

Model-based Software Product Lines

Variability Models (Part 3)

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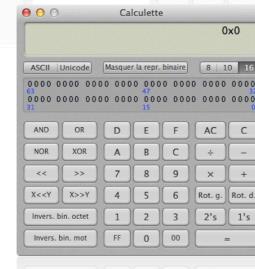
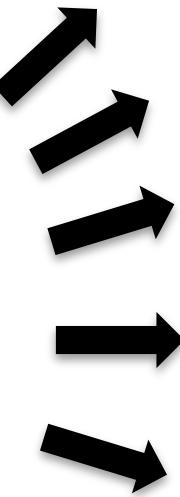
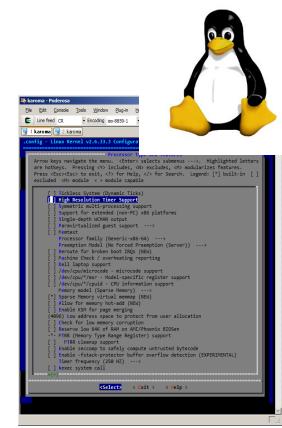
Material

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Agenda

- Previously
- Feature Models
 - Syntax and Semantics (advanced)
 - Feature diagrams and formula
- Compositions
 - Motivation
 - Feature Model Synthesis
 - Techniques
- Two open problems

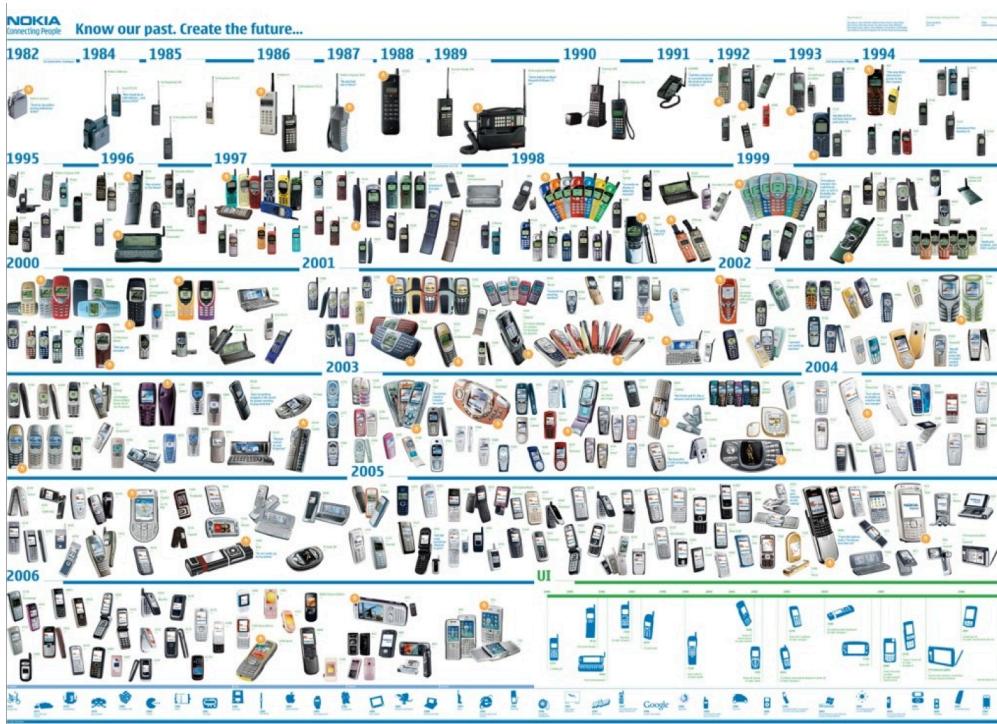
Previously



Linux Kernel



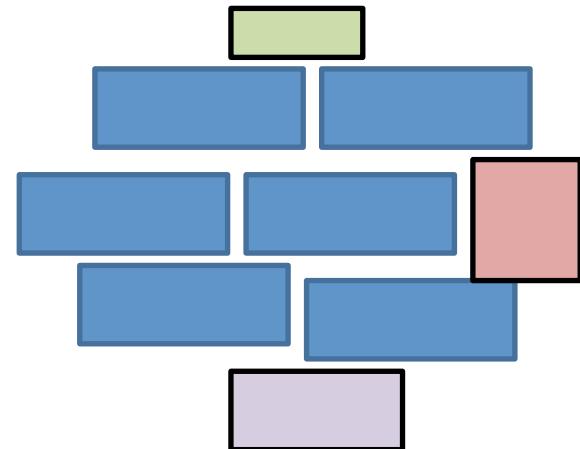
2000 features



Software Product Line Engineering

Factoring out **commonalities**

for **Reuse** [Krueger et al., 1992] [Jacobson et al., 1997]



Managing **variabilities**

for Software **Mass Customization** [Bass et al., 1998] [Krueger et al., 2001], [Pohl et al., 2005]



Variability Management

Common features

print – connect with computer...

Variable features

fax – scan – USB port...

Product-specific features

serial port

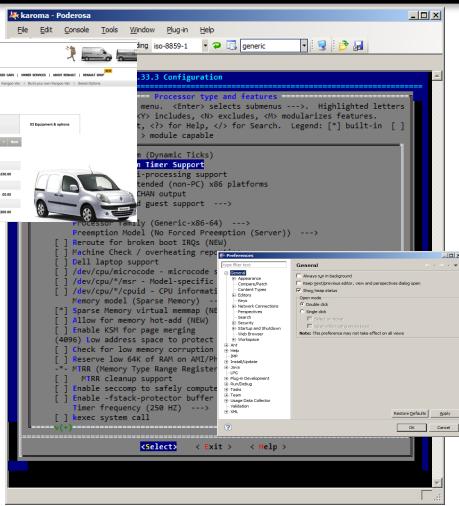


Variability

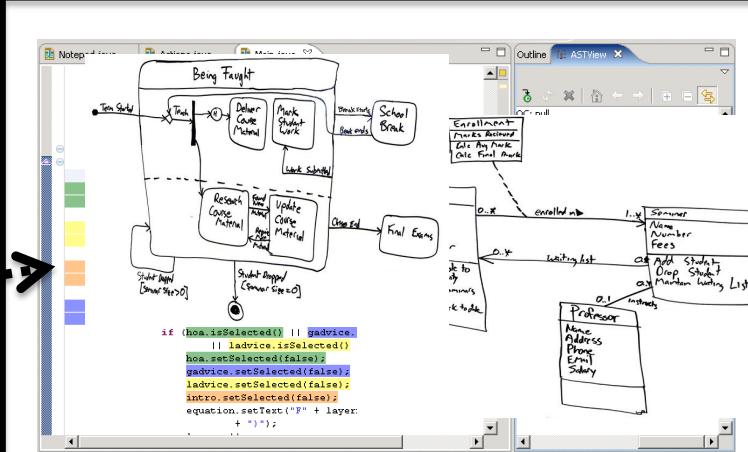
“the ability of a system to be efficiently extended, changed, customized or configured for use in a particular context”

Mikael Svahnberg, Jilles van Gurp, and Jan Bosch (2005)





Variability Abstraction Model (VAM)



Variability Realization Model (VRM)

Domain Artefacts (e.g., models)



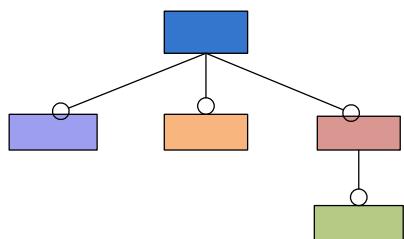
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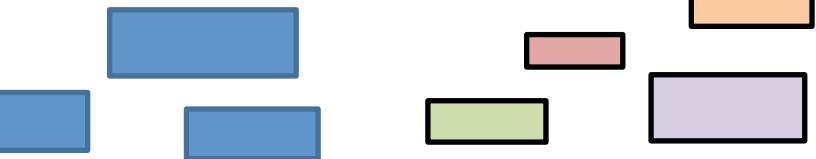
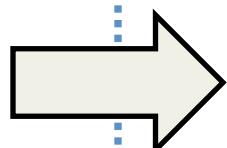
**Software Generator
(derivation engine)**



Domain engineering (development for reuse)



Variability Model

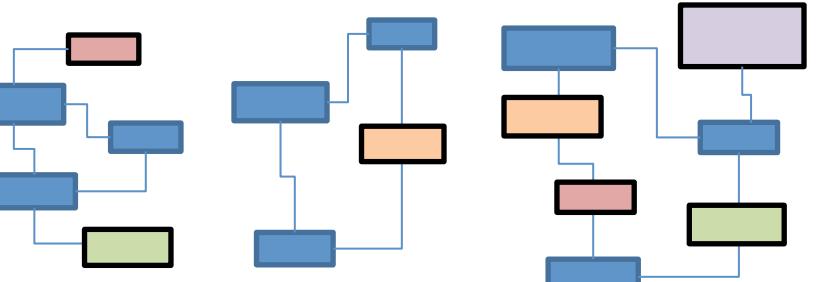
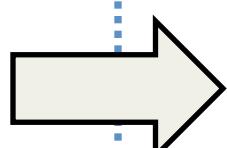
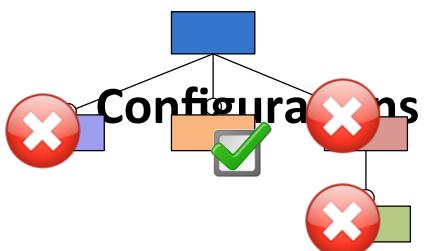


Common assets

Variants

Reusable Assets

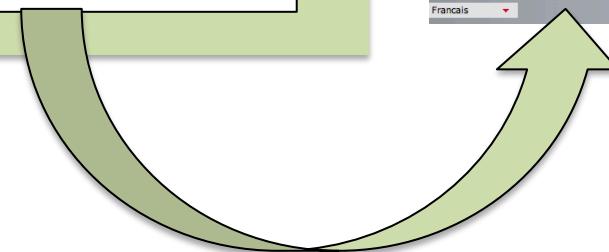
(e.g., models or source code)



Application engineering (development with reuse)

Variability Models

- ▼ CarEquipment
 - ▼ ● Healthing
 - ▼ A
 - AirConditioningFrontAndRear
 - AirConditioning
 - ▼ ● Comfort
 - AutomaticHeadLights
 - ▼ ● DrivingAndSafety
 - FrontFogLights
- ▼ Constraints
 - AutomaticHeadLights ⇒ FrontFogLights



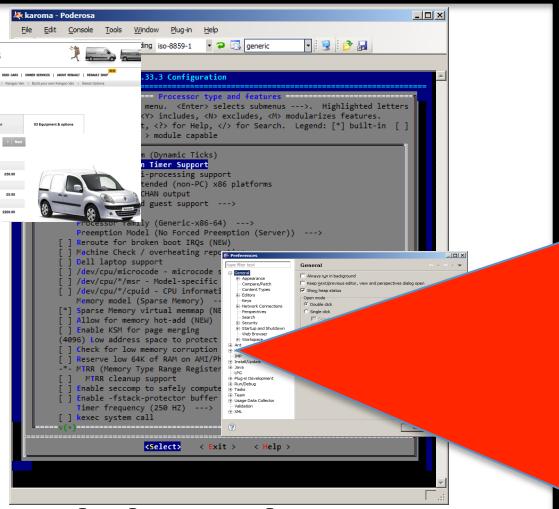
The screenshot shows the Audi R8 Spyder configuration interface. At the top, there are three car models: a blue hatchback, a grey sedan, and a white hatchback. Below them is a view of the interior of the white car. To the right, a detailed equipment list is displayed:

Modèle	Prix total
R8 Spyder 5.2 FSI quattro R tronic	185.899,35 EUR
Prix de base	170.490,00 EUR
Équipements optionnels	15.409,35 EUR

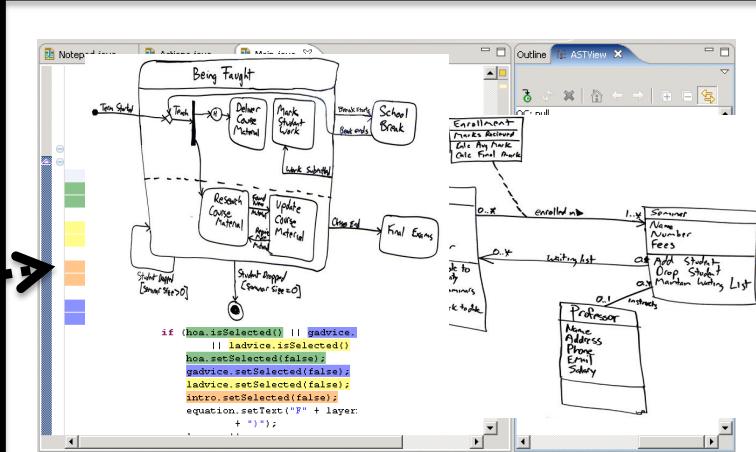
Below the table are several checkboxes for optional equipment, each with a small image and price:

- Régulateur de vitesse: 320,65 EUR
- Système d'aide au stationnement APS avant / arrière: 931,70 EUR
- Système d'aide au stationnement APS avant / arrière avec affichage dans l'écran MMI: 1.373,35 EUR
- Système d'aide au stationnement Advanced : APS avant et arrière et caméra arrière: 1.790,80 EUR

At the bottom left, there is a code editor window titled "Notepad.java" showing Java code related to the configuration logic. On the right, there is an "Outline" view showing the structure of the code.



