ∈ SomeSet ● test(a)]

- **expression(a):** Defines the element to include in the sequence.
- **SomeSet:** The set of possible elements.
- **test(a):** A condition to filter the elements.

Example:
From sequence s1 = [2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 6, 7, 8, 14, 39, 45, 3], create another sequence s2 with only numbers greater than 10:

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s2 = [s1(i) | i ∈ inds s1 ● s1(i) > 10]

Result:
s2 = [11, 14, 39, 45]

Sequence Types in VDM-SL

To declare a **sequence type**, add * to the type:

- seq : ℤ* → A sequence of integers.
- convoy : SpaceCraft* → A sequence of spacecraft.

Applications of Sequence: Stack

A **stack** is a data structure following the **Last In, First Out (LIFO)** principle, meaning the last item added is the first one removed.

Stack Specification:

- **State:**

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state Stack of

stack : Element*

init mk-Stack(s) ≜ s = []

end

  - **stack : Element*** → A sequence of elements.
  - **Initial state:** Stack is empty (s = []).

- **Operations:**

1. **Push (Add an element):**

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push(itemIn : Element)

ext wr stack : Element*

pre TRUE

post stack = [itemIn] ^ stack

Adds itemIn to the top of the stack.

2. **Pop (Remove an element):**

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pop() itemRemoved : Element

ext wr stack : Element*

pre stack ≠ []

post stack = tl stack ^ itemRemoved = hd stack

Removes the top element and assigns it to itemRemoved.

3. **Check if Stack is Empty:**

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isEmpty() query : 𝔹

ext rd stack : Element*

pre TRUE

post query ⇔ stack = []

Returns TRUE if the stack is empty, otherwise FALSE.

11.3: Rethinking the Airport System

The airport system is enhanced by adding a **"circling" feature**, which tracks aircraft waiting for permission to land.

Updated State:

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state Airport2 of

permission: Aircraft-set

landed: Aircraft-set

circling: Aircraft*

init mk-Airport2(p, l, c) ≜ p = { } ∧ l = { } ∧ c = []

end

- **permission:** Set of aircraft allowed to land.
- **landed:** Set of aircraft currently landed.
- **circling:** Sequence of aircraft waiting to land.

New Operations:

1. **Allow Aircraft to Circle:**

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allowToCircle (craftIn : Aircraft)

ext wr circling : Aircraft*

rd permission : Aircraft-set

rd landed : Aircraft-set

pre craftIn ∈ permission ∧ craftIn ∉ elems circling ∧ craftIn ∉ landed

post circling = circling ^ [craftIn]

Adds an aircraft (craftIn) to the "circling" queue if:

- It has permission to land.
- It's not already circling or landed.

2. **Record Landing:**

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recordLanding( )

ext wr circling : Aircraft*

wr landed : Aircraft-set

pre circling ≠ []

post landed = landed ∪ { hd circling } ∧ circling = tl circling

- Records the landing of the first aircraft in the "circling" queue (hd circling).
- Removes the aircraft from the queue (tl circling).

11.4: Sequences - Some Useful Functions

When working with sequences (lists of elements), there are some useful functions that are not included by default in VDM-SL but can be defined for your convenience.

1. Last Element of a Sequence:
To get the last element of a sequence:

vdm

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last(sequenceIn : Element*) elementOut : Element

pre sequenceIn ≠ [] -- Sequence is not empty

post elementOut = sequenceIn(len sequenceIn)

- sequenceIn is the input sequence.
- elementOut is the last element of the sequence.

2. Sequence with the Last Element Removed:
To remove the last element from a sequence:

vdm

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allButLast(sequenceIn : Element*) sequenceOut : Element*

pre sequenceIn ≠ [] -- Sequence is not empty

post sequenceOut = sequenceIn(1, … , (len sequenceIn - 1))

- sequenceOut is the new sequence without the last element.

3. Find Position of an Element in a Sequence:
To find the position of an element in the sequence:

vdm

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find(sequenceIn : Element*, element : Element) position : ℕ

pre element ∈ elems sequenceIn

post sequenceIn(position) = element

- This returns the position of element in sequenceIn.

4. Find the First Occurrence of an Element in a Sequence:
To find the first occurrence of an element:

vdm

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findFirst(sequenceIn : Element*, element : Element) position : ℕ

pre element ∈ sequenceIn

post sequenceIn(position) = element ∧ ∀i ∈ inds sequenceIn ● sequenceIn(i) = element ⇒ position ≤ i

- This returns the position of the first occurrence of element in sequenceIn.

12.1: Composite Objects

A **composite object** is an object that combines multiple types of information into one. For example, a **Car** object might contain a registration number, make, model, price, and so on.

Composite Type Definition:
To define a composite object, you define the fields (attributes) of the object along with their types:

vdm

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TypeName :: fieldname1 : Type1

    fieldname2 : Type2

For example, to represent time:

vdm

Time:: hour: ℕ

minute: ℕ

second: ℕ

- **Time** is a composite type with three fields: hour, minute, and second.

Composite Object Operators

1. **Make Function (Creating an Object):**
   You can create an object of a composite type using a **make function**:

vdm

mk-CompositeObjectTypeName(parameter list)

For example:

vdm

mk-Time: ℕ x ℕ x ℕ → Time

This function creates a Time object from three numbers (hour, minute, second).

2. **Invariants (Conditions):**
   Invariants are conditions that must always be true for an object. For example:

vdm

inv mk-Time(h, m, s) $\triangleq$ h < 24 ∧ m < 60 ∧ s < 60

This ensures that hour is less than 24, minute is less than 60, and second is less than 60.

3. **Accessing Fields of Composite Objects:**
   You can access individual fields of a composite object using the **dot operator (.)**:

vdm

someTime.minute = 20

someTime.hour = 16

4. **μ (mu) Function (Modifying an Object):**
   You can modify one or more fields of an object using the μ function:

vdm

newTime = μ(someTime, hour ↦ 15)

thisTime = μ(someTime, minute ↦ 0, second ↦ 0)

This changes the hour field to 15 and sets the minute and second fields to 0.

12.2: DiskScanner System

The **DiskScanner system** is used to track damaged blocks on a disk. A disk is divided into tracks, and each track is divided into sectors. A **block** is a combination of a track and a sector number.

- The **DiskScanner** system helps keep track of which blocks are damaged and provides functionality for adding or removing blocks from the damaged list.

Types in DiskScanner System:

- **Block:**
  A block has two parts: track and sector.

vdm

Block :: track: $\mathbb{N}$

sector: $\mathbb{N}$

State of the DiskScanner:

- The system tracks damaged blocks in a set:

vdm

state DiskScanner of

damagedBlocks: Block-set

init mk-DiskScanner (dB) $\triangleq$ dB = { }

- **damagedBlocks:** A set of Block objects that are damaged.

Operations in DiskScanner System:

1. **Adding a Damaged Block:**

vdm

addBlock(trackIn: $\mathbb{N}$, sectorIn: $\mathbb{N}$)

ext wr damagedBlocks: Block-set

pre mk-Block(trackIn, sectorIn) $\notin$ damagedBlocks

post damagedBlocks = damagedBlocks $\cup$ { mk-Block(trackIn, sectorIn) }

- Adds a new damaged block to the damagedBlocks set.

