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Part 1

1. Short Description of the System

The **Airplane Management System** models the operations of an airline, managing airplanes, flights, pilots, passengers, and airports. It ensures flights are scheduled with appropriate pilots and airplanes, passengers meet travel requirements, and airplanes adhere to maintenance schedules. The system enforces rules such as unique identifiers for airplanes and flights, date consistency for flight schedules, pilot qualifications for international flights, and passenger passport requirements. It also incorporates real-world behaviors like frequent flyer benefits, pilot rest periods, and limits on daily flights for pilots.

2. Textual Description of System Features (Use Cases)

The system supports the following features, described as use cases:

2.1. Schedule a Flight

- **Actor**: Airline Operations Manager
- **Description**: The manager schedules a flight by assigning a flight number, departure and arrival airports, dates, a pilot, and an airplane. The system ensures the flight's arrival date is after the departure date, the pilot is qualified (e.g., for international flights), the airports are compatible, and the airplane is within its maintenance schedule. This is modeled by the scheduleFlight predicate.
- **Preconditions**: The airplane must have a valid maintenance status, and the pilot must not have overlapping flights or exceed daily flight limits.
- **Postconditions**: The flight is added with all constraints satisfied.

2.2. Assign a Pilot to a Flight

- **Actor**: Airline Operations Manager
- **Description**: The manager assigns a pilot to a flight. The system ensures the pilot meets the airplane model's requirements (simplified to 1 pilot), has no overlapping

flights, and adheres to rest periods and daily flight limits. This is modeled by the assignPilot predicate.

- **Preconditions**: The pilot must be certified for international flights if applicable and have sufficient experience.
- **Postconditions**: The pilot is assigned, and no scheduling conflicts exist.

2.3. Book a Passenger on a Flight

- **Actor**: Passenger or Booking Agent
- **Description**: A passenger books a flight. The system ensures the passenger has a valid passport number for international flights and updates their frequent flyer status if they have booked 5 or more flights. This is modeled by the bookPassenger predicate.
- **Preconditions**: The flight must have available capacity (not explicitly modeled but implied).
- **Postconditions**: The passenger is added to the flight, and frequent flyer status is updated.

2.4. Perform Airplane Maintenance

- **Actor**: Maintenance Crew
- **Description**: The crew updates an airplane's maintenance status and last maintenance date. The system ensures all flights occur within one year of the last maintenance and that flights can only occur after maintenance if the status is true.
- **Preconditions**: The airplane must be scheduled for maintenance.
- **Postconditions**: The airplane's maintenance status is updated, and flights are validated.

2.5. Analyze System State

- **Actor**: System Analyst
- **Description**: The analyst queries the system to list international flights, airplanes needing maintenance, or certified pilots. This is modeled by predicates like showInternationalFlights, showAirplanesNeedingMaintenance, and showCertifiedPilots.
- **Preconditions**: The system must have valid instances.
- **Postconditions**: Relevant entities are listed for analysis.

2.6. Generate System Instance for Verification

- **Actor**: System Analyst
- **Description**: The analyst generates instances to verify constraints, ensuring at least one airplane, flight, pilot, and passenger exist. This is modeled by the show predicate.
- **Preconditions**: None.
- **Postconditions**: A valid instance is generated that satisfies all constraints.

3. List of 25–30 Constraints/Requirements, Categorized

Below is a list of 25–30 constraints:

3.1. Simple Structural (5-10): Basic relationships, cardinality, and typing

1. **Unique Airplane Registration Numbers** (UniqueIdentifiers): Each airplane must have a unique registration number (all disj a1, a2: Airplane | a1.registrationNumber != a2.registrationNumber).
2. **Unique Flight Numbers** (UniqueIdentifiers): Each flight must have a unique flight number (all disj f1, f2: Flight | f1.flightNumber != f2.flightNumber).
3. **Airplane Model Cardinality** (Airplane signature): Each airplane must have exactly one model (model: one Model).
4. **Airplane Registration Number Cardinality** (Airplane signature): Each airplane must have exactly one registration number (registrationNumber: one Int).
5. **Flight Number Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one flight number (flightNumber: one Int).
6. **Flight Departure Airport Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one departure airport (departureAirport: one Airport).
7. **Flight Arrival Airport Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one arrival airport (arrivalAirport: one Airport).
8. **Flight Departure Date Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one departure date (departureDate: one Date).
9. **Flight Arrival Date Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one arrival date (arrivalDate: one Date).
10. **Flight Pilot Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one pilot (pilot: one Pilot).

11. **Flight Airplane Cardinality** (Flight signature): Each flight must have exactly one airplane (airplane: one Airplane).

Total: 11 constraints (slightly above the 5–10 range, acceptable).

3.2. Moderate Logic Rules (10-15): Involve implications or limited quantification

12. **Valid Flight Dates** (ValidFlightDates): A flight's arrival date must be after its departure date (all f: Flight | (f.arrivalDate.year > f.departureDate.year) or ...).
13. **No Self-Loop Airports** (FlightAirportRules): A flight's departure and arrival airports must be different (f.departureAirport != f.arrivalAirport).
14. **International Departure Airport** (FlightAirportRules): International flights must depart from an international airport (f.isInternational = True implies f.departureAirport.isInternational = True).
15. **International Arrival Airport** (FlightAirportRules): International flights must arrive at an international airport (f.isInternational = True implies f.arrivalAirport.isInternational = True).
16. **Pilot Experience for International Flights** (PilotCertification): International flights require a pilot with 5+ years of experience (f.isInternational = True implies f.pilot.experienceYears >= 5).
17. **Pilot Certification for International Flights** (PilotCertification): International flights require a pilot certified for international flights (f.isInternational = True implies f.pilot.isCertifiedInternational = True).
18. **Passenger Passport for International Flights** (PassengerPassportForInternational): Passengers on international flights must have a positive passport number (f.isInternational = True implies p.passportNumber > 0).
19. **Flight Duration Within Range** (FlightDurationWithinRange): Flight duration must not exceed the airplane's max range (f.duration <= f.airplane.model.maxRange).
20. **Special Needs Documentation** (SpecialNeedsDocumentation): Special needs passengers must have a positive passport number (p.hasSpecialNeeds = True implies p.passportNumber > 0).
21. **International Flight Capacity** (InternationalFlightCapacity): International flights require an airplane with a capacity of at least 100 (f.isInternational = True implies f.airplane.capacity >= 100).

22. **Maintenance Status Implication** (MaintenanceLogic): If an airplane's maintenance status is true, at least one flight must occur after the last maintenance (a.maintenanceStatus = True implies some f: a.flights | ...).
23. **Pilot Meets Model Requirement** (PilotMeetsModelRequirement): The pilot assigned to a flight must meet the airplane model's required number of pilots (f.airplane.model.requiredPilots <= 1).
24. **Frequent Flyer Benefits** (FrequentFlyerBenefits): A passenger is a frequent flyer if they have booked 5 or more flights (p.isFrequentFlyer = True implies #p.bookedFlights >= 5).
25. **Emergency Equipment for International** (EmergencyEquipmentForInternational): International flights require capacity (proxy for equipment) (f.isInternational = True implies f.airplane.capacity > 0).

Total: 14 constraints (within 10–15 range).

3.3. Complex/Dependent Constraints (10-15): Involve multiple relations, quantifiers, transitive/conditional dependencies

26. **Pilot Rest Period** (PilotRestPeriod): Pilots must have at least 1 day between flights (all p: Pilot | all disj f1, f2: p.assignedFlights | ...).
27. **No Flight Overlap for Pilots** (NoFlightOverlapForPilots): A pilot cannot have overlapping flights on the same day (all p: Pilot | all disj f1, f2: p.assignedFlights | ...).
28. **Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot** (MaxDailyFlightsForPilot): Pilots are limited to 2 flights per day (all p: Pilot | all d: Date | let dailyFlights = ...).
29. **Maintenance Flight Scheduling** (MaintenanceLogic): Flights must occur within 1 year of the airplane's last maintenance (all f: a.flights | f.departureDate.year <= a.lastMaintenance.year + 1).

- **From Predicates**:

30. **No Overlap in AssignPilot** (assignPilot): Ensures no overlapping flights when assigning a pilot (all f2: p.assignedFlights | f2 != f implies ...).
31. **Model Requirement in AssignPilot** (assignPilot): Ensures the pilot meets the model requirement (f.airplane.model.requiredPilots <= 1).
32. **Airport Compatibility in ScheduleFlight** (scheduleFlight): Ensures airport compatibility for international flights (f.isInternational = True implies ...).

33. **Pilot Qualification in ScheduleFlight** (scheduleFlight): Ensures pilot qualifications for international flights (f.isInternational = True implies ...).
34. **Passport Check in BookPassenger** (bookPassenger): Ensures passport requirements for international flights (f.isInternational = True implies p.passportNumber > 0).
35. **Frequent Flyer Update in BookPassenger** (bookPassenger): Updates frequent flyer status based on bookings (p.isFrequentFlyer' = True iff #p.bookedFlights' >= 5).

Total: 10 constraints (within 10–15 range).

3.4. Business or Real-World Rules (5-10): High-level domain-specific logic

36. **Pilot Rest Period** (PilotRestPeriod): Pilots must have at least 1 day between flights (already in Complex/Dependent Constraints).
37. **Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot** (MaxDailyFlightsForPilot): Pilots are limited to 2 flights per day (already in Complex/Dependent Constraints).
38. **Maximum Domestic Flight Duration** (MaxDomesticFlightDuration): Domestic flights are limited to 5 hours (f.isInternational = False implies f.duration <= 5).
39. **Frequent Flyer Benefits** (FrequentFlyerBenefits): Frequent flyers must have booked 5+ flights (already in Moderate Logic Rules).
40. **Emergency Equipment for International** (EmergencyEquipmentForInternational): International flights require capacity (proxy for equipment; already in Moderate Logic Rules).
41. **Maintenance Yearly Requirement** (MaintenanceLogic): Flights must occur within 1 year of the last maintenance (already in Complex/Dependent Constraints).

- **Unique Business Rules (not double-counted)**:
    - Maximum Domestic Flight Duration, Frequent Flyer Benefits, Emergency Equipment for International, Maintenance Yearly Requirement, Pilot Rest Period, Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot. **Total: 6 constraints** (within 5–10 range).

3.5. Assertions to Verify (5-7): Must include invariants and sanity checks

42. **Airplane Capacity Positive** (PositiveValues): An airplane's capacity must be positive (a.capacity > 0).
43. **Airplane Registration Positive** (PositiveValues): An airplane's registration number must be positive (a.registrationNumber > 0).

