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# 0 Preface

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# 1 Scope

The Kernel Modeling Language (KerML) is an application-independent modeling language with a well-grounded formal semantics for modeling existing or planned systems. The language includes general syntactic constructs for structuring models, such as relationships, annotations and namespaces; core semantic constructs that have semantics based on classification; and additional constructs for commonly needed modeling capabilities, such as associations and behaviors.

System models are expressed in KerML using a textual concrete syntax. This can be parsed to an abstract syntax representation, which is then given a semantic interpretation for the system being modeled. The semantics for the KerML core constructs is grounded in formal mathematical logic, providing a consistent basis for mathematical reasoning about KerML models. However, beyond this, the semantics of KerML constructs are specified by the relationship of user model elements to the KerML Semantic Library.

The Semantic Library models, also expressed in KerML, provide an ontological model of the meaning of KerML models. Indeed, all KerML models can be semantically expressed using solely core modeling constructs referencing the appropriate semantic concepts defined in the Semantic Library. KerML semantic constructs beyond the core are essentially just syntactic conveniences for reusing specific library concepts: structures for modeling *objects*, behaviors for modeling *performances*, associations for modeling *links*, etc.

Indeed, the full KerML language can be considered to be simply a syntactic extension of the core, which is semantically extended using library models. By intent, this approach can also be used to build on KerML to create more specific modeling languages. Application specific modeling languages can be built on KerML by extending the KerML abstract syntax, specializing its semantics, with concrete syntaxes similar to or entirely different from KerML's.

To support this, the KerML Semantic Library also includes additional library models beyond those directly providing semantics for KerML syntactic constructs, capturing typical semantic patterns (such as asynchronous transfers and state-based behavior) that can be reused by languages built on KerML. Specialized modeling languages can provide additional syntax for these libraries, tailored to their applications, with semantics based largely or entirely on the KerML libraries.

In this way, KerML can provide the kernel for a family of syntactically diverse but semantically integrated modeling languages.



## 2 Conformance

This specification defines the Kernel Modeling Language (KerML), a language used to construct *models* of (real or virtual, planned or imagined) things. The specification includes this document and the content of the machine-readable files listed on the cover page. If there are any conflicts between this document and the machine-readable files, the machine-readable files take precedence.

A *KerML model* shall conform to this specification only if it can be represented according to the syntactic requirements specified in [Clause 8](#). The model may be represented in a form consistent with the requirements for the KerML concrete syntax, in which case it can be parsed (as specified in [Clause 8](#)) into an abstract syntax form, or may be represented only in an abstract syntax form (see also [8.2](#) and [8.3](#)).

A *KerML modeling tool* is a software application that creates, manages, analyzes, visualizes, executes or performs other services on KerML models. A tool can conform to this specification in one or more of the following ways.

1. *Abstract Syntax Conformance.* A tool demonstrating Abstract Syntax Conformance provides a user interface and/or API that enables instances of KerML abstract syntax metaclasses to be created, read, updated, and deleted. The tool must also provide a way to validate the well-formedness of models that corresponds to the constraints defined in the KerML metamodel. A well-formed model represented according to the abstract syntax is syntactically conformant to KerML as defined above. (See [Clause 8](#).)
2. *Concrete Syntax Conformance.* A tool demonstrating Concrete Syntax Conformance provides a user interface and/or API that enables instances of KerML concrete syntax notation to be created, read, updated, and deleted. Note that a conforming tool may also provide the ability to create, read, update and delete additional notational elements that are not defined in KerML. Concrete Syntax Conformance implies Abstract Syntax Conformance, in that creating models in the concrete syntax acts as a user interface for the abstract syntax. However, a tool demonstrating Concrete Syntax Conformance need not represent a model internally in exactly the form modeled for the abstract syntax in this specification. (See [Clause 8](#).)
3. *Semantic Conformance.* A tool demonstrating Semantic Conformance provides a demonstrable way to interpret a syntactically conformant model (as defined above) according to the KerML semantics, e.g., via model execution, simulation, or reasoning, when and only when such interpretations are possible. Semantic Conformance implies Abstract Syntax Conformance, in that the semantics for KerML are only defined on models represented in the abstract syntax. (See [Clause 8](#) and [Clause 9](#). See also [6.1](#) for further discussion of the interpretation of models and their syntactic and semantic conformance.)
4. *Model Interchange Conformance.* A tool demonstrating model interchange conformance can import and/or export syntactically conformant KerML models (as defined above) as specified in [Clause 10](#).

Every conformant KerML modeling tool shall demonstrate at least Abstract Syntax Conformance and Model Interchange Conformance. In addition, such a tool may demonstrate Concrete Syntax Conformance and/or Semantic Conformance, both of which are dependent on Abstract Syntax Conformance.



## 3 Normative References

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this specification.

[ADLER] *ZLIB Compressed Data Format Specification*, Version 3.3  
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1950>

[Alf] *Action Language for Foundational UML (Alf)*, Version 1.1  
<https://www.omg.org/spec/ALF/1.1>

[BLAKE] *The BLAKE2 Cryptographic Hash and Message Authentication Code (MAC)*  
<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7693>  
*BLAKE3*  
<https://github.com/BLAKE3-team/BLAKE3-specs/blob/master/blake3.pdf>

[fUML] *Semantics of a Foundational Subset for Executable UML Models (fUML)*, Version 1.4  
<https://www.omg.org/spec/fUML/1.4>

[ISO8601] *ISO 8601-1:2019 (First edition) Date and time – Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*  
<https://www.iso.org/standard/70907.html>

[ISO10646] *ISO/IEC 10646:2010 (Second edition) Information technology – Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

[ISO15897] *ISO/IEC 15897:2011 Information technology – User interfaces – Procedures for the registration of cultural elements*  
<https://www.iso.org/standard/50707.html>

[JSON] *ISO/IEC 21778:2017 Information technology – The JSON data interchange syntax*  
<https://www.iso.org/standard/71616.html>  
(see also *IECMA-404 The JSON data interchange syntax*  
<https://www.ecma-international.org/publications-and-standards/standards/ecma-404/>)

[MD] The MD2 Message-Digest Algorithm  
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1319>  
The MD4 Message-Digest Algorithm  
<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1320>  
The MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm  
<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1321>

[MOF] *Meta Object Facility*, Version 2.5.1  
<https://www.omg.org/spec/MOF/2.5.1>

[OCL] *Object Constraint Language*, Version 2.4  
<https://www.omg.org/spec/OCL/2.4>

[SHS] *FIPS Pub 180-4 Secure Hash Standard*  
<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/fips/180/4/final>

[SMOF] *MOF Support for Semantic Structures*, Version 1.0  
<https://www.omg.org/spec/SMOF/1.0>

[SysAPI] *Systems Modeling Application Programming Interface (API) and Services*  
(as submitted contemporaneously with this proposed KerML specification)

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[ZIP] *.ZIP File Format Specification*  
<https://pkware.cachefly.net/webdocs/casestudies/APPNOTE.TXT>



## 4 Terms and Definitions

Various terms and definitions are specified throughout the body of this specification.



## 5 Symbols

A concrete syntax for KerML is specified in subclause 8.2 of this specification.



# 6 Introduction

## 6.1 Language Architecture

Developing systems generally involves creating a number of different specifications. For instance, a requirements specification gives the intended effects of a system, while a design specification determines how the system will bring about those effects. Many designs might be developed and evaluated against the same requirements. A test specification then describes test procedures that check whether requirements are met by real or virtual systems built and operated according to some design.

A *model* is a representation in some *modeling language* of all or part of any of the above kinds of system specification. The *semantics* of such models defines what it means for real or virtual things in a modeled system to conform to the specification given by the model. KerML is a foundational modeling language for expressing various kinds of system models with consistent semantics.

Syntactically, KerML is divided into three layers, with each layer building increasingly specific constructs on the previous layer. These layers are, from general to specific:

1. The *Root Layer* includes the most general syntactic constructs for structuring models, such as elements, relationships, annotations, and packaging.
2. The *Core Layer* includes the most general constructs that have semantics based on *classification*.
3. The *Kernel Layer* provides commonly needed modeling capabilities, such as associations and behavior.

The Core Layer grounds KerML semantics by interpreting it using mathematical logic. However, additional semantics are then specified through the relationship of Kernel abstract syntax constructs to model elements in the *Kernel Semantic Library*, which is written in KerML itself. Models expressed in KerML thus essentially reuse elements of the Semantic Library to give them semantics. The Semantic Library models give the basic conditions for the conformance of modeled things to the model, which are then augmented in the user model as appropriate.

Having a consistent specification of semantics helps people interpret models in the same way. In particular, because the Semantic Library models are expressed in the same language as user models, engineers and tool builders can inspect the library models to formally understand what real or virtual effects are actually being specified by their models for systems being modeled. More uniform model interpretation improves communication between everyone involved in modeling, including modelers and tool builders.

## 6.2 Document Organization

The remainder of this document is organized into four major clauses.

- [Clause 7](#) describes KerML from a user point of view, covering all the modeling constructs in the language. It is an informative reference for the normative language specification given in the following three subclauses.
- [Clause 8](#) specifies the normative metamodel for the KerML language. This includes the complete grammar for the concrete syntax, which is a textual notation (see [8.2](#)), the abstract syntax, which is a MOF model (see [8.3](#)), and formal semantics (see [8.4](#)).
- [Clause 9](#) specifies the normative Kernel Model Libraries, each of which is a set of *library models* available to be used in all KerML user models. They include the Semantic Library, which is a set of KerML models used to provide Kernel-layer semantics to user models (see [9.2](#)), the Data Type Library of standard data types (see [9.3](#)) and the Function Library of functions on those data types (see [9.4](#)).
- [Clause 10](#) specifies the format for standard file-based interchange of KerML models between tools.

In addition, [Annex A](#) provides basic (non-normative) guidance on incrementally instantiating models for execution, in a way that conforms to the formal semantics as (normatively) specified in the metamodel (see [8.4](#)), as supported by the Semantic Model Library (see [9.2](#)).

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# 7 Language Description

(Informative)

## 7.1 Language Description Overview

This clause provides an informative description of KerML. [Clause 8](#) gives the full definition of the KerML metamodel, which is the normative specification for implementing the language. In contrast, the description in this clause focuses on how the various constructs of the language are used, along with the Kernel Model Library (see [Clause 9](#)), to construct models. While non-normative, it is intended to be precise and consistent with the normative specification of the language.

The following subclauses present the language features in each of the Root, Core and Kernel Layers of KerML (as described in 6.1). Each layer is then further subdivided, following a parallel structure to the packaging of the metamodel (see [8.1](#)). Each subclause within a layer includes references to the corresponding concrete syntax, abstract syntax and semantics subclauses from the normative metamodel specification. In this way, the clause can be used as a general reference for KerML as well as a guide for better understanding of the formal specification of the metamodel.

This clause contains many examples of the KerML textual notation. In order to distinguish this text from normal body text, the following stylistic conventions are used in this clause.

1. Textual notation appears in "code" font. This includes references to individual element names from both example models (such as `Vehicle` and `wheels`) and the Kernel Model Library (such as `Performance` and `performances`), as well as more extensive model snippets.
2. Keywords appear in **boldface**, both when referenced in-line in body text ("Features are declared using the **feature** keyword.") and when used within complete notation examples.
3. Longer samples of textual notation are written in separate paragraphs, indented relative to body paragraphs.

## 7.2 Root

### 7.2.1 Root Overview

The Root layer provides the most general syntactic capabilities of the language: elements and relationships between them, annotations of elements, and membership of elements in namespaces. These capabilities are the syntactic foundation for structuring models in KerML, but they do not actually represent anything about a modeled system, and so have no semantic specification. The Core and Kernel layers build on the foundation provided by Root to provide constructs with modeling semantics (see [7.3](#) and [7.4](#)).

### 7.2.2 Elements and Relationships

#### 7.2.2.1 Elements and Relationships Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.3.1](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.2.1](#)
- Semantics, none

*Elements* are the constituents of a model. Some elements represent *relationships* between other elements, known as the *related elements* of the relationship. In general terms, a model is constructed as a graph structure in which relationships form the edges connecting non-relationship elements constituting the nodes. However, since relationships are themselves elements, it is also possible in KerML for a relationship to be a related element in a relationship and for there to be relationships between relationships.

One of the related elements of a relationship may be the *owning* related element of the relationship. If the owning related element of a relationship is deleted from a model, then the relationship is also deleted. Some of the related elements of a relationship (distinct from the owning related element, if any) may be *owned* related elements. If a relationship has owned related elements, then, if the relationship is deleted from a model, all its owned related elements are also deleted.

The *owned relationships* of an element are all those relationships for which the element is the owning related element. The *owned elements* of an element are all those elements that are owned related elements of the owned relationships of the element (notice the extra level of indirection through the owned relationships). The *owning relationship* of an element (if any) is the relationship for which the element is an owned related element (of which the element can have at most one). The *owner* of an element (if any) is the owning related element of the owning relationship of the element (again, notice the extra level of indirection through the owning relationship).

The deletion rules for relationships imply that, if an element is deleted from a model, then all its owned relationships are also deleted and, therefore, all its owned elements. This may result in a further cascade of deletions until all deletion rules are satisfied. An element that has no owner acts as the *root element* of an *ownership tree structure*, such that all elements and relationships in the structure are deleted if the root element is deleted. Deleting any element other than the root element results in the deletion of the entire subtree rooted in that element.

### 7.2.2.2 Elements

Every element has a unique identifier known as its *element ID*. The properties of an element can change over its lifetime, but its element ID does not change after the element is created. An element may also have additional identifiers, its *alias IDs*, which may be assigned for tool-specific purposes.

The KerML textual notation, however, does not have any provision for specifying element or alias IDs, since these are expected to be managed by the underlying modeling tooling. Instead, an element may also have a *name* and/or a *short name*, by which it can be referenced in the notation. While the language makes no formal distinction between names and short names, the intent is that the name of an element should be fully descriptive, particularly in the context of the definition of the element, while the short name, if given, should be an abbreviated name useful for referring to the element. (For further discussion of naming, see also [7.2.5](#)).

In most cases, an element is *declared* using a keyword indicating the *kind* of element it is (e.g., **classifier** or **feature**). The declaration of an element may also specify a short name and/or name for it, in that order. The short name is distinguished by being surrounded by the delimiting characters < and >.

```
classifier <c123> AClassifier;  
feature aFeature;
```

Note that it is not required to specify either a short name or a name for an element. However, unless at least one of these is given, it is not possible to reference the element from elsewhere in the textual notation.

Names and short names have the same lexical structure, which has two variants.

1. A *basic name* is one that can be lexically distinguished in itself from other parts of the notation. The initial character of a basic name must be a lowercase letter, an uppercase letter or an underscore. The remaining characters of a basic name can be any character allowed as an initial character or any digit. However, a reserved keyword may not be used as a name, even though it has the form of a basic name (see [8.2.2.6](#) for the list of reserved words).

```
Vehicle  
power_line
```

2. An *unrestricted name* provides a way to represent a name that contains any character. It is represented as a non-empty sequence of characters surrounded by single quotes. The name consists of the characters *within* the single quotes – the single quotes are *not* included as part of the represented name. The characters within the single quotes may not include non-printable characters (including backspace, tab and newline).

However, these characters may be included as part of the name itself through use of an escape sequence. In addition, the single quote character or the backslash character may only be included within the name by using an escape sequence.

```
'+'  
'circuits in line'  
'On/Off Switch'  
'Ångström'
```

An *escape sequence* is a sequence of two text characters starting with a backslash as an escape character, which actually denotes only a single character (except for the newline escape sequence, which represents however many characters is necessary to represent an end of line in a specific implementation). [Table 4](#) in subclause [8.2.2.3](#) shows the meaning of the allowed escape sequences.

In addition to the declaration notated as above, the representation for an element may include a *body*, which is a list of *owned* elements delimited by curly braces {...}. It is a general principle of the KerML textual concrete syntax that the representation of owned elements are nested inside the body of the representation of the owning element. In this way, when the notation for the owning element is removed in its entirety from the representation of a model, the owned elements are also removed.

```
namespace P {  
  // This is the body of the namespace, declaring its owned members.  
  classifier A;  
  classifier B {  
    // This is the body of the classifier, declaring its owned features.  
    feature x;  
    feature y;  
  }  
}
```

### 7.2.2.3 Relationships

The related elements of a relationship are divided into *source* and *target* elements. A relationship is said to be *directed* from its source elements to its target elements. It is allowed for a relationship to have only source or only target elements. However, by convention, an *undirected* relationship is usually represented as having only target elements.

A relationship must have at least two related elements. A relationship with exactly two related elements is known as a *binary relationship*. A *directed binary relationship* is a binary relationship in which one related element is the source and one is the target. Most specialized kinds of relationship in KerML are directed binary relationships (the principal exceptions being dependencies, associations and connectors, see [7.2.3](#), [7.4.5](#), and [7.4.6](#)).

Various kinds of relationships are declared with special notations showing their related elements. A relationship may also have a body that specifies owned related elements of the relationship, which may include any kind of element other than an annotating element (see [7.2.4](#)). If an annotating element (i.e., a comment, textual representation or metadata feature) is included in the body of a relationship, then, rather than being directly an owned related element of the containing relationship, the annotating element is an owned related element of an annotation relationship owned by the containing relationship (see [7.2.3.2](#) for an example).

## 7.2.3 Dependencies

### 7.2.3.1 Dependencies Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.3.2](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.2.2](#)
- *Semantics*, none

A *dependency* is a kind of relationship between any number of client (source) and supplier (target) elements. It implies that a change to a supplier element may result in a change to a client element. Dependencies can be useful for representing relationships between elements in an abstract way. For example, a dependency can be used to represent that an upper layer of an architecture stack may depend on a lower layer of the stack.

### 7.2.3.2 Dependency Declaration

A dependency is declared using the keyword **dependency**, optionally followed by a short name and/or name (see [7.2.2](#)). The client elements of the dependency are then given as a comma-separated list of qualified names following the keyword **from**, followed by a similar list of the supplier elements after the keyword **to**. If no short name or name is given for the dependency, then the keyword **from** may be omitted.

```
dependency Use
  from 'Application Layer' to 'Service Layer';

// 'Service Layer' is the client of this dependency, not its name.
dependency 'Service Layer'
  to 'Data Layer', 'External Interface Layer';
```

A dependency declaration may also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) containing any additional owned related elements (which act as suppliers) and annotating elements owned by the dependency via annotation relationships (see [7.2.4](#)).

```
dependency 'Service Layer'
  to 'Data Layer', 'External Interface Layer' {
    /* 'Service Layer' is the client of this dependency,
       * not its name. */
  }
```

## 7.2.4 Annotations

### 7.2.4.1 Annotations Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.3.3](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.2.3](#)
- *Semantics*, *none*

An *annotation* is a relationship between an *annotated element* and an *annotating element* that provides additional information about the element being annotated. Any kind of element may be annotated, but only certain kinds of elements may be annotating elements. Specific kinds of annotating elements include comments and textual representations (see [7.2.4.2](#) and [7.2.4.3](#)). A further kind of annotating element for user-defined metadata is defined in the Kernel layer (see [7.4.13](#)).

Each annotation relationship is between a single annotating element and a single annotated element, but an annotating element may have multiple annotation relationships with different annotated elements, and any element may have multiple annotations. The annotated element of an annotation can optionally be the owning related element of the annotation, in which case the annotation is an owned annotation of the owning annotated element. If an annotating element is an owned member of a namespace (see [7.2.5](#)) and is not involved in any annotation relationships, then its owning namespace is considered to be its annotated element without the need for an explicit annotation relationship.

### 7.2.4.2 Comments and Documentation

A *comment* is an annotating element with a textual *body* that in some way describes its annotated element. *Documentation* is a kind of comment that has the special status of documenting the annotated element, known in this case as the *documented element*. A documentation comment is always an owned element of its documented element.

The full declaration of a comment begins with the keyword **comment**, optionally followed by a short name and/or name (see [7.2.2.2](#)). One or more annotated elements are then identified for the comment after the keyword **about**, indicating that the comment has annotation relationships to each of the identified elements. The *body* of the comment is written lexically as regular comment text between `/*` and `*/` delimiters (see also [8.2.2.2](#)).

```
classifier A;
classifier B;
comment Comment1 about A, B
    /* This is the comment body text. */
```

If the comment is an owned member of a namespace (see [7.2.5](#)), then the explicit identification of annotated elements can be omitted, in which case the annotated element is implicitly the containing namespace. Further, in this case, if no short name or name is given for the comment, then the **comment** keyword can also be omitted.

```
namespace N {
    comment C /* This is a comment about N. */

    /* This is also a comment about N. */
}
```

A *locale* can also be specified for a comment, using the keyword **locale** followed by the locale string, placed immediately before the comment body (whether or not the **comment** keyword is used). The locale identifies the language of the body text and, optionally, the region and/or encoding. The format is `language[_territory][.codeset][@modifier]` (conformant to [ISO15897]).

```
comment C_US_English locale "en_US"
    /* This is US English comment text */
```

A documentation comment is notated similarly to a regular comment, but using the keyword **doc** rather than **comment**. The documented element of a documentation comment is always the owning element of the documentation.

```
dependency X from A to B {
    doc X_Comment
        /* This is a documentation comment about X. */
    doc /* This is more documentation about X. */
}
namespace P {
    doc P_Comment /* This is a documentation comment about P. */
}
```

The actual *body* text of a comment does not include the initial `/*` and final `*/` characters. Further, the written text is processed to allow formatting using `*` characters to delimit consistent initial indentation of a comment lines. For example, the comment notation in:

```
namespace CommentExample {
    /*
     * This is an example of multiline
     * comment text with typical formatting
     *   for readable display in a text editor.
     */
}
```

would result in the following body text in the comment element in the represented model:

```
This is an example of multiline
comment text with typical formatting
    for readable display in a text editor.
```

The body text of a comment can include markup information (such as HTML), and a tool may (but is not required to) display such text as rendered according to the markup. (See [8.2.3.3.2](#) for the complete rules for processing comment text.)

### 7.2.4.3 Textual Representations

A textual representation is an annotating element whose textual *body* represents its annotated element (known in this case as the *represented element*) in a given language. A textual representation is notated similarly to a documentation comment (see [7.2.4.2](#)), but with the keyword **rep** used instead of **comment**. As for documentation, a textual representation is always owned by its represented element. In particular, if the textual representation is an owned member of a namespace (see [7.2.5](#)), the represented element is the containing Namespace. A textual representation declaration must also specify the language used for the textual body as a literal string (see [8.2.2.5](#)) following the keyword **language**. If the textual representation has no short name or name, then the **rep** keyword can also be omitted.

```
class C {
    feature x: Real;
    inv x_constraint {
        rep inOCL language "ocl"
        /* self.x > 0.0 */
    }
}
behavior setX(c : C, newX : Real) {
    language "alf"
    /* c.x = newX;
    * WriteLine("Set new x");
    */
}
```

The lexical comment text given for a textual representation is processed as for regular comment text (see [7.2.4.2](#)), and it is the result after such processing that is the textual representation *body* expected to conform to the named language.

**Note.** Since the lexical form of a comment is used to specify the textual representation *body*, it is not possible to include comments of a similar form in the *body* text.

The language name in a textual representation is case insensitive. The name can be of a natural language, but will often be for a machine-parsable language. In particular, there are recognized standard language names.

If the language is "kerml", then the body of the textual representation must be a legal representation of the represented element in the KerML textual notation. A tool can use such a textual representation to record the original KerML notation text from which an element is parsed. Other standard language names that can be used in a textual representation include "ocl" and "alf", in which case the body of the textual representation must be written in the Object Constraint Language [OCL] or the Action Language for fUML [Alf], respectively.

However, for any other language than "kerml", the KerML specification does not define how the body text is to be semantically interpreted as part of the model being represented. An element with no other definition than a textual representation in a language other than KerML is essentially a semantically "opaque" element specified in the other language. Nevertheless, a conforming KerML tool may (but is not required to) interpret such an element consistently with the specification of the named language.

## 7.2.5 Namespaces

### 7.2.5.1 Namespaces Overview

#### [KERML -101: Global scope notation](#)

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.3.4](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.2.4](#)
- *Semantics*, *none*

A *namespace* is an element that contains other elements via *membership* relationships with those elements. The namespace is the source element and owner of the membership. The target of a membership can be any kind of element, known as the *member element* of the membership. If the membership is an *owning* membership, then the member element is known as an *owned* member element, which is the only owned related element of the membership.

A namespace may also *import* memberships from other namespaces. Further, a type, which is kind of namespace, may *inherit* memberships from other types that it specializes (see [7.3.2](#)).

The *members* of a namespace are the member elements of all the memberships of the namespace (whether owned, imported or inherited). The *owned members* of a namespace are the owned member elements of all the owned memberships of the namespace that are owning memberships.

If an element is a member of a namespace, then any name for that element relative to the namespace is known as an *unqualified name* for that element in the namespace. If the containing namespace is not a root namespace (see [7.2.5.3](#)), then the *qualified name* for the member element consists of a name for the containing namespace, known as the *qualifier*, followed by an unqualified name for the element. Since a namespace is an element that may itself be a member of another namespace, a qualifier may be a qualified name. Therefore, a qualified name of an element, in general, has the form of a list of unqualified names of namespaces, each relative to the previous one, followed by the unqualified name of the element in the final namespace.

A qualified name is notated as a sequence of *segment names* separated by ":" punctuation. An *unqualified* name can be considered the degenerate case of a qualified name with a single segment name. A qualified name is used in the KerML textual concrete syntax to identify an element that is being referred to in the representation of another element. A qualified name used in this way does not appear in the corresponding abstract syntax—instead, the abstract syntax representation contains an actual reference to the identified element.

*Name resolution* is the process of determining the element that is identified by a qualified name (see [8.2.3.5](#)). Normally, name resolution begins by searching in the *local namespace* containing the qualified name reference. If local name resolution is not successful, the search proceeds outwards to successive containing namespaces until a *root namespace* is reached (see [7.2.5.3](#)), at which point a final attempt is made to search the *global namespace* consisting of all available root namespaces. However, if a qualified name is preceded by the *global scope qualification* \$: , then name resolution begins in the global namespace, regardless of the location of the qualified name reference.

Since namespaces and their members may have aliases (see [7.2.5.2](#)), it is possible for there to be multiple qualified names for an element even if it does not itself have aliases. On the other hand, if a namespace does not have any name, then its members will have no qualified names, even if they are themselves named.

### 7.2.5.2 Namespace Declaration

A namespace that is not a root namespace (see [7.2.5.3](#)), and does not represent any more specialized modeling construct (such as a type—see [7.3.2](#)) is declared using the keyword **namespace**, optionally followed by a short name and/or name (see [7.2.2.2](#)). The *body* of the namespace is notated as a list of representations of the content of the namespace delimited between curly braces { ... }. If the namespace is empty, then the body may be omitted and the declaration ended instead with a semicolon.



```

namespace <'1.1'> N1; // This is an empty namespace.
namespace <'1.2'> N2 {
    doc /* This is an example of a namespace body. */
    class C;
    datatype D;
    feature f : C;
    namespace N3; // This is a nested namespace.
}

```

Declaring an element within the body of a namespace denotes that the element is an owned member of the namespace—that is, that there is an owning membership relationship between the namespace and the member element.

The *visibility* of the membership can be specified by placing one of the keywords **public**, **protected** or **private** before the public element declaration. If the membership is **public** (the default), then it is visible outside of the namespace. If it is **private**, then it is not visible. For namespaces other than types, **protected** visibility is equivalent to **private**. For types, **protected** visibility has a special meaning relating to member inheritance (see [7.3.2](#)).

```

namespace N3 {
    public class C;
    private datatype D;
    feature f : C; // public by default
}

```

An *alias* for an element is a non-owning membership of the element in a namespace, which may or may not be the same namespace that owns the element. An alias name or short name is determined only relative to its membership in the namespace, and can therefore be different than the name or short name defined on the element itself. Note that the same element may be related to a namespace by multiple alias memberships, allowing the element to have multiple, different names relative to that namespace.

An alias is declared using the keyword **alias** followed by the alias short name and/or name, with a qualified name identifying the element given after the keyword **for**. The alias declaration may optionally include a body as described for relationships in [7.2.2.3](#). The visibility of the alias membership can be specified as for an owned member.

```

namespace N4 {
    class A;
    class B;
    alias <C> CCC for B {
        doc /* Documentation of the alias. */
    }
    private alias D for B;
}

```

A comment (see [7.2.4.2](#)), including documentation, declared within a namespace body also becomes an owned member of the namespace. If no annotated elements are specified for the comment (with an **about** clause), then, by default, the comment is considered to be about the containing namespace.

```

namespace N5 {
    class A;
    comment Comment1 about A
        /* This is a comment about class A. */

    comment Comment2
        /* This is a comment about namespace N5. */

    /* This is also a comment about namespace N5. */
}

```



```

    doc N9_Doc
      /* This is documentation about namespace N5. */
  }

```

With the ability to specify names, short names and aliases for elements, any element can potentially have several names relative to a namespace. However, the set of names provided for any one member of a namespace must be disjoint from the set of names provided for any other member of the namespace. That is, a namespace effectively provides a "space" of names, each one of which uniquely identifies a single member element of the namespace (though there may be multiple names that identify the same element). This is known as the *distinguishability* of namespace memberships.

### 7.2.5.3 Root Namespaces

A *root namespace* is a namespace that has no owner. The owned members of a root namespace are known as *top-level elements*. Any element that is not a root namespace has an owner and, therefore, must be in the ownership tree of a top-level element of some root namespace.

The declaration of a root namespace is implicit and no identification of it is provided in the KerML textual notation. Instead, the body of a root namespace is given simply by the list of representations of its top-level elements.

```

doc /* This is a model notated in KerML concrete syntax. */
classifier A {
  feature c : C;
}
class C;
datatype D;
feature f : C;
package P;

```

Since the notation does not provide a means for naming a root namespace, the name of a top-level element is *not* qualified by the name of its containing root namespace. The name resolution rules consider all top-level elements to be directly and globally visible without qualification (see [8.2.3.5](#)). Therefore, the *fully qualified* name of an element relative to a root namespace always begins with the name of a top-level element in the root namespace, without regard to the name (if any) of the root namespace.

### 7.2.5.4 Imports

**[KERML -73: Disallow public imports at root level](#)**  
**[KERML -75: Restrict the functionality of recursive import](#)**  
**[KERML -74: Make imports private by default](#)**

A namespace may *import* visible memberships from other namespaces. The complete set of memberships of a namespace include all its owned memberships and all its imported memberships, and the member elements of imported memberships are included in the set of members of the namespace. Various kinds of namespaces may also define additional memberships to be included in the set of memberships of that kind of namespace (for instance, the memberships of a type also include its *inherited* members – see [7.3.2](#)) and which of those are visible (e.g., public inherited memberships).

If the member name or member short name of any imported membership conflicts with the name of any owned member, or with the name of any visible membership from any other imported namespace, then the conflicting membership is *hidden* and is not included in the set of imported memberships of the importing namespace. As a result of this rule and the distinguishability rule for owned members (see [7.2.5.2](#)), the names of all owned and imported members will always be distinct from each other. Any specialized kind of namespace that adds further kinds of memberships (e.g., inherited memberships of types) always maintains the property that the names of all memberships of a namespace are distinct from each other.

The namespace that is the source of an import relationship, known as the *importing* namespace, also owns it. There are two types of import relationships. A *membership import* is a relationship between the importing namespace and a single membership, which becomes an imported membership of the importing namespace. A *namespace import* is a relationship between the importing namespace and an *imported namespace*, in which all visible memberships of the imported namespace become imported memberships of the importing namespace.

A membership import is denoted using the keyword **import** followed by a qualified name, which identifies the imported membership (be member name or member short name). The member element of the imported membership becomes an *imported member* of the importing namespace. Note that the imported membership may be for an alias of the imported member (see [7.2.5.2](#)), in which case the element will be known by that name in the importing namespace.

```
namespace N6 {
  private import N4::A;
  private import N4::C; // Imported with name "C".
  namespace M {
    import C; // "C" is re-imported from N4 into M.
  }
}
```

A namespace import is also denoted using the keyword **import** followed by a qualified name, but with the qualified name suffixed by `::*`. In this case, the qualified name identifies the imported namespace. All visible memberships of the imported namespace then become imported memberships of the importing namespace.

```
namespace N7 {
  // Memberships A, B and C are all imported from N4.
  private import N4::*;
}
```

If the declaration of either a membership or namespace import is further suffixed by `::**`, then the import is *recursive*. Such an import is equivalent to importing memberships as described above for either an imported membership or namespace, followed by further recursively importing from each imported member that is itself a namespace, with the following limitations:

1. Recursive import only continues with a namespace that is either the imported element of an original recursive membership import or an owned member of an imported namespace.
2. Memberships inherited via implied specializations (of any kind) are not imported by recursive imports (see also [7.3.2.3](#) on Specialization and [8.4.2](#) on Semantic Constraints and Implied Relationships).

```
namespace N8 {
  class A;
  class B;
  namespace M {
    class C;
  }
}
namespace N9 {
  private import N8::*;
  // The above recursive import is equivalent to all
  // of the following taken together:
  //   import N8;
  //   import N8::*;
  //   import N8::M::*;
}
namespace N10 {
  private import N8:::**;
  // The above recursive import is equivalent to all
  // of the following taken together:
  //   import N8::*;
  //   import N8::M::*;
```

```

    // (Note that N8 itself is not imported.)
}

```

The *visibility* of an import is always shown explicitly by placing the keyword **private**, **protected**, or **public** before the import declaration. If the import is **private** (which is the default in the abstract syntax), then the imported memberships become **private** relative to the importing namespace. A visibility of **protected** is the same as **private**, unless the importing namespace is a type, in which case the imported memberships are also visible in all specializations of the type (see also [7.3.2.3](#) on **protected** visibility). If the import is **public**, then all the imported memberships become public for the importing namespace. An import declaration may optionally have a body, as described for relationships in [7.2.2.3](#).

```

namespace N11 {
  public import N4::A {
    /* The imported membership is visible outside N11. */
  }

  private import N5::* {
    doc /* None of the imported memberships are visible
       * outside of N11. */
  }
}

```

If an import is owned by a root namespace (see [7.2.5.3](#)), then the memberships imported by it are visible to and within all the top-level elements of the root namespace. However, an import owned by a root namespace is required to be **private**, so none of the imported memberships become globally visible outside of the root namespace. (This rule disallows the "re-export" of the same element from multiple different root namespaces, which would cause ambiguity that could complicate the resolution of unqualified, globally-visible names.)

An import may also be declared with one or more *filter conditions*. Given as model-level evaluable Boolean expressions (see [7.4.9](#)), listed after the imported membership or namespace specification, each surrounded by square brackets [...]. Such a filtered import is equivalent to importing an implicit package that then both imports the given imported membership or namespace and has all the given filter conditions. The effect is such that, for a filtered import, memberships are imported if and only if they satisfy all the given filter conditions. (While filtered imports may be used in any namespace, packages and filter conditions are actually Kernel-layer concepts, because expressions are only defined in that layer. See [7.4.14](#).)

```

namespace N12 {
  private import Annotations::*;

  // Only import elements of NA that are annotated as Approved.
  private import NA::*[@Approved];
}

```

## 7.3 Core

### 7.3.1 Core Overview

The Core layer builds on the Root layer to add the minimum constructs for modeling systems as designed, built and operated. *Semantics* is about how models are interpreted as giving conditions on how things should be (i.e., as a *specification* of a modeled system) or as a reflection of how things are (i.e., as a *description* of a modeled system). KerML semantics are based on *classification*: a model has elements that classify things in the modeled system.

A *type* is the most general kind of model element that classifies things (see [8.2.4.1.1](#)). *Classifiers* are types that classify things, such as cars, people and processes being carried out, as well as how they are related by features (see [7.3.3](#)). *Features* are also types, classifying relations between things (see [8.2.4.3.1](#)). In addition to simple relations between two things, KerML allows features to classify longer *chains* of relations. For example, cars owned by people who live in a particular city might be required to be registered. These cars are identified by a chain of two relations, first the ownership of the car, then the residence of the owner.

KerML also supports taxonomies of classifications using *specialization* relationships between types. All the things classified by a specialized type are also classified by the general types it is related to via specialization relationships. This means that all the things classified by a specialized type have all the features of its general types, referred to as *inheriting* features from general to specific types. KerML includes several special kinds of specialization, including *subclassification* between classifiers, *subsetting* and *redefinition* between features, and *feature typing* between a feature and another type.

## 7.3.2 Types

### 7.3.2.1 Types Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.4.1](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.3.1](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.3.2](#)

*Types* classify things in a modeled system. The set of things classified by a type is the *extent* of the type, each member of which is an *instance* of the type. Everything being modeled is an instance of the type `Anything` from the `Base` library model (see [9.2.2](#)).

A type gives conditions for what things must be in or not in its extent (*sufficient* and *necessary* conditions, respectively). The simplest conditions directly identify instances that must be in or not in the extent. Other conditions can give characteristics of instances indicating they must be in or not in the extent. These conditions apply to all procedures that determine the extents of types, including logical solving, inference, and execution.

For example, a type `Car` could require every instance in its extent (everything it classifies) to have four wheels, which means anything that does not have four wheels is not in its extent (necessary condition). It does not mean all four wheeled things are in the extent (are cars), however. (Note that necessary conditions are usually stated as what must be true of all instances in the extent, even though they really only determine what is not.) Alternatively, `Car` could require all four wheeled things to be in its extent (sufficient condition).

Types are namespaces, enabling them to have members via membership relationships to other elements identified as their members (see [7.2.5](#)). These include *inherited* memberships, which are certain memberships from the general types of their *owned specializations* (see [7.3.2.3](#)). The member names of all inherited memberships must be distinct from each other and from the member names of all owned memberships. A membership that would otherwise be imported is hidden by an inherited membership with the same member name, similarly to how it would be hidden by a conflicting owned membership (see [7.2.5](#)).

**Note.** Name conflicts due to inherited memberships can be resolved by redefining them to give non-conflicting member names (see [7.3.4](#)).

### 7.3.2.2 Type Declaration

A type is declared using the keyword **type**, optionally followed by a short name and/or name. In addition, a type declaration defines either one or more *owned specializations* for the type (see [7.3.2.3](#)) or a *conjugator* for the type (see [7.3.2.4](#)). This may optionally be followed by the definition of one or more *owned disjointings* (see [7.3.2.5](#)).

```
type A specializes Base::Anything disjoint from B;  
type C conjugates A;
```

A type is specified as *abstract* by placing the keyword **abstract** before the keyword **type**. A type that is not abstract is called a *concrete* type. Declaring a type to be abstract means that all instances of the type must also be instances of at least one concrete type that directly or indirectly specializes the abstract type.

```

abstract type A specializes Base::Anything;
type A1 specializes A;
type A2 specializes A;

```

The multiplicity constrains the number of instances in the extent of a type (the *cardinality* of the extent). A multiplicity is a feature whose values are natural numbers (extended with infinity, see [9.3.2.1](#)) that are the only ones allowed for the cardinality of its featuring type (each multiplicity is the feature of exactly one Type). A type can have at most one feature that is its multiplicity. Cardinality for classifiers is the number of things it classifies. For features that are not end features (see below), cardinality is the number of values of the feature for a specific instance of its featuring types.

**Note.** The semantics of multiplicity is different for features that are identified as *end features*. End Features are used primarily in the definition of associations and connectors, and the semantics of end features is discussed in conjunction with them (see [7.4.5](#) and [7.4.6](#), respectively).

The multiplicity of a type can be specified as a *range* after any identification of the Type, between square brackets [...]. (See [7.4.12](#) for a complete description of multiplicity ranges, including declaring named multiplicity features.)

```

// This Type has exactly one instance.
type Singleton[1] specializes Base::Anything;

```

The body of a type is specified as for a generic namespace, by listing the members between curly braces {...} (see [7.2.5.2](#)). However, for types, *protected* members, indicated using the keyword **protected** instead of **public** or **private**, have special visibility rules for inheritance (see [7.3.2.3](#)). A feature declared as an owned member of a type is automatically considered to be an *owned feature* of the type, related by a *feature membership*, unless its declaration is preceded by the keyword **member**, in which case it is related by regular membership (see [7.3.2.6](#) for details).

```

type Super specializes Base::Anything {
  private namespace N {
    type Sub specializes Super;
  }
  protected feature f : N::Sub;
  member feature f1 : Super featured by N::Sub;
}

```

The conditions that a type places on its instances (e.g., what feature it has) are always considered *necessary*. They can be indicated as *sufficient* by placing the keyword **all** after the keyword **type**. In this case, the type places additional sufficiency conditions on its instances corresponding to all the necessary conditions. For example, if `Car` requires all instances to be four-wheeled (necessary), and then is also indicated as sufficient, its extent will include all four wheeled things and no others. (See also the discussion in [7.3.2.1](#).)

```

type all Car specializes MaterialThing {
  feature wheels[4] : Wheel;
}

```

### 7.3.2.3 Specialization

#### [KERML\\_-74](#): Make imports private by default

*Specializations* are relationships between types, identified as *specific* and *general*, indicating that all instances of the specific type are instances of the *general* one (that is, the extent of the specific type is a subset of the extent of the general one, which might be the same set). This means instances of the specific type have all the features of the general one, referred to syntactically as *inheriting* features from general to specific types. A type may participate in multiple specialization relationships, both as specific and general types.

A specialization relationship is declared using the keyword **specialization**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the specific type, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)) if the specific type is such a feature, is then given after the keyword **subtype**, followed by the qualified name of the general type, or a feature chain if the general type is such a feature, after the keyword **specializes**. The symbol `:>` can be used interchangeably with the keyword **specializes**. A specialization declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
specialization Gen subtype A specializes B;
specialization subtype x :> Base::things {
  doc /* This specialization is unnamed. */
}
```

If no `shortName` or `name` is given, then the keyword **specialization** may be omitted.

```
subtype C specializes A;
subtype C specializes B;
```

The *direct supertypes* of a type are all the general types in specializations for which the type is the specific type, and the *direct subtypes* of a type are all the specific types in specializations for which the type is the general type. *Indirect supertypes* include, recursively, the supertypes of the direct supertypes of a type, and similarly for *indirect subtypes*.

Specialization relationships can form cycles, which means all types in the cycle have the same instances (same extent). However, since all types are required to specialize the base type `Anything` (directly or indirectly), no cycle of valid types can be entirely closed, unless it includes the type `Anything`.

The *owned specializations* of a type are those specializations that are owned relationships of the type (see [7.2.2](#)), for which the type is the *specific* type. An owned specialization of a type is defined as part of the declaration of the type, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain of the general type in a list after the keyword **specializes** (or the symbol `:>`).

```
type C specializes A, B;
type f :> Base::things;
```

A type *inherits* all visible and protected memberships of the general types of its owned specializations. *Protected* memberships are all owned and inherited memberships of the general type whose visibility is declared as protected (see also [7.3.2.2](#) on **protected** visibility) and all memberships imported via imports with visibility **protected** (see also [7.2.5.4](#) on import visibility). This means protected memberships are memberships that are only visible to their owning type and to (direct or indirect) specializations of it.

```
type A specializes Base::Anything {
  feature f; // Public by default.
  protected feature g;
  private feature h;
}
type B specializes A {
  // B inherits feature memberships for
  // f and g, but not h.
}
```

### 7.3.2.4 Conjugation

*Conjugation* is a relationship between types, identified as the *original* type and the *conjugated* type, indicating the conjugated type inherits visible and protected memberships from the original type, except the direction of input and output features is reversed (see [7.3.4.1](#) on features with direction). Features with direction **in** relative to the original type are treated as having direction **out** relative to the conjugated type, and vice versa for direction **out** treated as **in**. Features with no direction or direction **inout** in the original type are inherited without change.

A conjugation relationship is declared using the keyword **conjugation**, followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the conjugated type, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)) if the conjugated type is such a feature, is then given after the keyword **conjugate**, followed by the qualified name of the original type, or a feature chain if the original type is such a feature, after the keyword **conjugates**. The symbol `~` can be used interchangeably with the keyword **conjugates**. A conjugation declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
type Original specializes Base::Anything {
  in feature Input;
}
type Conjugate1 specializes Base::Anything;
type Conjugate2 specializes Base::Anything;
conjugation c1 conjugate Conjugate1 conjugates Original;
conjugation c2 conjugate Conjugate2 ~ Original {
  doc /* This conjugation is equivalent to c1. */
}
```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **conjugation** may be omitted.

```
conjugate Conjugate1 conjugates Original;
conjugate Conjugate2 ~ Original;
```

An *owned conjugation* is an owned relationship of a type ([7.2.2](#)) that is a conjugation relationship, for which the type is the *conjugated* type. An owned conjugation for a type is defined as part of the declaration of the type, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain of the original type after the keyword **conjugates** (or the symbol `~`).

```
type Conjugate1 conjugates Original;
type Conjugate2 ~ Conjugate1;
```

A type can be the conjugated type of at most one conjugation relationship, and a conjugated type cannot be the specific type in any specialization relationship.

### 7.3.2.5 Disjoining

Types related by *disjoining* do not share instances (instances cannot be in more than one of the extents; the extents are *disjoint*). For example, a classifier for mammals is disjoint from a classifier for minerals, and a feature for people's parents is disjoint from a feature for their children.

A disjoining relationship is declared using the keyword **disjoining**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the first type, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)) if the type is such a feature, is then given after the keyword **disjoint**, followed by the qualified name of the second type, or a feature chain, if the type is such a feature, after the keyword **from**. A disjoining declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
disjoining Disj disjoint A from B;
disjoining disjoint Mammal from Mineral;
disjoining disjoint Person::parents from Person::children {
  doc /* No Person can have a parent as a child. */
}
```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **disjoining** may be omitted.

```
disjoint A from B;
disjoint Mammal from Mineral;
disjoint Person::parents from Person::children;
```



An *owned disjoining* of a type is an owned relationship of the type (see [7.2.2](#)) that is a disjoining relationship. An owned disjoining is defined as part of the declaration of the type, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain of the disjoining type in a list after the keyword **disjoint from**, placed after any owned specializations.

```
type C specializes Anything disjoint from A, B;
type Mammal :> Animal disjoint from Mineral;
```

### 7.3.2.6 Feature Membership

#### **KERML\_-57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

A *feature membership* is a relationship between a type and a feature that is a kind of owning membership that also implies *type featuring* (see [7.3.4.8](#)). Features related to a type via feature membership are identified as *owned features of the type*. The owning type is one of the feature's featuring types, meaning that the feature specifies a relation between the owning type and the type of the feature.

A feature that is declared within the body of a type is normally an owned feature of that type, so it automatically has that type as a featuring type. This also applies to the bodies of classifiers (see [7.3.3](#)) and features (see [7.3.4](#)), since they are kinds of types. A feature may also be aliased in a type like any other Element (see [7.2.5](#)), in which case it is related to the aliasing type by a regular membership relationship, not a feature membership, and, so, does not become one of the owned features of the type.

```
feature person[*] : Person;
classifier Person {
  // This declares an owned feature using a feature membership.
  feature age[1] : ScalarValues::Integer;

  // This is not a feature membership.
  alias personAlias for person;
}
```

However, if a feature declaration in the body of type is preceded by the keyword **member**, then the feature is owned by the containing type via a membership relationship, not a feature membership. In this case, the feature is *not* an owned feature of the containing type, and it does *not* automatically have the containing type as a featuring type, though it may have featuring types declared in its **featured by** list (see [7.3.4.1](#) on declaring the owned typings of a feature).

```
classifier A;
classifier B {
  // Feature f has B as its featuring type.
  feature f;

  // Feature g has A as its featuring type, not B.
  member feature g featured by A;
}
```

### 7.3.2.7 Unioning, Intersecting, and Differencing

*Unioning*, *intersecting*, and *differencing* are relationships between an owning type and a set of other types.

1. *Unioning* specifies that the owning type classifies everything that is classified by *any* of the unioned types.
2. *Intersecting* specifies that the owning type classifies everything that is classified by *all* of the intersecting types.
3. *Differencing* specifies that the owning type classifies everything that is classified by the first of the differenced types but *not* by any of the remaining types.



Since these relationships are always owned by the source type, they are defined as part of the declaration of that type, using the keywords **unions**, **intersects**, and **differences**, respectively, followed by a list of qualified names (or feature chains, if appropriate, see [7.3.4.6](#)) of the related types. These relationship clauses are placed after any owned specializations (see [7.3.2.3](#)) but may otherwise appear in any order with each other and with any disjoining clause (see [7.3.2.5](#)).

```

classifier Adult;
classifier Child;

classifier Person unions Adult, Child {
  feature dependents : Child[*];
  feature offspring : Person[*];
  feature grownOffspring : Adult[*] :> offspring;
  feature dependentOffspring : Child[*] :> dependents, offspring
    differences offspring, grownOffspring
    intersects dependents, offspring;
}

```

Multiple relationships of each kind can be specified using multiple clauses in a single declaration. In the case of differencing, any additional **differences** clauses after the first one mean that the owning type does *not* classify anything classified by any of the related types. It is not allowable, though, for a type to have just one of any of these relationships over all.

```

// This is valid.
classifier Person unions Adult unions Child;

// This is NOT valid.
classifier Person unions Adult;

```

## 7.3.3 Classifiers

### 7.3.3.1 Classifiers Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.4.2](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.3.2](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.3.3](#)

*Classifiers* are types that classify things in the modeled system, as distinct from features, which model the relations between them (see [7.3.4](#)). *Subclassification* is a kind of specialization that specifically relates classifiers.

### 7.3.3.2 Classifier Declaration

The notation for a classifier is the same as the generic notation for a type (see [7.3.2.2](#)), except using the keyword **classifier** rather than **type**. However, any general types referenced in a **specializes** list must be Classifiers, and the specializations defined are specifically *subclassifications* (see [7.3.3.3](#)). A classifier is also not required to have any owned subclassifications explicitly specified. If no explicit subclassification is given for a classifier, and the classifier is not conjugated, then the classifier is given a default subclassification to the most general base classifier *Anything* from the Base library model (see [9.2.2](#)).

```

classifier Person { // Default superclassifier is Base::Anything.
  feature age : ScalarValues::Integer;
}
classifier Child specializes Person;

```

The declaration of a classifier may also specify that the classifier is a conjugated type (see [7.3.2.4](#)), in which case the original type must also be a classifier.

```

classifier FuelInPort {
    in feature fuelFlow : Fuel;
}
classifier FuelOutPort conjugates FuelInPort;

```

### 7.3.3.3 Subclassification

A subclassification relationship is declared using the keyword **specialization**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the *subclassifier* is then given after the keyword **subclassifier**, followed by the qualified name of the *superclassifier* after the keyword **specializes**. The symbol **:>** can be used interchangeably with the keyword **specializes**. A subclassification declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```

specialization Super subclassifier A specializes B;
specialization subclassifier B :> A {
    /* This subclassification is unnamed. */
}

```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **specialization** may be omitted.

```

subclassifier C specializes A;
subclassifier C specializes B;

```

An owned subclassification of a classifier is defined as part of the declaration of the classifier, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name of the superclassifier in a list after the keyword **specializes** (or the symbol **:>**).

```

classifier C specializes A, B;

```

## 7.3.4 Features

### 7.3.4.1 Features Overview

**KERML\_-57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.4.3](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.3.3](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.3.4](#)

*Features* are types that classify how things in a modeled system are related, including by chains of relations. Relations between things can also be treated as things, allowing relations between relations, recurring as many times as needed. A feature relates instances in the intersection of the extents of its *featuring types* (the *domain*) with instances in the intersection of the extents of its *featured types* (the *co-domain*). Instances in the domain of a feature are said to "have values" that are instances of the co-domain. The domain of features with no explicit featuring types is the type `Anything` from the `Base` library model (see [9.2.2](#)).

*Type featuring* is a relationship between a feature and a type that identifies the type as a *featuring type* of the feature. *Feature membership* is a kind of owning membership that also implies type featuring, by which a type owns a feature and becomes a featuring type of that feature (see [7.3.2.6](#)).

There are also several forms of specialization that apply specifically to features.

- *Feature typing* is a relationship between a feature and a type that identifies the type as a *featured type* of the feature.

- *Subsetting* is a relationship between a specific feature (the *subsetting feature*) and a more general feature (the *subsetted feature*), where the specific feature may further constrain the featuring types, featured types and multiplicity of the general feature.
- *Redefinition* is a kind of subsetting in which the specific feature (the *redefining feature*) also replaces an otherwise inherited general feature (the *redefined feature*) in the context of the owning type of the specific feature.

### 7.3.4.2 Feature Declaration

[KERML -5](#): **isComposite, semantics**

[KERML -57](#): **Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

[KERML -18](#): **Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

The notation for a feature is similar to the generic notation for a type (see [7.3.2.2](#)), except using the keyword **feature** rather than **type**. Further, a feature can have any of three kinds of specialization, each identified by a specific keyword or equivalent symbol:

- **typed by** or **:** – Specifies FeatureTyping (see [7.3.4.3](#)).
- **subsets** or **:>** – Specifies Subsetting (see [7.3.4.4](#)).
- **redefines** or **::>** – Specifies Redefinition (see [7.3.4.5](#)).

In general, clauses for the different kinds of Specialization can appear in any order in a Feature declaration.

```
feature x typed by A, B subsets f redefines g;

// Equivalent declaration:
feature x redefines g typed by A subsets f typed by B;
```

If no subsetting (or redefinition) is explicitly specified for a feature, and the feature is not conjugated, then the feature is given a default subsetting of the most general base feature `things` from the `Base` library model (see [9.2.2](#)). This is true even if a feature typing is given for the feature.

```
abstract feature person : Person; // Default subsets Base::things.
feature child subsets person;
```

The declaration of a feature may also specify that the feature is a conjugated type (see [7.3.2.4](#)), in which case the original type must also be a feature. In this case, the feature must not have any owned specializations.

```
classifier Tanks {
  feature fuelInPort {
    in feature fuelFlow : Fuel;
  }
  feature fuelOutPort ~ fuelInPort;
}
```

As for any type, the multiplicity of a feature can be given in square brackets [...] after any identification of the feature (see also [7.3.2.2](#)). However, the multiplicity for a feature can also be placed *after* one of the specialization clauses in the feature declaration, but, in all cases, only one multiplicity may be specified. In particular, this allows a notation style for multiplicity consistent with that used in previous modeling languages (such as [UML]). It is also useful when redefining a Feature without giving an explicit name (see [7.3.4.5](#)).

```
feature parent[2] : Person;
feature mother : Person[1] :> parent;
feature redefines children[0];
```

In addition to, or instead of, an explicit multiplicity, a feature declaration can include either or both of the following keywords (in either order). The properties flagged by these keywords are only meaningful if the feature has a multiplicity upper bound greater than one.

- **nonunique** – If a feature is *non-unique*, then, for any domain instance, the same co-domain instance may appear more than once as a value of the feature. The default is that the feature is *unique*.
- **ordered** – If a feature is *ordered*, then for any domain instance, the values of the feature can be placed in order, indexed from 1 to the number of values. The default is that the feature is *unordered*.

```
feature sensorReadings : ScalarValues::Real [*] nonunique ordered;
```

There are four other kinds of relationships that can be declared as owned relationships of a feature, each indicated by a specific keyword:

- **disjoint from** – Specifies disjoining (see [7.3.2.5](#)).
- **chains** – Specifies feature chaining (see [7.3.4.6](#)).
- **inverse of** – Specifies feature inverting (see [7.3.4.7](#)).
- **featured by** – Specifies type featuring (see [7.3.4.7](#)).

The clauses for these relationships must appear after any specialization or conjugation part, but can otherwise appear in any order.

```
feature cousins : Person[*] chains parents.siblings.children featured by Person;  
feature children : Person[*] featured by Person inverse of parents;
```

There are a number of additional properties of a feature that can be flagged by adding specific keywords to its declaration. If present, these are always specified in the following order, before the keyword **feature**:

1. **in, out, inout** – Specifies the *direction* of a feature, which determines what is allowed to change its values on instances of its domain:
  - **in** – Things "outside" the instance. These features identify things input to an instance.
  - **out** – The instance itself or things "inside" it. These features identify things output by an instance.
  - **inout** – Both things "outside" and "inside" the instance. These features identify things that are both input to and output by an instance.
2. **derived** – Specifies that the feature is *derived*. Such a feature is typically expected to have a bound feature value expression that completely determines its value at all times (see [7.4.11](#) on feature values, which is a kernel concept).
3. **abstract** – Specifies that the feature is *abstract* (see [7.3.2.2](#) on abstract types in general).
4. **composite** or **portion** – Specifies that the feature is either a *composite* or *portion* feature (specifying both is not allowed).
  - Values of a composite feature, on each instance of the feature's domain, cannot exist after the featuring instance ceases to exist. This only applies to values at the time the instance goes out of existence, not to other things in the co-domain that might have been values before that. Values of a composite feature also cannot be values of another composite feature that is not on the same instance of the feature's domain. Values of a composite feature also cannot be values of another composite feature that is not on the same instance of the feature's domain.
  - Portions are features whose values cannot exist without the whole, because they are the “same thing” as the whole. (For example, the portion of a person's life when they are a child cannot be added or removed from that person's life.)
5. **var** or **const** – Specifies that the feature is *variable* or *constant* (specifying both is not allowed). Portions cannot be variable or constant.
  - Values of a variable feature may vary in time over the duration of a featuring instance.
  - A constant feature is one that is potentially variable but has been constrained to have the same values over the entire duration of a featuring instance. (This is useful, for example, to redefine a variable feature to be constant over some temporal portion of a featuring instance.)

(Note that the semantics of **composite**, **portion**, **var** and **const** require a model of things existing in time, which is provided in the Kernel layer, see [7.4.3](#). See also the discussion of **end** features in [7.4.5](#).)

```

abstract classifier Account {
    abstract feature ntries : Entry[*] ordered;
    derived feature balance = sum(entries.amount);
}

classifier Tank specializes Object {
    in var feature fuelFlow: Fuel;
    var feature fuel : Fuel {
        portion feature fuelPortion : Fuel;
    }
}

```

### 7.3.4.3 Feature Typing

A feature typing relationship is declared using the keyword **specialization**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the typed feature is then given after the keyword **typing**, followed by the qualified name of the type, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)), after the keyword **typed by**. The symbol **:** can be used interchangeably with the keyword **typed by**. A feature typing declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```

specialization t1 typing customer typed by Person;
specialization t2 typing employer : Organization {
    doc /* An employer is an Organization. */
}

```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **specialization** may be omitted.

```

typing customer typed by Person;
typing employer : Organization;

```

An *owned feature typing* is a feature typing that is an owned relationship of its type feature. An owned feature typing is defined as part of the declaration of the typed feature, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain for the type in a list after the keyword **typed by** (or the symbol **:**).

```

feature foodItem typed by Food, InventoryItem;

```

### 7.3.4.4 Subsetting

Subsetting is a kind of specialization between two features. This means that the values of the subsetting feature are also values of the subsetted feature on each instance (separately) of the domain of the subsetting feature.

A subsetting relationship is declared using the keyword **specialization**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the subsetting feature, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)), is then given after the keyword **subset**, followed by the qualified name of the subsetted feature, or a feature chain, after the keyword **subsets**. The symbol **:>** can be used interchangeably with the keyword **subsets**. A subsetting declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```

specialization Sub subset parent subsets person;
specialization subset mother subsets parent {
    doc /* All mothers are parents. */
}

```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **specialization** may be omitted.

```

subset rearWheels subsets wheels;
subset rearWheels subsets driveWheels;

```

An *owned subsetting* is a subsetting that is an owned relationship of the subsetting feature. An owned subsetting is defined as part of the declaration of the subsetting feature, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain of the subsetted feature in a list after the keyword **subsets** (or the symbol **:>**).

```
feature rearWheels subsets wheels, driveWheels;
```

A subsetting feature can restrict aspects of the subsetted feature, otherwise it will, by default, have the same properties as the subsetted feature. In particular, a subsetting feature can constrain its featured types to be specializations of those of the subsetted feature and add additional feature types. A subsetting feature can also restrict the multiplicity of its subsetted feature to allow cardinalities that are smaller than those of the subsetted feature (e.g., by specifying smaller lower and/or upper bounds).

```
classifier Wheel;
classifier DriveWheel specializes Wheel;
feature anyWheels[*] : Wheel;

classifier Automobile {
  // Restricts multiplicity
  composite feature wheels[4] subsets anyWheels;
  // Restricts multiplicity and type.
  composite feature driveWheels[2] : DriveWheel subsets wheels;
}
```

If a subsetted feature is ordered, then the subsetting feature must also be ordered. If the subsetted feature is unordered, then the subsetting feature will be unordered by default, unless explicitly flagged as **ordered**.

```
classifier Automobile {
  composite feature wheels[4] ordered subsets anyWheels;
  // driveWheels must be ordered because wheels is ordered.
  composite feature driveWheels[2] ordered : DriveWheel subsets wheels;
}
```

If a subsetted feature is unique, then the subsetting feature must not be specified as non-unique. If the subsetted feature is non-unique, then the subsetting feature will still be unique by default, unless specifically flagged as **nonunique**.

```
feature urls[*] nonunique : URL;
classifier Server {
  feature accessibleURLs subsets urls; // Unique by default.
  feature visibleURLs subsets accessibleURLs; // Cannot be nonunique.
}
```

### 7.3.4.5 Redefinition

Redefinition is a kind of subsetting that requires the values of the redefining feature and the redefined feature to be the same on each instance (separately) of the domain of the redefining feature. This means any restrictions on the values of the redefining feature relative to the redefined feature, such as typing or multiplicity, also apply to the values of the redefined feature, and vice versa.

A redefinition relationship is declared using the keyword **specialization**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the redefining feature, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)), is then given after the keyword **redefinition**, followed by the qualified name of the redefined feature, or a feature chain, after the keyword **redefines**. The symbol **:>>** can be used interchangeably with the keyword **redefines**. A redefinition declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
specialization Redef redefinition LegalRecord::guardian redefines parent;
specialization redefinition Vehicle::vin redefines RegisteredAsset::identifier {
  doc /* A "vin" is a Vehicle Identification Number. */
}
```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **specialization** may be omitted.

```
redefinition Vehicle::vin redefines RegisteredAsset::identifier;
redefinition Vehicle::vin redefines legalIdentification;
```

A feature can only be redefined once for any featuring type. A feature without any feature types is considered to be implicitly featured by the most general base type *Anything* (see [7.3.4.1](#)). It is therefore allowable to redefine such a feature by a redefining feature that does have some other featuring type. It is, however, illegal for one such feature to redefine another, because that would correspond to a semantically inconsistent redefinition of one feature of *Anything* by another.

The restrictions on the specification of the multiplicity, ordering and uniqueness of a subsetting feature (see [7.3.4.4](#)) also apply to a redefining feature. In addition, the multiplicity of a redefining feature must only allow cardinalities that are consistent with the multiplicity of the redefined feature (e.g., it cannot have a multiplicity lower bound that is less than that of the redefined feature).

An *owned redefinition* is a redefinition that is an owned relationship of its redefining feature. An owned redefinition of a feature is defined as part of the declaration of the feature, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name or feature chain of the redefined feature in a list after the keyword **redefines** (or the symbol **:>>**).

```
feature vin redefines RegisteredAsset::identifier, legalIdentification;
```

If a redefining feature is declared as an owned feature of a type (see [7.3.2.6](#)), then each of the redefined features of its owned redefinitions must be features that would otherwise be inherited from supertypes of its owning type. When redefined, however, these otherwise inheritable features are *not* inherited and are, instead, replaced by the redefining feature. This enables the redefining feature to have the same name as a redefined feature, if desired. (Note, however, that even though a redefined feature is not in the namespace of the owning type of the redefining feature, the redefined feature still has values on instances of that type, particularly when they are considered as instances of the supertype that owns the redefined feature. The values will be the same as for the redefining feature, as described above.)

In general, the resolution of a qualified name begins with the namespace in which the name appears and proceeds outwards from there to containing namespaces (see [8.2.3.5](#)). However, the resolution of the qualified names of redefined features of owned redefinitions follow special rules. In particular, the local namespace of the owning type of the redefining feature is *not* included in the name resolution of the redefined features, with resolution beginning instead with the direct supertypes of the owning type. Since redefined features are not inherited, they would not be included in the local namespace of the owning type and, therefore, could not be referenced by an unqualified name. The special rules for redefined features, however, allow such a reference, because the name resolution begins with the namespaces of the supertypes of the owning type, one of which must contain the redefined feature.

```
classifier RegisteredAsset {
    feature identifier : Identifier;
}
classifier Vehicle : RegisteredAsset { // Owing type.
    // Legal even though "identifier" is not inherited.
    feature vin redefines identifier;
}
```

If neither a name nor a short name is given in the declaration of a feature with an owned redefinition, then the feature is implicitly given the same name and short name as the first redefined feature (which may itself have implicit names, if the redefined feature is itself a redefining feature). These implicit names are used in name resolution, just as explicitly declared names would be. This is useful when declaring a feature that redefines another feature in order to constrain it, while maintaining the same naming.

```
classifier WheeledVehicle {
    // The declared name is "wheels".
    composite feature wheels[1..*] : Wheel;
}
```



```

classifier MotorizedVehicle specializes WheeledVehicle {
  // The effective name is "wheels", the same name as
  // WheeledVehicle::wheels, which is being redefined.
  composite feature redefines wheels[2..4];
}
classifier Automobile specializes MotorizedVehicle {
  // The effective name is "wheels", the same (effective) name
  // as "MotorizedVehicle::wheels", which is being redefined.
  composite feature redefines wheels[4] : AutomobileWheel;
}

```

### 7.3.4.6 Feature Chaining

*Feature chaining* is an owned relationship between the owning *chained feature* and a *chaining feature*. If a feature has any chaining features, then it must have at least two. The list of chaining features of a chained feature is called its *feature chain*.

The meaning of a chained feature depends on its feature chain. The values of a chained feature are the same as the values of the last feature in the chain. These can be found by starting with the values of the first feature (for each instance of the chained feature's domain), then on each of those, finding the values of the second feature in the chain, and so on, to values of the last feature. If a chained feature is ordered, any ordering of values earlier in the chain are imposed on values found later in the chain. If a chained feature is non-unique, duplicate values found in the last feature of the chain (which might be due to multiple values of the earlier features) are preserved in the chained feature, otherwise the last feature can have no duplicates.

A feature chain is notated as a sequence of two or more qualified names separated by dot (.) symbols. Each qualified name in a feature chain must resolve to a feature. The first qualified name in a feature chain is resolved in the local namespace as usual (see [8.2.3.5](#)). Subsequent qualified names are then resolved using the previously resolved feature as the context namespace (but considering only visible memberships). This notation specifies a list of chaining features, as given by the resolution of the qualified names in the chain, in order.

The feature chain notation can be placed after the keyword **chains** in the declaration of the Feature, appearing after any specialization or conjugation part, but before any disjoining or type featuring part (see also [7.3.4.2](#)).

```

feature cousins chains parents.siblings.children;

```

The featuring types of the chaining feature are implicitly considered to include the featuring types of the first chaining feature. Similarly, the featured types of the chaining feature are implicitly considered to include the featured types of the last chaining feature.

The feature chain notation may also be used to specify a related element in the declaration of any of the following relationships:

1. Specialization (see [7.3.2.3](#))
2. Conugation (see [7.3.2.4](#))
3. Unioning, intersecting and differencing (see [7.3.2.7](#))
4. Disjoining (see [7.3.2.5](#))
5. Subsetting (see [7.3.4.4](#))
6. Redefinition (see [7.3.4.5](#))
7. Feature inverting (see [7.3.4.7](#))
8. Connector (see [7.4.6](#), in the Kernel layer)

In this case, the related element specified using the feature chain notation becomes an owned related feature of the relationship with the feature chain as notated.

```

feature uncles subsets parents.siblings;
feature cousins redefines parents.siblings.children;
connector vehicle.wheelAssembly.wheels to vehicle.road;

```



**Note.** A similar dot notation is also used for the related Kernel-layer concept of a feature chain expression (see [7.4.9.3](#)). However, it is always syntactically unambiguous as to whether the notation should be parsed as a plain feature chain or as a feature chain expression.

### 7.3.4.7 Feature Inverting

*Feature inverting* is a relationship between two features whose interpretations as relations are the inverse of each other. For example, a feature identifying each person's parents is the inverse of a feature identifying each person's children. A person identified as a parent of another will identify that other as one of their children.

A feature inverting relationship is declared using the keyword **inverting**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name. The qualified name of the first feature, or a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)), is then given after the keyword **inverse**, followed by the qualified name of the second feature, or a feature chain, after the keyword **of**. A feature inverting declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
inverting parent_child inverse Person::parent of Person::child {  
    doc /* A Person is the parent of their children. */  
}
```

If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **inverting** may be omitted.

```
inverse Person::parents of Person::children;
```

An *owned feature inverting* is a feature inverting that is an owned relationship of its first feature. An owned feature inverting is defined as part of the declaration of the inverted feature, rather than in a separate declaration, by giving the qualified name or feature chain of the other feature after the keyword **inverse of**.

```
classifier Person {  
    feature children : Person[*];  
    feature parents : Person[*] inverse of children;  
}
```

Note that only a single feature identification is allowed after **inverse of**. While it is possible to declare multiple feature inverting relationships for a single feature, this is generally not useful.

Inverse features can be arbitrarily nested. However, while it is allowable to use feature chains in the declaration of a feature inverting relationship, note that a feature chain is a separate feature from any of the features it chains. In order to indicate that two declared features are inverses, one should use qualified names rather than feature chains.

```
classifier A {  
    feature b1: B {  
        feature c1: C;  
    }  
}  
classifier C {  
    feature b2: B {  
        feature a2: A inverse of A::b1::c1;  
    }  
}
```

### 7.3.4.8 Type Featuring

*Type featuring* is a relationship between a feature and a type, identifying the type as a featuring type of the feature (see also [7.3.4.1](#)). Feature membership is a kind of type featuring that also makes the feature an owned member of the featuring type (see [7.3.2.6](#)).

A type featuring relationship is declared using the keyword **featuring**, optionally followed by a short name and/or a name, and the keyword **of**. The qualified name of the featured feature is then given, followed by the qualified

name of the featuring type after the keyword **featured by**. A type featuring declaration can also optionally have a relationship body (see [7.2.2.3](#)) for, e.g., nested annotations.

```
featuring engine_by_Vehicle of engine featured by Vehicle;
featuring power featured by engine {
  doc /* The engine of a Vehicle has power. */
}
```

An *owned type featuring* is a type featuring that is an owned relationship of the featured feature. An owned type featuring is defined as part of the declaration of the feature, rather than in a separate declaration, by including the qualified name of the featuring type in a list after the keyword **featured by**.

```
classifier Vehicle;
classifier PoweredComponent;
feature engine : Engine featured by Vehicle, PoweredComponent;
```

Note that the domain of a feature is given by the *intersection* of its featuring types. That is, in the above example, an instance in the domain of `engine` must be *both* a `Vehicle` *and* a `PoweredComponent`.

## 7.4 Kernel

### 7.4.1 Kernel Overview

The Kernel layer completes KerML. It extends the Core layer to add modeling capabilities beyond basic classification. These include specialized classifiers for things that have the semantics of data values (*data types*) from others that have an independent existence over time and space (*classes*), and for reified relationships between things (*associations*).

Classes have instances that exist or happen in time and space. They are divided into those for *structure* and *behavior*. Structures typically limit how things and relations between them might change over time, while behaviors specify changes within those limits. Structures and behaviors do not overlap, but structures can be involved in, perform, and own behaviors. Behaviors can coordinate other behaviors via *steps* (usages of behaviors). *Functions* are behaviors that yield a single result, which can be used to form trees of *expressions*. Interactions combine behaviors and associations. Some associations are also structures.

The Kernel layer adds semantics beyond the Core primarily by specifying how model elements use the Kernel model library (see [Clause 9](#)), rather than be specified mathematically as in the Core. The Kernel textual syntax introduces keywords that translate to patterns of using Core abstract syntax and library models, acting as syntactic "markers" for modeling patterns tying Kernel to the Core. In the simplest case, this involves introducing implicit specializations of model library types. For example, classes must directly or indirectly subclassify the library class `Occurrence`, while behaviors must directly or indirectly subclassify the library class `Performance`. Sometimes more complicated reuse patterns are needed. For example, binary associations (with exactly two ends) specialize `BinaryLink` from the library, and additionally require the ends of the association to redefine the `source` and `target` ends of `BinaryLink`.