2. **Removing a Damaged Block:**

vdm

removeBlock(trackIn: $\mathbb{N}$, sectorIn: $\mathbb{N}$)

ext wr damagedBlocks: Block-set

pre mk-Block(trackIn, sectorIn) $\in$ damagedBlocks

post damagedBlocks = damagedBlocks \ { mk-Block(trackIn, sectorIn) }

- Removes a damaged block from the damagedBlocks set.

3. **Checking if a Block is Damaged:**

vdm

isDamaged(trackIn: ℕ, sectorIn: ℕ) query: 𝔹

ext rd damagedBlocks: Block-set

pre TRUE

post query ⇔ mk-Block(trackIn, sectorIn) ∈ damagedBlocks

- Checks if a specific block is damaged.

4. **Getting Damaged Sectors in a Track:**

vdm

getBadSectors(trackIn: ℕ) list: ℕ-set

ext rd damagedBlocks: Block-set

pre TRUE

post list = { b.sector | b ∈ damagedBlocks ● b.track = trackIn }

- Lists all sectors in a specific track that have damaged blocks.

12.3 A Process Management System

In a multitasking operating system, processes are identified using a unique Process Identification (PID) number. The chapter explains how a simple Process Management System works. This system helps manage processes based on a FIFO (First In, First Out) policy, where the first process to arrive is the first to be executed.

- **Process Management System**: It tracks the states of processes.
    - **Running State**: The process is currently being executed.
    - **Waiting State**: The process is waiting to be executed.
- **Process Data Representation**:
    - **Process**: It has an id (String) and a status (which can either be READY or BLOCKED).
    - **Process Management System**: Contains two lists—running (for processes that are executing) and waiting (for processes that are waiting).
- **Data Representation in VDM-SL** (VDM is a formal modeling language):
    - The system uses a set of processes, each with a unique id and a status that can be either READY or BLOCKED.

Important Functions:

- findPos: Finds the position of a process in the waiting list by matching the process ID.

- findNext: Finds the next process to execute from the waiting list based on the status READY.
- remove: Removes a process from the list based on its position.

12.4 Modeling Operations in VDM-SL

- **Operations in Process Management**:
  - **admit(idIn)**: Adds a process to the waiting list if it's not already running or in the waiting list.
  - **dispatch()**: Moves a process from the waiting list to the running state.
  - **timeOut()**: Moves the process from running to waiting.
  - **block()**: Changes the state of a running process to blocked and moves it to the waiting list.
  - **wakeUp(idIn)**: Changes a blocked process's state to READY and moves it back to the waiting list.
  - **terminate()**: Terminates the running process.
- **The LET…IN Clause**: This is a way to define temporary variables in an expression.
  - Example:
    - let next = findNext(waiting)
    - in running = waiting(next).id

13.1 Maps

- **Maps** are a way to relate two types of values (domain and range). It's like a function that connects one element to another.
  - **Domain**: The set of all the keys.
  - **Range**: The set of all the values associated with the keys.
- **Examples**:
  - A map sensors might map sensor IDs to their conditions (e.g., A ⟼ LOW, B ⟼ NORMAL).
  - A map m could map values like a ⟼ y, b ⟼ x.
- **Map Operations**:
  - **Domain and Range Operators**:
    - dom: Returns all domain elements.
    - rng: Returns all range elements.
  - **Union Operator** (∪): Combines two maps together.

    - **Override Operator** (†): If two maps have the same domain element, the second map will override the first one.
    - **Domain Restriction Operator** (⩤): Restricts a map to only the elements that are in a certain set of domain elements.
    - **Domain Deletion Operator** (⩥): Deletes the elements in the map whose domain is in a certain set.
- **Map Application**:
    - You can apply a map to a specific element (domain element) to get the corresponding value (range element).
    - Example: In the map m1 = {a ⟼ 1, b ⟼ 2}, if you apply m1(a), it returns 1.

Summary

- **Process Management System** involves managing processes in a system using states (READY, BLOCKED), and operations are specified using a formal method in VDM-SL.
- **Maps** are used to relate elements in two sets, and there are various operations that can manipulate these maps, like union, override, restriction, and deletion.

This summary covers the key topics in a simple way to help you understand the process management system and maps in formal methods. Let me know if you need further clarification, Insha Allah!

VDM-SL (Vienna Development Method - Specification Language)

1. Maps in VDM-SL

- A **map** is a collection that relates one value (like a key) to another value (like a value).
- For example, if you want to create a map that connects characters (like letters) to natural numbers, you would declare it like this:

vbnet

c: Char

m: ℕ

This means that m is a map that takes characters (like 'a', 'b', etc.) and maps them to natural numbers (like 1, 2, 3, etc.).

2. High-Security Building System

- **Objective:** You are designing a system that controls access to a high-security building, allowing only authorized employees to enter or leave based on their usernames and passwords.
- **Operations:**
    - **addEmployee(name, password):** Adds a new employee to the system.
    - **removeEmployee(name):** Removes an employee from the system.

- **enter(name, password):** Checks if the employee's details are correct and lets them in if authorized.
- **leave(name):** Records the employee leaving the building.

VDM-SL Specification for Security System:

- The system uses **maps** to store usernames and their associated passwords (authorized: String ↦ String), and a **set** (inside: String-set) to track who is inside the building.
- There are **signals** (like <OPEN_DOOR> or <ACTIVATE_ALARM>) to control the hardware actions, such as opening the door or activating the alarm.

3. Robot Monitoring System

- **Objective:** A system that monitors robots working in a space station. Each robot has a unique name and mode (either **WORKING**, **IDLE**, or **BROKEN**), and can work in one of two sectors, **A** or **B**.
- **Operations:**
  - **addRobot(name):** Adds a new robot with an IDLE status.
  - **removeRobot(name):** Removes a robot from the system.
  - **setToWork(name, sector):** Assigns an idle robot to a sector to start working.
  - **finishWork(name):** Marks a robot as finished working, and sets its status back to IDLE.
  - **needsRepair(name):** Marks a robot as broken.
  - **fixed(name):** Marks a broken robot as fixed and sets it back to IDLE.
  - **inSector(sector):** Returns the list of robots in a particular sector.
  - **numberToRepair():** Returns the number of broken robots.

VDM-SL Specification for Robot Monitoring System:

- The system uses **maps** to store the robots, associating each robot's name with its status (robots: String ↦ Robot).
- There are operations to add, remove, assign, and repair robots, with conditions (preconditions and postconditions) for each operation.

Z Notation (Formal Specification Language)

4. Introduction to Z

- **Z** is a formal specification language used to describe the behavior of software systems. It uses a mathematical approach with sets and relations to define how systems should behave.
- The key feature of Z is the **schema**, which is a collection of variables and relationships that define the state and operations of a system.

Example of Z Schema (PhoneDB):

- **PhoneDB** schema: This describes a simple database that stores people's names and their associated phone numbers.
    - **State:** The database contains a collection of names and phone numbers.
    - **Operations:** There are operations to add a new name and phone number, and to inquire about a number based on a given name.