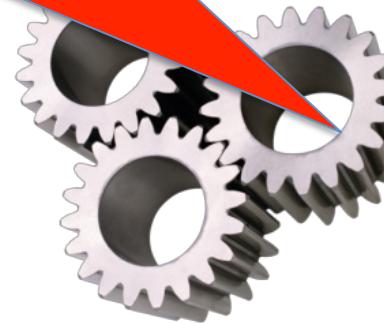
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Domain Artefacts (e.g., models)



Configuration (resolution model)



Software Generator (derivation engine)





Illegal variant

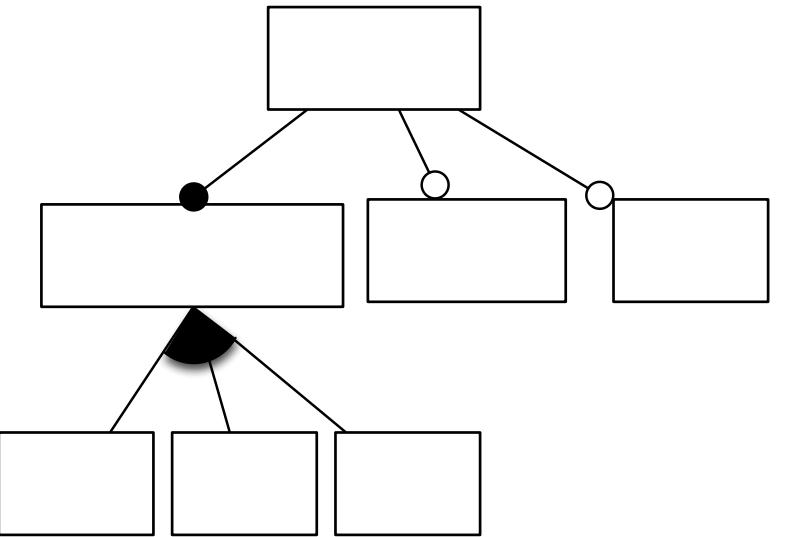
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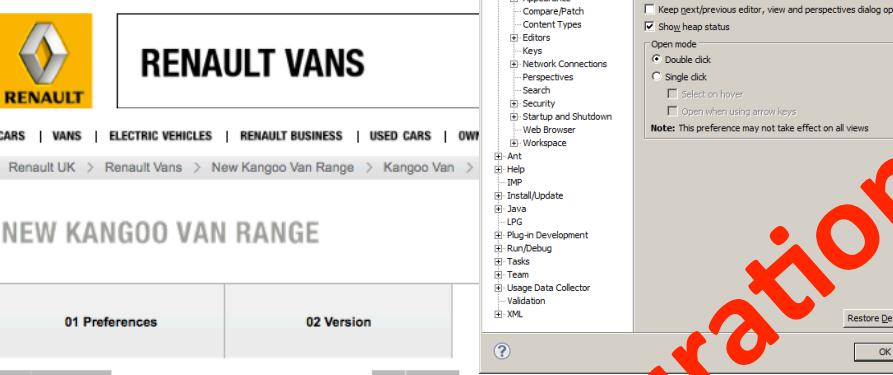
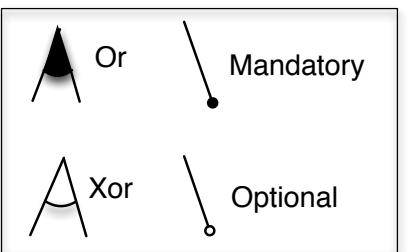
Feature Models