This is also how other modeling languages can be built on KerML. Domain-specific metamodels and libraries can also reuse Kernel metamodel and libraries, inheriting the patterns of library reuse above, as well as the mathematical semantics they inherit from Core. This enables domain-specific modelers to use terms and syntax familiar to them and still benefit from automated assistance based on mathematically-defined semantics.

### 7.4.2 Data Types

[KERML -142](#): **two haves**

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.1](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.1](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.2](#)

*Data types* are classifiers that classify *data values* (see [9.2.2.2.2](#)). Certain *primitive* data types have specified extents of values, such as the numerical and other types from the `ScalarValues` library model (see [9.3.2](#)). Other data types have features whose values can distinguish one instance of the data type from another. But, otherwise, different data values are not distinguishable.

This means that data types cannot also be classes or associations, or share instances with them. It also means that data types classify things that do not exist in time or space, because they require changing relations to other things. The feature values of a data value cannot change over time, because different feature values would inherently identify a different data value.

A data type is declared as a classifier (see [7.3.3](#)), using the keyword **datatype**. If no owned superclassing is explicitly given for the data type, then it is implicitly given a default superclassing to the data type `DataValue` from the `Base` library model (see [9.2.2](#)).

If any of the types of a feature are data types, then none of its types can be classes or associations, because classes and associations are disjoint from data types (see [8.4.4.2](#)). If a feature has data types as its types, and no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given in the feature declaration, then the feature is implicitly given a default subsetting to the Feature `dataValues` from the `Base` model library (see [9.2.2](#)).

```
datatype IdNumber specializes ScalarValues::Integer;
datatype Reading { // Subtypes Base::DataValue by default
    feature sensorId : IdNumber; // Subsets Base::dataValues by default.
    feature value : ScalarValues::Real;
}
```

## 7.4.3 Classes

### **KERML\_-57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.2](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.2](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.3](#)

*Classes* are classifiers that classify *occurrences*, which exist in time and space (see [9.2.4](#)). Relations between an occurrence and other things can change over time and space, while the occurrence still maintains an independent identity.

A class is declared as a classifier (see [7.3.3](#)), using the keyword **class**. If no owned superclassing is explicitly given for the class, then it is implicitly given a default superclassing to the class `Occurrence` from the `Occurrences` model library (see [9.2.4](#)).

If any of the types of a feature are classes, then none of its types can be data types, because data types are disjoint from classes (see [8.4.4.3](#)). If a feature has class types, and no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given in the feature declaration, then the feature is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `occurrences` from the `Occurrences` library model (see [9.2.4](#)), unless at least one of the types is an association structure, in which case the default subclassing is as described in [7.4.5](#).

Some or all of the features of a class may be specified as *variable features* using the keyword **var** (see also [7.3.4.2](#)). A variable feature is one whose values may vary over the lifetime of its featuring occurrence. A variable feature may subset a non-variable feature or a variable feature, but a non-variable feature may not subset a variable feature.

```

class Situation { // Specializes Occurrences::Occurrence by default.
  feature kind : SituationCode;
  var feature condition : ConditionCode;
  var feature alarmSounding : ScalarValues::Boolean;
}
class SituationStatusMonitor specializes StatusMonitor {
  // Subsets Occurrences::occurrences by default.
  abstract feature lifetimeSituations : Situation[*];
  var feature currentSituation : Situation subsets lifetimeSituations;
}

```

Alternatively, a features may be specified as a *constant feature* using the keyword **const** (see also [7.3.4.2](#)). A constant feature is a potentially variable feature which has nevertheless been constrained to have unchanging values, perhaps within some limited context. A constant feature may subset any constant, variable or non-variable feature, but any subsetting feature of a constant feature must also be constant.

```

class ControlledSituation specializes Situation {
  var feature underControl : ScalarValues::Boolean;
  portion controlPeriods[*] subsets timeSlices {
    const feature redefines underControl = true;
    const feature redefines condition;
  }
}

```

## 7.4.4 Structures

### [KERML\\_-57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.3](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.3](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.4](#)

*Structures* are classes that classify *objects*, which are kinds of occurrences. Structures typically limit how their instances and relations between them can change over time, as opposed to Behaviors, which indicate how objects and their relations change. Structures and behaviors do not overlap, but structures can own behaviors, and the objects they classify can be involved in and perform behaviors.

A structure is declared as a classifier (see [7.3.3](#)), using the keyword **struct**. If no owned superclassing is explicitly given for the structure, then it is implicitly given a default superclassing to the structure `Object` from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)).

If any of the types of a feature are structures, then all of them must be. If a feature has structure types, and no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given in the feature declaration, then the feature is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `objects` from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)), unless at least one of the types is an association structure, in which case the default subsetting shall be as specified in [7.4.5](#).

```

struct Sensor { // Specializes Objects::Object by default.
  feature id : IdNumber;
  var feature currentReading : ScalarValues::Real;
  step updateReading { ... } // Performed behavior
}
struct SensorAssembly specializes Assembly {
  composite var feature sensors[*] : Sensor; // Subsets Objects::objects by default.
}

```

## 7.4.5 Associations

### [KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

#### 7.4.5.1 Associations Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.4](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.4](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.5](#)

*Associations* are classifiers that classify *links* between things (see [9.2.3.1](#)). Unless the association is abstract, at least two of its features must be *association ends*, which identify the things being linked by (at the "ends" of) each link (exactly one thing per end, which might be the same thing). Associations with exactly two association ends are called *binary associations*. The end features of an association identify the *participants* in the links that are instances of the association and must have multiplicity 1..1. Associations can also have features that are not end features, which characterize each instance of the association separately from the things it links.

An association is also a relationship between the types of its association ends, called its *related types* (which need not be unique). Links are between instances of an association's related types. For binary associations, the two related types are identified as the *source type* and the *target type* (which may be the same). For associations with more than two association ends ("n-ary"), the first related type is the source type and all the remaining related types are target types.

#### 7.4.5.2 Association Declaration

### [KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

An association is declared as a classifier (see [7.3.3](#)), using the keyword **assoc**. Association ends are declared as features (see [7.3.4.2](#)), prefixed by the keyword **end**. If no owned superclassification is explicitly given for the association, then it is implicitly given a default superclassification to either the association `BinaryLink` (if it is a binary association) or the association `Link` (otherwise), both of which are from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)).

```
assoc Ownership { // Specializes Links::BinaryLink by default.
  end feature owner[1] : LegalEntity; // Redefines BinaryLink::source.
  end feature ownedAsset[1] : Asset; // Redefines BinaryLink::target.
  feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}
```

The keyword **feature** may also be omitted from an association end declaration (unless it has an owned cross feature, as described later).

```
assoc Ownership {
  end owner[1] : LegalEntity;
  end ownedAsset[1] : Asset;
  feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}
```

**Note.** For a binary association, the `source` and `target` ends are already declared to have multiplicity 1..1, so this does not need to be redeclared in redefinitions of these features. However, for non-binary associations, the end multiplicity must be explicitly declared as 1..1 to override the usual default of 0..\*.

For a binary association, one or both association ends can be explicitly declared to subset a *cross feature* owned by the other related type. This is done with *cross subsetting*, which is a special kind of subsetting relationship specified using the keyword **crosses** or the symbol `=>`. Only end features may have cross subsetting relationships, and an end feature can have at most one owned cross subsetting.

```

classifier LegalEntity {
    feature assetsOwned [*] ordered : Asset;
}
classifier Asset {
    feature owningEntities [1..*] : LegalEntity;
}
assoc AssetOwnership {
    end feature owner : LegalEntity crosses ownedAsset.owningEntities;
    end feature ownedAsset : Asset => owner.assetsOwned;
    feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}

```

This specifies that each instance of the `AssetOwnership` association must link a value of the `owningEntities` feature of the `ownedAsset` with a value of the `assetsOwned` feature of the `owner`. That is, creating a `AssetOwnership` link between a `LegalEntity` and an `Asset` means that the `Asset` must be one of the `assetsOwned` by the `LegalEntity` and that the `LegalEntity` must be one of the `owningEntities` of the `Asset`. As shown above, the target of a cross subsetting relationship must be a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)) in which the first feature is the other association end and the second feature is the cross feature for that end.

Cross feature multiplicity effectively constrains the number of instances of an association. It applies to each set of instances (links) of the association that have the same (single) values for each of the other ends. For a binary association, this is the same as the number of values resulting from "navigating" across the association from an instance of one related type to instances of the other related type. Cross feature uniqueness and ordering apply to the instances navigated to, preventing duplication among them and ordering them to form a sequence.

For example, given a specific `Asset`, navigating across all `AssetOwnership` links with that `Asset` as the `ownedAsset` to the corresponding `owner` gives a collection of `LegalEntities` that must be the same as the `owningEntities` of the `Asset`. The `owningEntities` feature has a multiplicity lower bound of 1, requiring that there must be at least one `AssetOwnership` link for every `Asset`. Similarly, given a specific `LegalEntity`, navigating across all `AssetOwnership` links with that `LegalEntity` as the `owner` to the corresponding `ownedAssets` gives a collection of `Assets` that must be the same as the `assetsOwned` of the `LegalEntity`. The declaration of `assetsOwned` as `ordered` means that this collection is ordered in the same order as the `assetsOwned` of the `LegalEntity`. Similarly, if `assetsOwned` were non-unique, the collection could contain duplicate `Assets`.

Note that these semantics presume that values of cross features are exclusively due to the existence of links between them. However, it is still possible for the cross features to have values that do not correspond to any links, allowing the cross features to meet their multiplicity constraints without requiring corresponding links exist. That is, the declaration of cross features imposes *necessary* but not *sufficient* conditions on links that are instances of the association (see [7.3.2.1](#)). To make these conditions also sufficient, requiring instances of the association to exist when cross feature values do, the association declaration can include the **all** keyword (see [7.3.2.2](#)).

For example, as declared above, it is possible for a `LegalEntity` to have `assetsOwned` for which there are no instances of `AssetOwnership` linking the `LegalEntity` to the corresponding `Assets`. But with the declaration below, adding just an **all** keyword, a `LegalEntity` having an `Asset` as one of its `assetsOwned` is sufficient to require that an `AssetOwnership` link exists between that `LegalEntity` and that `Asset`, and, therefore, that the `LegalEntity` is also one of the `owningEntities` of the `Asset`.

```

assoc all AssetOwnership {
    end feature owner : LegalEntity crosses ownedAsset.owningEntities;
    end feature ownedAsset : Asset => owner.assetsOwned;
    feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}

```

It is also possible to declare cross features directly in the declaration of the ends of an association, rather than nested in the related types of the association. Such *owned cross features* are declared between the **end** and **feature** keywords of the association end declarations (and, in this case, the **feature** keyword is required). These may be

full feature declarations, including declared name and or short name, owned subsettings and redefinitions, etc., but without bodies and nested elements (see [7.3.4.2](#) on feature declaration).

```
assoc LegalAssetOwnership {
  end owningEntities[1..*] feature owner : LegalEntity;
  end assetsOwned[*] ordered feature ownedAsset : Asset;
  feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}
```

**Note.** Owned cross features are in the namespace of the owning association ends, so their names are qualified by the name of the association ends, e.g., *LegalAssetOwnership::owner::owningEntities*.

For a binary association, an owned cross feature is implied to be featured by the type of the other association end, rather than its owning association end. Further, an association end with a cross feature has an implied cross subsetting relationship to the cross feature through the other end feature. This ensures owned cross features have the same semantics as cross features that are nested directly in the related types of the association. (For further details, see [8.4.4.5](#) on association semantics.)

**Note.** If an association end has an owned cross feature, then it may not have an explicit cross subsetting relationship declared to an unowned cross feature.

While owned cross features can have full feature declarations, it is often sufficient to just include the cross multiplicity, ordering, and/or uniqueness on one or more association ends.

```
assoc LegalAssetOwnership {
  end [1..*] feature owner : LegalEntity;
  end [*] ordered feature ownedAsset : Asset;
  feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
}
```

This specifies that every *Asset* must have one or more *LegalEntities* as its owners, and that every *LegalEntity* may have zero or more *Assets* as ownedAssets, which are ordered. Note that the association ends themselves, as participants of the association, still always have multiplicity 1..1, whether or not this is included in the declaration.

Cross features can also be used in associations with more than two ends. In general, the cross multiplicity, ordering, and uniqueness of an association end apply to the the collection of its values from each set of instances of the association that have the same (single) values for each of the other ends.

```
assoc AgreedAssetOwnership {
  end [*] feature owner : LegalEntity;
  end [*] ordered feature ownedAsset : Asset;
  end [0..1] feature agreement : OwnershipAgreement;
}
```

The cross multiplicity 0..1 for *agreement* requires that, for every pair of a *LegalEntity* and an *Asset*, at most one *AgreedAssetOwnership* instance may link that *LegalEntity* as its owner and *Asset* as its ownedAsset to an *OwnershipAgreement* as its agreement. Similarly, every pair of a *LegalEntity* as owner and an *OwnershipAgreement* as agreement may be linked to any number of *Assets* as ownedAsset, including none at all, as declared by the cross multiplicity of ownedAsset. This collection of linked Assets is ordered, as declared by the cross ordering of ownedAsset. The same applies to the cross multiplicity of owner. (For further details, see [8.4.4.5](#) on association semantics.)

If an association has a single superclassifier that is an association, it may inherit association ends from this superclassifier association. However, if it declares any owned association ends, then each of these must redefine an association end of the superclassifier association, in order, up to the number of association ends of the superclassifier. If no redefinition is given explicitly for an owned association end, then it is considered to implicitly redefine the association end at the same position, in order, of the superclassifier Association (including implicit



defaults), if any. An implicitly or explicitly redefining association end may also further constrain the cross multiplicity (if any) of the superclassifier association ends that it redefines.

```

assoc SoleAssetOwnership specializes LegalAssetOwnership {
  end [1] feature owner; // Redefines LegalAssetOwnership::owner.
  // ownedAsset is inherited as an association end.
  // valuationOnPurchase is inherited as a non-end feature.
}

```

If an association has more than one superclassifier that is an association, then the association *must* declare a number of owned association ends at least equal to the maximum number of association ends of any of its superclassifier associations. Each of these owned association ends must then redefine the corresponding association end (if any) at the same position, in order, of each of the superclassifier associations.

If a feature has one or more association types, then it must subset the feature `links` from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)). If any of the types are binary associations, then it must subset the feature `binaryLinks` from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)). If necessary, the feature is given implicit subsettings to meet these requirements. (See also [7.4.6](#) on connectors as features typed by associations.)

### 7.4.5.3 Association Structures

#### **KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

*Association structures* are both associations and structures (see [7.4.4](#) on structures), classifying *link objects*, which are both links and objects (see [9.2.5.1](#) on objects). As objects, link objects can be created and destroyed, and their non-end features can change over time if they are variable and not constant (see also [7.3.4.2](#)). However, the end features of a link object are always constant, their values cannot change over its lifetime.

An association structure is declared like a regular association (see [7.4.5.2](#)), but using the keyword **assoc struct**. An association structure must directly or indirectly specialize the base associations structure `LinkObject`. If this is not the case due to the explicit owned superclassifications in its declaration, then it is implicitly given a default superclassification to either the association structure `BinaryLinkObject` (if it is a binary association structure) or the association structure `LinkObject` (otherwise), both of which are from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)). The same rules on association ends described in [7.4.5.2](#) for associations also apply to association structures. An association structure may specialize an association that is not an association structure, but all subclassifications of an association structure must be association structures.

```

struct LegalEntity {
  var feature assetsOwned [*] ordered : Asset;
}
struct Asset {
  var feature owningEntities [1..*] : LegalEntity;
}
assoc struct ExtendedAssetOwnership { // Specializes Objects::BinaryLinkObject by default.
  end feature owner : LegalEntity crosses ownedAsset.owningEntities;
  end feature ownedAsset : Asset crosses owner.assetsOwned;
  feature valuationOnPurchase : MonetaryValue;
  // The values of the feature "revaluations" may change over time.
  var feature revaluations[*] ordered : MonetaryValue;
}

```

The end features of an association structure may also be declared as constant features by placing the keyword **const** before the keyword **end**. Whether or not an end feature is declared as constant, its value cannot change for the lifetime of an instance of the owning association structure. However, a constant end feature may subset or redefine a variable feature, while a regular end feature cannot.

```

struct AssetOwnershipRecord {
  var feature owner : LegalEntity [1];
}

```



```

    var feature ownedAsset : Asset [1];
  }
  assoc struct AssetOwnershipRelationship specializes AssetOwnershipRecord {
    const end feature redefines owner;
    const end feature redefines ownedAsset;
  }

```

If a feature has one or more types that are association structures, then it must subset the feature `linkObjects` from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)). If any of the types are binary association structures, then it must subset the feature `binaryLinkObjects` from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)). If necessary, the feature is given implicit subsettings to meet these requirements.

## 7.4.6 Connectors

### 7.4.6.1 Connectors Overview

#### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.5](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.5](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.6](#)

*Connectors* are features that are typed by associations (see [7.4.5](#)), having values that are links (see [9.2.3.1](#)). Like an association, a connector has end features, known as its *connector ends*. Each connector end redefines an association end from each of the associations that type the connector and subsets a feature that becomes a *related feature* of the connector. Connectors typed by binary associations are called *binary connectors*.

A connector is also a relationship between its related features. For binary connectors, the two related features are identified as the *source feature* and the *target feature*, which might be the same. For connectors with more than two connector ends ("n-ary"), the first related feature is the source feature and all the remaining related features are target features.

Connectors can be thought of as "instance-specific" associations, because their values (which are links) are each limited to linking things identified via related features on the same instance of the connector's domain (or by things identified by that instance, recursively, see below). For example, an association could be used to model an engine driving wheels, and to type a connector in the car model. This connector specifies an engine driving wheels only in the same car, not in another car, as would be allowed with just the association.

Specifically, the values (links) of a connector are restricted to those that link things

1. classified by the types of its association ends, regardless of the domain of the connector
2. identified by its related features for the same instance of the domain of the connector (or by things identified by that instance, recursively).

For example, if the wheels in a car are taken to be part of its drive train, rather than part of the car directly, then the engine in each car will drive wheels identified by that car's drive train, rather than a feature of the car directly. This requires that each related feature of a connector have some featuring type of the connector as a direct or indirect featuring type (where a feature with no featuring type is treated as if the classifier `Anything` was its featuring type). In particular, this condition is satisfied if a connector has an owned type that either also directly owns the related features of the connector or from which the related features can be reached by chaining (see [7.3.4.6](#)). Otherwise, explicit owned type featurings (see [7.3.4.8](#)) should be used to ensure that the connector has a sufficiently general domain.

*Binding connectors* are binary connectors that require their source and target features to have the same values on each instance of their domain. They are typed by the library association `SelfLink`, which only links things in the

modeled universe to themselves (see [9.2.3.1](#)). To be meaningful, the declared co-domains of the related features of a binding connector must at least overlap. Since the interpretations of data types are disjoint from those of classes, this means that a feature typed by data types can only be bound to another feature typed by data types. In the determination of the equivalence of such features, indistinguishable data values are considered equivalent. The binding of features typed by classes to another feature typed by classes, on the other hand indicates that the same occurrences play the roles represented by each of the related features.

*Successions* are binary connectors requiring their source and target features to identify *Occurrences* that are ordered in time. They are typed by the library association `HappensBefore` (see [9.2.4.1](#)), which links occurrences that happen completely separately in time, with the connector's source feature being the earlier occurrence and the target feature being the later occurrence.

## 7.4.6.2 Connector Declaration

### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

A connector is declared as a feature (see [7.3.4.2](#)) using the keyword **connector**. If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given for a connector, and none of its types are association structures, then the connector is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `binaryLinks` from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)), if it is a binary connector, or to the feature `links` from the `Links` library model, otherwise. If at least one of the types of a connector is an association structure, then the default subsetting is instead to the feature `binaryLinkObjects` from the `Objects` library model (see [9.2.5](#)), if it is a binary connector, or to the feature `linkObjects` from the `Objects` library model, otherwise.

In addition, a connector declaration includes *connector end* features that reference the features related by the connector. The connector ends may either be owned by the connector or inherited from the associations that type it or other connectors that it subsets (see also the description of association ends in [7.4.5](#)). Each owned end of a connector redefines the end at the corresponding position (if any) of each of the associations or connectors it specializes. A connector with more than two ends can also have more ends than any of its supertypes. However, a connector that specializes a binary association or connector must itself be binary, with exactly two ends.

The related feature referenced by a connector end is specified using the keyword **references** or the equivalent symbol `::>`. The number of connector ends is the same as the number of related features (including duplicates).

```
// Specializes Objects::BinaryLinkObject by default.
assoc struct Mounting {
    end feature mountingAxle : Axle;
    end feature mountedWheel : Wheel;
}
struct WheelAssembly {
    composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
    composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;

    // Subsets Objects::binaryLinkObjects by default.
    connector mount[2] : Mounting {
        end feature mountingAxle references axle;
        end feature mountedWheel references wheels;
    }
}
```

The **references** notation indicates that connector end features have *reference subsetting* relationships to the features related by the connector. Reference subsetting has the same semantics as regular subsetting (see [7.3.4.4](#)) but is used to syntactically differentiate one of the owned subsettings of a feature. While reference subsetting is used primarily for connector ends in KerML, it can actually be specified as an owned subsetting in the declaration of any kind of feature, using the **references** or `::>` symbol. A feature is allowed to have at most one owned subsetting that is a reference subsetting.

Instead of explicitly declaring connector ends in the body of the connector, they can be listed between parentheses, after the regular feature declaration part and before the body of the connector (if any). In this case, the end declarations are limited to be of the form ***e* references *f*** or ***e* ::> *f***, where *e* is the name of an association end and *f* is the qualified name of a related feature.

```
struct WheelAssembly {
  composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
  composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
  connector mount[2] : Mounting (
    mountingAxle ::> axle,
    mountedWheel ::> wheels
  );
}
```

The association end names can also be omitted, in which case the connector ends are matched in order to corresponding association ends.

```
struct WheelAssembly {
  composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
  composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;

  connector mount[2] : Mounting (axle, wheels);
}
```

By default, the connector ends of a connector are declared in the same order as the association ends of the types of the connector. However, if the connector has a single type, then the related features can be given in any order, with each related feature paired with an association end of the type using a notation of the form ***e* references *f*** or ***e* ::> *f***, where *e* is the name of an association end and *f* is the qualified name of a related feature. In this case, the name of each association end must appear exactly once in the list of connector end declarations.

A special notation can be used for a binary connector, in which the source related feature is referenced after the keyword **from**, and the target related feature is referenced after the keyword **to**.

```
struct WheelAssembly {
  composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
  composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;

  connector mount : Mounting from axle to wheels;
}
```

If a binary connector declaration includes only the related features part, then the keyword **from** can be omitted.

```
struct WheelAssembly {
  composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
  composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;

  // Subsets Links::binaryLinks by default.
  connector axle to wheels;
}
```

If a binary connector has a single type, then the names of the association ends of the type can also be used in the declaration of the connector ends in the special notation for binary connectors. However, since the connector ends are always declared in order from source to target in this notation, the association end names given must match those from the type in the order they are declared for that type.

```
struct WheelAssembly {
  composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
  composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
  connector mount[2] : Mounting
    from mountingAxle ::> axle
```

```

        to mountedWheel ::> wheels;
    }

```

Connector ends may have cross features, specified using cross subsetting, as for association ends (see [7.4.5.2](#)). The cross feature for the connector end further constrains any inherited cross feature(s).

```

struct WheelAssembly {
    composite feature axle[1] : Axle {
        feature mountedWheels[2] : Wheel;
    }
    composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
    connector mount[2] : Mounting {
        end mountingAxle references axle;
        end mountedWheel references wheels crosses mountingAxle.mountedWheels;
    }
}

```

Connector ends may also have owned cross features. In the full notation for the end declaration, this is specified just as for an association end (see [7.4.5.2](#)).

```

struct WheelAssembly {
    composite feature halfAxles[2] : Axle;
    composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
    // Connects each one of the halfAxles to a different one of the wheels.
    connector mount[2] : Mounting {
        end [1] feature mountingAxle references halfAxles;
        end [1] feature mountedWheel references wheels;
    }
}

```

In the shorthand notations, a cross multiplicity (but *not* ordering or non-uniqueness) can be given at the *beginning* of the end declaration.

```

struct WheelAssembly {
    composite feature halfAxles[2] : Axle;
    composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
    // Connects each one of the halfAxles to a different one of the wheels.
    connector mount[2] : Mounting from [1] halfAxles to [1] wheels;
}

```

Note that, if a connector is an owned feature of a type (as above), the context consistency condition for the related features of the connector (see [7.4.6.1](#)) requires that these features also be directly or indirectly nested within the owning type. The feature chain dot notation (see [7.3.4.6](#)) should be used when connecting so-called "deeply nested" features.

While the resolution of a feature chain is similar to a qualified name, the feature path contextualizes the resolution of the final feature. Thus, for example, while the qualified name `axle::halfAxles` statically resolves to `Axle::halfAxles`, in the Feature chain `axle.halfAxles`, `halfAxles` is understood to be specifically the feature as nested in `axle`.

```

struct Axle {
    composite feature halfAxles[2] : HalfAxle;
}
struct Wheel {
    composite feature hub : Hub[1];
    composite feature tire : Tire[1];
}
struct WheelAssembly {
    composite feature axle[1] : Axle;
    composite feature wheels[2] : Wheel;
}

```

```

    connector mount : Mounting from axle.halfAxles to wheels.hub;
}

```

### 7.4.6.3 Binding Connector Declaration

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**  
**[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

A binding connector is declared as a feature (see [7.3.4.2](#)) using the keyword **binding**. In addition, a binding connector declaration gives, after the keyword **of**, the qualified names of the two related features that are bound by the binding connector, separated by the symbol **=**, after the regular feature declaration part and before the body of the binding connector (if any). If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the binding connector is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `selfLinks` from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)). Note that, due to this default subsetting, if no `type` is explicitly given for a binding connector, then it will implicitly have the `type SelfLink` (the type of `selfLinks`).

```

struct Vehicle {
  composite feature fuelTank {
    out var feature fuelFlowOut : Fuel;
  }

  composite feature engine {
    in var feature fuelFlowIn : Fuel;
  }

  // Subsets Links::selfLinks by default.
  binding fuelFlowBinding of fuelTank.fuelFlowOut = engine.fuelFlowIn;
}

```

If a binding connector declaration includes only the related features part, then the keyword **of** can be omitted.

```

struct Vehicle {
  composite feature fuelTank {
    out var feature fuelFlowOut : Fuel;
  }

  composite feature engine {
    in var feature fuelFlowIn : Fuel;
  }

  binding fuelTank.fuelFlowOut = engine.fuelFlowIn;
}

```

(See also [7.4.11](#) on the use of binding connectors with feature values.)

### 7.4.6.4 Succession Declaration

**[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

A succession is declared as a feature (see [7.3.4.2](#)) using the keyword **succession**. In addition, the succession declaration gives the qualified name of the source feature after the keyword **first** and the qualified name of the target feature after the keyword **then**. If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the succession is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `happensBeforeLinks` from the `Occurrences` library model (see [9.2.4](#)). Note that, due to this default subsetting, if no `type` is explicitly given for a succession, then it will implicitly have the `type HappensBefore` (the type of `happensBeforeLinks`).

```

behavior TakePicture {
  composite step focus : Focus;
}

```

```

    composite step shoot : Shoot;
    succession controlFlow first focus then shoot;
}

```

If a succession declaration includes only the related features part, then the keyword **first** can be omitted.

```

behavior TakePicture {
    composite step focus : Focus;
    composite step shoot : Shoot;
    succession focus then shoot;
}

```

As for connector ends on regular connectors, constraining multiplicities can also be defined for the connector ends of successions.

```

behavior TakePicture {
    composite step focus[*] : Focus;
    composite step shoot[1] : Shoot;
    // A focus may be preceded by a previous focus.
    succession [0..1] focus then [0..1] focus;
    // A shoot must follow a focus.
    succession [1] focus then [0..1] shoot;
}

```

## 7.4.7 Behaviors

### 7.4.7.1 Behaviors Overview

[KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.6](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.6](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.7](#)

*Behaviors* are classes that classify *performances*, which are kinds of occurrences that can be spread out in disconnected portions of space and time (see [9.2.6](#)). The performance of behaviors can cause effects on other things, including their existence and relations, some of which might be accepted as input to or provided as output from the behavior.

Behaviors can have *steps*, which are features typed by behaviors, allowing the containing behavior to coordinate the performance of other behaviors. Steps can be ordered in time using succession connectors (see [7.4.6.4](#)). They can also be connected by flows to model things flowing between the output of one step and the input of another. Steps can also nest other steps to augment or redefine steps inherited from their behavior types.

### 7.4.7.2 Behavior Declaration

A behavior is declared as a classifier (see [7.3.3](#)), using the keyword **behavior**. If no owned superclassing is explicitly given for the behavior, then it is implicitly given a default superclassing to the behavior *Performance* from the *Performances* library model (see [9.2.6](#)).

Features declared in the body of a behavior with a non-null direction (see [7.3.4.2](#)) are considered to be the owned *parameters* of the behavior. Features with direction **in** are input parameters, those with direction **out** are output parameters, and those with direction **inout** are both input and output parameters.

```

// Specializes Performances::Performance by default.
behavior TakePicture {

```

```

    in scene : Scene;
    out picture : Picture;
}

```

Parameters are ordered in the lexical order they are declared in the body of a behavior. They may appear at any location within the body.

If a behavior has owned subclassifications whose superclassifiers are behaviors, then each of the owned parameters of the subclassifier behavior must, in order, redefine the parameter at the same position of each of the superclassifier behaviors. The redefining parameters shall have the same direction as the redefined parameters.

```

behavior A { in a1; out a2; }
behavior B { in b1; out b2; }
behavior C specializes A, B {
    in c1 redefines a1, b1;
    out c2 redefines a2, b2;
}

```

If there is a single superclassifier behavior, then the subclassifier behavior can declare fewer owned parameters than the superclassifier behavior, inheriting any additional parameters from the superclassifier (which are considered to be ordered after any owned parameters). If there is more than one superclassifier behavior, then every parameter from every superclassifier must be redefined by an owned parameter of the subclassifier. If every superclassifier parameter is redefined, then the subclassifier behavior may also declare additional parameters, ordered after the redefining parameters. If no redefinitions are given explicitly for a parameter, then the parameter is implicitly given owned redefinitions of superclassifier parameters sufficient to meet the previously stated requirements.

```

behavior A1 :> A { in aa; } // aa redefines A::a1, A::a2 is inherited.
behavior B1 :> B { in b1; out b2; inout b3; } // Redefinitions are implicit.
behavior C1 :> A1, B1 { in c1; out c2; inout c3; }

```

Steps (see [7.4.7.3](#)) declared in the body of a behavior are the owned steps of the containing behavior. A behavior can also inherit or redefine non-private steps from any superclassifier Behavior.

```

behavior Focus { in scene : Scene; out image : Image; }
behavior Shoot { in image : Image; out picture : Picture; }
behavior TakePicture {
    in scene : Scene;
    out picture : Picture;
    composite step focus : Focus;
    composite step shoot : Shoot;
}

```

Though the performance of a behavior takes place over time, the order in which its steps are declared has no implication for temporal ordering of the performance of those steps. Any restriction on temporal order, or any other connections between the steps, must be modeled explicitly.

```

behavior TakePicture {
    in scene : Scene;
    out picture : Picture;

    binding focus.scene = scene;
    composite step focus : Focus;
    succession focus then shoot;
    composite flow focus.image to shoot.image;
    composite step shoot : Shoot;
    binding picture = shoot.picture;
}

```

### 7.4.7.3 Step Declaration

A step is declared as a feature (see [7.3.4.2](#)) using the keyword **step**. If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the step is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `performances` from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)).

As for a behavior, directed features declared in the body of a step are considered to be *parameters* of the step (see [7.4.7.2](#)). If a step has owned specializations (including all feature typings, subsettings, and redefinitions), whose general type is a behavior or a step, then the rules for the redefinition of parameters of the behaviors and steps are the same as for the redefinition of the parameters of superclassifier behaviors by a subclassifier behavior (see [7.4.7.2](#)).

```
step focus : Focus {
  // Parameters redefine parameters of Focus.
  in scene;
  out image;
}

// Parameters are inherited.
step refocus subsets focus;
```

A step can also have a body, which may have steps in it. A step can inherit or redefine steps from its behavior types or any other steps it subsets.

```
step takePictureWithAutoFocus : TakePicture {
  in feature unfocusedScene redefines scene;
  step redefines focus : AutoFocus;
  out feature focusedPicture redefines picture;
}
```

## 7.4.8 Functions

### 7.4.8.1 Functions Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.7](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.7](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.8](#)

*Functions* are behaviors (see [7.4.7](#)) with one out parameter designated as the *result parameter*. Functions classify *evaluations* (see [9.2.6.2.4](#)), which are kinds of performances that produce *results* as values of the result parameter. Like all behaviors, functions can change things, often referred to as "side effects". A *pure* function is one that has no side effects and always produces the same results given the same input values, similarly to a function in the mathematical sense. The numerical functions in the Kernel Function Library (see [9.4](#)), for example, are pure functions.

*Expressions* are steps (see [7.4.7](#)) typed by only a single function, which means that their values are evaluations. An expression whose value is an evaluation with results is said to *evaluate to* those results. They can be steps in any behavior, but a function, in particular, can designate one of its expression steps as the *result expression* that gives the value of its result parameter. Expressions can have their own nested parameters, to augment or redefine those of their functions, including the result parameter. They can also own other expressions and designate a result expression, similarly to a function. (See also [7.4.9](#) for more on expressions).

*Predicates* are functions whose result is a single Boolean value (that is, true or false). A predicate determines whether the values of its input parameters meet particular conditions at the time of its evaluation, resulting in true if they do, and false otherwise. Predicates classify *boolean evaluations*, which are specialized evaluations giving a Boolean result (see [9.2.6.2.1](#)).



*Boolean expressions* are expressions whose function is a predicate and, so, evaluate to a Boolean result. A boolean expression might, in general, evaluate to true at some times and false at other times. An *invariant*, though, is a boolean expression that must always evaluate to either true at all times or false at all times. By default, an invariant is asserted to always evaluate to true, while a *negated invariant* is asserted to always evaluate to false.

### 7.4.8.2 Function Declaration

A function is declared as a behavior (see [7.4.7.2](#)), using the keyword **function**. If no owned superclassing is explicitly given for a function, then it is implicitly given a default subclassification to the function `Evaluation` from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)). As for a behavior, any feature declared in the body of a function with an explicit direction is considered to be a parameter of the function. In addition, the result parameter of a function may be declared in its body by beginning the declaration with the keyword **return** (instead of a direction keyword).

```
// Specializes Performances::Evaluation by default.
function Velocity {
  in v_i : VelocityValue;
  in a : AccelerationValue;
  in dt : TimeValue;
  return v_f : VelocityValue;
}
```

If a function has owned subclassifications that are behaviors, then the rules for redefinition or inheritance of non-result parameters are the same as for a behavior (see [7.4.7.2](#)). If some of the superclassifier behaviors are functions, then the result parameter of the subclassifier function must redefine the result parameters of the superclassifier functions. If, in this case, the result parameter of the subclassifier function has no owned redefinitions, then it is implicitly given redefinitions of the result parameter of each of the superclassifier functions.

```
abstract function Dynamics {
  in initialState : DynamicState;
  in time : TimeValue;
  return : DynamicState;
}
function VehicleDynamics specializes Dynamics {
  // Each parameter redefines the corresponding superclassifier parameter
  in initialState : VehicleState;
  in time : TimeValue;
  return : VehicleState;
}
```

The body of a function is like the body of a behavior (see [7.4.7.2](#)), with the optional addition of the declaration of a result expression at the end. A result expression is always written using the Expression notation described in [7.4.9](#), *not* using the Expression declaration notation from [7.4.8.3](#). The result of the result expression is implicitly bound to the result parameter of the containing function.

```
function Average {
  in scores[1..*] : Rational;
  return : Rational;

  sum(scores) / size(scores)
}
```

**Note.** A result expression is written *without* a final semicolon.

The result of a function can also be explicitly bound, either using a binding connector (see [7.4.6.3](#)) or a feature value on the result parameter declaration (see [7.4.11](#)). In this case, the body of the function should *not* include a result expression.

```

function Average {
  in scores[1..*] : Rational;
  return : Rational = sum(scores) / size(scores);
}

```

### 7.4.8.3 Expression Declaration

An expression can be declared as a step (see [7.4.7.3](#)) using the keyword **expr** (see also [7.4.9](#) for more traditional expression notation). If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the expression is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature evaluations from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)).

As for a step, directed features declared in the body of an expression are considered to be parameters of the expression (see [7.4.7.3](#)). If an expression has owned specializations (including all feature typings, subsettings, and redefinitions) whose general type is a behavior (including a function) or a step (including an expression), then the rules for the redefinition of the parameters of those behaviors and steps are the same as for the redefinition of the parameters of superclassifier behaviors by a subclassifier function (see [7.4.8.2](#)).

```

expr computation : ComputeDynamics {
  // Parameters redefined parameters of ComputeDynamics.
  in state;
  in dt;
  return result;
}
expr vehicleComputation subsets computation {
  // Input parameters are inherited, result is redefined.
  return : VehicleState;
}

```

Like a function body, an expression body can also specify a result expression.

```

expr : VehicleDynamics {
  in initialState;
  in time;
  return result;

  vehicleComputation(initialState, time)
}

```

Or the result can be explicitly bound.

```

expr : Dynamics {
  in initialState;
  in time;
  return result : VehicleState =
    vehicleComputation(initialState, time);
}

```

### 7.4.8.4 Predicate Declaration

A predicate is declared as a function (see [7.4.8](#)), using the keyword **predicate**. If no owned subclassification is explicitly given for a predicate, then it is implicitly given a default subclassification to the predicate `BooleanEvaluation` from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)). If a predicate has owned subclassifications that are behaviors, then the rules for redefinition or inheritance of non-result parameters are the same as for a function (see [7.4.8.2](#)). Since a predicate must always return a `Boolean` result, it is not necessary to explicitly declare a result parameter for it. However, if a result parameter is declared, then it must have type `Boolean` from the `ScalarValues` library model (see [9.3.2](#)) and multiplicity `1..1` (see [7.4.12](#)).

```

predicate isAssembled {
  in assembly : Assembly;
  in subassemblies[*] : Assembly;
}

```

The body of a predicate is the same as a function body (see [7.4.8](#)). If a result expression is included, then it must have a `Boolean` result.

```

predicate isFull {
  in tank : FuelTank;
  tank.fuelLevel == tank.maxFuelLevel
}

```

### 7.4.8.5 Boolean Expression and Invariant Declaration

A boolean expression is declared as an expression (see [7.4.8.3](#)), using the keyword `bool`. If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the boolean expression is implicitly given a default subsetting to the feature `booleanEvaluations` from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)).

As for an expression, directed features declared in the body of a boolean expression are considered to be parameters of the boolean expression (see [7.4.8.3](#)). If a boolean expression has owned specializations (including all feature typings, subsettings, and redefinitions) whose general type is a behavior or step, then the rules for the redefinition of the parameters of those behaviors and steps are the same as for a regular expression declaration (see [7.4.8.3](#)). The requirements on, and default for, the result parameter of a boolean expression are the same as for a predicate (see [7.4.8.4](#)).

```

// All input parameters are inherited.
bool assemblyChecks[*] : isAssembled;

```

Like a predicate body (see [7.4.8.4](#)), a boolean expression body can specify a `Boolean` result expression.

```

class FuelTank {
  feature fuelLevel : Real;
  feature readonly maxFuelLevel : Real;
  bool isFull { fuelLevel == maxFuelLevel }
}

```

An invariant is declared like any other boolean expression, except using the keyword `inv` instead of `bool`, and, additionally, this keyword may be optionally followed by one of the keywords `true` or `false`, to indicate whether the invariant is asserted to be true or false (i.e., is negated). The default is `true`.

```

class FuelTank {
  feature fuelLevel : Real;
  feature readonly maxFuelLevel : Real;
  // The invariant is asserted true by default.
  inv { fuelLevel >= 0 & fuelLevel <= maxFuelLevel }
  // The invariant is explicitly asserted false, that is, it is negated.
  inv false { fuelLevel > maxFuelLevel }
}

```

## 7.4.9 Expressions

### 7.4.9.1 Expressions Overview

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.8](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.8](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.9](#)

As described in [7.4.8](#), expressions are steps typed by functions, and [7.4.8.3](#) covers the general notation for declaring an expression as a step. However, expressions are commonly organized into tree structures, with expressions as the nodes, and the input parameters of each expression bound to the result of each of its child expressions. KerML includes extensive textual notation for constructing expression trees, including traditional operator notations for functions in the Kernel Model Library (see [Clause 9](#)).

These expression notations map entirely to an abstract syntax involving just a few specialized kinds of expressions:

- The non-leaf nodes of an expression tree are *invocation expressions*, a kind of expression that specifies its input values as the results of other expressions (its *argument expressions*), one for each of the input parameters of its *invoked* function.
- The edges of the tree are binding connectors between the input parameters of an invocation expression (redefining those of its *function*) and the results of its argument expressions.
- The leaf nodes are these kinds of expressions:
  - *Feature reference expressions* evaluate to values of a referenced feature that is not part of the expression tree.
  - *Literal expressions* evaluate to the literal value of one of the primitive data types from the `ScalarValues` model library (see [9.3.2](#)).
  - *Null expressions* evaluate to the empty set.

An expression can also be the referent of a feature reference expression in an expression tree, as above. This enables the evaluation of the referent expression to be taken as the value of the argument of an invocation, rather than passing the value of the *result* of the evaluation. As a shorthand for doing this, the concrete syntax for an expression body (as described in [7.4.8.3](#)) can be used as a leaf node in the expression syntax tree.

A *model-level evaluable* expression is an expression that refers to metadata, which is data about model elements, rather than the things being modeled. Model-level evaluable expressions can give values to the features of metadata (see [7.4.13](#)) and be used as element filtering conditions in packages (see [7.4.14](#)). The expressiveness of model-level evaluable expressions is restricted to support this:

- All null expressions, literal expressions and feature reference expressions are model-level evaluable.
- An invocation expression is model-level evaluable if and only if it meets the following conditions:
  1. All its argument expressions are model-level evaluable.
  2. It invokes a function that is listed as being model-level evaluable in [Table 5](#) (in [8.2.5.8.1](#)) or [Table 7](#) (in [8.2.5.8.2](#)).

### 7.4.9.2 Operator Expressions

*Operator expression* notation provides a shorthand for invocation expressions that invoke a library function represented as an *operator symbol*. ([Table 5](#) in [8.2.5.8.1](#) shows the mapping from operator symbols to the functions they represent from the Kernel Model Library.) An operator expression contains subexpressions called its *operands* that generally correspond to the argument expressions of the invocation expression, except in the case of operators representing *control functions*, in which case the evaluation of certain operands is as determined by the function.

Operator expressions include the following:

- *Conditional expressions*. The *conditional test* operator **if** is followed by three operands, with the symbol **?** after the first operand and the keyword **else** after the second operand. A conditional expression evaluates to the value of its second or third operand, depending on whether the result of its first operand is true or false. Note that only one of the second or third operand is actually evaluated.
 

```
if x >= 0? x else -x
```
- *Binary operator expressions*. A *binary operator* is one that has two operands. The binary operators include numerical operators (+, -, \*, /, %, ^, \*\*), logical operators (&, |, xor), comparison operators (==, !=, <, >, <=, >=), and set operators (union, intersection, difference, symmetric difference, subset, superset, disjoint, and equal).

`<=`, `>=`, `==`, `!=`), and the range construction operator `(. .)`. In general, both operands become arguments of the invocation expression, with their results being passed to the invocation of the function represented by the operator. However, the null-coalescing (`??`), conditional and (**and**), conditional or (**or**) and implication (**implies**) operators all correspond to control functions in which their second operand is only evaluated depending on a certain condition of the value of their first operand (whether it is null, true, false, or true, respectively).

```
x + y
list#(i) ?? default
i > 0 and sensor#(i) != null
sensor == null or sensor.reading > 0
```

The operators `==` and `!=` apply to operands that have single values, testing whether they are equal or unequal, respectively. They also evaluate to true or false, respectively, if their operands are both null (no values). The operators `===` and `!==` apply specifically to values that are *occurrences* (see [9.2.4](#)). They test whether two occurrences are portions (in space and/or time) of the same *life* occurrence. Informally, these operators test whether or not two occurrences have the same "identity". For data values (values that are not occurrences), `===` and `!==` are the same as `==` and `!=`.

```
currentPortion == tripPortion // True for same trip portions
currentPortion === tripPortion // True for any two portions of same trip
```

- *Unary operator expressions.* A *unary operator* is one that has a single operand. The result of evaluating the operand is passed to the invocation of the Function represented by the operator. The unary operators include the numerical operators `+` and `-` and the logical operator **not**.

```
-x
not isOutOfRange(sensor)
not completed
```

- *Classification expressions.* The *classification operators* are syntactically similar to binary operators, but, instead of an expression as their second operand, they take a type name. The classification operators **istype** and **hastype** test whether all of the values of their first operand is classified by the named type (either including or not including subtypes, respectively). The `@` operator is similar to **istype**, but tests whether at least one of the values of its first operand is classified by the named type. Note that this means that **istype** and **hastype** evaluate to true on a **null** (empty list) value, while `@` evaluates to false.

```
sensors istype ThermalSensor // Are all sensors ThermalSensors?
sensors @ ThermalSensor // Is any sensor a ThermalSensor?
person hastype Administrator
```

The classification operator **as**, known as the *cast operator*, performs an **isType** test of whether each of the values of its first operand is classified by the named type, and then it selects only those values that pass the test to include in its result. The result values of such a cast expression (if any) are always guaranteed to be instances of the named type.

```
sensors as ThermalSensor
person as Administrator
```

The classification operators may also be used without a first operand, in which case the first operand is implicitly `Anything::self` (see [9.2.2.2.1](#)). This is useful, in particular, when used as a test within an element filter condition expression (see [7.4.14](#)).

```
istype ThermalSensor
@ThermalSensor
hastype Administrator
as Supervisor
```

- *Metaclassification expressions.* The metaclassification operators `@@` and `meta` take the qualified name of any kind of element as their first operand and a metaclass (see [7.4.13](#)) as their second operand. They are shorthands for classification expressions with the operators `@` and `as`, respectively, and a metadata access expression (see [7.4.9.4](#)) as their first operand. As such, `@@` tests whether any metadata associated with an element are classified by the given metaclass, while `meta` filters the metadata associated with an element and evaluates to those that are classified by the given metaclass.

```
// Shorthand for designModel.metadata @ ApprovalAnnotation
designModel @@ ApprovalAnnotation

// Shorthand for sensors.metadata as KerML::Feature
sensors meta KerML::Feature

// Evaluates to the string "sensors".
(sensors meta KerML::Feature).name
```

- *Extent expressions.* The extent operator `all` is syntactically similar to a unary operator, but, instead of an expression as its operand, it takes a type name. An extent expression evaluates to a sequence of all instances of the named type.

```
all Sensor
```

In an operator expression containing nested operator expressions, the nested expressions are implicitly grouped according to the *precedence* of the operators involved, as given in [Table 6](#) (in [8.2.5.8.1](#)). Operator expressions with higher precedence operators are grouped more tightly than those with lower precedence operators. In addition, all binary operators other than exponentiation group to the left. The exponentiation operators (`^` and `**`) group to the right. For example, the operator expression

$$-w + x * y * z + a ^ b ^ c$$

is considered equivalent to

$$( (-w) + ( (x * y) * z ) ) + ( a ^ (b ^ c) )$$

### 7.4.9.3 Primary Expressions

*Primary expression* notation provides additional shorthands for certain kinds of invocation expressions. For those cases in which the invoked function is represented by an operator symbol, the symbol is mapped to the appropriate library function as given in [Table 7](#) (in [8.2.5.8.2](#)).

Primary expressions include the following:

- *Index expression.* An index expression specifies the invocation of the indexing function `'#'` from the `BaseFunctions` library model (see [9.4.2](#)). The default behavior for this function is given by the specialization `SequenceFunctions::'#'`, for which the first operand is expected to evaluate to a sequence of values, and the second operand is expected to evaluate to an index into that sequence. Default indexing is from 1 using `Natural` numbers. Note that parentheses are required around the second operand.

```
sensors#(activeSensorIndex)
```

However, the behavior of the `'#'` operator is specialized for the `OrderedCollection` (see [9.3.3.2.7](#)) and `Array` (see [9.3.3.2.1](#)) data types from the `Collections` library model. In this case, the first operand must be a single value of one of these data types. For an `Array`, the second operand is a *sequence* of indexes whose size is the `rank` of the `Array` (i.e., the number of dimensions of the `Array`).

```
detectorArray#(n, m)
```

- *Sequence expression.* A sequence expression consists of a list of one or more expressions separated by comma (,) symbols, optionally terminated by a final comma, all surrounded by parentheses (...). Such an expression specifies sequential invocations of the sequence concatenation function ' , ' from the `BaseFunctions` library model (see [9.4.2](#)). The default behavior for this Function is given by the specialization `SequenceFunctions::' , '`, which concatenates the sequence of values resulting from evaluating its two arguments. With this behavior, a sequence expression concatenates, in order, the results of evaluating all the listed expressions.

```
(temperatureSensor, windSensor, precipitationSensor)
( 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, )
```

A sequence expression with a single constituent expression simply evaluates to the value of the contained expression, as would be expected for a parenthesized expression. The empty sequence `()` is not actually a sequence expression, but, rather, an alternative notation for a null expression (see [7.4.9.4](#)).

```
(highValue + lowValue) / 2
```

Sequences of values are *not* themselves values. Therefore, sequences are "flat", with no element of a sequence itself being a sequence. For example, `((1, 2, 3), 4)`, `(1, (2, 3), 4)` and `(1, null, (2, 3, 4))` all evaluate to the same sequence of values as `(1, 2, 3, 4)`. To model nested collection values, use the data types from the `Collections` library model (see [9.3.3](#)).

- *Feature chain expression.* A feature chain expression consists of a primary expression and a feature qualified name or a feature chain ([7.3.4.6](#)), separated by a dot (.) symbol. The referenced feature is evaluated in the context of each of the result values of the primary expression, in order. The resulting feature values are then collected into a sequence in order of evaluation. The qualified name for the referent feature is resolved using the result parameter of the primary expression as the context namespace (see [8.2.3.5](#)), but considering only visible memberships.

```
// The primary expression is "getPlatform(id)".
// The feature chain is "sensors.isActive".
// Results in a sequence of Boolean values,
// one for each platform sensor.
getPlatform(id).sensors.isActive
```

To avoid ambiguity, the primary expression of a feature chain expression cannot be itself a feature chain expression. To read a list of features sequentially, rather than in a single evaluation, delimit nested feature chain expressions using parentheses

```
// First evaluate "getPlatform(id).sensors",
// then evaluate ".isActive" on the result of that.
(getPlatform(id).sensors).isActive
```

- *Collect expression.* A collect expression consists of a primary expression and an expression body (see [7.4.9.4](#)) separated by a dot (.) symbol. The expression body must have a single input parameter. The expression body is evaluated on each of the result values from the primary expression, in order, and each of the results are collected into a sequence in order of evaluation (that is, a collect expression is a shorthand for invoking the `ControlFunctions::collect` function).

```
sensors.{in s: Sensor; s.reading} // results in a sequence of
                                // readings of each of the sensors
```

- *Select expression.* A select expression consists of a primary expression and an expression body (see [7.4.9.4](#)) separated by a dot-question-mark (.?) symbol. The expression body must have a single input parameter and a Boolean result. The expression body is evaluated on each of the result values from the primary expression, in order, and those for which the expression body evaluates to true are selected for inclusion in the result of the select expression (that is, a select expression is a shorthand for invoking the `ControlFunctions::select` function).



```
sensors.?(in s: Sensor; s.isActive) // results in the subsequence of
// sensors that are active
```

- *Function operation expression.* A function operation expression is a special syntax for an invocation expression in which the first argument is given before the arrow ( $\rightarrow$ ) symbol, which is followed by the name of the function to be invoked and an argument list for any remaining arguments (see [7.4.9.4](#)). This is useful for chaining invocations in an effective data flow.

```
sensors -> selectSensorsOver(limit) -> computeCriticalValue()
```

If the invoked function has exactly two input parameters, and the second input parameter is an expression, then an expression body (see [7.4.9.4](#)) can be used as the argument for the second argument without surrounding parentheses. The argument expression body should declare parameters consistent with those on the parameter expression (if any). This is particularly useful when invoking functions from the `ControlFunctions` library model (see [9.4.17](#)).

```
sensors -> select {in s: Sensor; s::isActive}
members -> reject {in member: Member; not member->isInGoodStanding()}
factors -> reduce {in x: Real; in y: Real; x * y}
```

If the argument expression is simply the direct invocation of another function, then the argument expression may be specified using simply the name of the invoked function.

```
factors -> reduce RealFunctions::'*
```

#### 7.4.9.4 Base Expressions

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*Base expression* notation includes representations for literal expressions, null expressions, invocation expressions, feature reference expressions (including using expression bodies as base expressions).

- *Literal expressions* are described in [7.4.9.5](#).
- A *null expression* is notated by the keyword **null**. A null expression always evaluates to a result of "no values", which is equivalent to the empty sequence `()`.
- An *invocation expression* can be directly represented by giving the qualified name for the function to be invoked followed by a list of argument expressions, surrounded by parentheses `()` and separated by commas. The parentheses must be included, even if the argument list is empty.

```
IntegerFunctions::'+'(i, j)
isInGoodStanding(member#(n))
AddMember(org, member)
```

The arguments are matched to the input parameters of the given function in order. Alternatively, the arguments may be matched to parameters by name, using the form `paramName = argExpression`, in which case they may be given in any order. Note that, if the named argument notation is used, it must be used for all arguments.

```
AddMember(newMember = member, organization = org)
```

If the qualified name given for an invocation expression resolves to an expression instead of a function, then the invocation expression is considered to subset the named expression, meaning that, effectively, the invocation is taken to be for the function of the named expression, as specialized by that expression.

```
function UnaryFunction {in x : Anything; return: Anything;}
function apply {
  in expr fn : UnaryFunction;
  in value : Anything;
```



```

    // Invokes UnaryFunction as specified by parameter fn.
    return : Anything = fn(value);
}

```

It is also possible to specify an expression to be invoked using a feature chain (see [7.3.4.6](#)).

```

class Stats {
    feature vales[1..*] : Real;
    expr avg { sum(values)/size(values) }
}
feature myStats : States {
    redefines feature values = (1.0, 2.0, 3.0);
}
feature myAvg = myStats.avg();

```

If the qualified name given for an invocation expression resolves to a behavior that is not a function (or a feature typed by a behavior that is not a function), then that behavior is performed and the result of the expression is the performance itself. This allows, for example, access to the values of the **out** parameters of the behavior computed during its performance.

```

behavior RefineImage {
    in image : Image;
    out refinedImage : Image;
    out logMessages : String[*];
}
feature run1 = RefineImage(image1);
feature refinedImage1 = run1.refinedImage;
feature log1 = run1.logMessages;

```

- A *constructor expression* is represented by the keyword **new** followed by the qualified name of a type to be instantiated invoked followed by a parenthesized list of argument expressions, similarly to an invocation expression. The result of the expression is a new instance of the target type, with the results of the argument expressions bound to the public features of the type, in order or by name.

```

class Member {
    feature firstName : String;
    feature lastName : String;
    feature memberNumber : Integer;
    feature sponsor : Member[0..1];
}
feature thisMember = new Member("Jane", "Doe", 1234, null);
feature nextMember = new Member(
    firstName = "John", lastName = "Doe", sponsor = thisMember,
    memberNumber = thisMember.memberNumber + 1);

```

- A *feature reference expression* is represented simply by the qualified name of the feature being referenced.

```

member
spacecraft::mainAssembly::sensors
sensor::isActive

```

Note that the referenced feature may be an expression. The notation for a reference to an expression is distinguished from the notation for an invocation by not having following parentheses.

```

expr addOne : UnaryFunction {
    if x istype Integer? (x as Integer) + 1 else 0
}
feature two = apply(addOne, 1); // "addOne" is a reference to expr addOne

```

Rather than declaring a named expression in order to pass it as an argument, an *expression body* may be used directly as a base expression. In this case, any parameters must be declared as features with direction within the expression body (see [7.4.8.3](#)). Such *body expressions* are particularly useful when used for the second argument of a function operation expression (see [7.4.9.3](#)).

```
feature two =
  apply({in x; if x istype Integer? (x as Integer) + 1 else 0}, 1);
feature incrementedValues =
  values -> collect {in x: Number; x + 1};
```

- A *metadata access expression* is represented by suffixing the qualified name of any kind of element with the notation `.metadata`. This is a *reflective* expression that evaluates to the sequence of metadata features associated with the named element in the model itself, as instances of their respective metaclasses (see [7.4.13](#) on metadata and metaclasses). In addition, the last value in the sequence is an instance of the metaclass for the named element from the *KerML* reflective abstract syntax model (see [9.2.17](#)), representing its instantiation as a model element.

```
metaclass SecurityAnnotation;
class SecureSystem {
  metadata SecurityAnnotation;
}

// Two values: an instance of SecurityAnnotation
// and an instance of type KerML::Class.
feature sysMetadata = SecureSystem.metadata;
```

### 7.4.9.5 Literal Expressions

A *literal expression* is represented by giving a lexical literal for the value of the expression.

- A *literal Boolean* is represented by either of the keywords `true` or `false`.
- A *literal string* is represented by a lexical string value surrounded by double quotes `"..."` as specified in [8.2.2.5](#).

```
"This is a string literal."
```

- A *literal integer* is represented by a lexical decimal value as specified in [8.2.2.4](#). Note that notation is only provided for non-negative integers (i.e., natural numbers). Negative integers can be represented by applying the unary negation operator `-` (see [7.4.9.2](#)) to an unsigned decimal literal.

```
0
1234
```

- A *literal rational* is represented with a syntax constructed from lexical decimal values and exponential values (see [8.2.2.4](#)). The full rational number notation allows for a literal with a decimal point, with or without an exponential part, as well as an exponential value without a decimal point.

```
3.14
.5
2.5E-10
1E+3
```

- A *literal infinity* is represented by the symbol `*`.

## 7.4.10 Interactions

### 7.4.10.1 Interactions Overview

[KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.9](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.9](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.10](#)

*Interactions* are behaviors that are also associations (see [7.4.7](#) and [7.4.5](#), respectively), classifying performances that are also links between occurrences (see [9.2.3](#) through [9.2.6](#)). They specify how the linked participants affect each other and collaborate.

*Transfers* are interactions between two participants that carry payload values from one occurrence to another, with payload values optionally identified by output and input features of the source and target occurrence, respectively (see [9.2.7](#)).

*Flows* are steps that are also binary connectors (see [7.4.7](#) and [7.4.6](#), respectively), with values that are transfers. A flow optionally ensures that a payload is transferred from an output feature of the connected source feature to an input feature of the target feature. *Succession flows* are flows that are also successions (see [7.4.6](#)). They identify transfers that happen after their source (that is, after the end of the occurrence where the payload comes from) and before their target (that is, before the start of the occurrence where the payload goes to).

### 7.4.10.2 Interaction Declaration

An interaction is declared as a behavior (see [7.4.7](#)), using the keyword **interaction**. If no owned subclassification is explicitly given for the interaction, then it is implicitly given default subclassifications to *both* the behavior `Performance` from the `Performances` library model (see [9.2.6](#)) and the association `BinaryLink` or the association `Link` from the `Links` library model (see [9.2.3](#)), depending on whether it is a binary interaction or not.

As a kind of behavior, if the interaction has owned subclassifications whose superclasses are behaviors, then the rules related to their parameters are the same as for any subclassifier behavior (see [7.4.7](#)). As a kind of association, the body of an interaction must declare at least two association ends. If the interaction has owned subclassifications whose superclassifiers are associations, the rules related to their association ends are the same as for any association that is a subclassifier (see [7.4.5](#)).

```
interaction Authorization {  
  end feature client[*] : Computer;  
  end feature server[*] : Computer;  
  composite step login;  
  composite step authorize;  
  composite succession login then authorize;  
}
```

### 7.4.10.3 Flow Declaration

**[KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing](#)**  
**[KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML](#)**

A flow declaration is syntactically similar to a binary connector declaration (see [7.4.6](#)), using the keyword **flow**, or **succession flow** for a succession flow. If no owned subsetting or owned redefinition is explicitly given, then the flow is implicitly given a default subsetting to the flow `transfers` from the `Transfers` model library (see [9.2.7](#)), or to the succession flow `transfersBefore`, if a succession flow is being declared. If a flow has owned specializations (including all feature typings, subsettings, and redefinitions) whose general type is a behavior or a step, then the rules for the redefinition of the parameters of those behaviors and steps are the same as for the redefinition of the parameters of general behavior or step by a specializing step (see [7.4.7.3](#)).

Unlike a regular binary connector declaration, though, a flow declaration does not directly specify the related features for the flow. Instead, the declaration gives the *source output feature* for the transfer after the keyword **from**

and the *target input Feature* for the transfer after the keyword **to**. The related features are then determined as the owning features of the features given in the flow declaration. It is these related features that are constrained to have a common context with the flow (see [7.4.6](#)), not the features actually given in the declaration.

```
struct Vehicle {
  composite feature fuelTank[1] {
    out var feature fuelOut[1] : Fuel;
  }
  composite feature engine {
    in var feature fuelIn[1] : Fuel;
  }
  // The flow actually connects the fuelTank to the engine.
  // The transfer moves Fuel from fuelOut to fuelIn.
  flow fuelFlow from fuelTank::fuelOut to engine::fuelIn;
}
```

The source output and target input features of a flow can also be specified using feature chains (see [7.3.4.6](#)). In this case, the related features are determined as the features identified by the chains, excluding the last feature. This is particularly useful when the desired related features are inherited features.

```
struct Vehicle {
  composite feature fuelTank[1] {
    out feature fuelOut[1] : Fuel;
  }
  composite feature engine[1] {
    in feature fuelIn[1] : Fuel;
  }
}

feature vehicle : Vehicle {
  // The flow actually connects the inherited fuelTank
  // feature to the inherited engine feature.
  flow fuelFlow from fuelTank.fuelOut to engine.fuelIn;
}
```

A flow declaration can also include an explicit declaration of the type and/or multiplicity of the payload that is flowing, after the keyword **of**. This asserts that anything transferred by the flow have the declared type. In the absence of an payload declaration, any values may flow across the flow, consistent with the types of the source output and target input features.

```
flow of flowingFuel : Fuel from fuelTank.fuelOut to engine.fuelIn;
```

If no feature declaration or payload declaration details are included in a flow declaration, then the keyword **from** may also be omitted.

```
flow fuelTank.fuelOut to engine.fuelIn;
```

Flows are also commonly used to move anything from the output parameters of one step to the input parameters of another step.

```
behavior TakePicture {
  composite step focus : Focus { out image[1] : Image; }
  composite step shoot : Shoot { in image[1] : Image; }
  // The use of a succession flow means that focus must complete before
  // the image is transferred, after which shoot can begin.
  succession flow focus.image to shoot.image;
}
```

## 7.4.11 Feature Values

**KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.10](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.10](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.11](#)

A *feature value* is a membership relationship (see [7.2.5](#)) between an owning feature and a *value expression*, whose result provides values for the feature. The feature value relationship is specified as either *bound* or *initial*, and as either *fixed* or a *default*. A feature can have at most one feature value relationship.

A fixed, bound feature value relationship is declared using the symbol = followed by a representation of the value expression using the concrete syntax described in [7.4.9](#). This notation is appended to the declaration of the owning feature of the feature value.

```
feature monthsInYear : Natural = 12;
struct TestRecord {
  feature scores[1..*] : Integer;
  derived feature averageScore[1] : Rational = sum(scores)/size(scores);
}
```

Features that have a feature value relationship of this form implicitly have a nested binding connector (see [7.4.6](#)) between the feature and the result of the value expression, with the binding connector having the same featuring types as the declared feature (i.e., `TestRecord`, in the example above).

**Note.** The semantics of binding mean that such a feature value asserts that a feature is *equivalent* to the result of the value expression. To highlight this, a feature with such a feature value can be flagged as **derived** (though this is not required, nor is it required that the value of a **derived** feature be computed using a feature value – see also [7.3.4.2](#)).

A fixed, initial feature value relationship is declared as above but using the symbol := instead of =.

```
var feature count[1] : Natural := 0;
```

In this case, the feature also has an implicit nested binding connector, but the featuring types of the binding connector are the *starting snapshots* of the featuring types of the declared feature. That is, the result of the value expression gives the initial values of the declared feature but, unlike in the case of a bound value, these initial values may subsequently change. This means that only variable features (see [7.3.4.2](#)) may have initial feature values.

A default feature value relationship is declared similarly to the above, but with the keyword **default** preceding the symbol = or :=, depending on whether it is bound or initial. However, for a default, bound feature value, the symbol = may be elided.

```
struct Vehicle {
  var feature mass[1] : Real default 1500.0;
  var feature engine[1] : Engine default := standardEngine;
}
struct TestWithCutoff :> TestRecord {
  feature cutoff[1] : Rational default = 0.75 * averageScore;
}
```

For a default feature value relationship, no binding connector is added to the feature declaration, but the default will apply when an instance of the featuring type is constructed, if no other explicit values are given for the feature.

A feature value relationship can be included with the following kinds of feature declaration:

- Feature (see [7.3.4.2](#))
- Step (see [7.4.7.3](#))
- Expression (see [7.4.8.3](#))
- Boolean expression and invariant (see [7.4.8.5](#))

```
behavior ProvidePower {
  in cmd[1] : Command;
  out wheelTorque[1] : Torque;

  composite step generate : GenerateTorque {
    in cmd = ProvidePower::cmd;
    out generatedTorque;
  }
  composite step apply : ApplyTorque {
    in generatedTorque = generate.generatedTorque;
    out appliedTorque = ProvidePower::wheelTorque;
  }
}
```

## 7.4.12 Multiplicities

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.11](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.11](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.12](#)

Multiplicity is defined in the Core layer as a feature for specifying cardinalities (number of instances) of a type by enumerating all numbers the cardinality might be (see [7.3.2.2](#)). The Kernel layer provides a specific way to do this by specifying a *range* of cardinalities. A multiplicity range has *lower bound* and *upper bound* expressions that are evaluated to determine the lowest and highest cardinalities, with both expression evaluating to natural numbers (that is, of type `Natural` from the `ScalarValues` library model, see [9.3.2](#)). An upper bound value of `*` (infinity) means that the cardinality includes all numbers greater than or equal to the lower bound value.

A multiplicity range is written in the form `[lowerBound..upperBound]`, where each of *lowerBound* and *upperBound* is either a literal expression or a feature reference expression represented in the notation described in [7.4.9](#). Literal expressions can be used to specify a multiplicity range with fixed lower and/or upper bounds. If the result of the *lowerBound* expression is `*`, then the meaning of the multiplicity range is not defined.

A multiplicity range can also be written without the lower bound (or `..`). In this case, the result of the single expression is used as both the lower and upper bound of the range, unless the result is the infinite value `*`, in which case the lower bound is taken to be 0.

Multiplicity ranges can be used in the declaration of types, particularly features (see [7.3.4.2](#)).

```
struct Automobile {
  feature n : Positive[1];
  composite feature wheels : Wheel[n]; // Equivalent to [n..n] for n < *
  feature driveWheels[2..n] subsets wheels;
}
feature autoCollection : Automobile[*]; // Equivalent to [0..*]
```

It is also possible to declared a multiplicity feature using the keyword **multiplicity**, optionally followed by a short name and/or name, and including either a multiplicity range or a subsetting of another multiplicity. A multiplicity declaration is a kind of feature declaration, and it can optionally include a body as in a generic feature declaration (see [7.3.4.2](#)).

```

multiplicity zeroOrMore [0..*];
multiplicity m subsets zeroOrMore;

```

If a multiplicity feature is declared in the body of a type, then this becomes the multiplicity of the type. A type can have at most one multiplicity, whether this is given in the declaration or the body of the type.

```

feature driveWheels subsets wheels {
    multiplicity [2..n];
}
feature autoCollection {
    multiplicity subsets zeroOrMore;
}

```

### 7.4.13 Metadata

#### [KERML -121: Incorrect metadata example](#)

*Metamodel references:*

- Concrete syntax, [8.2.5.12](#)
- Abstract syntax, [8.3.4.12](#)
- Semantics, [8.4.4.13](#)

*Metadata* is additional information on elements of a model that does not have any instance-level semantics (in the sense described in [7.3.1](#)). In general, metadata is specified in annotating elements (including comments and textual representations) attached to annotated elements (see [7.2.4](#)). A *metadata feature* is a kind of annotating element that allows for the definition of structured metadata with modeler-specified features. This may be used, for example, to add tool-specific information to a model that can be relevant to the function of various kinds of tooling that may use or process a model, or domain-specific information relevant to a certain project or organization.

A metadata feature is syntactically a feature (see [7.3.4](#)) that is typed by a single *metaclass*, which is a kind of structure (see [7.4.4](#)), with implicit multiplicity 1..1. If the metaclass has no features, then the metadata feature simply acts as a user-defined syntactic tag on the annotated element. If the metaclass has features, then the metadata feature must have nested features that redefine each of the features of its type, binding them to the results of model-level evaluable expressions (see [7.4.9](#)), which provide the values of the specified attributive metadata for the annotated element.

A metaclass is declared like a structure (see [7.4.4](#)), but using the keyword **metaclass**. If no owned subclassification is explicitly given for the metaclass, then it is implicitly given a default subclassification to the metaclass `Metaobject` from the `Metaobjects` library model (see [9.2.16](#)).

```

metaclass SecurityRelated;

metaclass ApprovalAnnotation {
    feature approved[1] : Boolean;
    feature approver[1] : String;
}

```

A metadata feature is declared using the keyword **metadata** (or the symbol @), optionally followed by a short name and/or name, followed by the keyword **typed by** (or the symbol :) and the qualified name of exactly one metaclass. If no short name or name is given, then the keyword **typed by** (or the symbol :) may also be omitted. One or more annotated elements are then identified for the metadata feature after the keyword **about**, indicating that the metadata feature has annotation relationships to each of the identified elements (see [7.2.4](#)).

```

metadata securityDesignAnnotation : SecurityRelated about SecurityDesign;

```

Any owned feature of a metadata feature must be a redefinition of a feature of the typing metaclass, with a feature value binding it to the result of a model-level evaluable expressions (see [7.4.9](#)). The owned features of a metadata feature must always have the same names as the names of the typing metaclass, so the shorthand prefix redefines notation (see [7.3.4.5](#)) is always used.

```
metadata ApprovalAnnotation about Design {
    feature redefines approved = true;
    feature redefines approver = "John Smith";
}
```

The keywords **feature** and/or **redefines** (or the equivalent symbol :>>) may be omitted in the declaration of a metadata feature.

```
metadata ApprovalAnnotation about Design {
    approved = true;
    approver = "John Smith";
}
```

If the metadata feature is an owned member of a namespace (see [7.2.5](#)), then the explicit identification of annotated elements (following the **about** keyword) can be omitted, in which case the annotated element is implicitly the containing namespace (see [7.2.4](#)).

```
class Design {
    // This metadata feature is implicitly about the class Design.
    @ApprovalAnnotation {
        approved = true;
        approver = "John Smith";
    }
}
```

If a metadata feature has one or more concrete features that directly or indirectly subset `Metaobject::annotatedElement`, then, for each annotated element of the metadata feature, there must be at least one such feature for which the metaclass of the annotated element conforms to all the types of the feature (which must all be specializations of the reflective metaclass `KerML::Element`, see [9.2.17](#)).

```
metaclass Command {
    // A metadata feature of this metaclass may annotate
    // a behavior or a step.
    subsets annotatedElement : KerML::Behavior;
    subsets annotatedElement : KerML::Step;
}

behavior Save specializes UserAction {
    @Command; // This is valid.
    redefine step doAction {
        @Command; // This is valid.
    }
}

struct Options {
    @Command; // This is INVALID.
}
```

If the metaclass of a metadata feature is a direct or indirect specialization of `Metaobjects::SemanticMetadata` (see [9.2.16.2.3](#)), then the annotated elements must all be types and the feature `SemanticMetadata::baseType` must be bound to a value of type `KerML::Type` (see [9.2.17](#)). Each type annotated by such semantic metadata has an implicit specialization added to a type determined from the `baseType` value as follows:

- If the annotated type is neither a classifier nor a feature, then the annotated type implicitly specializes the `baseType`.