Summary of Key Concepts:

1. **Maps:** Used in VDM-SL to associate one value with another (like usernames to passwords).
2. **Schemas in Z:** A way to describe a system's state and operations using mathematical sets and relations.
3. **Security System (VDM-SL):** A system to track employees entering and leaving a high-security building based on usernames and passwords.
4. **Robot Monitoring System (VDM-SL):** A system to track the status (working, idle, or broken) of robots in different sectors.
5. **Z Notation:** A mathematical approach to formally specify a system's behavior, using schemas to represent state and operations.

Formal Methods (Topic #128): Introduction to Formal Methods

Formal Methods Overview:

- Formal methods refer to mathematical approaches used to specify, develop, and verify software systems.
- These methods ensure that software behaves correctly by using mathematical logic and notation to describe the system's structure and behavior.
- They are important for critical systems where reliability and correctness are paramount, like in aerospace or healthcare.

Formal Methods (Topic #129): Why Formal Semantics?

Why is Formal Semantics Important?

- Formal semantics defines the meaning of mathematical notations clearly, without ambiguity.
- It provides a precise language to describe and reason about software systems, ensuring that specifications are clear and correct.
- Using formal semantics in software design leads to fewer mistakes and helps in better understanding the system.

Advantages of Using Formal Semantics:

- **Mathematical Language:** Formal semantics use set theory, relations, and other mathematical structures, which are familiar to mathematicians and some non-specialists.
- **Precision:** It avoids vague definitions and ensures the software behaves exactly as intended.

Formal Methods (Topic #130): Meta-Circularity

What is Meta-Circularity?

- Meta-circularity refers to using a notation (like Z) to define its own semantics.
- In simple terms, it's a situation where a definition of a system is written using the system itself. For instance, Z is used to explain the semantics of Z.

Challenges with Meta-Circularity:

- **Understanding Issues:** If a person doesn't understand the notation, explaining it through itself (meta-circularity) may not help.
- **Ambiguity:** Two different interpretations of the semantics can be drawn from the same meta-circular definition. For example, understanding whether parameters are passed by value or by name in programming languages could vary depending on assumptions made during interpretation.

Why Meta-Circularity Works for Z?

- Despite these issues, the meta-circular approach in Z is useful as a sketch of its semantics, which could be further formalized using other logical languages like first-order logic.

Formal Methods (Topic #131): Z and Other Methods

Comparison of Z with Other Methods:

1. **Model-Oriented Methods:**
    - **Z** and **VDM (Vienna Development Method)** are examples. These methods focus on building a model of the system being specified.
    - A specification is constructed by creating an abstract model of the system that can be used for development and verification.
2. **Property-Oriented Methods:**
    - **Clear**, **OBJ**, and **ACT ONE** are examples of methods that focus on describing the system in terms of its desired properties, without constructing an explicit model.
    - These methods emphasize defining properties that must hold true in the system rather than detailing the system's internal workings.

VDM and Z:

- VDM and Z are closely related, and both aim to construct precise models for systems.
- VDM was developed at IBM's Vienna Laboratory and, like Z, uses formal methods to describe software.
- **Z** and **VDM** both help in specifying a system's state and behavior, but they differ in style and approach.
    - For example, in VDM, a telephone-number database system might be specified using operations like AddPhone (to add a phone number) and FindPhone (to search for a phone number).

Summary:

Formal methods like Z and VDM use mathematical notations to precisely define software systems, ensuring correctness and reliability. The idea behind formal semantics is to eliminate ambiguity and allow developers to reason about the behavior of the system using a clear, well-defined language. Meta-circularity, while having some challenges, is a key feature in defining the semantics of a system using its own notation. Lastly, Z is a model-oriented method that is compared with other methods like VDM, which share similar goals but have different styles.

Formal Methods (Topic #131): Similarities Between Z and VDM

Similarities Between Z and VDM:

- **Mathematical Foundations:** Both Z and VDM use common mathematical structures such as sets, functions, and sequences to model data.
- **Predicate Logic:** Both methods use predicate logic to describe operations on data, ensuring that the operations are clearly defined and can be reasoned about.
- **Structure of Specifications:** In both Z and VDM, a specification consists of two parts:
    1. **State Space:** Describes the state of the system (the data).
    2. **Operations:** Describes the operations that can change the state.

Algebraic Specifications

Algebraic Specifications Overview:

- Algebraic specifications are simpler than those in Z and VDM. They begin with basic concepts like sets and functions, and don't assume a complex structure.
- **Basic Vocabulary:**
    - The basic vocabulary includes named sets and total functions that act on those sets.
    - The specification focuses on the properties of these functions, typically by providing equations that show how the functions relate to each other.

Clear Specification Language:

- **Example - Telephone Number Database:**
    - A specification in Clear (an algebraic specification language) for a telephone number database might start by defining basic types, such as names and telephone numbers.
    - **Equality for Names:** We define an equality test for names to check if two names are the same.
    - **Unknown Numbers:** For telephone numbers, we don’t need an equality test, but we need to define a special "unknown" number, which is the result when searching for a name that isn’t in the database.
    - **Sorting:** Sorting can be described as a higher-order function that maps sorting relations to functions that reorder sequences of items.

Formal Methods (Topic #132): The World of Sets - I

The World of Sets in Z:

- Z uses **set theory** to define and describe the data of a system. This makes it easy to reason about data using well-established mathematical principles.
- **Key Questions for Describing Sets:**
    1. **What sets exist?** What collections of items or data can be represented as sets?
    2. **What properties do these sets have?** For example, do they have any specific relationships with each other?
    3. **What operations can be performed on sets?** What can we do with these sets, such as combining them, comparing them, or transforming them?

Set Theory and Z:

- Set theory is the foundation of much of mathematics, and in Z, we use its principles to define operations and relationships within the system.

ZF Axiom System (Zermelo-Fraenkel):

- The **ZF axioms** describe the universe of sets in a formal way, starting from an empty set and building up more complex sets based on it.
- In Z, these axioms are used to define operations on sets, which is essential to describing how data behaves and interacts in the system.

Example - The Union Axiom:

- The **union axiom** says that for any set xxx, there is a new set yyy whose elements are all the elements of the elements of xxx.
- This can be represented in Z as an operation that takes one set and returns a new set that contains all the elements of the elements of the original set.

Set Membership and Extensionality:

- **Set Membership:** In Z, the membership relation is denoted by ∈\in∈, meaning "is an element of." It defines which items belong to a particular set.
- **Extensionality:** This is a property of sets where two sets are considered equal if they contain exactly the same elements. This is important for ensuring that sets are correctly defined and compared.

Operations in Set Theory:

- The operations defined in set theory (like union, intersection, and membership) can be formulated in Z as functions that take sets and return new sets.
- This allows us to reason about the behavior of sets and their relationships in a very precise and structured way.

Formal Methods (Topic #133): The World of Sets - II

In this topic, you would continue exploring set theory and how its operations are formalized in Z. We would delve deeper into the set operations and their formal definitions within the Z system.

Summary:

- **Z and VDM** are both formal methods that use common mathematical structures like sets and functions to model data and operations.
- **Algebraic specifications** are simpler than those in Z and VDM, focusing on sets and functions without assuming complex structures.
- **Set theory** is a crucial part of Z, as it helps describe and manipulate data in a precise and logical way, ensuring the correctness of the system's behavior.

Formal Methods (Topic #131): Basic Operations

In formal methods, we often work with **sets**. There are various operations we can perform on sets. Let's look at some of the important operations used in set theory.