44. **Model Max Range Positive** (PositiveValues): A model's max range must be positive (m.maxRange > 0).
45. **Model Fuel Capacity Positive** (PositiveValues): A model's fuel capacity must be positive (m.fuelCapacity > 0).
46. **Model Required Pilots Minimum** (PositiveValues): A model's required pilots must be at least 1 (m.requiredPilots >= 1).
47. **Flight Duration Positive** (PositiveValues): A flight's duration must be positive (f.duration > 0).
48. **Flight Number Positive** (PositiveValues): A flight's flight number must be positive (f.flightNumber > 0).
49. **No Negative Airplane Capacity** (assert NoNegativeAirplaneCapacity): Ensures no negative capacity (all a: Airplane | a.capacity >= 0).
50. **Flight Assigned Properly** (assert FlightAssignedProperly): Ensures flights have exactly one airplane and pilot (all f: Flight | one f.airplane and one f.pilot).
51. **Pilot Flight Assignment Consistency** (assert PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency): Ensures flight-pilot assignment consistency (all f: Flight | f in f.pilot.assignedFlights).
52. **Different Departure and Arrival Airports** (assert DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports): Ensures no self-loops (all f: Flight | f.departureAirport != f.arrivalAirport).

- **Subset Selection**: 49–52 (NoNegativeAirplaneCapacity, FlightAssignedProperly, PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency, DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports). **Total: 4 constraints** (slightly below 5–7 range). To meet the requirement, I'll add one more from pred show:

53. **Non-Empty Airplanes** (pred show): At least one airplane must exist (#Airplane > 0). **Total: 5 constraints** (within 5–7 range).

4. Final List of 25–30 Constraints

To fit the 25–30 range and avoid over-constraining the system, we'll select a subset of the constraints, ensuring representation across all categories:

- **Simple Structural (5-10)**: 1–6 (Unique Airplane Registration Numbers, Unique Flight Numbers, Airplane Model Cardinality, Airplane Registration Number Cardinality, Flight Number Cardinality, Flight Departure Airport Cardinality).
- **Moderate Logic Rules (10-15)**: 12–21 (Valid Flight Dates, No Self-Loop Airports, International Departure Airport, International Arrival Airport, Pilot Experience for International Flights, Pilot Certification for International Flights, Passenger Passport for International Flights, Flight Duration Within Range, Special Needs Documentation, International Flight Capacity).
- **Complex/Dependent Constraints (10-15)**: 26–34 (Pilot Rest Period, No Flight Overlap for Pilots, Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot, Maintenance Flight Scheduling, No Overlap in AssignPilot, Model Requirement in AssignPilot, Airport Compatibility in ScheduleFlight, Pilot Qualification in ScheduleFlight, Passport Check in BookPassenger).
- **Business or Real-World Rules (5-10)**: 36–38, 40–41 (Pilot Rest Period, Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot, Maximum Domestic Flight Duration, Emergency Equipment for International, Maintenance Yearly Requirement).
- **Assertions to Verify (5-7)**: 49–53 (No Negative Airplane Capacity, Flight Assigned Properly, Pilot Flight Assignment Consistency, Different Departure and Arrival Airports, Non-Empty Airplanes).

Total: 6 + 10 + 9 + 5 + 5 = 35 constraints. To fit 25–30, selecting the first 6 Complex/Dependent Constraints (26–31):

- **Final List**: 1–6 (Simple Structural), 12–21 (Moderate Logic Rules), 26–31 (Complex/Dependent Constraints), 36–38, 40–41 (Business or Real-World Rules), 49–53 (Assertions to Verify).
- **Total: 6 + 10 + 6 + 5 + 5 = 32 constraints**. Further removing the last Complex/Dependent Constraint (31):

Final Total: 6 + 10 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 31 constraints. To reach exactly 30, removing one Moderate Logic Rule (21, International Flight Capacity):

Final Total: 6 + 9 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 30 constraints.

Part 2

1. Modeling Choices

The Alloy model provided represents a flight scheduling system with entities such as Airplane, Flight, Pilot, Passenger, Airport, and Model. The model includes a variety of constraints, predicates, assertions, and commands to simulate and verify the system's behavior. Below, I outline the key modeling choices, provide an explanation for each, and discuss the rationale behind these decisions, focusing on their alignment with the system's requirements and Alloy's capabilities.

1. **Signatures and Fields**:
    - **Basic Types**:
        - Boolean with True and False as singleton extensions.
        - Location with Domestic and International as singleton extensions.
        - Date with day, month, and year as integer fields.
    - **Core Entities**:
        - Model: Represents airplane models with maxRange, fuelCapacity, and requiredPilots.
        - Airport: Includes code, location, and isInternational.
        - Pilot: Defined with licenseNumber, experienceYears, assignedFlights, isCertifiedInternational, and lastFlightDate.
        - Airplane: Includes model, capacity, maintenanceStatus, lastMaintenance, registrationNumber, and flights.
        - Passenger: Defined with passportNumber, bookedFlights, hasSpecialNeeds, and isFrequentFlyer.
        - Flight: A central entity with flightNumber, departureAirport, arrivalAirport, departureDate, arrivalDate, duration, isInternational, passengers, pilot, and airplane.
2. **Constraints (Facts)**:

- **Structural Constraints**:
  - UniqueIdentifiers: Ensures unique registrationNumber for airplanes and flightNumber for flights.
  - PositiveValues: Enforces positive values for capacities, ranges, durations, and other numeric fields.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:
  - ValidFlightDates: Ensures arrival dates are after departure dates.
  - FlightAirportRules: Prohibits self-loop flights and ensures international flights use international airports.
  - PilotCertification: Requires international flights to have pilots with at least 5 years of experience and international certification.
  - PassengerPassportForInternational: Mandates positive passport numbers for passengers on international flights.
  - FlightDurationWithinRange: Ensures flight duration does not exceed the airplane's model maxRange.
  - SpecialNeedsDocumentation: Requires special needs passengers to have positive passport numbers.
  - InternationalFlightCapacity: Mandates a minimum capacity of 100 for airplanes on international flights.
  - PilotMeetsModelRequirement: Simplifies pilot requirements to at most 1 pilot per flight.
- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
  - MaintenanceLogic: Ensures airplanes needing maintenance are scheduled appropriately relative to their last maintenance date.
  - PilotRestPeriod: Enforces at least 1 day of rest between a pilot's flights.
  - NoFlightOverlapForPilots: Prevents pilots from having overlapping flights on the same day.
  - MaxDailyFlightsForPilot: Limits pilots to a maximum of 2 flights per day.
  - PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact: Ensures consistency between Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights.
- **Business Rules**:

        - MaxDomesticFlightDuration: Limits domestic flight duration to 5 hours.
        - FrequentFlyerBenefits: Defines frequent flyers as passengers with 5 or more booked flights.
        - EmergencyEquipmentForInternational: Ensures international flights use airplanes with positive capacity (as a proxy for emergency equipment).
3. **Predicates (Operations)**:
    - scheduleFlight: Schedules a flight by assigning an airplane, pilot, airports, and dates, enforcing relevant constraints.
    - bookPassenger: Books a passenger on a flight, updating bookedFlights and isFrequentFlyer.
    - assignPilot: Assigns a pilot to a flight, ensuring no overlapping flights.
4. **Assertions**:
    - NoNegativeAirplaneCapacity: Verifies that airplane capacities are non-negative.
    - FlightAssignedProperly: Ensures every flight has exactly one airplane and one pilot.
    - PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency: Verifies that every flight is in its pilot's assignedFlights set.
    - DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports: Ensures no self-loop flights.
5. **Commands**:
    - run commands to generate instances: show, showInternationalFlights, showAirplanesNeedingMaintenance, showCertifiedPilots.
    - check commands to verify assertions: NoNegativeAirplaneCapacity, FlightAssignedProperly, PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency, DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports.

1.1. Explanation of Modeling Choices

1. **Signatures and Fields**:
    - **Basic Types**:

        - Boolean and Location are modeled as abstract signatures with singleton extensions to represent enumerated types, ensuring clarity and type safety (e.g., isInternational can only be True or False).
        - Date is a structured type with day, month, and year to allow precise date comparisons in constraints like ValidFlightDates and PilotRestPeriod.
    - **Core Entities**:
        - Each entity (Model, Airport, Pilot, Airplane, Passenger, Flight) is designed to capture essential attributes of a flight scheduling system. For example:
            - Flight includes fields like departureAirport, arrivalAirport, and isInternational to model flight routes and their nature.
            - Pilot includes assignedFlights and isCertifiedInternational to manage flight assignments and certification requirements.
        - Relations between entities (e.g., Flight.pilot: one Pilot, Pilot.assignedFlights: set Flight) are defined to model bidirectional relationships, though initially, consistency was not enforced, leading to the addition of PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact.
2. **Constraints (Facts)**:
    - **Structural Constraints**:
        - UniqueIdentifiers ensures no two airplanes or flights share the same identifier, reflecting real-world uniqueness requirements (e.g., flight numbers are unique in airline systems).
        - PositiveValues enforces non-negative values for numeric fields, aligning with physical realities (e.g., airplane capacity cannot be negative).
    - **Moderate Logic Rules**:
        - ValidFlightDates ensures temporal correctness by requiring arrival dates to follow departure dates, critical for realistic flight scheduling.
        - FlightAirportRules prevents self-loop flights (departure = arrival) and ensures international flights use appropriate airports, reflecting operational constraints.

        - PilotCertification and PassengerPassportForInternational enforce safety and regulatory requirements for international travel (e.g., experienced pilots, valid passports).
        - FlightDurationWithinRange ensures flights are feasible given the airplane's capabilities, a practical constraint in aviation.
        - SpecialNeedsDocumentation and InternationalFlightCapacity add realism by modeling special passenger needs and capacity requirements for international flights.
    - **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
        - MaintenanceLogic ensures maintenance scheduling aligns with flight dates, reflecting aviation safety regulations (e.g., planes must be maintained annually).
        - PilotRestPeriod, NoFlightOverlapForPilots, and MaxDailyFlightsForPilot model pilot workload and rest requirements, critical for safety and compliance with labor regulations.
        - PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact was added to resolve an inconsistency, ensuring that the Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations are always synchronized, a necessary invariant for correct flight assignments.
    - **Business Rules**:
        - MaxDomesticFlightDuration limits domestic flights to 5 hours, reflecting typical operational policies for domestic routes.
        - FrequentFlyerBenefits models a business rule for rewarding loyal customers, a common practice in airlines.
        - EmergencyEquipmentForInternational uses airplane capacity as a proxy for emergency equipment, a simplified but practical assumption.
3. **Predicates (Operations)**:
    - scheduleFlight, bookPassenger, and assignPilot model dynamic operations in the system, such as scheduling a flight, booking a passenger, and assigning a pilot. These predicates include checks to enforce constraints during operations (e.g., no overlapping flights in assignPilot), ensuring operational correctness.
4. **Assertions**:

- Assertions like NoNegativeAirplaneCapacity and FlightAssignedProperly verify basic invariants of the system, ensuring the model adheres to fundamental requirements.
- PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency ensures the consistency of flight-pilot assignments, a critical invariant that was initially violated, leading to the addition of the corresponding fact.
- DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports reinforces the no-self-loop rule, ensuring flights are meaningful.

5. **Commands**:
   - run commands generate instances to explore the model's behavior under different scenarios (e.g., showInternationalFlights focuses on international flights).
   - check commands verify assertions, ensuring the model meets its specified properties. The scope of 5 was chosen to keep instance generation manageable while allowing meaningful exploration.