- If the annotated type is a classifier and the `baseType` is a classifier, then annotated classifier implicitly subclassifies the `baseType`.
- If the annotated type is a classifier and the `baseType` is a feature, then the annotated classifier implicitly subclassifies each type of the `baseType`.
- If the annotated type is a feature and the `baseType` is a feature, then the annotated feature shall implicitly subset the `baseType`.
- In all other cases, no implicit specialization is added.

When evaluated in a model-level evaluable expression, the meta-cast operator **meta** (see [7.4.9.2](#)) may be used to cast a feature referenced as its first operand to the actual reflective metaclass value for this feature, which may then be bound to the `baseType` feature of `SemanticMetadata`.

```
behavior UserAction;
step userActions : UserAction[*] nonunique;

metaclass Command specializes SemanticMetadata {
  // The cast operation "userAction meta KerML::Feature" has
  // type KerML::Feature, which conforms to the type Type of
  // baseType. Since userActions is a step, the expression
  // evaluates at model level to a value of type KerML::Step.
  redefines baseType = userActions meta KerML::Feature;
}

// Save implicitly subclassifies UserAction (which is the
// type of userActions).
behavior Save {
  @Command;
}

// previousAction implicitly subsets userActions.
step previousAction[1] {
  @Command;
}
```

## User-Defined Keywords

A *user-defined keyword* is a (possibly qualified) metaclass name or short name preceded by the symbol `#`. The user-defined keyword is placed immediately before the language-defined (reserved) keyword for the declaration and specifies a metadata feature annotation of the declared element. Note that this notation can only be used for metadata features that do not have nested features. If the named metaclass is a kind of *SemanticMetadata*, then the implicit specialization rules given above for semantic metadata apply.

```
// It is often convenient to use a lower-case initial name or
// short name for semantic metadata intended to be used as a keyword.
metaclass <command> CommandMetadata :> SemanticMetadata {
  redefines baseType = userActions meta KerML::Feature;
}

#command behavior Save;
#command step previousAction[1];
```

It is also possible to include more than one user defined-keyword in a declaration.

```
#SecurityRelated #command behavior Save;
```

## 7.4.14 Packages

[KERML -74](#): Make imports private by default

*Metamodel references:*

- *Concrete syntax*, [8.2.5.13](#)
- *Abstract syntax*, [8.3.4.13](#)
- *Semantics*, [8.4.4.14](#)

*Packages* are namespaces used to group elements, without any instance-level semantics (as opposed to types, which are namespaces with classification semantics, see [7.3.2](#)). A package is notated like a generic namespace (see [7.2.5.2](#)), but using the keyword **package** instead of **namespace**.

```
package AddressBooks {
  datatype Entry {
    feature name[1]: String;
    feature address[1]: String;
  }
  struct AddressBook {
    composite feature entries[*]: Entry;
  }
}
```

A package may also have one or more *filter conditions* for selecting a subset of its imported memberships. A filter condition is a Boolean-valued, model-level evaluable expression (see [7.4.9](#)) that must evaluate to true for any imported member of the package. These are notated using the keyword **filter** followed by the filter condition expression.

```
package Annotations {
  metaclass ApprovalAnnotation {
    feature approved[1] : Boolean;
    feature approver[1] : String;
    feature level[1] : Natural;
  }
  ...
}

package DesignModel {
  public import Annotations::*;
  struct System {
    @ApprovalAnnotation {
      approved = true;
      approver = "John Smith";
      level = 2;
    }
  }
  ...
}

package UpperLevelApprovals {
  // This package imports all direct or indirect members
  // of the DesignModel package that have been approved
  // at a level greater than 1.
  public import DesignModel::*;
  filter @Annotations::ApprovalAnnotation and
    Annotations::ApprovalAnnotation::approved and
    Annotations::ApprovalAnnotation::level > 1;
}
```

A filter condition can operate on metadata on elements (see [7.4.13](#)), such as checking for a metadata feature of a particular type or accessing the values of the features of a metadata feature. For the purposes of filter condition expressions, every element is also considered to have an implicit metadata feature that is typed by a metaclass from

the reflective library model of the KerML abstract syntax (see [9.2.17](#)). This enables filter conditions to test for the abstract syntax metaclass of an element and to access the values of abstract syntax meta-attributes.

Note that a filter condition in a package will filter *all* imports of that Package. That is why full qualification is used for `Annotations::ApprovalAnnotation` in the example above, since imported elements of the `Annotations` package would be filtered out by the very filter condition in which the elements are intended to be used. This may be avoided by combining one or more filter conditions with a specific import, using the filtered import notation described in [7.2.5.4](#)).

```
package UpperLevelApprovals {
    // Recursively import all annotation data types and all
    // features of those types.
    private import Annotations::*;

    // The filter condition for this import applies only to
    // elements imported from the DesignModel package.
    public import DesignModel::*[@ApprovalAnnotation and approved and level > 1];
}
```

The `KerML` library package contains a complete model of the KerML abstract syntax represented in KerML itself. When a filter condition is evaluated on an element, abstract syntax metadata for the element can be tested as if the element had an implicit metadata feature typed by the type from the `KerML` package corresponding to the metaclass of the element.

```
package PackageApprovals {
    private import Annotations::*;
    private import KerML::*;

    // This imports all structures from the DesignModel that have
    // at least one owned feature and have been marked as approved.
    public import DesignModel::*[@Structure and
        Structure::ownedFeature != null and
        @ApprovalAnnotation and
        ApprovalAnnotation::approved];
}
```

In general, a *library package* is a package that is expected to be commonly available and reused across many user models. A package can be explicitly identified as a library package using the keyword `library`. This allows tooling to identify any element contained directly in a library package as being a *library element* from that specific library package.

```
library package AddressBooks {
    ...
}
```

The *standard library packages* in the Kernel Model Libraries (see [Clause 9](#)) are further identified using the keyword `standard`. However, only library packages from the Kernel Model Libraries, or from other recognized standard model libraries, should be identified as standard library packages.



# 8 Metamodel

## 8.1 Metamodel Overview

This clause presents the normative specification of the *metamodel* for KerML, which includes the KerML concrete syntax, abstract syntax and semantics (though the complete semantics depends on the *model library* specified in [Clause 9](#)).

1. *Concrete syntax* specifies how the language appears to modelers. Modelers construct and review models using a textual notation that conforms to the concrete syntax specification (see [8.2](#)).
2. *Abstract syntax* specifies linguistic terms and relations between them (as opposed to library model terms), which may be expressed in the concrete syntax (see [8.3](#)). The abstract syntax omits aspects of the concrete syntax, such as delimiters and formatting, that are do not affect what modelers are trying to expression. A concrete syntax representation of a model can be *parsed* into an abstract syntax representation, or an abstract syntax representation can be *serialized* into the concrete syntax notation. The mapping between the concrete and abstract syntax is given as part of the *grammar* specification for the concrete syntax (see [8.2.1](#) on the conventions for this).
3. *Semantics* specifies the interpretation of models as representations of or specifications for modeled systems (see [8.4](#)). The semantics for a *core* subset of the abstract syntax are specified using mathematical logic. Semantics for the rest of KerML are specified by mapping complicated abstract syntax constructs into equivalent models using the core subset, and, in particular, introducing *implied* relationships to required elements from the KerML model library (see [8.4.1](#) on this approach).

As described in 6.1, KerML is divided into Root, Core and Kernel Layers, which cut across each of the above facets. The subclauses on Concrete Syntax ( [8.2](#) ) and Abstract Syntax ( [8.3](#) ) are each further subdivided into subclauses on the three layers, and then, within each layer, into subclauses following the package structure of the abstract syntax. Subclause [8.4](#) on Semantics only covers the Core and Kernel Layers, because Root Layer constructs do not have model-level semantics.

Throughout this clause, the names of elements from the KerML abstract syntax model appear in a "code" font. Further:

1. Names of metaclasses appear exactly as in the abstract syntax, including capitalization, except possibly with added pluralization. When used as English common nouns, e.g., "an `Element`", "multiple `FeatureTypings`", they refer to instances of the metaclass. E.g., "`Elements` can own other `Elements`" refers to instances of the metaclass `Element` that reside in models. This can be modified with the term "metaclass" as necessary to refer to the metaclass itself instead of its instances, e.g., "The `Element` metaclass is contained in the `Elements` package."
2. Names of properties of metaclasses, when used as English common nouns, e.g., "an `ownedRelatedElement`", "multiple `featuringTypes`", refer to values of the properties. This can be modified using the term "metaproperty" as necessary to refer to the metaproperty itself instead of its values, e.g., "The `ownedRelatedElement` metaproperty is contained in the `Elements` package."

Similar stylistic conventions apply to text about KerML models, except that an "*italic code*" front is used.

1. Convention 1 above applies to KerML *Types* (e.g., *Performance*), using "type" (or a more specialized term) instead of "metaclass" (e.g., "the *Performance* behavior").
2. Convention 2 above applies to KerML *Features* (e.g., *performances*), using "feature" (or a more specialized term) instead of "metaproperty" (e.g., "the *performances* step").

## 8.2 Concrete Syntax

### 8.2.1 Concrete Syntax Overview

The concrete syntax for KerML is a textual notation that can be used to express or construct an abstract syntax representation of a model. The *lexical structure* of the KerML textual notation defines how the string of characters in a text is divided into a set of *lexical elements*. Such lexical elements can be categorized as *whitespace*, *notes*, or *tokens*. Only tokens are significant for the mapping of the notation to the abstract syntax. The *syntactic structure* of the KerML textual notation defines how lexical tokens are grouped and mapped to an abstract syntax representation of a model.

Both the lexical and syntactic structures are specified as *grammars* consisting of productions for lexical elements or non-terminal syntactic elements (see [Table 1](#)). The body of a production is specified using an Extended Backus Naur Form (EBNF) notation (see [Table 2](#)). The syntactic grammar includes further notations to describe how the concrete syntax maps to the abstract syntax element being synthesized (see [Table 3](#)).

Subclause [8.2.2](#) presents the lexical grammar for KerML. Subclauses [8.2.3](#), [8.2.4](#), and [8.2.5](#) then each present the portion of the syntactic grammar for KerML covering the Root, Core and Kernel Layers of KerML (see 6.1). Each of these subclauses is further divided into subclauses corresponding to each of the packages from the abstract syntax model (see [8.3](#)). The starting production for the syntactic grammar is `RootNamespace` (see [8.2.3.4.1](#)).

**Table 1. Grammar Production Definitions**

<code>LEXICAL_ELEMENT = ...</code>	Define a production for the <code>LEXICAL_ELEMENT</code> .
<code>NonterminalElement :</code> <code>AbstractSyntaxElement = ...</code>	Define a production for the <code>NonterminalElement</code> that synthesizes the <code>AbstractSyntaxElement</code> . If the <code>NonterminalElement</code> has the same name as the <code>AbstractSyntaxElement</code> , then <code>:</code> <code>AbstractSyntaxElement</code> may be omitted.

**Table 2. EBNF Notation Conventions**

<b>Lexical element</b>	<code>LEXICAL_ELEMENT</code>
<b>Terminal element</b>	<code>'terminal'</code>
<b>Non-terminal element</b>	<code>NonterminalElement</code>
<b>Sequential elements</b>	<code>Element1 Element2</code>
<b>Alternative elements</b>	<code>Element1   Element2</code>
<b>Optional elements (zero or one)</b>	<code>Element ?</code>
<b>Repeated elements (zero or more)</b>	<code>Element *</code>
<b>Repeated elements (one or more)</b>	<code>Element +</code>
<b>Grouping</b>	<code>( Elements ... )</code>

**Table 3. Abstract Syntax Synthesis Notation**

<b>Property assignment</b>	<code>p = Element</code>	Assign the result of parsing the concrete syntax <code>Element</code> to abstract syntax property <code>p</code> .
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<b>List property construction</b>	<code>p += Element</code>	Add the result of parsing the concrete syntax <code>Element</code> to the abstract syntax list property <code>p</code> .
<b>Boolean property assignment</b>	<code>p ?= Element</code>	If the concrete syntax <code>Element</code> is parsed, then set the abstract Boolean property <code>p</code> to true.
<b>Non-parsing assignment</b>	<pre>{ p = value } { p += value }</pre>	Assign (or add) the given <code>value</code> to the abstract syntax property <code>p</code> , without parsing any input. The <code>value</code> may be a literal or a reference to another abstract syntax property. The symbol "this" refers to the element being synthesized.
<b>Name resolution</b>	<code>[QualifiedName]</code>	Parse a <code>QualifiedName</code> , then resolve that name to an <code>Element</code> reference (see <a href="#">8.2.3.5</a> ) for use as a value in an assignment as above.

## 8.2.2 Lexical Structure

### 8.2.2.1 Line Terminators and White Space

```
LINE_TERMINATOR =
    implementation defined character sequence
LINE_TEXT =
    character sequence excluding LINE_TERMINATORS
WHITE_SPACE =
    space | tab | form_feed | LINE_TERMINATOR
```

#### Notes

1. Notation text is divided up into lines separated by *line terminators*. A line terminator may be a single character (such as a line feed) or a sequence of characters (such as a carriage return/line feed combination). This specification does not require any specific encoding for a line terminator, but any encoding used must be consistent throughout any specific input text.
2. Any characters in text line that are not a part of the line terminator are referred to as *line text*.
3. A *white space* character is a space, tab, form feed or line terminator. Any contiguous sequence of white space characters can be used to separate tokens that would otherwise be considered to be part of a single token. It is otherwise ignored, with the single exception that a line terminator is used to mark the end of a single-line note (see [8.2.2.2](#)).

### 8.2.2.2 Notes and Comments

```
SINGLE_LINE_NOTE =  
    '/' LINE_TEXT  
  
MULTILINE_NOTE =  
    '/*' COMMENT_TEXT '*/'  
  
REGULAR_COMMENT =  
    '/*' COMMENT_TEXT '*/'  
  
COMMENT_TEXT =  
    ( COMMENT_LINE_TEXT | LINE_TERMINATOR ) *  
  
COMMENT_LINE_TEXT =  
    LINE_TEXT excluding the sequence '*/'
```

### 8.2.2.3 Names

```
NAME =  
    BASIC_NAME | UNRESTRICTED_NAME  
  
BASIC_NAME =  
    BASIC_INITIAL_CHARACTER BASIC_NAME_CHARACTER *  
  
UNRESTRICTED_NAME =  
    single_quote ( NAME_CHARACTER | ESCAPE_SEQUENCE ) * single_quote  
    (see Note 1)  
  
BASIC_INITIAL_CHARACTER =  
    ALPHABETIC_CHARACTER | '_'  
  
BASIC_NAME_CHARACTER =  
    BASIC_INITIAL_CHARACTER | DECIMAL_DIGIT  
  
ALPHABETIC_CHARACTER =  
    any character 'a' through 'z' or 'A' through 'Z'  
  
DECIMAL_DIGIT =  
    any character '0' through '9'  
  
NAME_CHARACTER =  
    any printable character other than backslash or single_quote  
  
ESCAPE_SEQUENCE =  
    see Note 2
```

### Notes

1. The `single_quote` character is `'`. The name represented by an `UNRESTRICTED_NAME` shall consist of the characters *within* the single quotes, with escape characters resolved as described below. The surrounding single quote characters are *not* part of the represented name.
2. An `ESCAPE_SEQUENCE` is a sequence of two text characters starting with a backslash that actually denotes only a single character, except for the newline escape sequence, which represents however many characters is necessary to represent an end of line in a specific implementation (see also [8.2.2.1](#)). [Table 4](#) shows the meaning of the allowed escape sequences. The `ESCAPE_SEQUENCES` in an `UNRESTRICTED_NAME` shall be replaced by the characters specified as their meanings in the actual represented name.



**Table 4. Escape Sequences**

Escape Sequence	Meaning
\'	Single Quote
\"	Double Quote
\b	Backspace
\f	Form Feed
\t	Tab
\n	Line Terminator
\\	Backslash

**8.2.2.4 Numeric Values**

```
DECIMAL_VALUE =
    DECIMAL_DIGIT+
```

```
EXPONENTIAL_VALUE =
    DECIMAL_VALUE ('e' | 'E') ('+' | '-')? DECIMAL_VALUE
```

**Notes**

1. A `DECIMAL_VALUE` may specify a natural literal, or it may be part of the specification of a real literal (see [8.2.5.8.4](#)). Note that a `DECIMAL_VALUE` does not include a sign, because negating a literal is an operator in the KerML Expression syntax.
2. An `EXPONENTIAL_VALUE` may be used in the specification of a real literal (see [8.2.5.8.4](#)). Note that a decimal point and fractional part are not included in the lexical structure of an exponential value. They are handled as part of the syntax of real literals.

**8.2.2.5 String Value**

```
STRING_VALUE =
    '"' ( STRING_CHARACTER | ESCAPE_SEQUENCE ) * '"'
```

```
STRING_CHARACTER =
    any printable character other than backslash or '"'
```

**Notes**

1. `ESCAPE_SEQUENCE` is specified in [8.2.2.3](#).

**8.2.2.6 Reserved Words**

A *reserved keyword* is a token that has the lexical structure of a basic name but cannot actually be used as a basic name. The following keywords are so reserved in KerML.

```
about abstract alias all and as assoc behavior binding bool by chains class
classifier comment composite conjugate conjugates conjugation connector const
crosses datatype default dependency derived differences disjoining disjoint doc
else end expr false feature featured featuring filter first flow for from
function hastype if implies import in inout interaction intersects inv inverse
```

inverting istype language library locale member meta metaclass metadata  
multiplicity namespace nonunique not null of or ordered out package portion  
predicate private protected public redefines redefinition references rep return  
specialization specializes standard step struct subclassifier subset subsets  
subtype succession then to true type typed typing unions var xor

Tooling for the KerML textual notation should generally highlight keywords relative to other text, for example by using boldface and/or distinctive coloring. However, while keywords are shown in boldface in this specification, the specification does not require any specific highlighting (or any highlighting at all), and KerML textual notation documents are expected to be interchanged as plain text (see also [Clause 10](#) on Model Interchange).

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

**[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

### 8.2.2.7 Symbols

The *symbols* shown below are non-name tokens composed entirely of characters that are not alphanumeric. In some cases these symbols have no meaning themselves, but are used to allow unambiguous separation between other tokens that do have meaning. In other cases, they are distinguished notations in the KerML Expression sublanguage (see [8.2.5.8](#)) that map to particular library Functions or symbolic shorthand for meaningful relationships.

```
( ) { } [ ] ; , ~ @ # % & ^ | * ** + - / -> $ . . . :  
:: :> :>> ::> => < <= = := == === != !== > >= ? ?? .?
```

Some symbols are made of multiple characters that may themselves individually be valid symbol tokens. Nevertheless, a multi-symbol token is not considered a combination of the individual symbol tokens. For example, “:” is considered a single token, not a combination of two “:” tokens. Input characters shall be grouped from left to right to form the longest possible sequence of characters to be grouped into a single token. So “a : : b” would be analyzed into four tokens: “a”, “:”, “:” and “b” (which, as it turns out, is not a valid sequence of tokens in the KerML textual concrete syntax).

Certain keywords in the concrete syntax have an equivalent symbolic representation. For convenience, the concrete syntax grammar uses the following special lexical terminals, which match either the symbol or the corresponding keyword.

```
TYPED_BY      = ':'      | 'typed' 'by'  
SPECIALIZES  = ':>'     | 'specializes'  
SUBSETS      = ':>'     | 'subsets'  
REFERENCES   = '::>'    | 'references'  
CROSSES      = '=>'     | 'crosses'  
REDEFINES    = ':>>'    | 'redefines'  
CONJUGATES   = '~'      | 'conjugates'
```

**[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

## 8.2.3 Root Concrete Syntax

### 8.2.3.1 Elements and Relationships Concrete Syntax

```
Identification : Element =  
    ( '<' declaredShortName = NAME '>' )?  
    ( declaredName = NAME )?  
  
RelationshipBody : Relationship =  
    ';' | '{' RelationshipOwnedElement* '}'  
  
RelationshipOwnedElement : Relationship =  
    ownedRelatedElement += OwnedRelatedElement  
    | ownedRelationship += OwnedAnnotation
```

```
OwnedRelatedElement : Element =
    NonFeatureElement | FeatureElement
```

### 8.2.3.2 Dependencies Concrete Syntax

```
Dependency =
    ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataAnnotation )*
    'dependency' ( Identification? 'from' )?
    client += [QualifiedName] ( ',' client += [QualifiedName] )* 'to'
    supplier += [QualifiedName] ( ',' supplier += [QualifiedName] )*
    RelationshipBody
```

#### Notes

1. PrefixMetadataAnnotation is defined in the Kernel layer (see [8.2.5.12](#)).

### 8.2.3.3 Annotations Concrete Syntax

#### 8.2.3.3.1 Annotations

**[KERML\\_-119](#): Navigability of AnnotatingElement<->Annotation meta-association**

```
Annotation =
    annotatedElement = [QualifiedName]

OwnedAnnotation : Annotation =
    ownedRelatedElement += AnnotatingElement

AnnotatingElement =
    Comment
    | Documentation
    | TextualRepresentation
    | MetadataFeature
```

#### Notes

1. MetadataFeature is defined in the Kernel layer (see [8.2.5.12](#)).

#### 8.2.3.3.2 Comments and Documentation

**[KERML\\_-119](#): Navigability of AnnotatingElement<->Annotation meta-association**

```
Comment =
    ( 'comment' Identification
      ( 'about' ownedRelationship += Annotation
        ( ',' ownedRelationship += Annotation )*
      )?
    )?
    ( 'locale' locale = STRING_VALUE )?
    body = REGULAR_COMMENT

Documentation =
    'doc' Identification
    ( 'locale' locale = STRING_VALUE )?
    body = REGULAR_COMMENT
```

#### Notes

1. The text of a lexical `REGULAR_COMMENT` or `PREFIX_COMMENT` shall be processed as follows before it is included as the body of a `Comment` or `Documentation`:
  1. Remove the initial `/*` and final `*/` characters.
  2. Remove any white space immediately after the initial `/*`, up to and including the first line terminator (if any).
  3. On each subsequent line of the text:
    1. Strip initial white space other than line terminators.
    2. Then, if the first remaining character is `"*`", remove it.
    3. Then, if the first remaining character is now a space, remove it.
2. The body text of a `Comment` can include markup information (such as HTML), and a conforming tool may display such text as rendered according to the markup. However, marked up "rich text" for a `Comment` written using the KerML textual concrete syntax shall be stored in the `Comment` body in plain text including all mark up text, with all line terminators and white space included as entered, other than what is removed according to the rules above.

#### 8.2.3.3.3 Textual Representation

```
TextualRepresentation =
  ( 'rep' Identification )?
  'language' language = STRING_VALUE
  body = REGULAR_COMMENT
```

#### Notes

1. The lexical text of a `REGULAR_COMMENT` shall be processed as specified in [8.2.3.3.2](#) for `Comments` before being included as the body of a `TextualRepresentation`.
2. See also [8.3.2.3.6](#) on the standard language names recognized for a `TextualRepresentation`.

#### 8.2.3.4 Namespaces Concrete Syntax

##### 8.2.3.4.1 Namespaces

##### KERML -101: Global scope notation

```
RootNamespace : Namespace =
  NamespaceBodyElement*
(See Note 1)

Namespace =
  ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*
  NamespaceDeclaration NamespaceBody
(See Note 2)

NamespaceDeclaration : Namespace =
  'namespace' Identification

NamespaceBody : Namespace =
  ';' | '{' NamespaceBodyElement* '}'

NamespaceBodyElement : Namespace =
  ownedRelationship += NamespaceMember
  | ownedRelationship += AliasMember
```

```

    | ownedRelationship += Import

MemberPrefix : Membership =
    ( visibility = VisibilityIndicator )?

VisibilityIndicator : VisibilityKind =
    'public' | 'private' | 'protected'

NamespaceMember : OwningMembership =
    NonFeatureMember
    | NamespaceFeatureMember

NonFeatureMember : OwningMembership =
    MemberPrefix
    ownedRelatedElement += MemberElement

NamespaceFeatureMember : OwningMembership =
    MemberPrefix
    ownedRelatedElement += FeatureElement

AliasMember : Membership =
    MemberPrefix
    'alias' ( '<' memberShortName = NAME '>' )?
    ( memberName = NAME )?
    'for' memberElement = [QualifiedName]
    RelationshipBody

QualifiedName =
    ( '$' '::' )? ( NAME '::' ) * NAME
(See Note 3)

```

## Notes

1. A *root* Namespace is a Namespace that has no owningNamespace (see [8.3.2.4](#)). Every Element other than a root Namespace must be contained, directly or indirectly, within some root Namespace. Therefore, every valid KerML concrete syntax text can be parsed starting from the RootNamespace production.
2. PrefixMetadataMember is defined in the Kernel layer (see [8.2.5.12](#)).
3. A qualified name is notated as a sequence of *segment names* separated by ":" punctuation, optionally with the global scope qualifier "\$" as an initial segment. An *unqualified* name can be considered the degenerate case of a qualified name with a single segment name. A qualified name is used in the KerML textual concrete syntax to identify an Element that is being referred to in the representation of another Element. A qualified name used in this way does not appear in the corresponding abstract syntax—instead, the abstract syntax representation contains an actual reference to the identified Element. *Name resolution* is the process of determining the Element that is identified by a qualified name. The segment names of the qualified name other than the last identify a sequence of nested Namespaces that provide the context for resolving the final segment name (see [8.2.3.5](#)). The notation [QualifiedName] is used in concrete syntax grammar productions to indicate the result of resolving text parsed as a QualifiedName (see also [8.2.1](#)).

### 8.2.3.4.2 Imports

#### **KERML -74: Make imports private by default**

```

Import =
    visibility = VisibilityIndicator
    'import' ( isImportAll ?= 'all' )?
    ImportDeclaration RelationshipBody

ImportDeclaration : Import
    MembershipImport | NamespaceImport

```

```

MembershipImport =
    importedMembership = [Qualified Name]
    ( '::' isRecursive ?= '*' )?
    (see Note 1)

NamespaceImport =
    importedNamespace = [Qualified Name] '::' '*'
    ( '::' isRecursive ?= '*' )?
    | importedNamespace = FilterPackage
    { ownedRelatedElement += importedNamespace }

FilterPackage : Package =
    ownedRelationship += ImportDeclaration
    ( ownedRelationship += FilterPackageMember )+

FilterPackageMember : ElementFilterMembership =
    '[' ownedRelatedElement += OwnedExpression ']'

```

## Notes

1. The importedMembership of a MembershipImport is the single case in which the Element required from the resolution [Qualified Name] is the actual Membership identified by the QualifiedName, *not* the memberElement of that Membership (see [8.2.3.5](#)).

### 8.2.3.4.3 Namespace Elements

#### **KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML**

```

MemberElement : Element =
    AnnotatingElement | NonFeatureElement

NonFeatureElement : Element =
    Dependency
    | Namespace
    | Type
    | Classifier
    | DataType
    | Class
    | Structure
    | Metaclass
    | Association
    | AssociationStructure
    | Interaction
    | Behavior
    | Function
    | Predicate
    | Multiplicity
    | Package
    | LibraryPackage
    | Specialization
    | Conjugation
    | Subclassification
    | Disjoining
    | FeatureInverting
    | FeatureTyping
    | Subsetting
    | Redefinition
    | TypeFeaturing

FeatureElement : Feature =
    Feature

```

```

| Step
| Expression
| BooleanExpression
| Invariant
| Connector
| BindingConnector
| Succession
| Flow
| SuccessionFlow

```

## 8.2.3.5 Name Resolution

### 8.2.3.5.1 Name Resolution Overview

#### **KERML -101: Global scope notation**

A qualified name consists of a sequence of one or more *segment names* (see [8.2.3.4.1](#)). Each segment name is a *simple name*, that is, it is a lexical NAME token (see [8.2.2.3](#)). The *qualification part* of a qualified name with more than one segment name is itself a qualified name, consisting of all the segment names of the original qualified name except for the last. For example the qualified name A : B : C consists of the segment names A, B and C, and its qualification part is A : B. A qualified name may also have the *global scope qualifier* "\$" as an initial segment, for example, \$ : A : B : C.

*Name resolution* is a process for determining the Element that is identified by a qualified name. The result of the process is actually a Membership relationship identified by the qualified name. However, in all cases but one, the required Element to be inserted into the abstract syntax is the memberElement of that Membership, in which case the metaclass of the memberElement must conform to the expected metaclass in the context of the name resolution. The one exception is the resolution of the qualified name for the importedMembership of a MembershipImport (see [8.2.3.4.2](#)), in which case the required Element is the identified Membership itself.

The *basic* name resolution process consists of the following two steps. The terms "local Namespace", "visible resolution" and "full resolution" used below are defined in [8.2.3.5.2](#), [8.2.3.5.3](#), and [8.2.3.5.4](#).

1. If the qualified name has only one segment name, with no global scope qualifier, then the resolution of the qualified name is the *full resolution* of that segment name relative to the *local Namespace* for the qualified name – unless the local Namespace is a root Namespace, in which case the global Namespace is used instead.
2. If the qualified name consists of a global scope qualifier and a single segment name, the resolution of the qualified name is the resolution of the segment name relative to the global Namespace.
3. Otherwise, resolve the qualification part of the qualified name relative to the local Namespace of the original qualified name. This must resolve to a Namespace, and the resolution of the original qualified name is then the *visible resolution* of its last segment name relative to this Namespace.

If the above steps fail, or if the resulting Element does not have the proper type for its context, then the qualified name has no resolution, and the parsing of the text containing it fails with a *name resolution error*.

**Note.** Invoking the Namespace::resolve, as defined in the abstract syntax (see [8.3.2.4.5](#)), carries out the above basic resolution process with the target Namespace considered as the local Namespace for the given qualified name.

The basic name resolution process is used directly to resolve a qualified name in all cases *except* when the qualified name specifies the redefinedFeature of a Redefinition with an owningFeature that has an owningType. In this case, the basic name resolution processes is repeated with the general Type of each ownedSpecialization of the owningType considered in turn as the local Namespace, until a resolution is found. If no resolution is found for any of these, then the overall resolution fails.

**Note.** When implementing the name resolution process as specified here, some additional points need to be considered.

- The descriptions given in [8.2.3.5.2](#), [8.2.3.5.3](#), and [8.2.3.5.4](#) presume that the derived membership, importedMembership and (for a Type) inheritedMembership properties of a Namespace have been fully computed, including memberships resulting from implied Relationships (see [8.4.2](#)). However, when parsing a complete KerML concrete syntax text, the values of these properties may themselves be based on other Relationships (e.g., alias Memberships, Imports and Specializations) whose target references are given by qualified names that must be resolved. Name resolution must therefore proceed incrementally during a parse, avoiding infinite loops caused by attempting to resolve again names that are already pending resolution. Note, however, that it is possible to at least locally resolve a name to a Membership in a Namespace without immediately resolving the memberElement of that Membership.
- Circularity is allowed for Imports and Specializations. Therefore, when traversing the graph of these Relationships, an implementation must avoid re-processing a Namespace that has already been visited.

### 8.2.3.5.2 Local and Global Namespaces

#### **KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

Every Namespace other than a root Namespace (see [8.2.3.4.1](#)) is nested in a containing Namespace called its owningNamespace (see [8.3.2.4](#)).

A root Namespace has an implicit containing Namespace known as its *global* Namespace. The global Namespace for a root Namespace includes all the *visible* Memberships of all other root Namespaces that are *available* to the first Namespace, which shall include at least all the root Namespaces from the KerML Model Libraries (see [Clause 9](#)). If a tool imports a *model interchange project* (see [10.3](#)), then the available Namespaces shall also include all the root Namespaces from any used project of the imported project. A conforming tool can also provide means for making additional Namespaces available to a root Namespace, such as by creating a new root Namespace or adding an additional used project.

A qualified name is always used to identify an Element that is a target Element of some *context* Relationship. The *local* Namespace for resolving the qualified name is then determined depending on the kind of context Relationship, as given in the following.

Import (see [8.3.2.4.2](#))

- The local Namespace is the importOwningNamespace.

Membership (see [8.3.2.4.3](#))

- If the membershipOwningNamespace is a FeatureReferenceExpression (see [8.3.4.8.5](#)), then the local Namespace is the *non-invocation* Namespace for the membershipOwningNamespace, which is defined to be the nearest containing Namespace that is none of the following:
  - FeatureReferenceExpression
  - InstantiationExpression
  - ownedFeature of an InstantiationExpression
  - ownedFeature of the result of a ConstructorExpression
- If the Membership is not a FeatureMembership and the membershipOwningNamespace is an InstantiationExpression (see [8.3.4.8.7](#)), then the local Namespace is the non-invocation Namespace for the membershipOwningNamespace, determined as for a FeatureReferenceExpression above.
- If the membershipOwningNamespace is a FeatureChainExpression see [8.3.4.8.4](#), then the local Namespace is the result parameter of the argument Expression of the FeatureChainExpression.
- Otherwise, the local Namespace is the membershipOwningNamespace.



Specialization (see [8.3.3.1.8](#))

- If the Specialization is a ReferenceSubsetting (see [8.3.3.3.9](#)), and its referencingFeature is an end Feature whose owningType is a Connector, then the local Namespace is the owningNamespace of the Connector.
- Otherwise, if the owningType is not null, then the local Namespace is the owningNamespace of the owningType.
- Otherwise, the local Namespace is the owningNamespace of the Specialization.

Conjugation (see [8.3.3.1.2](#))

- If the owningType is not null, the local Namespace is the owningNamespace of the owningType.
- Otherwise, the local Namespace is the owningNamespace of the Conjugation.

FeatureChaining (see [8.3.3.3.5](#))

- If the FeatureChaining is the first ownedFeatureChaining of its featureChained, then the local Namespace is determined as if the owningRelationship of the featureChained (which will be a Membership, Subsetting or Conjugation) was the context Relationship (see above).
- Otherwise, the local Namespace is the chainingFeature of the previous FeatureChaining in the ownedFeatureChaining list.

### 8.2.3.5.3 Local and Visible Resolution

A Namespace defines a mapping from names to its memberships, known as the *local resolution* of those names. Each membership of a Namespace is the local resolution for its memberShortName and memberName (if non-null). Note that this includes owned, imported and (if the Namespace is a Type) inherited Memberships.

**Note.** If the Namespace is well formed, then there can be at most one Membership that is the local resolution of any given name.

The *visible resolution* of a name is similar to its local resolution, but the memberships considered are restricted to those that are *visible* outside the Namespace. The *visible* Memberships of a Namespace shall comprise the following:

- All ownedMemberships of the Namespace with visibility = public.
- All importedMemberships of the Namespace that are derived from Import Relationships with visibility = public.
- If the Namespace is a Type, then all inheritedMemberships of the Type with visibility = public.

### 8.2.3.5.4 Full Resolution

The *full resolution* of a simple name relative to a Namespace considers Memberships not only in that Namespace, but also in directly or indirectly containing Namespaces, all the way out to the global Namespace. Full resolution relative to a Namespace *other* than the global Namespace proceeds as follows:

1. If the name has a local resolution relative to a Namespace (see [8.2.3.5.3](#)), then that is also its full resolution relative to that Namespace.
2. Otherwise:
  - If the Namespace is *not* a root Namespace, then the full resolution of the name relative to the original Namespace is determined as its full resolution relative to the owningNamespace of the original Namespace.

- If the Namespace *is* a root Namespace, then the full resolution of the name resolution relative to the original Namespace is its resolution in the global Namespace.

The resolution of a simple name in the global Namespace is the the Membership in the global Namespace (as defined in [8.2.3.5.2](#)) whose (non-null) shortMemberName or memberName is equal to the simple name.

**Note.** It is possible that there will be more than one Membership in the global Namespace that resolves a given simple name. In this case, one of these Memberships is chosen for the resolution of the name, but which one is chosen is not otherwise determined by this specification.

## 8.2.4 Core Concrete Syntax

### 8.2.4.1 Types Concrete Syntax

#### 8.2.4.1.1 Types

```
Type =
  TypePrefix 'type'
  TypeDeclaration TypeBody

TypePrefix : Type =
  ( isAbstract ?= 'abstract' )?
  ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*

TypeDeclaration : Type =
  ( isSufficient ?= 'all' )? Identification
  ( ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity )?
  ( SpecializationPart | ConjugationPart )+
  TypeRelationshipPart*

SpecializationPart : Type =
  SPECIALIZES ownedRelationship += OwnedSpecialization
  ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedSpecialization )*

ConjugationPart : Type =
  CONJUGATES ownedRelationship += OwnedConjugation

TypeRelationshipPart : Type =
  DisjoiningPart
  | UnioningPart
  | IntersectingPart
  | DifferencingPart

DisjoiningPart : Type =
  'disjoint' 'from' ownedRelationship += OwnedDisjoining
  ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedDisjoining )*

UnioningPart : Type =
  'unions' ownedRelationship += Unioning
  ( ',' ownedRelationship += Unioning )*

IntersectingPart : Type =
  'intersects' ownedRelationship += Intersecting
  ( ',' ownedRelationship += Intersecting )*

DifferencingPart : Type =
  'differences' ownedRelationship += Differencing
  ( ',' ownedRelationship += Differencing )*

TypeBody : Type =
  ';' | '{' TypeBodyElement* '}'
```

```

TypeBodyElement : Type =
    ownedRelationship += NonFeatureMember
| ownedRelationship += FeatureMember
| ownedRelationship += AliasMember
| ownedRelationship += Import

```

#### 8.2.4.1.2 Specialization

```

Specialization =
    ( 'specialization' Identification )?
    'subtype' SpecificType
    SPECIALIZES GeneralType
    RelationshipBody

```

```

OwnedSpecialization : Specialization =
    GeneralType

```

```

SpecificType : Specialization :
    specific = [QualifiedName]
| specific += OwnedFeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += specific }

```

```

GeneralType : Specialization =
    general = [QualifiedName]
| general += OwnedFeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += general }

```

#### 8.2.4.1.3 Conjugation

```

Conjugation =
    ( 'conjugation' Identification )?
    'conjugate'
    ( conjugatedType = [QualifiedName]
| conjugatedType = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += conjugatedType }
    )
    CONJUGATES
    ( originalType = [QualifiedName]
| originalType = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += originalType }
    )
    RelationshipBody

```

```

OwnedConjugation : Conjugation =
    originalType = [QualifiedName]
| originalType = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += originalType }

```

#### 8.2.4.1.4 Disjoining

```

Disjoining =
    ( 'disjoining' Identification )?
    'disjoint'
    ( typeDisjoined = [QualifiedName]
| typeDisjoined = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += typeDisjoined }
    )
    'from'
    ( disjoiningType = [QualifiedName]
| disjoiningType = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += disjoiningType }
    )

```

```

    )
    RelationshipBody

OwnedDisjoining : Disjoining =
    disjoiningType = [QualifiedName]
    | disjoiningType = FeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += disjoiningType }

```

#### 8.2.4.1.5 Unioning, Intersecting and Differencing

```

Unioning =
    unioningType = [QualifiedName]
    | ownedRelatedElement += OwnedFeatureChain

Intersecting =
    intersectingType = [QualifiedName]
    | ownedRelatedElement += OwnedFeatureChain

Differencing =
    differencingType = [QualifiedName]
    | ownedRelatedElement += OwnedFeatureChain

```

#### 8.2.4.1.6 Feature Membership

```

FeatureMember : OwningMembership =
    TypeFeatureMember
    | OwnedFeatureMember

TypeFeatureMember : OwningMembership =
    MemberPrefix 'member' ownedRelatedElement += FeatureElement

OwnedFeatureMember : FeatureMembership =
    MemberPrefix ownedRelatedElement += FeatureElement

```

### 8.2.4.2 Classifiers Concrete Syntax

#### 8.2.4.2.1 Classifiers

```

Classifier =
    TypePrefix 'classifier'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody

ClassifierDeclaration : Classifier =
    ( isSufficient ?= 'all' )? Identification
    ( ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity )?
    ( SuperclassingPart | ConjugationPart )?
    TypeRelationshipPart*

SuperclassingPart : Classifier =
    SPECIALIZES ownedRelationship += OwnedSubclassification
    ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedSubclassification )*

```

#### 8.2.4.2.2 Subclassification

```

Subclassification =
    ( 'specialization' Identification )?
    'subclassifier' subclassifier = [QualifiedName]
    SPECIALIZES superclassifier = [QualifiedName]
    RelationshipBody

OwnedSubclassification : Subclassification =
    superclassifier = [QualifiedName]

```

## 8.2.4.3 Features Concrete Syntax

### 8.2.4.3.1 Features

```
Feature =
  ( FeaturePrefix
    ( 'feature' | ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )
    FeatureDeclaration?
  )
  | ( EndFeaturePrefix | BasicFeaturePrefix )
    FeatureDeclaration
  )
  ValuePart? TypeBody
(See Note 1)

EndFeaturePrefix : Feature =
  ( isConstant ?= 'const' { isVariable = true } )?
  isEnd ?= 'end'

BasicFeaturePrefix : Feature :
  ( direction = FeatureDirection )?
  ( isDerived ?= 'derived' )?
  ( isAbstract ?= 'abstract' )?
  ( isComposite ?= 'composite' | isPortion ?= 'portion' )?
  ( isVariable ?= 'var' | isConstant ?= 'const' { isVariable = true } )?

FeaturePrefix :
  ( EndFeaturePrefix ( ownedRelationship += OwnedCrossFeatureMember )?
  | BasicFeaturePrefix
  )
  ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*
(see Note 1)

OwnedCrossFeatureMember : OwningMembership =
  ownedRelatedElement += OwnedCrossFeature

OwnedCrossFeature : Feature =
  BasicFeaturePrefix FeatureDeclaration

FeatureDirection : FeatureDirectionKind =
  'in' | 'out' | 'inout'

FeatureDeclaration : Feature =
  ( isSufficient ?= 'all' )?
  ( FeatureIdentification
    ( FeatureSpecializationPart | ConjugationPart )?
  | FeatureSpecializationPart
  | ConjugationPart
  )
  FeatureRelationshipPart*

FeatureIdentification : Feature =
  '<' declaredShortName = NAME '>' ( declaredName = NAME )?
  | declaredName = NAME

FeatureRelationshipPart : Feature =
  TypeRelationshipPart
  | ChainingPart
  | InvertingPart
  | TypeFeaturingPart

ChainingPart : Feature =
  'chains'
```

```

    ( ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureChaining
    | FeatureChain )

InvertingPart : Feature =
    'inverse' 'of' ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureInverting

TypeFeaturingPart : Feature =
    'featured' 'by' ownedRelationship += OwnedTypeFeaturing
    ( ',' ownedTypeFeaturing += OwnedTypeFeaturing ) *

FeatureSpecializationPart : Feature =
    FeatureSpecialization+ MultiplicityPart? FeatureSpecialization*
    | MultiplicityPart FeatureSpecialization*

MultiplicityPart : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity
    | ( ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity )?
    ( isOrdered ?= 'ordered' ( {isUnique = false} 'nonunique' )?
    | {isUnique = false} 'nonunique' ( isOrdered ?= 'ordered' )? )

FeatureSpecialization : Feature =
    Typings | Subsettings | References | Crosses | Redefinitions

Typings : Feature =
    TypedBy ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping ) *

TypedBy : Feature =
    TYPED_BY ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping

Subsettings : Feature =
    Subsets ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedSubsetting ) *

Subsets : Feature =
    SUBSETS ownedRelationship += OwnedSubsetting

References : Feature =
    REFERENCES ownedRelationship += OwnedReferenceSubsetting

Crosses : Feature =
    CROSSES ownedRelationship += OwnedCrossSubsetting

Redefinitions : Feature =
    Redefines ( ',' ownedRelationship += OwnedRedefinition ) *

Redefines : Feature =
    REDEFINES ownedRelationship += OwnedRedefinition

```

## Notes

1. PrefixMetadataMember is defined in the Kernel layer (see [8.3.4.12](#)).

**[KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing](#)**  
**[KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness](#)**  
**[KERML -63: FeatureIdentificationProduction is incorrect](#)**

### 8.2.4.3.2 Feature Typing

```

FeatureTyping =
    ( 'specialization' Identification )?
    'typing' typedFeature = [Qualified Name]
    TYPED_BY GeneralType
    RelationshipBody

```

```
OwnedFeatureTyping : FeatureTyping =
    GeneralType
```

#### 8.2.4.3.3 Subsetting

#### **KERML\_-18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

```
Subsetting =
    ( 'specialization' Identification )?
    'subset' SpecificType
    SUBSETS GeneralType
    RelationshipBody

OwnedSubsetting : Subsetting =
    GeneralType

OwnedReferenceSubsetting : ReferenceSubsetting =
    GeneralType

OwnedCrossSubsetting : CrossSubsetting =
    GeneralType
```

#### 8.2.4.3.4 Redefinition

```
Redefinition =
    ( 'specialization' Identification )?
    'redefinition' SpecificType
    REDEFINES GeneralType
    RelationshipBody

OwnedRedefinition : Redefinition =
    GeneralType
```

#### 8.2.4.3.5 Feature Chaining

```
OwnedFeatureChain : Feature =
    FeatureChain

FeatureChain : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureChaining
    ( '.' ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureChaining )+

OwnedFeatureChaining : FeatureChaining =
    chainingFeature = [QualifiedName]
```

#### 8.2.4.3.6 Feature Inverting

```
FeatureInverting =
    ( 'inverting' Identification? )?
    'inverse'
    ( featureInverted = [QualifiedName]
    | featureInverted = OwnedFeatureChain
      { ownedRelatedElement += featureInverted }
    )
    'of'
    ( invertingFeature = [QualifiedName]
    | ownedRelatedElement += OwnedFeatureChain
      { ownedRelatedElement += invertingFeature }
    )
    RelationshipBody
```

```
OwnedFeatureInverting : FeatureInverting =
    invertingFeature = [QualifiedName]
    | invertingFeature = OwnedFeatureChain
    { ownedRelatedElement += invertingFeature }
```

#### 8.2.4.3.7 Type Featuring

```
TypeFeaturing =
    'featuring' ( Identification 'of' )?
    featureOfType = [QualifiedName]
    'by' featuringType = [QualifiedName]
    RelationshipBody
```

```
OwnedTypeFeaturing : TypeFeaturing =
    featuringType = [QualifiedName]
```

### 8.2.5 Kernel Concrete Syntax

#### 8.2.5.1 Data Types Concrete Syntax

```
DataType =
    TypePrefix 'datatype'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody
```

#### 8.2.5.2 Classes Concrete Syntax

```
Class =
    TypePrefix 'class'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody
```

#### 8.2.5.3 Structures Concrete Syntax

```
Structure =
    TypePrefix 'struct'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody
```

#### 8.2.5.4 Associations Concrete Syntax

```
Association =
    TypePrefix 'assoc'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody
```

```
AssociationStructure =
    TypePrefix 'assoc' 'struct'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody
```

#### 8.2.5.5 Connectors Concrete Syntax

##### 8.2.5.5.1 Connectors

**KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

```
Connector =
    FeaturePrefix 'connector'
    ( FeatureDeclaration? ValuePart?
    | ConnectorDeclaration
    )
    TypeBody
```

```
ConnectorDeclaration : Connector =
    BinaryConnectorDeclaration | NaryConnectorDeclaration
```



```

BinaryConnectorDeclaration : Connector =
    ( FeatureDeclaration? 'from' | isSufficient ?= 'all' 'from'? )?
    ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember 'to'
    ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember

NaryConnectorDeclaration : Connector =
    FeatureDeclaration?
    '(' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember ','
        ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember
        ( ',' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember )*
    ')'

ConnectorEndMember : EndFeatureMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += ConnectorEnd

ConnectorEnd : Feature =
    ( ownedRelationship += OwnedCrossMultiplicityMember )?
    ( declaredName = NAME REFERENCES )?
    ownedRelationship += OwnedReferenceSubsetting

OwnedCrossMultiplicityMember : OwingMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += OwnedCrossMultiplicity

OwnedCrossMultiplicity : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity

```

#### 8.2.5.5.2 Binding Connectors

```

BindingConnector =
    FeaturePrefix 'binding'
    BindingConnectorDeclaration TypeBody

BindingConnectorDeclaration : BindingConnector =
    FeatureDeclaration
    ( 'of' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember
        '=' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember )?
    | ( isSufficient ?= 'all' )?
    ( 'of'? ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember
        '=' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember )?

```

#### 8.2.5.5.3 Successions

```

Succession =
    FeaturePrefix 'succession'
    SuccessionDeclaration TypeBody

SuccessionDeclaration : Succession =
    FeatureDeclaration
    ( 'first' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember
        'then' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember )?
    | ( s.isSufficient ?= 'all' )?
    ( 'first'? ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember
        'then' ownedRelationship += ConnectorEndMember )?

```

#### 8.2.5.6 Behaviors Concrete Syntax

##### 8.2.5.6.1 Behaviors

```

Behavior =
    TypePrefix 'behavior'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody

```

### 8.2.5.6.2 Steps

```
Step =  
  FeaturePrefix  
  'step' FeatureDeclaration ValuePart?  
  TypeBody
```

### 8.2.5.7 Functions Concrete Syntax

#### 8.2.5.7.1 Functions

```
Function =  
  TypePrefix 'function'  
  ClassifierDeclaration FunctionBody  
  
FunctionBody : Type =  
  ';' | '{' FunctionBodyPart '}'  
  
FunctionBodyPart : Type =  
  ( TypeBodyElement  
    | ownedRelationship += ReturnFeatureMember  
  ) *  
  ( ownedRelationship += ResultExpressionMember ) ?  
  
ReturnFeatureMember : ReturnParameterMembership =  
  MemberPrefix 'return'  
  ownedRelatedElement += FeatureElement  
  
ResultExpressionMember : ResultExpressionMembership =  
  MemberPrefix  
  ownedRelatedElement += OwnedExpression
```

#### 8.2.5.7.2 Expressions

```
Expression =  
  FeaturePrefix  
  'expr' FeatureDeclaration ValuePart?  
  FunctionBody
```

#### 8.2.5.7.3 Predicates

```
Predicate =  
  TypePrefix 'predicate'  
  ClassifierDeclaration FunctionBody
```

#### 8.2.5.7.4 Boolean Expressions and Invariants

```
BooleanExpression =  
  FeaturePrefix  
  'bool' FeatureDeclaration ValuePart?  
  FunctionBody  
  
Invariant =  
  FeaturePrefix  
  'inv' ( 'true' | isNegated ?= 'false' ) ?  
  FeatureDeclaration ValuePart?  
  FunctionBody
```

### 8.2.5.8 Expressions Concrete Syntax

### 8.2.5.8.1 Operator Expressions

**KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**  
**KERML -162: MetadataAccessExpression::referencedElement should be derived**  
**KERML -224: Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions**

```
OwnedExpressionReferenceMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedExpressionReference

OwnedExpressionReference : FeatureReferenceExpression =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedExpressionMember

OwnedExpressionMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedFeatureMember = OwnedExpression

OwnedExpression : Expression =
    ConditionalExpression
| ConditionalBinaryOperatorExpression
| BinaryOperatorExpression
| UnaryOperatorExpression
| ClassificationExpression
| MetaclassificationExpression
| ExtentExpression
| PrimaryExpression

ConditionalExpression : OperatorExpression =
    operator = 'if'
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember '?'
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentExpressionMember 'else'
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentExpressionMember
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

ConditionalBinaryOperatorExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember
    operator = ConditionalBinaryOperator
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentExpressionMember
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

ConditionalBinaryOperator =
    '??' | 'or' | 'and' | 'implies'

BinaryOperatorExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember
    operator = BinaryOperator
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

BinaryOperator =
    '|' | '&' | 'xor' | '..'
| '==' | '!=' | '===' | '!==='
| '<' | '>' | '<=' | '>='
| '+' | '-' | '*' | '/'
| '%' | '^' | '**'

UnaryOperatorExpression : OperatorExpression =
    operator = UnaryOperator
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

UnaryOperator =
    '+' | '-' | '~' | 'not'
```

```

ClassificationExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ( ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember )?
    ( operator = ClassificationTestOperator
      ownedRelationship += TypeReferenceMember
    | operator = CastOperator
      ownedRelationship += TypeResultMember
    )
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

ClassificationTestOperator =
    'istype' | 'hastype' | '@'

CastOperator =
    'as'

MetaClassificationExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ownedRelationship += MetadataArgumentMember
    ( operator = MetaClassificationTestOperator
      ownedRelationship += TypeReferenceMember
    | operator = MetaCastOperator
      ownedRelationship += TypeResultMember
    )
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

ArgumentMember : ParameterMembership =
    ownedMemberParameter = Argument

Argument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentValue

ArgumentValue : FeatureValue =
    value = OwnedExpression

ArgumentExpressionMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += ArgumentExpression

ArgumentExpression : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentExpressionValue

ArgumentExpressionValue : FeatureValue =
    value = OwnedExpressionReference

MetadataArgumentMember : ParameterMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += MetadataArgument

MetadataArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += MetadataValue

MetadataValue : FeatureValue =
    value = MetadataReference

MetadataReference : MetadataAccessExpression =
    ownedRelationship += ElementReferenceMember

MetaClassificationTestOperator =
    '@@'

MetaCastOperator =
    'meta'

ExtentExpression : OperatorExpression =
    operator = 'all'
    ownedRelationship += TypeReferenceMember

```

```

TypeReferenceMember : ParameterMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = TypeReference

TypeResultMember : ResultParameterMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = TypeReference

TypeReference : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += ReferenceTyping

ReferenceTyping : FeatureTyping =
    type = [QualifiedNames]

EmptyResultMember : ReturnParameterMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += EmptyFeature

EmptyFeature : Feature =
    { }

```

## Notes

1. `OperatorExpressions` provide a shorthand notation for `InvocationExpressions` that invoke a library Function represented as an operator *symbol*. [Table 5](#) shows the mapping from operator symbols to the Functions they represent from the Kernel Model Library (see [Clause 9](#)). An `OperatorExpression` contains subexpressions called its *operands* that generally correspond to the argument Expressions of the `OperatorExpression`, except in the case of operators representing *control* Functions, in which case the evaluation of certain operands is as determined by the Function (see [8.4.4.9](#) for details).
2. Though not directly expressed in the syntactic productions given above, in any `OperatorExpression` containing nested `OperatorExpressions`, the nested `OperatorExpressions` shall be implicitly grouped according to the *precedence* of the operators involved, as given in [Table 6](#). `OperatorExpressions` with higher precedence operators shall be grouped more tightly than those with lower precedence operators. Further, all `BinaryOperators` other than exponentiation are left-associative (i.e., they group to the left), while the exponentiation operators (^ and \*\*) are right-associative (i.e., they group to the right).
3. The unary operator symbol ~ maps to the library Function `DataFunctions::~'~'`, as shown in [Table 5](#). This abstract Function may be given a concrete definition in a domain-specific Function library, but no default definition is provided in the Kernel Functions Library. If no domain-specific definition is available, a tool should give a warning if this operator is used.

**Table 5. Operator Mapping**

Operator	Library Function	Description	Model-Level Evaluable?
<b>all</b>	<code>BaseFunctions::'all'</code>	Type extent	No
<b>istype</b>	<code>BaseFunctions::'istype'</code>	All argument values are directly or indirectly instances of a type	Yes
<b>hastype</b>	<code>BaseFunctions::'hastype'</code>	All argument values are directly instances of a type	Yes
@	<code>BaseFunctions::'@'</code>	Any argument value is directly or indirectly an instance of a type	Yes
@@	<code>BaseFunctions::'@@'</code>	Any argument value is directly or indirectly an instance of a metaclass	Yes

Operator	Library Function	Description	Model-Level Evaluable?
<b>as</b>	BaseFunctions::as	Select instances of type (cast)	Yes
<b>meta</b>	BaseFunctions::meta	Select instances of a metaclass (metacast)	Yes
<b>==</b>	BaseFunctions::'=='	Equality	Yes
<b>!=</b>	BaseFunctions::'!='	Inequality	Yes
<b>===</b>	BaseFunctions::'==='	Same (equality for data values, same lives for occurrences)	Yes
<b>!==</b>	BaseFunctions::'!=='	Not same	Yes
<b>xor</b>	DataFunctions::'xor'	Logical "exclusive or"	Yes
<b>not</b>	DataFunctions::'not'	Logical "not"	Yes
<b>~</b>	DataFunctions::'~'	Undefined	No
<b> </b>	DataFunctions::' '	Logical "inclusive or"	Yes
<b>&amp;</b>	DataFunctions::'&'	Logical "and"	Yes
<b>&lt;</b>	DataFunctions::'<'	Less than	Yes
<b>&gt;</b>	DataFunctions::'>'	Greater than	Yes
<b>&lt;=</b>	DataFunctions::'<='	Less than or equal to	Yes
<b>&gt;=</b>	DataFunctions::'>='	Greater than or equal to	Yes
<b>+</b>	DataFunctions::'+'	Addition	Yes
<b>-</b>	DataFunctions::'-'	Subtraction	Yes
<b>*</b>	DataFunctions::'+'	Multiplication	Yes
<b>/</b>	DataFunctions::'/'	Division	Yes
<b>%</b>	DataFunctions::'%'	Remainder	Yes
<b>^ **</b>	DataFunctions::'^'	Exponentiation	Yes
<b>..</b>	DataFunctions::'..'	Range construction	Yes
<b>??</b>	ControlFunctions::'??'	Null coalescing	Yes
<b>if</b>	ControlFunctions::'if'	Conditional test (ternary)	Yes
<b>or</b>	ControlFunctions::'or'	Conditional "or"	Yes
<b>and</b>	ControlFunctions::'and'	Conditional "and"	Yes
<b>implies</b>	ControlFunctions::'implies'	Conditional "implication"	Yes

**Table 6. Operator Precedence (highest to lowest)**

<i>Unary</i>
<b>all</b>

+ - ~ <b>not</b>
<i>Binary</i>
^ **
* / %
+ -
..
< > <= >=
<b>istype hastype @ @@ as meta</b>
== != === !==
& <b>and</b>
<b>xor</b>
<b>or</b>
<b>implies</b>
??
<i>Ternary</i>
<b>if</b>

#### 8.2.5.8.2 Primary Expressions

[KERML -117](#): **InvocationExpresion::result specialization**

[KERML -132](#): **Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

[KERML -83](#): **CollectExpression and SelectExpression should not reference BodyExpressionMember**

```
PrimaryExpression : Expression =
    FeatureChainExpression
    | NonFeatureChainPrimaryExpression
```

```
PrimaryArgumentValue : FeatureValue =
    value = PrimaryExpression
```

```
PrimaryArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentValue
```

```
PrimaryArgumentMember : ParameterMembership =
    ownedMemberParameter = PrimaryArgument
```

```

NonFeatureChainPrimaryExpression : Expression =
    BracketExpression
    | IndexExpression
    | SequenceExpression
    | SelectExpression
    | CollectExpression
    | FunctionOperationExpression
    | BaseExpression

NonFeatureChainPrimaryArgumentValue : FeatureValue =
    value = NonFeatureChainPrimaryExpression

NonFeatureChainPrimaryArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += NonFeatureChainPrimaryArgumentValue

NonFeatureChainPrimaryArgumentMember : ParameterMembership =
    ownedMemberParameter = PrimaryArgument

BracketExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentMember
    operator = '['
    ownedRelationship += SequenceExpressionListMember ']'

IndexExpression =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentMember '#'
    '(' ownedRelationship += SequenceExpressionListMember ')'

SequenceExpression : Expression =
    '(' SequenceExpressionList ')'

SequenceExpressionList : Expression =
    OwnedExpression ',?' | SequenceOperatorExpression

SequenceOperatorExpression : OperatorExpression =
    ownedRelationship += OwnedExpressionMember
    operator = ','
    ownedRelationship += SequenceExpressionListMember

SequenceExpressionListMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = SequenceExpressionList

FeatureChainExpression =
    ownedRelationship += NonFeatureChainPrimaryArgumentMember '.'
    ownedRelationship += FeatureChainMember

CollectExpression =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentMember '.'
    ownedRelationship += BodyArgumentMember

SelectExpression =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentMember '.*'
    ownedRelationship += BodyArgumentMember

FunctionOperationExpression : InvocationExpression =
    ownedRelationship += PrimaryArgumentMember '->'
    ownedRelationship += InvocationTypeMember
    ( ownedRelationship += BodyArgumentMember
    | ownedRelationship += FunctionReferenceArgumentMember
    | ArgumentList )
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

BodyArgumentMember : ParameterMembership =

```



```

ownedMemberParameter = BodyArgument

BodyArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += BodyArgumentValue

BodyArgumentValue : FeatureValue =
    value = BodyExpression

FunctionReferenceArgumentMember : ParameterMembershiup =
    ownedMemberParameter = FunctionReferenceArgument

FunctionReferenceArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += FunctionReferenceArgumentValue

FunctionReferenceArgumentValue : FeatureValue =
    value = FunctionReferenceExpression

FunctionReferenceExpression : FeatureReferenceExpression =
    ownedRelationship += FunctionReferenceMember

FunctionReferenceMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = FunctionReference

FunctionReference : Expression =
    ownedRelationship += ReferenceTyping

FeatureChainMember : Membership =
    FeatureReferenceMember
    | OwnedFeatureChainMember

OwnedFeatureChainMember : OwningMembership =
    ownedMemberElement = FeatureChain

```

## Notes

1. Primary expressions provide additional shorthand notations for certain kinds of `InvocationExpressions`. For those cases in which the `InvocationExpression` is an `OperatorExpression`, its operator shall be resolved to the appropriate library function as given in [Table 7](#). Note also that, for a `CollectionExpression` or `SelectExpression`, the abstract syntax constrains the operator to be *collect* and *select*, respectively, separately from the `.` and `?` symbols used in their concrete syntax notation (see [8.3.4.8.2](#) and [8.3.4.8.18](#)).
2. The grammar allows a bracket syntax `[...]` that parses to an invocation of the library `Function` `BaseFunctions:: '['`, as shown in [Table 7](#). This notation is available for use with domain-specific library models that given a concrete definition to the abstract base `' ['` `Function`, but no default definition is provided in the Kernel Functions Library. If no domain-specific definition is available, a tool should give a warning if this operator is used.

**Table 7. Primary Expression Operator Mapping**

Operator	Library Function	Description	Model-level Evaluable?
<code>[</code>	<code>BaseFunctions:: '['</code>	Undefined	No
<code>#</code>	<code>BaseFunctions:: '#'</code>	Indexing	Yes
<code>,</code>	<code>BaseFunctions:: ','</code>	Sequence construction	Yes
<code>.</code>	<code>ControlFunctions:: '.'</code>	Feature chaining	Yes
<code>collect</code>	<code>ControlFunctions:: collect</code>	Sequence collection	Yes
<code>select</code>	<code>ControlFunctions:: select</code>	Sequence selection	Yes

### 8.2.5.8.3 Base Expressions

**KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

**KERML -162: MetadataAccessExpression::referencedElement should be derived**

```
BaseExpression : Expression =
    NullExpression
    | LiteralExpression
    | FeatureReferenceExpression
    | MetadataAccessExpression
    | InvocationExpression
    | ConstructorExpression
    | BodyExpression

NullExpression : NullExpression =
    'null' | '(' ' ' ')'

FeatureReferenceExpression : FeatureReferenceExpression =
    ownedRelationship += FeatureReferenceMember
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

FeatureReferenceMember : Membership =
    memberElement = FeatureReference

FeatureReference : Feature =
    [QualifiedName]

MetadataAccessExpression =
    ownedRelationship += ElementReferenceMember '.' 'metadata'

ElementReferenceMember : Membership =
    memberElement = [QualifiedName]

InvocationExpression : InvocationExpression =
    ownedRelationship += InstantiatedTypeMember
    ArgumentList
    ownedRelationship += EmptyResultMember

ConstructorExpression =
    'new' ownedRelationship += InstantiatedTypeMember
    ownedRelationship += ConstructorResultMember

ConstructorResultMember : ReturnParameterMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += ConstructorResult

ConstructorResult : Feature =
    ArgumentList

InstantiatedTypeMember : Membership =
    memberElement = InstantiatedTypeReference
    | OwnedFeatureChainMember

InstantiatedTypeReference : Type =
    [QualifiedName]

ArgumentList : Feature =
    '(' ( PositionalArgumentList | NamedArgumentList )? ')'

PositionalArgumentList : Feature =
    e.ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember
    ( ',' e.ownedRelationship += ArgumentMember )*
```

```

NamedArgumentList : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += NamedArgumentMember
    ( ',' ownedRelationship += NamedArgumentMember ) *

NamedArgumentMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = NamedArgument

NamedArgument : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += ParameterRedefinition '='
    ownedRelationship += ArgumentValue

ParameterRedefinition : Redefinition =
    redefinedFeature = [Qualified Name]

BodyExpression : FeatureReferenceExpression =
    ownedRelationship += ExpressionBodyMember

ExpressionBodyMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = ExpressionBody

ExpressionBody : Expression =
    '{' FunctionBodyPart '}'

```

#### 8.2.5.8.4 Literal Expressions

```

LiteralExpression =
    LiteralBoolean
    | LiteralString
    | LiteralInteger
    | LiteralReal
    | LiteralInfinity

LiteralBoolean =
    value = BooleanValue

BooleanValue : Boolean =
    'true' | 'false'

LiteralString =
    value = STRING_VALUE

LiteralInteger =
    value = DECIMAL_VALUE

LiteralReal =
    value = RealValue

RealValue : Real =
    DECIMAL_VALUE? '.' ( DECIMAL_VALUE | EXPONENTIAL_VALUE )
    | EXPONENTIAL_VALUE

LiteralInfinity =
    '*'

```

#### 8.2.5.9 Interactions Concrete Syntax

##### 8.2.5.9.1 Interactions

```

Interaction =
    TypePrefix 'interaction'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody

```

## 8.2.5.9.2 Flows

### **KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML**

```
Flow =
    FeaturePrefix 'flow'
    ItemFlowDeclaration TypeBody

SuccessionFlow =
    FeaturePrefix 'succession' 'flow'
    ItemFlowDeclaration TypeBody

FlowDeclaration : Flow =
    FeatureDeclaration ValuePart?
    ( 'of' ownedRelationship += PayloadFeatureMember )?
    ( 'from' ownedRelationship += FlowEndMember
      'to' ownedRelationship += FlowEndMember )?
    | ( isSufficient ?= 'all' )?
      ownedRelationship += FlowEndMember 'to'
      ownedRelationship += FlowEndMember

PayloadFeatureMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement = PayloadFeature

PayloadFeature =
    Identification PayloadFeatureSpecializationPart ValuePart?
    | Identification ValuePart
    | ( ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping
      ( ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity )?
    | ownedRelationship += OwnedMultiplicity
      ( ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping )?

PayloadFeatureSpecializationPart : Feature =
    FeatureSpecialization+ MultiplicityPart?
    FeatureSpecialization*
    | MultiplicityPart FeatureSpecialization+

FlowEndMember : EndFeatureMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += FlowEnd

FlowEnd =
    ( ownedRelationship += OwnedReferenceSubsetting '.' )?
    ownedRelationship += FlowFeatureMember

FlowFeatureMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += FlowFeature

FlowFeature : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += FlowFeatureRedefinition
    (See Note 1)

FlowFeatureRedefinition : Redefinition =
    redefinedFeature = [Qualified Name]
```

## Notes

1. To ensure that an FlowFeature passes the validateRedefinitionDirectionConformance constraint (see [8.3.3.3.8](#)), its direction must be set to the direction of its redefinedFeature, relative to its owning FlowEnd, that is, the result of the following OCL expression:

```
owningType.directionOf(ownedRedefinition->at(1).redefinedFeature)
```

### 8.2.5.10 Feature Values Concrete Syntax

```
ValuePart : Feature =
    ownedRelationship += FeatureValue

FeatureValue =
    ( '='
    | isInitial ?= '[:='
    | isDefault ?= 'default' ( '=' | isInitial ?= '[:=' )?
    )
    ownedRelatedElement += OwnedExpression
```

### 8.2.5.11 Multiplicities Concrete Syntax

```
Multiplicity =
    MultiplicitySubset | MultiplicityRange

MultiplicitySubset : Multiplicity =
    'multiplicity' Identification Subsets
    TypeBody

MultiplicityRange =
    'multiplicity' Identification MultiplicityBounds
    TypeBody

OwnedMultiplicity : OwningMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += OwnedMultiplicityRange

OwnedMultiplicityRange : MultiplicityRange =
    MultiplicityBounds

MultiplicityBounds : MultiplicityRange =
    '[' ( ownedRelationship += MultiplicityExpressionMember '..' )?
    ownedRelationship += MultiplicityExpressionMember ']'

MultiplicityExpressionMember : OwningMembership =
    ownedRelatedElement += ( LiteralExpression | FeatureReferenceExpression )
```

### 8.2.5.12 Metadata Concrete Syntax

**[KERML\\_-119](#): Navigability of AnnotatingElement<->Annotation meta-association**

```
Metaclass =
    TypePrefix 'metaclass'
    ClassifierDeclaration TypeBody

PrefixMetadataAnnotation : Annotation =
    '#' ownedRelatedElement += PrefixMetadataFeature

PrefixMetadataMember : OwningMembership =
    '#' ownedRelatedElement += PrefixMetadataFeature

PrefixMetadataFeature : MetadataFeature :
    ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping

MetadataFeature =
    ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*
    ( '@' | 'metadata' )
    MetadataFeatureDeclaration
    ( 'about' ownedRelationship += Annotation
    ( ',' ownedRelationship += Annotation )*
    )?
```

```

MetadataBody

MetadataFeatureDeclaration : MetadataFeature =
    ( Identification ( ':' | 'typed' 'by' ) )?
    ownedRelationship += OwnedFeatureTyping

MetadataBody : Feature =
    ';' | '{' ( ownedRelationship += MetadataBodyElement )* '}'

MetadataBodyElement : Membership =
    NonFeatureMember
    | MetadataBodyFeatureMember
    | AliasMember
    | Import

MetadataBodyFeatureMember : FeatureMembership =
    ownedMemberFeature = MetadataBodyFeature

MetadataBodyFeature : Feature =
    'feature'? ( ':>' | 'redefines')? ownedRelationship += OwnedRedefinition
    FeatureSpecializationPart? ValuePart?
    MetadataBody

```

### 8.2.5.13 Packages Concrete Syntax

```

Package =
    ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*
    PackageDeclaration PackageBody

LibraryPackage =
    ( isStandard ?= 'standard' ) 'library'
    ( ownedRelationship += PrefixMetadataMember )*
    PackageDeclaration PackageBody

PackageDeclaration : Package =
    'package' Identification

PackageBody : Package =
    ';'
    | '{' ( NamespaceBodyElement
        | ownedRelationship += ElementFilterMember
        )*
    '}'

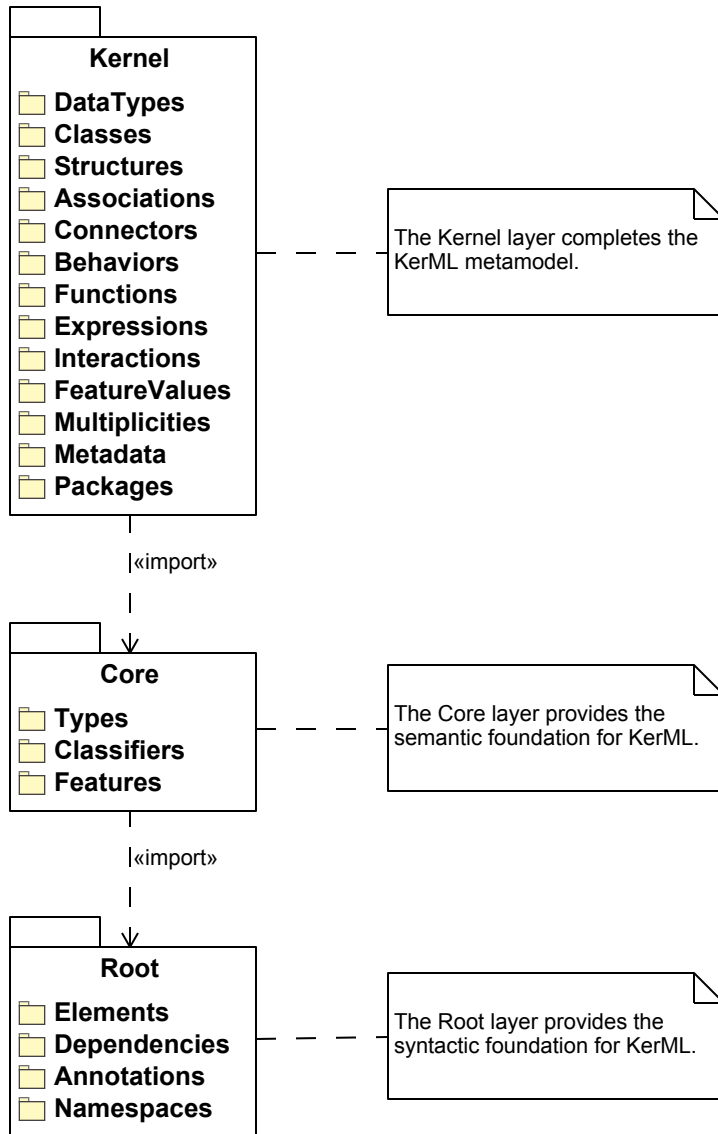
ElementFilterMember : ElementFilterMembership =
    MemberPrefix
    'filter' condition = OwnedExpression ';'

```

## 8.3 Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.1 Abstract Syntax Overview

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing  
[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness  
[KERML -117](#): InvocationExpression::result specialization  
[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent  
[KERML -162](#): MetadataAccessExpression::referencedElement should be derived  
[KERML -107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML



**Figure 1. KerML Syntax Layers**

The KerML abstract syntax is specified as a UML model conforming to the CMOF conformance point of the Meta Object Facility Core Specification [MOF]. As shown in [Fig. 1](#), this model is divided into three top-level packages corresponding to the three layers of KerML (see [8.1](#)). Each top-level package contains nested packages for the modeling areas it addresses. Further, the Core package imports the Root package and the Kernel package imports the Core package, so that the Kernel package contains (as owned or imported members) all abstract syntax elements. [Fig. 2](#) shows the generalization hierarchy for all abstract syntax elements, other than those that represent KerML Relationships, and [Fig. 3](#) shows a similar hierarchy for all abstract syntax elements that represent Relationships.

