

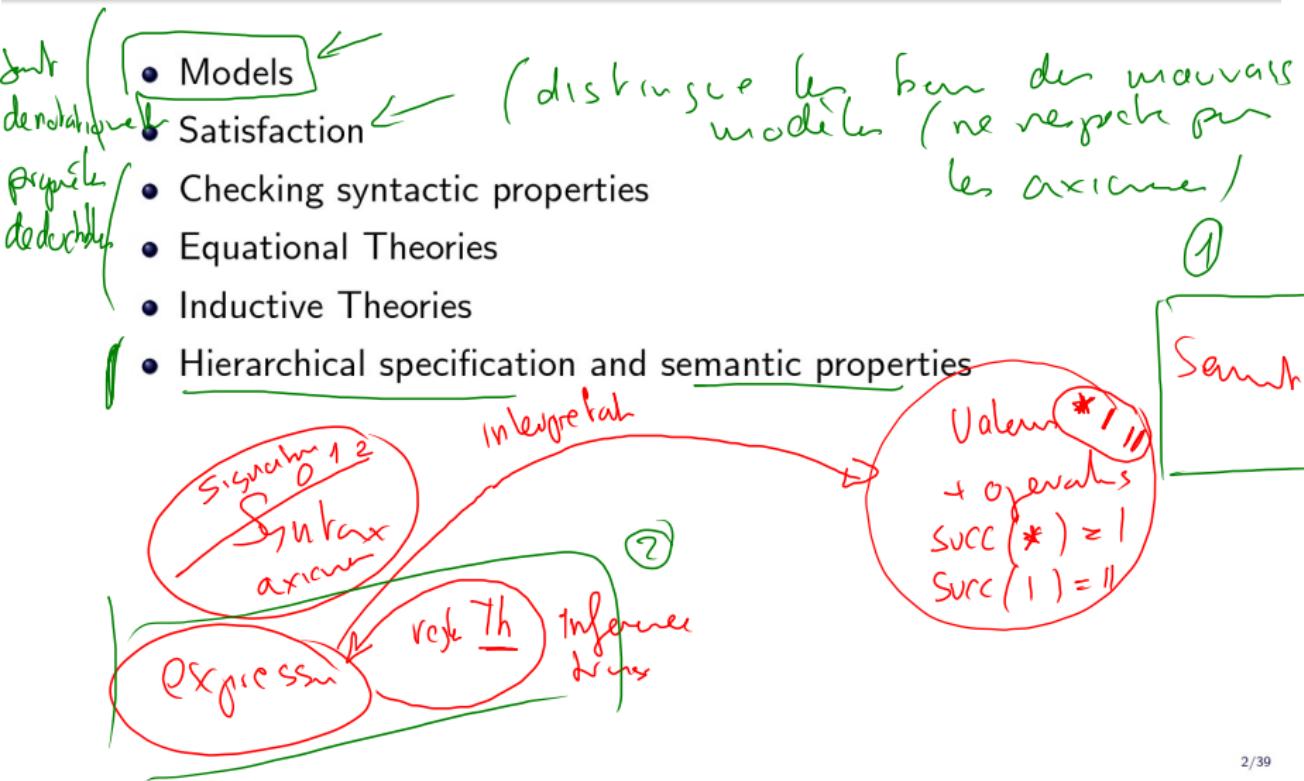
# Algebraic Abstract Data Types : Formalism, Models and Properties

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## Algebraic Abstract Data Types



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Var propositionell

a, b, c, T/F

interpret

{ vrai, faux }

(a  $\wedge$  b)  $\vee$  c

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interpret

{ vrai, faux }

Interpret der variable +  
connaissance de operat  
logiques (a  $\wedge$  b)  $\vee$  c

Syntaxe

# Definition of algebraic specification

## Definition (algebraic specification)

A *many sorted algebraic specification*  $Spec = \langle S, F, X, AX \rangle$  is a signature extended by a collection of axioms  $E$  on variables  $X$ .

In what follows, let  $\Sigma = \langle S, F \rangle$  be a complete signature.