Syntacs, Semantics
Feature diagram, Formula

Feature Models



not, and, or, implies



httpd.conf -- win32 Apache
Building a Web Server, for Windows

```

Listen 80
ServerRoot "/www/Apache2"
DocumentRoot "/www/webroot"

ServerName localhost:80
ServerAdmin admin@local

ServerSignature On
ServerTokens Full

DefaultType text/plain
AddDefaultCharset iso-8859-1
UseCanonicalName Off
HostHeader Lookups Off
ErrorLog logs/error.log
LogLevel error

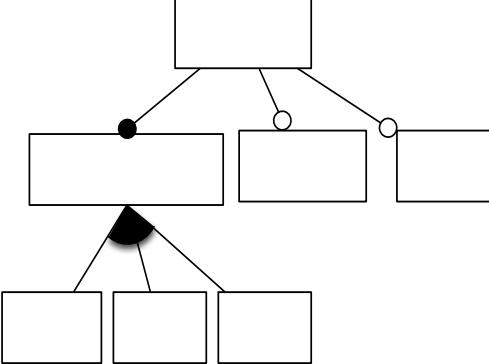
PidFile logs/httpd.pid

Timeout 300

KeepAlive On
MaxKeepAliveRequests 10
KeepAliveTimeout 15

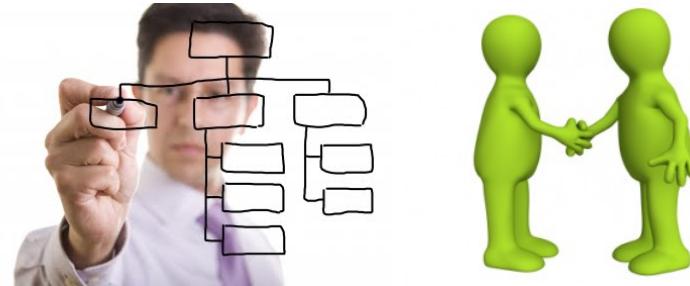
<IfModule mpm_winnt.c>
  ThreadsPerChild 250
  MaxRequestsPerChild 0
</IfModule>
  
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Feature Model



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Communicative



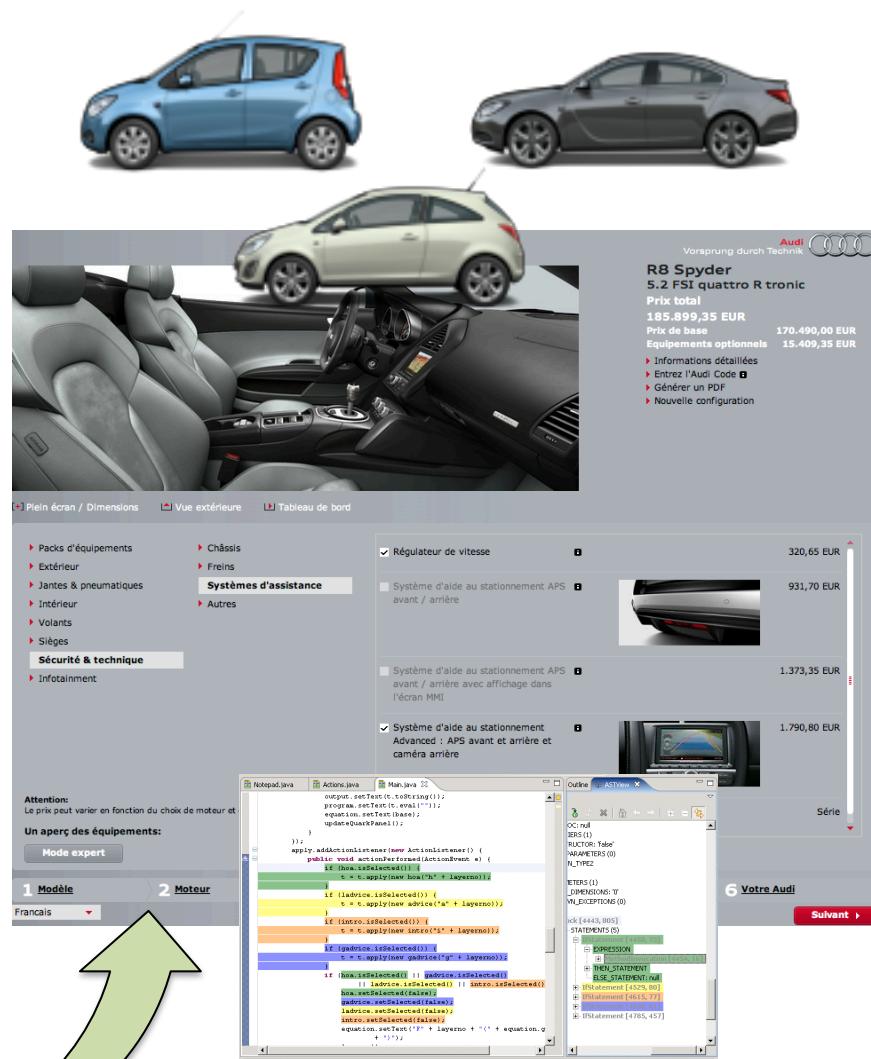
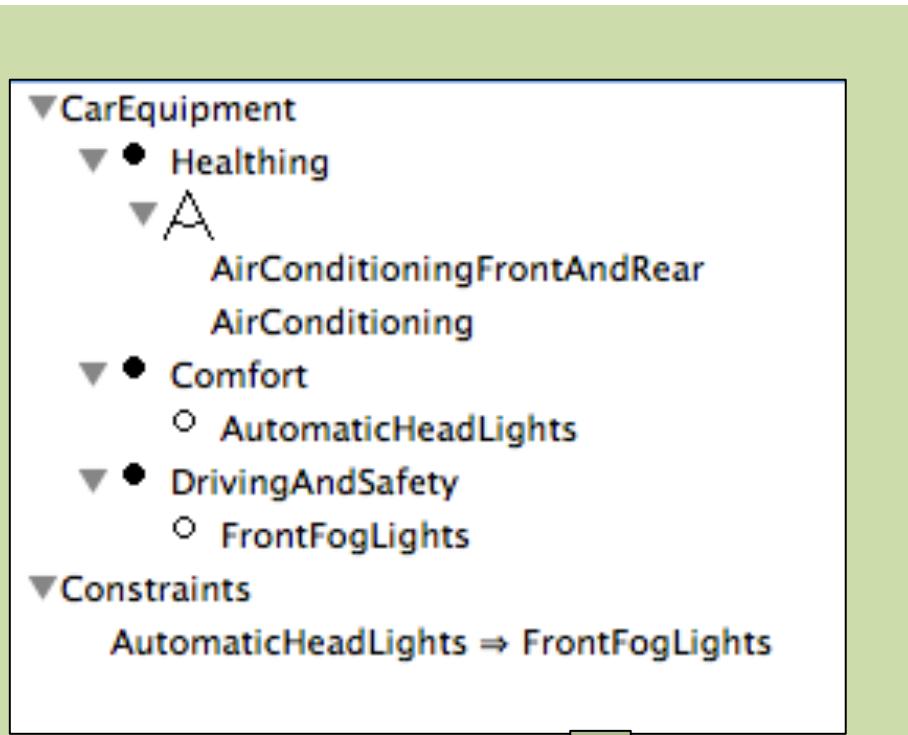
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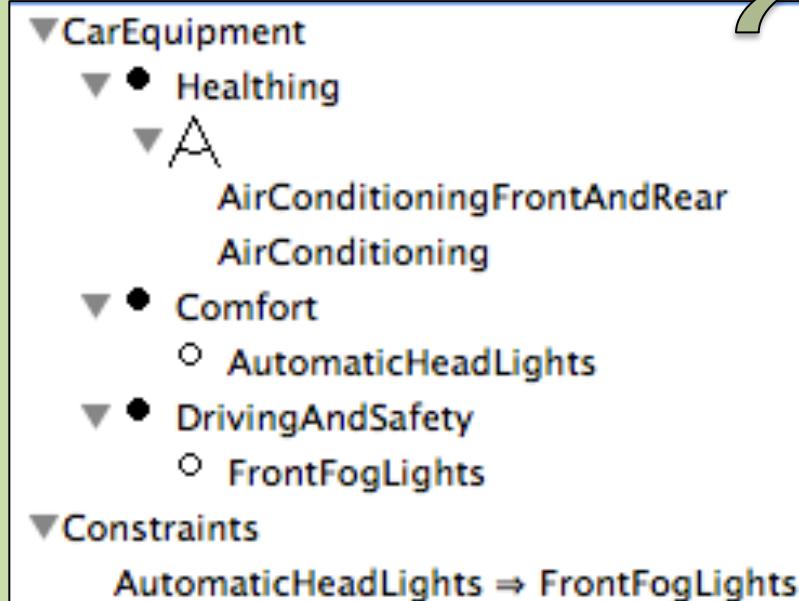
Generative



Feature Models



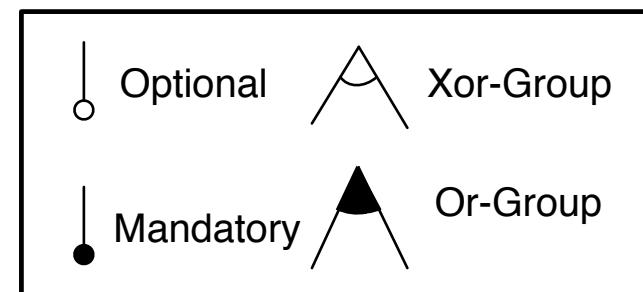
Feature Models (Background)

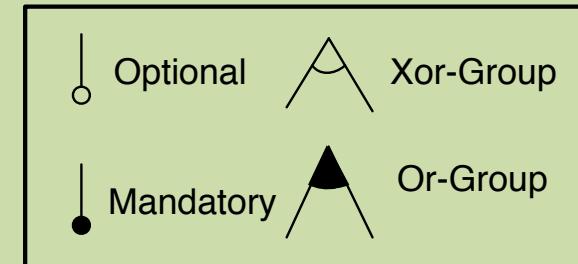
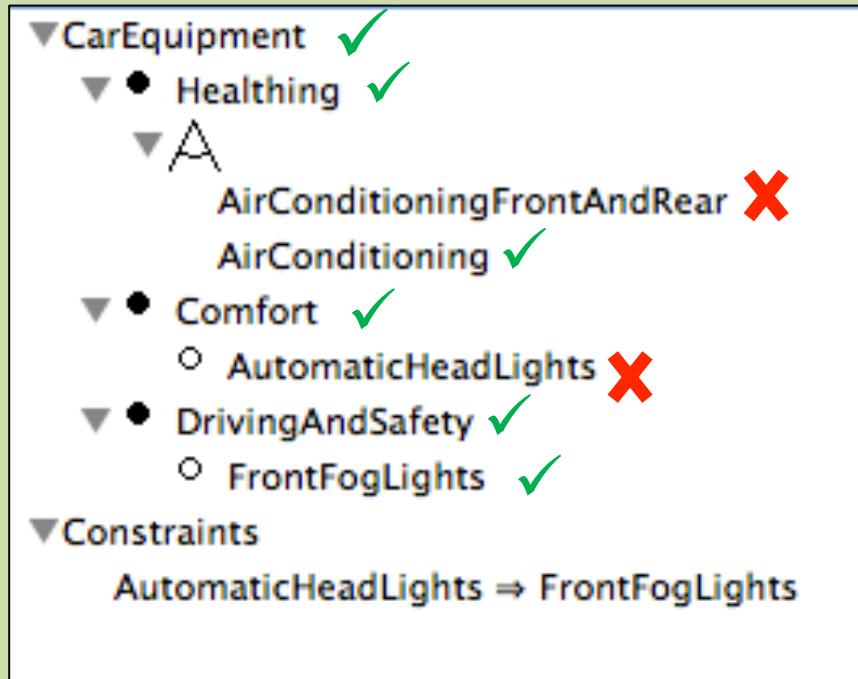


Hierarchy: rooted tree

Variability:

- mandatory,
- optional,
- Groups: exclusive or inclusive features
- Cross-tree constraints





Hierarchy + Variability

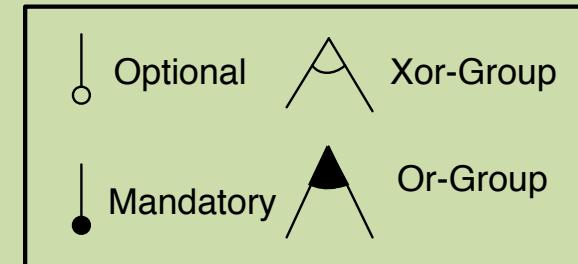
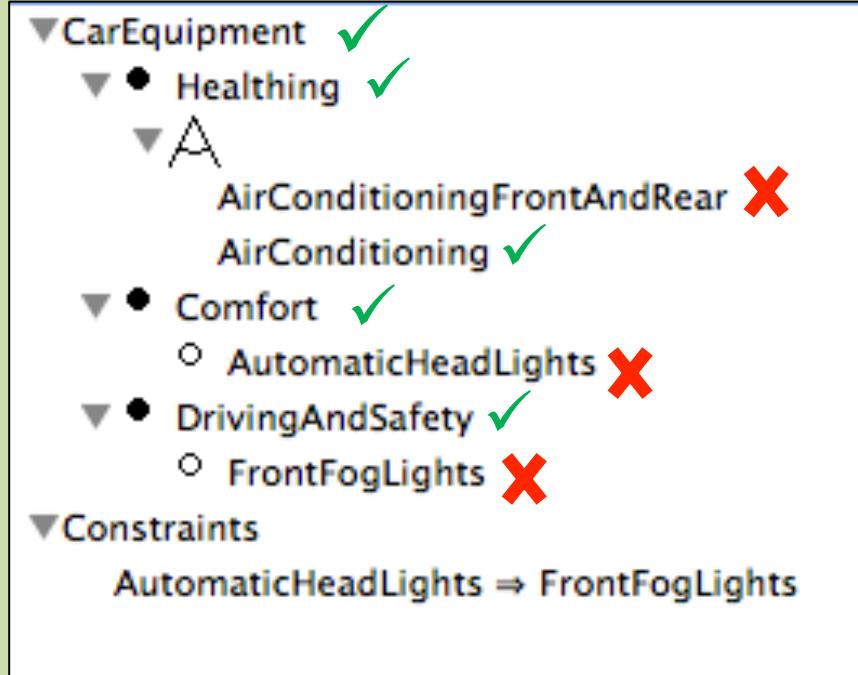
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set of valid configurations

configuration = set of features selected

{CarEquipment, Comfort, DrivingAndSafety, Healthing, AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}





Hierarchy + Variability

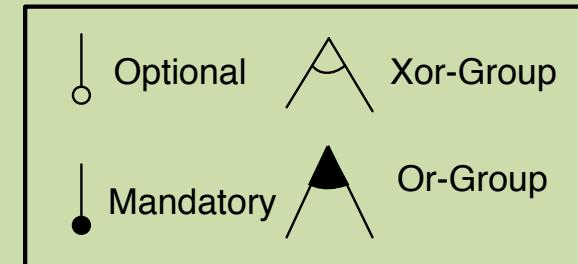
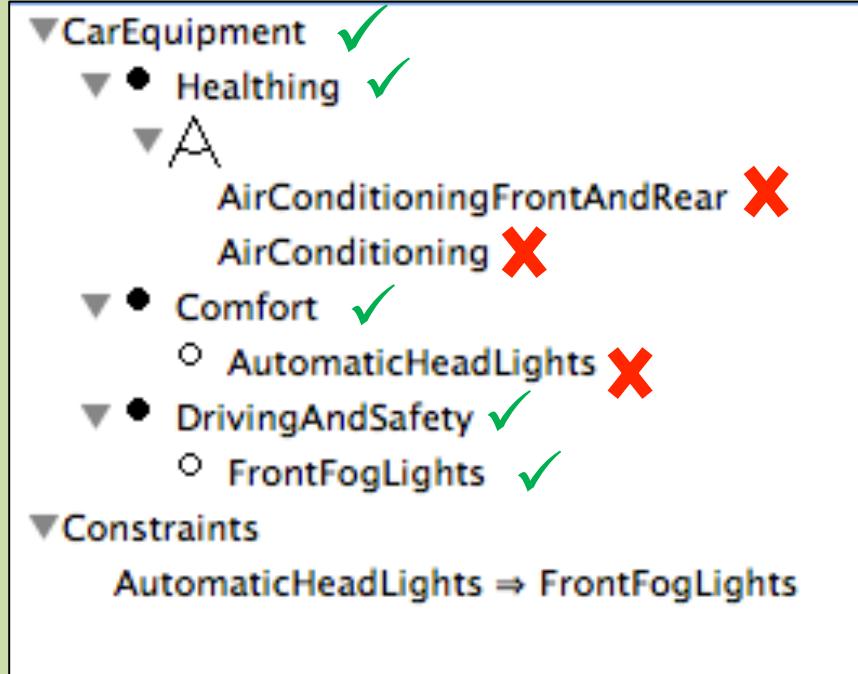
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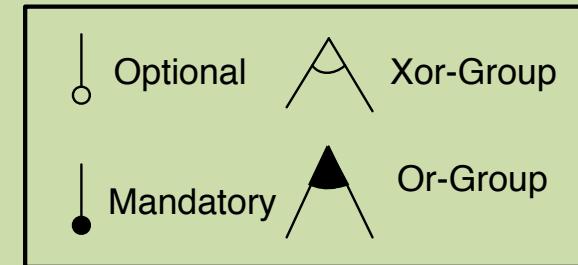
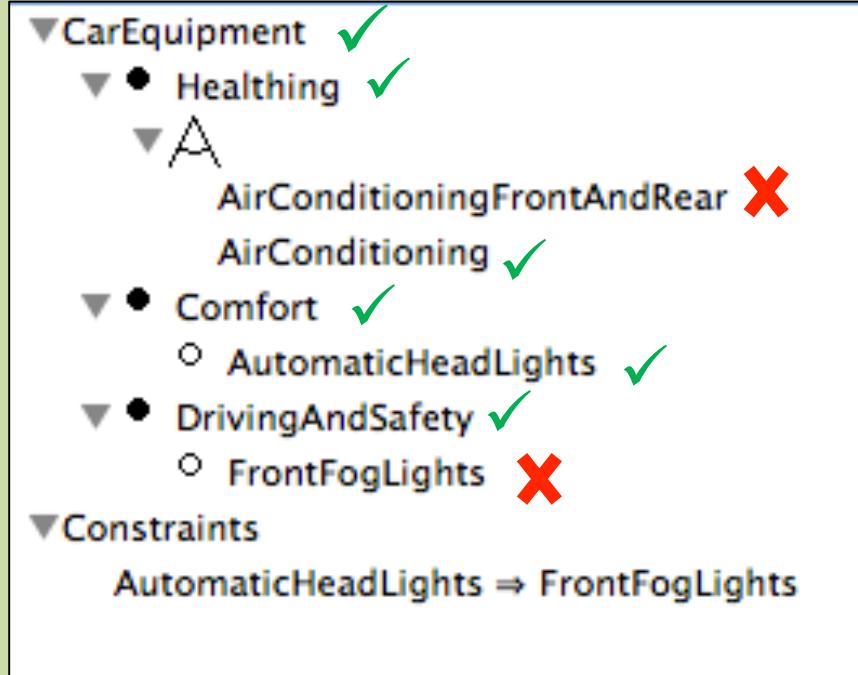
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Hierarchy + Variability

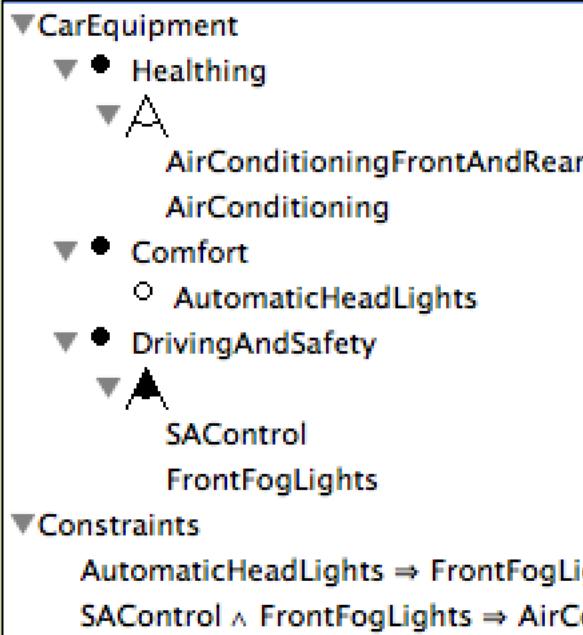
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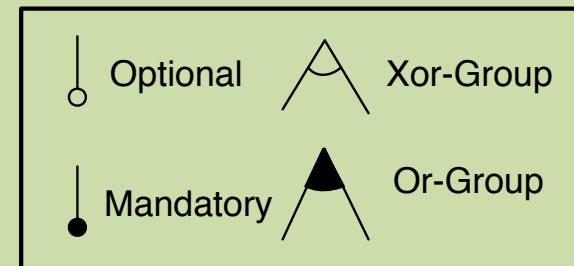
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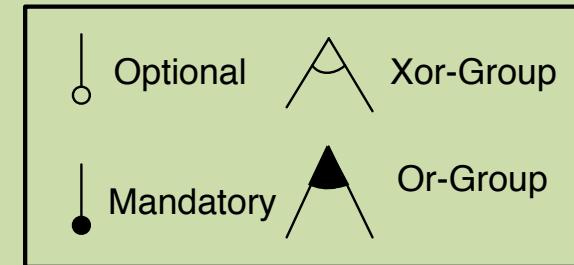
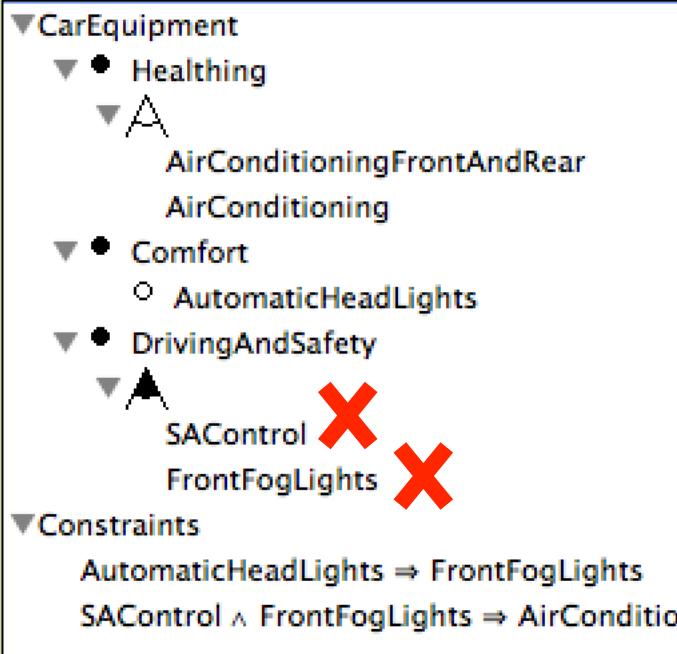
Boolean logic: \wedge , \vee , not, implies



Hierarchy + Variability
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set of valid configurations





Hierarchy + Variability

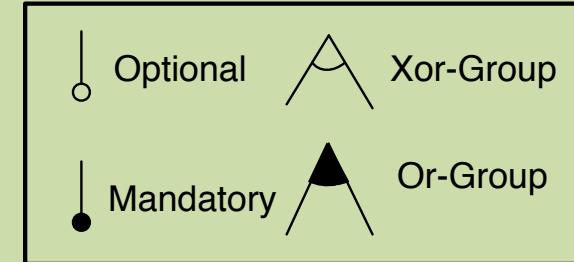
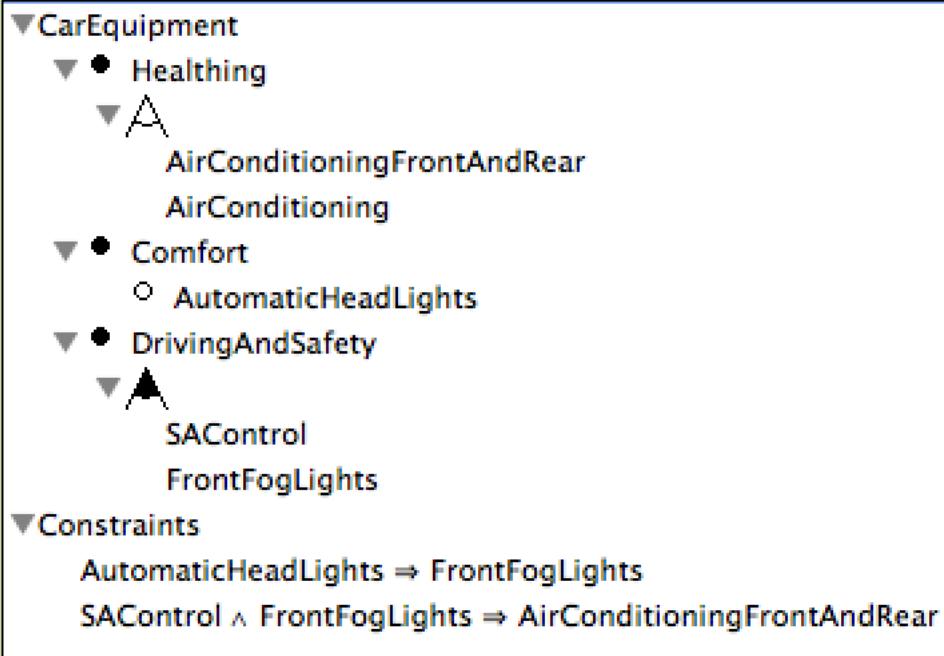
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Or-group: at least one!





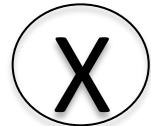
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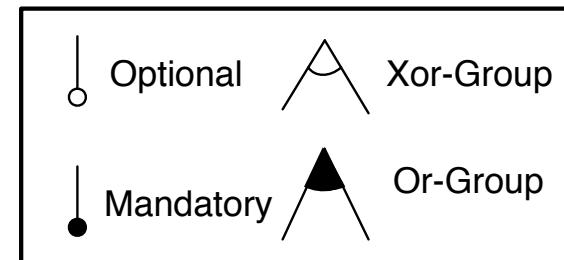
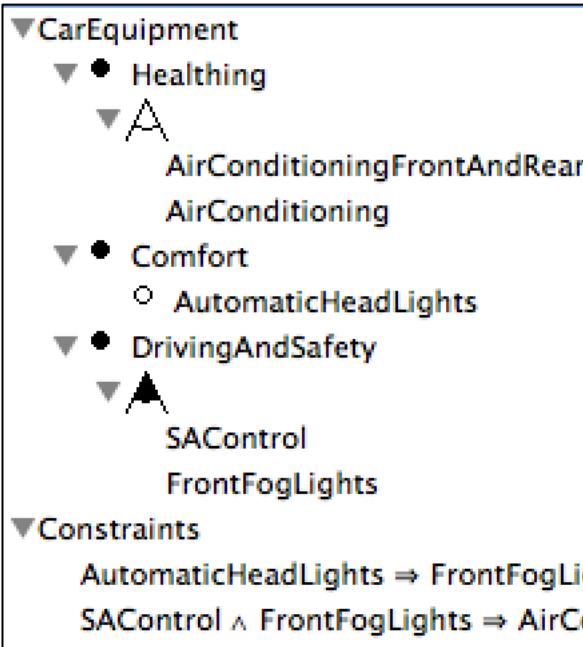
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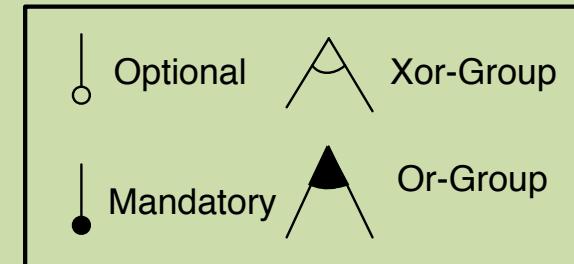
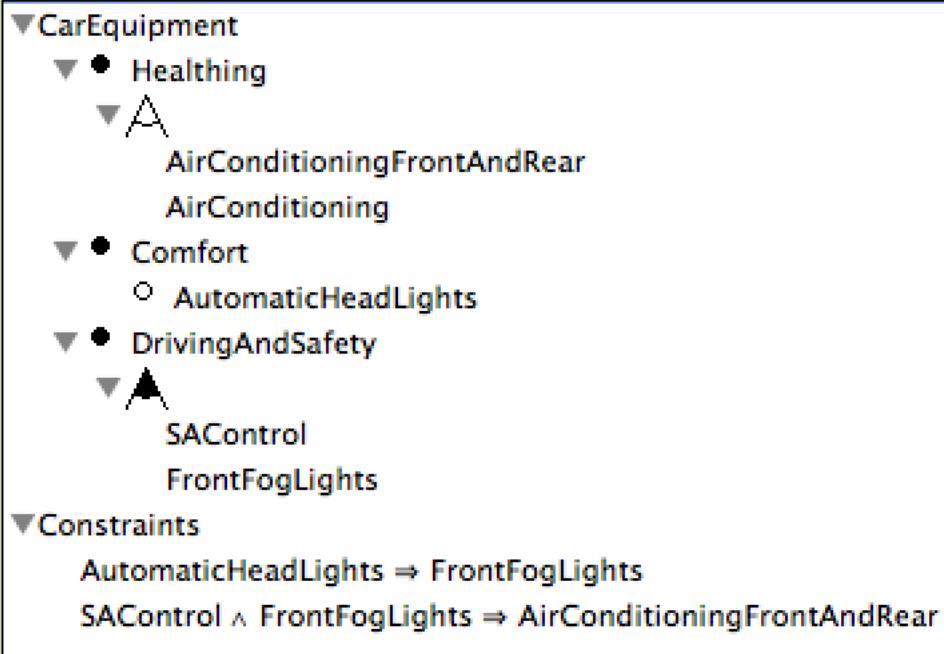
Formal semantics of a language

- **formal syntax** (L) – clearcut syntactic rules defining all legal diagrams, a.k.a. syntactic domain
- **semantic domain** (S) – a mathematical abstraction of the real-world concepts to be modelled
- **semantic function** ($M: L \rightarrow S$) – clearcut semantic rules defining the meaning of all legal diagrams



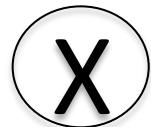
Definition 2 (Feature Diagram) A feature diagram $FD = \langle G, E_{MAND}, G_{XOR}, G_{OR}, I, EX \rangle$ is defined as follows: $G = (\mathcal{F}, E, r)$ is a rooted, labeled tree where \mathcal{F} is a finite set of features, $E \subseteq \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ is a finite set of edges and $r \in \mathcal{F}$ is the root feature ; $E_{MAND} \subseteq E$ is a set of edges that define mandatory features with their parents ; $G_{XOR} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}) \times \mathcal{F}$ and $G_{OR} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}) \times \mathcal{F}$ define feature groups and are sets of pairs of child features together with their common parent feature ; I a set of implies constraints whose form is $A \Rightarrow B$, EX is a set of excludes constraints whose form is $A \Rightarrow \neg B$ ($A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}$).

Definition 3 (Feature Model) An FM is a tuple $\langle FD, \psi \rangle$ where FD is a feature diagram and ψ is a propositional formula over the set of features \mathcal{F} .



Definition 1 (Configuration Semantics) A configuration of an FM feature is defined as a set of selected features. $[fm_1]$ denotes the set of valid configurations of fm_1 and is a set of sets of features.

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Exercice #1: Feature Model

- #1.1 Give two feature models with the same configuration semantics but with different syntax
- #1.2 Does it matter ?

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A ^  
A ⇔ B ^  
C => A ^  
D => A
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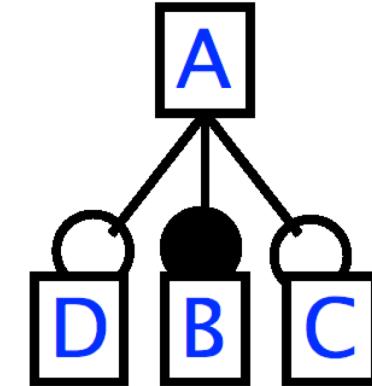
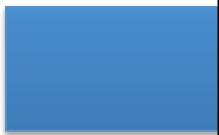
Feature Model Synthesis Problem

[Czarnecki et al., SPLC'07]

[She et al., ICSE'11]

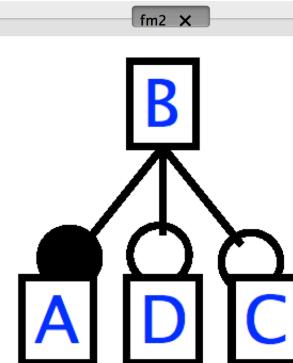
[Andersen et al., SPLC'12]

φ



FM