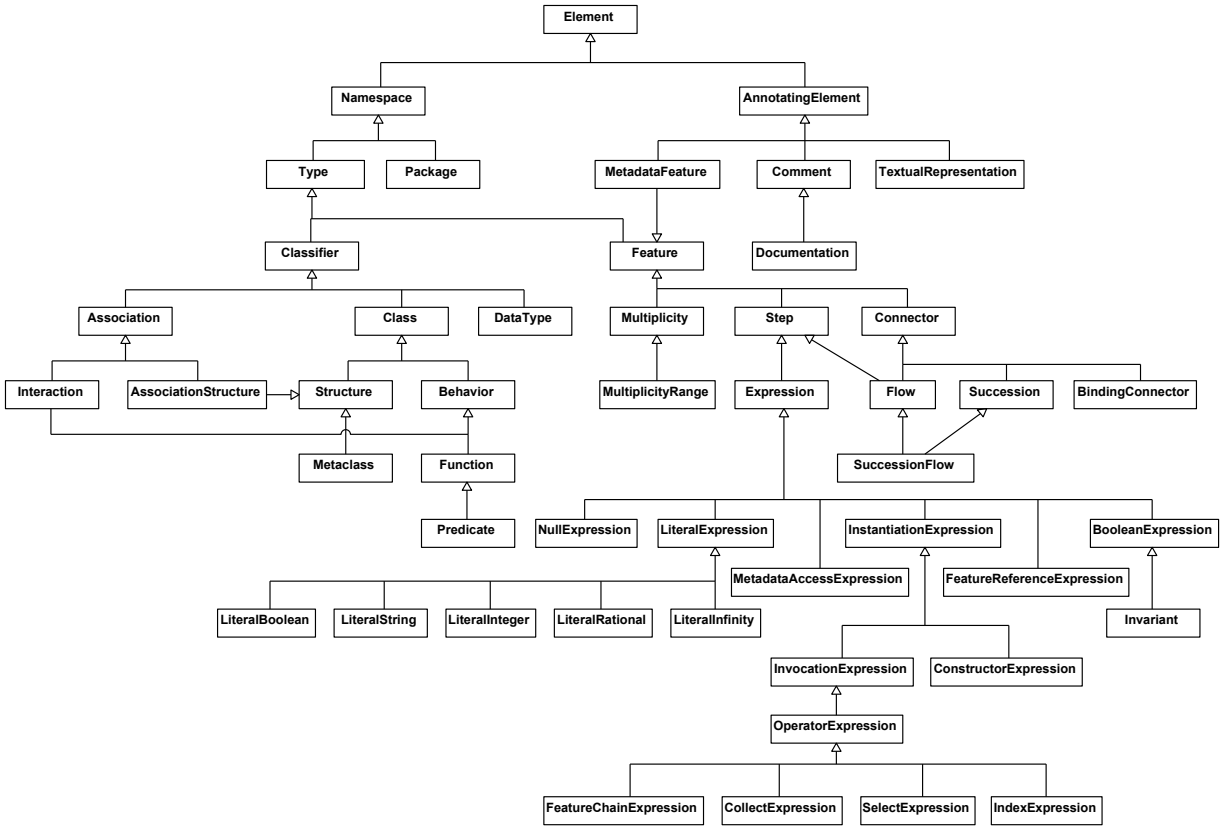


Figure 2. KerML Element Hierarchy

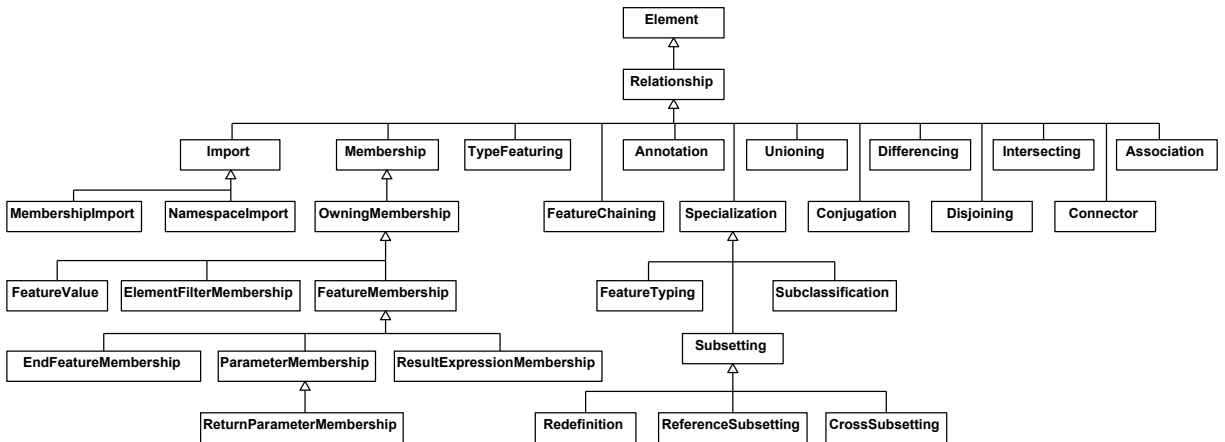


Figure 3. KerML Relationship Hierarchy

The MOF-compliant class model for the abstract syntax defines the basic structural representation for any KerML model. It is also the basis for the textual concrete syntax (see [8.2](#)) and for other forms of serialization used for interchanging models (see [Clause 10](#)). In addition to this basic structure, the abstract syntax also includes *constraints* defined on various metaclasses. A conformant tool shall be able to accept any KerML model that conforms to the structural abstract syntax class model, and it may then additionally report on and/or enforce the constraints on a model so represented (as further described below).

The abstract syntax model includes three kinds of constraints:



1. *Derivation constraints.* These constraints specify the how the values of the derived properties of a metaclass are computed from the values of other properties in the abstract syntax model. A tool conformant to the KerML abstract syntax shall always enforce derivation constraints. However, the computed values of derived properties may depend on whether implied relationships are included in the model or not (see below). A derivation constraint has a name starting with the word *derive*, followed by the name of the metaclass it constrains, followed by the name of the derived property it is for. The OCL specification of such a constraint always has the form of an equality, with the derived property on the left-hand side and the derivation expression on the right-hand side. For example, the derivation constraint for the derived property `Element::ownedElement` is called `deriveElementOwnedElement` and has the OCL specification `ownedElement = ownedRelationship.ownedRelatedElement`.

**Note.** Derivation constraints are *not* included for derived properties in the following cases:

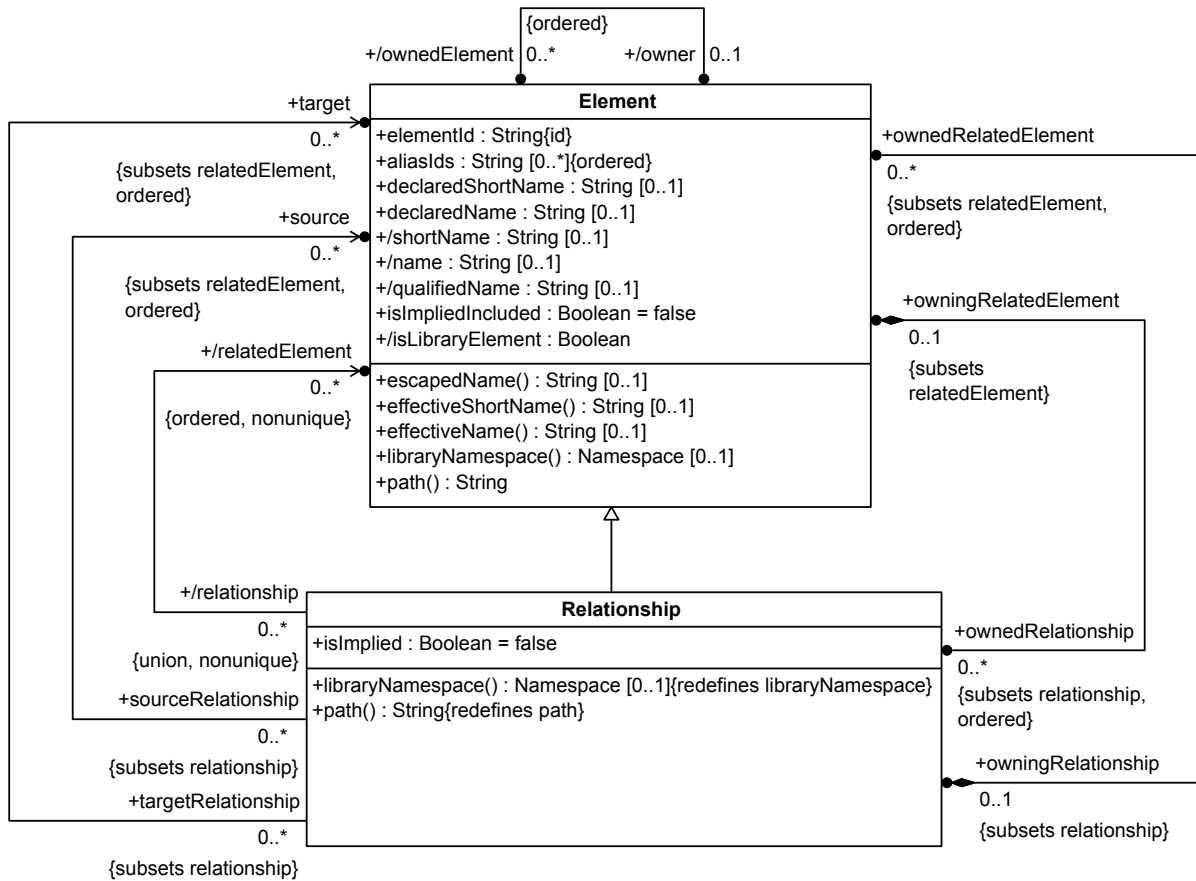
- The derived property subsets a property with multiplicity upper bound 1. In this case, if the derived property has a value, it must be the same as that of the subsetted property.
  - The derived property redefines another derived property. In this case, the derivation of the redefined property also applies to the redefining property, though the redefining property will generally place additional constraints on type and/or multiplicity.
2. *Semantic constraints.* These constraints specify relationships that are semantically required in a KerML model (see [8.4.2](#)), particularly relationships with elements in the Kernel Semantic Library (see [9.2](#)). These constraints may be violated by a model as entered by a user or as interchanged. In this case, a tool may satisfy the constraints by introducing *implied relationships* into the model, it may simply report their violation, or it may ignore the violations. Semantic constraints have names that start with the word *check*, followed by the name of the constrained metaclass, followed by a descriptive word or phrase. For example, `checkTypeSpecialization`.
  3. *Validation constraints.* These constraints specify additional syntactic conditions that must be satisfied in order to give a model a proper semantic interpretation. They are written presuming that all semantic constraints are satisfied. A *valid* model is a model that satisfies all validation constraints. A tool conformant to the KerML abstract syntax should report violations of validation constraints. A tool conformant to the KerML semantics is only required to operate on valid models. Validation constraints have names that start with the word *validate*, followed by the name of the metaclass, followed by a descriptive word or phrase. For example, `validateConnectorRelatedFeatures`.

## 8.3.2 Root Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.2.1 Elements and Relationships Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.2.1.1 Overview

**[KERML -36](#): KerML Libraries' elements shall have an `elementId` defined**



**Figure 4. Elements**

It is a general design principle of the KerML abstract syntax that non-Relationship Elements are related only by reified instances of Relationships. All other meta-associations between Elements are derived from these reified Relationships. For example, the owningRelatedElement/ownedRelationship meta-association between an Element and a Relationship is fundamental to establishing the structure of a model. However, the owner/ownedElement meta-association between two Elements is derived, based on the Relationship structure between them.

### 8.3.2.1.2 Element

**KERML\_36: KerML Libraries' elements shall have an elementId defined**

#### Description

An Element is a constituent of a model that is uniquely identified relative to all other Elements. It can have Relationships with other Elements. Some of these Relationships might imply ownership of other Elements, which means that if an Element is deleted from a model, then so are all the Elements that it owns.

#### General Classes

None.

#### Attributes

aliasIds : String [0..\*] {ordered}

Various alternative identifiers for this `Element`. Generally, these will be set by tools.

`declaredName` : `String` [0..1]

The declared name of this `Element`.

`declaredShortName` : `String` [0..1]

An optional alternative name for the `Element` that is intended to be shorter or in some way more succinct than its primary `name`. It may act as a modeler-specified identifier for the `Element`, though it is then the responsibility of the modeler to maintain the uniqueness of this identifier within a model or relative to some other context.

`/documentation` : `Documentation` [0..\*] {subsets `ownedElement`, `annotatingElement`, ordered}

The `Documentation` owned by this `Element`.

`elementId` : `String`

The globally unique identifier for this `Element`. This is intended to be set by tooling, and it must not change during the lifetime of the `Element`.

`isImpliedIncluded` : `Boolean`

Whether all necessary implied `Relationships` have been included in the `ownedRelationships` of this `Element`. This property may be true, even if there are not actually any `ownedRelationships` with `isImplied` = `true`, meaning that no such `Relationships` are actually implied for this `Element`. However, if it is false, then `ownedRelationships` may *not* contain any implied `Relationships`. That is, either *all* required implied `Relationships` must be included, or none of them.

`/isLibraryElement` : `Boolean`

Whether this `Element` is contained in the ownership tree of a library model.

`/name` : `String` [0..1]

The name to be used for this `Element` during name resolution within its `owningNamespace`. This is derived using the `effectiveName()` operation. By default, it is the same as the `declaredName`, but this is overridden for certain kinds of `Elements` to compute a name even when the `declaredName` is null.

`/ownedAnnotation` : `Annotation` [0..\*] {subsets `ownedRelationship`, `annotation`, ordered}

The `ownedRelationships` of this `Element` that are `Annotations`, for which this `Element` is the `annotatedElement`.

`/ownedElement` : `Element` [0..\*] {ordered}

The `Elements` owned by this `Element`, derived as the `ownedRelatedElements` of the `ownedRelationships` of this `Element`.

`ownedRelationship` : `Relationship` [0..\*] {subsets `relationship`, ordered}

The `Relationships` for which this `Element` is the `owningRelatedElement`.

`/owner` : `Element` [0..1]

The owner of this Element, derived as the `owningRelatedElement` of the `owningRelationship` of this Element, if any.

`/owningMembership : OwingMembership [0..1] {subsets owningRelationship, membership}`

The `owningRelationship` of this Element, if that Relationship is a Membership.

`/owningNamespace : Namespace [0..1] {subsets namespace}`

The Namespace that owns this Element, which is the `membershipOwningNamespace` of the `owningMembership` of this Element, if any.

`owningRelationship : Relationship [0..1] {subsets relationship}`

The Relationship for which this Element is an `ownedRelatedElement`, if any.

`/qualifiedName : String [0..1]`

The full ownership-qualified name of this Element, represented in a form that is valid according to the KerML textual concrete syntax for qualified names (including use of unrestricted name notation and escaped characters, as necessary). The `qualifiedName` is null if this Element has no `owningNamespace` or if there is not a complete ownership chain of named Namespaces from a root Namespace to this Element. If the `owningNamespace` has other Elements with the same name as this one, then the `qualifiedName` is null for all such Elements other than the first.

`/shortName : String [0..1]`

The short name to be used for this Element during name resolution within its `owningNamespace`. This is derived using the `effectiveShortName()` operation. By default, it is the same as the `declaredShortName`, but this is overridden for certain kinds of Elements to compute a `shortName` even when the `declaredName` is null.

`/textualRepresentation : TextualRepresentation [0..*] {subsets ownedElement, annotatingElement, ordered}`

The `TextualRepresentations` that annotate this Element.

## Operations

`effectiveName() : String [0..1]`

Return an effective name for this Element. By default this is the same as its `declaredName`.

**body:** `declaredName`

`effectiveShortName() : String [0..1]`

Return an effective `shortName` for this Element. By default this is the same as its `declaredShortName`.

**body:** `declaredShortName`

`escapedName() : String [0..1]`

Return `name`, if that is not null, otherwise the `shortName`, if that is not null, otherwise null. If the returned value is non-null, it is returned as-is if it has the form of a basic name, or, otherwise, represented as a restricted name according to the lexical structure of the KerML textual notation (i.e., surrounded by single quote characters and with special characters escaped).

libraryNamespace() : Namespace [0..1]

By default, return the library Namespace of the owningRelationship of this Element, if it has one.

```
body: if owningRelationship <> null then owningRelationship.libraryNamespace()
else null endif
```

path() : String

Return a unique description of the location of this Element in the containment structure rooted in a root Namespace. If the Element has a non-null qualifiedName, then return that. Otherwise, if it has an owningRelationship, then return the string constructed by appending to the path of it's owningRelationship the character / followed by the string representation of its position in the list of ownedRelatedElements of the owningRelationship (indexed starting at 1). Otherwise, return the empty string.

(Note that this operation is overridden for Relationships to use owningRelatedElement when appropriate.)

```
body: if qualifiedName <> null then qualifiedName
else if owningRelationship <> null then
  owningRelationship.path() + '/' +
  owningRelationship.ownedRelatedElement->indexOf(self).toString()
  -- A position index shall be converted to a decimal string representation
  -- consisting of only decimal digits, with no sign, leading zeros or leading
  -- or trailing whitespace.
else ''
endif endif
```

## Constraints

deriveElementDocumentation

The documentation of an Element is its ownedElements that are Documentation.

```
documentation = ownedElement->selectByKind(Documentation)
```

deriveElementIsLibraryElement

An Element isLibraryElement if libraryNamespace() is not null.

```
isLibraryElement = libraryNamespace() <> null
```

deriveElementName

The name of an Element is given by the result of the effectiveName() operation.

```
name = effectiveName()
```

deriveElementOwnedAnnotation

The ownedAnnotations of an Element are its ownedRelationships that are Annotations, for which the Element is the annotatedElement.

```
ownedAnnotation = ownedRelationship->
  selectByKind(Annotation)->
  select(a | a.annotatedElement = self)
```

deriveElementOwnedElement

The ownedElements of an Element are the ownedRelatedElements of its ownedRelationships.

```
ownedElement = ownedRelationship.ownedRelatedElement
```

#### deriveElementOwner

The owner of an Element is the owningRelatedElement of its owningRelationship.

```
owner = owningRelationship.owningRelatedElement
```

#### deriveElementQualifiedName

If this Element does not have an owningNamespace, then its qualifiedName is null. If the owningNamespace of this Element is a root Namespace, then the qualifiedName of the Element is the escaped name of the Element (if any). If the owningNamespace is non-null but not a root Namespace, then the qualifiedName of this Element is constructed from the qualifiedName of the owningNamespace and the escaped name of the Element, unless the qualifiedName of the owningNamespace is null or the escaped name is null, in which case the qualifiedName of this Element is also null. Further, if the owningNamespace has other ownedMembers with the same non-null name as this Element, and this Element is not the first, then the qualifiedName of this Element is null.

```
qualifiedName =  
  if owningNamespace = null then null  
  else if name <> null and  
    owningNamespace.ownedMember->  
      select(m | m.name = name).indexOf(self) <> 1 then null  
  else if owningNamespace.owner = null then escapedName()  
  else if owningNamespace.qualifiedName = null or  
    escapedName() = null then null  
  else owningNamespace.qualifiedName + '::' + escapedName()  
  endif endif endif endif
```

#### deriveElementShortName

The shortName of an Element is given by the result of the effectiveShortName() operation.

```
shortName = effectiveShortName()
```

#### deriveElementTextualRepresentation

The textualRepresentations of an Element are its ownedElements that are TextualRepresentations.

```
textualRepresentation = ownedElement->selectByKind(TextualRepresentation)
```

#### deriveOwningNamespace

The owningNamespace of an Element is the membershipOwningNamespace of its owningMembership (if any).

```
owningNamespace =  
  if owningMembership = null then null  
  else owningMembership.membershipOwningNamespace  
  endif
```

#### validateElementIsImpliedIncluded

If an Element has any ownedRelationships for which isImplied = true, then the Element must also have isImpliedIncluded = true. (Note that an Element *can* have isImplied = true even if no

ownedRelationships have `isImplied = true`, indicating the Element simply has no implied Relationships.

`ownedRelationship->exists(isImplied) implies isImpliedIncluded`

### 8.3.2.1.3 Relationship

**KERML -36: KerML Libraries' elements shall have an `elementId` defined**

#### Description

A Relationship is an Element that relates other Element. Some of its `relatedElements` may be owned, in which case those `ownedRelatedElements` will be deleted from a model if their `owningRelationship` is. A Relationship may also be owned by another Element, in which case the `ownedRelatedElements` of the Relationship are also considered to be transitively owned by the `owningRelatedElement` of the Relationship.

The `relatedElements` of a Relationship are divided into `source` and `target` Elements. The Relationship is considered to be directed from the `source` to the `target` Elements. An undirected Relationship may have either all `source` or all `target` Elements.

A "relationship Element" in the abstract syntax is generically any Element that is an instance of either Relationship or a direct or indirect specialization of Relationship. Any other kind of Element is a "non-relationship Element". It is a convention of that non-relationship Elements are *only* related via reified relationship Elements. Any meta-associations directly between non-relationship Elements must be derived from underlying reified Relationship.

#### General Classes

Element

#### Attributes

`isImplied` : Boolean

Whether this Relationship was generated by tooling to meet semantic rules, rather than being directly created by a modeler.

`ownedRelatedElement` : Element [0..\*] {subsets `relatedElement`, ordered}

The `relatedElements` of this Relationship that are owned by the Relationship.

`owningRelatedElement` : Element [0..1] {subsets `relatedElement`}

The `relatedElement` of this Relationship that owns the Relationship, if any.

`/relatedElement` : Element [0..\*] {ordered, nonunique}

The Elements that are related by this Relationship, derived as the union of the `source` and `target` Elements of the Relationship.

`source` : Element [0..\*] {subsets `relatedElement`, ordered}

The `relatedElements` from which this Relationship is considered to be directed.

`target` : Element [0..\*] {subsets `relatedElement`, ordered}

The `relatedElements` to which this `Relationship` is considered to be directed.

## Operations

`libraryNamespace() : Namespace [0..1] {redefines libraryNamespace}`

Return whether this `Relationship` has either an `owningRelatedElement` or `owningRelationship` that is a library element.

```
body: if owningRelatedElement <> null then owningRelatedElement.libraryNamespace()
else if owningRelationship <> null then owningRelationship.libraryNamespace()
else null endif endif
```

`path() : String {redefines path}`

If the `owningRelationship` of the `Relationship` is null but its `owningRelatedElement` is non-null, construct the path using the position of the `Relationship` in the list of `ownedRelationships` of its `owningRelatedElement`. Otherwise, return the path of the `Relationship` as specified for an `Element` in general.

```
body: if owningRelationship = null and owningRelatedElement <> null then
  owningRelatedElement.path() + '/' +
  owningRelatedElement.ownedRelationship->indexOf(self).toString()
  -- A position index shall be converted to a decimal string representation
  -- consisting of only decimal digits, with no sign, leading zeros or leading
  -- or trailing whitespace.
else self.oclAsType(Element).path()
endif
```

## Constraints

`deriveRelationshipRelatedElement`

The `relatedElements` of a `Relationship` consist of all of its source `Elements` followed by all of its target `Elements`.

```
relatedElement = source->union(target)
```

### 8.3.2.2 Dependencies Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.2.2.1 Overview

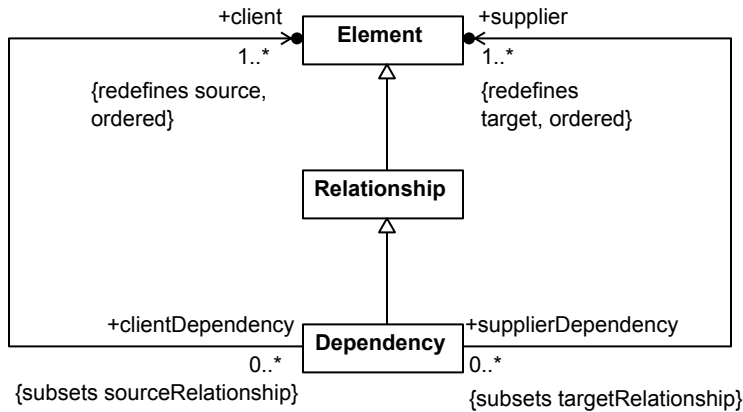


Figure 5. Dependencies



### 8.3.2.2.2 Dependency

#### Description

A `Dependency` is a `Relationship` that indicates that one or more `client Elements` require one more `supplier Elements` for their complete specification. In general, this means that a change to one of the `supplier Elements` may necessitate a change to, or re-specification of, the `client Elements`.

Note that a `Dependency` is entirely a model-level `Relationship`, without instance-level semantics.

#### General Classes

`Relationship`

#### Attributes

`client` : `Element` [1..\*] {redefines source, ordered}

The `Element` or `Elements` dependent on the `supplier Elements`.

`supplier` : `Element` [1..\*] {redefines target, ordered}

The `Element` or `Elements` on which the `client Elements` depend in some respect.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.2.3 Annotations Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.2.3.1 Overview

[KERML -119](#): Navigability of `AnnotatingElement` <-> `Annotation` meta-association

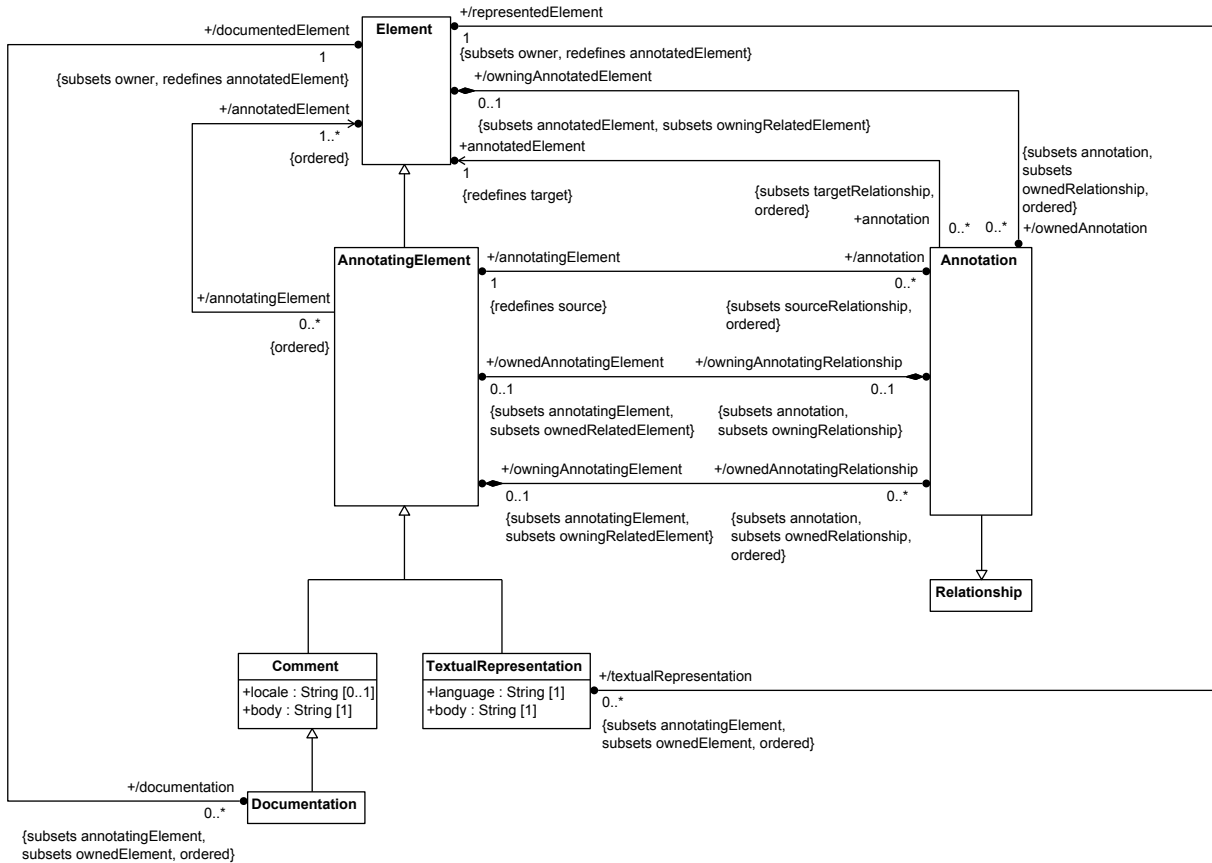


Figure 6. Annotation

### 8.3.2.3.2 AnnotatingElement

**KERML -146: Need to revise derivation of AnnotatingElement::ownedAnnotatingRelationship**

**KERML -119: Navigability of AnnotatingElement<->Annotation meta-association**

#### Description

An `AnnotatingElement` is an `Element` that provides additional description of or metadata on some other `Element`. An `AnnotatingElement` is either attached to its annotatedElements by `Annotation Relationships`, or it implicitly annotates its `owningNamespace`.

#### General Classes

Element

#### Attributes

/annotatedElement : Element [1..\*] {ordered}

The `Elements` that are annotated by this `AnnotatingElement`. If annotation is not empty, these are the `annotatedElements` of the annotations. If annotation is empty, then it is the `owningNamespace` of the `AnnotatingElement`.

/annotation : Annotation [0..\*] {subsets sourceRelationship, ordered}

The Annotations that relate this AnnotatingElement to its annotatedElements. This includes the owningAnnotatingRelationship (if any) followed by all the ownedAnnotatingRelationships.

/ownedAnnotatingRelationship : Annotation [0..\*] {subsets annotation, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this AnnotatingElement that are Annotations, for which this AnnotatingElement is the annotatingElement.

/owningAnnotatingRelationship : Annotation [0..1] {subsets owningRelationship, annotation}

The owningRelationship of this AnnotatingRelationship, if it is an Annotation

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

deriveAnnotatingElementAnnotatedElement

If an AnnotatingElement has annotations, then its annotatedElements are the annotatedElements of all its annotations. Otherwise, its single annotatedElement is its owningNamespace.

```
annotatedElement =  
  if annotation->notEmpty() then annotation.annotatedElement  
  else Sequence{owningNamespace} endif
```

deriveAnnotatingElementAnnotation

The annotations of an AnnotatingElement are its owningAnnotatingRelationship (if any) followed by all its ownedAnnotatingRelationships.

```
annotation =  
  if owningAnnotatingRelationship = null then ownedAnnotatingRelationship  
  else owningAnnotatingRelationship->prepend(owningAnnotatingRelationship)  
  endif
```

deriveAnnotatingElementOwnedAnnotatingRelationship

The ownedAnnotatingRelationships of an AnnotatingElement are its ownedRelationships that are Annotations, for which the AnnotatingElement is not the annotatedElement.

```
ownedAnnotatingRelationship = ownedRelationship->  
  selectByKind(Annotation)->  
  select(a | a.annotatedElement <> self)
```

### 8.3.2.3.3 Annotation

**[KERML\\_-119](#): Navigability of AnnotatingElement<->Annotation meta-association**

## Description

An Annotation is a Relationship between an AnnotatingElement and the Element that is annotated by that AnnotatingElement.

## General Classes

## Relationship

### Attributes

`annotatedElement` : `Element` {redefines `target`}

The `Element` that is annotated by the `annotatingElement` of this `Annotation`.

`/annotatingElement` : `AnnotatingElement` {redefines `source`}

The `AnnotatingElement` that annotates the `annotatedElement` of this `Annotation`. This is always either the `ownedAnnotatingElement` or the `owningAnnotatingElement`.

`/ownedAnnotatingElement` : `AnnotatingElement` [0..1] {subsets `annotatingElement`, `ownedRelatedElement`}

The `annotatingElement` of this `Annotation`, when it is an `ownedRelatedElement`.

`/owningAnnotatedElement` : `Element` [0..1] {subsets `annotatedElement`, `owningRelatedElement`}

The `annotatedElement` of this `Annotation`, when it is also the `owningRelatedElement`.

`/owningAnnotatingElement` : `AnnotatingElement` [0..1] {subsets `annotatingElement`, `owningRelatedElement`}

The `annotatingElement` of this `Annotation`, when it is the `owningRelatedElement`.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

`deriveAnnotationAnnotatingElement`

The `annotatingElement` of an `Annotation` is either its `ownedAnnotatingElement` or its `owningAnnotatingElement`.

```
annotatingElement =  
    if ownedAnnotatingElement <> null then ownedAnnotatingElement  
    else owningAnnotatingElement  
endif
```

`deriveAnnotationOwnedAnnotatingElement`

The `ownedAnnotatingElement` of an `Annotation` is the first `ownedRelatedElement` that is an `AnnotatingElement`, if any.

```
ownedAnnotatingElement =  
    let ownedAnnotatingElements : Sequence(AnnotatingElement) =  
        ownedRelatedElement->selectByKind(AnnotatingElement) in  
    if ownedAnnotatingElements->isEmpty() then null  
    else ownedAnnotatingElements->first()  
endif
```

`validateAnnotationAnnotatedElementOwnership`

An `Annotation` owns its `annotatingElement` if and only if it is owned by its `annotatedElement`.

`(owningAnnotatedElement <> null) = (ownedAnnotatingElement <> null)`

`validateAnnotationAnnotatingElement`

Either the `ownedAnnotatingElement` of an `Annotation` must be non-null, or the `owningAnnotatingElement` must be non-null, but not both.

`ownedAnnotatingElement <> null xor owningAnnotatingElement <> null`

#### 8.3.2.3.4 Comment

##### Description

A `Comment` is an `AnnotatingElement` whose body in some way describes its `annotatedElements`.

##### General Classes

`AnnotatingElement`

##### Attributes

`body` : `String`

The annotation text for the `Comment`.

`locale` : `String` [0..1]

Identification of the language of the `body` text and, optionally, the region and/or encoding. The format shall be a POSIX locale conformant to ISO/IEC 15897, with the format `[language[_territory][.codeset][@modifier]]`.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.2.3.5 Documentation

##### Description

`Documentation` is a `Comment` that specifically documents a `documentedElement`, which must be its owner.

##### General Classes

`Comment`

##### Attributes

`/documentedElement` : `Element` {subsets owner, redefines `annotatedElement`}

The `Element` that is documented by this `Documentation`.

##### Operations

None.

### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.2.3.6 TextualRepresentation

#### Description

A `TextualRepresentation` is an `AnnotatingElement` whose body represents the `representedElement` in a given language. The `representedElement` must be the owner of the `TextualRepresentation`. The named language can be a natural language, in which case the body is an informal representation, or an artificial language, in which case the body is expected to be a formal, machine-parsable representation.

If the named language of a `TextualRepresentation` is machine-parsable, then the body text should be legal input text as defined for that language. The interpretation of the named language string shall be case insensitive. The following language names are defined to correspond to the given standard languages:

kerml	Kernel Modeling Language
ocl	Object Constraint Language
alf	Action Language for fUML

Other specifications may define specific language strings, other than those shown above, to be used to indicate the use of languages from those specifications in `KerML TextualRepresentation`.

If the language of a `TextualRepresentation` is "kerml", then the body text shall be a legal representation of the `representedElement` in the `KerML` textual concrete syntax. A conforming tool can use such a `TextualRepresentation` Annotation to record the original `KerML` concrete syntax text from which an `Element` was parsed. In this case, it is a tool responsibility to ensure that the body of the `TextualRepresentation` remains correct (or the Annotation is removed) if the annotated `Element` changes other than by re-parsing the body text.

An `Element` with a `TextualRepresentation` in a language other than `KerML` is essentially a semantically "opaque" `Element` specified in the other language. However, a conforming `KerML` tool may interpret such an element consistently with the specification of the named language.

#### General Classes

`AnnotatingElement`

#### Attributes

body : String

The textual representation of the `representedElement` in the given language.

language : String

The natural or artificial language in which the body text is written.

/representedElement : Element {subsets owner, redefines annotatedElement}

The `Element` that is represented by this `TextualRepresentation`.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 8.3.2.4 Namespaces Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.2.4.1 Overview

[KERML\\_-39](#): **Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing**

[KERML\\_-151](#): **Corrections to the resolution of KERML\_-39**

[KERML\\_-36](#): **KerML Libraries' elements shall have an elementId defined**

[KERML\\_-74](#): **Make imports private by default**

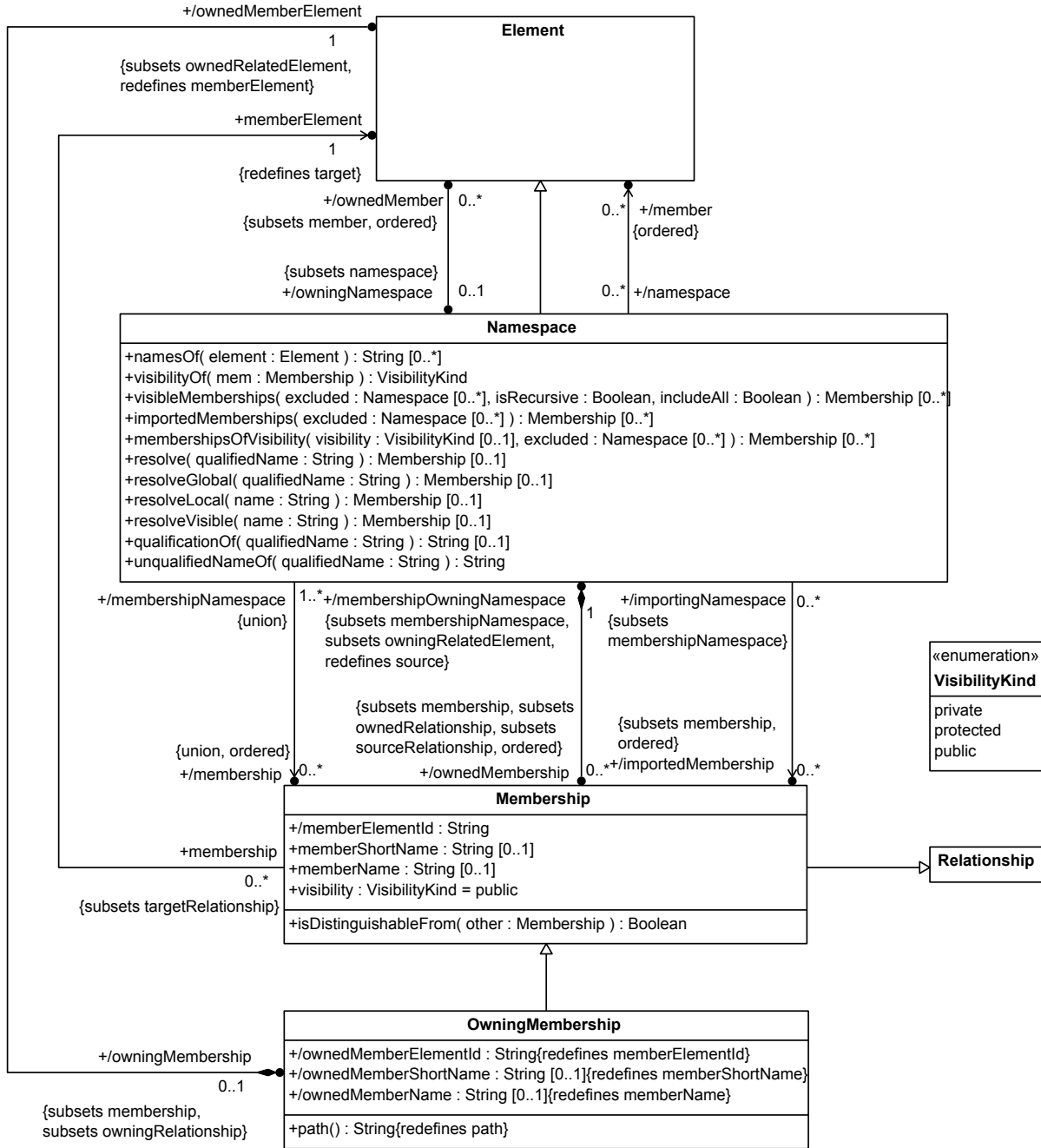
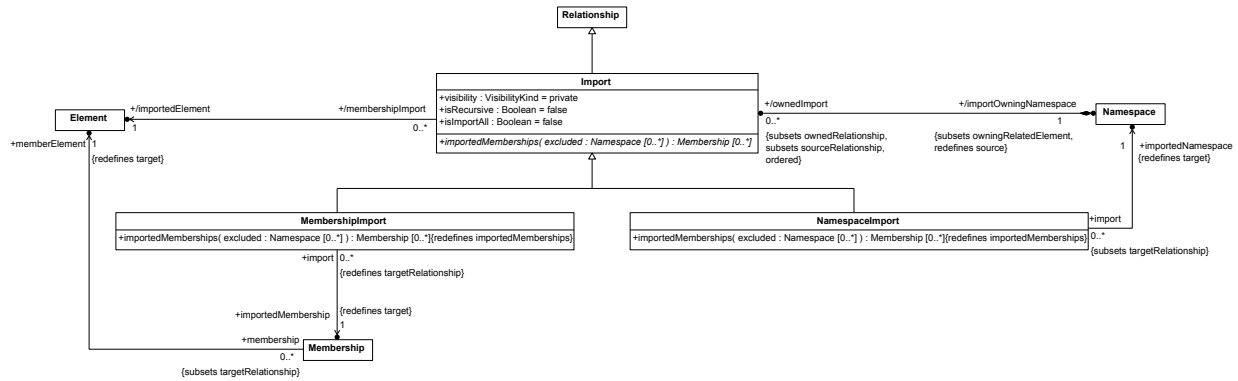


Figure 7. Namespaces





**Figure 8. Imports**

### 8.3.2.4.2 Import

**KERML -73: Disallow public imports at root level**

**KERML -90: Problem with validateImportTopLevelVisibility constraint**

**KERML -74: Make imports private by default**

#### Description

An Import is an Relationship between its importOwningNamespace and either a Membership (for a MembershipImport) or another Namespace (for a NamespaceImport), which determines a set of Memberships that become importedMemberships of the importOwningNamespace. If isImportAll = false (the default), then only public Memberships are considered "visible". If isImportAll = true, then all Memberships are considered "visible", regardless of their declared visibility. If isRecursive = true, then visible Memberships are also recursively imported from owned sub-Namespaces.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

/importedElement : Element

The effectively imported Element for this Import. For a MembershipImport, this is the memberElement of the importedMembership. For a NamespaceImport, it is the importedNamespace.

/importOwningNamespace : Namespace {subsets owningRelatedElement, redefines source}

The Namespace into which Memberships are imported by this Import, which must be the owningRelatedElement of the Import.

isImportAll : Boolean

Whether to import memberships without regard to declared visibility.

isRecursive : Boolean

Whether to recursively import Memberships from visible, owned sub-Namespaces.

visibility : VisibilityKind

The visibility level of the imported members from this Import relative to the `importOwningNamespace`. The default is `private`.

## Operations

`importedMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..*]) : Membership [0..*]`

Returns Memberships that are to become `importedMemberships` of the `importOwningNamespace`. (The `excluded` parameter is used to handle the possibility of circular Import Relationships.)

## Constraints

`validateImportTopLevelVisibility`

A top-level Import (that is, one that is owned by a root Namespace) must have a visibility of `private`.

```
importOwningNamespace.owner = null implies  
    visibility = VisibilityKind::private
```

### 8.3.2.4.3 Membership

[KERML\\_-39](#): **Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing**

[KERML\\_-151](#): **Corrections to the resolution of KERML\_-39**

## Description

A Membership is a Relationship between a Namespace and an Element that indicates the Element is a member of (i.e., is contained in) the Namespace. Any `memberNames` specify how the `memberElement` is identified in the Namespace and the `visibility` specifies whether or not the `memberElement` is publicly visible from outside the Namespace.

If a Membership is an `OwningMembership`, then it owns its `memberElement`, which becomes an `ownedMember` of the `membershipOwningNamespace`. Otherwise, the `memberNames` of a Membership are effectively aliases within the `membershipOwningNamespace` for an Element with a separate `OwningMembership` in the same or a different Namespace.

## General Classes

Relationship

## Attributes

`memberElement : Element {redefines target}`

The Element that becomes a member of the `membershipOwningNamespace` due to this Membership.

`/memberElementId : String`

The `elementId` of the `memberElement`.

`memberName : String [0..1]`

The name of the `memberElement` relative to the `membershipOwningNamespace`.

`/membershipOwningNamespace : Namespace {subsets membershipNamespace, owningRelatedElement, redefines source}`

The `Namespace` of which the `memberElement` becomes a member due to this `Membership`.

`memberShortName` : `String` [0..1]

The short name of the `memberElement` relative to the `membershipOwningNamespace`.

`visibility` : `VisibilityKind`

Whether or not the `Membership` of the `memberElement` in the `membershipOwningNamespace` is publicly visible outside that `Namespace`.

## Operations

`isDistinguishableFrom(other : Membership) : Boolean`

Whether this `Membership` is distinguishable from a given other `Membership`. By default, this is true if this `Membership` has no `memberShortName` or `memberName`; or each of the `memberShortName` and `memberName` are different than both of those of the other `Membership`; or neither of the metaclasses of the `memberElement` of this `Membership` and the `memberElement` of the other `Membership` conform to the other. But this may be overridden in specializations of `Membership`.

```
body: not (memberElement.oclKindOf(other.memberElement.oclType()) or
            other.memberElement.oclKindOf(memberElement.oclType())) or
(shortMemberName = null or
 (shortMemberName <> other.shortMemberName and
  shortMemberName <> other.memberName)) and
(memberName = null or
 (memberName <> other.shortMemberName and
  memberName <> other.memberName)))
```

## Constraints

`deriveMembershipMemberElementId`

The `memberElementId` of a `Membership` is the `elementId` of its `memberElement`.

```
memberElementId = memberElement.elementId
```

### 8.3.2.4.4 MembershipImport

#### Description

A `MembershipImport` is an `Import` that imports its `importedMembership` into the `importOwningNamespace`. If `isRecursive = true` and the `memberElement` of the `importedMembership` is a `Namespace`, then the equivalent of a recursive `NamespaceImport` is also performed on that `Namespace`.

#### General Classes

`Import`

#### Attributes

`importedMembership` : `Membership` {redefines target}

The `Membership` to be imported.

#### Operations

importedMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..\*]) : Membership [0..\*] {redefines importedMemberships}

Returns at least the importedMembership. If `isRecursive = true` and the memberElement of the importedMembership is a Namespace, then Memberships are also recursively imported from that Namespace.

```
body: if not isRecursive or
      not importedElement.ocIsKindOf(Namespace) or
      excluded->includes(importedElement)
then Sequence{importedMembership}
else importedElement.ocAsType(Namespace).
      visibleMemberships(excluded, true, importAll)->
      prepend(importedMembership)
endif
```

## Constraints

deriveMembershipImportImportedElement

The importedElement of a MembershipImport is the memberElement of its importedMembership.

importedElement = importedMembership.memberElement

### 8.3.2.4.5 Namespace

[KERML -75](#): Restrict the functionality of recursive import

[KERML -39](#): Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing

[KERML -101](#): Global scope notation

[KERML -161](#): Typo in description of namespace

## Description

A Namespace is an Element that contains other Elements, known as its members, via Membership Relationships with those Elements. The members of a Namespace may be owned by the Namespace, aliased in the Namespace, or imported into the Namespace via Import Relationships.

A Namespace can provide names for its members via the memberNames and memberShortNames specified by the Memberships in the Namespace. If a Membership specifies a memberName and/or memberShortName, then those are names of the corresponding memberElement relative to the Namespace. For an OwningMembership, the ownedMemberName and ownedMemberShortName are given by the Element name and shortName. Note that the same Element may be the memberElement of multiple Memberships in a Namespace (though it may be owned at most once), each of which may define a separate alias for the Element relative to the Namespace.

## General Classes

Element

## Attributes

/importedMembership : Membership [0..\*] {subsets membership, ordered}

The Memberships in this Namespace that result from the ownedImports of this Namespace.

/member : Element [0..\*] {ordered}

The set of all member Elements of this Namespace, which are the memberElements of all memberships of the Namespace.

/membership : Membership [0..\*] {ordered, union}

All Memberships in this Namespace, including (at least) the union of ownedMemberships and importedMemberships.

/ownedImport : Import [0..\*] {subsets sourceRelationship, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Namespace that are Imports, for which the Namespace is the importOwningNamespace.

/ownedMember : Element [0..\*] {subsets member, ordered}

The owned members of this Namespace, which are the ownedMemberElements of the ownedMemberships of the Namespace.

/ownedMembership : Membership [0..\*] {subsets membership, sourceRelationship, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Namespace that are Memberships, for which the Namespace is the membershipOwningNamespace.

## Operations

importedMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..\*]) : Membership [0..\*]

Derive the imported Memberships of this Namespace as the importedMembership of all ownedImports, excluding those Imports whose importOwningNamespace is in the excluded set, and excluding Memberships that have distinguishability collisions with each other or with any ownedMembership.

**body:** ownedImport.importedMemberships(excluded->including(self))

membershipsOfVisibility(visibility : VisibilityKind [0..1], excluded : Namespace [0..\*]) : Membership [0..\*]

If visibility is not null, return the Memberships of this Namespace with the given visibility, including ownedMemberships with the given visibility and Memberships imported with the given visibility. If visibility is null, return all ownedMemberships and imported Memberships regardless of visibility. When computing imported Memberships, ignore this Namespace and any Namespaces in the given excluded set.

**body:** ownedMembership->  
  select(mem | visibility = null or mem.visibility = visibility)->  
  union(ownedImport->  
    select(imp | visibility = null or imp.visibility = visibility).  
    importedMemberships(excluded->including(self)))

namesOf(element : Element) : String [0..\*]

Return the names of the given element as it is known in this Namespace.

**body:** let elementMemberships : Sequence(Membership) =  
  memberships->select(memberElement = element) in  
  memberships.memberShortName->  
    union(memberships.memberName)->  
    asSet()

qualificationOf(qualifiedName : String) : String [0..1]

Return a string with valid KerML syntax representing the qualification part of a given `qualifiedName`, that is, a qualified name with all the segment names of the given name except the last. If the given `qualifiedName` has only one segment, then return null.

**body:** No OCL

`resolve(qualifiedName : String) : Membership [0..1]`

Resolve the given qualified name to the named `Membership` (if any), starting with this `Namespace` as the local scope. The qualified name string must conform to the concrete syntax of the KerML textual notation. According to the KerML name resolution rules every qualified name will resolve to either a single `Membership`, or to none.

```
body: let qualification : String = qualificationOf(qualifiedName) in
let name : String = unqualifiedNameOf(qualifiedName) in
if qualification = null then resolveLocal(name)
else if qualification = '$' then resolveGlobal(name)
else
    let namespaceMembership : Membership = resolve(qualification) in
    if namespaceMembership = null or
        not namespaceMembership.memberElement.oclIsKindOf(Namespace)
    then null
    else
        namespaceMembership.memberElement.oclAsType(Namespace) .
        resolveVisible(name)
    endif
endif endif
```

`resolveGlobal(qualifiedName : String) : Membership [0..1]`

Resolve the given qualified name to the named `Membership` (if any) in the effective global `Namespace` that is the outermost naming scope. The qualified name string must conform to the concrete syntax of the KerML textual notation.

**body:** No OCL

`resolveLocal(name : String) : Membership [0..1]`

Resolve a simple name starting with this `Namespace` as the local scope, and continuing with containing outer scopes as necessary. However, if this `Namespace` is a root `Namespace`, then the resolution is done directly in global scope.

```
body: if owningNamespace = null then resolveGlobal(name)
else
    let memberships : Membership = membership->
        select(memberShortName = name or memberName = name) in
    if memberships->notEmpty() then memberships->first()
    else owningNamespace.resolveLocal(name)
    endif
endif
```

`resolveVisible(name : String) : Membership [0..1]`

Resolve a simple name from the visible `Memberships` of this `Namespace`.

```
body: let memberships : Sequence(Membership) =
    visibleMemberships(Set{}, false, false)->
    select(memberShortName = name or memberName = name) in
if memberships->isEmpty() then null
else memberships->first()
endif
```

unqualifiedNameOf(qualifiedName : String) : String

Return the simple name that is the last segment name of the given `qualifiedName`. If this segment name has the form of a KerML unrestricted name, then "unescape" it by removing the surrounding single quotes and replacing all escape sequences with the specified character.

**body:** No OCL

visibilityOf(mem : Membership) : VisibilityKind

Returns this visibility of `mem` relative to this Namespace. If `mem` is an `importedMembership`, this is the visibility of its `Import`. Otherwise it is the visibility of the `Membership` itself.

```
body: if importedMembership->includes(mem) then
    ownedImport->
        select(importedMemberships(Set{})->includes(mem)).
            first().visibility
else if memberships->includes(mem) then
    mem.visibility
else
    VisibilityKind::private
endif
```

visibleMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..\*], isRecursive : Boolean, includeAll : Boolean) : Membership [0..\*]

If `includeAll = true`, then return all the `Memberships` of this `Namespace`. Otherwise, return only the publicly visible `Memberships` of this `Namespace`, including owned `Memberships` that have a visibility of public and `Memberships` imported with a visibility of public. If `isRecursive = true`, also recursively include all visible `Memberships` of any public owned `Namespace`s, or, if `includeAll = true`, all `Memberships` of all owned `Namespace`s. When computing imported `Memberships`, ignore this `Namespace` and any `Namespace`s in the given `excluded` set.

```
body: let visibleMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
    if includeAll then membershipsOfVisibility(null, excluded)
    else membershipsOfVisibility(VisibilityKind::public, excluded)
    endif in
if not isRecursive then visibleMemberships
else visibleMemberships->union(ownedMember->
    selectAsKind(Namespace).
    select(includeAll or owningMembership.visibility = VisibilityKind::public)->
    visibleMemberships(excluded->including(self), true, includeAll))
endif
```

## Constraints

deriveNamespaceImportedMembership

The `importedMemberships` of a `Namespace` are derived using the `importedMemberships()` operation, with no initially excluded `Namespace`s.

```
importedMembership = importedMemberships(Set{})
```

deriveNamespaceMembers

The members of a `Namespace` are the `memberElements` of all its `memberships`.

```
member = membership.memberElement
```

### deriveNamespaceOwnedImport

The ownedImports of a Namespace are all its ownedRelationships that are Imports.

```
ownedImport = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Import)
```

### deriveNamespaceOwnedMember

The ownedMembers of a Namespace are the ownedMemberElements of all its ownedMemberships that are OwningMemberships

```
ownedMember = ownedMembership->selectByKind(OwningMembership).ownedMemberElement
```

### deriveNamespaceOwnedMembership

The ownedMemberships of a Namespace are all its ownedRelationships that are Memberships.

```
ownedMembership = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Membership)
```

### validateNamespaceDistinguishability

All memberships of a Namespace must be distinguishable from each other.

```
membership->forAll(m1 |  
  membership->forAll(m2 |  
    m1 <> m2 implies m1.isDistinguishableFrom(m2)))
```

## 8.3.2.4.6 NamespaceImport

### Description

A NamespaceImport is an Import that imports Memberships from its importedNamespace into the importOwningNamespace. If isRecursive = false, then only the visible Memberships of the importedNamespace are imported. If isRecursive = true, then, in addition, Memberships are recursively imported from any ownedMembers of the importedNamespace that are Namespaces.

### General Classes

Import

### Attributes

importedNamespace : Namespace {redefines target}

The Namespace whose visible Memberships are imported by this NamespaceImport.

### Operations

importedMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..\*]) : Membership [0..\*] {redefines importedMemberships}

Returns at least the visible Memberships of the importedNamespace. If isRecursive = true, then Memberships are also recursively imported from any ownedMembers of the importedNamespace that are themselves Namespaces.

```
body: if excluded->includes(importedNamespace) then Sequence{}  
else importedNamespace.visibleMemberships(excluded, isRecursive, isImportAll)
```



## Constraints

deriveNamespaceImportImportedElement

The `importedElement` of a `NamespaceImport` is its `importedNamespace`.

`importedElement = importedNamespace`

### 8.3.2.4.7 VisibilityKind

#### Description

`VisibilityKind` is an enumeration whose literals specify the visibility of a `Membership` of an `Element` in a `Namespace` outside of that `Namespace`. Note that "visibility" specifically restricts whether an `Element` in a `Namespace` may be referenced by name from outside the `Namespace` and only otherwise restricts access to an `Element` as provided by specific constraints in the abstract syntax (e.g., preventing the import or inheritance of private `Elements`).

#### General Classes

None.

#### Literal Values

`private`

Indicates a `Membership` is not visible outside its owning `Namespace`.

`protected`

An intermediate level of visibility between `public` and `private`. By default, it is equivalent to `private` for the purposes of normal access to and import of `Elements` from a `Namespace`. However, other `Relationships` may be specified to include `Memberships` with `protected` visibility in the list of `memberships` for a `Namespace` (e.g., `Specialization`).

`public`

Indicates that a `Membership` is publicly visible outside its owning `Namespace`.

### 8.3.2.4.8 OwningMembership

**[KERML -36](#): KerML Libraries' elements shall have an `elementId` defined**

#### Description

An `OwningMembership` is a `Membership` that owns its `memberElement` as a `ownedRelatedElement`. The `ownedMemberElement` becomes an `ownedMember` of the `membershipOwningNamespace`.

#### General Classes

`Membership`

#### Attributes

`/ownedMemberElement : Element {subsets ownedRelatedElement, redefines memberElement}`

The Element that becomes an ownedMember of the membershipOwningNamespace due to this OwningMembership.

/ownedMemberElementId : String {redefines memberElementId}

The elementId of the ownedMemberElement.

/ownedMemberName : String [0..1] {redefines memberName}

The name of the ownedMemberElement.

/ownedMemberShortName : String [0..1] {redefines memberShortName}

The shortName of the ownedMemberElement.

## Operations

path() : String {redefines path}

If the ownedMemberElement of this OwningMembership has a non-null qualifiedName, then return the string constructed by appending to that qualifiedName the string "/owningMembership". Otherwise, return the path of the OwningMembership as specified for a Relationship

```
body: if ownedElement.qualifiedName <> null then
    ownedElement.qualifiedName + '/owningMembership'
else self.oclAsType(Relationship).path()
endif
```

## Constraints

deriveOwningMembershipOwnedMemberName

The ownedMemberName of an OwningMembership is the name of its ownedMemberElement.

ownedMemberName = ownedMemberElement.name

deriveOwningMembershipOwnedMemberShortName

The ownedMemberShortName of an OwningMembership is the shortName of its ownedMemberElement.

ownedMemberShortName = ownedMemberElement.shortName

## 8.3.3 Core Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.3.1 Types Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.3.1.1 Overview

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML -39](#): Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing

[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

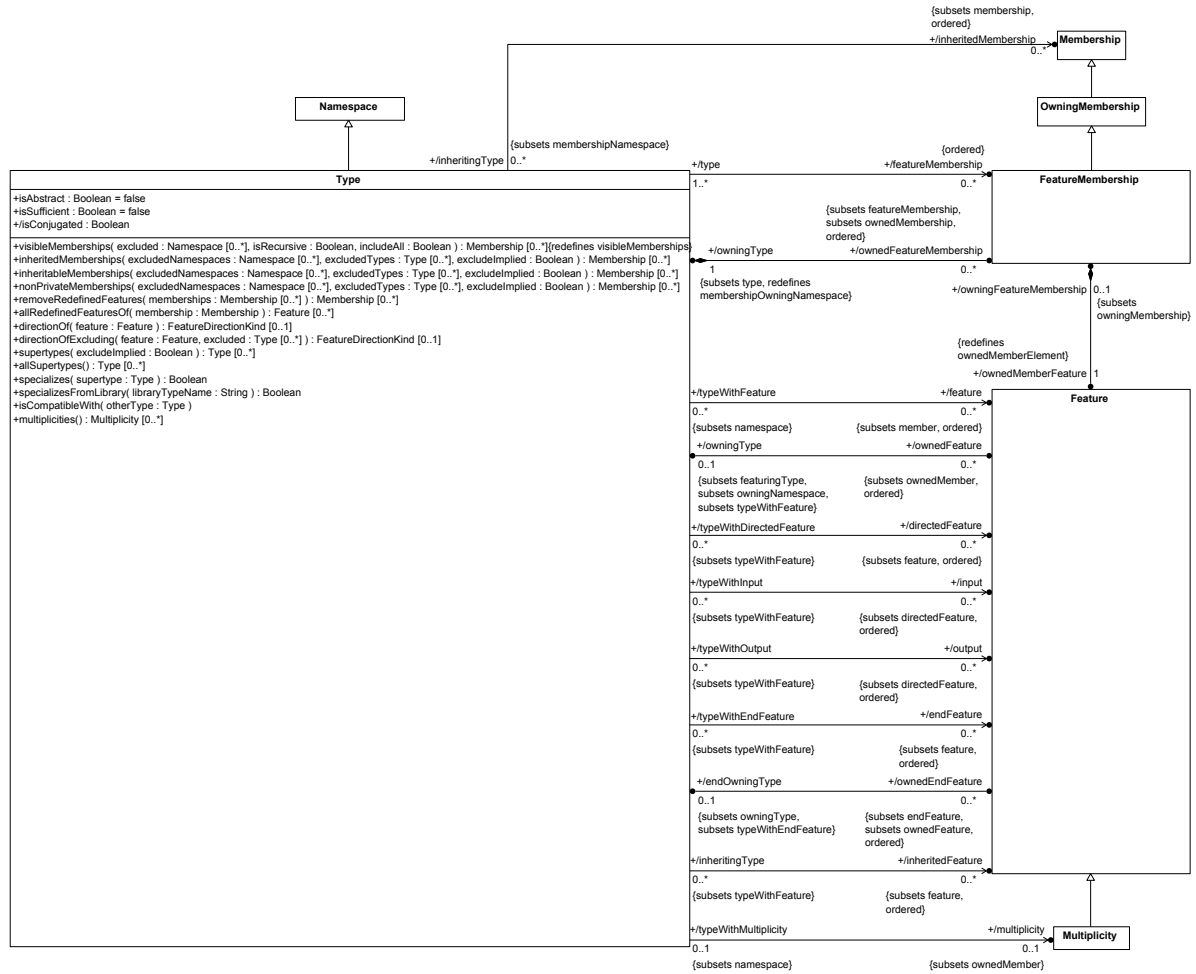


Figure 9. Types

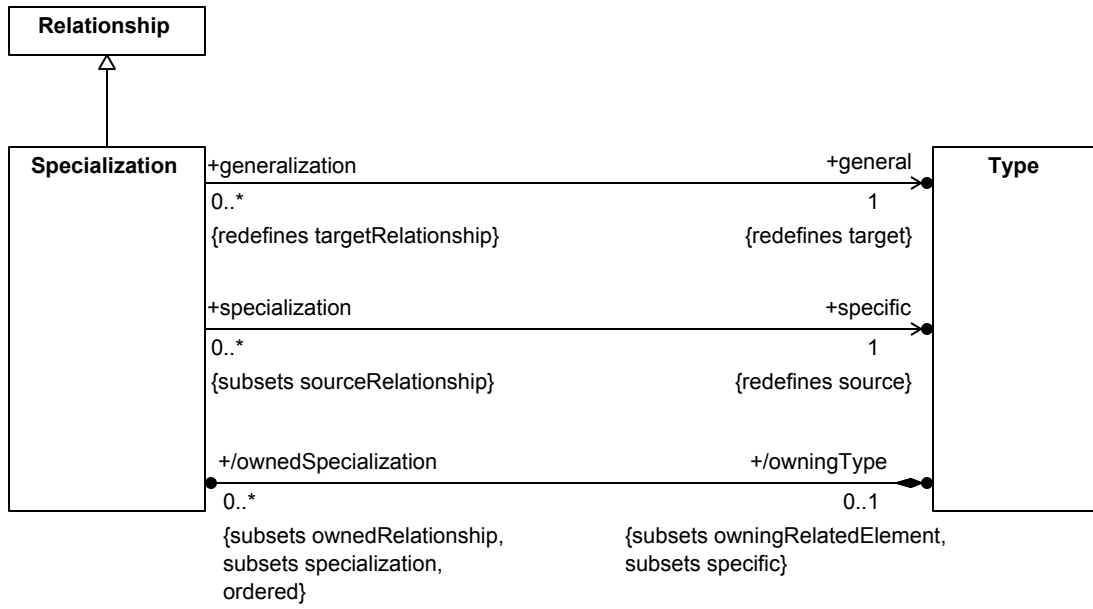


Figure 10. Specialization

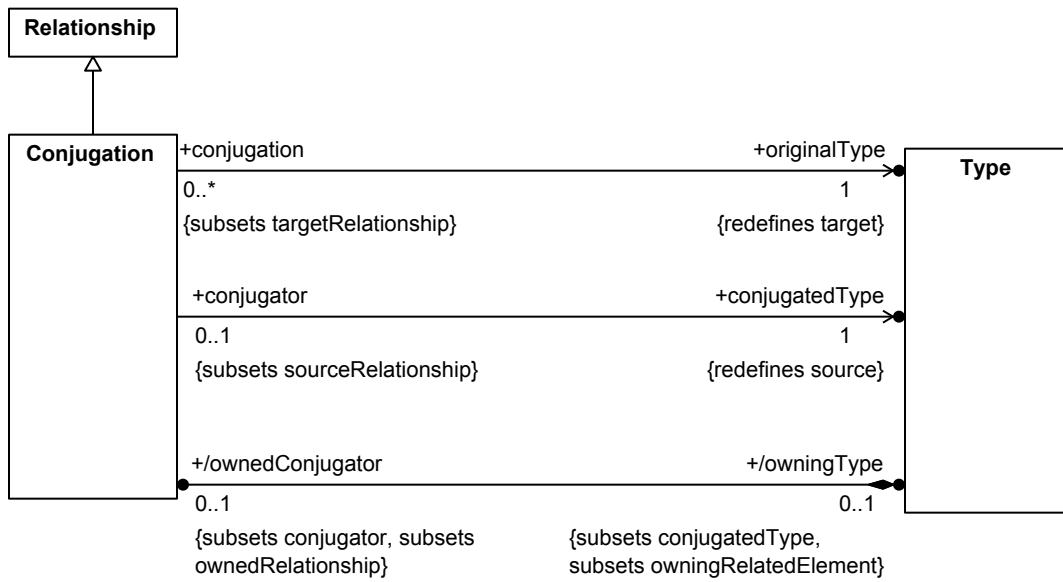


Figure 11. Conjugation

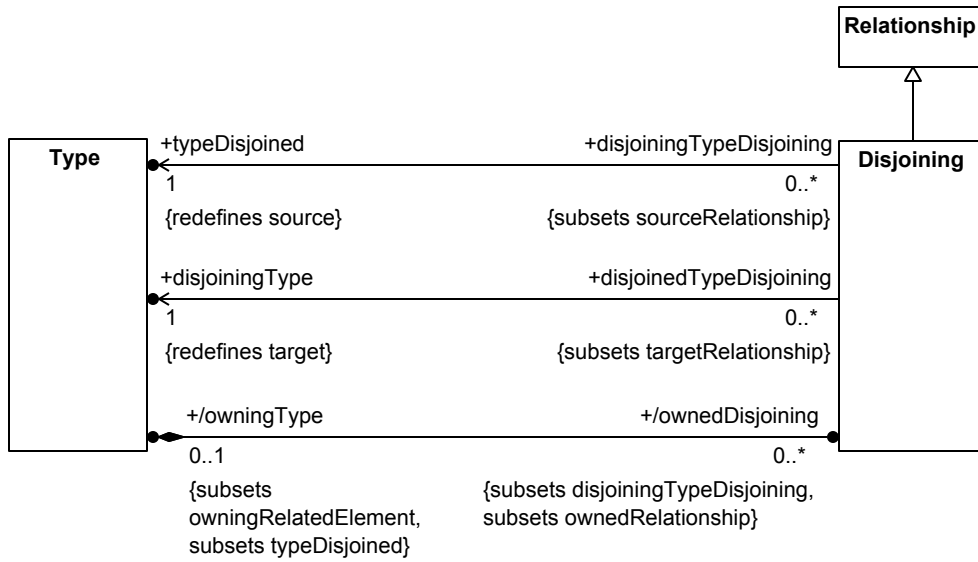


Figure 12. Disjoining

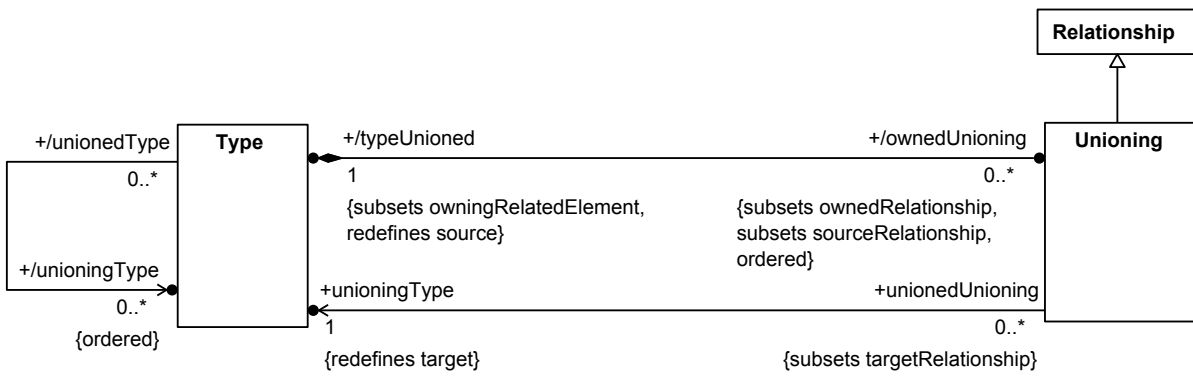


Figure 13. Unioning

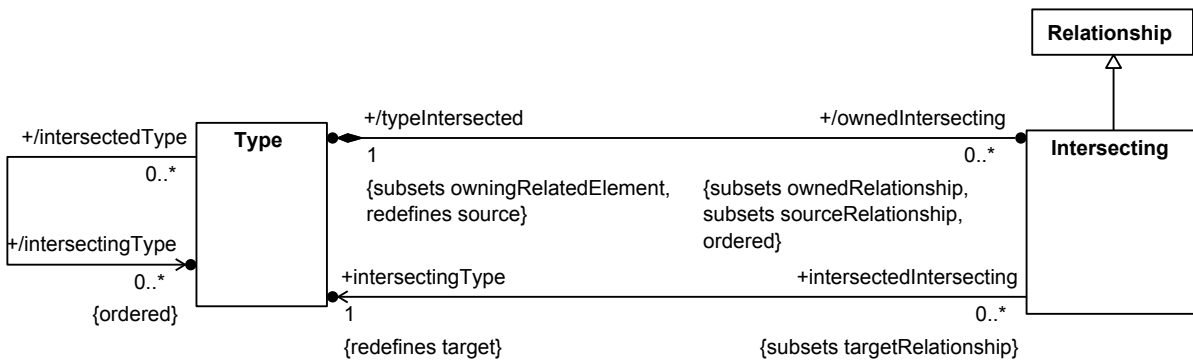
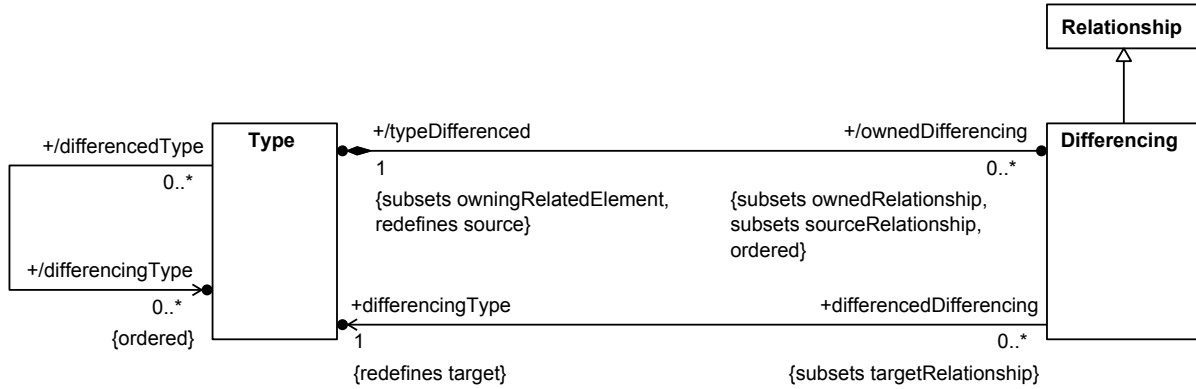


Figure 14. Intersecting



**Figure 15. Differencing**

### 8.3.3.1.2 Conjugation

#### Description

Conjugation is a Relationship between two types in which the `conjugatedType` inherits all the Features of the `originalType`, but with all input and output Features reversed. That is, any Features with a direction *in* relative to the `originalType` are considered to have an effective direction of *out* relative to the `conjugatedType` and, similarly, Features with direction *out* in the `originalType` are considered to have an effective direction of *in* in the `conjugatedType`. Features with direction *inout*, or with no direction, in the `originalType`, are inherited without change.