(il manque pas de sortes)

# Notion of models/Implementation

We can consider models i.e. structures that represents the semantics of the specification as potential implementations:

- An implementation is acceptable if it satisfies the requirements.
- The requirements are to respect the interface and the axioms.
- The structures that respect the interface  $\Sigma$  are called  $\Sigma$  – algebra noted  $Alg(\Sigma)$ . (and maybe not the axioms)
- if Spec =  $\langle S, F, X, AX \rangle$  and  $\Sigma = \langle S, F \rangle$  then  $Mod(Spec) \subseteq Alg(\Sigma)$ .

Spec

Alg

Spec qui respecte les axiomes

$\langle S, F \rangle$

# Notion of models/Implementation

## Definition (Models)

Given a specification  $Spec = < \Sigma, X, AX >$ , the class of its models is :  $Mod(Spec)$  and  $\forall ax \in AX, \forall M \in Mod(Spec), M \vdash ax$

A model is a set of values and operations called  $\Sigma$  – algebra, we will detail roughly this notion later as well as the notion of satisfaction of the models  $\vdash$ .

Moreover it is convenient to be able to associate models through the notion of morphisms (function that respect the sort of the values).

# Notion of evaluation

It must be noted that there exist a unique 'morphism'  
 $\text{eval} : T_{\Sigma} \rightarrow A$ , where  $A \in \text{Mod}(\text{Spec})$ , extended with  
 interpretations  $I : X \rightarrow A$  to a unique  $\text{eval}_I$ .

We can also define it recursively over the structure of the terms.

$$X = \{x, y\} \quad I(x) = \text{I}_{\mathbb{N}} \text{ s.t. } \text{eval}_I(x + y) = \text{eval}_I(x) +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{eval}_I(y)$$

Remark :

- It is then obviously a morphism (see later)
- The unicity comes from the unique interpretation of the symbols in the algebra and the fact that interpretations are functions.

$$\begin{array}{c} \times \quad \star \rightarrow * \\ + : \mathbb{N} \times \star \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \vdash \quad \vdash \quad \vdash \end{array}$$

$$\text{eval}_I(x + y) = \text{I}_{\mathbb{N}} +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{I} = \text{I}_{\mathbb{N}}$$

# Notion of satisfaction of models/Implementation

Using evaluation we can 'check' that axioms are valid for any values of the variables (implicit universal quantification of the variables).

## Definition (Satisfaction relation)

Given a specification  $Spec = \langle \Sigma, X, AX \rangle$ , and  $t_1, t_2 \in T_{\Sigma, X}, M \in Mod(Spec), M \vdash t_1 = t_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall I, eval_I(t_1) = eval_I(t_2)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall t, \\ \underline{\text{Axiomes}} \\ eval_I(x + 0) = eval_I(x) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \forall I : X \rightarrow M \\ I_1 \quad x \rightarrow * \\ \quad y \rightarrow * \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} I : X \rightarrow A \\ I_2 \quad x \rightarrow ! \\ \quad y \rightarrow * \end{array}$$

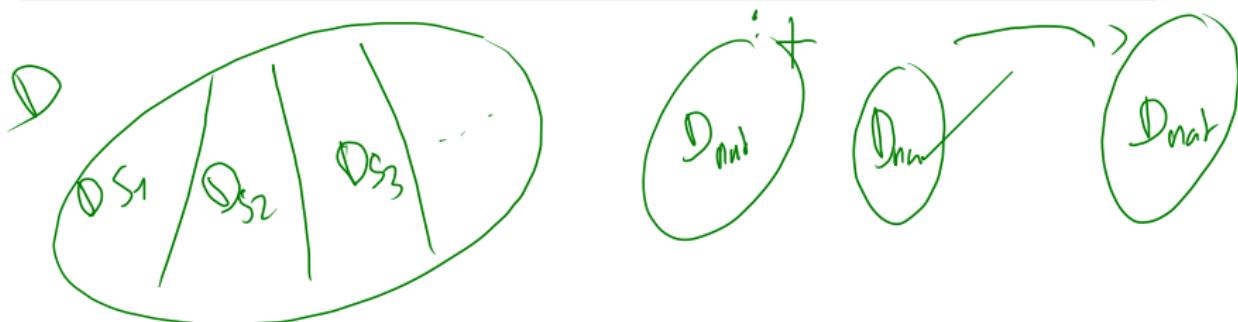
# Definition of models

Definition ( $\Sigma$ -Algebra)

$$\Sigma = \langle S, F \rangle$$

A  $\Sigma$ -algebra is a couple  $A = \langle D, O \rangle$ , in which :