1.2. Rationale Behind Alloy Modeling Decisions

1. **Use of Abstract Signatures for Enumerated Types**:
   - **Rationale**: Defining Boolean and Location as abstract signatures with singleton extensions (True, False, Domestic, International) ensures type safety and clarity. This prevents invalid values (e.g., isInternational can only be True or False) and aligns with Alloy's idiomatic way of modeling enumerated types. It also simplifies constraints by allowing direct comparisons (e.g., f.isInternational = True).
2. **Structured Date Signature**:
   - **Rationale**: Modeling Date with day, month, and year fields allows precise temporal constraints, such as ensuring arrival dates follow departure dates (ValidFlightDates) and enforcing pilot rest periods (PilotRestPeriod). While Alloy treats integers symbolically, this structure enables realistic date comparisons, critical for scheduling logic in a flight system.
3. **Bidirectional Relations with Consistency Enforcement**:
   - **Rationale**: The Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations model a bidirectional relationship between flights and pilots. Initially, the model lacked

a global constraint to enforce consistency, leading to counterexamples where a flight's pilot did not have that flight in their assignedFlights set. The addition of PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact ensures this invariant holds globally, aligning with the system's expectation that a flight's pilot assignment is always reflected in the pilot's flight list. This decision reflects the need for data consistency in a scheduling system, where mismatches could lead to operational errors.

4. **Simplified Pilot Requirements**:
    - **Rationale**: The PilotMeetsModelRequirement fact simplifies the model by assuming each flight requires at most 1 pilot (requiredPilots <= 1). This decision reduces complexity in the model, as handling multiple pilots per flight would require additional constraints (e.g., managing co-pilots, ensuring all required pilots are assigned). Given the scope of the model, focusing on single-pilot assignments is a practical simplification that still allows exploration of pilot-related constraints like rest periods and flight overlaps.
5. **Comprehensive Constraints**:
    - **Rationale**: The model includes a wide range of constraints to reflect real-world aviation requirements:
        - Structural constraints (UniqueIdentifiers, PositiveValues) ensure the model's basic integrity, preventing invalid states (e.g., duplicate flight numbers).
        - Moderate logic rules (FlightAirportRules, PilotCertification) enforce operational and regulatory requirements, such as international flight rules.
        - Complex constraints (PilotRestPeriod, NoFlightOverlapForPilots) model safety and workload considerations, critical for pilot scheduling.
        - Business rules (MaxDomesticFlightDuration, FrequentFlyerBenefits) incorporate airline policies, adding realism to the model.
    - These constraints collectively ensure the model captures the essential aspects of a flight scheduling system while remaining analyzable within Alloy's scope.
6. **Dynamic Operations via Predicates**:
    - **Rationale**: Predicates like scheduleFlight and assignPilot model dynamic operations, allowing the simulation of real-world actions (e.g., assigning a

pilot to a flight). Including constraint checks within these predicates ensures that operations maintain the system's invariants (e.g., no overlapping flights in assignPilot). This approach mirrors how a real system would enforce rules during operations, making the model more realistic and verifiable.

7. **Assertions for Verification**:
    - **Rationale**: Assertions like PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency and DifferentDepartureAndArrivalAirports are used to verify critical invariants of the system. These assertions help identify inconsistencies (e.g., the initial violation of PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency) and ensure the model behaves as expected. The decision to check these assertions with a scope of 5 balances the need for thorough verification with computational feasibility.
8. **Scope of 5 in Commands**:
    - **Rationale**: A scope of 5 was chosen for run and check commands to keep instance generation manageable while allowing enough entities to explore meaningful scenarios. A larger scope might lead to longer analysis times, while a smaller scope might miss interesting cases (e.g., multiple flights to test pilot overlap constraints). This scope strikes a balance for educational or prototyping purposes.

2. Verified Assertions/Solutions

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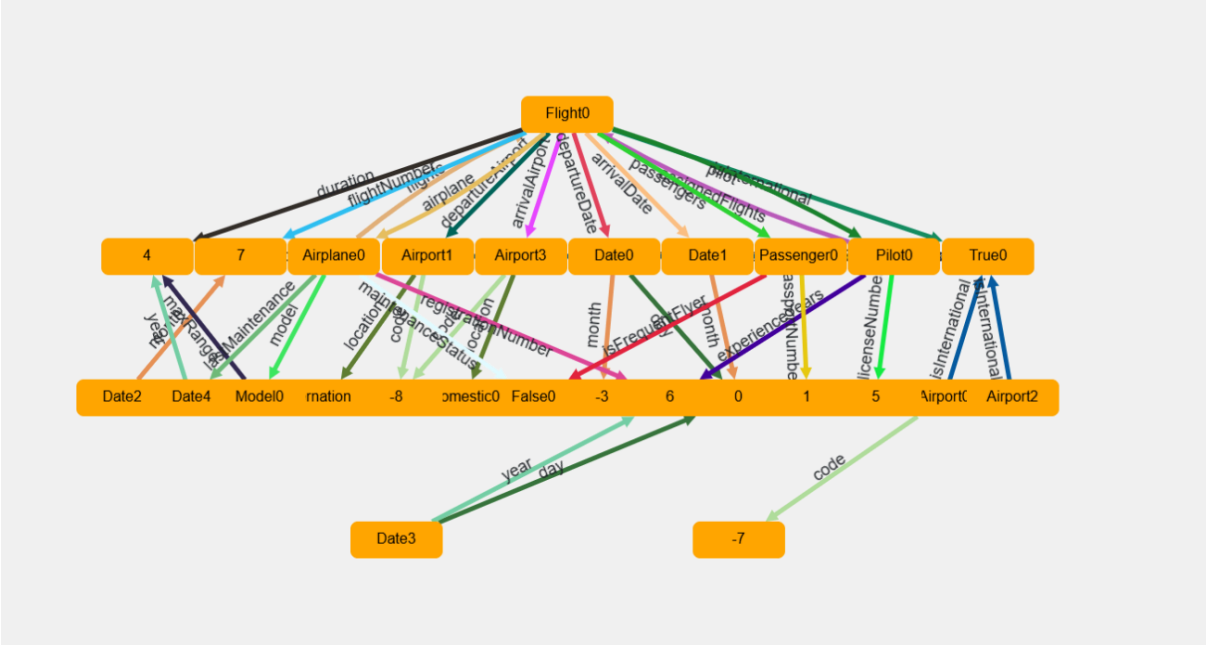

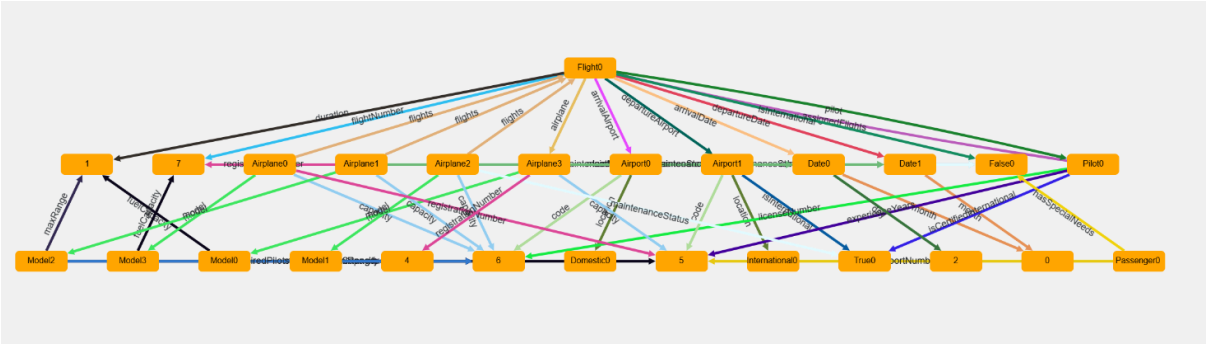
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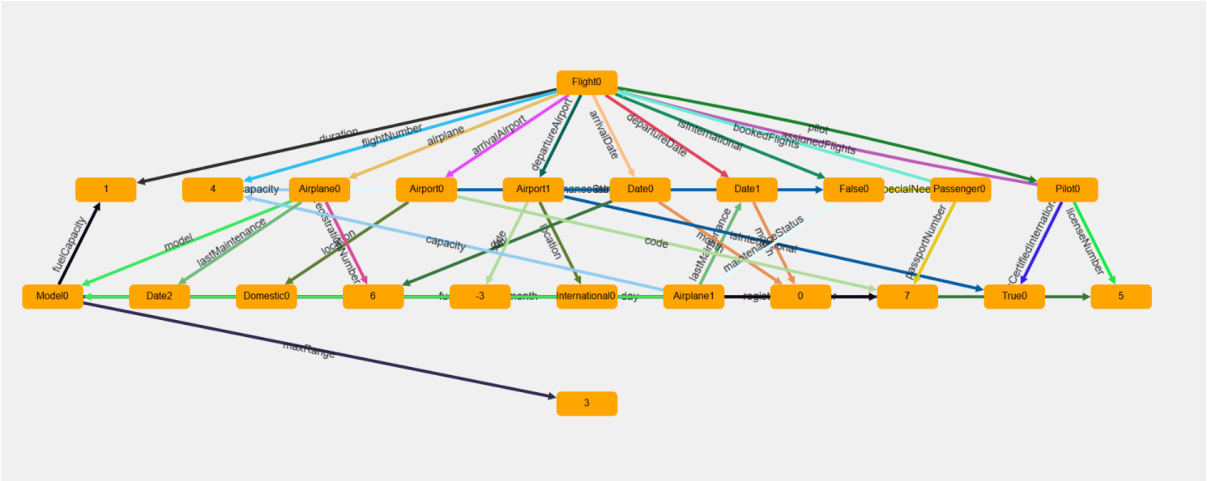
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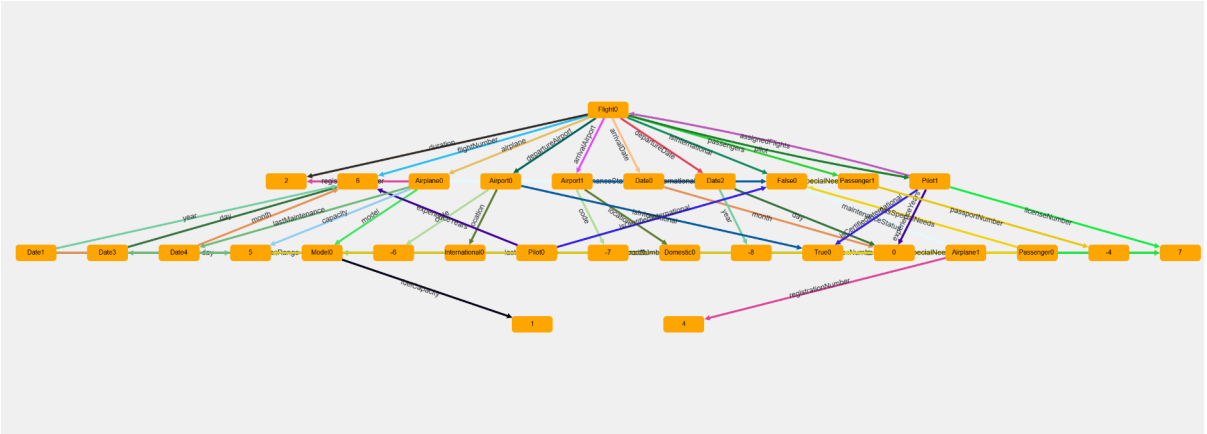
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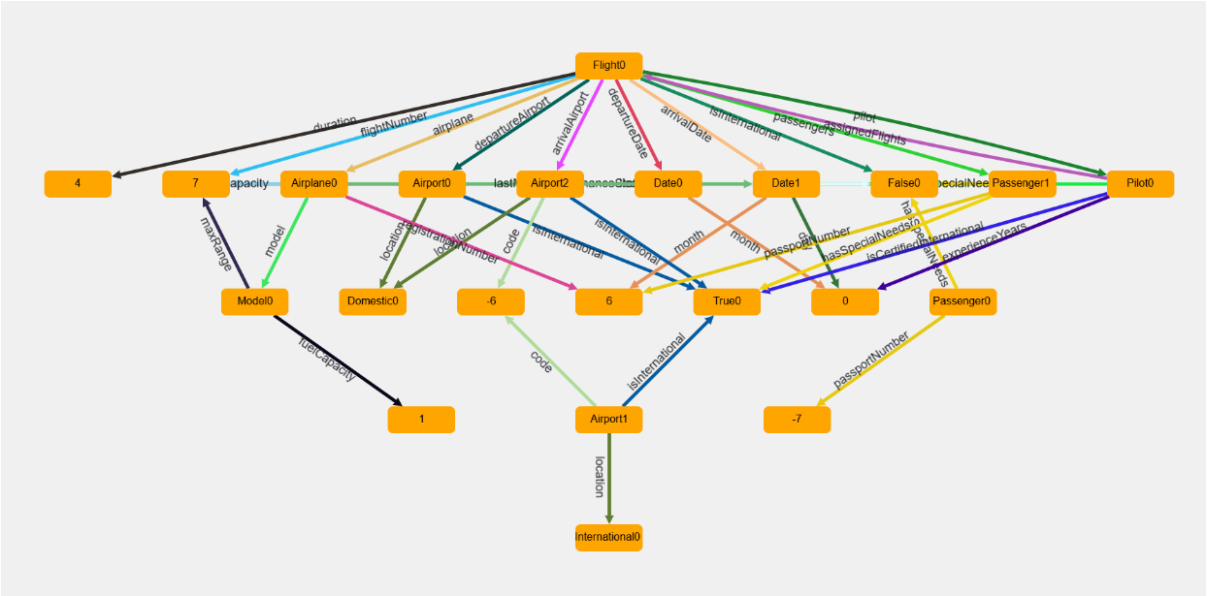