A Type may participate as a `conjugatedType` in at most one Conjugation relationship, and such a Type may not also be the specific Type in any Specialization relationship.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

`conjugatedType` : Type {redefines source}

The Type that is the result of applying Conjugation to the `originalType`.

`originalType` : Type {redefines target}

The Type to be conjugated.

`/owningType` : Type [0..1] {subsets `conjugatedType`, `owningRelatedElement`}

The `conjugatedType` of this Conjugation that is also its `owningRelatedElement`.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.1.3 Differencing

#### Description

Differencing is a Relationship that makes its `differencingType` one of the `differencingTypes` of its `typeDifferenced`.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

`differencingType` : Type {redefines target}

Type that partly determines interpretations of `typeDifferenced`, as described in `Type::differencingType`.

`/typeDifferenced` : Type {subsets `owningRelatedElement`, redefines source}

Type with interpretations partly determined by `differencingType`, as described in `Type::differencingType`.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.1.4 Disjoining

#### Description

A Disjoining is a Relationship between Types asserted to have interpretations that are not shared (disjoint) between them, identified as `typeDisjoined` and `disjoiningType`. For example, a Classifier for mammals is disjoint from a Classifier for minerals, and a Feature for people's parents is disjoint from a Feature for their children.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

`disjoiningType` : Type {redefines target}

Type asserted to be disjoint with the `typeDisjoined`.

`/owningType` : Type [0..1] {subsets `typeDisjoined`, `owningRelatedElement`}

A `typeDisjoined` that is also an `owningRelatedElement`.

`typeDisjoined` : Type {redefines source}

Type asserted to be disjoint with the `disjoiningType`.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.1.5 FeatureDirectionKind

#### Description

`FeatureDirectionKind` enumerates the possible kinds of direction that a `Feature` may be given as a member of a `Type`.

#### General Classes

None.

#### Literal Values

`in`

Values of the `Feature` on each instance of its domain are determined externally to that instance and used internally.

`inout`

Values of the `Feature` on each instance are determined either as *in* or *out* directions, or both.

`out`

Values of the `Feature` on each instance of its domain are determined internally to that instance and used externally.

### 8.3.3.1.6 FeatureMembership

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#### Description

A `FeatureMembership` is an `OwningMembership` between an `ownedMemberFeature` and an `owningType`. If the `ownedMemberFeature` has `isVariable = false`, then the `FeatureMembership` implies that the `owningType` is also a `featuringType` of the `ownedMemberFeature`. If the `ownedMemberFeature` has `isVariable = true`, then the `FeatureMembership` implies that the `ownedMemberFeature` is featured by the *snapshots* of the `owningType`, which must specialize the Kernel Semantic Library base class *Occurrence*.

#### General Classes

`OwningMembership`

#### Attributes

`/ownedMemberFeature : Feature {redefines ownedMemberElement}`

The `Feature` that this `FeatureMembership` relates to its `owningType`, making it an `ownedFeature` of the `owningType`.



/owningType : Type {subsets type, redefines membershipOwningNamespace}

The Type that owns this FeatureMembership.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.3.1.7 Intersecting

##### Description

Intersecting is a Relationship that makes its intersectingType one of the intersectingTypes of its typeIntersected.

##### General Classes

Relationship

##### Attributes

intersectingType : Type {redefines target}

Type that partly determines interpretations of typeIntersected, as described in Type::intersectingType.

/typeIntersected : Type {subsets owningRelatedElement, redefines source}

Type with interpretations partly determined by intersectingType, as described in Type::intersectingType.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.3.1.8 Specialization

##### Description

Specialization is a Relationship between two Types that requires all instances of the specific type to also be instances of the general Type (i.e., the set of instances of the specific Type is a *subset* of those of the general Type, which might be the same set).

##### General Classes

Relationship

##### Attributes

general : Type {redefines target}

A `Type` with a superset of all instances of the `specific Type`, which might be the same set.

`/owningType : Type [0..1] {subsets specific, owningRelatedElement}`

The `Type` that is the `specific Type` of this `Specialization` and owns it as its `owningRelatedElement`.

`specific : Type {redefines source}`

A `Type` with a subset of all instances of the `general Type`, which might be the same set.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`validateSpecificationSpecificNotConjugated`

The `specific Type` of a `Specialization` cannot be a conjugated `Type`.

`not specific.isConjugated`

### 8.3.3.1.9 Multiplicity

## Description

A `Multiplicity` is a `Feature` whose co-domain is a set of natural numbers giving the allowed cardinalities of each `typeWithMultiplicity`. The *cardinality* of a `Type` is defined as follows, depending on whether the `Type` is a `Classifier` or `Feature`.

- **Classifier** – The number of basic instances of the `Classifier`, that is, those instances representing things, which are not instances of any subtypes of the `Classifier` that are `Features`.
- **Features** – The number of instances with the same `featuringType`. In the case of a `Feature` with a `Classifier` as its `featuringType`, this is the number of values of `Feature` for each basic instance of the `Classifier`. Note that, for non-unique `Features`, all duplicate values are included in this count.

`Multiplicity` co-domains (in models) can be specified by `Expression` that might vary in their results. If the `typeWithMultiplicity` is a `Classifier`, the domain of the `Multiplicity` shall be `Base::Anything`. If the `typeWithMultiplicity` is a `Feature`, the `Multiplicity` shall have the same domain as the `typeWithMultiplicity`.

## General Classes

`Feature`

## Attributes

None.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`checkMultiplicitySpecialization`

A Multiplicity must directly or indirectly specialize the *Feature Base::natural*s from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Base::natural')
```

checkMultiplicityTypeFeaturing

If the *owningType* of a Multiplicity is a Feature, then the Multiplicity must have the same *featuringTypes* as that Feature. Otherwise, it must have no *featuringTypes* (meaning that it is implicitly featured by the base Classifier *Anything*).

```
if owningType <> null and owningType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) then
    featuringType =
        owningType.ocAsType(Feature).featuringType
else
    featuringType->isEmpty()
endif
```

### 8.3.3.1.10 Type

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[KERML -75](#): Restrict the functionality of recursive import

[KERML -39](#): Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing

[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

[KERML -151](#): Corrections to the resolution of KERML\_-39

#### Description

A Type is a Namespace that is the most general kind of Element supporting the semantics of classification. A Type may be a Classifier or a Feature, defining conditions on what is classified by the Type (see also the description of *isSufficient*).

#### General Classes

Namespace

#### Attributes

/differencingType : Type [0..\*] {ordered}

The interpretations of a Type with *differencingTypes* are asserted to be those of the first of those Types, but not including those of the remaining Types. For example, a Classifier might be the difference of a Classifier for people and another for people of a particular nationality, leaving people who are not of that nationality. Similarly, a feature of people might be the difference between a feature for their children and a Classifier for people of a particular sex, identifying their children not of that sex (because the interpretations of the children Feature that identify those of that sex are also interpretations of the Classifier for that sex).

/directedFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets feature, ordered}

The features of this Type that have a non-null direction.

/endFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets feature, ordered}

All features of this Type with *isEnd* = true.

/feature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets member, ordered}

The ownedMemberFeatures of the featureMemberships of this Type.

/featureMembership : FeatureMembership [0..\*] {ordered}

The FeatureMemberships for features of this Type, which include all ownedFeatureMemberships and those inheritedMemberships that are FeatureMemberships (but does *not* include any importedMemberships).

/inheritedFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets feature, ordered}

All the memberFeatures of the inheritedMemberships of this Type that are FeatureMemberships.

/inheritedMembership : Membership [0..\*] {subsets membership, ordered}

All Memberships inherited by this Type via Specialization or Conjugation. These are included in the derived union for the memberships of the Type.

/input : Feature [0..\*] {subsets directedFeature, ordered}

All features related to this Type by FeatureMemberships that have direction in or inout.

/intersectingType : Type [0..\*] {ordered}

The interpretations of a Type with intersectingTypes are asserted to be those in common among the intersectingTypes, which are the Types derived from the intersectingType of the ownedIntersectings of this Type. For example, a Classifier might be an intersection of Classifiers for people of a particular sex and of a particular nationality. Similarly, a feature for people's children of a particular sex might be the intersection of a Feature for their children and a Classifier for people of that sex (because the interpretations of the children Feature that identify those of that sex are also interpretations of the Classifier for that sex).

isAbstract : Boolean

Indicates whether instances of this Type must also be instances of at least one of its specialized Types.

/isConjugated : Boolean

Indicates whether this Type has an ownedConjugator.

isSufficient : Boolean

Whether all things that meet the classification conditions of this Type must be classified by the Type.

(A Type gives conditions that must be met by whatever it classifies, but when isSufficient is false, things may meet those conditions but still not be classified by the Type. For example, a Type *Car* that is not sufficient could require everything it classifies to have four wheels, but not all four wheeled things would classify as cars. However, if the Type *Car* were sufficient, it would classify all four-wheeled things.)

/multiplicity : Multiplicity [0..1] {subsets ownedMember}

An ownedMember of this Type that is a Multiplicity, which constraints the cardinality of the Type. If there is no such ownedMember, then the cardinality of this Type is constrained by all the Multiplicity constraints applicable to any direct supertypes.

/output : Feature [0..\*] {subsets directedFeature, ordered}

All features related to this Type by FeatureMemberships that have direction out or inout.

/ownedConjugator : Conjugation [0..1] {subsets ownedRelationship, conjugator}

A Conjugation owned by this Type for which the Type is the originalType.

/ownedDifferencing : Differencing [0..\*] {subsets sourceRelationship, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Type that are Differencings, having this Type as their typeDifferenced.

/ownedDisjoining : Disjoining [0..\*] {subsets ownedRelationship, disjoiningTypeDisjoining}

The ownedRelationships of this Type that are Disjoinings, for which the Type is the typeDisjoined Type.

/ownedEndFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets endFeature, ownedFeature, ordered}

All endFeatures of this Type that are ownedFeatures.

/ownedFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets ownedMember, ordered}

The ownedMemberFeatures of the ownedFeatureMemberships of this Type.

/ownedFeatureMembership : FeatureMembership [0..\*] {subsets ownedMembership, featureMembership, ordered}

The ownedMemberships of this Type that are FeatureMemberships, for which the Type is the owningType.  
Each such FeatureMembership identifies an ownedFeature of the Type.

/ownedIntersecting : Intersecting [0..\*] {subsets ownedRelationship, sourceRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Type that are Intersectings, have the Type as their typeIntersected.

/ownedSpecialization : Specialization [0..\*] {subsets specialization, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Type that are Specializations, for which the Type is the specific Type.

/ownedUnioning : Unioning [0..\*] {subsets ownedRelationship, sourceRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Type that are Unionings, having the Type as their typeUnioned.

/unioningType : Type [0..\*] {ordered}

The interpretations of a Type with unioningTypes are asserted to be the same as those of all the unioningTypes together, which are the Types derived from the unioningType of the ownedUnionings of this Type. For example, a Classifier for people might be the union of Classifiers for all the sexes. Similarly, a feature for people's children might be the union of features dividing them in the same ways as people in general.

## Operations

allRedefinedFeaturesOf(membership : Membership) : Feature [0..\*]

If the memberElement of the given membership is a Feature, then return all Features directly or indirectly redefined by the memberElement.

```
body: if not membership.memberElement.ocIsType(Feature) then Set{}  
else membership.memberElement.ocIsType(Feature).allRedefinedFeatures()  
endif
```

allSupertypes() : Type [0..\*]

Return this Type and all Types that are directly or transitively supertypes of this Type (as determined by the `supertypes` operation with `excludeImplied = false`).

**body:** `OrderedSet{self}->closure(supertypes(false))`

`directionOf(feature : Feature) : FeatureDirectionKind [0..1]`

If the given feature is a feature of this Type, then return its direction relative to this Type, taking conjugation into account.

**body:** `directionOfExcluding(f, Set{})`

`directionOfExcluding(feature : Feature, excluded : Type [0..*]) : FeatureDirectionKind [0..1]`

Return the direction of the given feature relative to this Type, excluding a given set of Types from the search of supertypes of this Type.

**body:** `let excludedSelf : Set(Type) = excluded->including(self) in  
if feature.owningType = self then feature.direction  
else  
  let directions : Sequence(FeatureDirectionKind) =  
    supertypes(false)->excluding(excludedSelf).  
    directionOfExcluding(feature, excludedSelf)->  
    select(d | d <> null) in  
    if directions->isEmpty() then null  
  else  
    let direction : FeatureDirectionKind = directions->first() in  
    if not isConjugated then direction  
    else if direction = FeatureDirectionKind::_in then FeatureDirectionKind::out  
    else if direction = FeatureDirectionKind::out then FeatureDirectionKind::_in  
    else direction  
    endif endif endif   endif  
endif`

`inheritableMemberships(excludedNamespaces : Namespace [0..*], excludedTypes : Type [0..*], excludeImplied : Boolean) : Membership [0..*]`

Return all the non-private Memberships of all the supertypes of this Type, excluding any supertypes that are this Type or are in the given set of `excludedTypes`. If `excludeImplied = true`, then also transitively exclude any supertypes from implied Specializations.

**body:** `let excludingSelf : Set(Type) = excludedType->including(self) in  
supertypes(excludeImplied)->reject(t | excludingSelf->includes(t)).  
  nonPrivateMemberships(excludedNamespaces, excludingSelf, excludeImplied)`

`inheritedMemberships(excludedNamespaces : Namespace [0..*], excludedTypes : Type [0..*], excludeImplied : Boolean) : Membership [0..*]`

Return the Memberships inheritable from supertypes of this Type with redefined Features removed. When computing inheritable Memberships, exclude Imports of `excludedNamespaces`, Specializations of `excludedTypes`, and, if `excludeImplied = true`, all implied Specializations.

**body:** `removeRedefinedFeatures(  
  inheritableMemberships(excludedNamespaces, excludedTypes, excludeImplied))`

`isCompatibleWith(otherType : Type)`

By default, this Type is compatible with an `otherType` if it directly or indirectly specializes the `otherType`.

**body:** specializes(otherType)

**multiplicities()** : Multiplicity [0..\*]

Return the owned or inherited Multiplicities for this Type<./code>.

```
body: if multiplicity <> null then OrderedSet{multiplicity}
else
  ownedSpecialization.general->closure(t |
    if t.multiplicity <> null then OrderedSet{}
    else ownedSpecialization.general
  )->select(multiplicity <> null).multiplicity->asOrderedSet()
endif
```

**nonPrivateMemberships(excludedNamespaces : Namespace [0..\*], excludedTypes : Type [0..\*], excludeImplied : Boolean) : Membership [0..\*]**

Return the public, protected and inherited Memberships of this Type. When computing imported Memberships, exclude the given set of excludedNamespaces. When computing inherited Memberships, exclude Types in the given set of excludedTypes. If excludeImplied = true, then also exclude any supertypes from implied Specializations.

```
body: let publicMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
  membershipsOfVisibility(VisibilityKind::public, excludedNamespaces) in
let protectedMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
  membershipsOfVisibility(VisibilityKind::protected, excludedNamespaces) in
let inheritedMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
  inheritedMemberships(excludedNamespaces, excludedTypes, excludeImplied) in
publicMemberships->
  union(protectedMemberships)->
  union(inheritedMemberships)
```

**removeRedefinedFeatures(memberships : Membership [0..\*]) : Membership [0..\*]**

Return a subset of memberships, removing those Memberships whose memberElements are Features and for which either of the following two conditions holds:

1. The memberElement of the Membership is included in redefined Features of another Membership in memberships.
2. One of the redefined Features of the Membership is a directly redefinedFeature of an ownedFeature of this Type.

For this purpose, the redefined Features of a Membership whose memberElement is a Feature includes the memberElement and all Features directly or indirectly redefined by the memberElement.

```
body: let reducedMemberships : Sequence(Membership) =
  memberships->reject(mem1 |
    memberships->excluding(mem1)->
      exists(mem2 | allRedefinedFeaturesOf(mem2)->
        includes(mem1.memberElement))) in
let redefinedFeatures : Set(Feature) =
  ownedFeature.redefinition.redefinedFeature->asSet() in
reducedMemberships->reject(mem | allRedefinedFeaturesOf(mem)->
  exists(feature | redefinedFeatures->includes(feature)))
```

**specializes(supertype : Type) : Boolean**

Check whether this Type is a direct or indirect specialization of the given supertype.

```

body: if isConjugated then
    ownedConjugator.originalType.specializes(supertype)
else
    allSupertypes()->includes(supertype)
endif

```

**specializesFromLibrary**(libraryTypeName : String) : Boolean

Check whether this Type is a direct or indirect specialization of the named library Type. libraryTypeName must conform to the syntax of a KerML qualified name and must resolve to a Type in global scope.

```

body: let mem : Membership = resolveGlobal(libraryTypeName) in
mem <> null and mem.memberElement.oclIsKindOf(Type) and
specializes(mem.memberElement.oclAsType(Type))

```

**supertypes**(excludeImplied : Boolean) : Type [0..\*]

If this Type is conjugated, then return just the originalType of the Conjugation. Otherwise, return the general Types from all ownedSpecializations of this type, if excludeImplied = false, or all non-implied ownedSpecializations, if excludeImplied = true.

```

body: if isConjugated then Sequence{conjugator.originalType}
else if not excludeImplied then ownedSpecialization.general
else ownedSpecialization->reject(isImplied).general
endif
endif

```

**visibleMemberships**(excluded : Namespace [0..\*], isRecursive : Boolean, includeAll : Boolean) : Membership [0..\*]  
{redefines visibleMemberships}

The visible Memberships of a Type include inheritedMemberships.

```

body: let visibleMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
    self.oclAsType(Namespace).
        visibleMemberships(excluded, isRecursive, includeAll) in
let visibleInheritedMemberships : OrderedSet(Membership) =
    inheritedMemberships(excluded->including(self), Set{}, isRecursive)->
        select(includeAll or visibility = VisibilityKind::public) in
visibleMemberships->union(visibleInheritedMemberships)

```

## Constraints

**checkTypeSpecialization**

A Type must directly or indirectly specialize *Base::Anything* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Base::Anything')
```

**deriveTypeDifferencingType**

The differencingTypes of a Type are the differencingTypes of its ownedDifferencings, in the same order.

```
differencingType = ownedDifferencing.differencingType
```

**deriveTypeDirectedFeature**

The directedFeatures of a Type are those features for which the direction is non-null.



```
directedFeature = feature->select(f | directionOf(f) <> null)
```

#### deriveTypeEndFeature

The endFeatures of a Type are all its features for which isEnd = true.

```
endFeature = feature->select(isEnd)
```

#### deriveTypeFeature

The features of a Type are the ownedMemberFeatures of its featureMemberships

```
feature = featureMembership.ownedMemberFeature
```

#### deriveTypeFeatureMembership

The featureMemberships of a Type is the union of the ownedFeatureMemberships and those inheritedMemberships that are FeatureMemberships.

```
featureMembership = ownedFeatureMembership->union(  
    inheritedMembership->selectByKind(FeatureMembership))
```

#### deriveTypeInheritedFeature

The inheritedFeatures of this Type are the memberFeatures of the inheritedMemberships that are FeatureMemberships.

```
inheritedFeature = inheritedMemberships->  
    selectByKind(FeatureMembership).memberFeature
```

#### deriveTypeInheritedMembership

The inheritedMemberships of a Type are determined by the inheritedMemberships() operation.

```
inheritedMembership = inheritedMemberships(Set{}, Set{}, false)
```

#### deriveTypeInput

The inputs of a Type are those of its features that have a direction of in or inout relative to the Type, taking conjugation into account.

```
input = feature->select(f |  
    let direction: FeatureDirectionKind = directionOf(f) in  
    direction = FeatureDirectionKind::_in' or  
    direction = FeatureDirectionKind::inout)
```

#### deriveTypeIntersectingType

The intersectingTypes of a Type are the intersectingTypes of its ownedIntersectings.

```
intersectingType = ownedIntersecting.intersectingType
```

#### deriveTypeMultiplicity

If a Type has an owned Multiplicity, then that is its multiplicity. Otherwise, if the Type has an ownedSpecialization, then its multiplicity is the multiplicity of the general Type of that Specialization.

```

multiplicity =
  let ownedMultiplicities: Sequence(Multiplicity) =
    ownedMember->selectByKind(Multiplicity) in
  if ownedMultiplicities->isEmpty() then null
  else ownedMultiplicities->first()
endif

```

#### deriveTypeOutput

The outputs of a Type are those of its features that have a direction of out or inout relative to the Type, taking conjugation into account.

```

output = feature->select(f |
  let direction: FeatureDirectionKind = directionOf(f) in
  direction = FeatureDirectionKind::out or
  direction = FeatureDirectionKind::inout)

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedConjugator

The ownedConjugator of a Type is the its single ownedRelationship that is a Conjugation.

```

ownedConjugator =
  let ownedConjugators: Sequence(Conjugator) =
    ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Conjugation) in
  if ownedConjugators->isEmpty() then null
  else ownedConjugators->at(1) endif

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedDifferencing

The ownedDifferencings of a Type are its ownedRelationships that are Differencings.

```

ownedDifferencing =
  ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Differencing)

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedDisjoining

The ownedDisjoinings of a Type are the ownedRelationships that are Disjoinings.

```

ownedDisjoining =
  ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Disjoining)

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedEndFeature

The ownedEndFeatures of a Type are all its ownedFeatures for which isEnd = true.

```

ownedEndFeature = ownedFeature->select(isEnd)

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedFeature

The ownedFeatures of a Type are the ownedMemberFeatures of its ownedFeatureMemberships

```

ownedFeature = ownedFeatureMembership.ownedMemberFeature

```

#### deriveTypeOwnedFeatureMembership

The ownedFeatureMemberships of a Type are its ownedMemberships that are FeatureMemberships.

```

ownedFeatureMembership = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(FeatureMembership)

```

### deriveTypeOwnedIntersecting

The ownedIntersectings of a Type are the ownedRelationships that are Intersectings.

```
ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Intersecting)
```

### deriveTypeOwnedSpecialization

The ownedSpecializations of a Type are the ownedRelationships that are Specializations whose special Type is the owning Type.

```
ownedSpecialization = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Specialization)->  
  select(s | s.special = self)
```

### deriveTypeOwnedUnioning

The ownedUnionings of a Type are the ownedRelationships that are Unionings.

```
ownedUnioning =  
  ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Unioning)
```

### deriveTypeUnioningType

The unioningTypes of a Type are the unioningTypes of its ownedUnionings.

```
unioningType = ownedUnioning.unioningType
```

### validateTypeAtMostOneConjugator

A Type must have at most one owned Conjugation Relationship.

```
ownedRelationship->selectByKind(Conjugation)->size() <= 1
```

### validateTypeDifferencingTypesNotSelf

A Type cannot be one of its own differencingTypes.

```
differencingType->excludes(self)
```

### validateTypeIntersectingTypesNotSelf

A Type cannot be one of its own intersectingTypes.

```
intersectingType->excludes(self)
```

### validateTypeOwnedDifferencingNotOne

A Type must not have exactly one ownedDifferencing.

```
ownedDifferencing->size() <> 1
```

### validateTypeOwnedIntersectingNotOne

A Type must not have exactly one ownedIntersecting.

```
ownedIntersecting->size() <> 1
```

`validateTypeOwnedMultiplicity`

A Type may have at most one `ownedMember` that is a `Multiplicity`.

```
ownedMember->selectByKind(Multiplicity)->size() <= 1
```

`validateTypeOwnedUnioningNotOne`

A Type must not have exactly one `ownedUnioning`.

```
ownedUnioning->size() <> 1
```

`validateTypeUnioningTypesNotSelf`

A Type cannot be one of its own `unioningTypes`.

```
unioningType->excludes(self)
```

### 8.3.3.1.11 Unioning

#### Description

Unioning is a Relationship that makes its `unioningType` one of the `unioningTypes` of its `typeUnioned`.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

`/typeUnioned` : Type {subsets `owningRelatedElement`, redefines `source`}

Type with interpretations partly determined by `unioningType`, as described in `Type::unioningType`.

`unioningType` : Type {redefines `target`}

Type that partly determines interpretations of `typeUnioned`, as described in `Type::unioningType`.

#### Operations

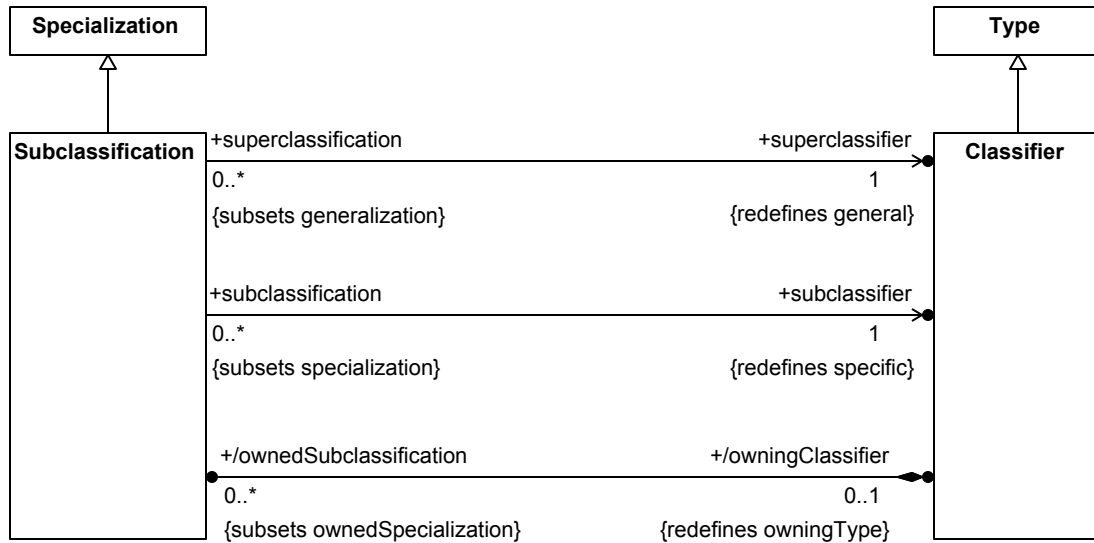
None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.2 Classifiers Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.3.2.1 Overview



**Figure 16. Classifiers**

### 8.3.3.2.2 Classifier

#### Description

A **Classifier** is a **Type** that classifies:

- Things (in the universe) regardless of how **Features** relate them. (These are interpreted semantically as sequences of exactly one thing.)
- How the above things are related by **Features**. (These are interpreted semantically as sequences of multiple things, such that the last thing in the sequence is also classified by the **Classifier**. Note that this means that a **Classifier** modeled as specializing a **Feature** cannot classify anything.)

#### General Classes

**Type**

#### Attributes

`/ownedSubclassification : Subclassification [0..*] {subsets ownedSpecialization}`

The `ownedSpecializations` of this **Classifier** that are **Subclassifications**, for which this **Classifier** is the `subclassifier`.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

`deriveClassifierOwnedSubclassification`

The `ownedSubclassifications` of a **Classifier** are its `ownedSpecializations` that are **Subclassifications**.

```
ownedSubclassification =  
    ownedSpecialization->selectByKind(Subclassification)
```

validateClassifierMultiplicityDomain

If a Classifier has a multiplicity, then the multiplicity must have no featuringTypes (meaning that its domain is implicitly *Base::Anything*).

```
multiplicity <> null implies multiplicity.featureingType->isEmpty()
```

### 8.3.3.2.3 Subclassification

#### Description

Subclassification is Specialization in which both the specific and general Types are Classifier. This means all instances of the specific Classifier are also instances of the general Classifier.

#### General Classes

Specialization

#### Attributes

/owningClassifier : Classifier [0..1] {redefines owningType}

The Classifier that owns this Subclassification relationship, which must also be its subclassifier.

subclassifier : Classifier {redefines specific}

The more specific Classifier in this Subclassification.

superclassifier : Classifier {redefines general}

The more general Classifier in this Subclassification.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.3 Features Abstract Syntax

[KERML\\_-57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

#### 8.3.3.3.1 Overview

[KERML\\_-88](#): Problem with the property name "targetFeature"

[KERML\\_-57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML\\_-39](#): Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing

[KERML\\_-18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

[KERML\\_-37](#): Add derived property for targetFeature

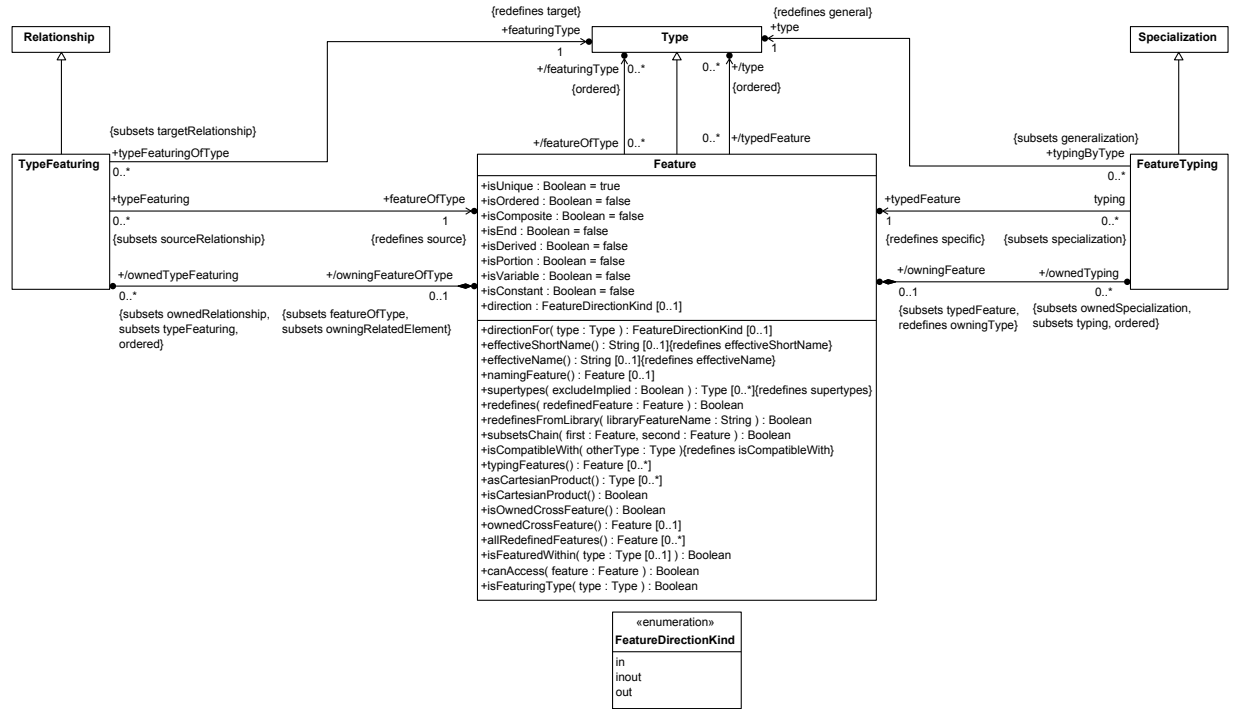


Figure 17. Features

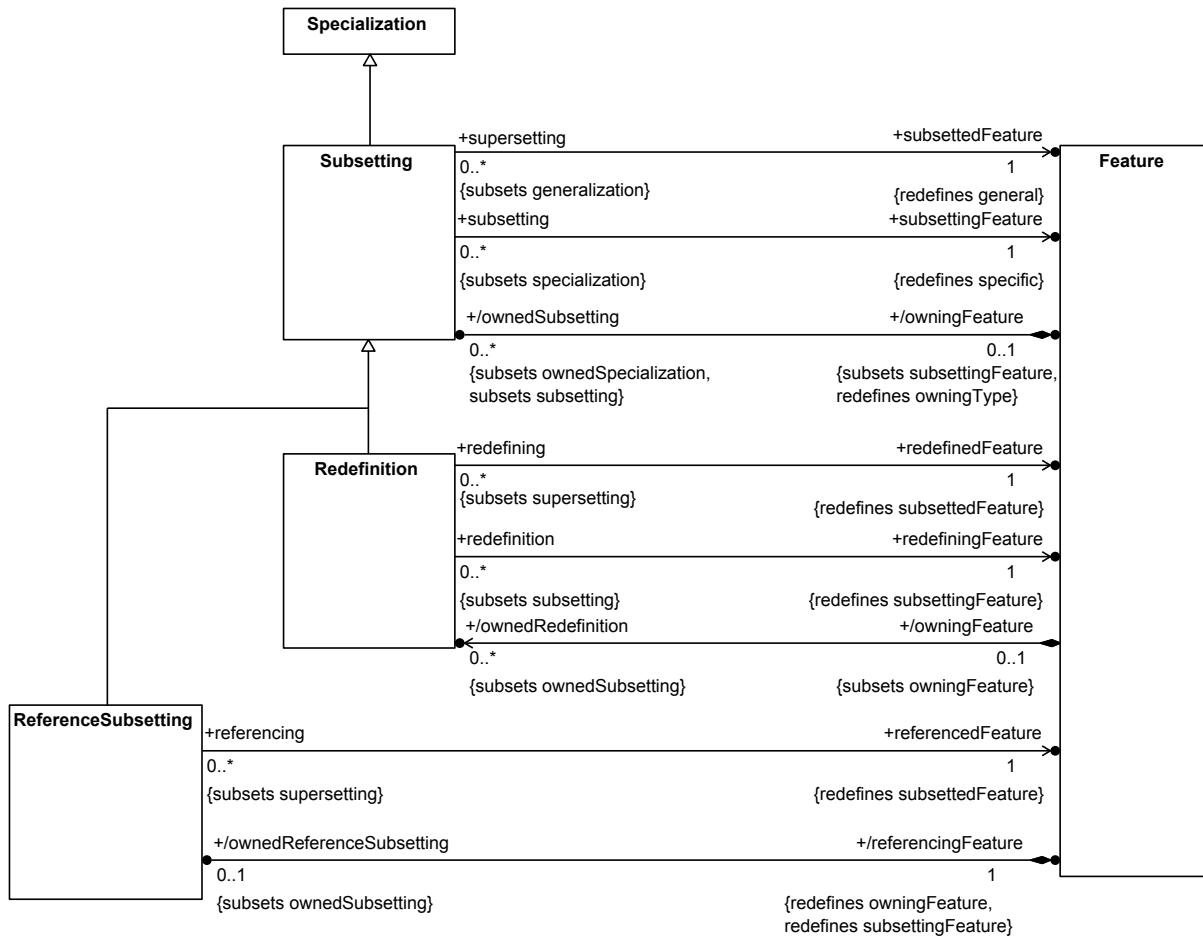


Figure 18. Subsetting

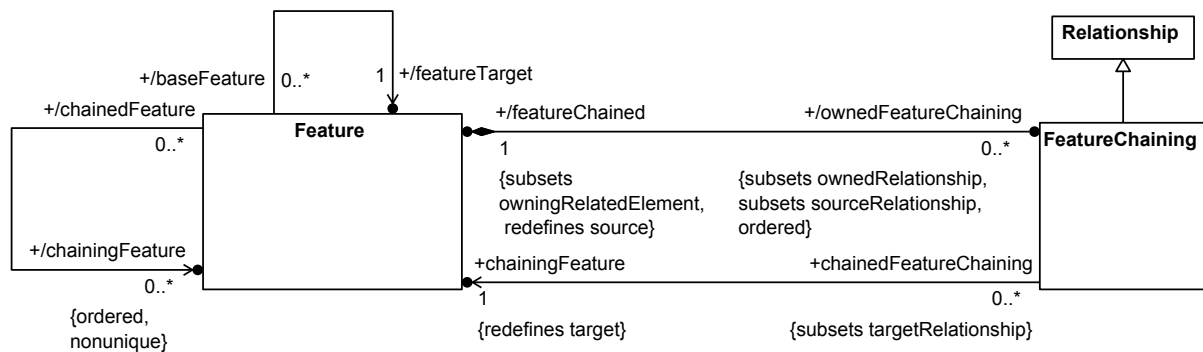


Figure 19. Feature Chaining



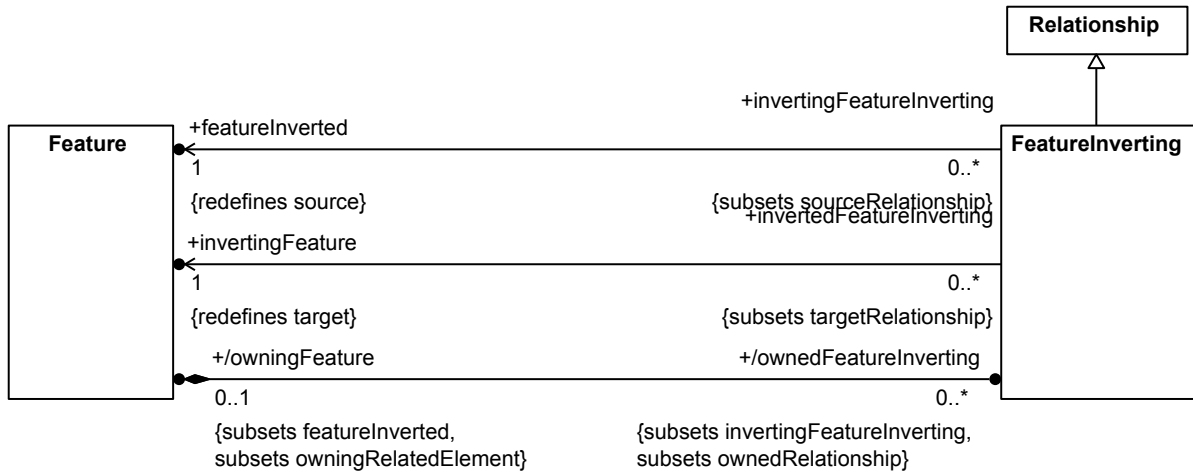


Figure 20. Feature Inverting

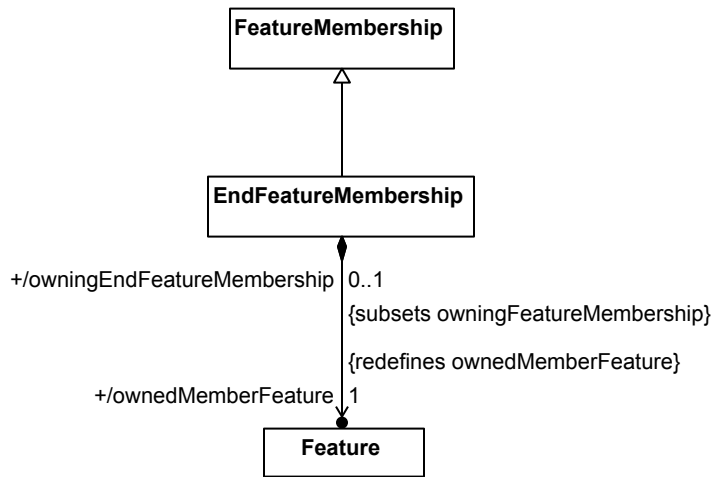


Figure 21. End Feature Membership

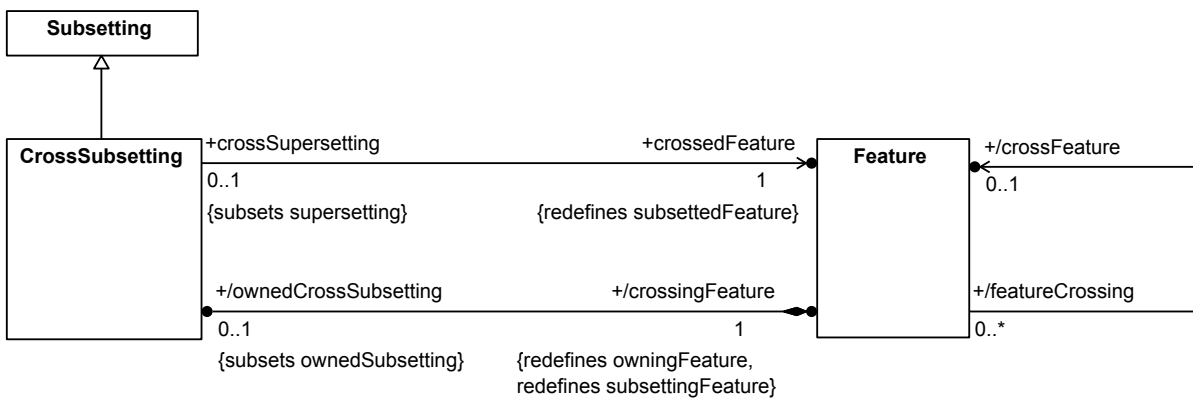


Figure 22. Cross Subsetting

### 8.3.3.3.2 CrossSubsetting

#### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

##### **Description**

CrossSubsetting is a kind of Subsetting for end Features, as identified by crossingFeature, to subset a chained Feature, identified by crossedFeature. It navigates to instances of the end Feature's type from instances of other end Feature types on the same owningType (at least two end Features are required for any of them to have a CrossSubsetting).

The crossedFeature of a CrossSubsetting must have a feature chain of exactly two Features. The second Feature in the chain is the crossFeature of the crossingFeature (end Feature), which has the same type as the crossingFeature. When the owningType of the crossingFeature has exactly two end Features, the first Feature in the chain of the crossedFeature is the other end Feature. The crossFeature's featuringType in this case is the other end Feature. When the owningType has more than two end Features, the first Feature in the chain is a Feature that CrossMultiplies all the other end Features, which is also the featuringType of the crossFeature.

A crossFeature must be owned by its featureCrossing (end Feature) when the featureCrossing owningType has more than two end Features. Otherwise, for exactly two end Features, the crossFeatures of each the ends can instead optionally be inherited by the other end from one of its types or a subsetted Feature.

##### **General Classes**

Subsetting

##### **Attributes**

crossedFeature : Feature {redefines subsettedFeature}

The chained Feature that is cross subset by the crossingFeature of this CrossSubsetting.

/crossingFeature : Feature {redefines owningFeature, subsettingFeature}

The end Feature that owns this CrossSubsetting relationship and is also its subsettingFeature.

##### **Operations**

None.

##### **Constraints**

validateCrossSubsettingCrossedFeature

The crossedFeature of a CrossSubsetting must have exactly two chainingFeatures. If the crossingFeature of the CrossSubsetting is one of two end Features, then the first chainingFeature must be the other end Feature.

```
crossingFeature.isEnd and crossingFeature.owningType <> null implies
  let endFeatures: Sequence(Feature) = crossingFeature.owningType.endFeature in
  let chainingFeatures: Sequence(Feature) = crossedFeature.chainingFeature in
  chainingFeatures->size() = 2 and
  endFeatures->size() = 2 implies
    chainingFeatures->at(1) = endFeatures->excluding(crossingFeature)->at(1)
```

validateCrossSubsettingCrossingFeature

The crossingFeature of a CrossSubsetting must be an end Feature that is owned by a Type with at least two end Features.

```
crossingFeature.isEnd and  
crossingFeature.owningType<>null and  
crossingFeature.owningType.endFeature ->size() > 1
```

### 8.3.3.3.3 EndFeatureMembership

#### Description

EndFeatureMembership is a FeatureMembership that requires its memberFeature be owned and have isEnd = true.

#### General Classes

FeatureMembership

#### Attributes

/ownedMemberFeature : Feature {redefines ownedMemberFeature}

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

validateEndFeatureMembershipIsEnd

The ownedMemberFeature of an EndFeatureMembership must be an end Feature.

```
ownedMemberFeature.isEnd
```

### 8.3.3.3.4 Feature

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML -59](#): OCL for checkFeatureParameterRedefinition is wrong

[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent

[KERML -5](#): isComposite, semantics

[KERML -70](#): The OCL for isFeaturedWithin is still not correct

[KERML -99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined

[KERML -39](#): Type::inheritedMemberships OCL is missing

[KERML -58](#): checkFeatureParameterRedefinition fails for named-argument invocations

[KERML -224](#): Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions

[KERML -37](#): Add derived property for targetFeature

[KERML -88](#): Problem with the property name "targetFeature"

[KERML -220](#): Corrections to the resolution of KERML\_-18

[KERML -52](#): Semantic constraint needed for result type of a "constructor" expression

[KERML -107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

#### Description

A *Feature* is a *Type* that classifies relations between multiple things (in the universe). The domain of the relation is the intersection of the *featuringTypes* of the *Feature*. (The domain of a *Feature* with no *featuringTypes* is implicitly the most general *Type* *Base::Anything* from the Kernel Semantic Library.) The co-domain of the relation is the intersection of the *types* of the *Feature*.

In the simplest cases, the *featuringTypes* and *types* are *Classifiers* and the *Feature* relates two things, one from the domain and one from the range. Examples include cars paired with wheels, people paired with other people, and cars paired with numbers representing the car length.

Since *Features* are *Types*, their *featuringTypes* and *types* can be *Features*. In this case, the *Feature* effectively classifies relations between relations, which can be interpreted as the sequence of things related by the domain *Feature* concatenated with the sequence of things related by the co-domain *Feature*.

The *values* of a *Feature* for a given instance of its domain are all the instances of its co-domain that are related to that domain instance by the *Feature*. The values of a *Feature* with *chainingFeatures* are the same as values of the last *Feature* in the chain, which can be found by starting with values of the first *Feature*, then using those values as domain instances to obtain values of the second *Feature*, and so on, to values of the last *Feature*.

## General Classes

*Type*

### Attributes

*/chainingFeature* : *Feature* [0..\*] {ordered, nonunique}

The *Feature* that are chained together to determine the values of this *Feature*, derived from the *chainingFeatures* of the *ownedFeatureChainings* of this *Feature*, in the same order. The values of a *Feature* with *chainingFeatures* are the same as values of the last *Feature* in the chain, which can be found by starting with the values of the first *Feature* (for each instance of the domain of the original *Feature*), then using each of those as domain instances to find the values of the second *Feature* in *chainingFeatures*, and so on, to values of the last *Feature*.

*/crossFeature* : *Feature* [0..1]

The second *chainingFeature* of the *crossedFeature* of the *ownedCrossSubsetting* of this *Feature*, if it has one. Semantically, the values of the *crossFeature* of an end *Feature* must include all values of the end *Feature* obtained when navigating from values of the other end *Features* of the same *owningType*.

*direction* : *FeatureDirectionKind* [0..1]

Indicates how values of this *Feature* are determined or used (as specified for the *FeatureDirectionKind*).

*/endOwningType* : *Type* [0..1] {subsets typeWithEndFeature, owningType}

The *Type* that is related to this *Feature* by an *EndFeatureMembership* in which the *Feature* is an *ownedMemberFeature*.

*/featureTarget* : *Feature*

The last of the *chainingFeatures* of this *Feature*, if it has any. Otherwise, this *Feature* itself.

*/featuringType* : *Type* [0..\*] {ordered}

Types that feature this Feature, such that any instance in the domain of the Feature must be classified by all of these Types, including at least all the featuringTypes of its typeFeaturings. If the Feature is chained, then the featuringTypes of the first Feature in the chain are also featuringTypes of the chained Feature.

isComposite : Boolean

Whether the Feature is a composite feature of its featuringType. If so, the values of the Feature cannot exist after its featuring instance no longer does and cannot be values of another composite feature that is not on the same featuring instance.

isConstant : Boolean

If isVariable is true, then whether the value of this Feature nevertheless does not change over all *snapshots* of its owningType.

isDerived : Boolean

Whether the values of this Feature can always be computed from the values of other Features.

isEnd : Boolean

Whether or not this Feature is an end Feature. An end Feature always has multiplicity 1, mapping each of its domain instances to a single co-domain instance. However, it may have a crossFeature, in which case values of the crossFeature must be the same as those found by navigation across instances of the owningType from values of other end Features to values of this Feature. If the owningType has  $n$  end Features, then the multiplicity, ordering, and uniqueness declared for the crossFeature of any one of these end Features constrains the cardinality, ordering, and uniqueness of the collection of values of that Feature reached by navigation when the values of the other  $n-1$  end Features are held fixed.

isOrdered : Boolean

Whether an order exists for the values of this Feature or not.

isPortion : Boolean

Whether the values of this Feature are contained in the space and time of instances of the domain of the Feature and represent the same thing as those instances.

isUnique : Boolean

Whether or not values for this Feature must have no duplicates or not.

isVariable : Boolean

Whether the value of this Feature might vary over time. That is, whether the Feature may have a different value for each *snapshot* of an owningType that is an *Occurrence*.

/ownedCrossSubsetting : CrossSubsetting [0..1] {subsets ownedSubsetting}

The one ownedSubsetting of this Feature, if any, that is a CrossSubsetting, for which the Feature is the crossingFeature.

/ownedFeatureChaining : FeatureChaining [0..\*] {subsets sourceRelationship, ownedRelationship, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Feature that are FeatureChainings, for which the Feature will be the featureChained.

/ownedFeatureInverting : FeatureInverting [0..\*] {subsets ownedRelationship, invertingFeatureInverting}

The ownedRelationships of this Feature that are FeatureInvertings and for which the Feature is the featureInverted.

/ownedRedefinition : Redefinition [0..\*] {subsets ownedSubsetting}

The ownedSubsettings of this Feature that are Redefinitions, for which the Feature is the redefiningFeature.

/ownedReferenceSubsetting : ReferenceSubsetting [0..1] {subsets ownedSubsetting}

The one ownedSubsetting of this Feature, if any, that is a ReferenceSubsetting, for which the Feature is the referencingFeature.

/ownedSubsetting : Subsetting [0..\*] {subsets ownedSpecialization, subsetting}

The ownedSpecializations of this Feature that are Subsettings, for which the Feature is the subsettingFeature.

/ownedTypeFeaturing : TypeFeaturing [0..\*] {subsets ownedRelationship, typeFeaturing, ordered}

The ownedRelationships of this Feature that are TypeFeaturings and for which the Feature is the featureOfType.

/ownedTyping : FeatureTyping [0..\*] {subsets ownedSpecialization, typing, ordered}

The ownedSpecializations of this Feature that are FeatureTypings, for which the Feature is the typedFeature.

/owningFeatureMembership : FeatureMembership [0..1] {subsets owningMembership}

The FeatureMembership that owns this Feature as an ownedMemberFeature, determining its owningType.

/owningType : Type [0..1] {subsets typeWithFeature, owningNamespace, featuringType}

The Type that is the owningType of the owningFeatureMembership of this Feature.

/type : Type [0..\*] {ordered}

Types that restrict the values of this Feature, such that the values must be instances of all the types. The types of a Feature are derived from its typings and the types of its subsettings. If the Feature is chained, then the types of the last Feature in the chain are also types of the chained Feature.

## Operations

allRedefinedFeatures() : Feature [0..\*]

Return this Feature and all the Features that are directly or indirectly Redefined by this Feature.

```
body: ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
  closure(ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature)->
  asOrderedSet()->prepend(self)
```

asCartesianProduct() : Type [0..\*]

If `isCartesianProduct` is true, then return the list of `Types` whose Cartesian product can be represented by this `Feature`. (If `isCartesianProduct` is not true, the operation will still return a valid value, it will just not represent anything useful.)

```
body: featuringType->select(t | t.owner <> self)->
  union(featuringType->select(t | t.owner = self)->
    selectByKind(Feature).asCartesianProduct())->
  union(type)
```

`canAccess(feature : Feature) : Boolean`

A `Feature` can access another `feature` if the other `feature` is featured within one of the direct or indirect `featuringTypes` of this `Feature`.

```
body: let anythingType: Element =
  subsettingFeature.resolveGlobal('Base::Anything').memberElement in
let allFeaturingTypes : Sequence(Type) =
  featuringTypes->closure(t |
    if not t.ocIsKindOf(Feature) then Sequence{}
    else
      let featuringTypes : OrderedSet(Type) = t.ocAsType(Feature).featuringType in
      if featuringTypes->isEmpty() then Sequence{anythingType}
      else featuringTypes
    endif
  endif) in
allFeaturingTypes->exists(t | feature.isFeaturedWithin(t))
```

`directionFor(type : Type) : FeatureDirectionKind [0..1]`

Return the `directionOf` this `Feature` relative to the given `type`.

```
body: type.directionOf(self)
```

`effectiveName() : String [0..1] {redefines effectiveName}`

If a `Feature` has no `declaredName` or `declaredShortName`, then its effective name is given by the effective name of the `Feature` returned by the `namingFeature()` operation, if any.

```
body: if declaredShortName <> null or declaredName <> null then
  declaredName
else
  let namingFeature : Feature = namingFeature() in
  if namingFeature = null then
    null
  else
    namingFeature.effectiveName()
  endif
endif
```

`effectiveShortName() : String [0..1] {redefines effectiveShortName}`

If a `Feature` has no `declaredShortName` or `declaredName`, then its effective `shortName` is given by the effective `shortName` of the `Feature` returned by the `namingFeature()` operation, if any.

```
body: if declaredShortName <> null or declaredName <> null then
  declaredShortName
else
  let namingFeature : Feature = namingFeature() in
  if namingFeature = null then
    null
  else
    namingFeature.effectiveShortName()
  endif
endif
```

```

    else
        namingFeature.effectiveShortName()
    endif
endif

```

**isCartesianProduct()** : Boolean

Check whether this Feature can be used to represent a Cartesian product of Types.

```

body: type->size() = 1 and
featuringType.size() = 1 and
(featuringType.first().owner = self implies
    featuringType.first().oclIsKindOf(Feature) and
    featuringType.first().oclAsType(Feature).isCartesianProduct())

```

**isCompatibleWith(otherType : Type)** {redefines isCompatibleWith}

A Feature is compatible with an otherType if it either directly or indirectly specializes the otherType or if the otherType is also a Feature and all of the following are true.

1. Neither this Feature or the otherType have any ownedFeatures.
2. This Feature directly or indirectly redefines a Feature that is also directly or indirectly redefined by the otherType.
3. This Feature can access the otherType.

```

body: specializes(otherType) or
supertype.oclIsKindOf(Feature) and
ownedFeature->isEmpty() and
otherType.ownedFeature->isEmpty() and
ownedRedefinitions.allRedefinedFeatures()->exists(f |
    otherType.oclAsType(Feature).allRedefinedFeatures()->includes(f)) and
canAccess(otherType.oclAsType(Feature))

```

**isFeaturedWithin(type : Type [0..1])** : Boolean

Return if the featuringTypes of this Feature are compatible with the given type. If type is null, then check if this Feature is explicitly or implicitly featured by *Base::Anything*. If this Feature has *isVariable* = true, then also consider it to be featured within its owningType. If this Feature is a feature chain whose first chainingFeature has *isVariable* = true, then also consider it to be featured within the owningType of its first chainingFeature.

```

body: if type = null then
    featuringType->forall(f | f = resolveGlobal('Base::Anything').memberElement)
else
    featuringType->forall(f | type.isCompatibleWith(f)) or
    isVariable and type.specializes(owningType) or
    chainingFeature->notEmpty() and chainingFeature->first().isVariable and
        type.specializes(chainingFeature->first().owningType)
endif

```

**isFeaturingType(type : Type)** : Boolean

Return whether the given type must be a featuringType of this Feature. If this Feature has *isVariable* = false, then return true if the type is the owningType of the Feature. If *isVariable* = true, then return true if the type is a Feature representing the *snapshots* of the owningType of this Feature.

```

body: owningType <> null and
if not isVariable then type = owningType
else if owningType = resolveGlobal('Occurrences::Occurrence').memberElement then

```



```

    type = resolveGlobal('Occurrences::Occurrence::snapshots').memberElement
  else
    type.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and
    let feature : Feature = type.ocAsType(Feature) in
    feature.featuringType->includes(owningType) and
    feature.redefinesFromLibrary('Occurrences::Occurrence::snapshots')
  endif

```

**isOwnedCrossFeature() : Boolean**

Return whether this Feature is an owned cross Feature of an end Feature.

**body:** owningNamespace <> null and  
 owningNamespace.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and  
 owningNamespace.ocAsType(Feature).ownedCrossFeature() = self

**namingFeature() : Feature [0..1]**

By default, the naming Feature of a Feature is given by its first redefinedFeature of its first ownedRedefinition, if any.

**body:** if ownedRedefinition->isEmpty() then  
 null  
 else  
 ownedRedefinition->at(1).redefinedFeature  
 endif

**ownedCrossFeature() : Feature [0..1]**

If this Feature is an end Feature of its owningType, then return the first ownedMember of the Feature that is a Feature, but not a Multiplicity or a MetadataFeature, and whose owningMembership is *not* a FeatureMembership. If this exists, it is the crossFeature of the end Feature.

**body:** if not isEnd or owningType = null then null  
 else  
 let ownedMemberFeatures: Sequence(Feature) =  
 ownedMember->selectByKind(Feature)->  
 reject(ocIsKindOf(Multiplicity) or  
 ocIsKindOf(MetadataFeature) or  
 ocIsKindOf(FeatureValue))->  
 reject(owningMembership.ocIsKindOf(FeatureMembership)) in  
 if ownedMemberFeatures.isEmpty() then null  
 else ownedMemberFeatures->first()  
 endif

**redefines(redefinedFeature : Feature) : Boolean**

Check whether this Feature *directly* redefines the given redefinedFeature.

**body:** ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->includes(redefinedFeature)

**redefinesFromLibrary(libraryFeatureName : String) : Boolean**

Check whether this Feature *directly* redefines the named library Feature. libraryFeatureName must conform to the syntax of a KerML qualified name and must resolve to a Feature in global scope.

**body:** let mem: Membership = resolveGlobal(libraryFeatureName) in  
 mem <> null and mem.memberElement.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and  
 redefines(mem.memberElement.ocAsType(Feature))

subsetsChain(first : Feature, second : Feature) : Boolean

Check whether this Feature directly or indirectly specializes a Feature whose last two chainingFeatures are the given Features first and second.

```
body: allSuperTypes()->selectAsKind(Feature)->
  exists(f | let n: Integer = f.chainingFeature->size() in
    n >= 2 and
    f.chainingFeature->at(n-1) = first and
    f.chainingFeature->at(n) = second)
```

supertypes(excludeImplied : Boolean) : Type [0..\*] {redefines supertypes}

```
body: let supertypes : OrderedSet(Type) =
  self.oclAsType(Type).supertypes(excludeImplied) in
if featureTarget = self then supertypes
else supertypes->append(featureTarget)
endif
```

typingFeatures() : Feature [0..\*]

Return the Features used to determine the types of this Feature (other than this Feature itself). If this Feature is *not* conjugated, then the typingFeatures consist of all subsetted Features, *except* from CrossSubsetting, and the last chainingFeature (if any). If this Feature *is* conjugated, then the typingFeatures are only its originalType (if the originalType is a Feature).

**Note.** CrossSubsetting is excluded from the determination of the type of a Feature in order to avoid circularity in the construction of implied CrossSubsetting relationships. The validateFeatureCrossFeatureType requires that the crossFeature of a Feature have the same type as the Feature.

```
body: if not isConjugated then
  let subsettedFeatures : OrderedSet(Feature) =
    subsetting->reject(s | s.oclIsKindOf(CrossSubsetting)).subsettedFeatures in
  if chainingFeature->isEmpty() or
    subsettedFeature->includes(chainingFeature->last())
  then subsettedFeatures
  else subsettedFeatures->append(chainingFeature->last())
endif
else if conjugator.originalType.oclIsKindOf(Feature) then
  OrderedSet{conjugator.originalType.oclAsType(Feature)}
else OrderedSet{}
endif endif
```

## Constraints

checkFeatureCrossingSpecialization

If this Feature has isEnd = true and ownedCrossFeature returns a non-null value, then the crossFeature of the Feature must be the Feature returned from ownedCrossFeature (which implies that this Feature has an appropriate ownedCrossSubsetting to realize this).

```
ownedCrossFeature() <> null implies
  crossFeature = ownedCrossFeature()
```

checkFeatureDataValueSpecialization

If a Feature has an ownedTyping relationship to a DataType, then it must directly or indirectly specialize Base::dataValues from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
ownedTyping.type->exists(selectByKind(DataType)) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Base::dataValues')
```

#### checkFeatureEndRedefinition

If a Feature has `isEnd = true` and an `owningType` that is not empty, then, for each direct supertype of its `owningType`, it must redefine the `endFeature` at the same position, if any.

```
isEnd and owningType <> null implies
  let i : Integer =
    owningType.ownedEndFeature->indexOf(self) in
    owningType.ownedSpecialization.general->
      forAll(supertype |
        supertype.endFeature->size() >= i implies
          redefines(supertype.endFeature->at(i))
```

#### checkFeatureEndSpecialization

If a Feature has `isEnd = true` and an `owningType` that is an Association or a Connector, then it must directly or indirectly specialize `Links::Link::participant` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
isEnd and owningType <> null and
(owningType.ocIsKindOf(Association) or
owningType.ocIsKindOf(Connector)) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Links::Link::participant')
```

#### checkFeatureFeatureMembershipTypeFeaturing

If a Feature is owned via a FeatureMembership, then it must have a `featuringType` for which the operation `isFeaturingType` returns true.

```
owningFeatureMembership <> null implies
  featuringTypes->exists(t | isFeaturingType(t))
```

#### checkFeatureFlowFeatureRedefinition

If a Feature is the first ownedFeature of a first or second FlowEnd, then it must directly or indirectly specialize either `Transfers::Transfer::source::sourceOutput` or `Transfers::Transfer::target::targetInput`, respectively, from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
owningType <> null and
owningType.ocIsKindOf(FlowEnd) and
owningType.ownedFeature->at(1) = self implies
  let flowType : Type = owningType.owningType in
  flowType <> null implies
    let i : Integer =
      flowType.ownedFeature.indexOf(owningType) in
      (i = 1 implies
        redefinesFromLibrary('Transfers::Transfer::source::sourceOutput')) and
      (i = 2 implies
        redefinesFromLibrary('Transfers::Transfer::source::targetInput'))
```

#### checkFeatureObjectSpecialization

If a Feature has an `ownedTyping` relationship to a Structure, then it must directly or indirectly specialize `Objects::objects` from the Kernel Semantics Library.

```
ownedTyping.type->exists(selectByKind(Structure)) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Objects::objects')
```

#### checkFeatureOccurrenceSpecialization

If a Feature has an ownedTyping relationship to a Class, then it must directly or indirectly specialize *Occurrences::occurrences* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
ownedTyping.type->exists(selectByKind(Class)) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Occurrences::occurrences')
```

#### checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureRedefinitionSpecialization

If this Feature is the ownedCrossFeature of an end Feature, then, for any end Feature that is redefined by the owning end Feature of this Feature, this Feature must subset the crossFeature of the redefined end Feature, if this exists.

```
isOwnedCrossFeature() implies
  ownedSubsetting.subsettedFeature->includesAll(
    owner.oclAsType(Feature).ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
      select(crossFeature <> null).crossFeature)
```

#### checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureSpecialization

If this Feature is the ownedCrossFeature of an end Feature, then it must directly or indirectly specialize the types of its owning end Feature.

```
isOwnedCrossFeature() implies
  owner.oclAsType(Feature).type->forall(t | self.specializes(t))
```

#### checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureTypeFeaturing

If this Feature is the ownedCrossFeature of an end Feature, then it must have featuringTypes consistent with the crossing from other end Features of the owningType of its end Feature.

```
isOwnedCrossFeature() implies
  let otherEnds : OrderedSet(Feature) =
    owner.oclAsType(Feature).owningType.endFeature->excluding(self) in
  if (otherEnds->size() = 1) then
    featuringType = otherEnds->first().type
  else
    featuringType->size() = 1 and
    featuringType->first().isCartesianProduct() and
    featuringType->first().asCartesianProduct() = otherEnds.type and
    featuringType->first().allSupertypes()->includesAll(
      owner.oclAsType(Feature).ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
        select(crossFeature() <> null).crossFeature().featuringType)
  endif
```

#### checkFeatureParameterRedefinition

If a Feature is a parameter of an owningType that is a Behavior or Step, but *not*

- A result parameter
- A parameter of an InvocationExpression, with at least one non-implied ownedRedefinition

then, for each direct supertype of its owningType that is also a Behavior or Step, it must redefine the parameter at the same position, if any.

```

owningType <> null and
not owningFeatureMembership.
    oclIsKindOf(ReturnParameterMembership) and
(owningType.oclIsKindOf(Behavior) or
owningType.oclIsKindOf(Step) and
    (owningType.oclIsKindOf(InvocationExpression) implies
        not ownedRedefinition->exists(not isImplied))
implies
    let i : Integer =
        owningType.ownedFeature->select(direction <> null)->
            reject(owningFeatureMembership.
                oclIsKindOf(ReturnParameterMembership))->
                indexOf(self) in
        owningType.ownedSpecialization.general->
            forAll(supertype |
                let ownedParameters : Sequence(Feature) =
                    supertype.ownedFeature->select(direction <> null)->
                        reject(owningFeatureMembership.
                            oclIsKindOf(ReturnParameterMembership)) in
                    ownedParameters->size() >= i implies
                        redefines(ownedParameters->at(i))

```

### checkFeaturePortionSpecialization

If a Feature has `isPortion = true`, an `ownedTyping` relationship to a Class, and an `owningType` that is a Class or another Feature typed by a Class, then it must directly or indirectly specialize *Occurrences::Occurrence::portions* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```

isPortion and
ownedTyping.type->includes(oclIsKindOf(Class)) and
owningType <> null and
(owningType.oclIsKindOf(Class) or
owningType.oclIsKindOf(Feature) and
    owningType.oclAsType(Feature).type->
        exists(oclIsKindOf(Class))) implies
    specializesFromLibrary('Occurrence::Occurrence::portions')

```

### checkFeatureResultRedefinition

If a Feature is a result parameter of an `owningType` that is a Function or Expression, then, for each direct supertype of its `owningType` that is also a Function or Expression, it must redefine the result parameter.

```

owningType <> null and
(owningType.oclIsKindOf(Function) and
    self = owningType.oclAsType(Function).result or
owningType.oclIsKindOf(Expression) and
    self = owningType.oclAsType(Expression).result) implies
    owningType.ownedSpecialization.general->
        select(oclIsKindOf(Function) or oclIsKindOf(Expression))->
            forAll(supertype |
                redefines(
                    if supertype.oclIsKindOf(Function) then
                        supertype.oclAsType(Function).result
                    else
                        supertype.oclAsType(Expression).result
                    endif)

```

### checkFeatureSpecialization

A Feature must directly or indirectly specialize *Base::things* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Base::things')
```

#### checkFeatureSubobjectSpecialization

A composite Feature typed by a Structure, and whose ownedType is a Structure or another Feature typed by a Structure must directly or indirectly specialize *Objects::Object::subobjects*

```
isComposite and
ownedTyping.type->includes(oclIsKindOf(Structure)) and
owningType <> null and
(owningType.oclIsKindOf(Structure) or
  owningType.type->includes(oclIsKindOf(Structure))) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Occurrence::Occurrence::suboccurrences')
```

#### checkFeatureSuboccurrenceSpecialization

A composite Feature that has an ownedTyping relationship to a Class, and whose ownedType is a Class or another Feature typed by a Class, must directly or indirectly specialize *Occurrences::Occurrence::suboccurrences*

```
isComposite and
ownedTyping.type->includes(oclIsKindOf(Class)) and
owningType <> null and
(owningType.oclIsKindOf(Class) or
  owningType.oclIsKindOf(Feature) and
    owningType.oclAsType(Feature).type->
      exists(oclIsKindOf(Class))) implies
  specializesFromLibrary('Occurrence::Occurrence::suboccurrences')
```

#### checkFeatureValuationSpecialization

If a Feature has a FeatureValue, no ownedSpecializations that are not implied, and is not directed, then it must specialize the result of the value Expression of the FeatureValue.

```
direction = null and
ownedSpecializations->forall(isImplied) implies
  ownedMembership->
    selectByKind(FeatureValue)->
      forall(fv | specializes(fv.value.result))
```

#### deriveFeatureChainingFeature

The chainingFeatures of a Feature are the chainingFeatures of its ownedFeatureChainings.

```
chainingFeature = ownedFeatureChaining.chainingFeature
```

#### deriveFeatureCrossFeature

The crossFeature of a Feature is the second chainingFeature of the crossedFeature of the ownedCrossSubsetting of the Feature, if any.

```
crossFeature =
  if ownedCrossSubsetting = null then null
  else
    let chainingFeatures: Sequence(Feature) =
      ownedCrossSubsetting.crossedFeature.chainingFeature in
    if chainingFeatures->size() < 2 then null
    else chainingFeatures->at(2)
  endif
```

### deriveFeatureFeatureTarget

If a Feature has no chainingFeatures, then its featureTarget is the Feature itself, otherwise the featureTarget is the last of the chainingFeatures.

```
featureTarget = if chainingFeature->isEmpty() then self else chainingFeature->last() endif
```

### deriveFeatureFeaturingType

The featuringTypes of a Feature include the featuringTypes of all the typeFeaturings of the Feature. If the Feature has chainingFeatures, then its featuringTypes also include the featuringTypes of the first chainingFeature.

```
featuringType =  
  let featuringTypes : OrderedSet(Type) =  
    featuring.type->asOrderedSet() in  
  if chainingFeature->isEmpty() then featuringTypes  
  else  
    featuringTypes->  
      union(chainingFeature->first().featuringType)->  
        asOrderedSet()  
  endif
```

### deriveFeatureOwnedCrossSubsetting

The ownedCrossSubsetting of a Feature is the ownedSubsetting that is a CrossSubsetting, if any.

```
ownedCrossSubsetting =  
  let crossSubsettings: Sequence(CrossSubsetting) =  
    ownedSubsetting->selectByKind(CrossSubsetting) in  
  if crossSubsettings->isEmpty() then null  
  else crossSubsettings->first()  
  endif
```

### deriveFeatureOwnedFeatureChaining

The ownedFeatureChainings of a Feature are the ownedRelationships that are FeatureChainings.

```
ownedFeatureChaining = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(FeatureChaining)
```

### deriveFeatureOwnedFeatureInverting

The ownedFeatureInvertings of a Feature are its ownedRelationships that are FeatureInvertings.

```
ownedFeatureInverting = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(FeatureInverting)->  
  select(fi | fi.featureInverted = self)
```

### deriveFeatureOwnedRedefinition

The ownedRedefinitions of a Feature are its ownedSubsettings that are Redefinitions.