- $D$  is a S-sorted set of values ( $D = D_{s_1} \amalg \dots \amalg D_{s_n}$ )
- and  $O$  is a set of functions, such that for each function name  $f \in F_{w,s}$ ,  $w = s_1 \dots s_n$  there is a function  $f^A \in O$ , defined as  $f^A : D_{s_1} \times \dots \times D_{s_n} \rightarrow D_s$ .



$$\Sigma = \left\langle \{ \text{bool} \}, \{ +, \cdot \}_{\rightarrow \text{bool}} \cup \{ \wedge, \vee \}_{\text{bool}, \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}} \cup \{ \neg \}_{\text{bool}} \right\rangle$$

$$\Sigma\text{-algebra} = \{$$

$$A1 \quad \left\langle \{ *, \cdot \}, \begin{array}{l} +: \rightarrow * \\ \cdot: \rightarrow \cdot \end{array}, \begin{array}{l} \wedge: *, * \rightarrow * \\ *, \cdot \rightarrow \cdot \\ ;, * \rightarrow \cdot \\ ;, \cdot \rightarrow \cdot \end{array}, \begin{array}{l} \neg: \cdot \rightarrow \cdot \\ \neg: \cdot \rightarrow * \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$A2 \quad \left\langle \{ *, \cdot \}, \begin{array}{l} t: \rightarrow * \\ f: \rightarrow \cdot \end{array}, \begin{array}{l} \wedge: \cancel{\cancel{*}}, * \rightarrow * \\ *, \cdot \rightarrow * \\ ;, * \rightarrow \cdot \\ ;, \cdot \rightarrow \cdot \end{array}, \begin{array}{l} \neg: * \rightarrow \cdot \\ \neg: \cdot \rightarrow * \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$A3 \quad \left\langle \{ *\}, \begin{array}{l} t: \rightarrow * \\ f: \rightarrow * \end{array}, \wedge: * \otimes * \rightarrow *$$

est-ce que  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  respectent  
les axiomes

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{and}(x, t) = x$$

$$\text{and}(x, f) = f$$

$A_1 + A_x$  ? où les axiomes un à un sont bien vérifiés

$A_2 f A_x$  ?  $\textcircled{1}$  est vérifié       $\text{and}(*, \cdot) \neq \cdot$   
 $\textcircled{2}$  n'est pas vérifié

et  $A_3$  on sait pas !  
(modèle trivial)  
à bâtonnier finalement

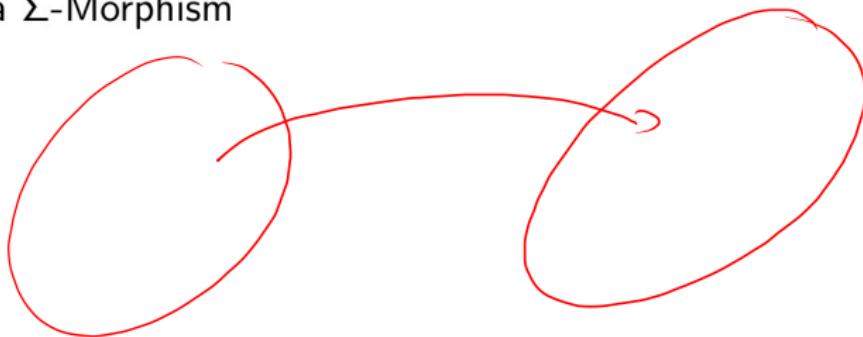
# Definition of model homomorphisms

## Definition ( $\Sigma$ -Morphism)

Given  $A = (D_A, O_A)$ ,  $B = (D_B, O_B)$   $\Sigma$ -algebras. A  $\Sigma$ -Morphism is an application  $\mu : A \rightarrow B$  st.