```
fm2 = FM (B : A [C] [D] ; )  
fm3 = FM (B : A ; A : [C] [D] ; )  
fm4 = FM (A : B [D] ; B : [C] ; )  
fm5 = FM (A : B [C] ; B : [D] ; )  
  
b12 = compare fm1 fm2  
b13 = compare fm1 fm3  
b14 = compare fm1 fm4  
b15 = compare fm1 fm5  
assert (b12 eq REFACTORING)
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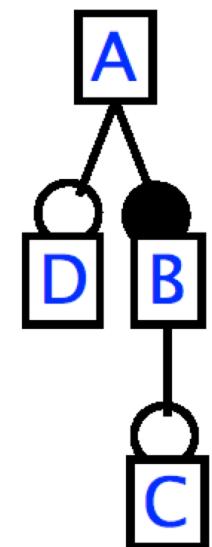


x fm2 x

x fm3 x



x fm4 x



#1 Reverse Engineering Scenarios

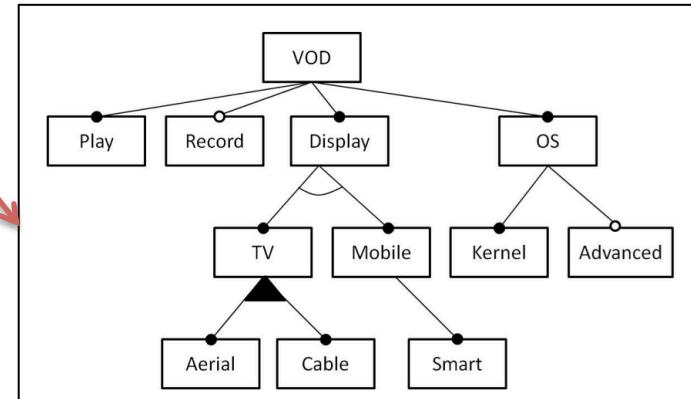
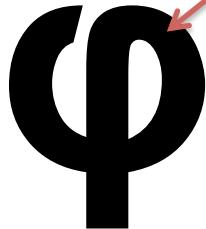
- [Haslinger et al., WCRE'11], [Acher et al., VaMoS'12]

P	V	P	R	D	O	T	M	S	K	Ad	Ae	C
P1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
P2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
P3	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
P4	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
P5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
P6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
P7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
P8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
P9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
P10	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
P11	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
P12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
P13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
P14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
P15	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
P16	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			

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// from product descriptions to feature models
// typically something generated by VariCell (see VaMoS'12 paper or the dedicated web page)
fm_1 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_2 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P K V O ; )
fm_3 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_4 = FM (VOD: T Ae D P V K O ; )
fm_5 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_6 = FM (VOD: R T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_7 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P V K O C ; )
fm_8 = FM (VOD: R T D P K V O C ; )
fm_9 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_10 = FM (VOD: T D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_11 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P V K O C ; )
fm_12 = FM (VOD: T D P K V O C ; )
fm_13 = FM (VOD: R S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_14 = FM (VOD: R S D P K V O M ; )
fm_15 = FM (VOD: S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_16 = FM (VOD: S D P V K O M ; )

// fmR represents the union of configurations/products
// characterized by fm_1, fm_2, ..., fm_16
fmR := merge_sunion fm_*
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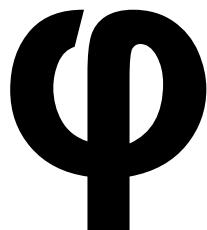
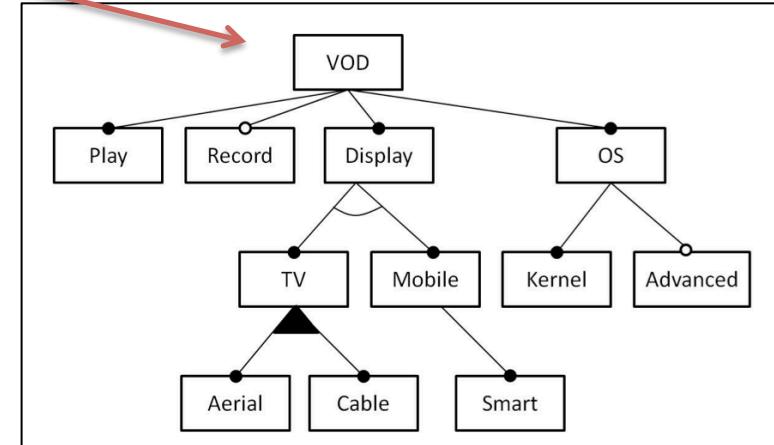
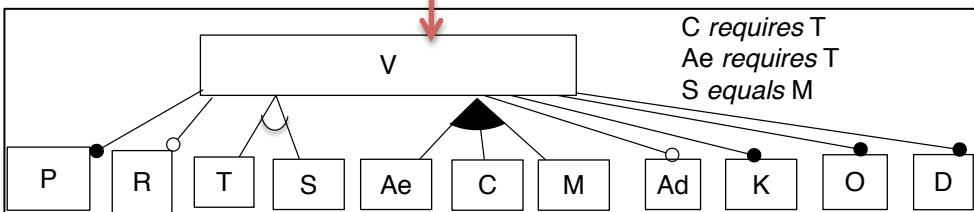
fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;



#2 Refactoring

- [Alves et al., GPCE'06], [Thuem et al., ICSE'09]

```
// refactoring!
fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;
```



```
fml> compare fmR fmR2
res0: (STRING) REFACTORING
```

Feature Model SemanticS

- As configuration semantics is not sufficient...
- **Ontological** semantics
 - Hierarchy
 - And feature groups

Exercice #2: Class Diagram

- #1.1 Give two class diagrams with the same semantics but with different syntax
 - (preliminary) what is the semantic domain of CDs?
- #1.2 Does it matter ?

3.1 Class diagrams language

As a concrete CD language we use the class diagrams of UML/P [29], a conceptually refined and simplified variant of UML designed for low-level design and implementation. Our semantics of CDs is based on [11] and is given in terms of sets of objects and relationships between these objects. More formally, the semantics is defined using three parts: a precise definition of the syntactic domain, i.e., the syntax of the modeling language CD and its context conditions (we use MontiCore [16, 24] for this); a semantic domain - for us, a subset of the System Model (see [7, 8]) OM, consisting of all finite object models; and a mapping $sem : CD \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(OM)$, which relates each syntactically well-formed CD to a set of constructs in the semantic domain OM. For a thorough and formal account of the semantics see [8].

Note that we use a *complete* interpretation for CDs (see [29] ch. 3.4). This roughly means that ‘whatever is not in the CD, should indeed not be present in the object model’. In particular, we assume that the list of attributes of each class is complete, e.g., an `employee` object with an `id` and a `salary` is not considered as part of the semantics of an `Employee` class with an `id` only.

The CD language constructs we support include generalization (inheritance), interface implementation, abstract and singleton classes, class attributes, uni- and bi-directional associations with multiplicities, enumerations, aggregation, and composition.

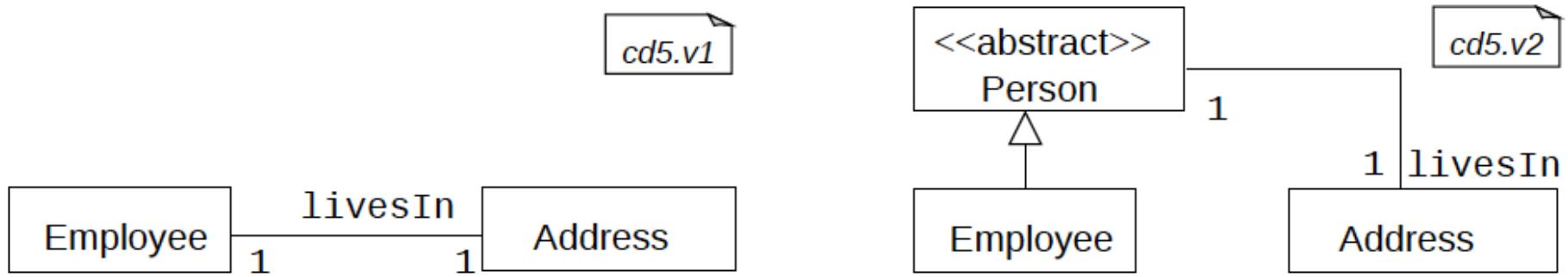


Fig. 4. *cd5.v1* and its revised version *cd5.v2*. The two versions have equal semantics.

Exercice #3: Feature Model

Given a set of configurations s , can we characterize s with a feature diagram fd ?

ie $[[fd]] = s$

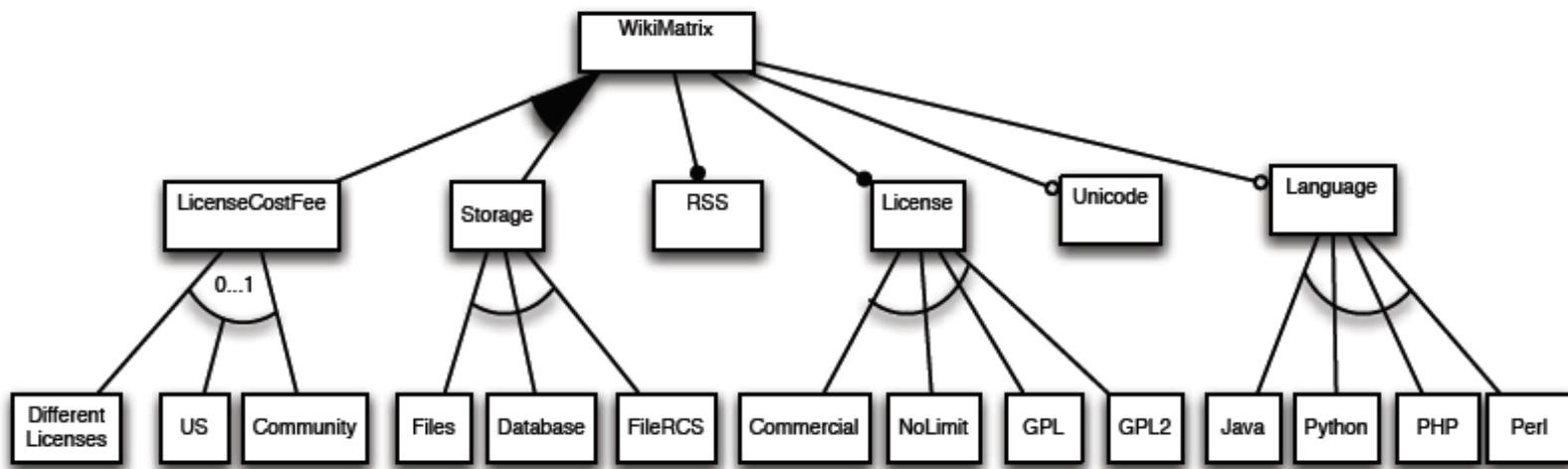
Feature Diagram ?

```
s = {{A},  
     {A,C,B},  
     {B,A},  
     {C,D,A},  
     {D,A},  
     {A,D,B},  
     {A,C}  
}
```

```
fm1 = FM (A : [B] [C] [D] ^  
           // B, C and D are optional features of A  
           ((B & C) -> !D) ^  
           )
```

Feature Diagram ?