```
ownedRedefinition = ownedSubsetting->selectByKind(Redefinition)
```

### deriveFeatureOwnedReferenceSubsetting

The ownedReferenceSubsetting of a Feature is the first ownedSubsetting that is a ReferenceSubsetting (if any).

```
ownedReferenceSubsetting =
  let referenceSubsettings : OrderedSet(ReferenceSubsetting) =
    ownedSubsetting->selectByKind(ReferenceSubsetting) in
  if referenceSubsettings->isEmpty() then null
  else referenceSubsettings->first() endif
```

#### deriveFeatureOwnedSubsetting

The ownedSubsettings of a Feature are its ownedSpecializations that are Subsettings.

```
ownedSubsetting = ownedSpecialization->selectByKind(Subsetting)
```

#### deriveFeatureOwnedTypeFeaturing

The ownedTypeFeaturings of a Feature are its ownedRelationships that are TypeFeaturings and which have the Feature as their featureOfType.

```
ownedTypeFeaturing = ownedRelationship->selectByKind(TypeFeaturing)->
  select(tf | tf.featureOfType = self)
```

#### deriveFeatureOwnedTyping

The ownedTypings of a Feature are its ownedSpecializations that are FeatureTypings.

```
ownedTyping = ownedGeneralization->selectByKind(FeatureTyping)
```

#### deriveFeatureType

The types of a Feature are the union of the types of its typings and the types of the Features it subsets, with all redundant supertypes removed. If the Feature has chainingFeatures, then the union also includes the types of the last chainingFeature.

```
type =
  let types : OrderedSet(Types) = OrderedSet{self}->
    -- Note: The closure operation automatically handles circular relationships.
    closure(typingFeatures()).typing.type->asOrderedSet() in
  types->reject(t1 | types->exist(t2 | t2 <> t1 and t2.specializes(t1)))
```

#### validateFeatureChainingFeatureConformance

Each chainingFeature (other than the first) must be featured within the previous chainingFeature.

```
Sequence{2..chainingFeature->size()}->forall(i |
  chainingFeature->at(i).isFeaturedWithin(chainingFeature->at(i-1)))
```

#### validateFeatureChainingFeatureNotOne

A Feature must have either no chainingFeatures or more than one.

```
chainingFeature->size() <> 1
```

#### validateFeatureChainingFeaturesNotSelf

A Feature cannot be one of its own chainingFeatures.

```
chainingFeature->excludes(self)
```

#### validateFeatureConstantIsVariable



A Feature with `isConstant = true` must have `isVariable = true`

`isConstant` implies `isVariable`

#### `validateFeatureCrossFeatureSpecialization`

If this Feature has a `crossFeature`, then, for any Feature that is redefined by this Feature, the `crossFeature` must specialize the `crossFeature` of the redefined end Feature, if this exists.

```
crossFeature <> null implies
  ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature.crossFeature->
    forAll(f | f <> null implies crossFeature.specializes(f))
```

#### `validateFeatureCrossFeatureType`

The `crossFeature` of a Feature must have the same types as the Feature.

```
crossFeature <> null implies
  crossFeature.type->asSet() = type->asSet()
```

#### `validateFeatureEndIsConstant`

A Feature with `isEnd = true` and `isVariable = true` must have `isConstant = true`.

`isEnd` and `isVariable` implies `isConstant`

#### `validateFeatureEndMultiplicity`

If a Feature has `isEnd = true`, then it must have multiplicity 1..1.

```
isEnd implies
  multiplicities().allSuperTypes()->flatten()->
    selectByKind(MultiplicityRange)->exists(hasBounds(1,1))
```

#### `validateFeatureEndNoDirection`

A Feature with `isEnd = true` must have no direction.

`isEnd` implied `direction = null`

#### `validateFeatureEndNotDerivedAbstractCompositeOrPortion`

A Feature with `isEnd = true` must have all of `isDerived = false`, `isAbstract = false`, `isComposite = false`, and `isPortion = false`.

`isEnd` implies not (`isDerived` or `isAbstract` or `isComposite` or `isPortion`)

#### `validateFeatureIsVariable`

A Feature with `isVariable = true` must have an `owningType` that directly or indirectly specializes the Class `Occurrences::Occurrence` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
isVariable implies
  owningType <> null and
  owningType.specializes('Occurrences::Occurrence')
```

#### `validateFeatureMultiplicityDomain`

If a Feature has a multiplicity, then the featuringTypes of the multiplicity must be the same as those of the Feature itself.

```
multiplicity <> null implies multiplicity.featureingType = featuringType
```

validateFeatureOwnedCrossSubsetting

A Feature must have at most one ownedSubsetting that is a CrossSubsetting.

```
ownedSubsetting->selectByKind(CrossSubsetting)->size() <= 1
```

validateFeatureOwnedReferenceSubsetting

A Feature must have at most one ownedSubsetting that is an ReferenceSubsetting.

```
ownedSubsetting->selectByKind(ReferenceSubsetting)->size() <= 1
```

validateFeaturePortionNotVariable

```
isPortion implies not isVariable
```

### 8.3.3.3.5 FeatureChaining

#### Description

FeatureChaining is a Relationship that makes its target Feature one of the chainingFeatures of its owning Feature.

#### General Classes

Relationship

#### Attributes

chainingFeature : Feature {redefines target}

The Feature whose values partly determine values of featureChained, as described in Feature::chainingFeature.

/featureChained : Feature {subsets owningRelatedElement, redefines source}

The Feature whose values are partly determined by values of the chainingFeature, as described in Feature::chainingFeature.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.3.6 FeatureInverting

#### Description

A `FeatureInverting` is a `Relationship` between `Features` asserting that their interpretations (sequences) are the reverse of each other, identified as `featureInverted` and `invertingFeature`. For example, a `Feature` identifying each person's parents is the inverse of a `Feature` identifying each person's children. A person identified as a parent of another will identify that other as one of their children.

### General Classes

`Relationship`

### Attributes

`featureInverted` : `Feature` {redefines `source`}

The `Feature` that is an inverse of the `invertingFeature`.

`invertingFeature` : `Feature` {redefines `target`}

The `Feature` that is an inverse of the `invertedFeature`.

`/owningFeature` : `Feature` [0..1] {subsets `owningRelatedElement`, `featureInverted`}

A `featureInverted` that is also the `owningRelatedElement` of this `FeatureInverting`.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

None.

## 8.3.3.3.7 FeatureTyping

### Description

`FeatureTyping` is `Specialization` in which the specific `Type` is a `Feature`. This means the set of instances of the (specific) `typedFeature` is a subset of the set of instances of the (general) `type`. In the simplest case, the `type` is a `Classifier`, whereupon the `typedFeature` has values that are instances of the `Classifier`.

### General Classes

`Specialization`

### Attributes

`/owningFeature` : `Feature` [0..1] {subsets `typedFeature`, redefines `owningType`}

A `typedFeature` that is also the `owningRelatedElement` of this `FeatureTyping`.

`type` : `Type` {redefines `general`}

The `Type` that is being applied by this `FeatureTyping`.

`typedFeature` : `Feature` {redefines `specific`}

The `Feature` that has a `type` determined by this `FeatureTyping`.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 8.3.3.3.8 Redefinition

[KERML -224](#): Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions

[KERML -1](#): isEnd of the redefining feature must match isEnd of the redefined feature

## Description

Redefinition is a kind of Subsetting that requires the `redefinedFeature` and the `redefiningFeature` to have the same values (on each instance of the domain of the `redefiningFeature`). This means any restrictions on the `redefiningFeature`, such as type or multiplicity, also apply to the `redefinedFeature` (on each instance of the domain of the `redefiningFeature`), and vice versa. The `redefinedFeature` might have values for instances of the domain of the `redefiningFeature`, but only as instances of the domain of the `redefinedFeature` that happen to also be instances of the domain of the `redefiningFeature`. This is supported by the constraints inherited from Subsetting on the domains of the `redefiningFeature` and `redefinedFeature`. However, these constraints are narrowed for Redefinition to require the `owningTypes` of the `redefiningFeature` and `redefinedFeature` to be different and the `redefinedFeature` to not be inherited into the `owningNamespace` of the `redefiningFeature`. This enables the `redefiningFeature` to have the same name as the `redefinedFeature`, if desired.

## General Classes

Subsetting

## Attributes

`redefinedFeature` : Feature {redefines `subsettingFeature`}

The Feature that is redefined by the `redefiningFeature` of this Redefinition.

`redefiningFeature` : Feature {redefines `subsettingFeature`}

The Feature that is redefining the `redefinedFeature` of this Redefinition.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`validateRedefinitionDirectionConformance`

If the `redefinedFeature` of a Redefinition has a direction of in or out (relative to any `featuringType` of the `redefiningFeature` or the `owningType`, if the `redefiningFeature` has `isVariable` = true), then the `redefiningFeature` must have the same direction. If the `redefinedFeature` has a direction of inout, then the `redefiningFeature` must have a non-null direction. (Note: the direction of the `redefinedFeature` relative to a `featuringType` of the `redefiningFeature` is the direction it would have if it had been inherited and not redefined.)

```

let featuringTypes : Sequence(Type) =
  if redefiningFeature.isVariable then Sequence{redefiningFeature.owningType}
  else redefiningFeature.featuringType
endif in
featuringTypes->forall(t |
  let direction : FeatureDirectionKind = t.directionOf(redefinedFeature) in
  ((direction = FeatureDirectionKind::_'in' or
    direction = FeatureDirectionKind::out) implies
    redefiningFeature.direction = direction)
  and
  (direction = FeatureDirectionKind::inout implies
    redefiningFeature.direction <> null))

```

#### validateRedefinitionEndConformance

If the redefinedFeature of a Redefinition has isEnd = true, then the redefiningFeature must have isEnd = true.

```
redefinedFeature.isEnd implies redefiningFeature.isEnd
```

#### validateRedefinitionFeaturingTypes

The redefiningFeature of a Redefinition must have at least one featuringType that is not also a featuringType of the redefinedFeature.

```

let anythingType: Type =
  redefiningFeature.resolveGlobal('Base::Anything').modelElement.oclAsType(Type) in
-- Including "Anything" accounts for implicit featuringType of Features
-- with no explicit featuringType.
let redefiningFeaturingTypes: Set(Type) =
  if redefiningFeature.isVariable then Set{redefiningFeature.owningType}
  else redefiningFeature.featuringTypes->asSet() ->including(anythingType)
endif in
let redefinedFeaturingTypes: Set(Type) =
  if redefinedFeature.isVariable then Set{redefinedFeature.owningType}
  else redefinedFeature.featuringTypes->asSet() ->including(anythingType)
endif in
redefiningFeaturingTypes <> redefinedFeaturingType

```

### 8.3.3.3.9 ReferenceSubsetting

#### Description

ReferenceSubsetting is a kind of Subsetting in which the referencedFeature is syntactically distinguished from other Features subsetting by the referencingFeature. ReferenceSubsetting has the same semantics as Subsetting, but the referencedFeature may have a special purpose relative to the referencingFeature. For instance, ReferenceSubsetting is used to identify the relatedFeatures of a Connector.

ReferenceSubsetting is always an ownedRelationship of its referencingFeature. A Feature can have at most one ownedReferenceSubsetting.

#### General Classes

##### Subsetting

##### Attributes

```
referencedFeature : Feature {redefines subsettingFeature}
```

The Feature that is referenced by the referencingFeature of this ReferenceSubsetting.

/referencingFeature : Feature {redefines subsettingFeature, owningFeature}

The Feature that owns this ReferenceSubsetting relationship, which is also its subsettingFeature.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.3.3.10 Subsetting

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML -72](#): Editorial errors in constraints

[KERML -224](#): Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions

### Description

Subsetting is Specialization in which the specific and general Types are Features. This means all values of the subsettingFeature (on instances of its domain, i.e., the intersection of its featuringTypes) are values of the subsettingFeature on instances of its domain. To support this the domain of the subsettingFeature must be the same or specialize (at least indirectly) the domain of the subsettingFeature (via Specialization), and the co-domain (intersection of the types) of the subsettingFeature must specialize the co-domain of the subsettingFeature.

### General Classes

Specialization

### Attributes

/owningFeature : Feature [0..1] {subsets subsettingFeature, redefines owningType}

A subsettingFeature that is also the owningRelatedElement of this Subsetting.

subsettingFeature : Feature {redefines general}

The Feature that is subsetting by the subsettingFeature of this Subsetting.

subsettingFeature : Feature {redefines specific}

The Feature that is a subset of the subsettingFeature of this Subsetting.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

validateSubsettingConstantConformance

If the `subsettedFeature` of a `Subsetting` has `isConstant = true` and the `subsettingFeature` has `isVariable = true`, then the `subsettingFeature` must have `isConstant = true`.

`subsettingFeature.isConstant` and `subsettingFeature.isVariable` implies `subsettingFeature.isConstant`

`validateSubsettingFeaturingTypes`

The `subsettingFeature` must be accessible by the `subsettingFeature`.

`subsettingFeature.canAccess(subsettedFeature)`

`validateSubsettingUniquenessConformance`

If the `subsettingFeature` of a `Subsetting` has `isUnique = true`, then the `subsettingFeature` must have `isUnique = true`.

`subsettingFeature.isUnique` implies `subsettingFeature.isUnique`

### 8.3.3.3.11 TypeFeaturing

**KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

#### Description

A `TypeFeaturing` is a `Featuring Relationship` in which the `featureOfType` is the source and the `featuringType` is the target.

#### General Classes

`Relationship`

#### Attributes

`featureOfType : Feature {redefines source}`

The `Feature` that is featured by the `featuringType`. It is the source of the `TypeFeaturing`.

`featuringType : Type {redefines target}`

The `Type` that features the `featureOfType`. It is the target of the `TypeFeaturing`.

`/owningFeatureOfType : Feature [0..1] {subsets featureOfType, owningRelatedElement}`

A `featureOfType` that is also the `owningRelatedElement` of this `TypeFeaturing`.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

None.

## 8.3.4 Kernel Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.4.1 Data Types Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.4.1.1 Overview

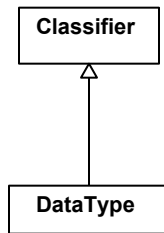


Figure 23. Data Types

#### 8.3.4.1.2 DataType

##### Description

A `DataType` is a `Classifier` of things (in the universe) that can only be distinguished by how they are related to other things (via `Features`). This means multiple things classified by the same `DataType`

- Cannot be distinguished when they are related to other things in exactly the same way, even when they are intended to be about different things.
- Can be distinguished when they are related to other things in different ways, even when they are intended to be about the same thing.

##### General Classes

`Classifier`

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

`checkDataTypeSpecialization`

A `DataType` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `DataType` `Base::DataValue` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Base::DataValue')
```

`validateDataTypeSpecialization`

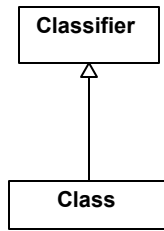
A `DataType` must not specialize a `Class` or an `Association`.

```
ownedSpecialization.general->
  forAll(not oclIsKindOf(Class) and
        not oclIsKindOf(Association))
```

#### 8.3.4.2 Classes Abstract Syntax

##### 8.3.4.2.1 Overview





**Figure 24. Classes**

#### 8.3.4.2.2 Class

##### Description

A **Class** is a **Classifier** of things (in the universe) that can be distinguished without regard to how they are related to other things (via **Features**). This means multiple things classified by the same **Class** can be distinguished, even when they are related other things in exactly the same way.

##### General Classes

Classifier

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

checkClassSpecialization

A **Class** must directly or indirectly specialize the base Class *Occurrences::Occurrence* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Occurrences::Occurrence')
```

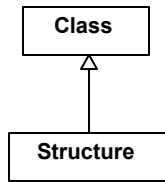
validateClassSpecialization

A **Class** must not specialize a **DataType** and it can only specialize an **Association** if it is also itself a kind of **Association** (such as an **AssociationStructure** or **Interaction**).

```
ownedSpecialization.general->
  forAll(not oclIsKindOf(DataType)) and
not oclIsKindOf(Association) implies
  ownedSpecialization.general->
    forAll(not oclIsKindOf(Association))
```

#### 8.3.4.3 Structures Abstract Syntax

##### 8.3.4.3.1 Overview



**Figure 25. Structures**

#### **8.3.4.3.2 Structure**

##### **Description**

A *Structure* is a *Class* of objects in the modeled universe that are primarily structural in nature. While such an object is not itself behavioral, it may be involved in and acted on by *Behaviors*, and it may be the performer of some of them.

##### **General Classes**

Class

##### **Attributes**

None.

##### **Operations**

None.

##### **Constraints**

checkStructureSpecialization

A *Structure* must directly or indirectly specialize the base *Structure* *Objects::Object* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Objects::Object')
```

validateStructureSpecialization

A *Structure* must not specialize a *Behavior*.

```
ownedSpecialization.general->forAll(not oclIsKindOf(Behavior))
```

#### **8.3.4.4 Associations Abstract Syntax**

##### **8.3.4.4.1 Overview**

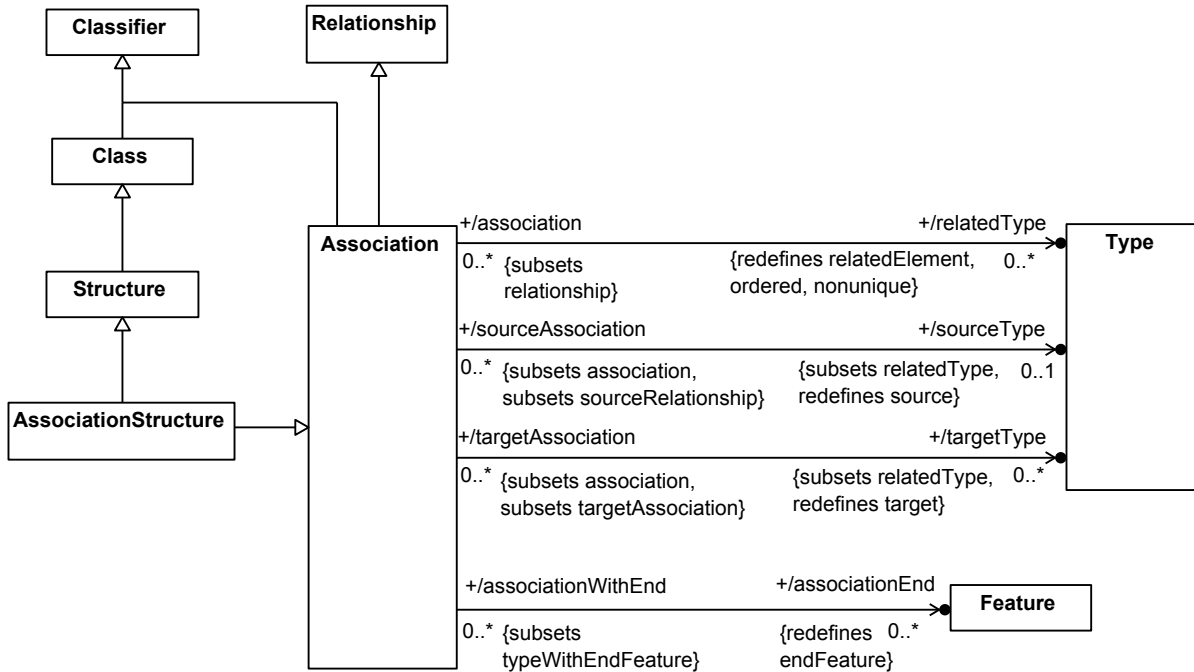


Figure 26. Associations

#### 8.3.4.4.2 Association

##### KERML -32: Association ends can have more than one type

##### Description

An `Association` is a `Relationship` and a `Classifier` to enable classification of links between things (in the universe). The co-domains (types) of the `associationEnd` `Features` are the `relatedTypes`, as co-domain and participants (linked things) of an `Association` identify each other.

##### General Classes

`Classifier`  
`Relationship`

##### Attributes

`/associationEnd : Feature [0..*] {redefines endFeature}`

The `features` of the `Association` that identify the things that can be related by it. A concrete `Association` must have at least two `associationEnds`. When it has exactly two, the `Association` is called a *binary Association*.

`/relatedType : Type [0..*] {redefines relatedElement, ordered, nonunique}`

The `types` of the `associationEnds` of the `Association`, which are the `relatedElements` of the `Association` considered as a `Relationship`.

`/sourceType : Type [0..1] {subsets relatedType, redefines source}`

The source `relatedType` for this `Association`. It is the first `relatedType` of the `Association`.

/targetType : Type [0..\*] {subsets relatedType, redefines target}

The target relatedTypes for this Association. This includes all the relatedTypes other than the sourceType.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

checkAssociationBinarySpecialization

A binary Association must directly or indirectly specialize the base Association *Links::binaryLink* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
associationEnd->size() = 2 implies
    specializesFromLibrary('Links::BinaryLink')
```

checkAssociationSpecialization

An Association must directly or indirectly specialize the base Association *Links::Link* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Links::Link')
```

deriveAssociationRelatedType

The relatedTypes of an Association are the types of its associationEnds.

```
relatedType = associationEnd.type
```

deriveAssociationSourceType

The sourceType of an Association is its first relatedType (if any).

```
sourceType =
    if relatedType->isEmpty() then null
    else relatedType->first() endif
```

deriveAssociationTargetType

```
targetType =
    if relatedType->size() < 2 then OrderedSet{}
    else
        relatedType->
            subSequence(2, relatedType->size())->
                asOrderedSet()
    endif
```

validateAssociationBinarySpecialization

If an Association has more than two associationEnds, then it must *not* specialize, directly or indirectly, the Association *BinaryLink* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
associationEnds->size() > 2 implies
    not specializesFromLibrary('Links::BinaryLink')
```

validateAssociationEndTypes

The ownedEndFeatures of an Association must have exactly one type

```
ownedEndFeature->forAll (type->size() = 1)
```

validateAssociationRelatedTypes

If an Association is concrete (not abstract), then it must have at least two relatedTypes.

```
not isAbstract implies relatedType->size() >= 2
```

validateAssociationStructureIntersection

If an Association is also a kind of Structure, then it must be an AssociationStructure.

```
oclIsKindOf (Structure) = oclIsKindOf (AssociationStructure)
```

#### 8.3.4.4.3 AssociationStructure

##### Description

An AssociationStructure is an Association that is also a Structure, classifying link objects that are both links and objects. As objects, link objects can be created and destroyed, and their non-end Features can change over time. However, the values of the end Features of a link object are fixed and cannot change over its lifetime.

##### General Classes

Structure  
Association

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

checkAssociationStructureBinarySpecialization

A binary AssociationStructure must directly or indirectly specialize the base AssociationStructure *Objects::BinaryLinkObject* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
endFeature->size() = 2 implies  
  specializesFromLibrary ('Objects::BinaryLinkObject')
```

checkAssociationStructureSpecialization

An AssociationStructure must directly or indirectly specialize the base AssociationStructure *Objects::LinkObject* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary ('Objects::LinkObject')
```

#### 8.3.4.5 Connectors Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.4.5.1 Overview

**KERML -57:** Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing  
**KERML -41:** TransitionPerformance modeling pattern more general than needed, not aligned with SysML::TransitionUsage

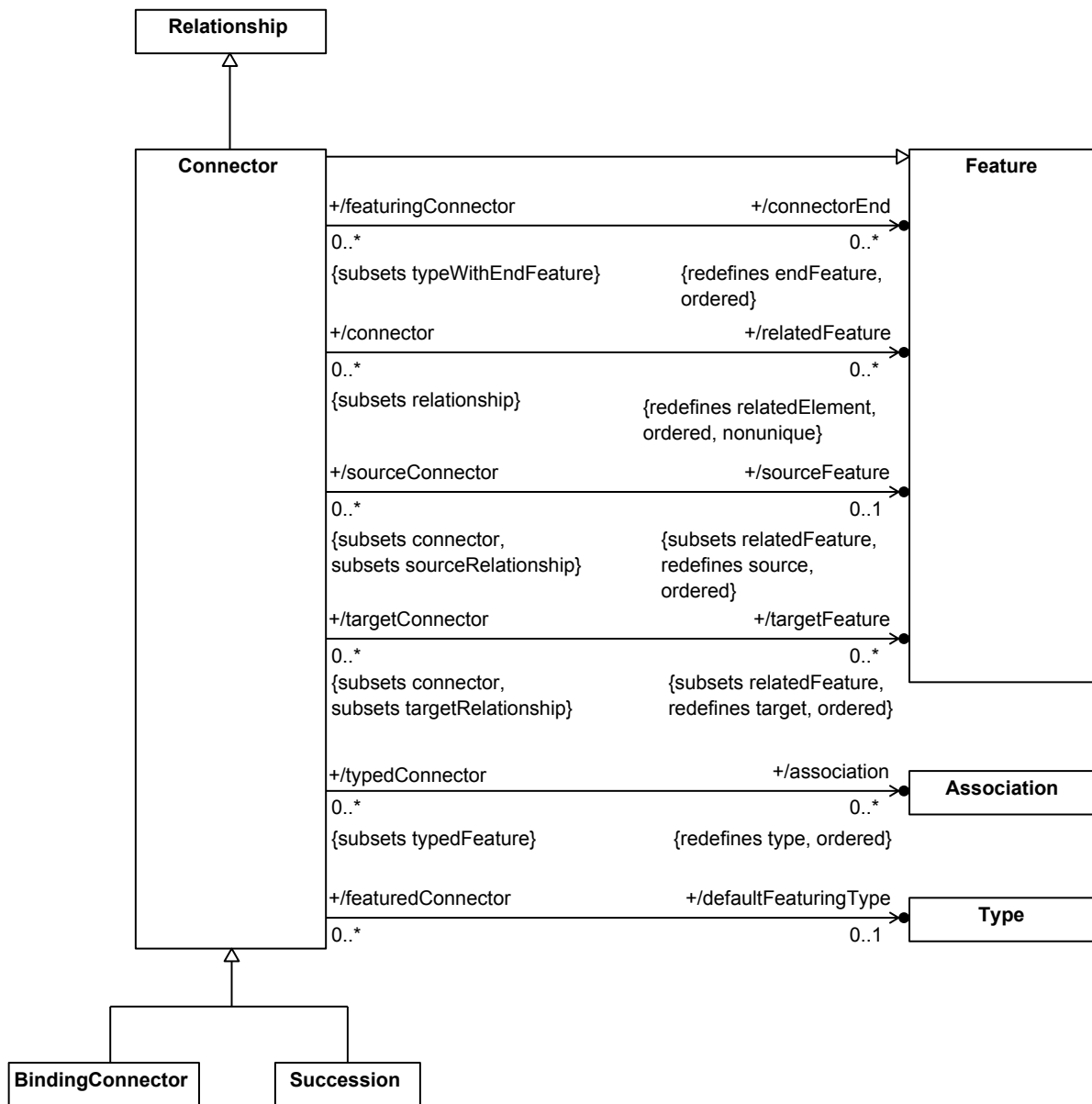


Figure 27. Connectors

### 8.3.4.5.2 Binding Connector

#### Description

A **BindingConnector** is a binary **Connector** that requires its `relatedFeatures` to identify the same things (have the same values).

## General Classes

Connector

## Attributes

None.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

checkBindingConnectorSpecialization

A `BindingConnector` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `BindingConnector` *Links::selfLinks* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Links::selfLinks')
```

validateBindingConnectorIsBinary

A `BindingConnector` must be binary.

```
relatedFeature->size() = 2
```

### 8.3.4.5.3 Connector

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML -72](#): Editorial errors in constraints

## Description

A `Connector` is a usage of `Associations`, with links restricted according to instances of the `Type` in which they are used (domain of the `Connector`). The `associations` of the `Connector` restrict what kinds of things might be linked. The `Connector` further restricts these links to be between values of `Features` on instances of its domain.

## General Classes

Feature

Relationship

## Attributes

/association : `Association` [0..\*] {redefines type, ordered}

The `Associations` that type the `Connector`.

/connectorEnd : `Feature` [0..\*] {redefines endFeature, ordered}

The `endFeatures` of a `Connector`, which redefine the `endFeatures` of the `associations` of the `Connector`. The `connectorEnds` determine via `ReferenceSubsetting Relationships` which `Features` are related by the `Connector`.

/defaultFeaturingType : `Type` [0..1]

The innermost Type that is a common direct or indirect featuringType of the relatedFeatures, such that, if it exists and was the featuringType of this Connector, the Connector would satisfy the checkConnectorTypeFeaturing constraint.

/relatedFeature : Feature [0..\*] {redefines relatedElement, ordered, nonunique}

The Features that are related by this Connector considered as a Relationship and that restrict the links it identifies, given by the referenced Features of the connectorEnds of the Connector.

/sourceFeature : Feature [0..1] {subsets relatedFeature, redefines source, ordered}

The source relatedFeature for this Connector. It is the first relatedFeature.

/targetFeature : Feature [0..\*] {subsets relatedFeature, redefines target, ordered}

The target relatedFeatures for this Connector. This includes all the relatedFeatures other than the sourceFeature.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

checkConnectorBinaryObjectSpecialization

A binary Connector for an AssociationStructure must directly or indirectly specialize the base Connector *Objects::binaryLinkObjects* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
connectorEnds->size() = 2 and
association->exists(oclIsKindOf(AssociationStructure)) implies
    specializesFromLibrary('Objects::binaryLinkObjects')
```

checkConnectorBinarySpecialization

A binary Connector must directly or indirectly specialize the base Connector *Links::binaryLinks* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
connectorEnd->size() = 2 implies
    specializesFromLibrary('Links::binaryLinks')
```

checkConnectorObjectSpecialization

A Connector for an AssociationStructure must directly or indirectly specialize the base Connector *Objects::linkObjects* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
association->exists(oclIsKindOf(AssociationStructure)) implies
    specializesFromLibrary('Objects::linkObjects')
```

checkConnectorSpecialization

A Connector must directly or indirectly specialize the base Connector *Links::links* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Links::links')
```

checkConnectorTypeFeaturing



Each `relatedFeature` of a `Connector` must have each `featuringType` of the `Connector` as a direct or indirect `featuringType` (where a `Feature` with no `featuringType` is treated as if the Classifier `Base::Anything` was its `featuringType`).

```
relatedFeature->forall(f |
  if featuringType->isEmpty() then f.isFeaturedWithin(null)
  else featuringType->forall(t | f.isFeaturedWithin(t))
endif)
```

#### deriveConnectorDefaultFeaturingType

The `defaultFeaturingType` of a `Connector` is the innermost common direct or indirect `featuringType` of the `relatedFeatures` of the `Connector`, so that each `relatedElement` is featured within the `defaultFeaturingType`, if such exists.

```
let commonFeaturingTypes : OrderedSet(Type) =
  relatedFeature->closure(faturingType)->select(t |
    relatedFeature->forall(f | f.isFeaturedWithin(t))
  ) in
let nearestCommonFeaturingTypes : OrderedSet(Type) =
  commonFeaturingTypes->reject(t1 |
    commonFeaturingTypes->exists(t2 |
      t2 <> t1 and t2->closure(faturingType)->contains(t1)
    )) in
if nearestCommonFeaturingTypes->isEmpty() then null
else nearestCommonFeaturingTypes->first()
endif
```

#### deriveConnectorRelatedFeature

The `relatedFeatures` of a `Connector` are the referenced `Features` of its `connectorEnds`.

```
relatedFeature = connectorEnd.ownedReferenceSubsetting->
  select(s | s <> null).subsettingFeature
```

#### deriveConnectorSourceFeature

The `sourceFeature` of a `Connector` is its first `relatedFeature` (if any).

```
sourceFeature =
  if relatedFeature->isEmpty() then null
  else relatedFeature->first()
endif
```

#### deriveConnectorTargetFeature

The `targetFeatures` of a `Connector` are the `relatedFeatures` other than the `sourceFeature`.

```
targetFeature =
  if relatedFeature->size() < 2 then OrderedSet{}
  else
    relatedFeature->
      subSequence(2, relatedFeature->size())->
        asOrderedSet()
  endif
```

#### validateConnectorBinarySpecialization

If a `Connector` has more than two `connectorEnds`, then it must *not* specialize, directly or indirectly, the Association *BinaryLink* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
connectorEnds->size() > 2 implies  
  not specializesFromLibrary('Links::BinaryLink')
```

`validateConnectorRelatedFeatures`

If a `Connector` is concrete (not abstract), then it must have at least two `relatedFeatures`.

```
not isAbstract implies relatedFeature->size() >= 2
```

#### 8.3.4.5.4 Succession

**[KERML -41](#): TransitionPerformance modeling pattern more general than needed, not aligned with SysML::TransitionUsage**

**[KERML -72](#): Editorial errors in constraints**

##### Description

A `Succession` is a binary `Connector` that requires its `relatedFeatures` to happen separately in time.

##### General Classes

`Connector`

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

`checkSuccessionSpecialization`

A `Succession` must directly or indirectly specialize the Feature *Occurrences::happensBeforeLinks* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Occurrences::happensBeforeLinks')
```

#### 8.3.4.6 Behaviors Abstract Syntax

##### 8.3.4.6.1 Overview



## General Classes

Class

### Attributes

/parameter : Feature [0..\*] {redefines directedFeature, ordered}

The parameters of this Behavior, which are defined as its directedFeatures, whose values are passed into and/or out of a performance of the Behavior.

/step : Step [0..\*] {subsets feature}

The Steps that make up this Behavior.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkBehaviorSpecialization

A Behavior must directly or indirectly specialize the base Behavior *Performances::Performance* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::Performance')
```

deriveBehaviorStep

The steps of a Behavior are its features that are Steps.

```
step = feature->selectByKind(Step)
```

validateBehaviorSpecialization

A Behavior must not specialize a Structure.

```
ownedSpecialization.general->forAll(not oclIsKindOf(Structure))
```

#### 8.3.4.6.3 Step

#### [KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML](#)

### Description

A Step is a Feature that is typed by one or more Behaviors. Steps may be used by one Behavior to coordinate the performance of other Behaviors, supporting a steady refinement of behavioral descriptions. Steps can be ordered in time and can be connected using Flows to specify things flowing between their parameters.

## General Classes

Feature

### Attributes

/behavior : Behavior [0..\*] {subsets type, ordered}

The Behaviors that type this Step.

```
/parameter : Feature [0..*] {redefines directedFeature, ordered}
```

The parameters of this Step, which are defined as its directedFeatures, whose values are passed into and/or out of a performance of the Step.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

### checkStepEnclosedPerformanceSpecialization

A Step whose owningType is a Behavior or another Step must directly or indirectly specialize the Step *Performances::Performance::enclosedPerformance*.

```
owningType <> null and  
  (owningType.ocIsKindOf(Behavior) or  
   owningType.ocIsKindOf(Step)) implies  
  specializesFromLibrary('Performances::Performance::enclosedPerformance')
```

### checkStepOwnedPerformanceSpecialization

A composite Step whose owningType is a Structure or a Feature typed by a Structure must directly or indirectly specialize the Step *Objects::Object::ownedPerformance*.

```
isComposite and owningType <> null and  
(owningType.ocIsKindOf(Structure) or  
 owningType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and  
 owningType.ocAsType(Feature).type->  
   exists(ocIsKindOf(Structure)) implies  
   specializesFromLibrary('Objects::Object::ownedPerformance')
```

### checkStepSpecialization

A Step must directly or indirectly specialize the base Step *Performances::performances* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::performances')
```

### checkStepSubperformanceSpecialization

A Step whose owningType is a Behavior or another Step, and which is composite, must directly or indirectly specialize the Step *Performances::Performance::subperformance*.

```
owningType <> null and  
  (owningType.ocIsKindOf(Behavior) or  
   owningType.ocIsKindOf(Step)) and  
  self.isComposite implies  
  specializesFromLibrary('Performances::Performance::subperformance')
```

### deriveStepBehavior

The behaviors of a Step are all its types that are Behaviors.

```
behavior = type->selectByKind(Behavior)
```

#### 8.3.4.6.4 ParameterMembership

**KERML\_-222: validateParameterMembershipOwningType will fail for ConstructorExpressions**

##### Description

A `ParameterMembership` is a `FeatureMembership` that identifies its `memberFeature` as a parameter, which is always owned, and must have a direction. A `ParameterMembership` must be owned by a `Behavior`, a `Step`, or the result parameter of a `ConstructorExpression`.

##### General Classes

`FeatureMembership`

##### Attributes

`/ownedMemberParameter : Feature {redefines ownedMemberFeature}`

The `Feature` that is identified as a parameter by this `ParameterMembership`.

##### Operations

`parameterDirection() : FeatureDirectionKind`

Return the required value of the direction of the `ownedMemberParameter`. By default, this is `in`.

**body:** `FeatureDirectionKind::_'in'`

##### Constraints

`validateParameterMembershipOwningType`

A `ParameterMembership` must be owned by a `Behavior`, `Step`, or the result parameter of a `ConstructorExpression`.

`owningType.ocIsKindOf(Behavior) or owningType.ocIsKindOf(Step) or  
owningType.owningMembership.ocIsKindOf(ReturnParameterMembership) and  
owningType.owningNamespace.ocIsKindOf(ConstructorExpression)`

`validateParameterMembershipParameterDirection`

The `ownedMemberParameter` of a `ParameterMembership` must have a direction equal to the result of the `parameterDirection()` operation.

`ownedMemberParameter.direction = parameterDirection()`

#### 8.3.4.7 Functions Abstract Syntax

##### 8.3.4.7.1 Overview

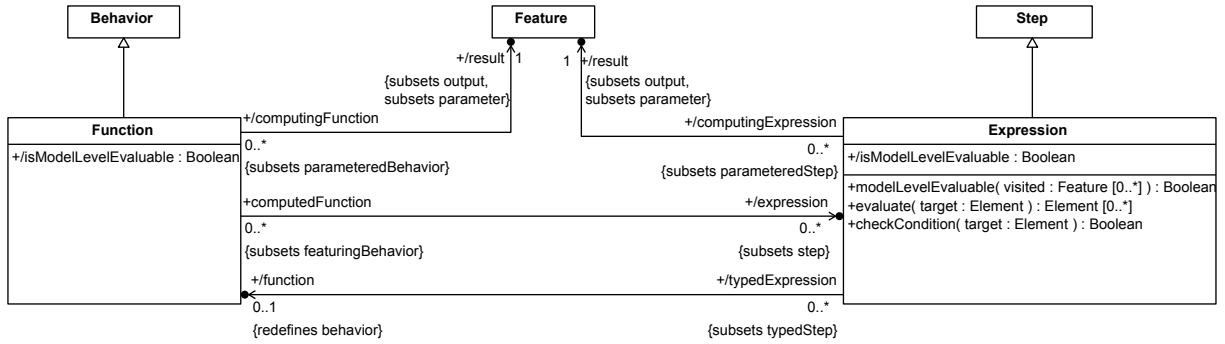


Figure 30. Functions

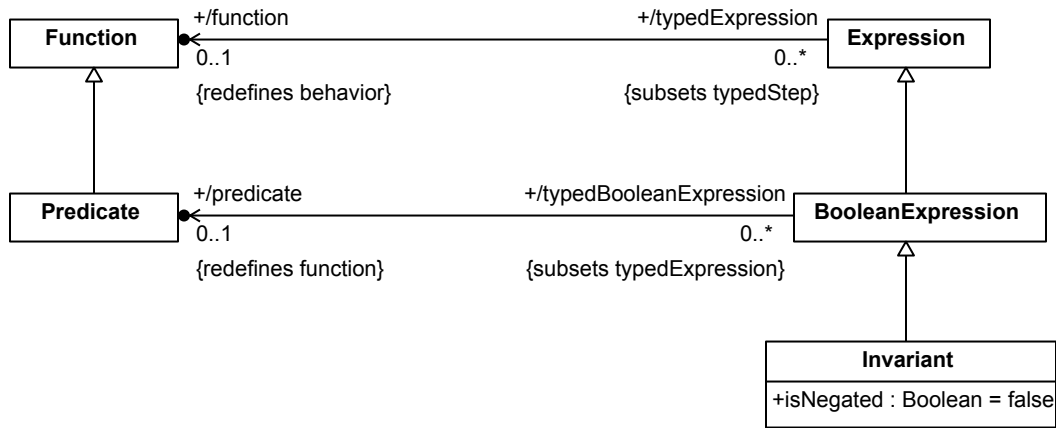


Figure 31. Predicates

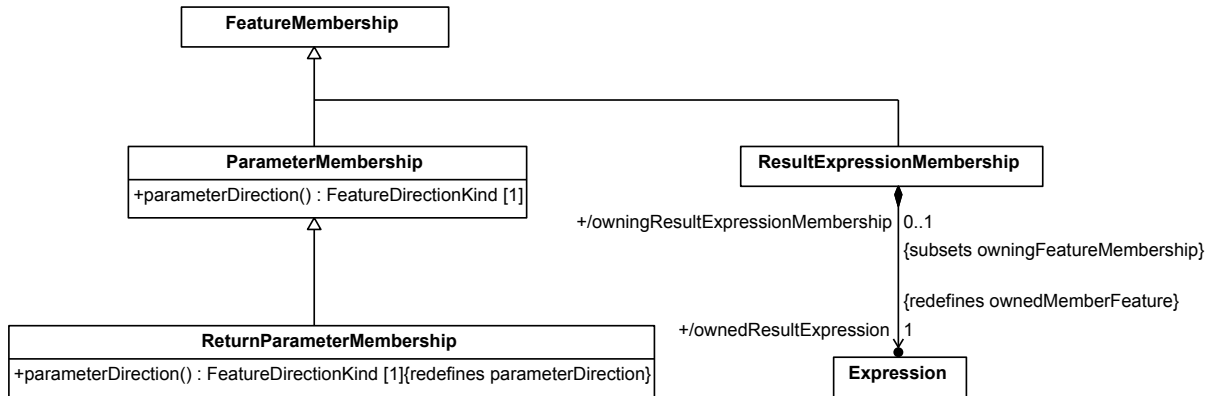


Figure 32. Function Memberships

### 8.3.4.7.2 BooleanExpression

#### Description

A *BooleanExpression* is a *Boolean*-valued *Expression* whose type is a *Predicate*. It represents a logical condition resulting from the evaluation of the *Predicate*.

#### General Classes

Expression

### Attributes

/predicate : Predicate [0..1] {redefines function}

The Predicate that types the Expression.

The Predicate that types this BooleanExpression.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkBooleanExpressionSpecialization

A BooleanExpression must directly or indirectly specialize the base BooleanExpression *Performances::booleanEvaluations* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

specializesFromLibrary('Performances::booleanEvaluations')

### 8.3.4.7.3 Expression

[KERML -68](#): **deriveExpressionResult and deriveFunctionResult should be revised**  
[KERML -143](#): **ownedParameterMember should be ownedMemberParameter**

### Description

An Expression is a Step that is typed by a Function. An Expression that also has a Function as its *featuringType* is a computational step within that Function. An Expression always has a single result parameter, which redefines the result parameter of its defining function. This allows Expressions to be interconnected in tree structures, in which inputs to each Expression in the tree are determined as the results of other Expression in the tree.

### General Classes

Step

### Attributes

/function : Function [0..1] {redefines behavior}

This is the Function that types the Expression.

The Function that types this Expression.

/isModelLevelEvaluable : Boolean

Whether this Expression meets the constraints necessary to be evaluated at *model level*, that is, using metadata within the model.

/result : Feature {subsets parameter, output}



An output parameter of the Expression whose value is the result of the Expression. The result of an Expression is either inherited from its function or it is related to the Expression via a ReturnParameterMembership, in which case it redefines the result parameter of its function.

## Operations

checkCondition(target : Element) : Boolean

Model-level evaluate this Expression with the given target. If the result is a LiteralBoolean, return its value. Otherwise return false.

```
body: let results: Sequence(Element) = evaluate(target) in
    result->size() = 1 and
    results->first().oclIsKindOf(LiteralBoolean) and
    results->first().oclAsType(LiteralBoolean).value
```

evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..\*]

If this Expression isModelLevelEvaluable, then evaluate it using the target as the context Element for resolving Feature names and testing classification. The result is a collection of Elements, which, for a fully evaluable Expression, will be a LiteralExpression or a Feature that is not an Expression.

**pre:** isModelLevelEvaluable

```
body: let resultExprs : Sequence(Expression) =
    ownedFeatureMembership->
        selectByKind(ResultExpressionMembership).
        ownedResultExpression in
if resultExpr->isEmpty() then Sequence{}
else resultExprs->first().evaluate(target)
endif
```

modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..\*]) : Boolean

Return whether this Expression is model-level evaluable. The visited parameter is used to track possible circular Feature references made from FeatureReferenceExpressions (see the redefinition of this operation for FeatureReferenceExpression). Such circular references are not allowed in model-level evaluable expressions.

An Expression that is not otherwise specialized is model-level evaluable if it has no (non-implied) ownedSpecializations and all its ownedFeatures are either in parameters, the result parameter or a result Expression owned via a ResultExpressionMembership. The parameters must not have any ownedFeatures or a FeatureValue, and the result Expression must be model-level evaluable.

```
body: ownedSpecialization->forall(isImplied) and
ownedFeature->forall(f |
    (directionOf(f) = FeatureDirectionKind::_in' or f = result) and
    f.ownedFeature->isEmpty() and f.valuation = null or
    f.owningFeatureMembership.oclIsKindOf(ResultExpressionMembership) and
    f.oclAsType(Expression).modelLevelEvaluable(visited)
```

## Constraints

checkExpressionResultBindingConnector

If an Expression has an Expression owned via a ResultExpressionMembership, then the owning Expression must also own a BindingConnector between its result parameter and the result parameter of the result Expression.

```
ownedMembership.selectByKind(ResultExpressionMembership)->
  forAll(mem | ownedFeature.selectByKind(BindingConnector)->
    exists(binding |
      binding.relatedFeature->includes(result) and
      binding.relatedFeature->includes(mem.ownedResultExpression.result)))
```

### checkExpressionSpecialization

An Expression must directly or indirectly specialize the base Expression *Performances::evaluations* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::evaluations')
```

### checkExpressionTypeFeaturing

If this Expression is owned by a FeatureValue, then it must have the same featuringTypes as the featureWithValue of the FeatureValue.

```
owningMembership <> null and
owningMembership.ocIsKindOf(FeatureValue) implies
  let featureWithValue : Feature =
    owningMembership.ocAsType(FeatureValue).featureWithValue in
  featuringType = featureWithValue.featuringType
```

### deriveExpressionIsModelLevelEvaluable

Whether an Expression isModelLevelEvaluable is determined by the modelLevelEvaluable() operation.

```
isModelLevelEvaluable = modelLevelEvaluable(Set(Element){})
```

### deriveExpressionResult

The result parameter of an Expression is its parameter owned (possibly in a supertype) via a ReturnParameterMembership (if any).

```
result =
  let resultParams : Sequence(Feature) =
    featureMemberships->
      selectByKind(ReturnParameterMembership).
      ownedMemberParameter in
  if resultParams->notEmpty() then resultParams->first()
  else null
endif
```

### validateExpressionResultExpressionMembership

An Expression must have at most one ResultExpressionMembership.

```
membership->selectByKind(ResultExpressionMembership)->size() <= 1
```

### validateExpressionResultParameterMembership

An Expression must have exactly one featureMembership (owned or inherited) that is a ResultParameterMembership.

```
featureMembership->
  selectByKind(ReturnParameterMembership)->
    size() = 1
```

#### 8.3.4.7.4 Function

[KERML -68](#): **deriveExpressionResult and deriveFunctionResult should be revised**

[KERML -143](#): **ownedParameterMember should be ownedMemberParameter**

##### Description

A Function is a Behavior that has an out parameter that is identified as its result. A Function represents the performance of a calculation that produces the values of its result parameter. This calculation may be decomposed into Expressions that are steps of the Function.

##### General Classes

Behavior

##### Attributes

/expression : Expression [0..\*] {subsets step}

The Expressions that are steps in the calculation of the result of this Function.

The set of expressions that represent computational steps or parts of a system of equations within the Function.

/isModelLevelEvaluable : Boolean

Whether this Function can be used as the function of a model-level evaluable InvocationExpression. Certain Functions from the Kernel Functions Library are considered to have isModelLevelEvaluable = true. For all other Functions it is false.

**Note:** See the specification of the KerML concrete syntax notation for Expressions for an identification of which library Functions are model-level evaluable.

/result : Feature {subsets parameter, output}

The result parameter of the Function, which is owned by the Function via a ReturnParameterMembership.

The object or value that is the result of evaluating the Function.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

checkFunctionResultBindingConnector

If a Function has an Expression owned via a ResultExpressionMembership, then the owning Function must also own a BindingConnector between its result parameter and the result parameter of the result Expression.

```
ownedMembership.selectByKind(ResultExpressionMembership)->
  forAll(mem | ownedFeature.selectByKind(BindingConnector)->
```

```

exists(binding |
  binding.relatedFeature->includes(result) and
  binding.relatedFeature->includes(mem.ownedResultExpression.result)))

```

#### checkFunctionSpecialization

A Function must directly or indirectly specialize the base Function *Performances::Evaluation* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::Evaluation')
```

#### deriveFunctionResult

The result parameter of a Function is its parameter owned (possibly in a supertype) via a ReturnParameterMembership (if any).

```

result =
  let resultParams : Sequence(Feature) =
    featureMemberships->
      selectByKind(ReturnParameterMembership).
        ownedMemberParameter in
    if resultParams->notEmpty() then resultParams->first()
  else null
endif

```

#### validateFunctionResultExpressionMembership

A Function must have at most one ResultExpressionMembership.

```
membership->selectByKind(ResultExpressionMembership)->size() <= 1
```

#### validateFunctionResultParameterMembership

A Function must have exactly one featureMembership (owned or inherited) that is a ResultParameterMembership.

```

featureMembership->
  selectByKind(ReturnParameterMembership)->
    size() = 1

```

### 8.3.4.7.5 Invariant

#### Description

An Invariant is a BooleanExpression that is asserted to have a specific *Boolean* result value. If *isNegated* = false, then the result is asserted to be true. If *isNegated* = true, then the result is asserted to be false.

#### General Classes

BooleanExpression

#### Attributes

*isNegated* : Boolean

Whether this Invariant is asserted to be false rather than true.

#### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkInvariantSpecialization

An Invariant must directly or indirectly specialize either of the following BooleanExpressions from the Kernel Semantic Library: *Performances::trueEvaluations*, if *isNegated* = false, or *Performances::falseEvaluations*, if *isNegated* = true.

```
if isNegated then
    specializesFromLibrary('Performances::falseEvaluations')
else
    specializesFromLibrary('Performances::trueEvaluations')
endif
```

#### 8.3.4.7.6 Predicate

##### Description

A Predicate is a Function whose result parameter has type *Boolean* and multiplicity 1..1.

##### General Classes

Function

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkPredicateSpecialization

A Predicate must directly or indirectly specialize the base Predicate *Performances::BooleanEvaluation* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::BooleanEvaluation')
```

#### 8.3.4.7.7 ResultExpressionMembership

##### Description

A ResultExpressionMembership is a FeatureMembership that indicates that the ownedResultExpression provides the result values for the Function or Expression that owns it. The owning Function or Expression must contain a BindingConnector between the result parameter of the ownedResultExpression and the result parameter of the owning Function or Expression.

##### General Classes

FeatureMembership

##### Attributes

/ownedResultExpression : Expression {redefines ownedMemberFeature}

The Expression that provides the result for the owner of the ResultExpressionMembership.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

validateResultExpressionMembershipOwningType

The owningType of a ResultExpressionMembership must be a Function or Expression.

owningType.ocIsKindOf(Function) or owningType.ocIsKindOf(Expression)

## 8.3.4.7.8 ReturnParameterMembership

### Description

A ReturnParameterMembership is a ParameterMembership that indicates that the ownedMemberParameter is the result parameter of a Function or Expression. The direction of the ownedMemberParameter must be out.

### General Classes

ParameterMembership

### Attributes

None.

### Operations

parameterDirection() : FeatureDirectionKind {redefines parameterDirection, leaf}

The ownedMemberParameter of a ReturnParameterMembership must have direction out. (This is a leaf operation that cannot be further redefined.)

**body:** FeatureDirectionKind::out

### Constraints

validateReturnParameterMembershipOwningType

The owningType of a ReturnParameterMembership must be a Function or Expression.

owningType.ocIsKindOf(Function) or owningType.ocIsKindOf(Expression)

## 8.3.4.8 Expressions Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.4.8.1 Overview

[KERML -117: InvocationExpresion::result specialization](#)

[KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent](#)

[KERML -162: MetadataAccessExpression::referencedElement should be derived](#)

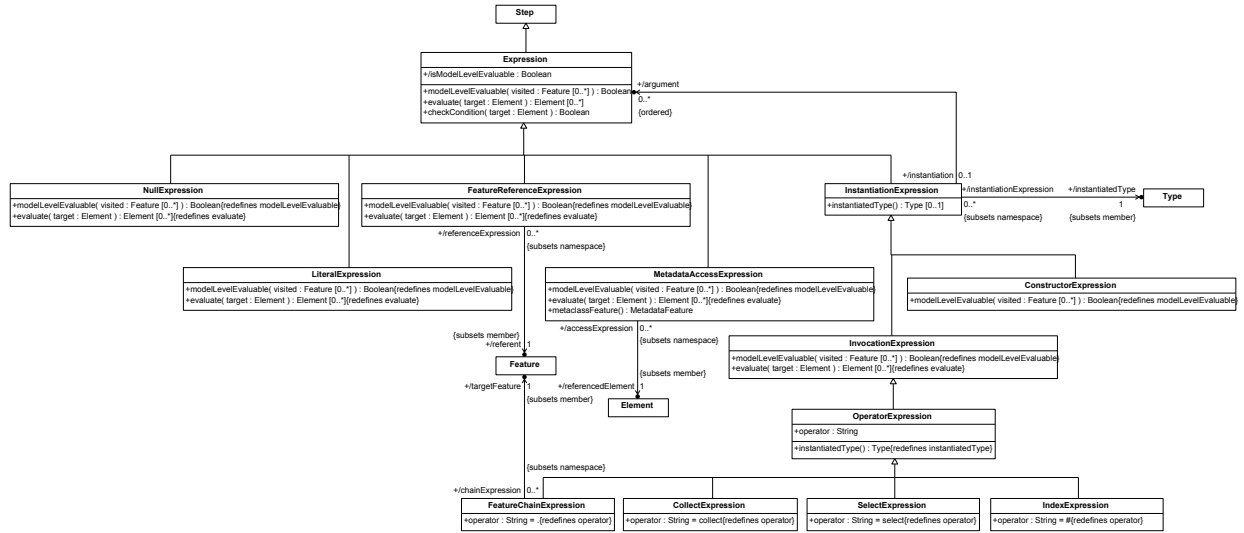


Figure 33. Expressions

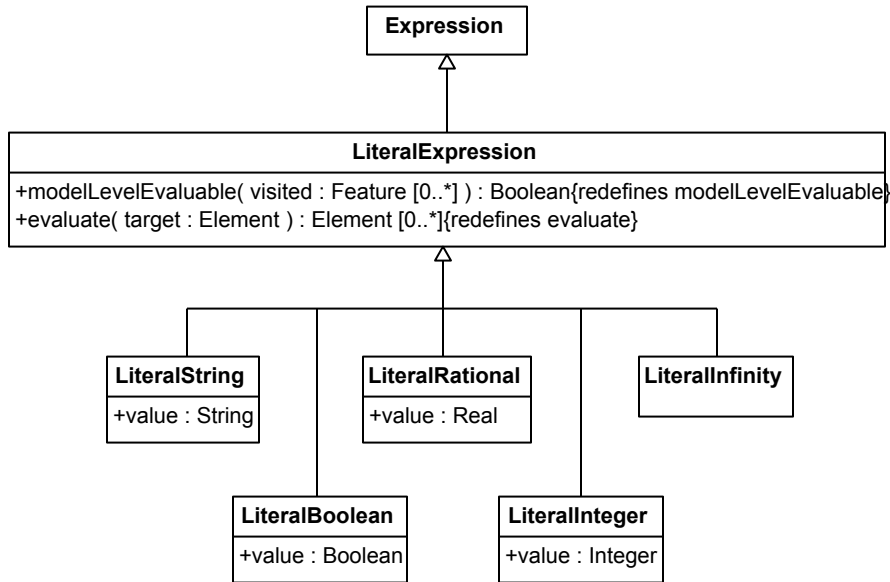


Figure 34. Literal Expressions

### 8.3.4.8.2 CollectExpression

#### Description

A `CollectExpression` is an `OperatorExpression` whose operator is "collect", which resolves to the Function `ControlFunctions::collect` from the Kernel Functions Library.

#### General Classes

OperatorExpression

#### Attributes

operator : String {redefines operator}

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`validateCollectExpressionOperator`

The operator of a `CollectExpression` must be "collect".

```
operator = 'collect'
```

### 8.3.4.8.3 ConstructorExpression

[KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent](#)

[KERML -224: Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions](#)

## Description

A `ConstructorExpression` is an `InstantiationExpression` whose result specializes its `instantiatedType`, binding some or all of the features of the `instantiatedType` to the results of its argument Expressions.

## General Classes

`InstantiationExpression`

## Attributes

None.

## Operations

`modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..*]) : Boolean {redefines modelLevelEvaluable}`

A `ConstructorExpression` is model-level evaluable if all its argument Expressions are model-level evaluable.

```
body: argument->forall(modelLevelEvaluable(visited))
```

## Constraints

`checkConstructorExpressionResultDefaultValueBindingConnector`

The result of a `ConstructorExpression` must own a `BindingConnector` between the `featureWithValue` and `value Expression` of any `FeatureValue` that is the effective default value for a feature of the `instantiatedType` of the `InvocationExpression`.

TBD

`checkConstructorExpressionResultFeatureRedefinition`

Each `ownedFeature` of the result of a `ConstructorExpression` must redefine exactly one public feature of the `instantiatedType` of the `ConstructorExpression`.

```
let features : OrderedSet(Feature) = instantiatedType.feature->
  select(owningMembership.visibility = VisibilityKind::public) in
result.ownedFeature->forall(f |
```



```
f.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
  intersection(features)->size() = 1)
```

#### checkConstructorExpressionResultSpecialization

The result of a `ConstructorExpression` must specialize the `instantiatedType` of the `ConstructorExpression`.

```
result.specializes(instantiatedType)
```

#### checkConstructorExpressionSpecialization

A `ConstructorExpression` must directly or indirectly specialize the `Expression` *Performances::constructorEvaluations* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializes('Performances::constructorEvaluations')
```

#### deriveConstructorExpressionArgument

The arguments of a `ConstructorExpression` are the value `Expressions` of the `FeatureValues` of the `ownedFeatures` of its result parameter, in an order corresponding to the order of the features of the `instantiatedType` that the result `ownedFeatures` redefine.

```
instantiatedType.feature->collect(f |
  result.ownedFeatures->select(redefines(f)).valuation->
  select(v | v <> null).value
)
```

#### validateConstructorExpressionNoDuplicateFeatureRedefinition

Two different `ownedFeatures` of the result of a `ConstructorExpression` must not redefine the same feature of the `instantiatedType` of the `ConstructorExpression`.

```
let features : OrderedSet(Feature) = instantiatedType.feature->
  select(visibility = VisibilityKind::public) in
result.ownedFeature->forAll(f1 | result.ownedFeature->forAll(f2 |
  f1 <> f2 implies
    f1.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
      intersection(f2.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature)->
        intersection(features)->isEmpty()))
```

#### validateConstructorExpressionOwnedFeatures

A `ConstructorExpression` must not have any `ownedFeatures` other than its result.

```
ownedFeatures->excluding(result)->isEmpty()
```

### 8.3.4.8.4 FeatureChainExpression

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

**[KERML -99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined**

#### Description

A `FeatureChainExpression` is an `OperatorExpression` whose operator is `"."`, which resolves to the Function *ControlFunctions::'.'* from the Kernel Functions Library. It evaluates to the result of chaining the result `Feature` of its single argument `Expression` with its `targetFeature`.

## General Classes

### OperatorExpression

#### Attributes

`operator : String {redefines operator}`

`/targetFeature : Feature {subsets member}`

The `Feature` that is accessed by this `FeatureChainExpression`, which is its first non-parameter member.

#### Operations

`sourceTargetFeature() : Feature [0..1]`

Return the first `ownedFeature` of the first owned input parameter of this `FeatureChainExpression` (if any).

```
body: let inputParameters : Feature = ownedFeatures->
  select(direction = _'in') in
if inputParameters->isEmpty() or
  inputParameters->first().ownedFeature->isEmpty()
then null
else inputParameters->first().ownedFeature->first()
endif
```

#### Constraints

##### `checkFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization`

The result parameter of a `FeatureChainExpression` must specialize the feature chain of the `FeatureChainExpression`.

```
let inputParameters : Sequence(Feature) =
  ownedFeatures->select(direction = _'in') in
let sourceTargetFeature : Feature =
  owningExpression.sourceTargetFeature() in
sourceTargetFeature <> null and
result.subsetsChain(inputParameters->first(), sourceTargetFeature) and
result.owningType = self
```

##### `checkFeatureChainExpressionSourceTargetRedefinition`

The first `ownedFeature` of the first owned input parameter of a `FeatureChainExpression` must redefine its `targetFeature`.

```
let sourceParameter : Feature = sourceTargetFeature() in
sourceTargetFeature <> null and
sourceTargetFeature.redefines(targetFeature)
```

##### `checkFeatureChainExpressionTargetRedefinition`

The first `ownedFeature` of the first owned input parameter of a `FeatureChainExpression` must redefine the `Feature ControlFunctions::'. '::source::target` from the Kernel Functions Library.

```

let sourceParameter : Feature = sourceTargetFeature() in
sourceTargetFeature <> null and
sourceTargetFeature.redefinesFromLibrary('ControlFunctions::\'.\':source::target')

```

#### deriveFeatureChainExpressionTargetFeature

The targetFeature of a FeatureChainExpression is the memberElement of its first ownedMembership that is not a ParameterMembership.

```

targetFeature =
  let nonParameterMemberships : Sequence(Membership) = ownedMembership->
    reject(oclIsKindOf(ParameterMembership)) in
  if nonParameterMemberships->isEmpty() or
    not nonParameterMemberships->first().memberElement.oclIsKindOf(Feature)
  then null
  else nonParameterMemberships->first().memberElement.oclAsType(Feature)
endif

```

#### validateFeatureChainExpressionConformance

The targetFeature of a FeatureChainExpression must be featured within the result parameter of the argument Expression of the FeatureChainExpression.

```

argument->notEmpty() implies
  targetFeature.isFeaturedWithin(argument->first().result)

```

#### validateFeatureChainExpressionOperator

The operator of a FeatureChainExpression must be ".".

```
operator = '.'
```

### 8.3.4.8.5 FeatureReferenceExpression

**[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**  
**[KERML -99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined**

#### Description

A FeatureReferenceExpression is an Expression whose result is bound to a referent Feature.

#### General Classes

Expression

#### Attributes

/referent : Feature {subsets member}

The Feature that is referenced by this FeatureReferenceExpression, which is its first non-parameter member.

#### Operations

evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..\*] {redefines evaluate}

First, determine a value Expression for the referent:

- If the target Element is a Type that has a feature that is the referent or (directly or indirectly) redefines it, then the value Expression of the FeatureValue for that feature (if any).
- Else, if the referent has no featuringTypes, the value Expression of the FeatureValue for the referent (if any).

Then:

- If such a value Expression exists, return the result of evaluating that Expression on the target.
- Else, if the referent is not an Expression, return the referent.
- Else return the empty sequence.

```

body: if not target.ocIsKindOf(Type) then Sequence{}
else
  let feature: Sequence(Feature) =
    target.ocAsType(Type).feature->select(f |
      f.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
        includes(referent)) in
    if feature->notEmpty() then
      feature.valuation.value.evaluate(target)
    else if referent.featuringType->isEmpty()
      then referent
    else Sequence{}
    endif endif
endif

```

**modelLevelEvaluable**(visited : Feature [0..\*]) : Boolean {redefines modelLevelEvaluable}

A FeatureReferenceExpression is model-level evaluable if it's referent

- conforms to the self-reference feature *Anything::self*;
- is an Expression that is model-level evaluable;
- has an owningType that is a Metaclass or MetadataFeature; or
- has no featuringTypes and, if it has a FeatureValue, the value Expression is model-level evaluable.

```

body: referent.conformsTo('Anything::self') or
visited->excludes(referent) and
(referent.ocIsKindOf(Expression) and
  referent.ocAsType(Expression).modelLevelEvaluable(visited->including(referent)) or
referent.owningType <> null and
  (referent.owningType.isOclKindOf(Metaclass) or
  referent.owningType.isOclKindOf(MetadataFeature)) or
referent.featuringType->isEmpty() and
  (referent.valuation = null or
  referent.valuation.modelLevelEvaluable(visited->including(referent))))

```

## Constraints

**checkFeatureReferenceExpressionBindingConnector**

A FeatureReferenceExpression must have an ownedMember that is a BindingConnector between the referent and result of the FeatureReferenceExpression.

```

ownedMember->selectByKind(BindingConnector)->exists(b |
  b.relatedFeatures->includes(targetFeature) and
  b.relatedFeatures->includes(result))

```

**checkFeatureReferenceExpressionResultSpecialization**

The result parameter of a `FeatureReferenceExpression` must specialize the referent of the `FeatureReferenceExpression`.

```
result.owningType() = self and result.specializes(referent)
```

#### `deriveFeatureReferenceExpressionReferent`

The referent of a `FeatureReferenceExpression` is the `memberElement` of its first `ownedMembership` that is not a `ParameterMembership`.

```
referent =
  let nonParameterMemberships : Sequence(Membership) = ownedMembership->
    reject(oclIsKindOf(ParameterMembership)) in
  if nonParameterMemberships->isEmpty() or
    not nonParameterMemberships->first().memberElement.oclIsKindOf(Feature)
  then null
  else nonParameterMemberships->first().memberElement.oclAsType(Feature)
endif
```

#### `validateFeatureReferenceExpressionReferentIsFeature`

The first `ownedMembership` of a `FeatureReferenceExpression` that is not a `ParameterMembership` must have a `Feature` as its `memberElement`.

```
let membership : Membership =
  ownedMembership->reject(m | m.oclIsKindOf(ParameterMembership)) in
membership->notEmpty() and
membership->at(1).memberElement.oclIsKindOf(Feature)
```

#### `validateFeatureReferenceExpressionResult`

A `FeatureReferenceExpression` must own its result parameter.

```
result.owningType = self
```

### 8.3.4.8.6 IndexExpression

#### [KERML\\_-117](#): `InvocationExpresion::result` specialization

##### Description

An `IndexExpression` is an `OperatorExpression` whose operator is "#", which resolves to the Function `BasicFunctions::'#` from the Kernel Functions Library.

##### General Classes

`OperatorExpression`

##### Attributes

`operator` : String {redefines operator}

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

## checkIndexExpressionResultSpecialization

The result of an `IndexExpression` must specialize the `result` parameter of the first argument of the `IndexExpression`, unless that `result` already directly or indirectly specializes the `DataType Collections::Array` from the Kernel Data Type Library.

```
arguments->notEmpty() and
not arguments->first().result.specializesFromLibrary('Collections::Array') implies
    result.specializes(arguments->first().result)
```

## validateIndexExpressionOperator

The operator of an `IndexExpression` must be "#".

```
operator = '#'
```

### 8.3.4.8.7 InstantiationExpression

**[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

**[KERML -224](#): Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions**

#### Description

An `InstantiationExpression` is an `Expression` that instantiates its `instantiatedType`, binding some or all of the features of that `Type` to the results of its arguments.

`InstantiationExpression` is abstract, with concrete subclasses `InvocationExpression` and `ConstructorExpression`.

#### General Classes

`Expression`

#### Attributes

`/argument : Expression [0..*] {ordered}`

The `Expressions` whose results are bound to features of the `instantiatedType`. The arguments are ordered consistent with the order of the features, though they may not be one-to-one with all the features.

**Note.** The derivation of `argument` is given in the concrete subclasses of `InstantiationExpression`.

`/instantiatedType : Type {subsets member}`

The `Type` that is being instantiated.

#### Operations

`instantiatedType() : Type [0..1]`

Return the `Type` to act as the `instantiatedType` for this `InstantiationExpression`. By default, this is the `memberElement` of the first `ownedMembership` that is not a `FeatureMembership`, which must be a `Type`.

**Note.** This operation is overridden in the subclass `OperatorExpression`.

```
body: let members : Sequence(Element) = ownedMembership->
    reject(oclIsKindOf(FeatureMembership)).memberElement in
```

```

if members->isEmpty() or not members->first().oclIsKindOf(Type) then null
else typeMembers->first().oclAsType(Type)
endif

```

## Constraints

deriveInstantiationExpressionInstantiatedType

The instantiatedType of an InstantiationExpression is given by the result of the instantiatedType() operation.

```
instantiatedType = instantiatedType()
```

validateInstantiationExpressionInstantiatedType

An InstantiationExpression must have an InstantiatedType.

```
instantiatedType() <> null
```

validateInstantiationExpressionResult

An InstantiationExpression must own its result parameter.

```
result.owningType = self
```

### 8.3.4.8.8 InvocationExpression

**KERML\_-67: Invocation of a non-function behavior**

**KERML\_-132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

## Description

An InvocationExpression is an InstantiationExpression whose instantiatedType must be a Behavior or a Feature typed by a single Behavior (such as a Step). Each of the input parameters of the instantiatedType are bound to the result of an argument Expression. If the instantiatedType is a Function or a Feature typed by a Function, then the result of the InvocationExpression is the result of the invoked Function. Otherwise, the result is an instance of the instantiatedType (essentially like a behavioral ConstructorExpression).

## General Classes

InstantiationExpression

## Attributes

None.

## Operations

```
evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..*] {redefines evaluate}
```

Apply the Function that is the type of this InvocationExpression to the argument values resulting from evaluating each of the argument Expressions on the given target. If the application is not possible, then return an empty sequence.

```
modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..*]) : Boolean {redefines modelLevelEvaluable}
```

An InvocationExpression is model-level evaluable if all its argument Expressions are model-level evaluable and its function is model-level evaluable.

```
body: argument->forAll(modelLevelEvaluable(visited)) and
      function.isModelLevelEvaluable
```

## Constraints

### checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorBindingConnector

If the instantiatedType of an InvocationExpression is neither a Function nor a Feature whose type is a Function, then the InvocationExpression must own a BindingConnector between itself and its result parameter.

```
not instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Function) and
not (instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and
     instantiatedType.ocIsType(Feature).type->exists(ocIsKindOf(Function))) implies
ownedFeature.selectByKind(BindingConnector)->exists(
    relatedFeature->includes(self) and
    relatedFeature->includes(result))
```

### checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorResultSpecialization

If the instantiatedType of an InvocationExpression is neither a Function nor a Feature whose type is a Function, then the result of the InvocationExpression must specialize the instantiatedType.

```
not instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Function) and
not (instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and
     instantiatedType.ocIsType(Feature).type->exists(ocIsKindOf(Function))) implies
result.specializes(instantiatedType)
```

### checkInvocationExpressionDefaultValueBindingConnector

An InvocationExpression must own a BindingConnector between the featureWithValue and value Expression of any FeatureValue that is the effective default value for a feature of the instantiatedType of the InvocationExpression.

TBD

### checkInvocationExpressionSpecialization

An InvocationExpression must specialize its instantiatedType.

```
specializes(instantiatedType)
```

### deriveInvocationExpressionArgument

The arguments of an InvocationExpression are the value Expressions of the FeatureValues of its ownedFeatures, in an order corresponding to the order of the input parameters of the instantiatedType that the ownedFeatures redefine.

```
instantiatedType.input->collect(inp |
    ownedFeatures->select(redefines(inp)).valuation->
    select(v | v <> null).value
)
```

### validateInvocationExpressionInstantiatedType



The instantiatedType of an InvocationExpression must be either a Behavior or a Feature with a single type, which is a Behavior.

```
instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Behavior) or
instantiatedType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and
    instantiatedType.type->exists(ocIsKindOf(Behavior)) and
    instantiatedType.type->size(1)
```

#### validateInvocationExpressionNoDuplicateParameterRedefinition

Two different ownedFeatures of an InvocationExpression must not redefine the same feature of the instantiatedType of the InvocationExpression.

```
let features : OrderedSet(Feature) = instantiatedType.feature in
input->forall(inp1 | input->forall(inp2 |
    inp1 <> inp2 implies
        inp1.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
            intersection(inp2.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature)->
                intersection(features)->isEmpty()))
```

#### validateInvocationExpressionOwnedFeatures

Other than its result, all the ownedFeatures of an InvocationExpression must have direction = in.