for all  $f \in O_{w,s}$ ,  $f \in O_{w,s}^A$ ,  $f \in O_{w,s}^B$ ,  $w = s_1 \dots s_n$  ,  
 $d_1, \dots, d_n : d_1 \in D_{A,s_1}, \dots, d_n \in D_{A,s_n}$   
 $\mu(f^A(d_1, \dots, d_n)) = f^B(\mu(d_1), \dots, \mu(d_n))$ .

eval is a  $\Sigma$ -Morphism



# What about properties ?

If we consider the specification of naturals :

$$x + 0 = x;$$

$$x + \text{succ}(y) = \text{succ}(x+y);$$

What is :

$$y + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(y))?$$

and :

$$\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) + y = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(y))?$$

so, what about :

$$x+y = y+x ?$$

# Proofs in algebraic specifications :Plan

- Equational Proofs :
  - Equational theories
  - Inductive theories
  - Deduction systems
- Rewriting (next chapter)

# Proofs in algebraic specifications

Aim : Proof of specification properties in a systematic way. How to proceed from the axioms :

- Use equational rules (reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity)
- Use functional composition rules
- Use variable substitution rules

⇒ we obtain equational theorems

# Example : Proofs in algebraic specifications

To prove :  $\text{succ}(0) + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$

axiom :  $\text{succ}(x) + y = \text{succ}(x + y)$  substitution rule with  $s = \{x = 0, y = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0))\}$

(1)  $\text{succ}(0) + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = \text{succ}(0 + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$

axiom :  $0 + x = x$

**substitution rule** with  $s = \{x = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0))\}$

(2)  $0 + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0))$

**Substitutivity rule** with operation  $\text{succ}$  on (2)

(3)  $\text{succ}(0 + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0))) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$

**Transitivity rule** : (1) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$

$\text{succ}(0) + \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$

CQFD

# Limits of deduction theories

Problem : interesting theorems are more complex :  $x + y = y + x$   
Which is not deductible in the deduction system.

# Inductive definition of equational theories

Given  $\text{Spec} = \langle \Sigma, X, AX \rangle$ ,  $\Sigma = \langle S, OP \rangle$  an algebraic specification

For any  $t, t', t_i, t'_i \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s$  the definition of  $\text{Th}(\text{Spec})$  is :

*Axioms* :  $t = t' \in Ax \Rightarrow t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Reflexivity* :  $\forall t \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s, t = t \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Symmetry* :  $t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \Rightarrow t' = t \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Transitivity* :  $t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \wedge t' = t'' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \Rightarrow t = t'' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Substitutivity* :  $\forall f \in OP, t_1 = t'_1 \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \wedge \dots \wedge t_n = t'_n \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

$\Rightarrow f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = f(t'_1, t'_2, \dots, t'_n) \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Subst.* :  $x \in X_s, u \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s, t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \Rightarrow t[u/x] = t'[u/x] \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

*Cut* :  $Cond_1 \wedge u = u' \wedge Cond_2 \Rightarrow t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

and  $Cond \Rightarrow u = u' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

then  $Cond_1 \wedge Cond \wedge Cond_2 \Rightarrow t = t' \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

# Equational theory validity and completeness

Theorem (validity and completeness)

Given  $\text{Spec} = \langle \Sigma, X, AX \rangle$ ,

$\forall t_1, t_2 \in T_{\Sigma, X}$ ,

$t_1 = t_2 \in \text{Th}(\text{Spec}) \Leftrightarrow \forall M \in \text{Mod}(\text{Spec}), M \models t_1 = t_2$

This is the validity and completeness of the deduction

 Il peut exister des modèles  
ou d'autres égalités existent

Cf. A<sub>3</sub> der l'extrême page 8 + t

↓ true = false mais true = false  $\notin \text{Th}(\text{Spec})$

# Theories and properties in implementations

$\forall M \in Mod(Spec), M \vdash t_1 = t_2$  indicates that the equation is valid in all implementations

Some equations are valid in only specific implementation (ex : true = false). This is for instance the case for very simple models such as the final one.