Identifier	License	Language	Storage	LicenseCostFee	RSS	Unicode
Confluence	Commercial	Java	Database	US10	Yes	Yes
PBwiki	Nolimit	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
MoinMoin	GPL	Python	Files	No	Yes	Yes
DokuWiki	GPL2	PHP	Files	No	Yes	Yes
PmWiki	GPL2	PHP	Files	No	Yes	Yes
DrupalWiki	GPL2	PHP	Database	Different Licences	Yes	Yes
TWiki	GPL	Perl	FilesRCS	Community	Yes	Yes
MediaWiki	GPL	PHP	Database	No	Yes	Yes

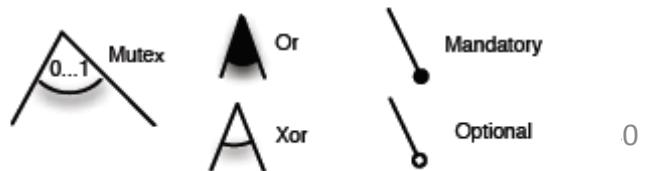


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 Storage <-> Unicode
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 Commercial <-> US10
 FileRCS <-> Perl
 Unicode <-> Language
 US10 <-> Java

I =
 GPL2 -> PHP
 GPL -> Storage

E =
 DifferentLicenses -> -GPL
 Database -> -Python
 Nolimit -> -DifferentLicenses
 Unicode -> -Nolimit
 LicenseCostFee -> -Files

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Exercice #3: Feature Model (bis)

$s = \{\{A\}, \{B\}\}$

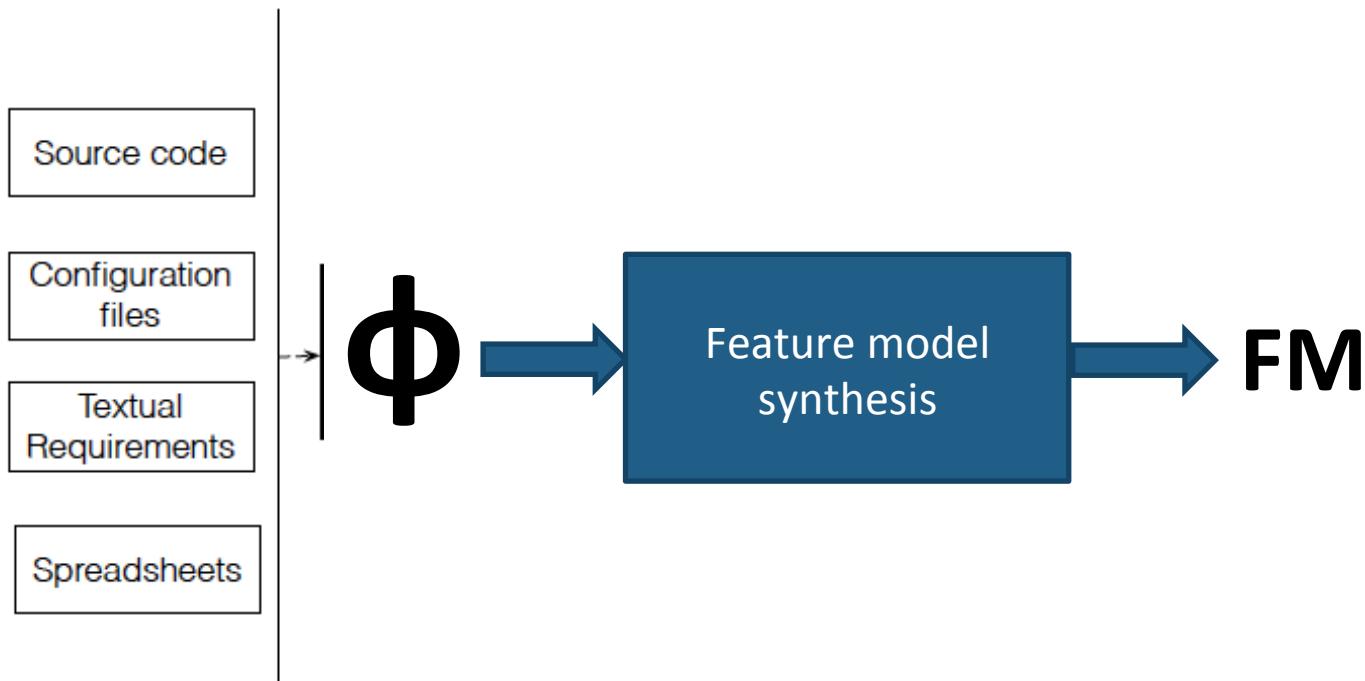
$fd = ?$

Feature Model: Key Insights

- Semantics
 - Configuration and ontological
- Syntax
 - Feature diagram vs Feature Model
 - Feature diagram not expressively complete
- Feature models are a (syntactical) view of a propositional formula

Synthesis techniques

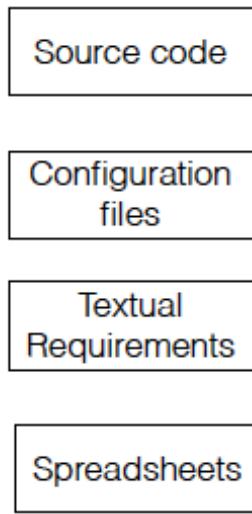
From formula to
feature models (from semantics to syntacs)



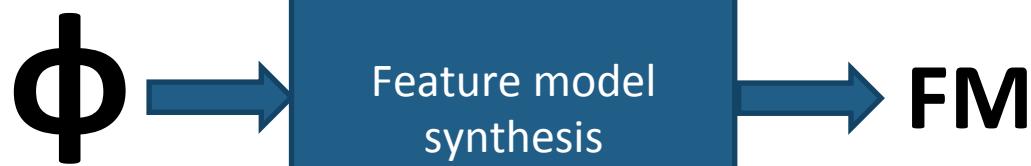
Feature model synthesis problem

Input: ϕ , a propositional formula representing the **dependencies** over a set of features F .

Output: a maximal feature model with a **sound configuration semantics** (and an appropriate **ontological semantics**)



Intuition: compute all possible feature groups, mutual exclusions, (bi-)implications



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$(\varphi : \text{formula over } F \text{ rooted in } r, r \in F)$

▷ Find and remove all dead features

$$1 \quad D = \{f \in F \mid \varphi \wedge r \rightarrow \neg f\}$$

$$2 \quad \varphi = \varphi[d \mapsto 0]_{d \in D}$$

▷ Compute the implication graph $G(V, E)$

$$3 \quad V = F \setminus D$$

$$4 \quad E = \{(u, v) \in V \times V \mid \varphi \wedge u \rightarrow v\}$$

▷ Compute strongly connected components

$$5 \quad V' = \{S \subseteq V \mid S \text{ is a SCC of } G\}$$

▷ Make edges between SCCs creating a DAG

$$6 \quad E' = \{(u, v) \in V' \times V' \mid u \neq v \text{ and}$$

$$7 \quad \exists u' \in u, v' \in v. (u', v') \in E\}$$

▷ Compute the mutex graph $M(V, E_x)$

$$8 \quad E_x = \{\{u, v\} \subseteq V' \mid \exists u' \in u, v' \in v. \varphi \wedge u' \rightarrow \neg v'\}$$

▷ Compute mutex-groups

$$9 \quad G_m = \{\{(f_1, p), \dots, (f_k, p)\} \mid \{f_1, \dots, f_k\} \text{ is}$$

$$10 \quad \text{a maximal clique in } M \text{ and } \forall f_i. (f_i, p) \in E'\}$$

▷ Compute or-groups

$$11 \quad G_o = \{\{(f_1, p), \dots, (f_k, p)\} \mid f'_1 \vee \dots \vee f'_k \text{ is}$$

$$12 \quad \text{a prime implicate of } \varphi \wedge p' \text{ and}$$

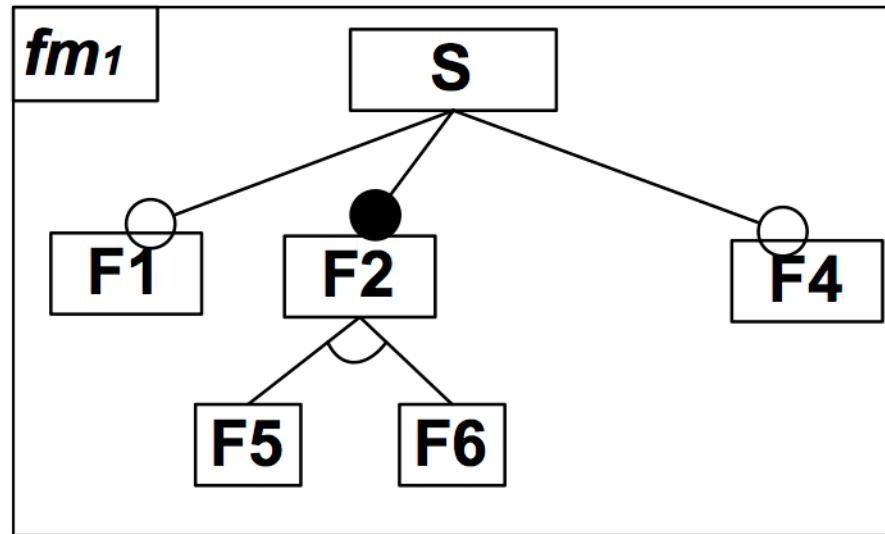
$$13 \quad p' \in p \text{ and } \forall f_i. f'_i \in f_i \wedge (f_i, p) \in E'\}$$

▷ Compute xor-groups

$$14 \quad G_x = \{\{(f_1, p), \dots, (f_k, p)\} \in G_o \mid \forall i \neq j. (f_i, f_j) \in E_x\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (F5 \rightarrow F2) \wedge (F2 \rightarrow S) \wedge \text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE} \wedge \\ & (F6 \rightarrow \neg F5) \wedge (F1 \rightarrow S) \wedge (\text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE} \\ & \rightarrow S) \wedge (F4 \rightarrow S) \wedge (S \rightarrow F2) \wedge (F6 \rightarrow F2) \wedge ((\neg F2 \mid F6) \mid \\ & (\neg F2 \mid F5)) \wedge (S \rightarrow \text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE}) \end{aligned}$$

```
fml> computeImplies fm1
computeImplies fm1 ==> {(F1 -> F2);(F5 -> S);(S -> F2);(F6 -> F2);(F4 -> S);(F1 -> S);(F5 -> F2);(F4 -> F2);(F2 -> S);(F6 -> F5)}
fml> cliques fm1
cliques fm1 ==> {{S;F2}}
fml> computeXORGroups fm1
computeXORGroups fm1 ==> {[F6, F5] -> S (XOR);[F6, F5] -> F2 (XOR)}
fml> computeMUTEXGroups fm1
computeMUTEXGroups fm1 ==> {}
fml> computeExcludes fm1
computeExcludes fm1 ==> {(F5 -> \neg F6)}
```

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (F5 \rightarrow F2) \wedge (F2 \rightarrow S) \wedge \\
 & \text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE} \wedge (F6 \rightarrow !F5) \wedge (F1 \rightarrow \\
 & S) \wedge (\text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE} \rightarrow S) \wedge (F4 \rightarrow S) \\
 & \wedge (S \rightarrow F2) \wedge (F6 \rightarrow F2) \wedge ((!F2 \mid F6) \mid (!F2 \mid F5)) \\
 & \wedge (S \rightarrow \text{SYNTETIC_ROOT_FEATURE}) \wedge
 \end{aligned}$$


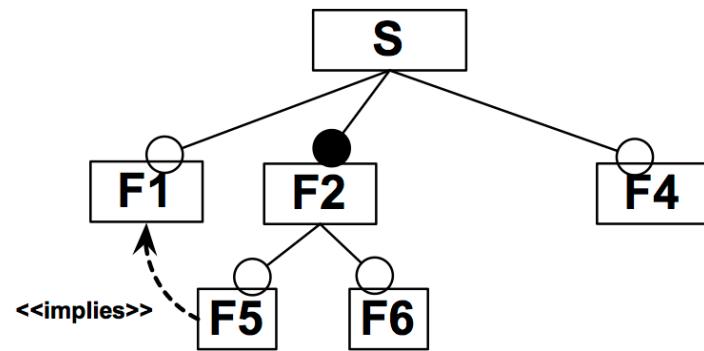
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```

Exercice #4: There and Back Again

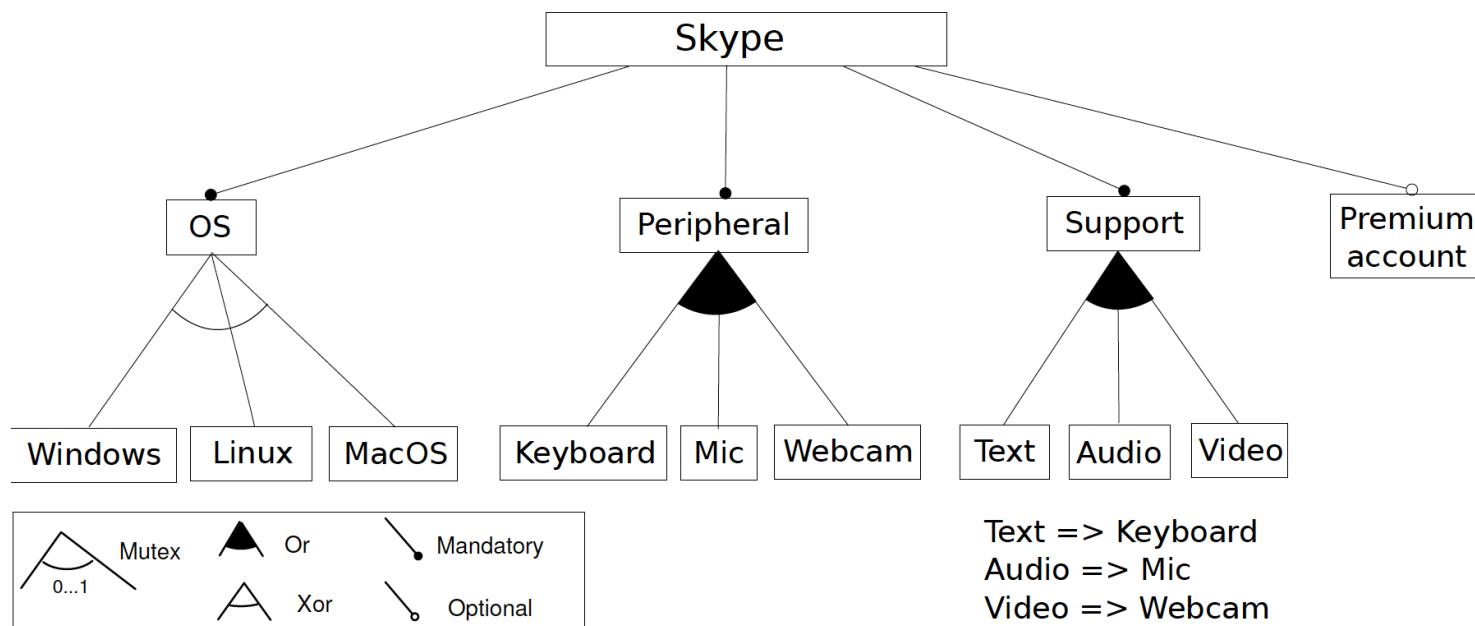
#4.1 Translate the feature model to a proposition formula