```
ownedFeature->forall(f |
    f <> result implies
        f.direction = FeatureDirectionKind::_'in')
```

#### validateInvocationExpressionParameterRedefinition

Each input parameter of an InvocationExpression must redefine exactly one input parameter of the instantiatedType of the InvocationExpression.

```
let parameters : OrderedSet(Feature) = instantiatedType.input in
input->forall(inp |
    inp.ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature->
        intersection(parameters)->size() = 1)
```

### 8.3.4.8.9 LiteralBoolean

#### Description

LiteralBoolean is a LiteralExpression that provides a *Boolean* value as a result. Its result parameter must have type *Boolean*.

#### General Classes

LiteralExpression

#### Attributes

value : Boolean

The Boolean value that is the result of evaluating this Expression.

The *Boolean* value that is the result of evaluating this LiteralBoolean.

#### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkLiteralBooleanSpecialization

A `LiteralBoolean` must directly or indirectly specialize `Performances::literalBooleanEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalBooleanEvaluations')
```

### 8.3.4.8.10 LiteralExpression

#### Description

A `LiteralExpression` is an `Expression` that provides a basic `DataValue` as a result.

#### General Classes

`Expression`

#### Attributes

None.

#### Operations

```
evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..*] {redefines evaluate}
```

The model-level value of a `LiteralExpression` is itself.

```
body: Sequence{self}
```

```
modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..*]) : Boolean {redefines modelLevelEvaluable}
```

A `LiteralExpression` is always model-level evaluable.

```
body: true
```

#### Constraints

checkLiteralExpressionSpecialization

A `LiteralExpression` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `LiteralExpression` `Performances::literalEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalEvaluations')
```

deriveLiteralExpressionIsModelLevelEvaluable

A `LiteralExpression` is always model-level evaluable.

```
isModelLevelEvaluable = true
```

### 8.3.4.8.11 LiteralInfinity

#### Description

A `LiteralInfinity` is a `LiteralExpression` that provides the positive infinity value (\*). Its `result` must have the type *Positive*.

#### General Classes

`LiteralExpression`

#### Attributes

None.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

`checkLiteralInfinitySpecialization`

A `LiteralInfinity` must directly or indirectly specialize `Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations')
```

### 8.3.4.8.12 LiteralInteger

#### Description

A `LiteralInteger` is a `LiteralExpression` that provides an *Integer* value as a result. Its `result` parameter must have the type *Integer*.

#### General Classes

`LiteralExpression`

#### Attributes

`value` : *Integer*

The *Integer* value that is the result of evaluating this `LiteralInteger`.

The *Integer* value that is the result of evaluating this `Expression`.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

`checkLiteralIntegerSpecialization`

A `LiteralInteger` must directly or indirectly specialize `Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations')
```

### 8.3.4.8.13 LiteralRational

## Description

A `LiteralRational` is a `LiteralExpression` that provides a *Rational* value as a result. Its result parameter must have the type *Rational*.

## General Classes

`LiteralExpression`

## Attributes

value : *Real*

The *Real* value that is the result of evaluating this Expression.

The value whose rational approximation is the result of evaluating this `LiteralRational`.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`checkLiteralRationalSpecialization`

A `LiteralRational` must directly or indirectly specialize `Performances::literalRationalEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalRationalEvaluations')
```

### 8.3.4.8.14 LiteralString

## Description

A `LiteralString` is a `LiteralExpression` that provides a *String* value as a result. Its result parameter must have the type *String*.

## General Classes

`LiteralExpression`

## Attributes

value : *String*

The *String* value that is the result of evaluating this Expression.

The *String* value that is the result of evaluating this `LiteralString`.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

`checkLiteralStringSpecialization`

A `LiteralString` must directly or indirectly specialize `Performances::literalStringEvaluations` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::literalStringEvaluations')
```

#### 8.3.4.8.15 MetadataAccessExpression

**KERML -162: MetadataAccessExpression::referencedElement should be derived**

##### Description

A `MetadataAccessExpression` is an `Expression` whose result is a sequence of instances of `Metaclasses` representing all the `MetadataFeature` annotations of the `referencedElement`. In addition, the sequence includes an instance of the reflective `Metaclass` corresponding to the MOF class of the `referencedElement`, with values for all the abstract syntax properties of the `referencedElement`.

##### General Classes

`Expression`

##### Attributes

`/referencedElement : Element {subsets member}`

The `Element` whose metadata is being accessed.

##### Operations

`evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..*] {redefines evaluate}`

Return the `ownedElements` of the `referencedElement` that are `MetadataFeatures` and have the `referencedElement` as an `annotatedElement`, plus a `MetadataFeature` whose `annotatedElement` is the `referencedElement`, whose `metaclass` is the reflective `Metaclass` corresponding to the MOF class of the `referencedElement` and whose `ownedFeatures` are bound to the values of the MOF properties of the `referencedElement`.

```
body: referencedElement.ownedElement->
  select (oclIsKindOf (MetadataFeature)
    and annotatedElement->includes (referencedElement)) ->
  including (metaclassFeature())
```

`metaclassFeature() : MetadataFeature`

Return a `MetadataFeature` whose `annotatedElement` is the `referencedElement`, whose `metaclass` is the reflective `Metaclass` corresponding to the MOF class of the `referencedElement` and whose `ownedFeatures` are bound to the MOF properties of the `referencedElement`.

`modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..*]) : Boolean {redefines modelLevelEvaluable}`

A `MetadataAccessExpression` is always model-level evaluable.

```
body: true
```

##### Constraints

`checkMetadataAccessExpressionSpecialization`

A `MetadataAccessExpression` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `MetadataAccessExpression` *Performances::metadataAccessEvaluations* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::metadataAccessEvaluations')
```

`deriveMetadataAccessExpressionReferencedElement`

The `referencedElement` of a `MetadataAccessExpression` is the `memberElement` of its first `ownedMembership` that is not a `FeatureMembership`.

```
referencedElement =  
  let elements : Sequence(Element) = ownedMembership->  
    reject(oclIsKindOf(FeatureMembership)).memberElement in  
  if elements->isEmpty() then null  
  else elements->first()  
endif
```

`validateMetadataAccessExpressionReferencedElement`

A `MetadataAccessExpression` must have at least one `ownedMember` that is not a `FeatureMembership`.

```
ownedMembership->exists(not oclIsKindOf(FeatureMembership))
```

#### 8.3.4.8.16 NullExpression

##### Description

A `NullExpression` is an `Expression` that results in a null value.

##### General Classes

`Expression`

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

`evaluate(target : Element) : Element [0..*]` {redefines `evaluate`}

The model-level value of a `NullExpression` is an empty sequence.

**body:** `Sequence{ }`

`modelLevelEvaluable(visited : Feature [0..*]) : Boolean` {redefines `modelLevelEvaluable`}

A `NullExpression` is always model-level evaluable.

**body:** `true`

##### Constraints

`checkNullExpressionSpecialization`

A `NullExpression` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `NullExpression` *Performances::nullEvaluations* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Performances::nullEvaluations')
```

#### 8.3.4.8.17 OperatorExpression

[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent

[KERML -224](#): Corrections to Ballot #5 resolutions

##### Description

An `OperatorExpression` is an `InvocationExpression` whose function is determined by resolving its `operator` in the context of one of the standard packages from the Kernel Function Library.

##### General Classes

`InvocationExpression`

##### Attributes

`operator` : String

An `operator` symbol that names a corresponding `Function` from one of the standard packages from the Kernel Function Library.

##### Operations

`instantiatedType()` : Type {redefines `instantiatedType`}

The `instantiatedType` of an `OperatorExpression` is the resolution of its `operator` from one of the packages *BaseFunctions*, *DataFunctions*, or *ControlFunctions* from the Kernel Function Library.

```
body: let libFunctions : Sequence(Element) =
    Sequence('BaseFunctions', 'DataFunctions', 'ControlFunctions')->
    collect(ns | resolveGlobal(ns + "::" + operator + "").
    memberElement) in
if libFunctions->isEmpty() then null
else libFunctions->first().oclAsType(Type)
endif
```

##### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.4.8.18 SelectExpression

[KERML -117](#): `InvocationExpression::result` specialization

##### Description

A `SelectExpression` is an `OperatorExpression` whose `operator` is "select", which resolves to the `Function` *ControlFunctions::select* from the Kernel Functions Library.

##### General Classes

`OperatorExpression`

##### Attributes

`operator : String {redefines operator}`

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

`checkSelectExpressionResultSpecialization`

The result of a `SelectExpression` must specialize the `result` parameter of the first argument of the `SelectExpression`.

```
arguments->notEmpty() implies  
    result.specializes(arguments->first().result)
```

`validateSelectExpressionOperator`

The operator of a `SelectExpression` must be 'select'.

```
operator = 'select'
```

## 8.3.4.9 Interactions Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.4.9.1 Overview

[KERML -107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

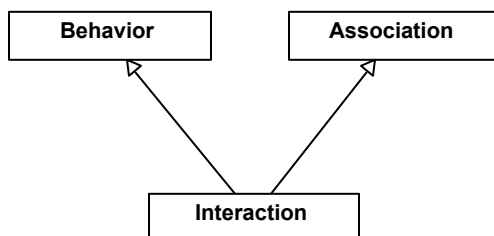


Figure 35. Interactions



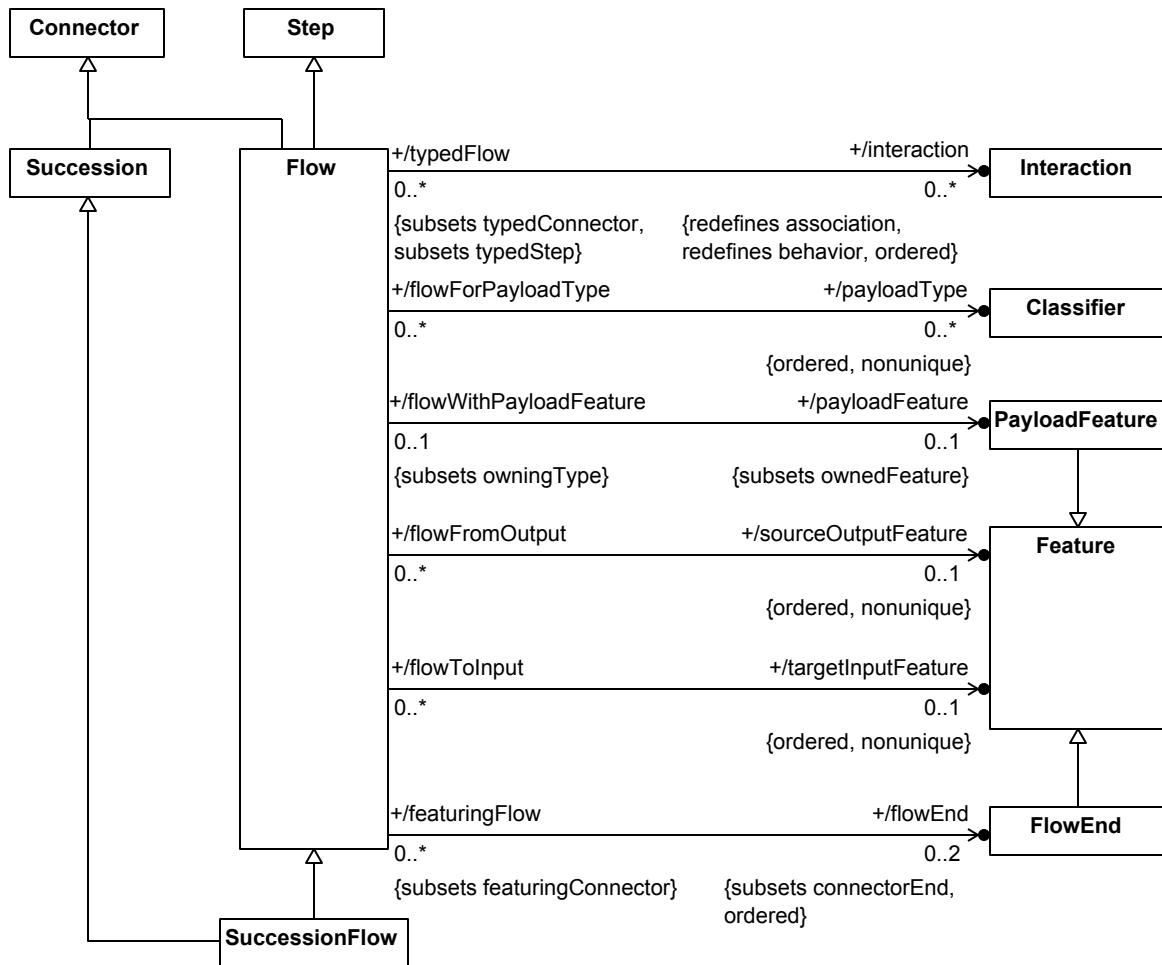


Figure 36. Flows

#### 8.3.4.9.2 Flow

#### [KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

##### Description

An **Flow** is a **Step** that represents the transfer of values from one **Feature** to another. **Flows** can take non-zero time to complete.

##### General Classes

Step  
Connector

##### Attributes

/flowEnd : FlowEnd [0..2] {subsets connectorEnd, ordered}

The connectorEnds of this Flow that are FlowEnds.

/interaction : Interaction [0..\*] {redefines association, behavior, ordered}

The Interactions that type this Flow. Interactions are both Associations and Behaviors, which can type Connectors and Steps, respectively.

/payloadFeature : PayloadFeature [0..1] {subsets ownedFeature}

The ownedFeature of the Flow that is a PayloadFeature (if any).

/payloadType : Classifier [0..\*] {ordered, nonunique}

The type of values transferred, which is the type of the payloadFeature of the Flow.

/sourceOutputFeature : Feature [0..1] {ordered, nonunique}

The Feature that provides the items carried by the Flow. It must be a feature of the source of the Flow.

/targetInputFeature : Feature [0..1] {ordered, nonunique}

The Feature that receives the values carried by the Flow. It must be a feature of the target of the Flow.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

checkFlowSpecialization

A Flow must directly or indirectly specialize the *Step Transfers::transfers* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Transfers::transfers')
```

checkFlowWithEndsSpecialization

A Flow with ownedEndFeatures must specialize the *Step Transfers::flowTransfers* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
ownedEndFeatures->notEmpty() implies  
  specializesFromLibrary('Transfers::flowTransfers')
```

deriveFlowFlowEnd

The flowEnds of a Flow are all its connectorEnds that are FlowEnds.

```
flowEnd = connectorEnd->selectByKind(FlowEnd)
```

deriveFlowPayloadFeature

The payloadFeature of a Flow is the single one of its ownedFeatures that is a PayloadFeature.

```
payloadFeature =  
  let payloadFeatures : Sequence(PayloadFeature) =  
    ownedFeature->selectByKind(PayloadFeature) in  
  if payloadFeatures->isEmpty() then null  
  else payloadFeatures->first()  
endif
```

#### deriveFlowPayloadType

The payloadTypes of a Flow are the types of the payloadFeature of the Flow (if any).

```
payloadType =  
  if payloadFeature = null then Sequence{}  
  else payloadFeature.type  
  endif
```

#### deriveFlowSourceOutputFeature

The sourceOutputFeature of a Flow is the first ownedFeature of the first connectorEnd of the Flow.

```
sourceOutputFeature =  
  if connectorEnd->isEmpty() or  
    connectorEnd.ownedFeature->isEmpty()  
  then null  
  else connectorEnd.ownedFeature->first()  
  endif
```

#### deriveFlowTargetInputFeature

The targetInputFeature of a Flow is the first ownedFeature of the second connectorEnd of the Flow.

```
targetInputFeature =  
  if connectorEnd->size() < 2 or  
    connectorEnd->at(2).ownedFeature->isEmpty()  
  then null  
  else connectorEnd->at(2).ownedFeature->first()  
  endif
```

#### validateFlowPayloadFeature

A Flow must have at most one ownedFeature that is an PayloadFeature.

```
ownedFeature->selectByKind(PayloadFeature)->size() <= 1
```

### 8.3.4.9.3 FlowEnd

#### [KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

##### Description

A FlowEnd is a Feature that is one of the connectorEnds giving the *source* or *target* of a Flow. For Flows typed by *FlowTransfer* or its specializations, FlowEnds must have exactly one ownedFeature, which redefines *Transfer::source::sourceOutput* or *Transfer::target::targetInput* and redefines the corresponding feature of the relatedElement for its end.

##### General Classes

Feature

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

#### **Constraints**

validateFlowEndIsEnd

A FlowEnd must be an end Feature.

isEnd

validateFlowEndNestedFeature

A FlowEnd must have exactly one ownedFeature.

ownedFeature->size() = 1

validateFlowEndOwningType

The owningType of a FlowEnd must be a Flow.

owningType <> null and owningType.ocIsKindOf(Flow)

### **8.3.4.9.4 Interaction**

#### **Description**

An Interaction is a Behavior that is also an Association, providing a context for multiple objects that have behaviors that impact one another.

#### **General Classes**

Behavior  
Association

#### **Attributes**

None.

#### **Operations**

None.

#### **Constraints**

None.

### **8.3.4.9.5 PayloadFeature**

[KERML\\_-107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML](#)

#### **Description**

A PayloadFeature is the ownedFeature of a Flow that identifies the things carried by the kinds of transfers that are instances of the Flow.

#### **General Classes**

Feature

#### Attributes

None.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

checkPayloadFeatureRedefinition

A `PayloadFeature` must redefine the Feature `Transfers::Transfer::payload` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
redefinesFromLibrary('Transfers::Transfer::payload')
```

### 8.3.4.9.6 SuccessionFlow

#### [KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

#### Description

A `SuccessionFlow` is a `Flow` that also provides temporal ordering. It classifies *Transfers* that cannot start until the source *Occurrence* has completed and that must complete before the target *Occurrence* can start.

#### General Classes

Succession  
Flow

#### Attributes

None.

#### Operations

None.

#### Constraints

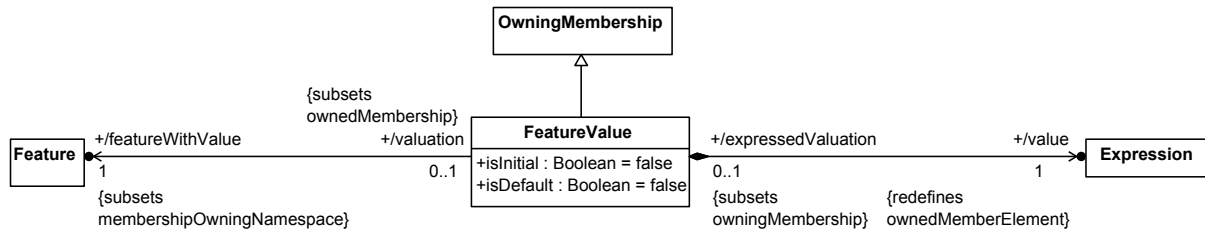
checkSuccessionFlowSpecialization

A `SuccessionFlow` must directly or indirectly specialize the Step `Transfers::flowTransfersBefore` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Transfers::flowTransfersBefore')
```

### 8.3.4.10 Feature Values Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.4.10.1 Overview



**Figure 37. Feature Values**

### 8.3.4.10.2 FeatureValue

**KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

#### Description

A `FeatureValue` is a `Membership` that identifies a particular member `Expression` that provides the value of the `Feature` that owns the `FeatureValue`. The value is specified as either a bound value or an initial value, and as either a concrete or default value. A `Feature` can have at most one `FeatureValue`.

The result of the value `Expression` is bound to the `featureWithValue` using a `BindingConnector`. If `isInitial = false`, then the `featuringType` of the `BindingConnector` is the same as the `featuringType` of the `featureWithValue`. If `isInitial = true`, then the `featuringType` of the `BindingConnector` is restricted to its `startShot`.

If `isDefault = false`, then the above semantics of the `FeatureValue` are realized for the given `featureWithValue`. Otherwise, the semantics are realized for any individual of the `featuringType` of the `featureWithValue`, unless another value is explicitly given for the `featureWithValue` for that individual.

#### General Classes

`OwningMembership`

#### Attributes

`/featureWithValue : Feature {subsets membershipOwningNamespace}`

The `Feature` to be provided a value.

The `Feature` to be provided a value.

`isDefault : Boolean`

Whether this `FeatureValue` is a concrete specification of the bound or initial value of the `featureWithValue`, or just a default value that may be overridden.

`isInitial : Boolean`

Whether this `FeatureValue` specifies a bound value or an initial value for the `featureWithValue`.

`/value : Expression {redefines ownedMemberElement}`

The `Expression` that provides the value as a result.

The `Expression` that provides the value of the `featureWithValue` as its result.

## Operations

None.

## Constraints

### checkFeatureValueBindingConnector

If `isDefault = false`, then the `featureWithValue` must have an `ownedMember` that is a `BindingConnector` whose `relatedElements` are the `featureWithValue` and a feature chain consisting of the value Expression and its result. If `isInitial = false`, then this `BindingConnector` must have `featuringTypes` that are the same as those of the `featureWithValue`. If `isInitial = true`, then the `BindingConnector` must have *that.startShot* as its `featuringType`.

```
not isDefault implies
  featureWithValue.ownedMember->
    selectByKind(BindingConnector)->exists(b |
      b.relatedFeature->includes(featureWithValue) and
      b.relatedFeature->exists(f |
        f.chainingFeature = Sequence(value, value.result)) and
      if not isInitial then
        b.featuringType = featureWithValue.featuringType
      else
        b.featuringType->exists(t |
          t.ocIsKindOf(Feature) and
          t.ocIsType(Feature).chainingFeature =
            Sequence{
              resolveGlobal('Base::things::that').
                memberElement,
              resolveGlobal('Occurrences::Occurrence::startShot').
                memberElement
            }
        )
      endif)
```

### validateFeatureValueIsInitial

If a `FeatureValue` has `isInitial = true`, then its `featureWithValue` must have `isVariable = true`.

`isInitial` implies `featureWithValue.isVariable`

### validateFeatureValueOverriding

All Features directly or indirectly redefined by the `featureWithValue` of a `FeatureValue` must have only default `FeatureValues`.

```
featureWithValue.redefinition.redefinedFeature->
  closure(redefinition.redefinedFeature).valuation->
    forAll(isDefault)
```

## 8.3.4.11 Multiplicities Abstract Syntax

### 8.3.4.11.1 Overview

[KERML -140](#): **MultiplicityRanges should allow owned members other than bounds**

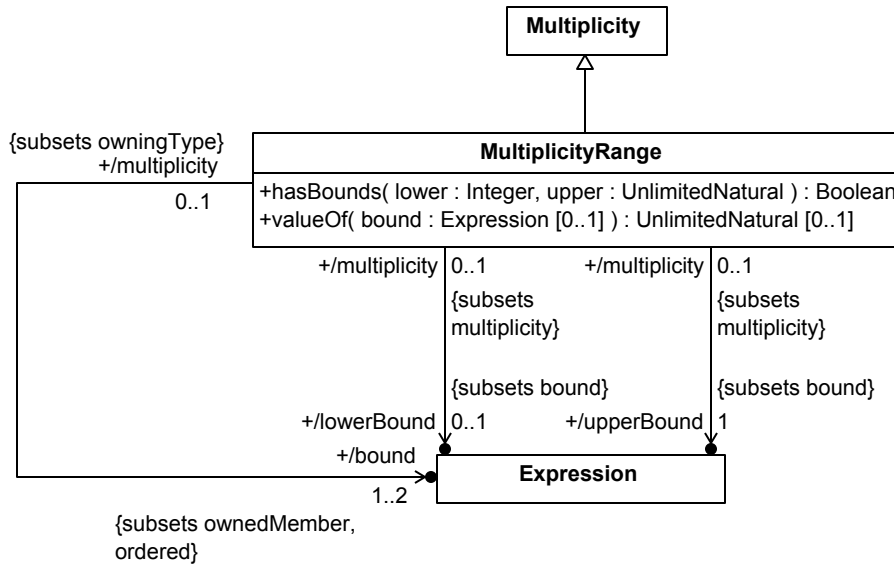


Figure 38. Multiplicities

### 8.3.4.11.2 MultiplicityRange

#### **KERML\_-140: MultiplicityRanges should allow owned members other than bounds**

##### Description

A `MultiplicityRange` is a `Multiplicity` whose value is defined to be the (inclusive) range of natural numbers given by the result of a `lowerBound` Expression and the result of an `upperBound` Expression. The result of these Expressions shall be of type *Natural*. If the result of the `upperBound` Expression is the unbounded value `*`, then the specified range includes all natural numbers greater than or equal to the `lowerBound` value. If no `lowerBound` Expression, then the default is that the lower bound has the same value as the upper bound, except if the `upperBound` evaluates to `*`, in which case the default for the lower bound is 0.

##### General Classes

`Multiplicity`

##### Attributes

`/bound : Expression [1..2] {subsets ownedMember, ordered}`

The owned Expressions of the `MultiplicityRange` whose results provide its bounds. These must be the first ownedMembers of the `MultiplicityRange`.

`/lowerBound : Expression [0..1] {subsets bound}`

The Expression whose result provides the lower bound of the `MultiplicityRange`. If no `lowerBound` Expression is given, then the lower bound shall have the same value as the upper bound, unless the upper bound is unbounded (`*`), in which case the lower bound shall be 0.

`/upperBound : Expression {subsets bound}`

The Expression whose result is the upper bound of the `MultiplicityRange`.



## Operations

**hasBounds**(lower : Integer, upper : UnlimitedNatural) : Boolean

Check whether this **MultiplicityRange** represents the range bounded by the given values lower and upper, presuming the lowerBound and upperBound Expressions are model-level evaluable.

```
body: valueOf(upperBound) = upper and
let lowerValue: UnlimitedNatural = valueOf(lowerBound) in
(lowerValue = lower or
 lowerValue = null and
  (lower = upper or
   lower = 0 and upper = *))
```

**valueOf**(bound : Expression [0..1]) : UnlimitedNatural [0..1]

Evaluate the given bound Expression (at model level) and return the result represented as a MOF UnlimitedNatural value.

```
body: if bound = null or not bound.isModelLevelEvaluable then
  null
else
  let boundEval: Sequence(Element) = bound.evaluate(owningType) in
  if boundEval->size() <> 1 then null else
    let valueEval: Element = boundEval->at(1) in
    if valueEval.oclIsKindOf(LiteralInfinity) then *
    else if valueEval.oclIsKindOf(LiteralInteger) then
      let value : Integer =
        valueEval.oclAsKindOf(LiteralInteger).value in
      if value >= 0 then value else null endif
    else null
    endif endif
  endif
endif
```

## Constraints

**checkMultiplicityRangeExpressionTypeFeaturing**

The bounds of a **MultiplicityRange** must have the same featuringTypes as the **MultiplicityRange**.

```
bound->forall(b | b.featuringType = self.featuringType)
```

**deriveMultiplicityRangeBound**

The bounds of a **MultiplicityRange** are the lowerBound (if any) followed by the upperBound.

```
bound =
  if upperBound = null then Sequence{}
  else if lowerBound = null then Sequence{upperBound}
  else Sequence{lowerBound, upperBound}
  endif endif
```

**deriveMultiplicityRangeLowerBound**

If a **MultiplicityRange** has two ownedMembers that are Expressions, then the lowerBound is the first of these, otherwise it is null.

```

lowerBound =
  let ownedExpressions : Sequence(Expression) =
    ownedMember->selectByKind(Expression) in
  if ownedExpressions->size() < 2 then null
  else ownedExpressions->first()
endif

```

#### deriveMultiplicityRangeUpperBound

If a `MultiplicityRange` has one `ownedMember` that is an `Expression`, then this is the `upperBound`. If it has more than one `ownedMember` that is an `Expression`, then the `upperBound` is the second of those. Otherwise, it is `null`.

```

upperBound =
  let ownedExpressions : Sequence(Expression) =
    ownedMember->selectByKind(Expression) in
  if ownedExpressions->isEmpty() then null
  else if ownedExpressions->size() = 1 then ownedExpressions->at(1)
  else ownedExpressions->at(2)
  endif endif

```

#### validateMultiplicityRangeBoundResultTypes

The results of the bound `Expression(s)` of a `MultiplicityRange` must be typed by `ScalarValues::Integer` from the Kernel Data Types Library. If a bound is model-level evaluable, then it must evaluate to a non-negative value.

```

bound->forall(b |
  b.result.specializesFromLibrary('ScalarValues::Integer') and
  let value : UnlimitedNatural = valueOf(b) in
  value <> null implies value >= 0
)

```

#### validateMultiplicityRangeBounds

The `lowerBound` (if any) and `upperBound` `Expressions` must be the first `ownedMembers` of a `MultiplicityRange`.

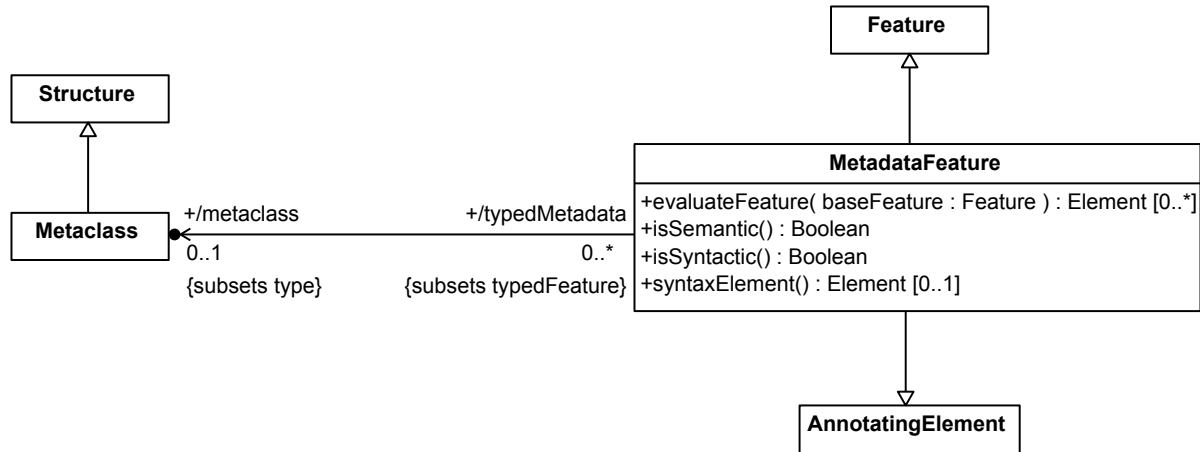
```

if lowerBound = null then
  ownedMember->notEmpty() and
  ownedMember->at(1) = upperBound
else
  ownedMember->size() > 1 and
  ownedMember->at(1) = lowerBound and
  ownedMember->at(2) = upperBound
endif

```

### 8.3.4.12 Metadata Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.4.12.1 Overview



**Figure 39. Metadata Annotation**

#### 8.3.4.12.2 Metaclass

##### Description

A **Metaclass** is a **Structure** used to type **MetadataFeatures**.

##### General Classes

**Structure**

##### Attributes

None.

##### Operations

None.

##### Constraints

`checkMetaclassSpecialization`

A **Metaclass** must directly or indirectly specialize the base **Metaclass** `Metaobjects::Metaobject` from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Metaobjects::Metaobject')
```

#### 8.3.4.12.3 MetadataFeature

##### Description

A **MetadataFeature** is a **Feature** that is an **AnnotatingElement** used to annotate another **Element** with metadata. It is typed by a **Metaclass**. All its owned **Features** must redefine features of its metaclass and any feature bindings must be model-level evaluable.

##### General Classes

**Feature**

AnnotatingElement

## Attributes

/metaclass : Metaclass [0..1] {subsets type}

The type of this MetadataFeature, which must be a Metaclass.

## Operations

evaluateFeature(baseFeature : Feature) : Element [0..\*]

If the given baseFeature is a feature of this MetadataFeature, or is directly or indirectly redefined by a feature, then return the result of evaluating the appropriate (model-level evaluable) value Expression for it (if any), with the MetadataFeature as the target.

```
body: let selectedFeatures : Sequence(Feature) = feature->
    select (closure (ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature)->
        includes(baseFeature)) in
if selectedFeatures->isEmpty() then null
else
    let selectedFeature : Feature = selectedFeatures->first() in
    let featureValues : FeatureValue = selectedFeature->
        closure (ownedRedefinition.redefinedFeature).ownedMember->
        selectAsKind(FeatureValue) in
    if featureValues->isEmpty() then null
    else featureValues->first().value.evaluate(self)
endif
```

isSemantic() : Boolean

Check if this MetadataFeature has a metaclass which is a kind of *SemanticMetadata*.

```
body: specializesFromLibrary('Metaobjects::SemanticMetadata')
```

isSyntactic() : Boolean

Check if this MetadataFeature has a metaclass that is a kind of *KerML::Element* (that is, it is from the reflective abstract syntax model).

```
body: specializesFromLibrary('KerML::Element')
```

syntaxElement() : Element [0..1]

If this MetadataFeature reflectively represents a model element, then return the corresponding Element instance from the MOF abstract syntax representation of the model.

```
pre: isSyntactic()
```

```
body: No OCL
```

## Constraints

checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization

If this MetadataFeature is an application of *SemanticMetadata*, then its annotatingElement must be a Type. The annotated Type must then directly or indirectly specialize the specified value of the *baseType*, unless

the `Type` is a `Classifier` and the `baseType` represents a kind of `Feature`, in which case the `Classifier` must directly or indirectly specialize each of the types of the `Feature`.

```
isSemantic() implies
  let annotatedTypes : Sequence(Type) =
    annotatedElement->selectAsKind(Type) in
  let baseTypes : Sequence(MetadataFeature) =
    evaluateFeature(resolveGlobal(
      'Metaobjects::SemanticMetadata::baseType').
      memberElement.
      oclAsType(Feature))->
    selectAsKind(MetadataFeature) in
  annotatedTypes->notEmpty() and
  baseTypes()->notEmpty() and
  baseTypes()->first().isSyntactic() implies
    let annotatedType : Type = annotatedTypes->first() in
    let baseType : Element = baseTypes->first().syntaxElement() in
    if annotatedType.ocIsKindOf(Classifier) and
      baseType.ocIsKindOf(Feature) then
      baseType.ocIsType(Feature).type->
        forAll(t | annotatedType.specializes(t))
    else if baseType.ocIsKindOf(Type) then
      annotatedType.specializes(baseType.ocIsType(Type))
    else
      true
  endif
```

### checkMetadataFeatureSpecialization

A `MetadataFeature` must directly or indirectly specialize the base `MetadataFeature` *Metaobjects::metaobjects* from the Kernel Semantic Library.

```
specializesFromLibrary('Metaobjects::metaobjects')
```

### deriveMetadataFeatureMetaclass

The metaclass of a `MetadataFeature` is one of its types that is a `Metaclass`

```
metaclass =
  let metaclassTypes : Sequence(Type) = type->selectByKind(Metaclass) in
  if metaclassTypes->isEmpty() then null
  else metaclassTypes->first()
  endif
```

### validateMetadataFeatureAnnotatedElement

The `annotatedElements` of a `MetadataFeature` must have an abstract syntax metaclass consistent with the `annotatedElement` declarations for the `MetadataFeature`.

```
let baseAnnotatedElementFeature : Feature =
  resolveGlobal('Metaobjects::Metaobject::annotatedElement').memberElement.
  oclAsType(Feature) in
let annotatedElementFeatures : OrderedSet(Feature) = feature->
  select(specializes(baseAnnotatedElementFeature))->
  excluding(baseAnnotatedElementFeature) in
annotatedElementFeatures->notEmpty() implies
  let annotatedElementTypes : Set(Feature) =
    annotatedElementFeatures.typing.type->asSet() in
  let metaclasses : Set(Metaclass) =
    annotatedElement.ocType().qualifiedName->collect(qn |
```

```

    resolveGlobal(qn).memberElement.oclAsType(Metaclass)) in
    metaclasses->forall(m | annotatedElementTypes->exists(t | m.specializes(t)))

```

#### validateMetadataFeatureBody

Each ownedFeature of a MetadataFeature must have no declared name, redefine a single Feature, either have no featureValue or a featureValue with a value Expression that is model-level evaluable, and only have ownedFeatures that also meet these restrictions.

```

ownedFeature->closure(ownedFeature)->forall(f |
    f.declaredName = null and f.declaredShortName = null and
    f.valuation <> null implies f.valuation.value.isModelLevelEvaluable and
    f.redefinition.redefinedFeature->size() = 1)

```

#### validateMetadataFeatureMetaclass

A MetadataFeature must have exactly one type that is a Metaclass.

```

type->selectByKind(Metaclass).size() = 1

```

#### validateMetadataFeatureMetaclassNotAbstract

The metaclass of a MetadataFeature must not be abstract.

```

not metaclass.isAbstract

```

### 8.3.4.13 Packages Abstract Syntax

#### 8.3.4.13.1 Overview

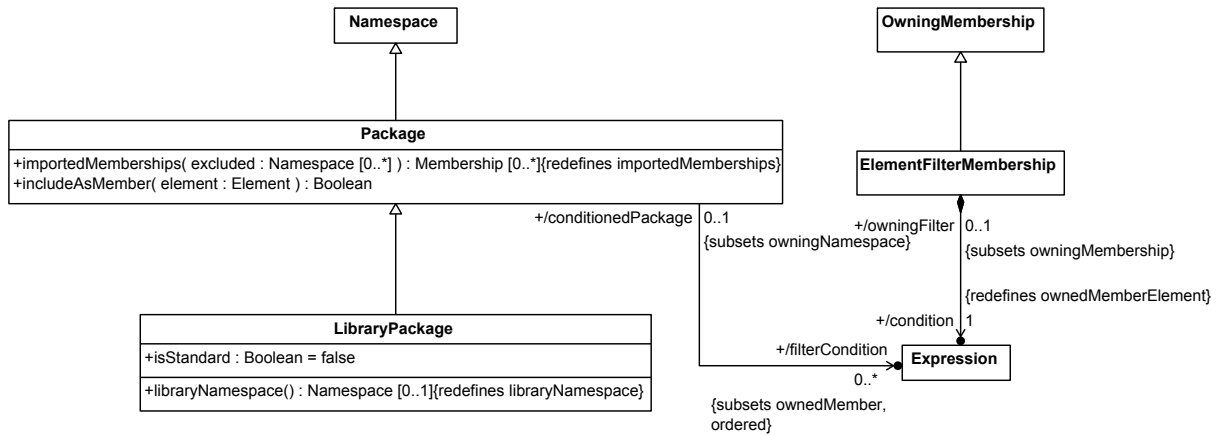


Figure 40. Packages

#### 8.3.4.13.2 ElementFilterMembership

##### Description

ElementFilterMembership is a Membership between a Namespace and a model-level evaluable Boolean-valued Expression, asserting that imported members of the Namespace should be filtered using the condition Expression. A general Namespace does not define any specific filtering behavior, but such behavior may be defined for various specialized kinds of Namespaces.

##### General Classes

OwningMembership

### Attributes

/condition : Expression {redefines ownedMemberElement}

The model-level evaluable Boolean-valued Expression used to filter the imported members of the membershipOwningNamespace of this ElementFilterMembership.

### Operations

None.

### Constraints

validateElementFilterMembershipConditionIsBoolean

The result parameter of the condition Expression must directly or indirectly specialize *ScalarValues::Boolean*.

```
condition.result.specializesFromLibrary('ScalarValues::Boolean')
```

validateElementFilterMembershipConditionIsModelLevelEvaluable

The condition Expression must be model-level evaluable.

```
condition.isModelLevelEvaluable
```

## 8.3.4.13.3 LibraryPackage

### Description

A LibraryPackage is a Package that is the container for a model library. A LibraryPackage is itself a library Element as are all Elements that are directly or indirectly contained in it.

### General Classes

Package

### Attributes

isStandard : Boolean

Whether this LibraryPackage contains a standard library model. This should only be set to true for LibraryPackages in the standard Kernel Model Libraries or in normative model libraries for a language built on KerML.

### Operations

libraryNamespace() : Namespace [0..1] {redefines libraryNamespace}

The libraryNamespace for a LibraryPackage is itself.

```
body: self
```

### Constraints

None.

#### 8.3.4.13.4 Package

##### Description

A `Package` is a `Namespace` used to group `Elements`, without any instance-level semantics. It may have one or more model-level evaluable `filterCondition` Expressions used to filter its `importedMemberships`. Any `imported member` must meet all of the `filterConditions`.

##### General Classes

`Namespace`

##### Attributes

`/filterCondition : Expression [0..*] {subsets ownedMember, ordered}`

The model-level evaluable `Boolean`-valued `Expression` used to filter the members of this `Package`, which are owned by the `Package` are via `ElementFilterMemberships`.

##### Operations

`importedMemberships(excluded : Namespace [0..*]) : Membership [0..*] {redefines importedMemberships}`

Exclude `Elements` that do not meet all the `filterConditions`.

```
body: self.oclAsType(Namespace).importedMemberships(excluded)->
  select(m | self.includeAsMember(m.memberElement))
```

`includeAsMember(element : Element) : Boolean`

Determine whether the given `element` meets all the `filterConditions`.

```
body: let metadataFeatures: Sequence(AnnotatingElement) =
  element.ownedAnnotation.annotatingElement->
    selectByKind(MetadataFeature) in
  self.filterCondition->forall(cond |
    metadataFeatures->exists(elem |
      cond.checkCondition(elem)))
```

##### Constraints

`derivePackageFilterCondition`

The `filterConditions` of a `Package` are the conditions of its owned `ElementFilterMemberships`.

```
filterCondition = ownedMembership->
  selectByKind(ElementFilterMembership).condition
```

## 8.4 Semantics

### 8.4.1 Semantics Overview

A KerML model is intended to *represent* a system being modeled. The model is *interpreted* to make statements about the modeled system. The model may describe an existing system, in which case, if the model is correct, the statements it is interpreted to make about the system should all be true. A model may also be used to specify an



imagined or planned system, in which case the statements the model is interpreted to make should be true for any system that is properly constructed and operated according to the model.

The *semantics* of KerML specify how a KerML model is to be interpreted. The semantics are defined in terms of the abstract syntax representation of the model, and only for models which are *valid* relative to the structure and constraints specified for the KerML abstract syntax (see [8.3](#)). As further specified in this subclause, models expressed in KerML are given semantics by implicitly reusing elements from the semantic models in the Kernel Model Library (see [Clause 9](#)). These library models represent conditions on the structure and behavior of the system being modeled, which are further augmented in a user model as appropriate.

A formal specification of semantics allows models to be interpreted consistently. In particular, all KerML models extend library models expressed in KerML itself, understandable by KerML modelers. These library models can then be ultimately reduced to a small, core subset of KerML, which is grounded in mathematical logic. The goal is to provide uniform model interpretation, which improves communication between everyone involved in modeling, including modelers and tool builders.

KerML semantics are specified by a combination of mathematics and model libraries, as illustrated in [Fig. 41](#). The left side of this diagram shows the abstract syntax packages corresponding to the three layers of KerML (see 6.1). The right side shows the corresponding semantic layering.

1. The Root Layer defines the syntactic foundation KerML and, as such, does not have a semantic interpretation relative to the modeled system.
2. The Core Layer is grounded in mathematical semantics, supported by the `Base` package from the Kernel Model Library (see [9.2.2](#)). Subclause [8.4.3](#) specifies the semantics of the Core layer.
3. The Kernel Layer is given semantics fully through its relationship to the Model Library (see [Clause 9](#)). Subclause [8.4.4](#) specifies the semantics of the Kernel layer.

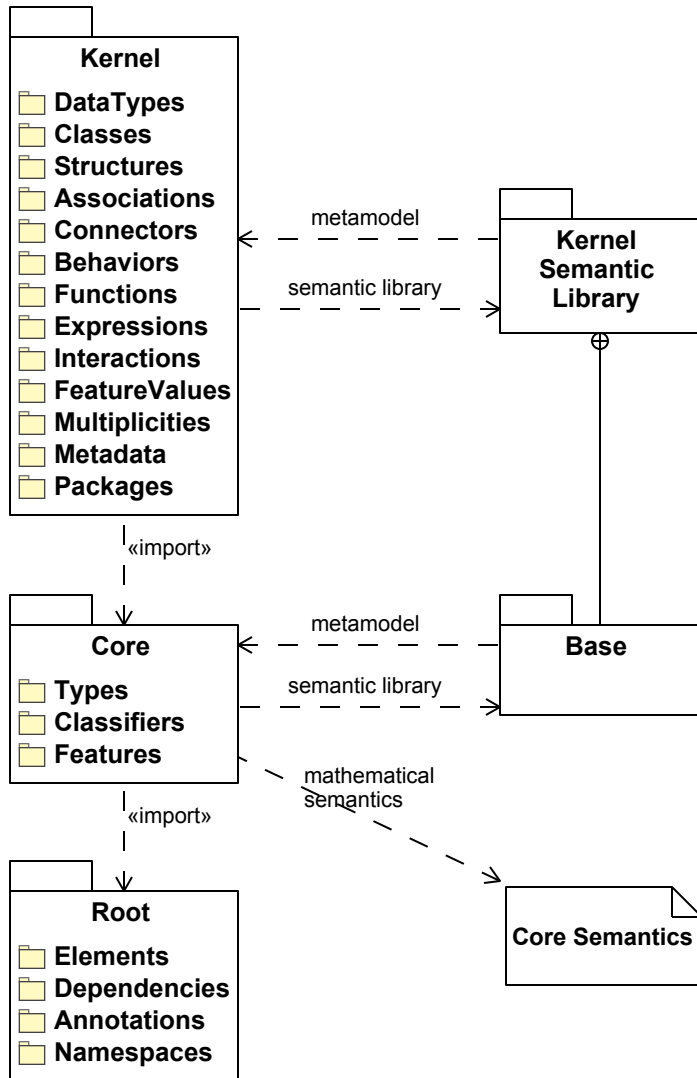


Figure 41. KerML Semantic Layers

## 8.4.2 Semantic Constraints and Implied Relationships

As described in [8.4.1](#), KerML semantics are specified by a combination of a mathematical interpretation of the Core layer and a set of required relationships between Core and Kernel model elements and elements of the Kernel Semantic Library (see [9.2](#)). The latter requirements are formalized by *semantic constraints* included in the KerML abstract syntax (see also [8.3.1](#) on the various kinds of constraints in the abstract syntax). Additionally, other semantic constraints require relationships between elements within a user model necessary for the model to be semantically well formed.

Specifically, there are four categories of semantic constraints, each dealing with a different kind of relationship.

1. *Specialization constraints.* These constraints require that `Type` elements of a certain kind directly or indirectly specialize some specific base `Type` from the Kernel Semantic Library. They are the fundamental means for providing semantics to abstract syntax elements in the Kernel layer. Specialization constraints always have the word `Specialization` in their name. For example, `checkDataTypeSpecialization` requires that a `DataType` directly or indirectly specialize the Semantic Library `DataType` `Base::DataValue`.

2. *Redefinition constraints.* These constraints require that certain `Features` in a model have `Redefinition` relationships with certain other `Features` in the model. While `Redefinitions` are kinds of `Specializations`, redefinition constraints differ from the specialization constraints described above in that they are between two elements of a user model, rather than between an element of a user model and an element of a library model. Redefinition constraints always have the word `Redefinition` in their name. For example, `checkConnectorEndRedefinition` requires that the ends of a `Connector` redefine any ends of the `Types` that it specializes.
3. *Type-featuring constraints.* These constraints require that certain `Features` in a model have `TypeFeaturing` relationships with certain other `Types` in the model. They arise at points in a model in which the `OwningMembership` structure is different than the required `Featuring` relationship, so `FeatureMembership` cannot be used. Type-featuring constraints always have the words `TypeFeaturing` in their name. For example, `checkFeatureValueExpressionTypeFeaturing` requires that the value `Expression` owned by a `FeatureValue` relationship (a kind of `OwningMembership`) have the same `featuringTypes` as the `owning featureWithValue` of the `FeatureValue`, rather than being featured by the `featureWithValue` itself (as would have been the case for a `FeatureMembership`).
4. *Binding-connector constraints.* These constraints require that `BindingConnectors` exist between certain `Features` in a model. The primary example of such a constraint is `checkFeatureValueBindingConnector`, which requires that the `featureWithValue` of a `FeatureValue` own a `BindingConnector` between itself and the `result` parameter of the value `Expression` of the `FeatureValue`.

A KerML model parsed from the textual concrete syntax (see [8.2](#)) or obtained through model interchange (see [Clause 10](#)) will not necessarily meet the semantic constraints specified for the abstract syntax. In this case, a tool may insert certain *implied* `Relationships` into the model in order to meet the semantic constraints. The overview subclauses for the Core Semantics (see [8.4.3.1](#)) and Kernel Semantics (see [8.4.4.1](#)) include tables that define what implied `Relationships` should be included to satisfy each semantic constraint when it would otherwise be violated. In all cases, the semantics of a model are only defined if it meets all semantic and validation constraints (see [8.3.1](#)).

When including implied `Relationships` for specialization constraints, it is possible that multiple such constraints may apply to a single element. For example, a `Structure` is a kind of `Class`, which is a kind of `Classifier`, and there are specialization constraints for all three of these metaclasses, with corresponding implied `Subclassification Relationships`. However, simply including all three implied `Subclassification` would be redundant, because the `Subclassification` implied by the `checkStructureSpecialization` constraint will also automatically satisfy the `checkClassSpecialization` and `checkClassifierSpecialization` constraints.

Therefore, in order to avoid redundant `Relationships`, a tool should observe the following rules when selecting which `Specializations` to actually include for a certain specific `Type`, out of the set of those implied by all specialization constraints applicable to the `Type`:

1. If there is any `ownedSpecialization` or other implied `Specialization` whose general `Type` is a direct or indirect subtype of (but not the same as) the general `Type` of an implied `Specialization`, or if there is an `ownedSpecialization` with the same general `Type`, then that implied `Specialization` should *not* be included.
2. If there are two implied `Specializations` with the same general `Type`, then only one should be included.

Note that the above rules do *not* apply to `Redefinitions` implied by redefinition constraints, because `Redefinition` relationships have semantics beyond just basic `Specialization`.

## 8.4.3 Core Semantics

### 8.4.3.1 Core Semantics Overview

#### 8.4.3.1.1 Core Semantic Constraints

**KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**  
**KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**  
**KERML -52: Semantic constraint needed for result type of a "constructor" expression**  
**KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**  
**KERML -99: CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined**  
**KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML**

The Core semantics are primarily specified mathematically, but the Core metaclasses `Type`, `Classifier`, and `Feature` also have certain semantic constraints (see [8.4.2](#)). Subclause [8.4.3.1.2](#) describes the general mathematical framework for Core semantics, with specific rules for `Types`, `Classifiers` and `Features` given in [8.4.3.2](#), [8.4.3.3](#), and [8.4.3.4](#), respectively. The following summarizes the corresponding semantic constraints.

The `checkTypeSpecialization` and `checkFeatureSpecialization` constraints are actually already implied by the mathematical semantics for `Types` and `Features`, but they are included in the abstract syntax so that they can also be reflected syntactically in models by the implied `Relationships` shown in [Table 8](#). In addition, [Table 9](#) lists the implied `Relationships` for semantic constraints on the Core metaclass `Feature` that actually support the semantics of various Kernel-layer constructs, as further described in the Kernel Semantics ([8.4.4](#)) subclauses referenced in the table entries for those constraints. In all cases, the `source` and `owningRelatedElement` of the `Relationship` is the `Element` being constrained, with the `target` being as given in the last column of the table.

**Table 8. Core Semantics Implied Relationships**

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
<code>checkTypeSpecialization</code>	Subclassification	<code>Base::Anything</code> (see <a href="#">9.2.2.2.1</a> )
<code>checkFeatureSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<code>Base::things</code> (see <a href="#">9.2.2.2.7</a> )

#### Notes

1. The `checkTypeSpecialization` constraint applies to all `Types`, but the `Subclassification` `Relationship` is only implied for `Classifiers` (see [8.4.3.3](#)).
2. Satisfaction of the `checkFeatureSpecialization` constraint implies satisfaction of the `checkTypeSpecialization` constraint (see [8.4.3.4](#)).

**Table 9. Core Semantics Implied Relationships Supporting Kernel Semantics**

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
<code>checkFeatureDataValueSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<code>Base::dataValues</code> (see <a href="#">9.2.2.2.3</a> ) Supports Data Types Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.2</a> )
<code>checkFeatureOccurrenceSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<code>Occurrences::occurrences</code> (see <a href="#">9.2.4.2.14</a> ) Supports Classes Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.3</a> )
<code>checkFeatureSuboccurrenceSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<code>Occurrences::Occurrence::suboccurrences</code> (see <a href="#">9.2.4.2.13</a> ) Supports Classes Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.3</a> )

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
checkFeatureFeatureMembership TypeFeaturing	TypeFeaturing	A Type for which isFeaturingType is true on the Feature Supports Classes Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.3</a> ) (See Note 1)
checkFeatureObject Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Objects::objects</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.8</a> ) Supports Structures Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.4</a> )
checkFeatureSubobject Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Objects::Object::subobjects</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.7</a> ) Supports Structures Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.4</a> )
checkFeatureEnd Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Links::Link::participant</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.3</a> ) Supports Associations Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> )
checkFeatureEndRedefinition	Redefinition	endFeatures of supertypes of the owning Type of the Feature Supports Associations and Connectors Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> and <a href="#">8.4.4.6</a> )
checkFeatureCrossing Specialization	CrossSubsetting	Feature chain (see Note 2)  Supports Associations and Connectors Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> and <a href="#">8.4.4.6</a> )
checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeature RedefinitionSpecialization	Subsetting	Cross Feature of the redefined end Feature (if any)  Supports Associations and Connectors Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> and <a href="#">8.4.4.6</a> )
checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeature Specialization	FeatureTyping	types of the owning end Feature  Supports Associations and Connectors Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> and <a href="#">8.4.4.6</a> )
checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeature TypeFeaturing	TypeFeaturing	See Note 3  Supports Associations and Connectors Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.5</a> and <a href="#">8.4.4.6</a> )

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
checkFeatureParameter Redefinition	Redefinition	parameters of supertypes of the owning Behavior or Step of the Feature Supports Behaviors and Steps Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.7</a> )
checkFeatureResult Redefinition	Redefinition	result parameters of supertypes of the owning Function or Expression of the Feature Supports Functions and Expressions Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.8</a> )
checkFeatureFlowFeature Redefinition	Redefinition	<i>Transfer::source::</i> <i>sourceOutput</i> or <i>Transfer::target::</i> <i>targetInput</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.7.2.9</a> ) Supports Flows Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.10.2</a> )
checkFeatureValuation Specialization	Subsetting	The result of the value Expression of an owned FeatureValue of a Feature Supports Feature Values Semantics (see <a href="#">8.4.4.11</a> )

## Notes

1. For the checkFeatureFeatureMembershipTypeFeaturing constraint, if the Feature has `isVariable = false`, then the target Type is the owningType of the Feature. If the Feature has `isVariable = true` and the owningType is the base Class `Occurrences::Occurrence`, then the target is `Occurrences::Occurrence::snapshots` (see [9.2.4.2.13](#)). Otherwise, the target Type shall be constructed so as to satisfy the constraint and shall be owned as an ownedRelatedElement of the implied TypeFeaturing relationship. For further details, see [8.4.4.3](#).
2. For the checkFeatureCrossingSpecialization constraint on an end Feature, the target feature chain shall consist of two Features. The first Feature is owned by the chain, is typed by the featuringType of the ownedCrossFeature of the end Feature, and is featured by the owningType of the end Feature. The second Feature is the ownedCrossFeature of the end Feature. For further details, see [8.4.4.5.1](#).
3. For the checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureTypeFeaturing constraint, if the owningType of the owning end Feature has exactly two endFeatures, then an ownedCrossFeature shall be featured by the types of the other end than its owning end Feature. If the owningType has more than two endFeatures, then the ownedCrossFeature shall be featured by a Feature representing a Cartesian product of the types of the other end Features of the owningType than the owning end Feature of the ownedCrossFeature. For further details, see [8.4.4.5.1](#).

### 8.4.3.1.2 Core Semantics Mathematical Preliminaries

The mathematical specification of Core semantics uses a model-theoretic approach. Core mathematical semantics are expressed in first order logic notation, extended as follows:

1. A conjunction specifying that multiple variables are members of the same set can be shortened to a comma-delimited series of variables followed by a single membership symbol ( $s_1, s_2 \in S$  is short for  $s_1 \in S \wedge s_2 \in S$ ). Quantifiers can use this in variable declarations, rather than leaving it to the body of the statement before an implication ( $\forall t_g, t_s \in V_T \dots$  is short for  $\forall t_g, t_s \in V_T \wedge t_s \in V_T \Rightarrow \dots$ ).

2. Dots (.) appearing between metaproperty names have the same meaning as in OCL, including implicit collections [OCL].
3. Sets are identified in the usual set-builder notation, which specifies members of a set between curly braces ("{}"). The notation is extended with "#" before an opening brace to refer to the cardinality of a set.

Element names appearing in the mathematical semantics refer to the Element itself, rather than its instances, using the same font conventions as given in [8.1](#).

The mathematical semantics use the following model-theoretic terms, explained in terms of this specification:

- *Vocabulary*: Model elements conforming to the KerML abstract syntax, with additional restrictions given in this subclause.
- *Universe*: All actual or potential things the vocabulary could possibly be about.
- *Interpretation*: The relationship between vocabulary and mathematical structures made of elements of the universe.

The above terms are mathematically defined below.

- A vocabulary  $V = (V_T, V_C, V_F)$  is a 3-tuple where:
  - $V_T$  is a set of types (model elements classified by `Type` or its specializations, see [8.3.3.1](#)).
  - $V_C \subseteq V_T$  is a set of classifiers (model elements classified by `Classifier` or its specializations, see [8.3.3.2](#)), including at least `Base::Anything` from KerML Semantic Model Library, see [9.2.2](#)).
  - $V_F \subseteq V_T$  is a set of features (model elements classified by `Feature` or its specializations, see [8.3.3.3](#)), including at least `Base::things` from the KerML Semantic Model Library (see [9.2.2](#)).
  - $V_T = V_C \cup V_F$
- An interpretation  $I = (\Delta, \Sigma, \cdot^T)$  for  $V$  is a 3-tuple where:
  - $\Delta$  is a non-empty set (*universe*),
  - $\Sigma = (P, <_P)$  is a non-empty set  $P$  with a strict partial ordering  $<_P$  (*marking set*), and
  - $\cdot^T$  is an (*interpretation*) function relating elements of the vocabulary to sets of all non-empty tuples (*sequences*) of elements of the universe, with an element of the marking set in between each one for sequences of multiple elements. It has domain  $V_T$  and co-domain that is the power set of  $S$ :
 
$$S = \Delta^1 \cup \Delta \times P \times \Delta \cup \Delta \times P \times \Delta \times P \times \Delta \dots$$
 where  $\Delta^1$  is the set of sets of size 1 covering all the elements of the universe (a unary Cartesian power).

The semantics of KerML are restrictions on the interpretation relationship, as given mathematically in this and subsequent subclauses on the Core semantics. The phrase *result of interpreting* a model (vocabulary) element refers to sequences paired with the element by  $\cdot^T$ , also called the *interpretation* of the model element, for short.

The (*minimal* interpretation) function  $\cdot^{minT}$  specializes  $\cdot^T$  to the subset of sequences that have no others in the interpretation as tails, except when applied to *Anything*.

$$\forall t \in \text{Type}, s_1 \in S \quad s_1 \in (t)^{minT} \equiv s_1 \in (t)^T \wedge (t \neq \text{Anything} \Rightarrow (\forall s_2 \in S \quad s_2 \in (t)^T \wedge s_2 \neq s_1 \Rightarrow \neg \text{tail}(s_2, s_1)))$$

Functions and predicates for sequences are introduced below. Predicates prefixed with `form:` are defined in [fUML], Clause 10 (Base Semantics).

- *length* is a function version of fUML's *sequence-length*.

$$\forall s, n \quad n = \text{length}(s) \equiv (\text{form}:\text{sequence-length } s \ n)$$

- *at* is a function version of fUML's *in-position-count*.

$$\forall x, s, n \quad x = \text{at}(s, n) \equiv (\text{form}:\text{in-position-count } s \ n \ x)$$

- *head* is true if the first sequence is the same as the second for some or all of the second starting at the beginning, otherwise is false.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{head}(s_1, s_2) &\Rightarrow \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \\ \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{head}(s_1, s_2) &\equiv (\text{length}(s_1) \leq \text{length}(s_2)) \wedge \\ &(\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad i \geq 1 \wedge i \leq \text{length}(s_1) \Rightarrow \text{at}(s_1, i) = \text{at}(s_2, i)) \end{aligned}$$

- *tail* is true if the first sequence is the same as the second for some or all of the second finishing at the end, otherwise is false:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{tail}(s_1, s_2) &\Rightarrow \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \\ \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{tail}(s_1, s_2) &\equiv (\text{length}(s_1) \leq \text{length}(s_2)) \wedge \\ &(\forall h, i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad (h = \text{length}(s_2) - \text{length}(s_1)) \wedge i > h \wedge i \leq \text{length}(s_2) \Rightarrow \text{at}(s_1, i - h) = \text{at}(s_2, i)) \end{aligned}$$

- *head-tail* is true if the first and second sequences are the head and tail of the third sequence, respectively, otherwise is false:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{head-tail}(s_1, s_2, s_0) &\Rightarrow \\ &\text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_0) \\ \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{head-tail}(s_1, s_2, s_0) &\equiv \text{head}(s_1, s_0) \wedge \text{tail}(s_2, s_0) \end{aligned}$$

- *concat* is true if the first sequence has the second as head, the third as tail, and its length is the sum of the lengths of the other two, otherwise is false.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_0, s_1, s_2 \quad \text{concat}(s_0, s_1, s_2) &\Rightarrow \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_0) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \\ \forall s_0, s_1, s_2 \quad \text{concat}(s_0, s_1, s_2) &\equiv (\text{length}(s_0) = \text{length}(s_1) + \text{length}(s_2)) \wedge \text{head-tail}(s_1, s_2, s_0) \end{aligned}$$

- *concat-around* is true if the first sequence has the second as head, the fourth as tail, and the third element in between.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_0, s_1, p, s_2 \quad \text{concat-around}(s_0, s_1, p, s_2) &\Rightarrow \\ &\text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_0) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \\ \forall s_0, s_1, p, s_2 \quad \text{concat-around}(s_0, s_1, p, s_2) &\equiv (\text{length}(s_0) = \text{length}(s_1) + \text{length}(s_2) + 1) \wedge \\ &\text{head-tail}(s_1, s_2, s_0) \wedge \text{at}(p, \text{length}(s_1) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

- *reverse* is true if the sequences have the same elements, but in reverse order, otherwise is false.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{reverse}(s_1, s_2) &\Rightarrow \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_1) \wedge \text{form}:\text{Sequence}(s_2) \\ \forall s_1, s_2 \quad \text{reverse}(s_1, s_2) &\equiv (\text{length}(s_1) = \text{length}(s_2)) \wedge \\ &(\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad i \geq 1 \wedge i \leq \text{length}(s_1) \Rightarrow \text{at}(s_1, (\text{length}(s_1) - i + 1)) = \text{at}(s_2, i)) \end{aligned}$$

### 8.4.3.2 Types Semantics

#### KERML -8: Type union, intersection, difference semantics

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.3.1](#)

The `checkTypeSpecialization` constraint requires that all `Types` directly or indirectly specialize `Base::Anything` (see [9.2.2.2.1](#)). However, there is *no* implied relationship shall be inserted to satisfy this



constraint for a `Type` that is not a `Classifier` or a `Feature` (see also [8.4.3.3](#) and [8.4.3.4](#) on `Classifiers` and `Features`, respectively).

The mathematical interpretation (see [8.4.3.1.2](#)) of `Types` in a model shall satisfy the following rules:

1. All sequences in the interpretation of a `Type` are in the interpretations of the `Types` it specializes.

$$\forall t_g, t_s \in V_T \quad t_g \in t_s.\text{specialization.general} \Rightarrow (t_s)^T \subseteq (t_g)^T$$

2. No sequences in the interpretation of a `Type` are in the interpretations of its disjoining `Types`.

$$\forall t, t_d \in V_T \quad t_d \in t.\text{disjoiningTypeDisjoining.disjoiningType} \Rightarrow ((t)^T \cap (t_d)^T = \emptyset)$$

3. The interpretations of a `Type` that has `unioningTypes` are all and only the interpretations of those `Types`.

$$\forall t \in V_T, \text{utl} \text{ form:Sequence(utl)} \wedge \text{utl} = t.\text{unioningTypes} \wedge \text{length(utl)} > 0 \Rightarrow \\ (t)^T = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\text{length(utl)}} (at(\text{utl}, i))^T$$

4. The interpretations of a `Type` that has `intersectingTypes` are all and only the interpretations in common between all the `Types`.

$$\forall t \in V_T, \text{itl} \text{ form:Sequence(itl)} \wedge \text{itl} = t.\text{intersectingTypes} \wedge \text{length(itl)} > 0 \Rightarrow \\ (t)^T = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\text{length(itl)}} (at(\text{itl}, i))^T$$

5. The interpretations of a `Type` that has `differencingTypes` are all and only the interpretations of the first `differencingType` that are not interpretations of the remaining ones.

$$\forall t \in V_T, \text{dttl} \text{ form:Sequence(dttl)} \wedge \text{dttl} = t.\text{differencingTypes} \wedge \text{length(dttl)} > 0 \Rightarrow \\ (t)^T = (at(\text{dttl}, 1))^T \setminus \bigcup_{i=2}^{\text{length(dttl)}} (at(\text{dttl}, i))^T$$

### 8.4.3.3 Classifiers Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.3.2](#)

The `checkTypeSpecialization` constraint is semantically required for `Classifiers` by the rules below. If necessary, it may be syntactically satisfied in a model by inserting an implied `Subclassification Relationship to Base::Anything` (see also [Table 8](#)).

The mathematical interpretation (see [8.4.3.1.2](#)) of the `Classifiers` in a model shall satisfy the following rules:

1. If the interpretation of a `Classifier` includes a sequence, it also includes the 1-tail of that sequence.

$$\forall c \in V_C, s_1 \in S \quad s_1 \in (c)^T \Rightarrow (\forall s_2 \in S \quad \text{tail}(s_2, s_1) \wedge \text{length}(s_2) = 1 \Rightarrow s_2 \in (c)^T)$$

2. The interpretation of the `Classifier Anything` includes all sequences of all elements of the universe and markings.

$$(\text{Anything})^T = S$$

### 8.4.3.4 Features Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.3.3](#)

The `checkFeatureSpecialization` constraint is semantically required by the first two rules below, combined with the definition of  $\cdot^T$  in 8.4.3.1.2. If necessary, it may be syntactically satisfied in a model by inserting an implied Subsetting Relationship to `Base::things` (see also Table 8). Note that satisfaction of the `checkFeatureSpecialization` constraint implies satisfaction of the `checkTypeSpecialization` constraint, because `Base::things` is a `FeatureTyping` specialization of `Base::Anything`.

The mathematical interpretation (see 8.4.3.1.2.) of the `Features` in a model shall satisfy the following rules:

1. The interpretations of `Features` must have length greater than two.

$$\forall s \in S, f \in V_F \quad s \in (f)^T \Rightarrow \text{length}(s) > 2$$

2. The interpretation of the `Feature things` is all sequences of length greater than two.

$$(\text{things})^T = \{ s \mid s \in S \wedge \text{length}(s) > 2 \}$$

See other rules below.

`Features` interpreted as sequences of length three or more can be treated as if they were interpreted as ordered triples ("marked" binary relations), where the first and third elements are interpretations of the domain and co-domain of the `Feature`, respectively, while the second element is a *marking* from  $P$ . The predicate *feature-pair* below determines whether two sequences can be treated in this way.

Two sequences are a *feature pair* of a `Feature` if and only if the interpretation of the `Feature` includes a sequence  $s_0$  such that following are true:

- $s_0$  is the concatenation of the two sequences, in order, with an elements of  $P$  (*marking*) marking in between them.
- The first sequence is in the minimal interpretation of all `featuringTypes` of the `Feature`.
- The second sequence is in the minimal interpretations of all `types` of the `Feature`.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s_1, s_2 \in S, p \in P, f \in V_F \quad \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, s_2, f) \equiv \\ \exists s_0 \in S \quad s_0 \in (f)^T \wedge \text{concat-around}(s_0, s_1, p, s_2) \wedge \\ (\forall t_1 \in V_T \quad t_1 \in f.\text{featuringType} \Rightarrow s_1 \in (t_1)^{\text{minT}}) \wedge \\ (\forall t_2 \in V_T \quad t_2 \in f.\text{type} \Rightarrow s_2 \in (t_2)^{\text{minT}}) \end{aligned}$$

Markings for the same  $s_1$  above can be related by  $<_P$  to order  $s_2$  across multiple interpretations (values) of  $f$ . Interpretations of  $f$  can have the same  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , differing only in  $p$  to distinguish duplicate  $s_2$  (values of  $f$ ).