## Exercices :

prove :  $\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) - \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = 0$ 

$$\begin{aligned} & \textcircled{1} \quad x - 0 = x \\ & x - s(y) = \\ & \quad / \quad \backslash \\ & \textcircled{2} \quad 0 - s(y) = 0 \\ & \textcircled{3} \quad s(z) - s(y) = z - y \\ & \quad ? \end{aligned}$$

prove :  $\text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0))) - \text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)) = 0$ prove :  $x - x = 0$ 

$$(y - x) + x = y$$

$$x - x = 0$$

# Inductive theories

Aim : provide more general theorems deductible from the axioms.  
 Additional rule :

## Definition (Induction rule)

Given  $G$  a formula such that  $x$  is a free variable,

If  $\forall t, G[t/x] \in Th(Spec) \Rightarrow \forall x, G \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

Remark :  $Th(Spec) \subseteq Th_{Ind}(Spec)$  and the induction rule define the inductive theories.

$$x - x = 0$$

$$\mathbb{N}^2 \approx \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 P(y) \\
 \downarrow \\
 \phi(sy) \\
 \vdots
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 0 - 0 = 0 \\
 s(0) - s(0) = 0 \\
 ss(0) - ss(0) = 0 \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots
 \end{array} \right\}
 \quad
 \forall x, x - x = 0$$

# Inductive definition of inductive theories

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*Reflexivity* :  $\forall t \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s, t = t \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*Symmetry* :  $t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \Rightarrow t' = t \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*Transitivity* :  $t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \wedge t' = t'' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \Rightarrow t = t'' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*Substitutivity* :  $\forall f \in OP, t_1 = t'_1 \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \wedge \dots \wedge t_n = t'_n \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$   
 $\Rightarrow f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = f(t'_1, t'_2, \dots, t'_n) \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*Subst.* :  $x \in X_s, u \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s, t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \Rightarrow t[u/x] = t'[u/x] \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

...

# Inductive definition of inductive theories (cnt'd)

Given  $Spec = \langle \Sigma, X, AX \rangle$ ,  $\Sigma = \langle S, OP \rangle$  an algebraic specification  
 For any  $t, t', t_i, t'_i \in T_{\Sigma, s}$  the definition of  $Th(Spec)$  is :

...

*Cut* :  $Cond_1 \wedge u = u' \wedge Cond_2 \Rightarrow t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

and  $Cond \Rightarrow u = u' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*then*  $Cond_1 \wedge Cond \wedge Cond_2 \Rightarrow t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$

*Induction* :  $x \in (X_s \cap (Var(t) \cup Var(t'))),$

$$\bigwedge_{v_i \in (T_{\Sigma, X})_s} (t = t')[v_i/x] \in Th_{Ind}(Spec) \Rightarrow t = t' \in Th_{Ind}(Spec)$$

# How to prove such often infinite conjunction of specific proofs ?

By structural induction on the generators :

- it can be done rather informally in a natural deduction style.
- Formally using judgment, from sequent calculus, of the form.  
 $t_1 = t_2 \vdash t_1 = t_2[f(x)]$ , where  $f$  is a generator.

# validity and completeness

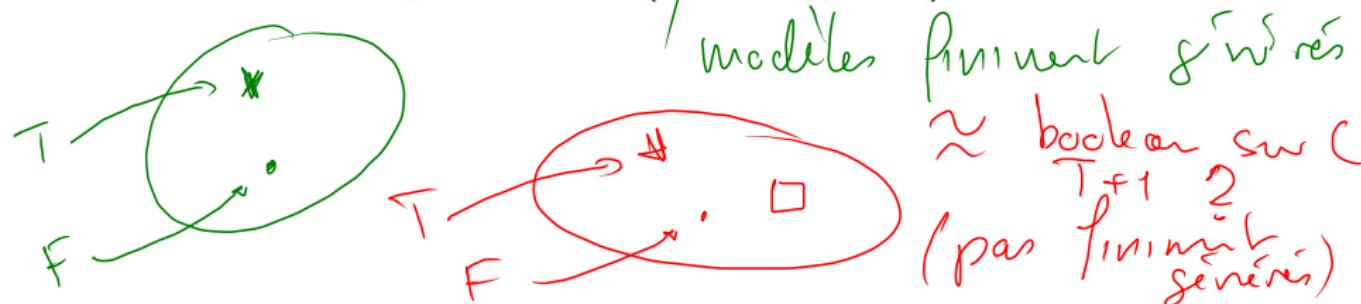
Theorem (validity and completeness)