1. Basic Operations on Sets:

- **Union**: Combines all elements from two sets.
- **Null Set**: A set with no elements. This is an empty set, represented by ∅.
- **Pair-Sets**: This operation allows you to create a set with exactly two elements. For example, you can create the set {x, y} from two sets x and y.
    - The operation is called pair(x, y), and it represents the set {x, y}.
- **Singleton Set**: A set with just one element, such as {x}. This can be created using the pair operation: pair(x, ∅) creates the singleton set {x}.
- **Binary Union**: The combination of sets using union and pair operations allows you to create more complex sets. For example, you can combine two sets into one that contains all their elements.
- **Subset**: A set x is a subset of another set y if every element of x is also an element of y. For example, {1, 2} is a subset of {1, 2, 3}.
- **Power Set**: This is the set of all subsets of a given set x. The power set of {1, 2} is {{}, {1}, {2}, {1, 2}}.
- **Infinity Axiom**: This ensures there is at least one infinite set in the universe of sets. It describes a set bigset that contains the empty set and is closed under a rule: if x is in bigset, then {x} is also in bigset.

2. Axiom of Separation: This axiom allows you to create new sets from existing sets based on a property. For example, you can create a set of all even numbers from a set of integers.

3. Derived Operations: In addition to the basic operations (union, null, pair, power set, etc.), there are other operations that can be derived from them, such as:

- **Tuples**: A tuple is an ordered collection of elements, like a pair (x, y) or a triple (x, y, z).
    - The operations can be defined using the pair operation, such as creating a pair with (x, y) or a tuple with more elements.

Formal Methods (Topic #132): Types

Types in Z:

- **Types** are used to define variables in a Z specification. Every variable you use in a Z specification must have a type.
    - **Why types are important:**
        - **Technical reasons**: Types help us ensure that operations are applied to the correct kinds of data (for example, not trying to add a number to a string).
        - **Practical reasons**: Types help us check if the specification is correct and consistent.
        - **Experience from programming**: Type-checking is useful to avoid errors, like applying a function with the wrong number of arguments.

Syntax of Types:

- The **syntax** of types defines how types are written in Z.
    - If we have a set of names, we can build types from those names.
    - The syntax defines how we can combine names and create complex types.

Semantics of Types:

- Types aren't just formal expressions; they define a set of possible values.
    - For example, if you have a type A, the **carrier** of the type is the set of all possible values that can be of type A.
    - The carrier set can be determined by interpreting the type in the world of sets, as we saw earlier in the operations like pair and union.

Monotonicity of Type Constructors:

- A **type constructor** is a rule that defines how a type is created.
    - **Monotonicity** means that if one set is a subset of another, their types will also maintain the same relationship. For example, if A1 is a subset of B1, then A2 will be a subset of B2, where A2 and B2 are the types of A1 and B1.

Summary:

Basic Operations on Sets:

- **Union**: Combining elements from sets.
- **Null Set**: A set with no elements.
- **Pair-Sets**: A set with exactly two elements.
- **Singleton Set**: A set with only one element.
- **Binary Union**: Combining sets into one.

- **Subset**: One set being part of another.
- **Power Set**: The set of all subsets of a set.
- **Infinity Axiom**: Ensures the existence of infinite sets.

Types:

- Every variable in a Z specification has a type.
- Types help check the correctness of operations.
- The **syntax** defines how types are written, and the **semantics** determines the possible values for each type.
- **Monotonicity** ensures that the relationship between sets is preserved in types.

Formal Methods (Topic #133): Type Substitutions

When a **generic schema** is used with actual parameters (real-world examples), the **types** of variables in the schema need to be replaced with the types of the actual parameters. This process is called **type substitution**.

- **Type Substitution Function (tsubst)**: This function replaces the formal parameters (types) in the schema with the actual types that are provided. For example, if you have a generic function that works with any type T and you later use it with a specific type like int, then T gets substituted with int.
- **Properties of Type Substitution**:
    - If the function used in substitution (f) has certain properties, these properties will also apply to the tsubst function.
    - **Syntactic property**: If the types are defined using certain rules or names, those same rules and names apply after substitution.

This substitution ensures that the schema can handle specific data types when used in a concrete context, rather than staying abstract.

Formal Methods (Topic #134): Signatures, Structures, and Varieties

In formal methods, a **schema** contains several components:

- **Declarations**: These specify the types and names of variables used.
- **Axioms**: These describe relationships between the variables.

The **signature** of a schema captures all the **declarative information** about the schema. The **structure** of a schema is the way the values of the variables satisfy the relationships described by the axioms.

1. Signatures:

- A **signature** is like a blueprint or definition for a schema. It lists:
    - The **variables** used in the schema.

    - The **types** of these variables.
    - The **given-set names** used by the schema.

For example, if a schema uses variables p and q with types int and bool respectively, and uses two sets X and Y, then the **signature** will record these details.

- The signature defines the **alphabet** of variables (what names can be used) and the types that these variables can take.
- The **typing function** assigns specific types to each variable based on the signature. It ensures that every variable has a valid type.

Example:

If a schema A has:

- Given sets: X and Y
- Variables: p and q

The **signature** of schema A will include:

- Names: X, Y for sets, and p, q for variables.
- Types: p might have the type int, and q might have the type bool.

2. Structures:

- **Structures** are representations of the **axiom** part of a schema. They show how the variables are assigned values that satisfy the schema's axioms.
    - For example, consider a schema with two variables p and q. If the axiom requires p to be equal to the first element of q, then a **structure** must assign values to p and q such that this relationship holds.
- A **structure** assigns values to the variables and given-set names:
    - **gset** is used to interpret the set names (e.g., X, Y).
    - **val** is used to interpret the variables (e.g., p, q).

For a structure to be valid:

- It must be **consistent with the signature**, meaning it must use the correct types and set names.
- The value of each variable must be an element of its defined type.

Example:

If the axiom says that p must be the first element of q, then the **structure** must assign a value to q (for example, a pair (a, b)), and p should be the same as a.

3. Variety:

- A **variety** is the meaning or interpretation of a schema. It is defined by the **signature** and the set of **structures** that satisfy the schema's axioms.

- A **variety** includes:
    - The **signature**: The definitions of the sets, variables, and types.
    - The **structures**: The specific assignments of values to the variables and sets that satisfy the schema's axioms.

The variety represents all the possible "models" of the schema, where each model is a structure that fits the signature and satisfies the axiom.

Summary:

Type Substitution:

- **Type substitution** happens when you replace generic types in a schema with actual types.
- The **tsubst function** handles this substitution, ensuring that the schema works with real data.

Signatures, Structures, and Varieties:

- **Signature**: Defines the variables, types, and set names used in a schema.
- **Structure**: A specific assignment of values to the variables and sets that satisfies the schema's axioms.
- **Variety**: The meaning of a schema, combining its signature and the set of structures that satisfy its axioms.

These concepts help to define and understand formal systems by linking abstract schemas (definitions) to concrete implementations (structures and varieties). Let me know if you need further clarification on any of the points!

Formal Methods (Topic #136): Notation for Denotational Semantics

In **denotational semantics**, we focus on defining the meaning of phrases (or expressions) based on **sets**. This approach contrasts with using **Scott domains**, which is a mathematical structure used in programming semantics. The key idea of denotational semantics is that the meaning of a complex phrase is built from the meanings of its individual parts.