#4.2 Compute the
Synthesis « structures »

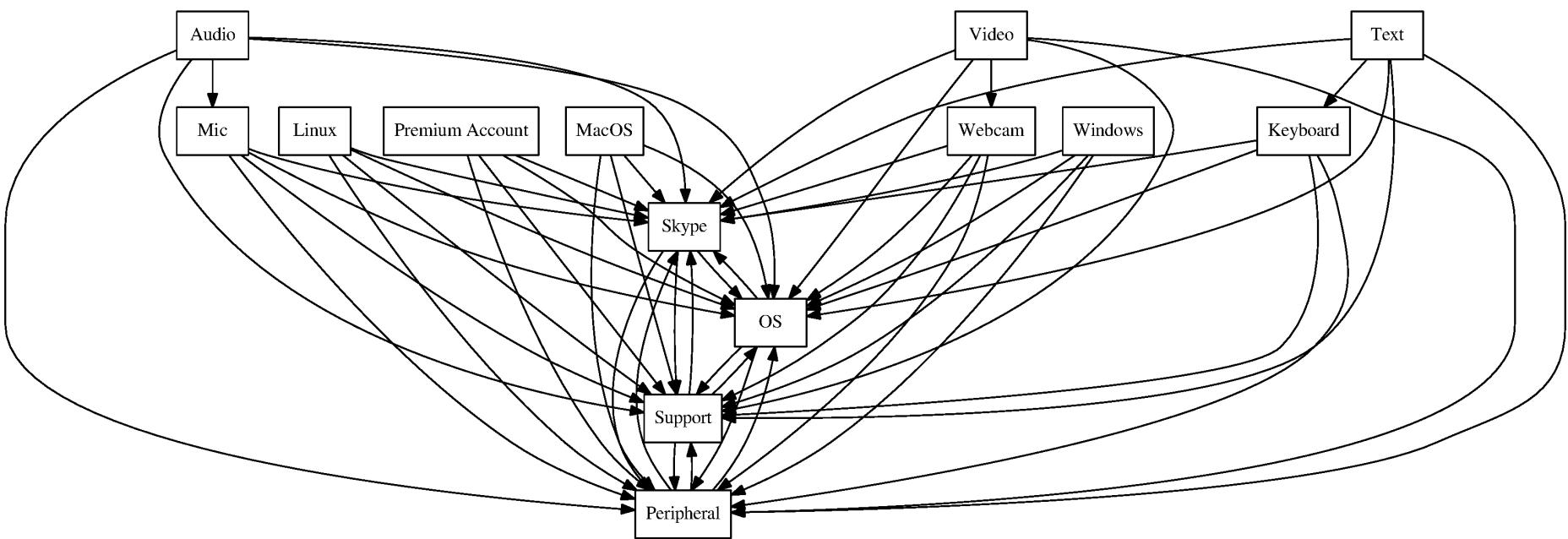


Key: Binary Implication Graph

Sound and complete representation of possible hierarchies

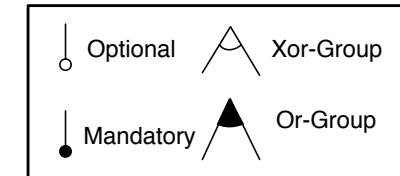


Sound and complete representation of possible hierarchies



Merging operation: back to hierarchy

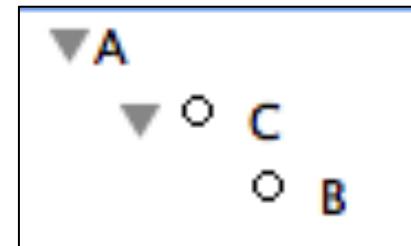
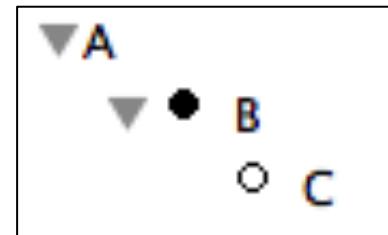
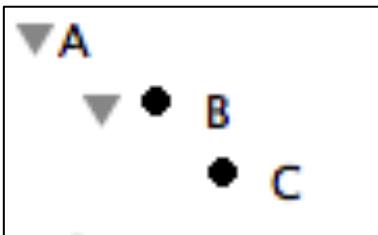
fm1 = **FM** (A : B ; B : C ;)



fm2 = **FM** (A : B ; B : [C] ;)

fm3 = **FM** (A : [C] ; C : [B] ;)

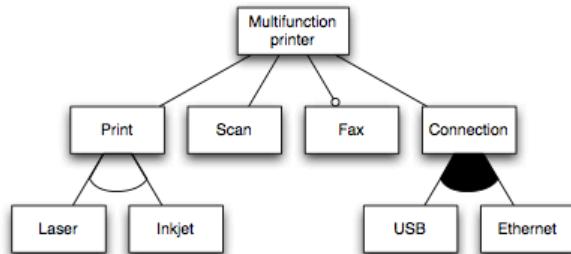
fm4 = **merge sunion** { fm1 fm2 fm3 }



> configs fm4
res12: (SET) {{C;A};{A;B};{A};{A;B;C}}



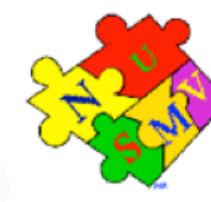
Typical implementations



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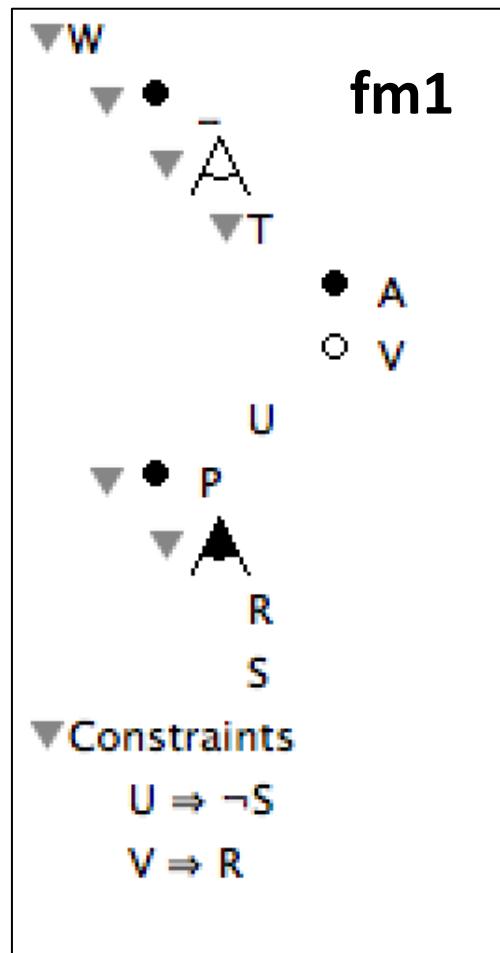


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(Boolean) Feature Models

Hierarchy + Variability = set of valid configurations



$\llbracket fm1 \rrbracket = \{$

$\{W, P, R, S, T, A, V\},$

$\{W, P, S, T, A\},$

$\{W, P, R, T, A\},$

$\{W, P, R, U\},$

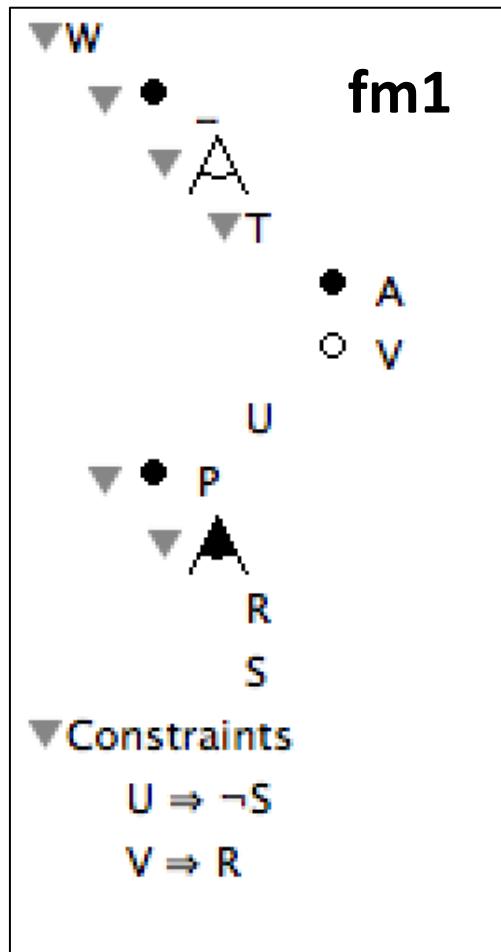
$\{W, P, R, T, V, A\},$

$\{W, P, R, S, T, A\},$

$\}$

(Boolean) Feature Models

~ Boolean formula

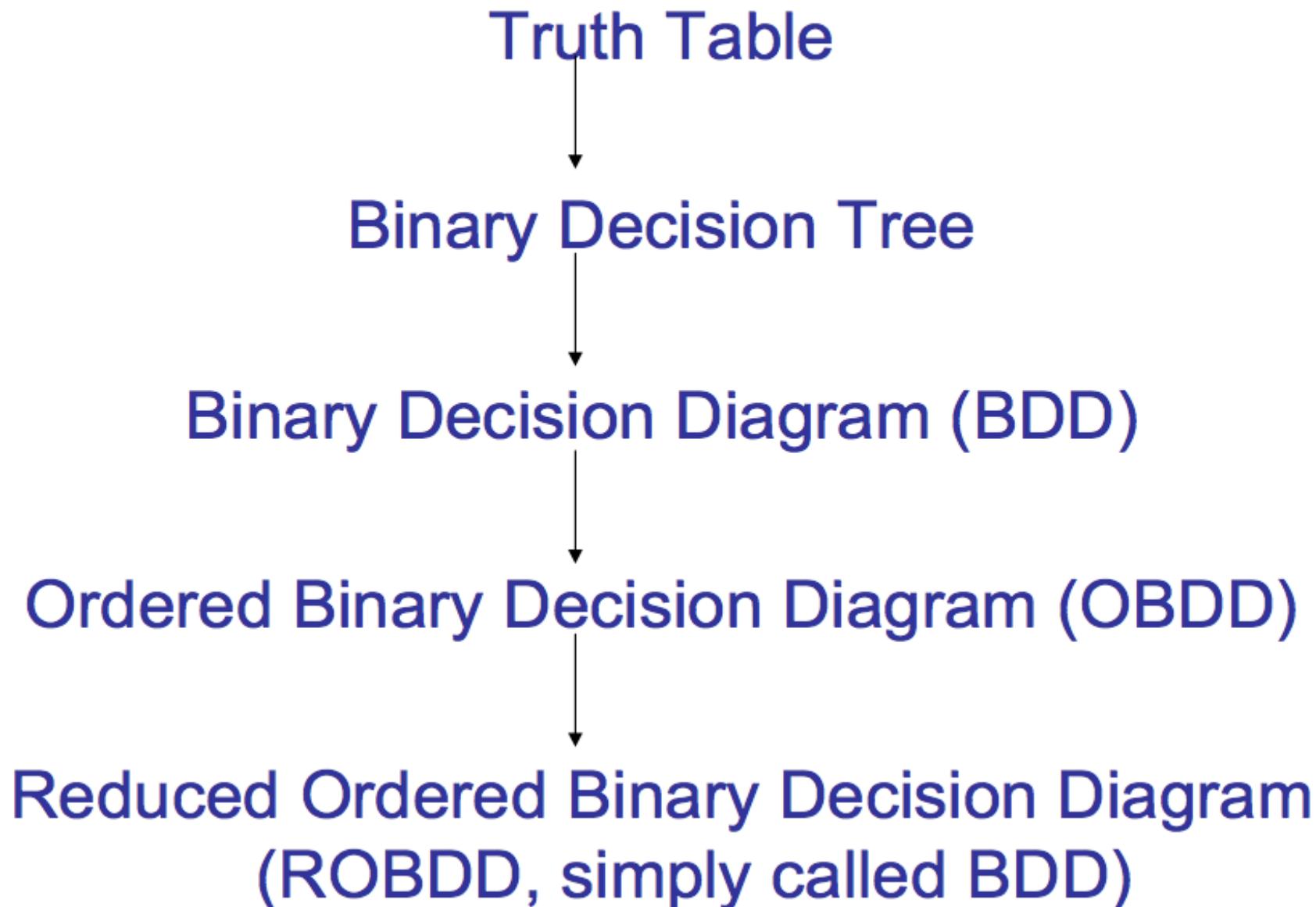


$\phi_{fm_1} = W // \text{root}$
 $\wedge W \Leftrightarrow P // \text{mandatory}$
 $// \text{Or-group}$
 $\wedge P \Rightarrow R \vee S$
 $\wedge R \Rightarrow P \wedge S \Rightarrow P$
 $\wedge V \Rightarrow T // \text{optional}$
 $\wedge A \Leftrightarrow T // \text{mandatory}$
 $// \text{Xor-group}$
 $\wedge T \Rightarrow W$
 $\wedge U \Rightarrow W$
 $\wedge \neg T \vee \neg U$
 $// \text{constraints}$
 $\wedge V \Rightarrow R // \text{implies}$
 $\wedge \neg U \Rightarrow \neg S // \text{excludes}$