Given  $\text{Spec} = \langle \Sigma, X, AX \rangle$ ,

$\forall t_1, t_2 \in T_{\Sigma, X}$ ,

$t_1 = t_2 \in Th_{Ind}(\text{Spec}) \Leftrightarrow \forall M \in Mod_{Gen}(\text{Spec}), M \vdash t_1 = t_2$

This is the validity and completeness of inductive theories for finitely generated models, i.e. models where all values are reachable from a syntactic term (eval is surjective)



# Example of induction

Given the boolean specification with operations : true, false et not

We want to deduce :  $\text{not}(\text{not}(b)) = b$

The predicate defining the property can be written :

$$P(b) = \text{not}(\text{not}(b)) = b$$

Proof :

*Base cases* :  $P(\text{true}) = \text{not}(\text{not}(\text{true})) = \text{not}(\text{false}) = \text{true}$  ;

$P(\text{false}) = \text{not}(\text{not}(\text{false})) = \text{not}(\text{true}) = \text{false}$  ;

*Induction Step* :  $\text{not}(\text{not}(b)) = b$  implies  $\text{not}(\text{not}(\text{not}(b))) = \text{not}(b)$

substitutability rule with 'not' applied to  $\text{not}(\text{not}(b)) = b$

implies  $\text{not}(\text{not}(\text{not}(b))) = \text{not}(b)$

It must be noted that having finitely generated models wrt the generators allow to only use generators in the proofs.

# Exercise

Prove the commutativity of addition within naturals with 0, succ, + and the axioms

$$x+y = y+x$$

$$x+0 = x$$

$$x + \text{succ } y = \text{succ } (x + y) :$$

$$P(x,y) = x + y = y + x$$

$$\underline{Q(x) = \forall y P(x,y)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad Q(0) = \underline{\forall y P(0,y)}$$

$$\forall y, 0+y = y+0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad Q(z) \Rightarrow Q(s(z))$$

$$\forall y, 0+y = y+0$$

$$y=0$$

$$Q(z) \Rightarrow$$

$$Q(\text{succ}(z))$$

$$0+0 = 0+0$$

$$0+z = z+0 \quad \text{vici}$$

$$0+s(z) = s(z)+0$$

$\underbrace{0}_{\textcircled{1}} \quad \underbrace{s(z)}_{\textcircled{2}}$

$$s(0+z) = s(z)$$

$$s(z+0) = s(z)$$

$\downarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$s(z) = s(z)$$

(Reflexivität)

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(si je schlu)

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# Exercise ctn'd

# Properties in initial and final models

The models can be ordered following an order relation :

$$M_1 \leq M_2 \Leftrightarrow Th(M_1) \subseteq Th(M_2)$$

Where  $Th(M) \Leftrightarrow \{ t_1 = t_2 \mid t_1, t_2 \in T_{\Sigma, X} \text{ and } M \vdash t_1 = t_2 \}$



- The order relation forms a lattice for Horn clauses.
- All equalities between close terms valid in the initial models are valid in the other models (The lower model).
- Initial model  $\Rightarrow$  minimal set of equalities between close terms.  
There is only one initial model for Horn clause theories.
- For each equality valid in the final model there exists a model different from the initial model for which this equality is true.
- final model  $\Rightarrow$  maximal set of equalities between close terms,  
i.e such that  $\forall t_1, t_2 \in T_{\Sigma, X}, Triv \vdash t_1 = t_2$

Example :  $Triv_{Bool} \vdash true = false$

# Contradiction and incompleteness

What is happening if contradiction occurs ?