1. Abstract Syntax Notation:

- We adapt a notation (called **abstract syntax notation**) to represent the structure of programs or expressions. This is done to align with the **concrete syntax** of the programming language we are modeling.
    - In **abstract syntax**, we use symbols and constructs that represent the abstract structure of expressions, not the actual syntax of a programming language.
- For example, instead of writing concrete expressions like x + y * z, we define abstract terms such as:
    - **Production rules** define how expressions are constructed.

    - These rules describe **tree structures** that can be formed from smaller expressions (constituents). For example, x + (y * z) is a tree structure derived from the abstract syntax.

- This structure can sometimes be **ambiguous**. For instance, "x + y * z" can be read as (x + (y * z)) or (x + y) * z. But we don't worry about the ambiguity because we are more focused on the abstract structure of the expressions than on the specific syntax.
- In **denotational semantics**, we use **open-face square brackets** ⟦⟧ to represent the application of abstract syntax constructors. This notation helps make the meaning of expressions clearer.

2. Strong Equality:

- When defining **partial functions** (functions that may not be defined for all inputs), it's useful to have a **strong equality sign**.
    - This equality is used to define when two terms are equal, not only when they have the same value but also when both are **undefined** at the same time.
- For example, if you have two functions f(x) and g(x) + h(x), the **strong equality** ensures that both sides are defined only if the terms g(x) and h(x) are both defined. If both are undefined, then the equality holds as well.
- This helps avoid the need to write complex axioms specifying when a function is defined or not. It simplifies defining the **domain** of functions and their relationships.

3. Generalized μ-Terms:

- A **generalized μ-term** is an extension to the notation that helps define things like **let-definitions** in programming languages. It allows us to specify values for variables based on certain conditions.
- For example, consider the term μ x (x * x = 16). The value of x is determined by the condition x * x = 16. The term evaluates to x + 3, and the result is 7 because the value of x that satisfies the condition is 4, and 4 + 3 equals 7.

Formal Methods (Topic #137): The Language of Schemas

In this topic, we explore how **schemas** are used to define formal systems. A **schema** is a description of a system, which includes its **variables**, **types**, and **relationships**. We discuss how schemas can be combined using operations like conjunction, disjunction, and projection.

1. Schema Expressions:

- **Schema expressions** are combinations of different schemas. The meaning of these expressions is defined by a **semantic function** sexp. This function maps schema expressions to **varieties**, which represent the interpretation of the schema.

2. Conjunction of Schema Expressions:

- The **conjunction** of two schema expressions means combining the varieties of the two schemas. This is done using the **combine** function.

- This function joins the signatures (the list of variables and types) of the two schemas. It also describes the models (valid instances of the schema) using the **restrict** function.
- The **models** of the conjoined schema must satisfy the axioms of both schemas. This means that the resulting system must follow the rules of both original schemas.

3. Disjunction of Schema Expressions:

- The **disjunction** of two schemas means combining them in such a way that a system can follow either the axioms of schema A or the axioms of schema B. This operation is defined using the **disjoin** function.

4. Schema Projection:

- **Schema projection** refers to extracting a part of a schema, focusing only on certain variables or relationships. The operation used to define this is the **project** function.
  - Projection is useful when you want to ignore some parts of a schema and only focus on the relevant parts for a specific context.

Summary:

- **Denotational Semantics** uses sets to define the meaning of expressions, focusing on the individual components that make up complex phrases.
  - **Abstract Syntax Notation** helps represent the structure of expressions in a way that is not tied to the syntax of any specific language.
  - **Strong Equality** simplifies defining partial functions, making it easier to describe when two terms are equal (even if they are undefined).
  - **Generalized μ-Terms** allow us to define variables based on conditions, similar to let definitions in programming languages.
- **Schemas** are formal systems that describe variables, types, and relationships. They can be combined using **conjunction**, **disjunction**, and **projection**.
  - The meaning of schema expressions is defined by the **sexp** function, which maps schema expressions to **varieties**.
  - **Conjunction** combines schemas, **disjunction** allows for alternatives, and **projection** extracts parts of a schema.

These concepts are useful in formal methods to create precise, mathematically grounded models of systems. Let me know if you need further clarification on any of the topics!

Formal Methods (Topic #138): The Semantics of Z

The Semantics of Z focuses on how Z language is used to specify and define systems in a formal way. Here's an explanation of key points:

1. Z Language Specifications:

- **Named schemas**: These are the building blocks of Z specifications. A schema can be thought of as a collection of variables and relationships that define a part of a system.
- **Global given-set names**: These are sets that are known globally across the whole specification, but their exact details aren't important for the system being defined. For example, a set for file names or data blocks in a filing system.
- **Global constants**: Constants that are defined globally by axioms (rules) in the specification.

2. Schemas with Generic Parameters:

- Z allows schemas to have **generic parameters**. These are placeholders in schemas that allow flexibility in how the schema is used.
- **Schema calculus** refers to operations that can be performed on schemas, like combining or modifying them.

3. Abstract Syntax:

- Z uses an **abstract syntax** to describe schemas using keywords instead of graphic boxes. This simplifies the notation while maintaining clarity.

4. Level Numbers and Z Scope Rules:

- **Level numbers** help distinguish identifiers (names) declared at different levels of the specification. For example, global variables are at one level, and variables inside schemas are at a different level.

5. Global Generic Definitions:

- Z supports **global generic definitions** like relations, which can be used across the specification to define how elements in a set relate to each other.

Formal Methods (Topic #139): Language Summary

In this topic, we summarize the syntax of Z language, which is simplified to make the semantics clearer.

1. Simplified Syntax:

- The syntax of Z has been made simpler by removing unnecessary parts, like infix function symbols, and using **keywords** instead of graphic boxes.

2. Specification Structure:

A Z specification consists of three main kinds of definitions:

1. **Global Set Names**: These are sets that are known throughout the specification, like "FILENAME" and "BLOCK".
2. **Global Variables**: Variables that are defined globally and can be used across schemas. These variables may have constraints, but not necessarily exact values.
3. **Schemas**: These define a set of variables and constraints, and can also reference other schemas. Schemas can be **generic**, meaning they can take parameters when used.

3. Global Set Names:

- These represent sets assumed to be known in the specification. For example, sets for valid file names or data blocks.

4. Global Variables:

- These are introduced globally in the specification, and their constraints are expressed through axioms. For example, a variable may represent a file, but the specification doesn't necessarily define all its details.

5. Schemas and Their Definitions:

- Schemas define a set of variables and relationships. They can be used to build more complex schemas. The **right-hand side** of the schema definition may either contain the schema body or be a combination of other schemas.
- **Schema Designators** are instances of schemas that may include parameters and variables.

Formal Methods (Topic #140): Modelling Scope

Modelling Scope explains how nested scopes and names are used in Z specifications to manage identifiers across different levels.

1. Nested Scopes:

- Z allows for **nested scopes**, where a variable defined in one scope may be used or redefined in another. These scopes are introduced by:
    - Defining global variables used within schemas.
    - Using **quantifiers** (like λ, μ) that create nested scopes.