Truth table, boolean function

from		to		
x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
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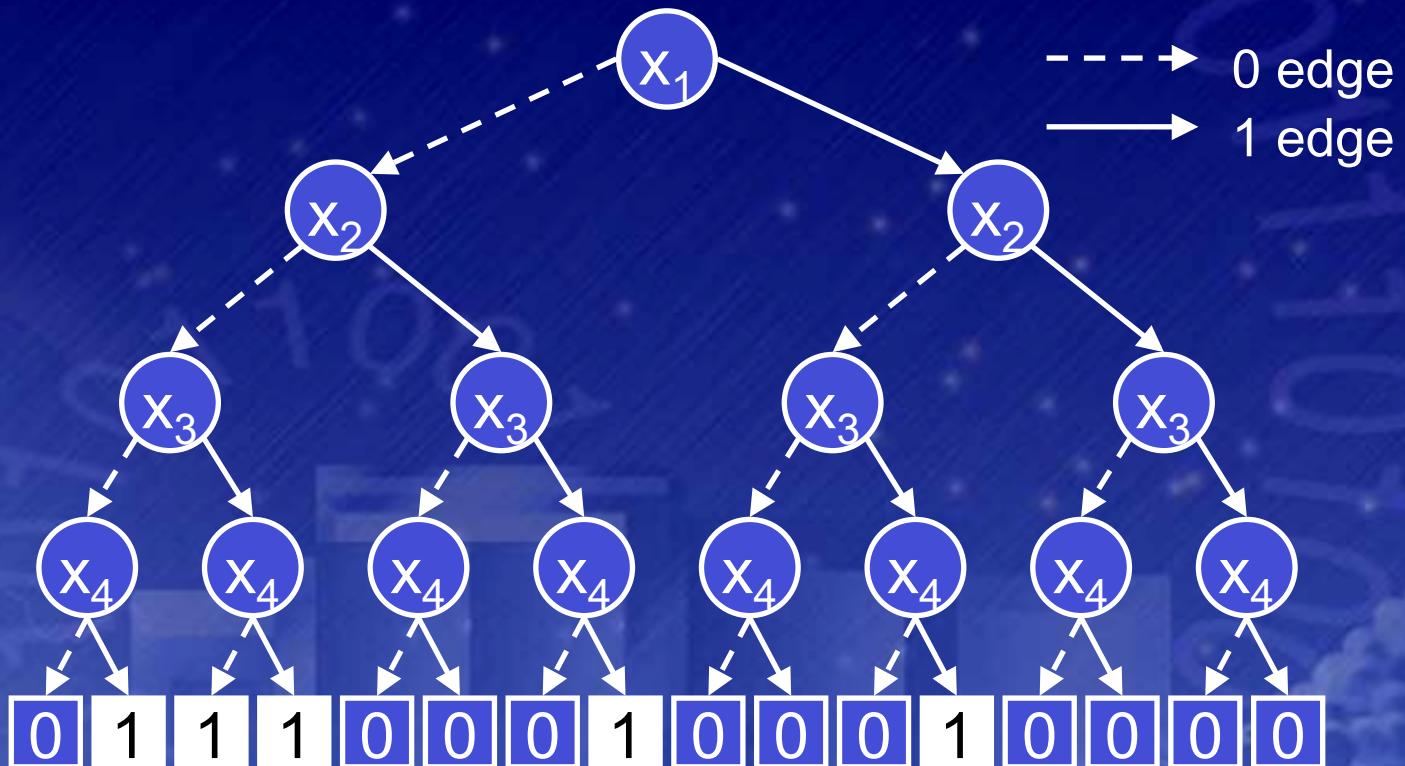
BDDs from Truth Tables



Binary Decision Diagrams

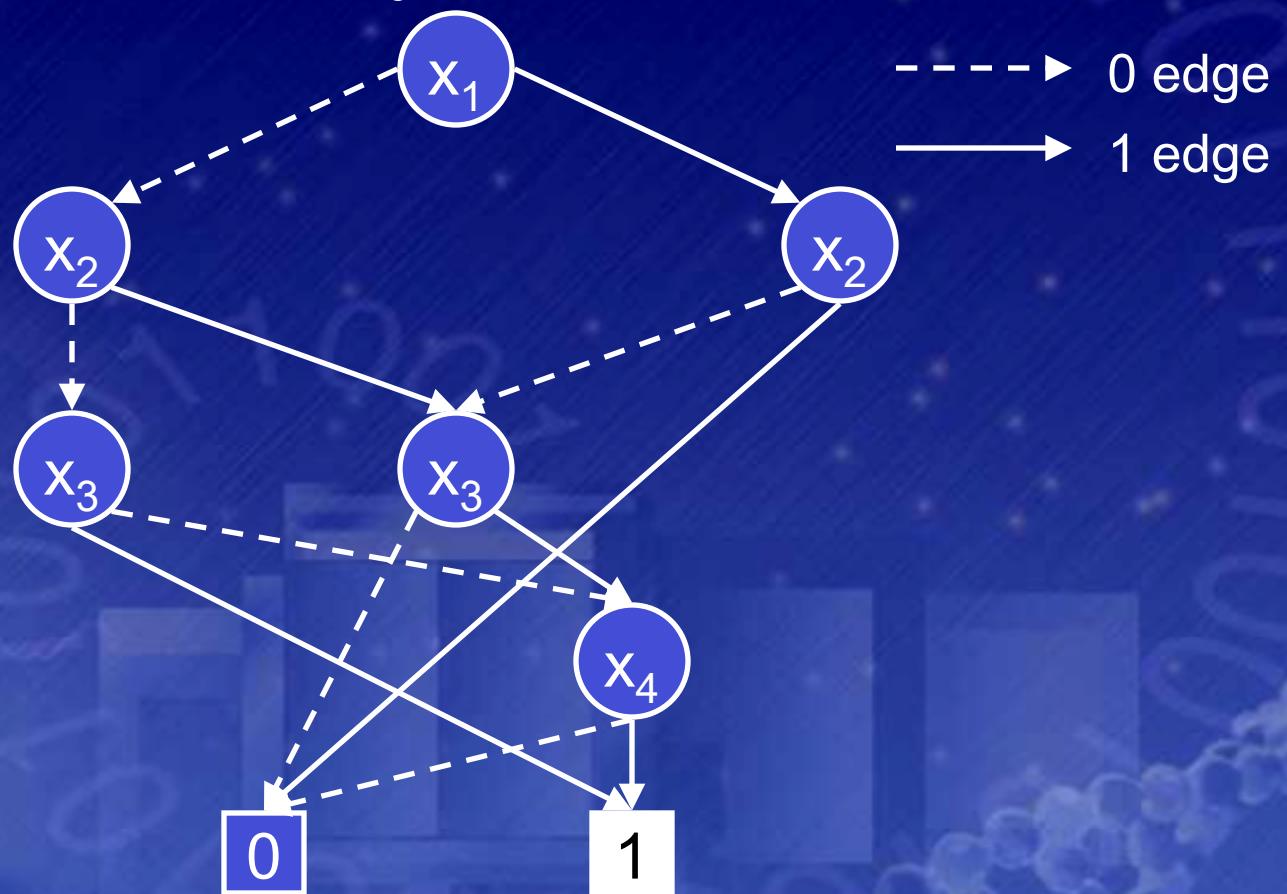
(Bryant 1986)
encoding of a truth table.

from		to		
x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
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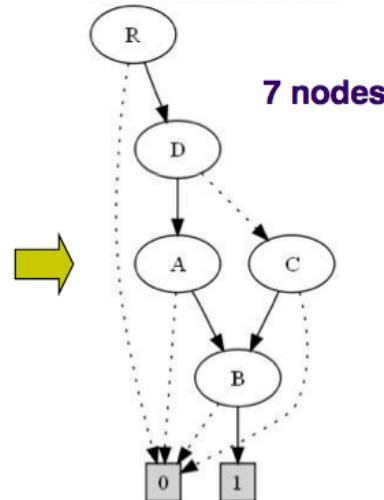
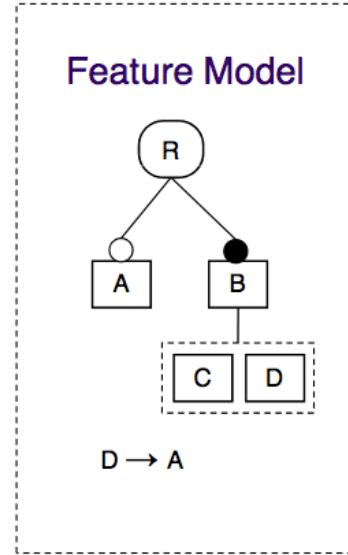
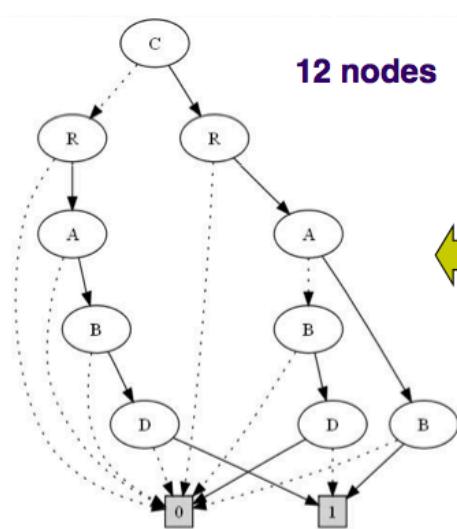
Binary Decision Diagrams

- Eliminate unnecessary nodes.



Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs): Theoretical Problem

- The size of the BDD is very sensitive to the order of the BDD variables
 - e.g. two equivalent BDDs for the same feature

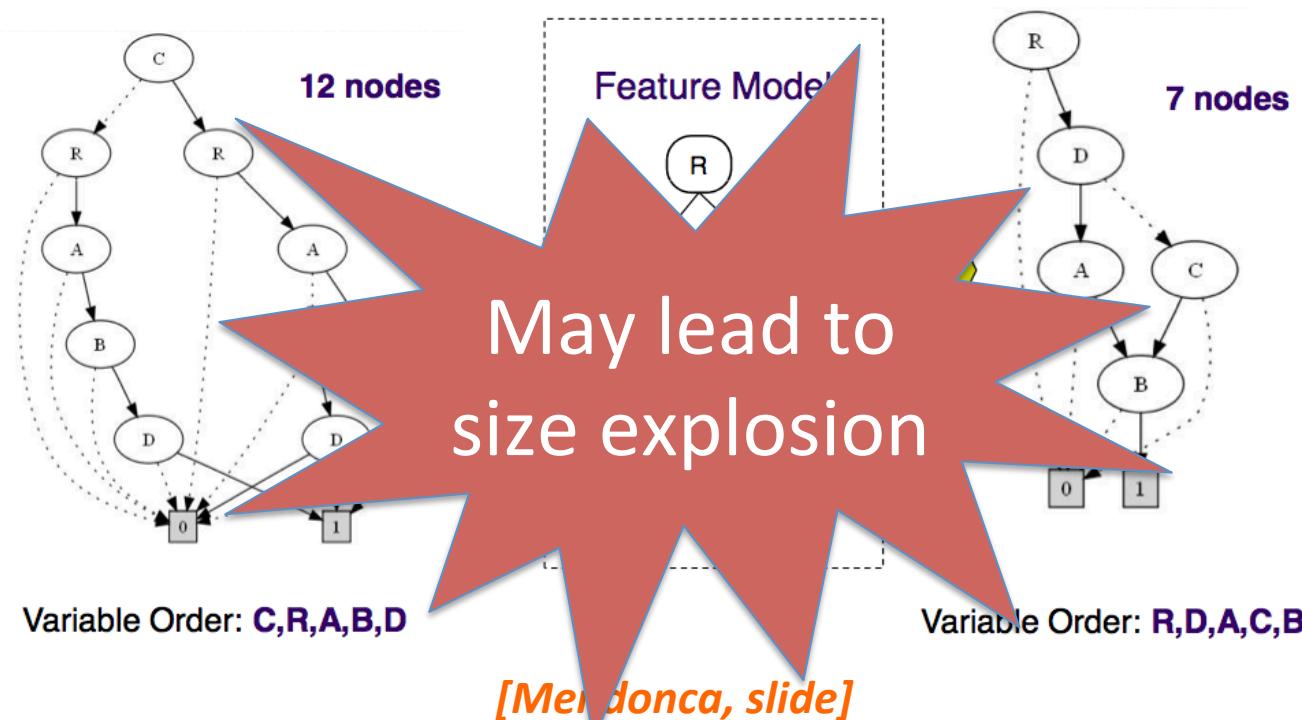


Variable Order: **C,R,A,B,D**

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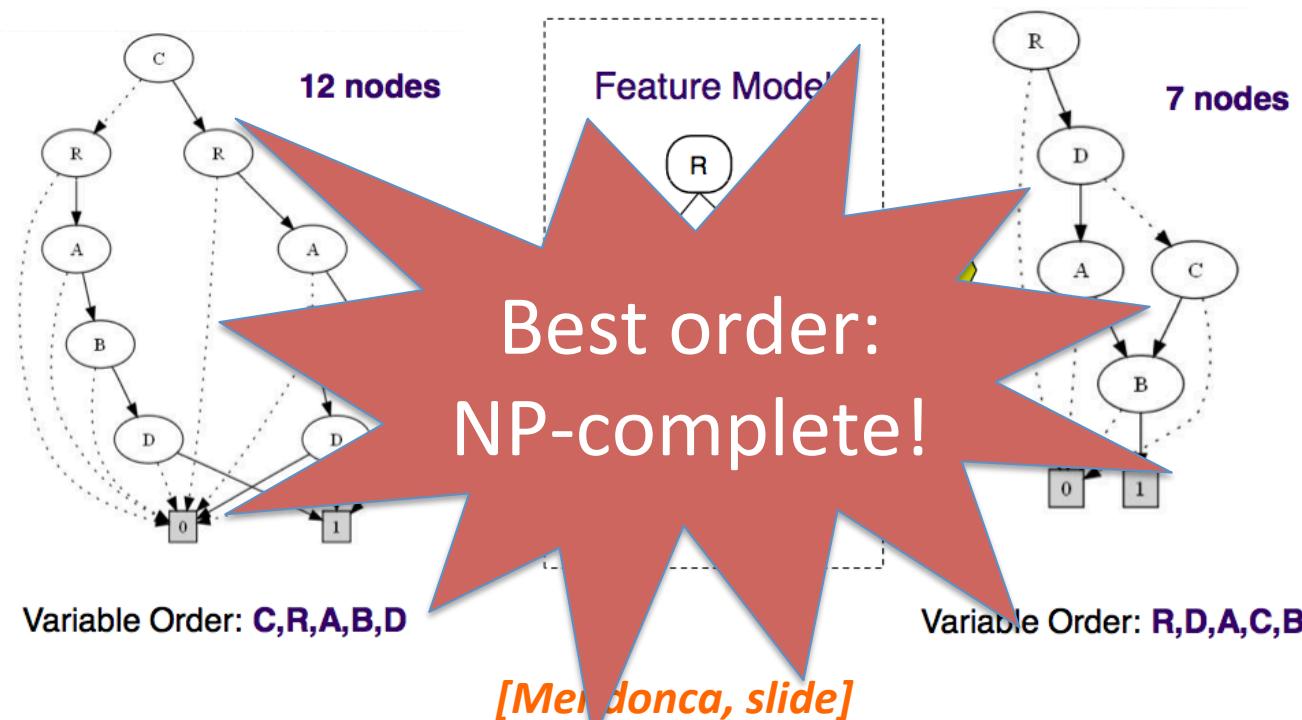
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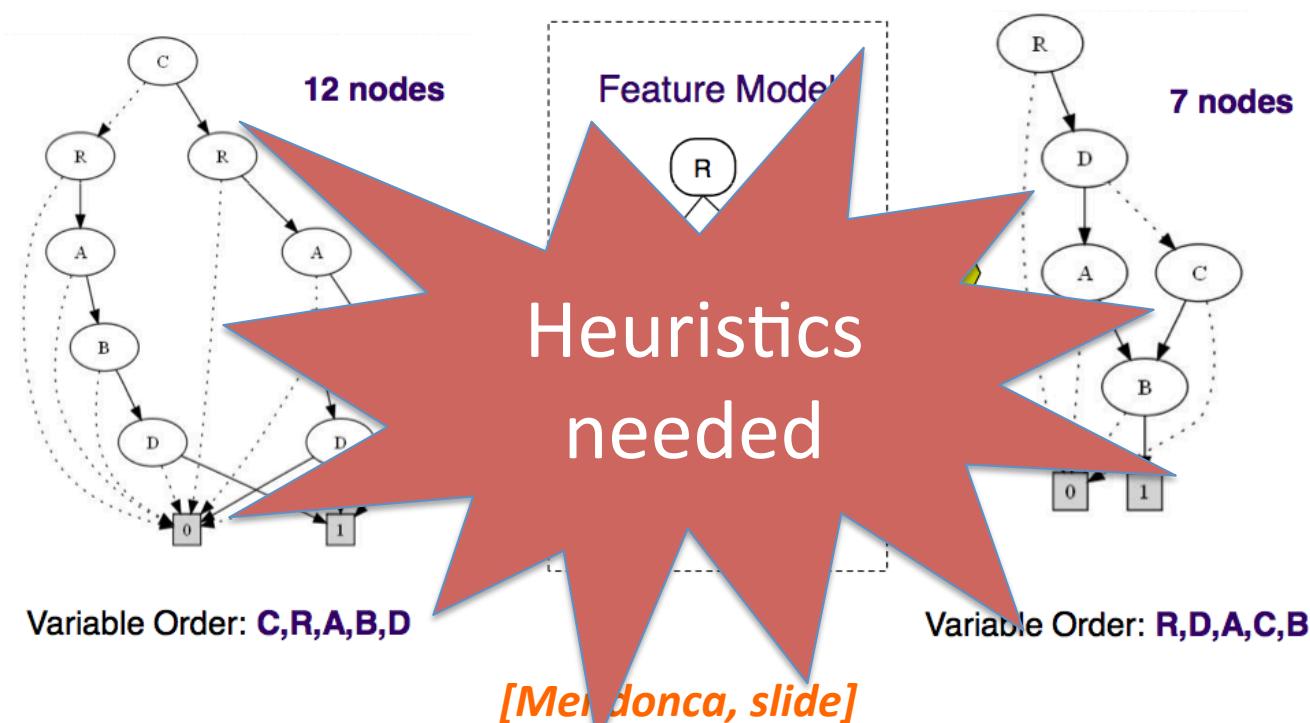
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Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs): Practical Problem