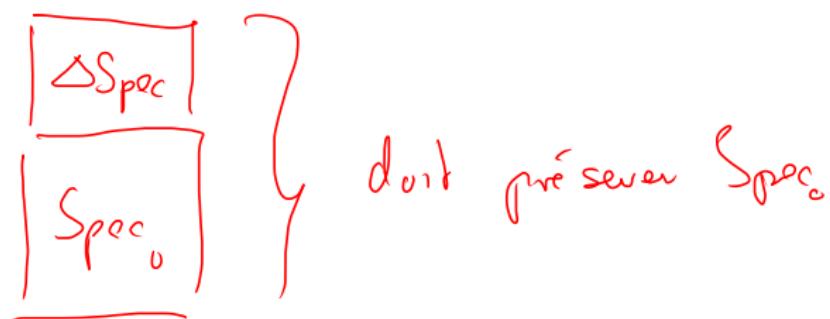
$$\text{ss}(0) = 0 \quad ?$$

What is happening if incomplete definitions are given ?

In fact these notions are not well defined !

# Hierarchies in Algebraic Specifications

- Deal with progressive development of systems
- Flat specification implies no bound on the effect of axioms.
- There is no isolation mechanism in standard logic.
- Need to isolate properties  $\Rightarrow$  no perturbation over hierarchical levels when using specifications.



# Hierarchical Specification

- Hierarchical constraints  $\Rightarrow$  reflect decomposition of the process of building specifications.
- The modules of the specification should be implemented separately.
- Kind of perturbations :
  - 'junk' : values are added when a module is extended  $\Rightarrow$  sufficient completeness.
  - 'confusion' : values are collapsed when extending a module  $\Rightarrow$  hierarchical consistency.

# Hierarchical models

HMod(Spec) s.t. Spec =  $\Delta$ Spec + Spec0

The restriction (forget) to sub-modules will preserve their semantics.<sup>1</sup> The semantics of the ground module is chosen as an initial semantics (for ex. booleans with true  $\neq$  false)

## Definition (Hierarchical models)

$$HMod(Spec) = \{m \in Mod(Spec) \mid U(m) \in Mod(Spec0)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Th_m(Spec) &= Th(Spec_0 + \Delta Spec) \\ &= Th(Spec_0) \cup Th(\Delta Spec) \end{aligned}$$

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1. The forgetful functor is noted  $U$ .

# Example :Sufficient Completeness

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Adt Passuffcomplet;
Interface
  Use Naturals,Booleans;
  Operations
    f : natural-> boolean;
  Body
  Axioms
    f(succ(x)) = false;
    Where x: natural;
End Passuffcomplet;

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$$f(0) \in \text{boolean}$$

$$\neg\neg(f(0)) \in \text{boolean}$$

⇒ problem : a new value exists :  $f(0)$  of type boolean in the initial model.