2. Naming Identifiers:

- In Z, **identifiers** (names) can appear in different scopes. To resolve which identifier is being referred to, Z uses a system of **names**.
    - A **name** is an identifier tagged with a **level number**. For example:
        - The outermost part of the specification is at **level 0**.
        - Variables inside schemas are at **level 1**, and so on for deeper nested scopes.

3. Tagging Identifiers:

- The **Tag function** is used to uniquely identify an identifier by tagging it with its level number. This ensures that we can always track where an identifier is declared.

4. Rules for Resolving Names:

- Two rules are followed to determine the name of an identifier:
    1. **Higher-level names hide lower-level names**: If the same identifier appears in a nested scope, the one at the higher level takes precedence.

2. **Variables hide given-set names**: Variables in a schema can hide given-set names at the same level.

Summary:

- **Z Language Semantics** defines the meaning of system specifications using **schemas** that include variables and relations. These schemas can be combined and modified to describe complex systems.
- **Syntax Simplification** in Z helps make specifications clearer by using keywords instead of graphical boxes and removing unnecessary symbols. The specification is organized into definitions of **global set names**, **global variables**, and **schemas**.
- **Modelling Scope** explains how nested identifiers and variables are handled in Z. It uses **level numbers** to distinguish different scopes and resolves which variable or name is being referred to in nested definitions.

Formal Methods (Topic #140): Environments

In Z, **Environments** help manage and store the relationships between global variables, given-set names, and schemas. Here's what happens in this topic:

1. Global Signature:

- When we define global variables and given-set names, they are combined into a **global signature**. This signature describes the relationships among these names.
- A **model** is used to store these relationships, and these models are part of the **environment**.

2. Dictionary (sdict):

- The **dictionary (sdict)** maps the name of each schema to its definition. This helps track the meaning and definition of schemas.

3. Meaning of a Schema:

- The **meaning** of a schema in the environment is recorded as a **local variety** (a specific model of the schema) and a **sequence of formal generic parameters** (the order in which parameters are used).

4. Operations on Environments:

- **Starting with an empty environment**: Every specification starts with no environment (empty).
- **Extending the environment**: You can add new variables, given-set names, or schemas by using operations. The most common operation is **enrich**, which adds new variables or given-set names with their respective axioms.
- **Adding schemas**: Environments can also be extended by adding new schemas to them.

Formal Methods (Topic #141): Declarations

Declarations in Z help define variables and their types. Here's a breakdown:

1. Purpose of Declarations:

- **Declarations** introduce new variables and connect them to their types (or sets).

2. Two Kinds of Declarations:

1. **Single Variable Declaration**: This introduces a variable and its type. For example, you might declare a variable x that belongs to a set S.
2. **Schema Declaration (SDES)**: This declares all variables of a schema by using a **schema designator** (which points to an already defined schema).

3. Combining Declarations:

- You can **combine declarations** with a semicolon (;). If you combine declarations, the variables introduced must have the same type in both declarations.
- For example, if you declare x: S; y: S, both x and y are from the set S.

4. Convenience Syntactic Sugar:

- To make things simpler, Z uses **syntactic sugar** to combine multiple declarations. For example, a declaration like x: S; y: T can be simplified to a composite declaration that handles both variables.

5. Main Purpose of Declarations:

- The main job of a declaration is to establish a **signature** (a collection of variables with types).
- Declarations can also include **axioms** (rules that the variables must follow).

6. Axioms and Varieties:

- **Axioms** provide additional rules that must be satisfied by the variables or schemas. These axioms are used to define the **variety**, which is a collection of models that satisfy all the axioms.

Formal Methods (Topic #142): Terms

In Z, **terms** are used to refer to objects, variables, or expressions within schemas. Here's how terms are formed and understood:

1. Ways to Form Terms:

- There are several ways to form terms in Z:
    - **Simple terms**: For example, if x: S is a declaration, the term would be just x (representing the variable).
    - **Schema designators**: These are terms that refer to schemas. For example, if you have a schema A with parameters t1, t2, then A' * t1, t2 is a term.
    - **Composite declarations**: If you declare multiple variables, like x: S; y: T, the term could be a tuple (x, y).

2. Characteristic Tuple:

- A **characteristic tuple** is a way to represent a group of variables in a schema.
    - For a simple term like x: S, the characteristic tuple is just x.
    - If you have a schema A' * t1, t2, the characteristic tuple would be the set of parameters t1, t2.

3. Meaning of a Term:

- The **meaning** of a term is represented by two things:
    1. **Type**: The set or type the term belongs to (like S or T).
    2. **Partial function**: This shows how the term's value is assigned in a model (based on the environment).

4. Semantic Function:

- The **semantic function** is the method used to define the meaning of terms. It ensures that the terms match their types and respect the axioms in the environment.

Summary

- **Environments** in Z store global variables, given-set names, and schemas, helping us manage the relationships among them.
- **Declarations** are used to introduce new variables and schemas, associating them with types and possibly axioms. They help create the **signature** and ensure the types are consistent.
- **Terms** are expressions formed from variables or schemas, and their meaning is tied to their type and how they are assigned values in models.

Formal Methods (Topic #142): Important Properties of Terms, Well-Typing, and Environment Rules

1. Important Properties of Terms:

- **Type of a Term**: The type of a term can only include **given-set names** from its environment. This means that a term's type is formed based on the sets defined in its environment.
- **Value of a Term**: The value of a term must always be an **element** of its type. In other words, whatever value the term represents must belong to the set defined for that term.

Formally:

- If you have a term a with type p.global.sig.given (a global given set), then:
    - **(i)** a belongs to the type (Type), and
    - **(ii)** u belongs to the set (Carrier M.gset a), meaning that a is an element of the set a defined in the environment.

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2. Well-Typing Rules:

Well-typing rules help ensure that terms and expressions are well-formed and adhere to the rules of the specification. They are applied to ensure correctness in how types are assigned to variables and terms.

Some of the well-typing rules include:

- **Identifiers**: Rules for valid variable names or identifiers.
- **Null Set**: Rules for the empty set.
- **Extensive Set**: Rules for a set that contains elements.
- **Comprehension**: Rules related to the creation of sets based on certain conditions.
- **Schema Designator**: Rules for using schemas in terms.
- **Power-Set**: Rules for creating sets of sets.
- **Tuple**: Rules for forming tuples (ordered lists) of values.
- **Cartesian Product**: Rules for forming the product of sets.
- **θ-Term**: Special terms with specific conditions in Z.
- **Selection**: Rules for selecting elements from sets.
- **Function Application**: Rules for applying functions to terms.
- **λ-Term**: Terms involving lambda expressions (used for functions).
- **μ-Term**: Terms used for recursive functions or operations.

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3. Environment Rules:

These rules govern how the environment (where variables, schemas, and types are defined) behaves. They work in a similar way to the well-typing rules and help maintain correctness in the specification.

Environment rules are applied to terms and schemas to ensure they are properly defined in the environment:

- **Identifiers**: Identifies the variables in the environment.
- **Null Set**: Deals with empty sets in the environment.
- **Extensive Set**: Deals with sets that contain values in the environment.
- **Comprehension**: Helps in defining sets based on logical conditions.
- **Schema Designator**: Refers to schemas and their application within the environment.
- **Power-Set**: Refers to the set of all subsets of a given set.
- **Tuple**: Refers to ordered sets of elements.
- **Cartesian Product**: Refers to the set formed by taking all possible pairs of elements from two sets.