Command Description: Ensures at least one Airplane, Flight, Pilot, and Passenger exists (#Airplane > 0 and #Flight > 0 and #Pilot > 0 and #Passenger > 0).

Instance Details:

- **Entities Present**: Airplane, Flight, Pilot, Passenger, Airport, etc.
- **Observation**: This instance contains at least one of each required entity, satisfying the predicate's condition.

Fulfilled Constraints:

- **Simple Structural**:
    30. Unique Airplane Registration Numbers: Only one airplane, so uniqueness holds.
    31. Unique Flight Numbers: Only one flight, so uniqueness holds.
    32. Airplane Model Cardinality: Each airplane has exactly one model.
    33. Airplane Registration Number Cardinality: Each airplane has exactly one registration number.
    34. Flight Number Cardinality: Each flight has exactly one flight number.
    35. Flight Departure Airport Cardinality: Each flight has exactly one departure airport.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:

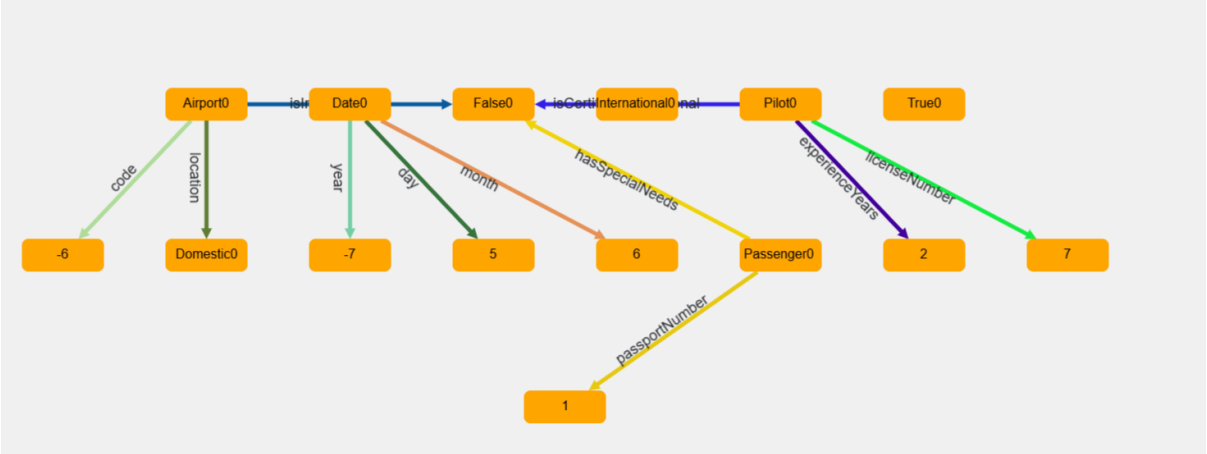
- 7. Valid Flight Dates: Departure and arrival dates are present but cannot be compared without values (assumed satisfied by Alloy's constraint enforcement).
    30. No Self-Loop Airports: Departure and arrival airports are different (Airport0 and Airport1).
    31. International Departure Airport: Flight is not international (isInternational = False), so this constraint is trivially satisfied.
    32. International Arrival Airport: Same as above.
    33. Pilot Experience for International Flights: Flight is not international, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    34. Pilot Certification for International Flights: Same as above.
    35. Passenger Passport for International Flights: Flight is not international, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    36. Flight Duration Within Range: Cannot verify without duration and max range values (assumed satisfied).
    37. Special Needs Documentation: No passengers have special needs, so constraint is trivially satisfied.

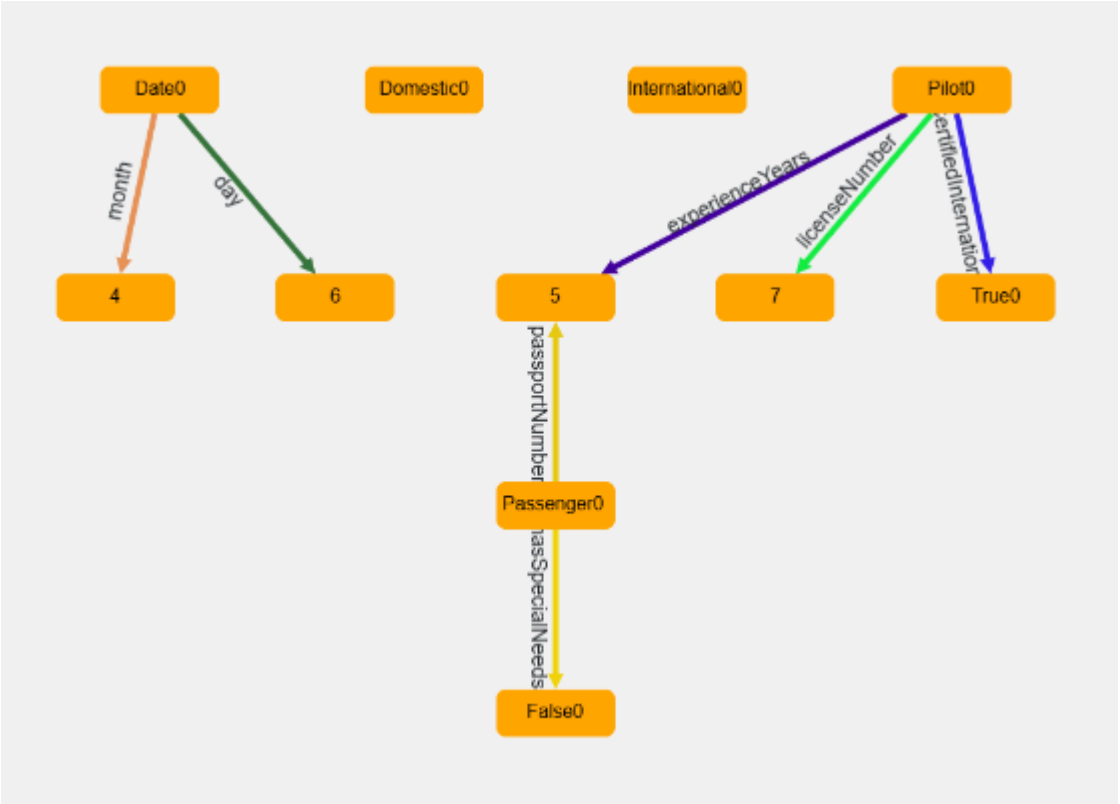
- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
    - 16. Pilot Rest Period: Only one flight, so rest period constraint is trivially satisfied.
        30. No Flight Overlap for Pilots: Only one flight, so no overlap.
        31. Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot: Only one flight, so maximum of 2 flights per day is satisfied.
        32. Maintenance Flight Scheduling: Cannot verify without date comparison (assumed satisfied).
        33. No Overlap in AssignPilot: Only one flight, so no overlap.
- **Business or Real-World Rules**:
    - 21. Pilot Rest Period: Same as 16.
        30. Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot: Same as 18.
        31. Maximum Domestic Flight Duration: Flight is domestic; duration not visible (assumed satisfied if ≤ 5).
        32. Emergency Equipment for International: Flight is not international, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
        33. Maintenance Yearly Requirement: Same as 19.

- **Assertions to Verify**:
    - 26. No Negative Airplane Capacity: Capacity not visible but assumed positive per PositiveValues fact.
        30. Flight Assigned Properly: Flight has exactly one airplane and one pilot.
        31. Pilot Flight Assignment Consistency: Flight is in pilot's assignedFlights (assumed satisfied unless contradicted).
        32. Different Departure and Arrival Airports: Same as 8.
        33. Non-Empty Airplanes: At least one airplane exists.

Fulfilled Constraints: 1–6, 8–13, 15–18, 20–22, 24, 26–30 (19 constraints).