# Example : hierarchical Consistency

```

Adt Pasconsistant;
Interface
  Use Naturals,Booleans;
  Operations
    f : natural-> boolean;
Body
  Axioms
    ① f(succ(x)) = false;
    ② f(0) = true;
    ③ f(succ(succ(x))) = true;
      Where x: natural;
End Pasconsistant;

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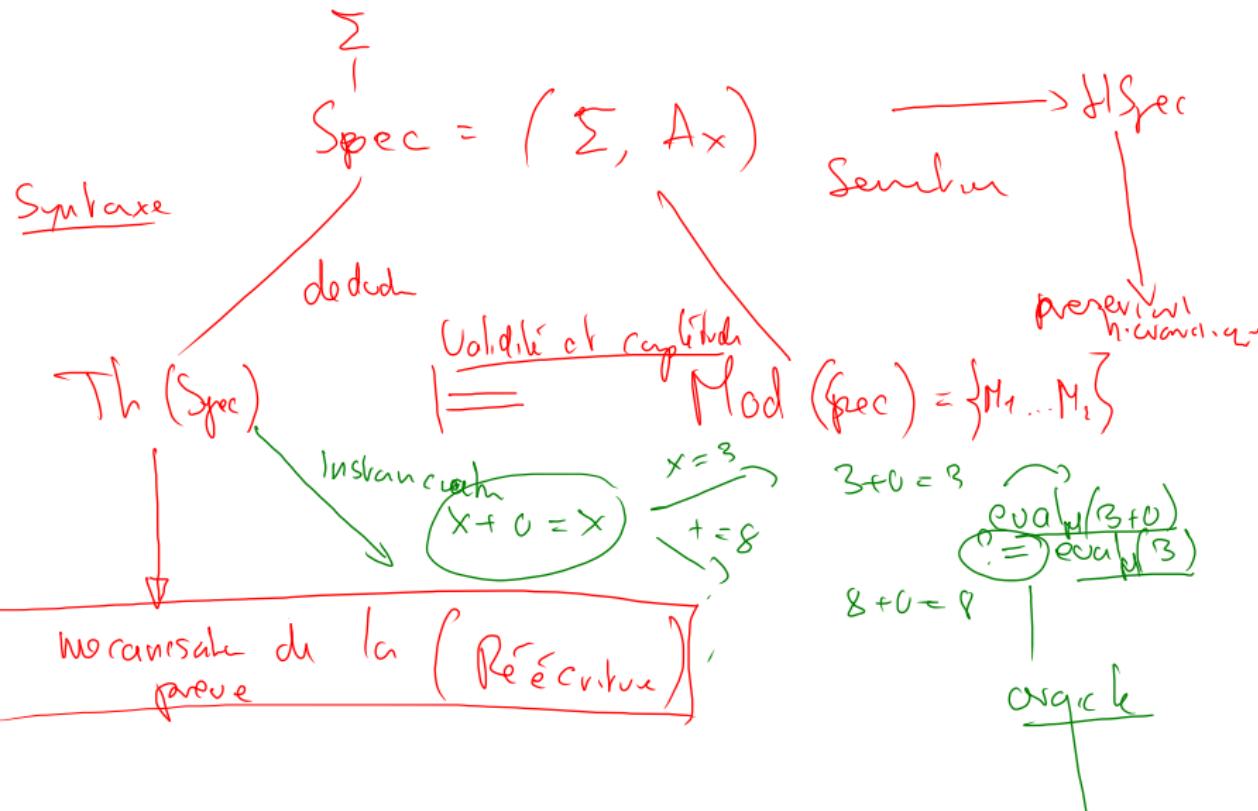
$$\textcircled{1} \quad x = s/z$$

$$f(ss(z)) = \text{false}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(ss(\cancel{z})) = \text{true}$$

hasht  
true = false

⇒ problem : we have now that true = false in the initial model.



# Other algebraic specification formalisms

Various extensions of the basic presented approach :

- Partial functions  $\Rightarrow$  definition predicate
- Sub-sort definitions  $\Rightarrow$  inclusion relation between algebras
- Exceptional cases  $\Rightarrow$  exceptions as labels on values
- and : State algebras, concurrency, bounds ...

*f par defn sur  
Tout domani  
 $DV \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$*

# Exercise : Modeling Trees (1)

# Exercise : Modeling Trees (2)

# Non determinism in implementation

Naive approach to define non-determinism in implementation :

```
Adt NaiveNondeterminism;
```

```
f: natural -> boolean;
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Axiom

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f(x) = b;
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Where  $x:\text{natural}$ ;  $b : \text{boolean}$ ;

What are the resulting properties of such specification ?

$x, b$  are universally quantified  $\Rightarrow$  i.e.  $f(0) = \text{true}$  and

$f(0) = \text{false} \Rightarrow \text{true} = \text{false}$

Which is not a valid hierarchical model

# Correct non determinism in implementation

Consistent non-determinism in implementation :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (\text{true} \vee \text{False}) \\ f(x) &\geq \text{true} \\ f(x) &= \text{false} \end{aligned}$$

Adt Nondeterminism;

$f : \text{natural} \rightarrow \text{boolean}$ ;

Axiom

$$f(x) = b \Rightarrow ((b = \text{true}) \text{ or } (b = \text{false})) = \text{true};$$

Where  $x : \text{natural}$ ;  $b : \text{boolean}$ ;

What are the resulting properties of such specification ?

$x, b$  are universally quantified  $\Rightarrow$  but in the condition it is existentially quantified .

As the functions are deterministic, a correct model has a 'f' function which choose a boolean value.

$\{1, 2, 5\}$

Exercise :

define the choose function in sets.

# Summary

- Deductive and inductive theories have been presented
- The valid properties of the initial model are also valid in all models
- The use of finitely generated models wrt to constructors simplify inductive proofs.