- **θ-Term, Selection, Function Application, λ-Term, μ-Term**: All these refer to specific kinds of terms used in the environment.

Formal Methods (Topic #143): Predicates

Predicates are logical expressions that can be used to describe conditions or properties of terms.

1. Types of Predicates:

There are three elementary types of predicates:

- **Equality Predicate**: This checks if two terms of the same type are equal.
- **Membership Predicate**: This checks if a term of type a belongs to a set P a (e.g., is x an element of set S?).
- **Logical Constants**: These include true and false.

2. Combining Predicates:

- Predicates can be combined using logical connectives (AND, OR, NOT, etc.).
- You can also use **quantifiers** like for all (∀) and there exists (∃) to make general or existential statements.

3. Syntactic Sugar:

- Other kinds of predicates, like **infix relation symbols** or **unique quantifiers**, can be written as combinations of the basic predicates mentioned above. This is a convenience to make writing specifications easier.

4. Semantics of Predicates:

- A **predicate** is interpreted semantically as a set of **models** (possible worlds) that satisfy the condition described by the predicate.
- For example, the predicate t1 = t2 (checking equality) is **true** if t1 and t2 are defined and have the same value, otherwise, it is **false**.
- The logical connectives like AND (^), OR (ˇ), etc., correspond to set-theoretic operations like **intersection** and **union**.

5. Quantifiers:

- The semantics of **quantifiers** (e.g., for all, there exists) are handled using two functions:
    - **restrict**: This helps limit the environment based on the bound variables of the quantifier.
    - **extend**: This expands the environment to include the variables bound by the quantifier.

Formal Methods (Topic #144): Schema Bodies

A **schema body** is a schema that includes both a **declaration** (which defines the variables and types) and a **predicate** (which describes constraints or conditions on the variables).

1. Structure of Schema Bodies:

- A schema body consists of:
    - **A declaration**: This part defines the variables, their types, and other schema components.
    - **A predicate**: This part places constraints on the schema, like rules or conditions that must be satisfied.

2. Usage of Schema Bodies:

- Schema bodies can appear in various places in Z specifications, such as:
    - After quantifiers (for all, there exists).
    - After λ (lambda expressions used for functions).
    - In the definition of schemas themselves.

3. Meaning of Schema Bodies:

- The meaning of a schema body is a **variety** (a collection of models that satisfy the declaration and the predicate).
- The models are those that satisfy both the declaration and the constraints given by the predicate.

4. Default Predicate:

- If no predicate is provided, the default predicate is simply true, meaning there are no additional constraints (everything is allowed).

5. Multiple Predicates:

- If you have multiple predicates, they are combined using **conjunction** (AND). For example, if you have two predicates, they are treated as if they are both true simultaneously.

Formal Methods (Topic #145): Schema Designators

A **schema designator** is an occurrence of a schema in a specification where the schema is used and applied to a specific instance.

1. What is a Schema Designator?:

- A schema designator refers to a schema by its name and applies specific **actual parameters** (set values) in place of the **formal parameters** of the schema.
- It consists of:
    - The schema name.
    - A **decoration** (which is an optional modification of the schema components).

- A list of **actual parameters** (set values that replace the formal parameters).

2. Meaning of a Schema Designator:

- The meaning of a schema designator is a **variety**, which includes:
  - Global given-set names and variables (from the global environment).
  - Local variables of the schema itself (from the schema's definition).

3. Model Class:

The **model class** of a schema designator includes:

- The global part of the specification (the overall context).
- The axioms or constraints defined in the schema itself.
- The specific values or parameters provided when the schema is applied (through the schema designator).

Summary

- **Well-Typing Rules** and **Environment Rules** ensure that terms and schemas are defined correctly within their environment.
- **Predicates** allow us to express conditions or constraints on terms, using logical connectives and quantifiers.
- **Schema Bodies** define schemas along with constraints, and their meaning is based on the models that satisfy both the declaration and the predicate.
- **Schema Designators** apply schemas with specific values or parameters, ensuring that schemas are used correctly in the specification.

Formal Methods (Topic #146): Schema Expressions

Schema Expressions are created by combining schema bodies and schema designators using different operators. These operators allow you to form complex logical expressions based on schemas.

1. Combining Schema Expressions:

Schema expressions can be combined using logical connectives like:

- **Negation (¬)**: This operator takes the complement (opposite) of the set of models that satisfy the schema expression.
- **Conjunction (^)**: This operator combines two schema expressions and represents a condition where both must be true.
- **Disjunction (ᵛ)**: This operator combines two schema expressions and represents a condition where at least one must be true.

2. Implication:

- Implication (→) is defined using a function called **imply**, which specifies that if one schema expression holds, then another schema expression must also hold.

3. Hiding Operations:

Two important hiding operations include:

- **Projection Operator (|)**: This operator allows you to select only certain parts of a schema expression.
- **Hide (\)**: This operator allows you to hide or remove certain variables from the schema.

4. Universal Quantifier:

The **universal quantifier (∀)** removes variables from the schema's signature (the list of variables) and quantifies them in the axiom part of the schema.

- The connection between **universal (∀)** and **existential (∃)** quantifiers remains the same as in classical logic, meaning that you can express one in terms of the other.
- The **universal quantifier** is defined using a function called **univ**, which handles its specific behavior in schema operations.

Formal Methods (Topic #147): Specifications

Specifications define the rules, objects, and conditions that a system should follow or satisfy. They start small and build up into a comprehensive description of the system.

1. Smallest Specification (Definition):

- The smallest specification is a **definition**. It can introduce:
    - **Global given-set names**: Sets that are predefined and used globally.
    - **Global variables**: Variables that are available throughout the specification.
    - **Axioms**: Rules or statements that the variables or sets must follow.
    - **Schemas**: Defined structures that describe how data should be organized and manipulated.

2. Joining Definitions:

- Definitions can be combined using the keyword **in**. This means that the global objects introduced by the first definition are added to the environment before the second definition is considered.

3. Evaluating a Specification:

- A specification is evaluated in an **initial environment**. This environment might contain standard mathematical tools or predefined objects.
- When a specification is evaluated, it enriches the environment by introducing new objects defined in the specification.

4. Declarations:

- Declaring global given-set names or variables **enriches** the global environment, meaning that the environment is updated with these new definitions.
- **Important note**: You cannot declare the same global variable or given-set name more than once in the same environment.

5. Schemas in Specifications:

- **Schema definitions** add new schema names to the environment or **dictionary** of schemas.
- **Formal generic parameters** can be used in schema definitions. These are placeholders for actual parameters when the schema is used later in a schema designator.
- The order of formal parameters is preserved, meaning that the sequence of parameters is important when matching them with actual parameters.

6. Operation new-givens:

- The **new-givens** operation adds new given-set names to a variety, similar to how new variables are added.

7. Definitions and Simplicity:

- The definition of a given-set is simpler because it doesn't involve type information. You just define the given-set name without specifying the type of elements it contains.