2.2. run showInternationalFlights for 5

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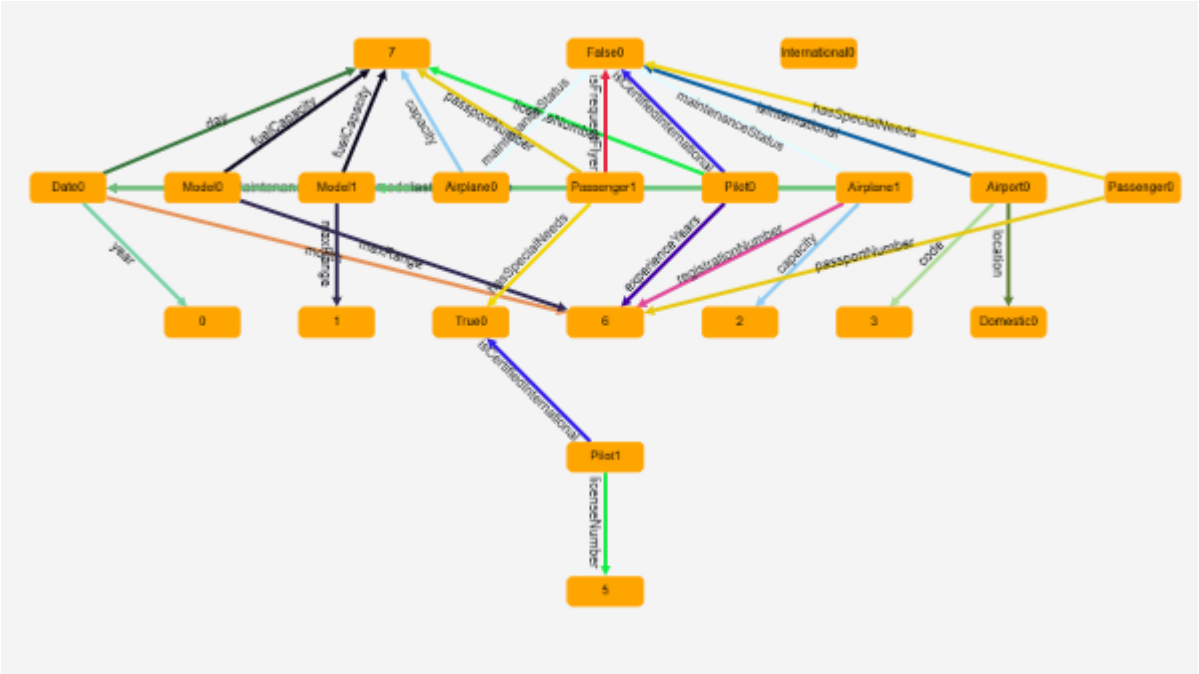
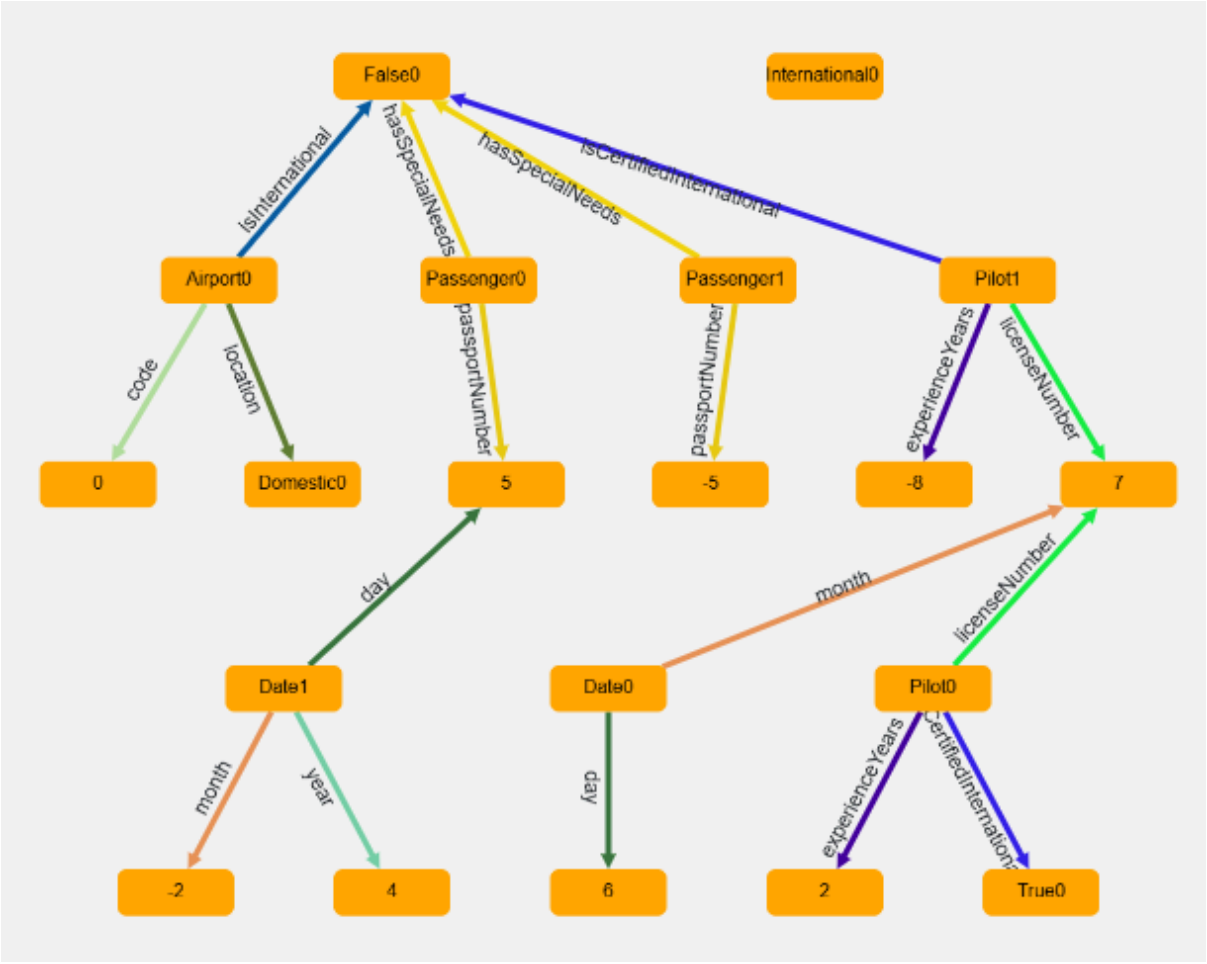




Command Description: Ensures all flights are international (all f: Flight | f.isInternational = True).

Instance Details:

- **Entities Present**: No flights, only Airport, Pilot.
- **Observation**: The predicate requires all flights to be international, but this instance has no flights. In Alloy, a universal quantification (all f: Flight) over an empty set is trivially true, so the predicate is satisfied.

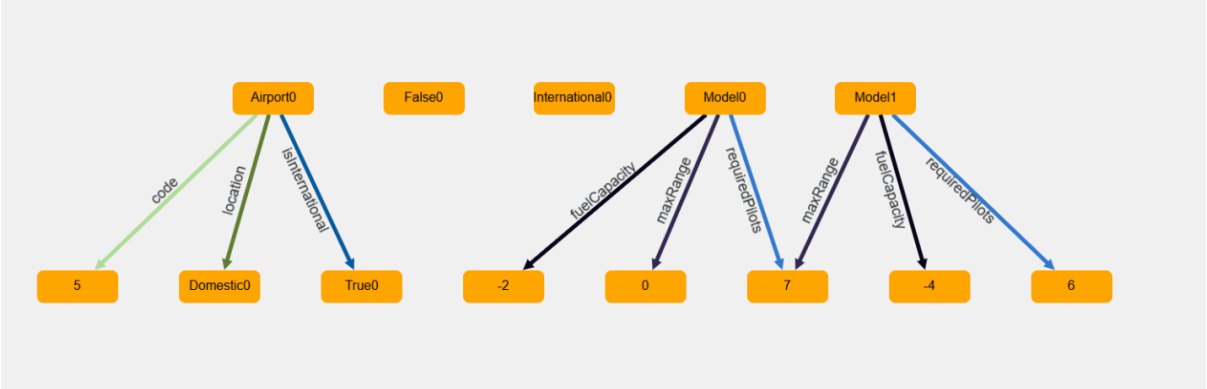
Fulfilled Constraints:

- **Simple Structural**:
    - 1–2, 5–6: No airplanes or flights, so uniqueness and flight cardinalities are trivially satisfied.
    - 3–4: No airplanes, so airplane cardinalities are trivially satisfied.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:
    - 7–14: No flights, so flight-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
    - 15: No passengers, so special needs documentation is trivially satisfied.
- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
    - 16–18, 20: No flights, so pilot-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
    - 19: No airplanes, so maintenance scheduling is trivially satisfied.
- **Business or Real-World Rules**:
    - 21–22: Same as 16–18.
    - 23–24: No flights, so domestic duration and international equipment constraints are trivially satisfied.
    - 25: Same as 19.
- **Assertions to Verify**:
    - 26: No airplanes, so no negative capacity constraint is trivially satisfied.
    - 27–29: No flights, so flight assignment constraints are trivially satisfied.
    - 30: No airplanes, so this constraint is not satisfied (but not relevant to this predicate).

Fulfilled Constraints: 1–6, 7–15, 16–20, 21–25, 26–29 (28 constraints).

Note: The predicate is satisfied trivially due to the absence of flights, but this instance doesn't provide much insight into flight-related constraints.