- The size of the BDD is very sensitive to the order of the BDD variables. In practice: **BDDs cannot be build for feature models with 2000+ features**



SAT solver and Unit Propagation

- Whenever all the literals in a clause are false except one, the remaining literal must be true in any satisfying assignment (such a clause is called a **unit clause**).
 - Therefore, the algorithm can assign it to true immediately. After choosing a variable there are often many unit clauses.
 - Setting a literal in a unit clause often creates other unit clauses, leading to a cascade.

$$\{\neg p \vee q, \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r, p, \neg r\}.$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{l} \neg p \vee q \\ \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r \\ p \\ \neg r \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} q \\ \neg q \vee r \\ \neg r \end{array} \end{array}$$

- A good SAT solver often spends 80-90% of its time in unit propagation.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_{\text{unit}} := & (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \\ & (\neg x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3 \vee x_6) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \\ & (x_1 \vee \neg x_6) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_6)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}_{\text{unit}} := & (\neg \textcolor{red}{x}_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg \textcolor{red}{x}_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \\
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& (\textcolor{green}{x}_1 \vee \neg x_6) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_5 \vee \neg x_6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi = \{x_1=1\}$$

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$$\varphi = \{x_1=1, \textcolor{teal}{x_2=1}\}$$

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$$\varphi = \{x_1=1, x_2=1, x_3=1, x_4=1\}$$

SAT solver and Unit Propagation

BCP():

Repeatedly search for unit clauses, and
set unassigned literal to required value.

If a literal is assigned conflicting values, return F
else return T;

satisfy(ϕ) {

if every clause of ϕ has a true literal, return T;

if BCP() == F, return F;

assign appropriate values to all pure literals;

choose an $x \in V$ that is unassigned in A ,

and choose $v \in \{T, F\}$.

$A(x) = v$;

if satisfy(ϕ) return T;

$A(x) = \neg v$;

if satisfy(ϕ) return T;

unassign $A(x)$; // undo assignment for backtracking.

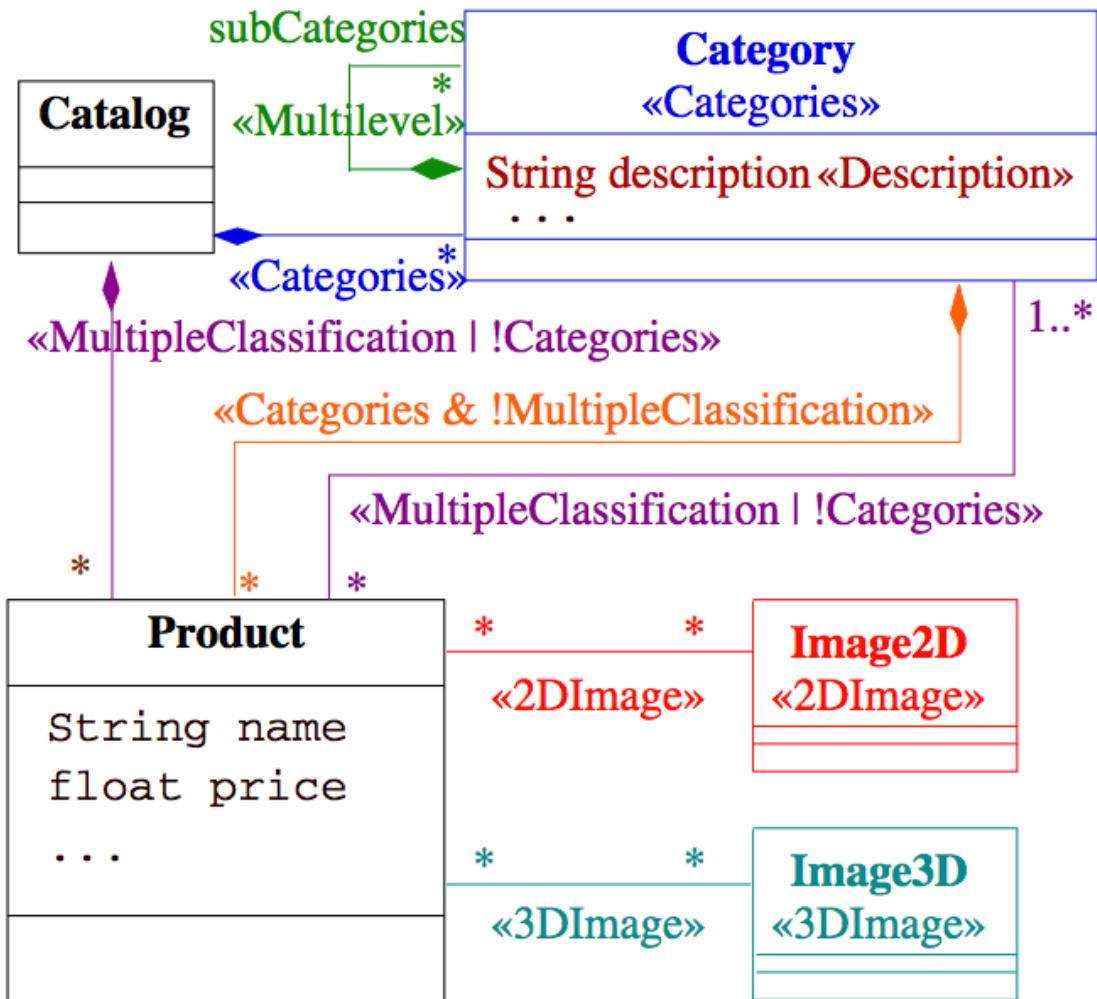
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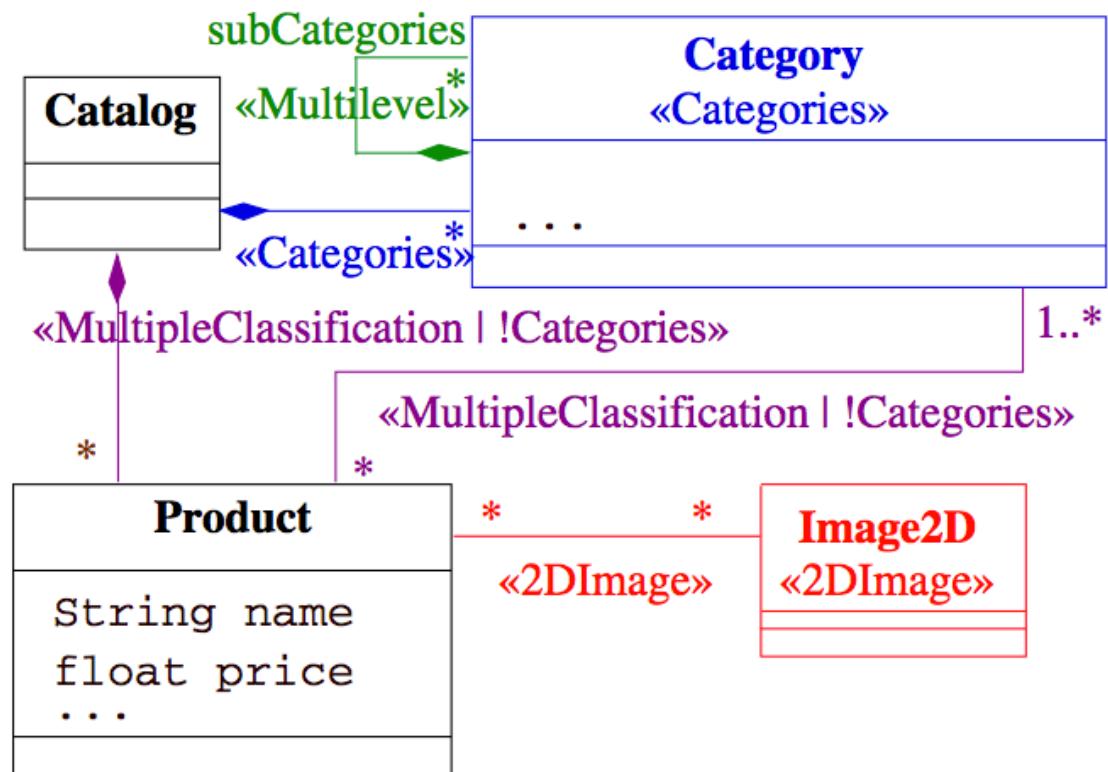
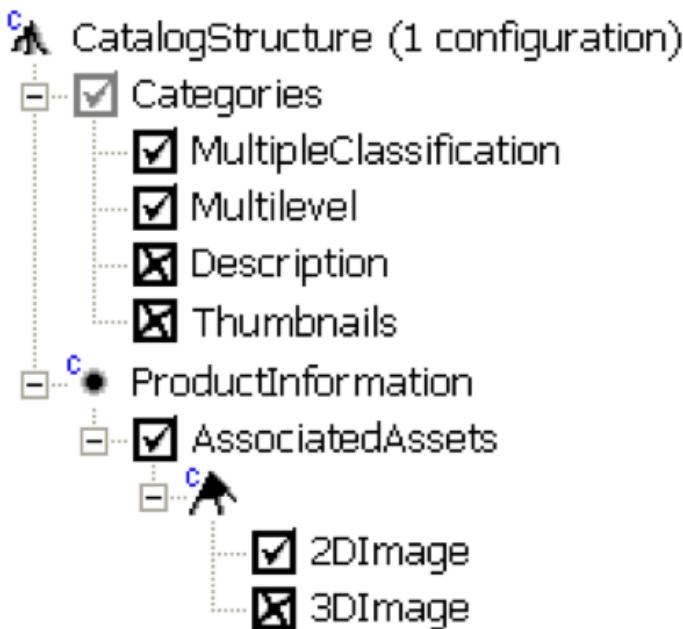
Composition of Feature Models

Two Open Problems

▲ CatalogStructure (52 configurations)

- Categories
 - MultipleClassification
 - Multilevel
 - Description
 - Thumbnails
- ProductInformation
 - AssociatedAssets
 - 2DImage
 - 3DImage





#Open Problem 1

- How to compose a model-based product line
 - ie $\langle \text{FM1}, m1, \text{BM1} \rangle$ with $\langle \text{FM2}, m2, \text{BM2} \rangle$

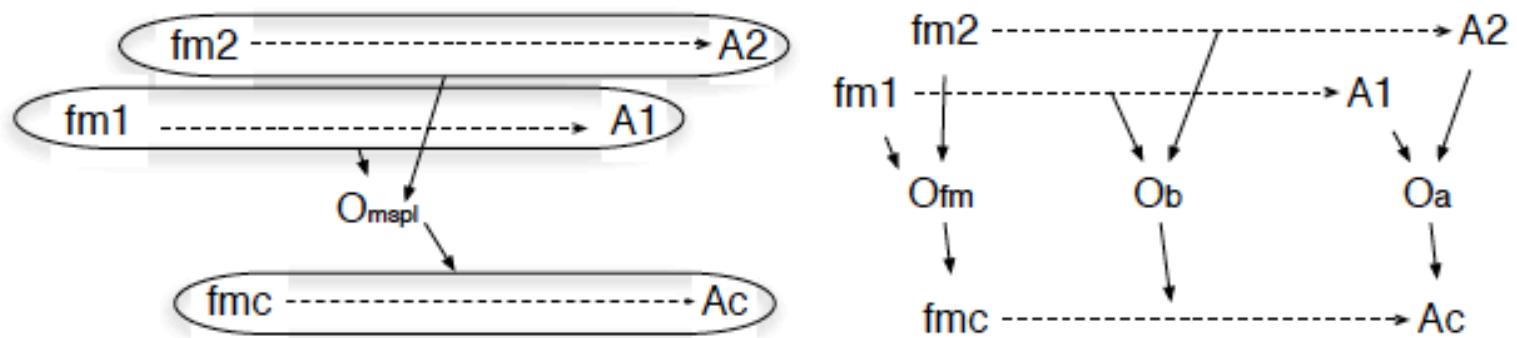


Fig. 9: Composing model-based SPL (left-part) is mirroring the semantics of the composition-based operators on the bindings and the assets (right-part)

Exercice

- Give an example of composition with class diagrams
- Think about the possible result

#Open Problem 2

- Homework
- Composition of **attributed** feature models