Summary of Key Topics:

1. **Schema Expressions**: Use logical connectives (like negation, conjunction, disjunction) to combine schema bodies and schema designators. Operators like projection and hiding allow for more control over the expressions.
2. **Universal Quantifier**: The universal quantifier is used to remove variables from the schema's signature and quantify them in the axiom part.
3. **Specifications**: Begin with definitions that introduce new objects into the environment, and schemas that define structures for the system. Specifications are evaluated in an initial environment and result in an enriched environment.

Well-Formedness

Well-formedness refers to the property of a model, specification, or expression adhering to the syntactic rules and constraints of a formal language or formalism.

- **Syntactic Rules**: These are the grammar and structure that must be followed when writing specifications or models.
- **Correctness**: A model or specification is considered well-formed when it is structurally correct and follows the rules of the formal language being used.

Why is well-formedness important?
Ensuring well-formedness is critical in formal methods because these methods use rigorous mathematical techniques to analyze and verify systems. If there are errors or ambiguities in a specification, it could result in incorrect conclusions, causing issues such as:

- **Incorrect Results**: If a specification is not well-formed, any analysis or verification performed on it may be flawed.
- **Misinterpretations**: An incorrectly written specification can lead to misunderstandings, causing the system to behave unexpectedly.

Once a model is well-formed, formal analysis techniques (such as checking for consistency, correctness, safety, and liveness) can be applied, which helps ensure the reliability and correctness of complex systems.

Completeness

Completeness refers to the property of a formal model or specification that indicates it includes all the necessary and relevant information to describe the system being modeled.

- A **complete model** fully captures all intended behaviors, states, and constraints of the system.
- **Necessary and Relevant Information**: This means that the model should include everything that is important for understanding the system's functionality and behavior.

Why is completeness important?

- **Prevents Omissions**: If a model is not complete, it may miss critical aspects, leading to incorrect or insufficient conclusions when analyzed.
- **Accurate Representation**: Completeness ensures that all possible scenarios, behaviors, and states are modeled, which allows for a more accurate representation of the system.

Challenges with Completeness:

- **Complex Systems**: For complex systems, achieving completeness is challenging because it requires capturing every possible behavior and interaction.
- **Time-Consuming**: Accurately modeling every aspect of a system can be a lengthy process, especially when the system has many components or variables.

Despite these challenges, it is important to strive for completeness, as a formal model with incomplete information might lead to incorrect analysis or verification. However, **balance** is often sought, where the most critical parts of the system are modeled accurately, even if complete accuracy in every detail is difficult to achieve.

Robustness

Robustness refers to a system's ability to handle different conditions or stresses without failing or exhibiting undesirable behavior.

- **Adaptability**: A robust system can function under varying conditions and can handle unexpected situations without breaking down.
- **Resilience**: It can recover or continue functioning despite challenges or faults.

In formal methods, **robustness** is analyzed to ensure the system can handle:

- **Edge Cases**: Extreme or unusual conditions that could lead to failure.
- **Unexpected Inputs**: Inputs that may not have been anticipated during design or development.

Summary of Key Topics:

1. **Well-Formedness**: Ensures that a model or specification follows the syntactic rules of the formal language, preventing errors and misinterpretations.
2. **Completeness**: Ensures that all necessary aspects of a system's behavior and requirements are captured in the formal model to avoid omissions that could lead to incorrect analysis.
3. **Robustness**: Refers to a system's ability to handle varying conditions without failure, ensuring its resilience under different scenarios.

Robustness

Robustness is the ability of a formal method to provide **accurate and reliable results** even in the face of various challenges, uncertainties, and complexities that arise while modeling and verifying systems.

- **Key Feature of Robust Formal Methods**: A robust formal method can handle a wide variety of **scenarios**, including **edge cases** and potential errors, while still providing **meaningful** and **trustworthy outcomes**.

Aspects of Robustness Evaluation:

1. **Completeness**: A robust formal method should be able to model **complex systems** and **capture all essential behaviors** and requirements, without missing important details.
2. **Scalability**: The method must handle large and complex systems **efficiently**, without becoming computationally infeasible or impractical. This ensures it can be used for real-world, large-scale systems.
3. **Expressiveness**: A robust method should have a rich set of constructs and features to accurately represent a wide variety of system behaviors.
4. **Automation**: The ability to **automate** processes like model checking or theorem proving is critical. Automation reduces the risk of human errors and makes the verification process more reliable and efficient.
5. **Soundness and Completeness of Analysis**: The formal method should have a solid **theoretical foundation**. This ensures that conclusions drawn from the analysis are correct (soundness), and it should explore all relevant aspects of the system (completeness).
6. **Handling Abstraction and Refinement**: A robust formal method should support working with models at various levels of **abstraction** and should allow for **refinement** (iteratively improving the model's precision).
7. **Handling Uncertainty**: Since real-world systems often have uncertainties or incomplete information, the method should handle these gracefully and provide useful insights about the system’s behavior in different conditions.

8. **Tool Support**: The availability of **mature tools** that support the formal method is crucial. Well-maintained and actively developed tools improve the method's usability and effectiveness.
9. **Applicability to Different Domains**: A truly robust formal method should be applicable across different domains, from hardware and software systems to safety-critical and real-time systems, making it versatile.

Proofs

A **proof** is a **rigorous demonstration or argument** used to establish the correctness or validity of a claim or statement within a formal system.

- It applies formal rules of logic and reasoning to demonstrate that a **property**, **specification**, or **assertion** holds true for a system or model under consideration.

Roles of Proofs in Formal Methods:

1. **Verification**: Proofs are used to verify that a system meets its desired properties. For example, a proof may show that a program satisfies a safety property (i.e., it will not perform undesirable actions).
2. **Correctness**: Proofs help ensure that algorithms, protocols, or systems are correct. A proof guarantees that a system or algorithm will behave as expected, which offers high confidence in its reliability.
3. **Refinement**: Proofs are used when refining an abstract model into a more concrete design. This helps ensure that the concrete design correctly implements the abstract specification.
4. **Consistency**: Proofs can verify that a formal model or system is **consistent**, meaning it does not contain contradictions or logical errors. A **consistent model** avoids producing conflicting or unreliable outcomes during analysis or verification.
5. **Completeness**: Proofs can also be used to establish the **completeness** of logical systems. This ensures that all true statements within the system can be proven.

Consistency of Formal Methods

Consistency refers to the property of a formal model or system where **no contradictions or conflicting statements** exist.

- **Key Point**: If a system is inconsistent, it could produce unreliable or conflicting results when subjected to analysis. Inconsistent models undermine the validity of formal verification and can lead to incorrect conclusions.

Handling Inconsistencies:

- When inconsistencies are detected, they indicate flaws in the system's logic or definitions. Identifying and resolving these contradictions is critical to ensuring the **correctness** and **reliability** of the system.

- Inconsistencies are often uncovered during processes like **formal verification** or **automated theorem proving**. Addressing these issues is a crucial step to restore consistency.

Why Consistency Matters:

- **Reliability**: Consistency ensures that formal methods produce **reliable** results, where the system's behavior is well-defined and free from contradictions or paradoxes.
- **Distinction from Informal Methods**: Consistency in formal methods is one of the key factors that distinguish them from informal reasoning methods, providing a mathematically **rigorous** foundation for analysis and verification.

In summary, robustness ensures that formal methods can handle complex systems, large models, and uncertainties, while proofs and consistency provide mathematical guarantees about the system's behavior, correctness, and reliability.