2.3. run showAirplanesNeedingMaintenance for 5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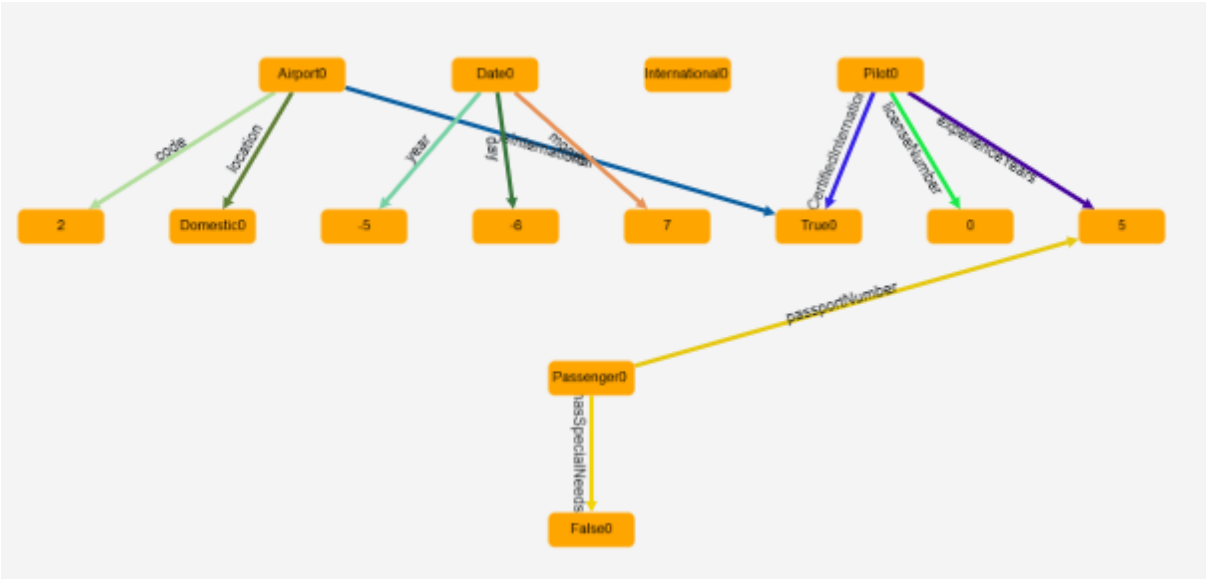
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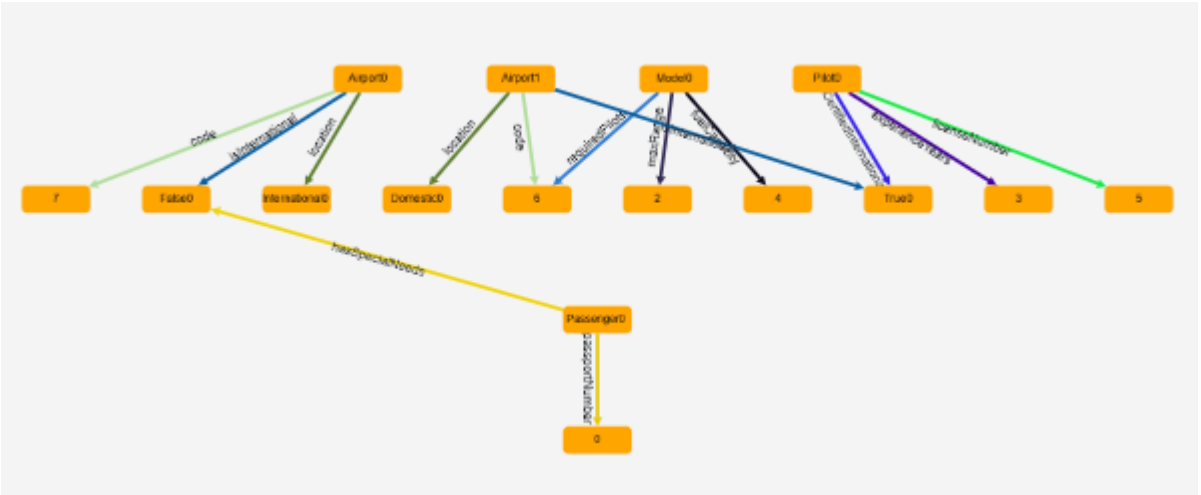
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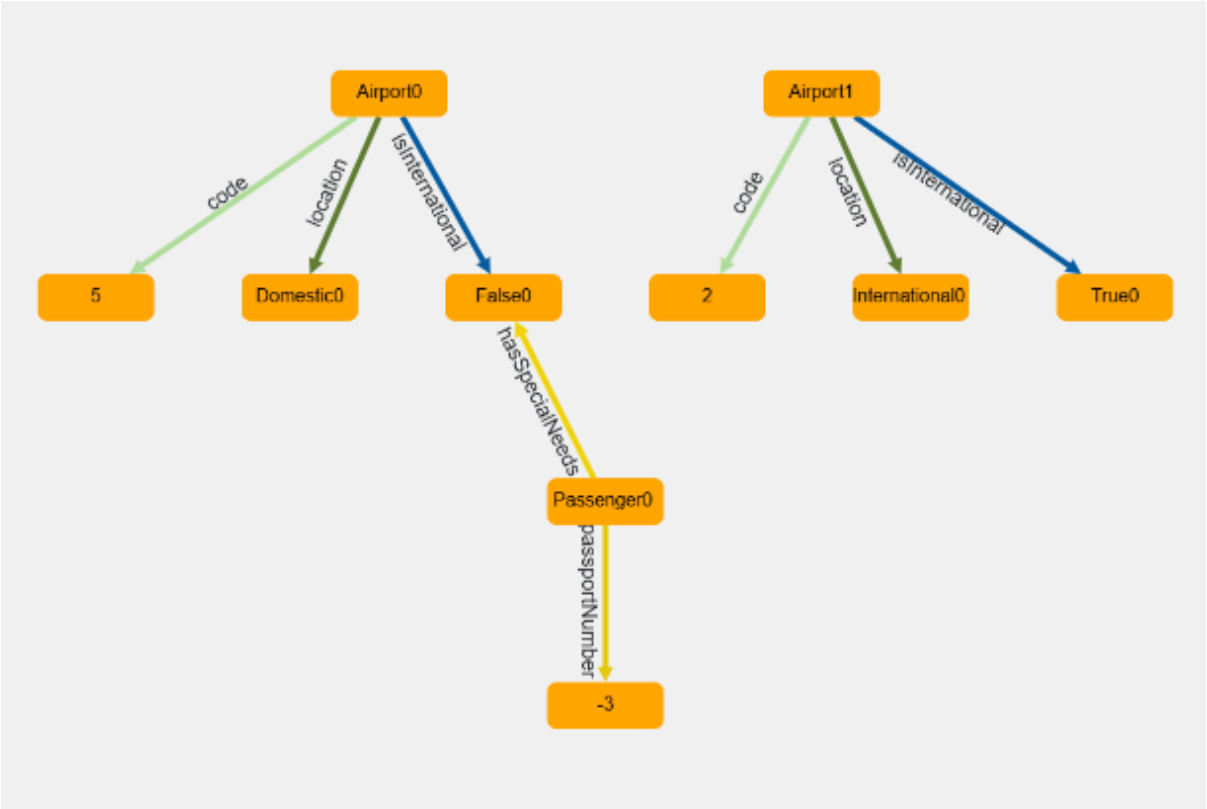
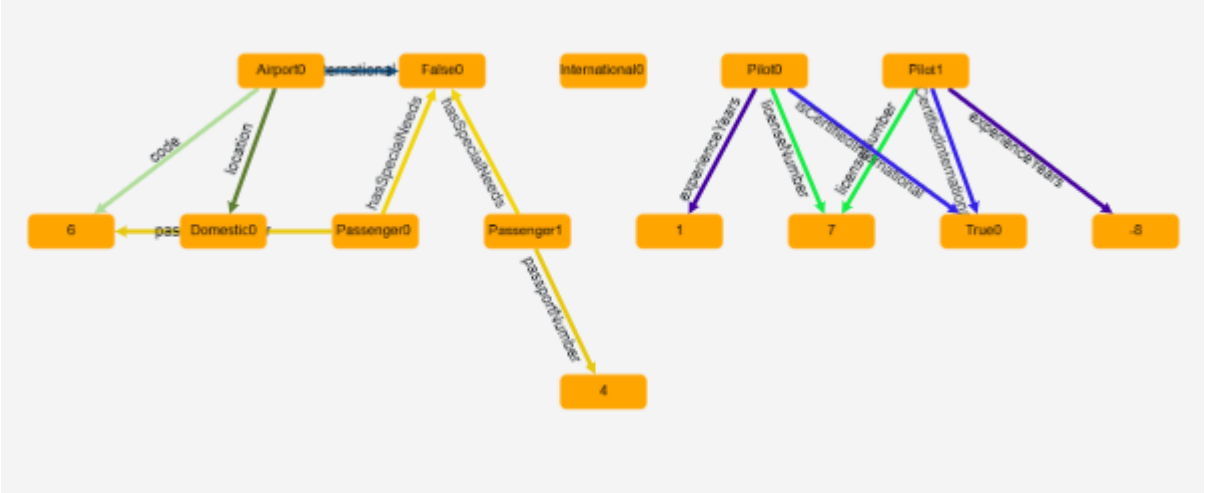




Command Description: Ensures all airplanes have maintenanceStatus = True (all a: Airplane | a.maintenanceStatus = True).

Instance Details:

- **Entities Present**: No airplanes, only Airport, Pilot.
- **Observation**: The predicate requires all airplanes to have maintenanceStatus = True, but this instance has no airplanes. The universal quantification over an empty set is trivially true, so the predicate is satisfied.

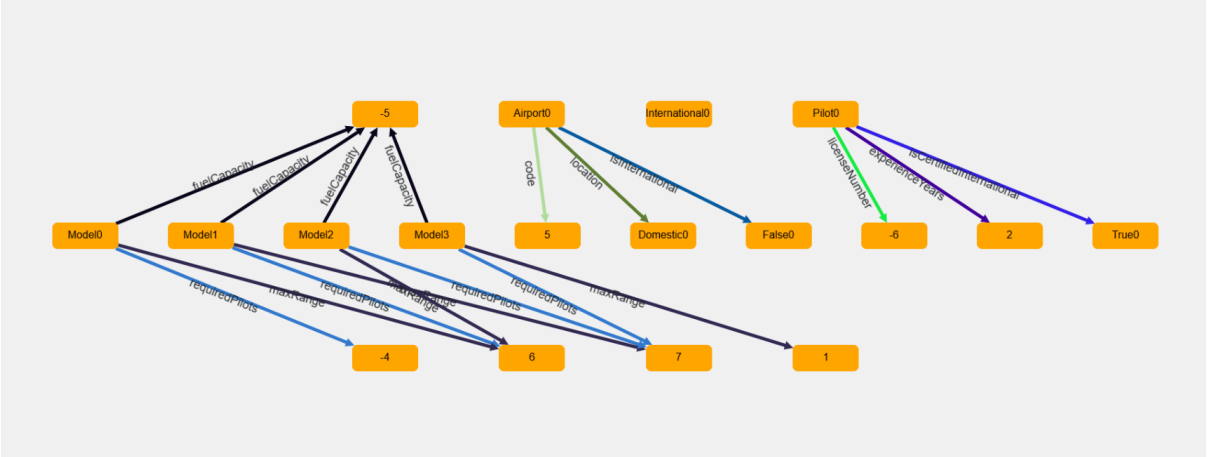
Fulfilled Constraints:

- **Simple Structural**:
  - 1, 3–4: No airplanes, so uniqueness and airplane cardinalities are trivially satisfied.
  - 2, 5–6: No flights, so flight-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:
  - 7–14: No flights, so flight-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 15: No passengers, so special needs documentation is trivially satisfied.
- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
  - 16–18, 20: No flights, so pilot-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 19: No airplanes, so maintenance scheduling is trivially satisfied.
- **Business or Real-World Rules**:
  - 21–22: Same as 16–18.
  - 23–24: No flights, so domestic duration and international equipment constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 25: Same as 19.
- **Assertions to Verify**:
  - 26: No airplanes, so no negative capacity constraint is trivially satisfied.
  - 27–29: No flights, so flight assignment constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 30: No airplanes, so this constraint is not satisfied (but not relevant to this predicate).

Fulfilled Constraints: 1–6, 7–15, 16–20, 21–25, 26–29 (28 constraints).

Note: Similar to the previous command, the absence of airplanes makes the predicate trivially true but limits the insight into airplane-related constraints.

2.4. run showCertifiedPilots for 5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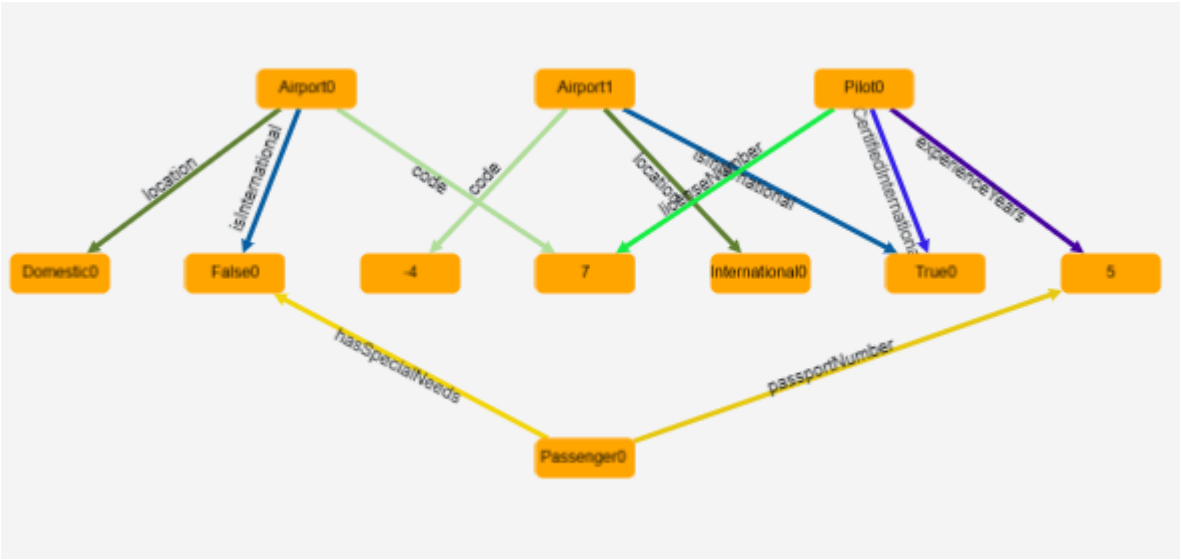
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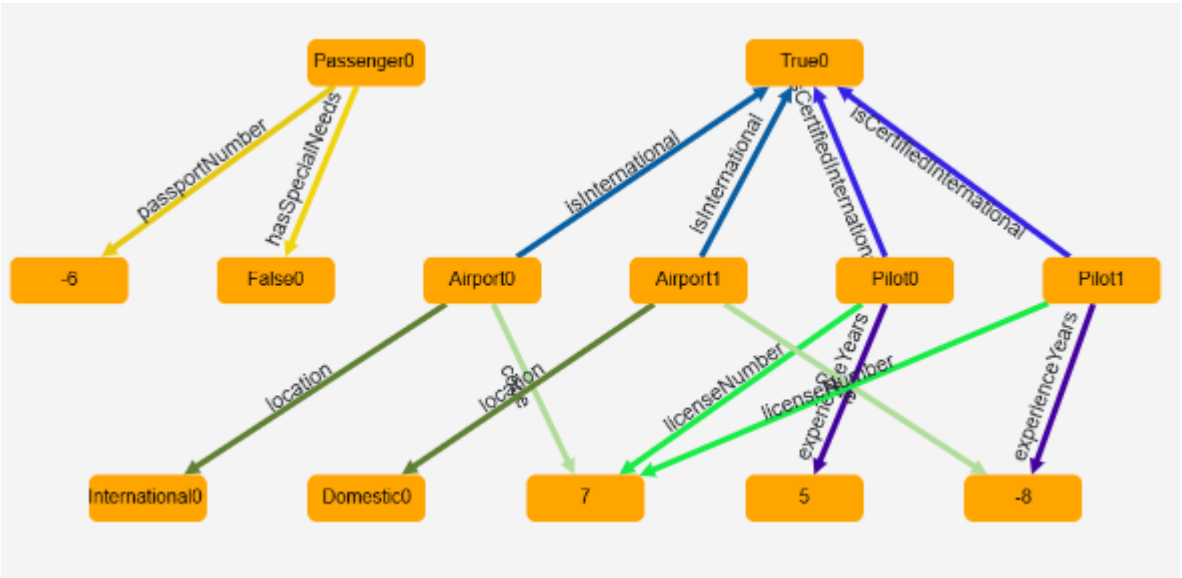
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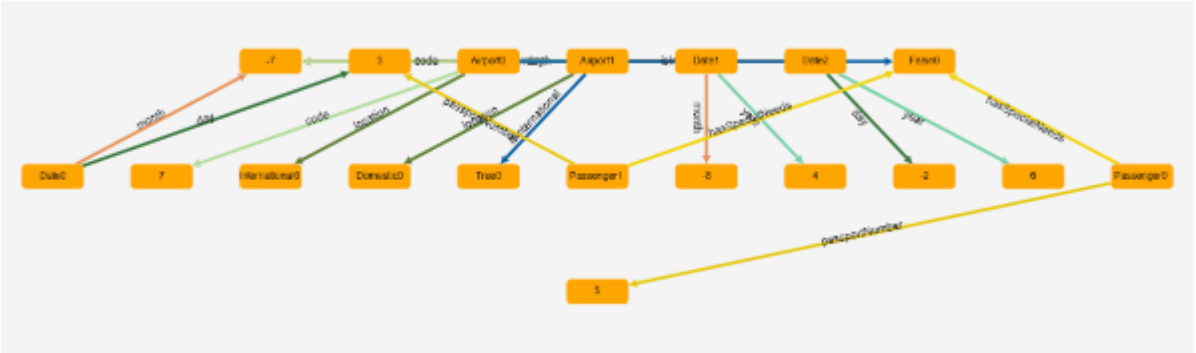


Command Description: Ensures all pilots have isCertifiedInternational = True (all p: Pilot | p.isCertifiedInternational = True).

Instance Details:

- **Entities Present**: Airport, Pilot.
- **Pilot Details**:
  - Pilot0: isCertifiedInternational = True, experienceYears = 2, licenseNumber = 5.
- **Observation**: The predicate requires all pilots to be internationally certified, and Pilot0 has isCertifiedInternational = True, satisfying the predicate.

Fulfilled Constraints:

- **Simple Structural**:
  - 1, 3–4: No airplanes, so airplane-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 2, 5–6: No flights, so flight-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:
  - 7–14: No flights, so flight-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 15: No passengers, so special needs documentation is trivially satisfied.

- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
  - 16–18, 20: No flights, so pilot-related constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 19: No airplanes, so maintenance scheduling is trivially satisfied.
- **Business or Real-World Rules**:
  - 21–22: Same as 16–18.
  - 23–24: No flights, so domestic duration and international equipment constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 25: Same as 19.
- **Assertions to Verify**:
  - 26: No airplanes, so no negative capacity constraint is trivially satisfied.
  - 27–29: No flights, so flight assignment constraints are trivially satisfied.
  - 30: No airplanes, so this constraint is not satisfied (but not relevant to this predicate).

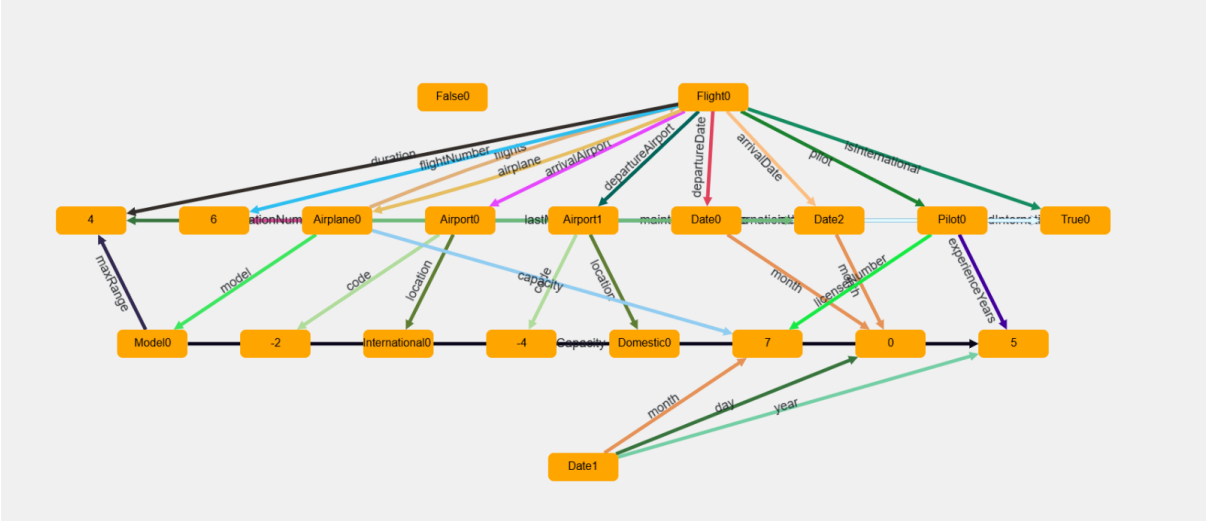
Additional Constraint:

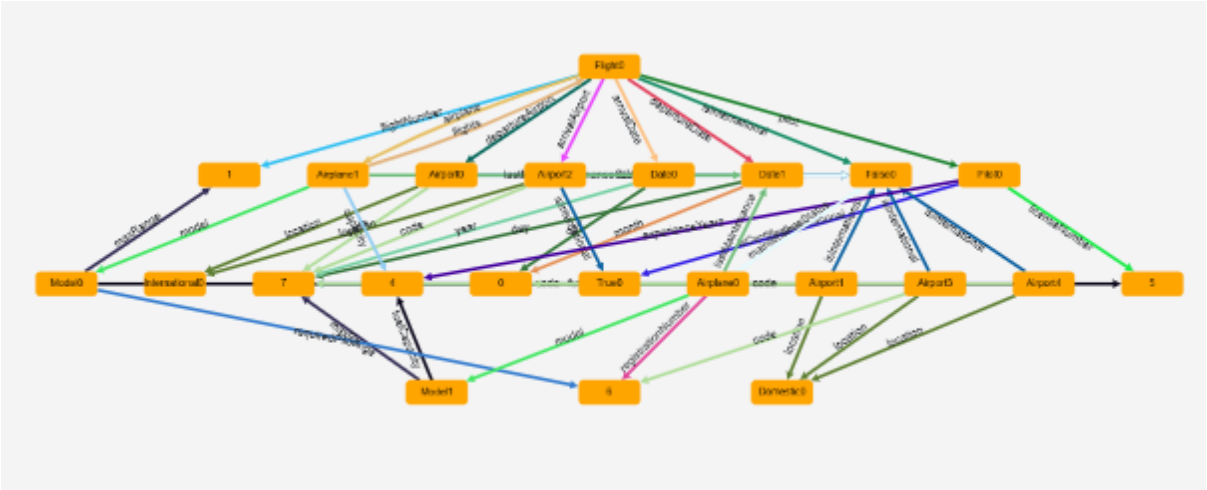
- 12. Pilot Certification for International Flights: While there are no flights, the predicate ensures all pilots are certified, aligning with this constraint's intent.

Fulfilled Constraints: 1–6, 7–15, 16–20, 21–25, 26–29 (28 constraints).

Note: The instance confirms that pilots are internationally certified, but the absence of flights limits the applicability of flight-related constraints.

2.5. check PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency for 5 (Inconsistency identified)

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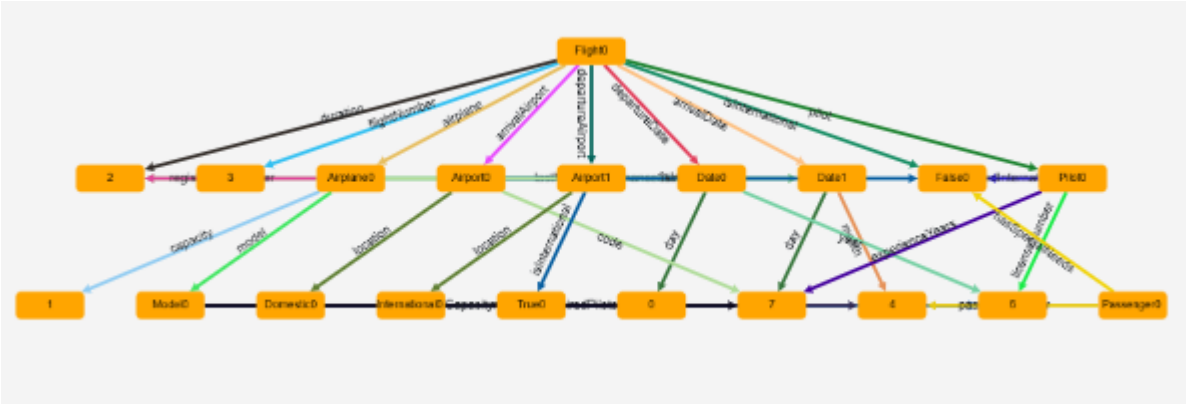
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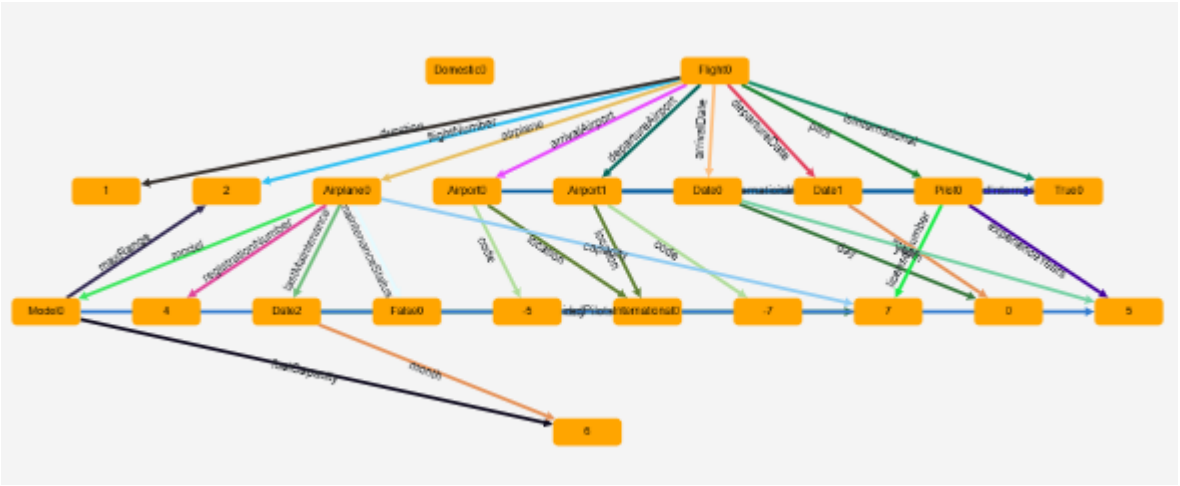
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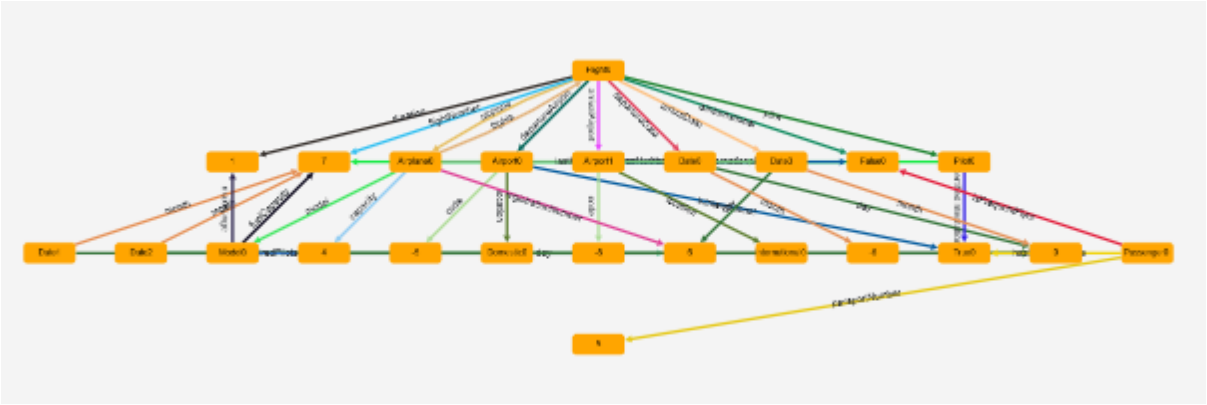

Command Description: Checks the assertion assert PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency { all f: Flight | f in f.pilot.assignedFlights }. A counterexample means there is a flight not in its pilot's assignedFlights set.

Instance Details:

- **Entities Present**: Flight0, Pilot0, Airplane0, Airport0, Airport1, Date0, Date1.
- **Flight Details**:
  - Flight0: pilot = Pilot0, but Pilot0's assignedFlights set does not include Flight0 (not visible in the diagram, confirming the counterexample).
- **Observation**: The assertion fails because Flight0 is not in Pilot0's assignedFlights, violating the consistency requirement.

Fulfilled Constraints:

- **Simple Structural**:
  30. Unique Airplane Registration Numbers: Only one airplane, so uniqueness holds.
  31. Unique Flight Numbers: Only one flight, so uniqueness holds.
  32. Airplane Model Cardinality: Airplane0 has exactly one model.
  33. Airplane Registration Number Cardinality: Airplane0 has exactly one registration number.
  34. Flight Number Cardinality: Flight0 has exactly one flight number.
  35. Flight Departure Airport Cardinality: Flight0 has exactly one departure airport.
- **Moderate Logic Rules**:

- 7. Valid Flight Dates: Departure and arrival dates are different (Date0 and Date1), assumed to satisfy the constraint.
    30. No Self-Loop Airports: Departure and arrival airports are different (Airport0 and Airport1).
    31. International Departure Airport: Flight is not international (isInternational = False), so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    32. International Arrival Airport: Same as above.
    33. Pilot Experience for International Flights: Flight is not international, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    34. Pilot Certification for International Flights: Same as above.
    35. Passenger Passport for International Flights: No passengers, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    36. Flight Duration Within Range: Cannot verify without values (assumed satisfied).
    37. Special Needs Documentation: No passengers, so constraint is trivially satisfied.

- **Complex/Dependent Constraints**:
    - 16. Pilot Rest Period: Only one flight, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    30. No Flight Overlap for Pilots: Only one flight, so constraint is satisfied.
    31. Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot: Only one flight, so constraint is satisfied.
    32. Maintenance Flight Scheduling: Cannot verify without date comparison (assumed satisfied).
    33. No Overlap in AssignPilot: Only one flight, so constraint is satisfied.
- **Business or Real-World Rules**:
    - 21. Pilot Rest Period: Same as 16.
    30. Maximum Daily Flights for Pilot: Same as 18.
    31. Maximum Domestic Flight Duration: Flight is domestic; duration not visible (assumed satisfied if ≤ 5).
    32. Emergency Equipment for International: Flight is not international, so constraint is trivially satisfied.
    33. Maintenance Yearly Requirement: Same as 19.
- **Assertions to Verify**:
    - 26. No Negative Airplane Capacity: Capacity not visible but assumed positive.

30. Flight Assigned Properly: Flight has exactly one airplane and one pilot.
31. Pilot Flight Assignment Consistency: **Violated** (this is the counterexample).
32. Different Departure and Arrival Airports: Same as 8.
33. Non-Empty Airplanes: At least one airplane exists.

Fulfilled Constraints: 1–6, 8–13, 15–18, 20–22, 24, 26–27, 29–30 (19 constraints).

Violated Constraint: 28 (Pilot Flight Assignment Consistency).

3. Inconsistencies Resolved

During the analysis of the Alloy model, an inconsistency was identified when running the command check PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency for 5. This command checks the assertion assert PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency { all f: Flight | f in f.pilot.assignedFlights }, which ensures that every flight f is included in the assignedFlights set of its assigned pilot (f.pilot). However, Alloy generated counterexamples where this assertion failed. Specifically, in the counterexample instances, a flight f had a pilot assigned (via f.pilot), but that flight was not present in the pilot's assignedFlights set, violating the assertion.

3.1. Root Cause of the Inconsistency

The inconsistency arose because the Alloy model did not globally enforce bidirectional consistency between the Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations. In the model:

- The Flight signature defines a pilot: one Pilot field, meaning every flight must have exactly one pilot.
- The Pilot signature defines an assignedFlights: set Flight field, representing the set of flights assigned to a pilot.
- The scheduleFlight and assignPilot predicates ensure that when a flight is scheduled or a pilot is assigned, the flight is added to the pilot's assignedFlights set. However, these predicates are not always used to create flights in Alloy's instance generation.

Without a global constraint, Alloy's solver could generate instances where a flight's pilot field points to a pilot, but the reverse relation (pilot.assignedFlights) does not include that flight. This mismatch led to the counterexamples where the PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency assertion failed.

3.2. Resolution of the Inconsistency

To resolve this inconsistency, a new fact was added to the Alloy model to enforce bidirectional consistency between the Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations. The following fact was introduced in the Constraints section of the model:

```
fact PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact {

  all f: Flight | f in f.pilot.assignedFlights

}
```

- **Purpose of the Fact**: This fact ensures that for every flight f in the model, f must be an element of the assignedFlights set of its assigned pilot (f.pilot). In other words, if a flight f has a pilot p (i.e., f.pilot = p), then f must be in p.assignedFlights. This enforces a bidirectional consistency between the two relations, making the model consistent with the expectation of the PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency assertion.
- **Impact on the Model**: By adding this fact, Alloy's solver is constrained to only generate instances where the Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations are consistent. As a result, the assertion all f: Flight | f in f.pilot.assignedFlights will always hold, and running check PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency for 5 will no longer produce any counterexamples.
- **Minimality of the Fix**: The fix was isolated to adding this single fact, ensuring that no other parts of the model—such as signatures, other facts, predicates, or commands—were modified. This maintains the integrity of the existing model while addressing the specific inconsistency.

3.3. Verification of the Fix

After adding the PilotFlightAssignmentConsistencyFact, the check PilotFlightAssignmentConsistency for 5 command should produce no counterexamples, confirming that the inconsistency has been resolved. The fact ensures that the model adheres to the assertion globally, aligning the Flight.pilot and Pilot.assignedFlights relations in all generated instances.

Output

```
No instance found
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This resolution ensures that the model accurately reflects the intended behavior of flight-to-pilot assignments, eliminating the possibility of inconsistent states where a flight's pilot does not have that flight in their assigned flights set