The interpretation of the `Features` in a model shall satisfy the following rules:

3. All sequences in an interpretation of a `Feature` have a tail with non-overlapping head and tail that are feature pairs of the `Feature`.

$$\forall s_0 \in S, f \in V_F \quad s_0 \in (f)^T \Rightarrow \exists s_t, s_1, s_2 \in S, p \in P \quad \text{tail}(s_t, s_0) \wedge \text{head-tail}(s_1, s_2, s_t) \wedge \\ (\text{length}(s_t) > \text{length}(s_1) + \text{length}(s_2)) \wedge \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, s_2, f)$$

4. Values of `redefiningFeatures` are the same as the values of their `redefinedFeatures` restricted to the domain of the `redefiningFeature`.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f_g, f_s \in V_F \quad f_g \in f_s.\text{redefinedFeature} \Rightarrow \\ (\forall s_1 \in S \quad (\forall f_{t_s} \in V_T \quad f_{t_s} \in f_s.\text{featuringType} \Rightarrow s_1 \in (f_{t_s})^{\text{minT}}) \Rightarrow \\ (\forall s_2 \in S, p \in P \quad (\text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, s_2, f_s) \equiv \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, s_2, f_g)))) \end{aligned}$$

5. The multiplicity of a `Feature` includes the cardinality of its values, counting duplicates.

$$\forall s_1 \in S, f \in V_F, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad (\forall t_1 \in V_T \quad t_1 \in f.\text{featuringType} \Rightarrow s_1 \in (t_1)^{\text{minT}}) \wedge \\ n = \#\{(p, s_2) \mid \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, s_2, f)\} \Rightarrow \\ \exists p \in P \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p, (n), f.\text{multiplicity})$$

6. If a `Feature` is unique, there are no values with the same markings.

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \in S, p_1, p_2 \in P, f \in V_F \quad f.\text{isUnique} \Rightarrow \\ (\text{feature-pair}(s_1, p_1, s_2, f) \wedge \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p_2, s_2, f) \Rightarrow p_1 = p_2)$$

7. If a `Feature` is ordered, the markings of its values are totally ordered and mark exactly one value each.

$$\forall s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S, p_1, p_2 \in P, f \in V_F \quad f.\text{isOrdered} \Rightarrow \\ (\text{feature-pair}(s_1, p_1, s_2, f) \wedge \text{feature-pair}(s_1, p_2, s_3, f) \Rightarrow (p_1 = p_2 \wedge s_2 = s_3) \vee p_1 <_P p_2 \vee p_2 <_P p_1)$$

8. Sequences in the interpretation of an inverting feature are the reverse of those in the inverted feature.

$$\forall f_1, f_2 \in V_F \quad f_2 \in f_1.\text{invertingFeatureInverting.invertingFeature} \Rightarrow \\ (\forall s_1 \in S \quad s_1 \in (f_1)^T \equiv (\exists s_2 \in S \quad s_2 \in (f_2)^T \wedge \text{reverse}(s_2, s_1)))$$

9. The interpretation of a `Feature` with a chain is determined by the interpretations of the subchains, see additional predicates below.

$$\forall f \in V_F, cfl \quad cfl = f.\text{chainingFeature} \wedge \text{form:Sequence}(cfl) \wedge \text{length}(cfl) > 1 \Rightarrow \text{chain-feature-n}(f, cfl)$$

The interpretations of a `Feature` ( $f$ ) specified as a chain of two others ( $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ) are all sequences formed from `Feature` pairs of the two others that share the same sequence as second and first in their pairs, respectively. If  $f$  is ordered, marking order in interpretations of  $f$  applies the order of  $f_1$  values to those of  $f_2$  found via each value of  $f_1$ . If  $f$  is non-unique, duplicate values of  $f_2$  (which might be due to multiple values of  $f_1$ ) are preserved in  $f$ , otherwise  $f_2$  can have no duplicate values (including any due to multiple values of  $f_1$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall paths, sd, f_1, f_2, scd \quad paths = all-chain-path-2(sd, f_1, f_2, scd) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad form: Set(paths) \wedge sd, scd \in S \wedge f_1, f_2 \in V_F \\
& \forall sd, f_1, f_2, scd \quad all-chain-path-2(sd, f_1, f_2, scd) = \\
& \quad \{ (pm, sm, pm11) \mid pm, pm11 \in P \wedge sm \in S \wedge \\
& \quad \quad feature-pair(sd, pm, sm, f_1) \wedge feature-pair(sm, pm11, scd, f_2) \} \\
& \forall f, f_1, f_2 \quad chain-feature-2(f, f_1, f_2) \Rightarrow f, f_1, f_2 \in V_F \\
& \forall f, f_1, f_2 \quad chain-feature-2(f, f_1, f_2) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad (\forall sd, scd \in S \# \{ pcd \mid feature-pair(sd, pcd, scd, f) = \\
& \quad \quad \#all-chain-path-2(f_1, f_2, scd) \}) \\
& \forall f, f_1, f_2 \quad chain-feature-2(f, f_1, f_2) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad (\forall sd, scd_1, scd_2, ppath_1, ppath_2 \wedge \\
& \quad \quad ppath_1 \in all-chain-path-2(f_1, f_2, scd_1) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad ppath_2 \in all-chain-path-2(f_1, f_2, scd_2) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad (\forall pm_1, pm_{11} \in P, sm_1, sm_2 \in S \\
& \quad \quad \quad pm_1 = at(ppath_1, 1) \wedge sm_1 = at(ppath_1, 2) \wedge pm_{11} = at(ppath_1, 3) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad \quad pm_2 = at(ppath_2, 1) \wedge sm_2 = at(ppath_2, 2) \wedge pm_{21} = at(ppath_2, 3) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad \quad ((pm_1 <_P pm_2) \vee (pm_1 = pm_2 \wedge sm_1 = sm_2 \wedge pm_{11} <_P pm_{21})) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad \quad \quad (\exists pcd_1, pcd_2 \in P \quad pcd_1 <_P pcd_2 \wedge \\
& \quad \quad \quad feature-pair(sd, pcd_1, scd_1, f) \wedge feature-pair(sd, pcd_2, scd_2, f)))
\end{aligned}$$

A Feature ( $f$ ) specified as a chain of two or more others ( $fl$ , a list of features longer than 1) is the last in a series of Features specified by incremental subchains ( $flc$ ), starting with the first two Features in  $fl$ , (specifying the first Feature in  $flc$ ), then the first three in  $fl$  (specifying the second Feature in  $flc$ ), and so on, to all the Features in  $fl$  (specifying the last feature in  $flc$ , which is the original Feature  $f$ ). If  $f$  is ordered, marking order in interpretations of each subchain apply to values of later subchains. If  $f$  is non-unique, duplicate values of the last Feature in  $fl$  (which might be due to multiple values of the other Features) are preserved in  $f$ , otherwise the last Feature in  $fl$  can have no duplicates (including any due to multiple values of the other Features).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall f, fl \quad chain-feature-n(f, fl) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad f \in V_F \wedge fl \subseteq V_F \wedge form: Sequence(fl) \wedge length(fl) > 1 \\
& \forall f, fl \quad chain-feature-n(f, fl) \equiv \\
& \quad \exists flc \subseteq V_F \wedge form: Sequence(fl) \wedge length(fl) = length(fl) - 1 \wedge \\
& \quad (\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad i > 1 \wedge i \leq length(fl) \Rightarrow \\
& \quad \quad chain-feature-2(at(fl, i-1), at(fl, i-1), at(fl, i)) \wedge f = at(fl, length(fl)))
\end{aligned}$$

## 8.4.4 Kernel Semantics

### 8.4.4.1 Kernel Semantics Overview

[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing

[KERML -117](#): InvocationExpression::result specialization

[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent

[KERML -99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined

[KERML -107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

[KERML -86](#): Confusing "Classes" with "Structures"

The semantics of constructs in the Kernel Layer are specified in terms of the foundational constructs defined in the Core layer supported by reuse of model elements from the Kernel Semantic Model Library (see [9.2](#)). The most common way in which library model elements are used is through specialization, in order to meet subtyping constraints specified in the abstract syntax. For example, *Structures* are required to (directly or indirectly) subclassify *Object* from the *Objects* library model, while *Features* typed by *Structures* must subset *objects*. Similarly, *Behaviors* must subclassify *Performance* from the *Performances* library model, while *Steps* (*Features* typed by *Behaviors*) must subset *performances*. The requirement for such specialization is specified by specialization constraints in the abstract syntax, as listed in [Table 10](#) along with the implied Specializations that may be used to satisfy them (see [8.4.2](#) for discussion of specialization constraints and implied Relationships).

Sometimes more complicated reuse patterns are needed. For example, binary *Associations* (with exactly two ends) specialize *BinaryLink* from the library, and additionally require the ends of the *Association* to redefine the *source* and *target* ends of *BinaryLink*. Such patterns are specified by redefinition constraints and other kinds of semantic constraints in the abstract syntax, as listed in [Table 11](#) along with the implied Relationships that may be used to satisfy them (see also [8.4.2](#)). In addition the Core semantic constraints listed in [Table 9](#) actually support the semantics of Kernel layer constructs.

In all cases, all Kernel syntactic constructs can be ultimately reduced to semantically equivalent Core patterns. Various elements of the Kernel abstract syntax essentially act as "markers" for modeling patterns typing the Kernel to the Core. The following subclauses specify the semantics for each syntactic area of the Kernel Layer in terms of the semantic constraints that must be satisfied for various Kernel elements, the pattern of relationships these imply, and the model library elements that are reused to support this.

**Table 10. Kernel Semantics Implied Specializations**

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
checkDataTypeSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Base::DataValue</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.2.2.2</a> )
checkClassSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Occurrences::Occurrence</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.4.2.13</a> )
checkStructureSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Objects::Object</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.7</a> )
checkAssociationSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Links::Link</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.3</a> )
checkAssociationBinarySpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Links::BinaryLink</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.1</a> )
checkAssociationStructureSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Objects::LinkObject</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.5</a> )
checkAssociationStructureBinarySpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Objects::BinaryLinkObject</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.1</a> )
checkConnectorSpecialization	Subsetting	<i>Links::links</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.4</a> )

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
checkConnectorBinary Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Links::binaryLinks</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.2</a> )
checkConnectorObject Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Objects::linkObjects</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.6</a> )
checkConnectorBinaryObject Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Objects::binaryLinkObjects</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.2</a> )
checkBindingConnector Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Links::selfLinks</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.3.2.6</a> )
checkSuccession Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Occurrences::happensBeforeLinks</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.4.2.2</a> )
checkBehaviorSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Performances::Performance</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.14</a> )
checkStepSpecialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::performances</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.15</a> )
checkStepEnclosedPerformance Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::Performance::enclosedPerformance</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.14</a> )
checkStepSubperformance Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::Performance::subperformance</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.14</a> )
checkStepOwnedPerformance Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Objects::Object::ownedPerformance</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.5.2.7</a> )
checkFunctionSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Performances::Evaluation</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.4</a> )
checkPredicateSpecialization	Subclassification	<i>Performances::BooleanEvaluation</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.1</a> )
checkExpression Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::evaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.5</a> )
checkBooleanExpression Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::booleanEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.2</a> )

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
checkInvariantSpecialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::trueEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.17</a> ), for true Invariants, or <i>Performances::falseEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.6</a> ), for false (negated) Invariants
checkNullExpression Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::nullEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.13</a> )
checkLiteralExpression Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.9</a> )
checkLiteralBoolean Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalBooleanEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6</a> )
checkLiteralInfinity Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6</a> )
checkLiteralInteger Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalIntegerEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6</a> )
checkLiteralRational Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalRationalEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6</a> )
checkLiteralString Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::literalStringEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6</a> )
checkFeatureReference ExpressionResult Specialization	Subsetting	The referent of the FeatureReferenceExpression (see Note 1)
CheckConstructorExpression Specialization	Subsetting	<i>Performances::constructorEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.3</a> )
CheckConstructorExpression ResultSpecialization	FeatureTyping Subsetting Specialization (see Note 3)	The instantiatedType of the ConstructorExpression
CheckInvocationExpression Specialization	FeatureTyping Subsetting Specialization (see Note 3)	The instantiatedType of the InvocationExpression
CheckInvocationExpression BehaviorResultSpecialization	FeatureTyping Subsetting Specialization (see Note 3)	The instantiatedType of the InvocationExpression (see Note 1)

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target
<code>checkFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	A feature chain of the input parameter and <code>sourceTarget()</code> of the <code>FeatureChainExpression</code> (see Note 1)
<code>checkSelectExpressionResultSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	The result parameter of the first argument of the <code>SelectExpression</code> (see Note 1)
<code>checkIndexExpressionResultSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	The result parameter of the first argument of the <code>IndexExpression</code> (see Note 1)
<code>checkMetadataAccessExpressionSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Performances::metadataAccessEvaluations</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.6.2.11</a> )
<code>checkFlowSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Transfers::transfers</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.7.2.11</a> )
<code>checkFlowWithEndsSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Transfers::flowTransfers</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.7.2.4</a> )
<code>checkSuccessionFlowSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Transfers::flowTransfersBefore</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.7.2.5</a> )
<code>checkMultiplicitySpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Base::naturals</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.2.2.5</a> )
<code>checkMetaclassSpecialization</code>	Subclassification	<i>Metaobjects::Metaobject</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.16.2.1</a> )
<code>checkMetadataFeatureSpecialization</code>	Subsetting	<i>Metaobjects::metaobjects</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.16.2.2</a> )
<code>checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization</code>	Specialization Subclassification FeatureTyping Subsetting (see Note 2)	(See Note 2 and <a href="#">8.4.4.13</a> )

#### Notes.

- For all constraints *other* than `checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization` and the other constraints listed below, the source of any implied Relationship is the annotated element of the constraint, with the target as given in the table. For `checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization`, see Note 2. For the following constraints, the source is the result parameter of the Expression that is the annotated element of the constraint.
  - `checkFeatureReferenceExpressionResultSpecialization`
  - `checkConstructorExpressionResultSpecialization`
  - `checkInvocationExpressionResultSpecialization`



- `checkFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization`
  - `checkSelectExpressionResultSpecialization`
  - `checkIndexExpressionResultSpecialization`
2. The `checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization` constraint only applies to a `MetadataFeature` that has a metaclass that is a kind of *SemanticMetadata* (see [9.2.16.2.3](#)). The source of the implied Relationship for this constraint is *not* the `MetadataFeature` but, rather, the Type annotated by the `MetadataFeature`, and a conforming tool need only insert the Relationship if the `MetadataFeature` is an ownedMember of the Type. The kind of Relationship that is implied and its target are determined as follows:
- If the annotated Type and the *baseType* are both Classifiers, then Subclassification targeting the *baseType*.
  - If the annotated Type is a Feature and the *baseType* is a Classifier, then *FeatureTyping* targeting the *baseType*.
  - If the annotated Type and the *baseType* are both Features, then Subsetting targeting the *baseType*.
  - If the annotated Type is a Classifier and the *baseType* is a Feature, then Subclassifications targeting each of the types of the Feature.
3. For the `checkConstructorExpressionResultSpecialization` and `checkInvocationExpressionSpecialization` constraints, the implied Relationship is a Subclassification if the instantiatedType is a Classifier, a Subsetting if the instantiatedType is a Feature, and a Specialization otherwise.

**Table 11. Kernel Semantics Other Implied Relationships**

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target (or source and target for binding)
<code>checkPayloadFeature</code> Redefinition	Redefinition	<i>Transfers::Transfer::payload</i> (see <a href="#">9.2.7.2.9</a> )
<code>checkConnectorTypeFeaturing</code> (see Note 2)	TypeFeaturing	The defaultFeaturingType of the Connector
<code>checkExpressionTypeFeaturing</code>	TypeFeaturing	The featuringTypes of the featureWithValue of the FeatureValue that owns the Expression
<code>checkFunctionResult</code> BindingConnector	BindingConnector	From the result of the result Expression of the Function to its result parameter.
<code>checkExpressionResult</code> BindingConnector	BindingConnector	From the result of the result Expression of the constrained Expression to its result parameter.
<code>checkFeatureReference</code> ExpressionBindingConnector	BindingConnector	Between the referent and result of the FeatureReferenceExpression
<code>checkConstructorExpression</code> ResultFeatureRedefinition	Redefinition	feature of the instantiatedType of the ConstructorExpression (see Note 6)

Semantic Constraint	Implied Relationship	Target (or source and target for binding)
checkConstructorExpressionResultDefaultValueBindingConnector (see Note 4)	BindingConnector	Between features of the result of the ConstructorExpression and results of default value Expressions for those features.
checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorBindingConnector (see Note 3)	BindingConnector	Between the InvocationExpression itself and its result parameter.
checkInvocationExpressionDefaultValueBindingConnector (see Note 4)	BindingConnector	Between features of the InvocationExpression and results of default value Expressions for those features.
checkFeatureChainExpressionTargetRedefinition (see Note 5)	Redefinition	<i>ControlFunctions::'. ':: source::target</i> (see <a href="#">9.4.17</a> )
checkFeatureChainExpressionSourceTargetRedefinition (see Note 5)	Redefinition	The targetFeature of the FeatureChainExpression
checkFeatureValueBindingConnector	BindingConnector	Between the featureWithValue of the FeatureValue and a feature chain of the value Expression and its result

## Notes

1. For redefinition and type featuring constraints, except for `checkConstructorExpressionResultFeatureRedefinition`, the annotated element of the constraint is the source and owningRelatedElement of the implied Relationship, with the target as given in the last column table. For the `checkConstructorExpressionResultFeatureRedefinition` constraint, the source is an ownedFeature of the result parameter of the ConstructorExpression. For binding connector constraints, the annotated element of the constraint is the owningNamespace of the implied Relationship, with the source and target of the Relationship as given in the last column of the table.
2. For the `checkConnectorTypeFeaturing` constraint, an implied TypeFeaturing shall only be included to satisfy the constraint if the Connector has no owningType, no non-implied ownedTypeFeaturings, and a non-null defaultFeaturingType.
3. The `checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorBindingConnector` constraint only applies if the instantiatedType is not a Function or a Feature typed by a Function.
4. The `checkConstructorExpressionResultDefaultValueBindingConnector` and `checkInvocationExpressionDefaultValueBindingConnector` constraints apply to each ownedFeature that redefines a Feature for which there is an *effective default value* (see [8.4.4.11](#)).
5. For the `checkFeatureChainExpressionTargetRedefinition` and `checkFeatureChainExpressionSourceTargetRedefinition` constraints, the redefiningFeature of the implied Redefinition is a nested Feature of the first owned input parameter of the FeatureChainExpression (corresponding to the *source* parameter of the *' . '* Function).

6. For the `checkConstructorExpressionResultFeatureRedefinition` constraint, the target of the Redefinition shall be the feature of the instantiatedType at the same position in order in the instantiatingType that as the position of the redefining ownedFeature in the ConstructorExpression result parameter.

#### 8.4.4.2 Data Types Semantics

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.4.1](#)

The `checkDataTypeSpecialization` constraint requires that DataTypes specialize the base `DataType Base::DataValue` (see [9.2.2.2.2](#)). The `checkFeatureDataValueSpecialization` constraint requires that Features typed by a DataType specialize the Feature `Base::dataValues` (see [9.2.2.2.3](#)), which is typed by `Base::DataValue`.

```
datatype D specializes Base::DataValue {
  feature a : ScalarValue::String subsets Base::dataValues;
  feature b : D subsets Base::dataValues;
}
```

The Type `Base::DataValue` is disjoint with `Occurrences::Occurrence` and `Links::Link`, the base Types for Classes and Associations (see [8.4.4.3](#) and [8.4.4.5](#), respectively). This means that a DataType cannot specialize a Class or Association and that a Feature typed by a DataType cannot also be typed by a Class or Association.

#### 8.4.4.3 Classes Semantics

**KERML\_-57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.4.2](#)

The `checkClassSpecialization` constraint requires that Classes specialize the base `Class Occurrences::Occurrence` (see [9.2.4.2.13](#)). The `checkFeatureOccurrenceSpecialization` constraint requires that Features typed by a Class specialize the Feature `Occurrences::occurrences` (see [9.2.4.2.14](#)), which is typed by `Occurrences::Occurrence`. Further, the `checkFeatureSuboccurrenceSpecialization` constraint requires that composite Features typed by a Class, and whose ownedType is a Class or another Feature typed by a Class, specialize the Feature `Occurrences::Occurrence::suboccurrences` (see [9.2.4.2.13](#)), which subsets `Occurrences::occurrences`.

```
class C specializes Occurrences::Occurrence {
  feature a : C subsets Occurrences::occurrences;
  composite feature b : C subsets Occurrences::Occurrence::suboccurrences;
}
```

The Class `Occurrences::Occurrence` is disjoint with `Base::DataValues`, the base Type for DataTypes (see [8.4.4.2](#)). This means that a Class cannot specialize a DataType and that a Feature typed by a Class cannot also be typed by a DataType. Note that `Occurrences::Occurrence` is *not* disjoint with `Link::Links`, because an AssociationStructure is both an Association and a Structure (which is a kind of Class), so the base AssociationStructure `Objects::LinkObject` specializes both `Link::Links` and (indirectly) `Occurrences::Occurrence`.

Unlike `DataValues`, `Occurrences` are modeled as occurring in three-dimensional space and persisting over time. The `Occurrences` library model includes an extensive set of Associations between `Occurrences` that model various spatial and temporal relations, such as `InsideOf`, `OutsideOf`, `HappensBefore`, `HappensDuring`, etc. In particular, the Association `HappensBefore` is the base Type for Successions, the basic modeling construct for time-ordering `Occurrences` (see [8.4.4.6](#) on the semantics of Successions). For further detail on the `Occurrences` model, see [9.2.4.1](#).

A Class (or any Type that directly or indirectly specializes *Occurrence*) may have ownedFeatures with `isVariable = true`. The `checkFeatureFeatureMembershipTypeFeaturing` constraint requires that such variable Features are featured by the *snapshots* of their owningType. A *snapshot* covers the entire spatial extent of an *Occurrence* at a specific point in time. Therefore, an instance of the owningType can potentially have a different value for the variable Feature at each point in time during its *Life*. (See [9.2.4.1](#) for more on snapshots and Lives.)

For example, a variable Feature declared as in the following is required to have as its featuringType a Feature that redefines *Occurrence::snapshots* and is itself featured by the owningType of the variable Feature.

```
class C1 {
  var feature v1;
}
```

Thus, the above variable Feature declaration is semantically equivalent to (with implied Specializations also shown):

```
class C1 specializes Occurrences::Occurrence{
  var feature v1 subsets Base::things featured by C1_snapshots {
    member feature C1_snapshots
    redefines Occurrences::Occurrence::snapshots
    featured by C1;
  }
}
```

The Feature *C1\_snapshots* is shown above as nested in the corresponding variable Feature *v1* for purposes of presentation in the textual notation. However, when an implied TypeFeaturing relationship is added to satisfy the `checkFeatureFeatureMembershipTypeFeaturing` constraint, the "snapshots" featuringType is included as an ownedRelatedFeature of the implied TypeFeaturing. That is, the implied abstract syntax ownership structure for, e.g., the variable Feature *C1::v1* above is:

```
Feature v1
  [Subsetting (IMPLIED)] Feature Base::things
  [TypeFeaturing (IMPLIED)] Feature C1_snapshots (OWNED)
    [Redefinition] Occurrences::snapshots
    [TypeFeaturing] C1
```

(The name *C1\_snapshots* is used here for correspondence to the earlier textual notation presentation. This Feature would not be expected to be named in an actual implementation.)

#### 8.4.4.4 Structures Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.3](#)

The `checkStructureSpecialization` constraint requires that Structures specialize the base Structure *Objects::Object* (see [9.2.5.2.7](#)). The `checkFeatureObjectSpecialization` constraint requires that Features typed by a Structure specialize the Feature *Objects::objects* (see [9.2.5.2.8](#)), which is typed by *Objects::Object*. Further, the `checkFeatureSubobjectSpecialization` constraint requires that composite Features typed by a Structure, and whose ownedType is a Structure or another Feature typed by a Structure, specialize the Feature *Objects::Object::subobjects* (see [9.2.5.2.7](#)), which subsets *Objects::objects*.

```
struct S specializes Objects::Object {
  feature a : S subsets Object::objects;
  composite feature b : S subsets Objects::Object::subobjects;
}
```

*Objects* are *Occurrences* representing physical or virtual structures that occur over time. For physical structures, the *Objects* library model also provides a the specialization *StructuredSpaceObject*, which models *Objects* that can be spatial decomposed into cells of the same or lower dimension. The Type *Object* is disjoint with the Type *Performance*, another specialization of *Occurrence*, which is the base Type for Behaviors (see [8.4.4.7](#) on the semantics of Behaviors). For further detail on the *Objects* model, see [9.2.5.1](#).

#### 8.4.4.5 Associations Semantics

*Abstract Syntax Reference:* [8.3.4.4](#)

##### 8.4.4.5.1 Associations

##### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

The `checkAssociationSpecialization` and `checkFeatureEndSpecialization` constraints require that an Association specialize the base Association `Links::Link` (see [9.2.3.2.3](#)) and that its `associationEnds` subset `Links::Link::participant`. In addition, the `validateFeatureEndMultiplicity` constraint requires that the `associationEnds` must have multiplicity `1..1`. These constraints essentially require an N-ary Association to have the form (with implied relationships included):

```
assoc A specializes Links::Link {
  end feature e1[1..1] subsets Links::Link::participant;
  end feature e2[1..1] subsets Links::Link::participant;
  ...
  end feature eN[1..1] subsets Links::Link::participant;
}
```

The *Link* instance for an Association is thus a tuple of *participants*, where each participant is a *single* value of an `associationEnd` of the Association. Note also that the Feature `Link::participant` is declared **readonly**, meaning that the *participants* in a link cannot change once the link is created.

The `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` constraint requires that, if an Association has an `ownedSubclassification` to another Association, then its `associationEnds` redefine the `associationEnds` of the superclassifier Association. In this case, the subclassifier Association will indirectly specialize *Link* through a chain of Subclassifications, and each of its `associationEnds` will indirectly subset `Links::participant` through a chain of Redefinition and Subsetting.

The `checkAssociationBinarySpecialization` constraint requires that a binary Association (one with exactly two `associationEnds`) specialize `Links::BinaryLink`. *BinaryLink* specializes *Link* to have exactly two *participants* corresponding to two ends called *source* and *target*. As required by the `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` constraint, the first `associationEnd` of a binary Association will redefine `Links::BinaryLink::source` and its second `associationEnd` will redefine `Links::BinaryLink::target`.

```
assoc B specializes Links::BinaryLink {
  end feature e1 redefines Links::BinaryLink::source;
  end feature e2 redefines Links::BinaryLink::target;
}
```

Note that, as `associationEnds` of *BinaryLink*, *source* and *target* already have multiplicities of `1..1`, which ensures that the ends of any binary Association do too.

A binary Association can also specify *cross features* for one or both of its `associationEnds` using `CrossSubsetting`. Such a cross feature must be a feature of the type of the *other* `associationEnd` than the one for the cross feature.

The `validateCrossSubsettingCrossedFeature` constraint requires that the target of a `CrossSubsetting` be a feature chain consisting of the other `associationEnd` and the cross feature. `CrossSubsetting` is a kind of `Subsetting`, so it semantically requires that the value of an `associationEnd` be one of the values of the cross feature for the other `associationEnd`.

This also means that, if an `associationEnd` of a binary `Association` has a cross feature, then the cross-feature multiplicity applies to each set of instances (links) of the `Association` that have the same (singleton) value for the `associationEnd`. Cross feature uniqueness and ordering apply to the collection of values of the other `associationEnd` in each of those link sets, preventing duplication in each collection and ordering them to form a sequence.

For example, the binary `Association B1` below specifies cross features for both its ends (*without* implied relationships included):

```
classifier T1 {
    feature e2_cross[0..1] : T2;
}
classifier T2 {
    feature e1_cross[1..4] nonunique ordered : T1;
}
assoc B1 {
    end feature e1 : T1 crosses e2.e1_cross;
    end feature e2 : T2 crosses e1.e2_cross;
}
```

The multiplicities specified for `e1_cross` and `e2_cross` then mean that:

- For each value of `e1_cross`, there is at most one instance of `B1` for which `e1` has that value and `e2` has the corresponding value of `e2_cross` (multiplicity `0..1`).
- For each value of `e2_cross`, there are one to four instances of `B1` for which `e2` has that value and `e1` has the corresponding value of `e1_cross` (multiplicity `1..4`). Further, there may be more than one of these instances with the same value of `e1` (**nonunique**) and the instances have an implied ordering (**ordered**).

**Note.** Ordering and uniqueness are irrelevant on the `associationEnds` themselves, since they must always have multiplicity `1..1`.

Note that cross features impose only *necessary* conditions on the instances of an `Association`, which do not require existence of instances of the `Association` for all values of its cross features. To make these conditions also *sufficient*, requiring existence of these instances, the `Association` must have `isSufficient = true` (see [8.3.3.1.10](#)). For example, if `B1` above has `isSufficient = true`, then an instance `t1` of `T1` having a value `t2` for `e2_cross` is sufficient to require that an instance of `B1` exist linking `t1` to `t2` and, therefore, that `t1` is a value of `e1_cross` for `t2`.

```
assoc all B1 { // "all" declares isSufficient = true
    end feature e1 : T1 crosses e2.e1_cross;
    end feature e2 : T2 crosses e1.e2_cross;
}
```

Cross features may also be directly owned by the corresponding `associationEnd`. The `checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureTypeFeaturing` constraint requires such an *owned cross feature* (for a binary `Association`) be featured by the type of the *other* `associationEnd` (which means it must be owned by the `associationEnd` via `OwnedMembership` but *not* `FeatureMembership`). Further, the `checkFeatureCrossingSpecialization` constraint requires that the `associationEnd` has a `CrossSubsetting` that targets a feature chain whose first `Feature` is the other `associationEnd` and whose second `Feature` is the owned cross feature.

An owned cross feature may be declared with the declaration of the corresponding `associationEnd`. For example, the following binary `Association` declaration (the cross feature names are optional, but they are included here for convenience of reference):

```
assoc B2
  end e1_cross [1..4] nonunique ordered feature e1 : T1;
  end e2_cross [0..1] feature e2 : T2;
}
```

is parsed (with implied relationships included) as:

```
assoc B2 specializes Links::BinaryLink {
  end feature e1 : T1 redefines Links::BinaryLink::source;
  crosses e2.e1_cross {
    member feature e1_cross[1..4] nonunique ordered : T1
      featured by T2;
  }
  end feature e2 : T2 redefines Links::BinaryLink::target;
  crosses e1.e2_cross {
    member feature e2_cross[0..1] : T2 featured by T1;
  }
}
```

**Note.** The feature chain notations `e2.e1_cross` and `e2.e1_cross` in the above notional equivalent will actually not parse, because `e1_cross` is not in the namespace of `e2` and `e2_cross` is not in the namespace of `e1`. However, the Features meet the *semantic* requirements for a feature chain (i.e., the type of the first Feature is the `featuringType` of the second Feature), so the construct is valid in the abstract syntax.

An `Association` with three or more `associationEnds` may also have ends with cross features, but, in this case, the cross features *must* be owned by their corresponding `associationEnds`. For example, the ternary `Association`

```
assoc Ternary {
  end a_cross[1] feature a[1] : A;
  end b_cross[0..2] feature b[1] : B;
  end c_cross[*] nonunique ordered feature c[1] : C;
}
```

is effectively parsed (including implied relationships) as

```
assoc Ternary specializes Links::Link {
  end feature a[1] : A subsets Links::Link::participant
    crosses b_c.a_cross {
      member feature b_c : B_C featured by Ternary;
      member feature B_C : C featured by B;
      member feature a_cross[1] : A featured by B_C;
    }
  end feature b[1] : B subsets Links::Link::participant
    crosses a_c.b_cross {
      member feature a_c : A_C featured by Ternary;
      member feature A_C : C featured by A;
      member feature b_cross[0..2] : B featured by A_C;
    }
  end feature c[1] : C subsets Links::Link::participant
    crosses a_b.c_cross {
      member feature a_b : A_B featured by Ternary;
      member feature A_B : C featured by B;
      member feature c_cross[*] : C featured by A_B;
    }
}
```



Consider specifically the associationEnd *a* in the above Association. Since the Association is not binary, there is no longer a single other associationEnd to *a*. So, in order to satisfy the `checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureTypeFeaturing` constraint, the cross feature *a\_cross* is featured by the Feature *B\_C*, which is constructed as being typed by *C* and featured by *B*. According to the Core semantics for Features (see 8.4.3.4), the Feature *B\_C* is (minimally) interpreted as having instances that are pairs of instances of *B* and *C*, in that order. That is, the feature can be considered to semantically represent a *Cartesian product* of the set of instances of *B* and the set of instances of *C*. The associationEnd *a* then has a `CrossSubsetting` of a feature chain that starts with the Feature *b\_c*, which is typed by *B\_C*, followed by the cross feature *a\_cross*, which is featured by *B\_C*. As a result, the values of *a\_cross* for each instance of *Ternary* are the values of the associationEnd *a* on all the instances of *Ternary* that have the same values for the other *two* associationEnds.

Note also that the Features *B\_C* and *b\_c* are shown above as nested in the associationEnd *a* for purposes of presentation in the textual notation. However, when added with the implied relationships needed to satisfy semantic constraints, these Features are actually ownedRelatedElements of, respectively, the implied `TypeFeaturing` relationship on owned cross feature *a\_cross* and the first `FeatureChaining` relationship in the target feature chain of the implied `CrossSubsetting` relationship on the associationEnd *a*.

That is, the implied abstract syntax ownership structure is:

```

Feature a
  [CrossSubsetting (IMPLIED)] Feature (OWNED)
    [FeatureChaining] Feature b_c (OWNED)
      [FeatureTyping] Feature B_C
      [TypeFeaturing] Association Ternary
    [FeatureChaining] a_cross
  [OwningMembership] Feature a_cross (OWNED)
    [FeatureTyping (IMPLIED)] Classifier A
    [TypeFeaturing (IMPLIED)] Feature B_C (OWNED)
      [TypeFeaturing] Classifier B
      [FeatureTyping] Classifier C

```

(The names *B\_C* and *b\_c* are included here for correspondence to the earlier textual notation presentation. These Features would not be expected to be named in an actual implementation.)

Similar syntax and semantics apply to all three of the associationEnds of *Ternary*. Each instance of *Ternary* consists of three participants, one value for each of the associationEnds *a*, *b* and *c*. But the multiplicities specified for the owned cross features of the associationEnds then assert that:

1. For any specific values of *b* and *c*, there must be exactly one instance of *Ternary*, with the single value allowed for *a*.
2. For any specific values of *a* and *c*, there may be up to two instances of *Ternary*, all of which must have different values for *b* (default uniqueness).
3. For any specific values of *a* and *b*, there may be any number of instance of *Ternary*, which are ordered and allow repeated values for *c*.

This approach is applied to any N-ary Association with N of 3 or greater by extending the pattern for representing a Cartesian product of Classifiers using a Feature to any number of Classifiers. The operation `Feature::isCartesianProduct` checks whether a Feature meets the pattern for representing a Cartesian product. If so, then the operation `Feature::asCartesianProduct` returns the ordered list of Classifiers in the product. (See 8.3.3.3.4 for the specifications of these operations.)

This gives the following general semantics for owned cross feature multiplicity: For an Association with *N* associationEnds, with *N* of 2 or greater, consider the *i*-th associationEnd *e<sub>i</sub>*. The multiplicity of the owned cross feature of *e<sub>i</sub>* applies to each set of instances of the Association that have the same (singleton) values for each of the *N-1* associationEnds other than *e<sub>i</sub>*. Uniqueness and ordering of the owned cross feature apply to the



collection of values of  $e_i$  in each of those link sets, preventing duplication in each collection and ordering them to form a sequence.

As described previously, the `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` constraint requires the `associationEnds` of an specialized Association to redefine the ends of the Associations it specializes. If a redefining `associationEnd` has an owned cross feature, the `checkFeatureOwnedCrossFeatureRedefinitionSpecialization` constraint further requires that the owned cross feature of the redefining `associationEnd` must *subset* the cross feature of the redefined `associationEnd`. Note that this constraint must be satisfied even if the cross feature of the redefined `associationEnd` is not owned by that `associationEnd`.

For example, consider the following specialization of the Association *B2* shown earlier:

```
assoc B2a specializes B2 {
  end e1a_cross [0..2] nonunique ordered feature e1a : T1;
  end e2a_cross [1..1] feature e2a : T2;
}
```

This is parsed (with implied relationships included) as:

```
assoc B2a specializes B2 {
  end feature e1a : T1 redefines B2::e1
    crosses e2a.e1a_cross {
      member feature e1a_cross[0..2] nonunique ordered : T1
        subsets B2::e1::e1_cross featured by T2;
    }
  end feature e2 : T2 redefines B2::e2
    crosses e1.e2a_cross {
      member feature e2a_cross[1..1] : T2
        subsets B2::e2::e2_cross featured by T1;
    }
}Type
```

#### 8.4.4.5.2 Association Structures

An `AssociationStructure` is both an `Association` and a `Structure` and, therefore, the semantic constraints of both `Associations` and `Structures` (see [8.4.4.4](#)) apply to `AssociationStructures`. The `checkAssociationStructureSpecialization` constraint requires an `AssociationStructure` to specialize `Objects::LinkObject` (see [9.2.5.2.5](#)), which specializes both `Links::Link` and `Objects::Object`. The `checkAssociationStructureBinarySpecialization` constraint requires a binary `AssociationStructure` to specialize `Objects::BinaryLinkObject` (see [9.2.5.2.1](#)), which specializes both `Links::BinaryLink` and an `Objects::LinkObject`.

#### 8.4.4.6 Connectors Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.5](#)

##### 8.4.4.6.1 Connectors

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**KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

A Connector can only be typed by Associations. The `checkConnectorSpecialization` constraint then requires that Connectors specialize the base Feature `Link::links` (see [9.2.3.2.4](#)), which is typed by the base Association `Links::Link` (see [9.2.3.2.3](#)). Further, the `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` constraint requires that the `connectorEnds` of a Connector redefine the `associationEnds` of its typing Associations. As a

result, a `Connector` typed by an N-ary `Association` is essentially required to have the form (with implicit relationships included):

```
connector a : A subsets Links::links {
  end feature e1 redefines A::e1 references f1;
  end feature e2 redefines A::e2 references f2;
  ...
  end feature eN redefines A::eN references fN;
}
```

where  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_N$  are the names of `associationEnds` of the `Association A`, in the order they are defined in  $A$ , and the  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N$  are the `relatedFeatures` of the `Connector`. Multiplicities declared for `connectorEnds` have the same special semantics as for `associationEnds` (see [8.4.4.5](#)). If  $A$  is an `AssociationStructure`, then the `checkConnectorObjectSpecialization` constraint requires that the `Connector` subsets `Objects::linkObjects` (see [9.2.5.2.6](#)) instead of `Links::link`.

A binary `Connector` is a `Connector` with exactly two `connectorEnds`, that is, a `Connector` typed by a binary `Association`. The `checkConnectorBinarySpecialization` constraint requires that binary `Connectors` specialize the base `Feature Link::binaryLinks` (see [9.2.3.2.2](#)), which is typed by the `Association Links::BinaryLink` (see [9.2.3.2.1](#)). In particular, if no type is explicitly declared for a binary `Connector`, then its `connectorEnds` simply redefine the `source` and `target` ends of the `Association BinaryLink`, which are inherited by the `Feature binaryLinks`.

```
connector b : B subsets Links::binaryLinks {
  end feature source redefines B::source references f1;
  end feature target redefines B::target references f2;
}
```

If  $B$  is an `AssociationStructure`, then the `checkConnectorBinaryObjectSpecialization` constraint requires that the `Connector` subsets `Objects::binaryLinkObjects` (see [9.2.5.2.2](#)) instead of `Links::binaryLinks`.

A `connectorEnd` may also have an owned cross feature, with the same syntax and semantics as for an owned cross feature of an `associationEnd` (see [8.4.4.5.1](#)). If the `connectorEnd` redefines an `associationEnd` (or other `connectorEnd`), then its owned cross feature must meet the same semantic constraints as for the owned cross feature of an `associationEnd` that redefines another `associationEnd` (see [8.4.4.5.1](#)).

For example, the declaration

```
connector b2 : B2 {
  end e1a_cross [0..2] nonunique ordered feature e1a
    references f1;
  end e2a_cross [1..1] feature e2a references f2;
}
```

is parsed (with implied relationships included) as:

```
connector b2 : B2 subsets Links::binaryLinks {
  end feature e1a redefines B2::e1 references f1
    crosses e2a.e1a_cross {
      member feature e1a_cross[0..2] nonunique ordered : T1
        subsets B2::e1::e1_cross featured by T2;
    }
  end feature e2 redefines B2::e2 references f2
    crosses e1.e2_cross {
      member feature e2a_cross[1..1] : T2
        subsets B2::e2::e2_cross featured by T1;
    }
}
```

A Connector specifies a subset of the *Links* of its typing Associations for which the *participants* are values of the relatedFeatures of the Connector. In addition, the checkConnectorTypeFeaturing constraint requires that the featuringTypes of a Connector be consistent with those of its relatedFeatures. Typically, a Connector will have an owningType that is its featuringType, in which case all of its relatedFeatures must also be featured in the context of this Type.

```
// This is the simplest case of a Connector satisfying checkConnectorTypeFeaturing,
// in which the Connector and its relatedFeatures all have the same owningType.
classifier C1 {
  feature f1;
  feature f2;
  connector cc1 {
    end feature references f1;
    end feature references f2;
  }
}
```

An implied TypeFeaturing may be included to satisfy the checkConnectorTypeFeaturing constraint, but *only* if the Connector has no explicit owningType or ownedTypeFeaturings, and the defaultFeaturingType of the Connector is not null. The target of the implied TypeFeaturing is then given by the defaultFeaturingType. The deriveConnectorDefaultFeaturingType constraint ensures that, if defaultFeaturingType is non null, then it is the innermost Type such that, if it is the featuringType of a Connector, the checkConnectorTypeFeaturing constraint will be met.

```
classifier C2 {
  feature f1;
  feature f2 {
    // The defaultFeaturingType for Connector cc2 is Classifier C2, which is the
    // common featuringType of the relatedFeatures of cc2.
    member connector cc2 featured by C2 {
      end feature references f1;
      end feature references f2;
    }
  }
}
```

The primary case in which an implicit TypeFeaturing is necessary is for a BindingConnector that is itself added implicitly for a FeatureValue (see [8.4.4.11](#)).

The checkConnectorTypeFeaturing and deriveConnectorDefaultFeaturingType constraint uses the Feature::isFeaturedWithin operation (see [8.3.3.3.4](#)), which specially handles variable features. The semantics of variable Features requires them to have featuringTypes that represent the *snapshots* of their owningTypes. For example, consider the following:

```
class CL1 {
  var feature v1 featured by CL1_snapshots {
    member feature CL1_snapshots featured by CL1;
  }
}
class CL2 specializes CL1 {
  var feature v2 featured by CL2_snapshots {
    member feature CL2_snapshots featured by CL2;
  }
  member connector ccv featured by CL2_snapshots {
    end feature references v1;
    end feature references v2;
  }
}
```

While the class *CL2* specializes *CL1*, there is no explicit Specialization relationship between *CL1\_snapshots* and *CL2\_snapshots*. However, any instance of *CL2* is an instance of *CL1*, and *CL1\_snapshots* and *CL2\_snapshots* are both redefinitions of the same base *Feature Occurrences::Occurrence::snapshots*, so, semantically, *CL2\_snapshots* can be considered to be a redefinition of *CL1\_snapshots*. The *isFeaturedWithin* operation takes this into account by using the *Type::isCompatibleWith* operation. By default, *isCompatibleWith* is just the same as *specializes*, but it is overridden in *Feature* to also treat *Features* such as *CL1\_snapshots* and *CL2\_snapshots* as being compatible (see [9.2.5.2.7](#)). This is why, in the example above, the *defaultFeaturingType* for *ccv* is *CL2\_snapshots*, which satisfies the *checkConnectorTypeFeaturing* constraint for *ccv*.

In addition, the *isFeaturedWithin* operation specially considers a variable *Feature* to be featured within its *owningType*, even though it is not directly featured by the *owningType*. This allows variable and non-variable *Features* to be connected within a common featuring context.

```
class CL3 {
  feature f;
  var feature v;
  connector cfv featured by CL3 {
    end feature references f;
    end feature references v;
  }
}
```

Semantically, this means that, within an instance of *CL3* each value of *cfv* links a value *f* and a value of *v* for some specific snapshot of *CL3*. However, which snapshot this is for each value of *cfv* is not determined in this specification, unless additional temporal constraints are explicitly included in the model.

#### 8.4.4.6.2 Binding Connectors

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The *checkBindingConnectorSpecialization* constraint requires that *BindingConnectors* specialize the *Feature Links::selfLinks* (see [9.2.3.2.6](#)), which is typed by the *Association SelfLink* (see [9.2.3.2.5](#)). *SelfLink* has two *associationEnds* that subset each other, meaning they identify the same things (have the same values), which then also applies to *BindingConnector connectorEnds* that redefine the *associationEnds* of *SelfLink*. The general semantic constraints for *Connectors* also apply to *BindingConnectors*.

Thus, a *BindingConnector* declaration of the form

```
binding f1 = f2;
```

is, with implied *Relationships* included, semantically equivalent to

```
connector subsets Links::selfLinks {
  end feature thisThing redefines Links::SelfLink::thisThing references f1;
  end feature sameThing redefines Links::SelfLink::sameThing references f2;
}
```

#### 8.4.4.6.3 Successions

The *checkSuccessionSpecialization* constraint requires that *Successions* specialize the *Feature Occurrences::happensBeforeLinks* (see [9.2.4.2.2](#)), which is typed by the *Association HappensBefore* (see [9.2.4.2.1](#)). *HappensBefore* (see [9.2.4.2.1](#)) has two *associationEnds*, asserting that the *Occurrence* identified by its first *associationEnd* (*earlierOccurrence*) temporally precedes the one identified by its second (*laterOccurrence*), which then also applies to *Succession connectorEnds* that redefine the

associationEnds of *HappensBefore*. The general semantic constraints for Connectors also apply to Successions.

This, a Succession declaration of the form

```
succession first f1 then f2;
```

is, with implied Relationships included, semantically equivalent to

```
connector subsets Occurrences::happensBeforeLinks {
  end feature earlierOccurrence references f1
  redefines Occurrences::HappensBefore::earlierOccurrence;
  end feature laterOccurrence references f2
  redefines Occurrences::HappensBefore::laterOccurrence;
}
```

### 8.4.4.7 Behaviors Semantics

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.4.6](#)

#### 8.4.4.7.1 Behaviors

The checkBehaviorSpecialization constraint requires that Behaviors specialize *Performances::Performance* (see [9.2.6.2.14](#)). In addition, the checkFeatureParameterRedefinition constraint requires that any owned parameters (i.e., directed ownedFeatures) of a Behavior redefine corresponding parameters of any other Behaviors it specializes.

```
behavior B specializes Performances::Performance {
  in feature x[0..*] subsets Base::things;
  out feature y[0..1] subsets Base::things;
  inout feature z subsets Base::things;
}
behavior B1 specializes B {
  in feature x1[1] redefines B::x;
  out feature y1[1] redefines B::y;
  // z is inherited without redefinition
}
```

#### 8.4.4.7.2 Steps

The checkStepSpecialization constraint requires that Steps specialize *Performances::performances* (see [9.2.6.2.15](#)). In addition, the checkFeatureParameterRedefinition constraint requires that any owned parameters (i.e., directed ownedFeatures) of a Step redefine corresponding parameters of any other Steps or Behaviors it specializes. In particular, a Step explicitly typed by a Behavior will generally redefine the parameters of that Behavior.

```
step b : B subsets Performances::performances {
  in feature x redefines B::x = x1;
  out feature y redefines B::y;
  inout feature z redefines B::z := z1 ;
}

step b1 : B1 subsets b {
  in feature x redefines B1::x, b::x;
  out feature y redefines B2::y, b::y;
}
```

Further, the checkStepEnclosedPerformanceSpecialization and checkStepSubperformanceSpecialization constraints require that a Step whose owningType is a

Behavior or another Step specialize *Performances::Performance::enclosedPerformance* or, if it is composite, *Performances::Performance::subperformance* (see [9.2.6.2.14](#)). Finally, the *checkStepOwnedPerformanceSpecialization* constraint requires that a composite Step whose owningType is a Structure or a Feature typed by a Structure specialize *Objects::Object::ownedPerformance* (see [9.2.5.2.7](#)).

```

step s subsets Performances::performances {
  step s1 subsets Performances::Performance::enclosedPerformance;
  composite step s2 subsets Performances::Performance::subperformance;
}
struct S specializes Objects::Object {
  composite step ss subsets Objects::Object::ownedPerformance;
}

```

## 8.4.4.8 Functions Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.7](#)

### 8.4.4.8.1 Functions and Predicates

Functions are kinds of Behaviors. The *checkFunctionSpecialization* constraint requires that Functions specialize the base Function *Performances::Evaluation* (see [9.2.6.2.4](#)), which is a specialization of *Performances::Performance*. All other semantic constraints on Behaviors (see [8.4.4.7](#)) also apply to Functions. In addition, the *checkFeatureResultRedefinition* constraint requires that the result parameter of a Function always redefine the result of any its supertypes that are also Functions, regardless of their parameter position.

```

function F specializes Performances::Evaluation {
  in a;
  in b;
  return result redefines Performances::Evaluation::result;
}
function G specializes F {
  in a redefines F::a;
  return result redefines F::result;
  in b redefines F::b;
}

```

Further, if a Function owns an Expression via a *ResultExpressionMembership*, then the *checkFunctionResultBindingConnector* constraint requires that the Function have, as an ownedFeature, a *BindingConnector* between the result parameter of the Expression and the result parameter of the Function.

```

function H specializes Performances::Evaluation {
  return redefines Performances::Evaluation::result;
  binding result = resultExpr.result; // Implied
  resultExpr
}

```

where *resultExpr* is an arbitrary Expression and *resultExpr.result* represents a Feature chain to the Expression result.

A Predicate is a kind of Function, so all semantic constraints for Functions also apply to Predicates. In addition, the *checkPredicateSpecialization* constraint requires that Predicates specialize the base Predicate *Performances::BooleanEvaluation* (see [9.2.6.2.1](#)), which is a specialization of *Performances::Evaluation*. *BooleanEvaluation* has a result parameter typed by Boolean, so Predicates always have a Boolean result.

```

predicate P specializes Performances::BooleanEvaluation {
  in x : ScalarValues::Real;
  return redefines Performances::BooleanEvaluation::result;
  x > 0
}

```

#### 8.4.4.8.2 Expressions and Invariants

Expressions are kinds of Steps. The `checkExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that Expressions specialize the base Expression *Performances::evaluations* (see [9.2.6.2.5](#)), which is a specialization of *Performances::performances*. All other semantic constraints on Steps (see [8.4.4.7](#)) also apply to Functions. In addition, the `checkFeatureResultRedefinition` constraint requires that the `result` parameter of an Expression always redefine the result of any its supertypes that are Functions or other Expressions, regardless of their parameter position.

```

expr f : F subsets Performances::evaluations {
  in a redefines F::a;
  in b redefines F::b;
  return result redefines F::result, Performances::evaluations::result;
}
expr g : G subsets f {
  return result redefines G::result, f::result;
}

```

Further, if an Expression owns another Expression via a `ResultExpressionMembership`, then the `checkExpressionResultBindingConnector` constraint requires that the Expression have, as an ownedFeature, a `BindingConnector` between the `result` parameter of the owned Expression and the `result` parameter of the owning Expression.

```

expr h subsets Performances::Evaluation {
  binding result = resultExpr.result; // Implied
  resultExpr
}

```

where *resultExpr* is an arbitrary Expression and *resultExpr.result* represents a Feature chain to the Expression result.

A BooleanExpression is a kind of Expression, so all semantic constraints for Expressions also apply to BooleanExpressions. In addition, the `checkBooleanExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that BooleanExpressions specialize the base BooleanExpression *Performances::booleanEvaluations* (see [9.2.6.2.2](#)), which is a specialization of *Performances::evaluations*.

```

expr p : P subsets Performances::booleanEvaluations {
  in x : ScalarValues::Integer redefines P::x;
  return redefines P::x, Performance::BooleanEvaluation::result;
}

```

An Invariant is a kind of BooleanExpression, so all semantic constraints for BooleanExpressions also apply to Invariants. In addition, the `checkInvariantSpecialization` constraint requires that Invariants specialize *either* the BooleanExpression *Performances::trueEvaluations* (see [9.2.6.2.17](#)) or, if the Invariant is negated, the BooleanExpression *Performances::falseEvaluations* (see [9.2.6.2.6](#)), both of which are specializations of *Performances::booleanEvaluations*. The BooleanExpression *trueEvaluations* has its result bound to true, while the BooleanExpression *falseEvaluations* has its result bound to false.

```

inv true i1 subsets Performances::trueEvaluations {
  p(3)
}

```

```

    inv false i2 subsets Performances::falseEvaluations {
      p(-3)
    }

```

## 8.4.4.9 Expressions Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.8](#)

### 8.4.4.9.1 Null Expressions

The `checkNullExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that `NullExpressions` specialize the `Expression Performances::nullEvaluations` (see [9.2.6.2.13](#)), which is typed by the Function `Performances::NullEvaluation` (see [9.2.6.2.12](#)). The result parameter of `NullEvaluation` has multiplicity 0..0, which means that a `NullExpression` always produces an empty result. The general semantic constraints for `Expressions` (see [8.4.4.8](#)) also apply to `NullExpressions`.

### 8.4.4.9.2 Literal Expressions

#### **[KERML -52](#): Semantic constraint needed for result type of a "constructor" expression**

The `checkLiteralExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that `LiteralExpressions` specialize the `Expression Performances::literalEvaluations` (see [9.2.6.2.9](#)), which is typed by the Function `Performances::LiteralEvaluation` (see [9.2.6.2.8](#)). The result parameter of `LiteralEvaluation` has multiplicity 1..1 and is typed by `Base::DataValue` (see [9.2.2.2.2](#)). This means that a `LiteralExpression` always produces a single `DataValue` as its result. What value is actually produced depends on the kind of `LiteralExpression`. The general semantic constraints for `Expressions` (see [8.4.4.8](#)) also apply to `LiteralExpressions`.

With the exception of `LiteralInfinity`, each kind of `LiteralExpression` has a `value` property typed by a UML primitive type [UML, MOF]. The result produced by such a `LiteralExpression` is given by this value. `LiteralInfinity` does not have a `value` property, because its result is always "infinity" (written \* the KerML textual notation; see [8.2.5.8.4](#)), which is a number from the `DataType ScalarValues::Positive` that is greater than all the integers.

**Note.** In the abstract syntax, the `value` property of `LiteralRational` has type `Real` (see [8.3.4.8.13](#)), because that is the available UML/MOF primitive type. However, only the rational-number subset of the real numbers can be represented using a finite literal. So the result of a `LiteralRational` is actually always classified in the KerML `DataType Rational`.

### 8.4.4.9.3 Feature Reference Expressions

#### **[KERML -52](#): Semantic constraint needed for result type of a "constructor" expression**

#### **[KERML -99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined**

There is no specific specialization requirement for a `FeatureReferenceExpression`. However, the general `checkExpressionSpecialization` constraint (see [8.4.4.8](#)) requires that a `FeatureReferenceExpression` specialize `Performances::Evaluation` (see [9.2.6.2.4](#)). All other general semantic constraints for `Expressions` (see [8.4.4.8](#)) also apply to `FeatureReferenceExpressions`.

A `FeatureReferenceExpression` is parsed with a non-owning `Membership` relationship to its referent `Feature` (see [8.2.5.8.3](#)). The `checkFeatureReferenceExpressionBindingConnector` constraint then requires that there be a `BindingConnector` between this member `Feature` and the result parameter of the `FeatureReferenceExpression`. The `checkFeatureReferenceExpressionResultSpecialization` constraint further requires that the result parameter also subset the `Feature`. While this subsetting is technically implied by the semantics of the `BindingConnector` (see [8.4.4.6](#)), including the `Subsetting` relationship allows for simpler static type checking of the result of the `FeatureReferenceExpression`.



Given the above, a `FeatureReferenceExpression` whose referent is a `Feature`  $f$  is semantically equivalent to the `Expression`

```

expr subsets Performances::evaluations {
  alias for f;
  return result
    redefines Performances::Evaluation::result
      subsets f;
  member binding result = f;
}

```

A body `Expression` (see [8.2.5.8.3](#)) is parsed as a `FeatureReferenceExpression` that contains the `Expression` body as its *owned* referent. That is, a body `Expression` of the form

```
{ body }
```

is semantically equivalent to

```

expr subsets Performances::evaluations {
  expr e subsets Performances::evaluation { body }
  return result
    redefines Performances::Evaluation::result
      subsets e;
  binding result = e;
}

```

This means that the result of the `Expression` is the *Evaluation* of the body `Expression` itself, rather than the result of actually evaluating the body. If and when this *Evaluation* actually occurs can then be further constrained, e.g., within an invoked `Function` for which the body `Expression` is an argument (as done, for example, by *ControlFunctions* – see [8.4.4.9.6](#)).

#### 8.4.4.9.4 Constructor Expressions

##### **KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

A `ConstructorExpression` of the form **new**  $T(e_1, e_2, \dots)$ , where  $T$  is the name of a `Type` and  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  are argument `Expressions`, is parsed with a `Membership` to  $T$  (its *instantiatedType*) and a result parameter having nested *ownedFeatures* of the result that have *FeatureValue* relationships to the arguments (see [8.2.5.8.3](#)). The `checkConstructorExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that `ConstructorExpressions` specialize the `Expression Performances::constructorEvaluations` (see [9.2.6.2.3](#)), which subsets `Performances::evaluations` (see [9.2.6.2.5](#)), redefining its result parameter to have multiplicity 1..1. This means that a `ConstructorExpression` always produces a single value as its result. In addition, the `checkConstructorExpressionResultSpecialization` constraint requires that the result of a `ConstructorExpression` specialize the *instantiatedType* (via a *FeatureTyping* if the *instantiatedType* is a *Classifier* or a *Subsetting* if it is a *Feature*), and the `checkConstructorExpressionResultFeatureRedefinition` constraint requires that the nested *ownedFeatures* of the result each redefine a public feature of the *instantiatedType*. Thus, a `ConstructorExpression` of this form is semantically equivalent to

```

expr subsets Performances::constructorEvaluations {
  alias of T; // If T is a feature chain, this is an OwningMembership.
  return result : T [1] redefines Performances::constructorEvaluations::result;
    feature a redefines T::a = e1;
    feature b redefines T::b = e2;
    ...
  }
}

```

where, in the positional-argument notation, the *features* of  $T$  are defined in order. If the named-argument notation `new T(a = e1, b = e2, ...)` is used, then the nested `ownedFeatures` redefine the named *features* of  $T$ , regardless of order.

The semantic constraints for `FeatureValues` (see [8.4.4.11](#)) then require that each nested `ownedFeature` is bound to the result of the corresponding `Expression` (i.e.,  $a$  is bound to `e1.result`, etc.). Thus, a `ConstructorExpression` represents an *Evaluation* that results in a single instance of Type  $T$  whose *features* have values determined by the results of the argument `Expressions`.

#### 8.4.4.9.5 Invocation Expressions

**KERML -67: Invocation of a non-function behavior**

**KERML -52: Semantic constraint needed for result type of a "constructor" expression**

**KERML -132: Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**

An `InvocationExpression` of the form  $F(e1, e2, \dots)$ , where  $F$  is the name of a Function and  $e1, e2, \dots$  are argument `Expressions`, is parsed with a `Membership` to  $F$  (its `instantiatedType`) and input parameters that have `FeatureValue` relationships to the arguments (see [8.2.5.8.3](#)). The general semantic constraints for `Expressions` (see [8.4.4.8.2](#)) also apply to `InvocationExpressions`. In addition, the `checkInvocationExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that an `InvocationExpression` specialize its `instantiatedType` (via a `FeatureTyping`). Thus, an `InvocationExpression` of this form is semantically equivalent to

```
expr : F subsets Performances::evaluations {
  alias of F;
  feature a redefines F::a = e1;
  feature b redefines F::b = e2;
  ...
  return result redefines F::result;
}
```

If, instead of a Function  $F$ , the `instantiatedType` is a non-Function Behavior  $B$ , then  $B$  has no `result` parameter for the `InvocationExpression` `result` to redefine. Instead, the `checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorBindingConnector` constraint requires that the `InvocationExpression` have an owned `BindingConnector` between itself and its `result` parameter – that is, the `InvocationExpression` evaluates, as an `Expression`, to itself, as an instance of  $B$ . In addition, the `checkInvocationExpressionBehaviorResultSpecialization` constraint requires that the `result` parameter of the expression specialize the `instantiatedType`.

```
expr e : B subsets Performances::evaluations {
  alias of B;
  feature a redefines B::a = e1;
  feature b redefines B::b = e2;
  ...
  return result : B redefines Performances::evaluations::result;
  binding result = e;
}
```

Note that, in this case, the derived function of the `InvocationExpression` will always be `Performances::Evaluation`, the type of `Performances::evaluations`.

If the `instantiatedType` is a `Feature`, the semantics are similar, except that the `InvocationExpression` has a `Subsetting` relationship with the `instantiatedType`, instead of a `FeatureTyping` relationship. If the `Feature` is typed by a Function, then the `InvocationExpression` is effectively treated as an invocation of that Function. If the `Feature` is typed by a non-Function Behavior, then the `InvocationExpression` is treated a `Performance` of that Behavior, returning itself as the result. Note also that, if the `instantiatedType` is a

Feature with chainingFeatures, then it will be related to the InvocationExpression by an OwningMembership (but not a FeatureMembership).

#### 8.4.4.9.6 Operator Expressions

**[KERML\\_-132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent**  
**[KERML\\_-99](#): CheckFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint needs to be defined**

An OperatorExpression is an InvocationExpression in which the invoked Function is identified by an operator symbol. The instantiatedType of an OperatorExpression is specially derived to be the Function that is the resolution of the operator symbol as a name in the first one of the library Packages *BaseFunctions*, *DataFunctions* or *ControlFunctions*. The general semantic constraints for Expressions (see [8.4.4.9](#)) also apply to OperatorExpressions.

With the exception of operators for *ControlFunctions* (see below), the concrete syntax for OperatorExpressions (see [8.2.5.8.1](#)) is thus essentially just a special surface syntax for InvocationExpressions of the standard library Functions identified by their operator symbols. For example, a unary OperatorExpression such as

```
not expr
```

is equivalent to the InvocationExpression

```
DataFunctions::'not' (expr)
```

and a binary OperatorExpression such as

```
expr_1 + expr_2
```

is equivalent to the InvocationExpression

```
DataFunctions::'+' (expr_1, expr_2)
```

where these InvocationExpressions are then semantically interpreted as in [8.4.4.9.5](#).

The + and - operators are the only operators that have both unary and binary usages. However, the corresponding library Functions have optional 0..1 multiplicity on their second parameters, so it is acceptable to simply not provide an input for the second argument when mapping the unary usages of these operators.

Functions in the library models *BaseFunctions* and *ScalarFunctions* are extensively specialized in other library models to constrain their parameter types (e.g., the Package *RealFunctions* constrains parameter types to be *Real*, etc.). The result values the evaluation of such a Function shall be determined by the most specialized of its subtypes that is consistent with the types of its the dynamics result values from evaluating its argument Expressions.

#### Control Functions

Certain OperatorExpressions denote invocations of Functions in the *ControlFunctions* library model (see [9.4.17](#)) that have one or more parameters that are Expressions. In the concrete syntax for such OperatorExpressions (see [8.2.5.8.1](#)), the arguments corresponding to these parameters are parsed as if they were body Expressions (as described in [8.4.4.9.3](#)), so they can effectively be passed without being immediately evaluated.

The second and third arguments of the ternary conditional test operator **if** are for Expression parameters. Therefore, the notation for a conditional test OperatorExpression of the form

```
if expr_1 ? expr_2 else expr_3
```

is parsed as

```
ControlFunctions::'if' (expr_1, { expr_2 }, { expr_3 })
```

The second arguments of the binary conditional logical operators **and**, **or**, and **implies** are for Expression parameters. Therefore, the notation for a conditional logical OperatorExpression of the form

```
expr_1 and expr_2
```

is parsed as

```
ControlFunctions::'and' (expr_1, { expr_2 })
```

and similarly for **or** and **implies**.

A FeatureChainExpression is an OperatorExpression whose operator corresponds to the Function *ControlFunctions::'.'*. This Function has a single parameter called *source*, but this parameter has a nested Feature called *target*. A FeatureChainExpression is parsed with an argument Expression for the *source* parameter and, additionally, a non-parameter Membership for its targetFeature, which is an alias Membership if the targetFeature is not a chain and an OwningMembership if the targetFeature is a chain. The checkFeatureChainExpressionTargetRedefinition constraint requires that the *source* parameter of the FeatureChainExpression have a nested Feature that redefines *ControlFunctions::'.'::source::target*, and the checkFeatureChainExpressionSourceTargetRedefinition requires that this nested Feature also redefine the targetFeature. The checkFeatureChainExpressionResultSpecialization constraint requires that the result parameter of a FeatureChainExpression subset the feature chain consisting of the redefining *source* parameter of the FeatureChainExpression and the nested Feature of that parameter.

Given the above, a FeatureChainExpression of the form

```
src.f
```

(where *src* is an Expression) is semantically equivalent to the Expression

```
expr : ControlFunctions::'.' subsets Performances::evaluations {
  feature redefines ControlFunctions::'.'::source = src {
    feature redefines ControlFunctions::'.'::source::target
      redefines f;
  }
  alias for f;
  return subsets source.f;
}
```

A FeatureChainExpression whose targetFeature is a Feature chain, of the form

```
src.f.g.h
```

is semantically equivalent to the Expression

```
expr : ControlFunctions::'.' subsets Performances::evaluations {
  feature redefines ControlFunctions::'.'::source = src {
    feature redefines ControlFunctions::'.'::source::target
      redefines tgt;
  }
  feature tgt chains f.g.h;
}
```

```

    return subsets source.tgt;
}

```

The performance of the Function `'.'` then results in the effective chaining of the value of its *source* parameter (which will be the result of the argument Expression of the FeatureChainExpression) and the *source::target* Feature (which will be the targetFeature of the FeatureChainExpression).

#### 8.4.4.9.7 Metadata Access Expressions

The `checkMetadataAccessExpressionSpecialization` constraint requires that a `MetadataAccessExpression` specialize the Expression `Performances::metadataAccessEvaluations` (see [9.2.6.2.11](#)), which is typed by the Function `Performances::MetadataAccessEvaluation` (see [9.2.6.2.10](#)). The result parameter of `MetadataAccessEvaluation` is ordered and typed by `Metaobjects::Metaobject` (see [9.2.16.2.1](#)). The general semantic constraints for Expressions (see [8.4.4.9](#)) also apply to `MetadataAccessExpressions`.

A `MetadataAccessExpression` evaluates to an ordered set of *Metaobjects*, which are determined as follows:

- A *Metaobject* representing each `MetadataFeature` (see [8.3.4.12.3](#)) owned by the `referencedElement` of the `MetadataAccessExpression` that has the `referenceElement` as an `annotatedElement`, in the order that the `MetadataFeatures` appear in the model. Each of these *Metaobjects* is an instance of the metaclass of the corresponding `MetadataFeature`, with the features of each instance having values determined by evaluating the bound Expressions of the features in the `MetadataFeature` as model-level evaluable Expressions (see below).
- Followed by a *Metaobject* that is an instance of the Metaclass from the reflective *KerML* abstract syntax library model (see [9.2.17](#)) corresponding to the MOF metaclass of the `referencedElement` of the `MetadataAccessExpression`, with features having values corresponding to the values of the MOF properties for the `referencedElement`.

Note that every Metaclass is required to specialize `Metaobjects::Metaobject`, so the typing of the results of a `MetadataAccessExpression` is consistent.

For example, the `MetadataAccessExpression` `C.metadata` for the following `referencedElement`:

```

class C {
    metadata M;
}

```

would evaluate to two *Metaobjects*: an instance of the Metaclass *M* representing the `MetadataFeature` annotation on *C* and an instance of *KerML::Class* representing the `referencedElement` *C* itself.

#### 8.4.4.9.8 Model-Level Evaluable Expressions

A model-level evaluable Expression is an Expression that can be evaluated using metadata available within a model itself. This means that the evaluation rules for such an Expression can be defined entirely within the abstract syntax. A model-level evaluable Expression is evaluated on a given *target* Element (see [8.4.4.13](#) and [8.4.4.14](#) for the targets used in the case of metadata values and filterConditions, respectively), using the `Expression::evaluate` operation, resulting in an ordered list of Elements. The rules for this operation are specified in the abstract syntax (see [8.3.4.8](#)) and are summarized below:

1. A `NullExpression` evaluates to the empty list.
2. A `LiteralExpression` evaluates to itself.
3. A `FeatureReferenceExpression` is evaluated by first determining a value Expression for the referent:

- If the target Element is a Type that has a feature that is the referent or (directly or indirectly) redefines it, then use the value Expression of the FeatureValue for that feature (if any).
- Else, if the referent has no featuringTypes, then use the value Expression of the FeatureValue for the referent (if any).

Then:

- If such a value Expression exists, the FeatureReferenceExpression evaluates to the result of evaluating that Expression on the target.
  - Else, if the referent is not an Expression, the FeatureReferenceExpression evaluates to the referent.
  - Else, the FeatureReferenceExpression evaluates to the empty list.
4. A MetadataAccessExpression evaluates to the ownedElements of the referencedFeature that are MetadataFeatures and have the referencedElement as an annotatedElement, plus a MetadataFeature whose annotatedElement is the referencedElement, whose metaclass is the reflective Metaclass in the KerML library model (see [9.2.17](#)) corresponding to the MOF class of the referencedElement, and whose ownedFeatures are bound to the values of the MOF properties of the referencedElement.
  5. An InvocationExpression evaluates to an application of its function to argument values corresponding to the results of evaluating each of the argument Expressions of the InvocationExpression, with the correspondence as given below.

Every Element in the list resulting from a model-level evaluation of an Expression according to the above rules will be either a LiteralExpression or a Feature that is not an Expression. If each of these Elements is further evaluated according to its regular instance-level semantics, then the resulting list of instances will correspond to the result that would be obtained by evaluating the original Expression using its regular semantics on the referenced metadata of the target Element.

#### 8.4.4.10 Interactions Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.9](#)

##### 8.4.4.10.1 Interactions

An Interaction is both an Association and a Behavior, and, therefore, the semantic constraints for both Associations (see [8.4.4.5](#)) and Behaviors (see [8.4.4.7](#)) apply. In particular, the checkAssociationSpecialization constraint requires that an Interaction specialize *Links::Link* (see [9.2.3.2.3](#)), or, if it is a binary Interaction (with exactly two end Features), the checkAssociationBinarySpecialization constraint requires that it specializes *Links::BinaryLink* (see [9.2.3.2.1](#)). And the checkBehaviorSpecialization constraint requires that it also specialize *Performances::Performance* (see [9.2.6.2.14](#)).

These constraints require an N-ary Interaction to have the form (with implied relationships included)

```
interaction I specializes Link::Link, Performances::Performance {
  end feature e1 subsets Links::Link::participant;
  end feature e2 subsets Links::Link::participant;
  ...
  end feature eN subsets Links::Link::participant;
}
```

with a binary Interaction having the form

```
interaction B specializes Links::BinaryLink, Performances::Performance {
  end feature e1 redefines Links::BinaryLink::source;
  end feature e2 redefines Links::BinaryLink::target;
}
```

The `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` and `checkFeatureParameterRefinition` constraints also apply to Interactions.

```

interaction I1 specializes Links::BinaryLink, Performances::Performance {
  in feature x1;
  out feature y1;

  end feature e1;
  end feature f1;
}
interaction I2 specializes I1 {
  in feature x2 redefines x1;
  out feature y2 redefines y1;

  end feature e2 redefines e1;
  end feature f2 redefines f1;
}

```

### 8.4.4.10.2 Flows

#### [KERML\\_-107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

A Flow is both a Connector and a Step and, therefore, the semantic constraints for both Connectors (see [8.4.4.6](#)) and Steps (see [8.4.4.7](#)) also apply to Flows. In addition, the `checkFlowSpecialization` constraint requires that Flows specialize `Transfers::transfers` (see [9.2.7.2.11](#)). In addition, if the Flow has `ownedEndFeatures` (see below), then it must specialize `Transfers::flowTransfers` (see [9.2.7.2.4](#)).

The textual notation for an Flow, of the form

```
flow of i : T from f1.f1_out to f2.f2_in;
```

is parsed with `i : T` as a `PayloadFeature` and having two `FlowEnds`, one referencing `f1` with an owned `Feature` redefining `f1_out` and one referencing `f2` with an owned `Feature` redefining `f2_in` (see [8.2.5.9.2](#)). A `PayloadFeature` is just a `Feature` owned by a `Flow` that has the special semantic constraint `checkPayloadFeatureRedefinition` that requires that a `PayloadFeature` redefine `Transfers::Transfer::payload` (see [9.2.7.2.9](#)). A `FlowEnd` is an end `Feature` owned by a `Flow` that is required to have a single owned `Feature`. The general `checkFeatureEndRedefinition` constraint (see [8.4.4.6](#)) requires that the two `FlowEnds` of a `Flow` redefine `Transfers::Transfer::source` and `Transfers::Transfer::target` (see [9.2.7.2.9](#)), respectively. The `checkFeatureFlowFeatureRedefinition` constraint then requires that the owned `Features` of the `FlowEnds` redefine `Transfer::source::sourceOutput` or `Transfer::target::targetInput`.

```

flow subsets Transfers::flowTransfers {
  // PayloadFeature
  feature i : T redefines Transfers::Transfer::item;

  // First FlowEnd
  end feature redefines Transfers::Transfer::source references f1 {
    feature redefines Transfers::Transfer::source::sourceOutput, f1_out;
  }

  // Second FlowEnd
  end feature references f2 redefines Transfers::Transfer::target {
    feature redefines Transfers::Transfer::target::targetInput, f2_in;
  }
}

```

A `SuccessionFlow` is semantically the same, except that the `checkSuccessionFlowSpecialization` constraint requires that it specialize `Transfers::flowTransfersBefore` (see [9.2.7.2.5](#)), which means that the

SuccessionFlow additionally has the semantics of a Succession between its source and target (see [8.4.4.6.3](#) on the semantics of Successions).

#### 8.4.4.11 Feature Values Semantics

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**  
**[KERML -61](#): Incorrect binding syntax in Feature Values Semantics**

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.10](#)

A FeatureValue is a kind of OwningMembership between a Feature and an Expression. Note that the FeatureValue relationship is *not* a Featuring relationship, so its featureWithValue (that is, its owning Feature) is *not* the featuringType of the value Expression. Instead, the checkExpressionFeaturingType constraint requires that the value Expression have the same featuringTypes as the featureWithValue. Most commonly, if the featureWithValue is an ownedFeature of a Type, this means that the Expression will have that Type as its featuringType.

The checkFeatureValuationSpecialization constraint requires that, if the featureWithValue has no explicit ownedSpecializations and is not directed, then it subsets the result parameter of the value Expression. This reflects the semantics that the values of the featureWithValue is determined by the value Expression, giving the featureWithValue an implied typing that is useful for static type checking. On the other hand, if the featureWithValue has ownedSpecializations or is directed, then its static typing can be considered determined by its declaration excluding the FeatureValue (but including any implied Specializations), which should then be validated against the typing of the result of the value Expression.

If the FeatureValue has isDefault = false, the checkFeatureValueBindingConnector constraint requires that its featureWithValue have an ownedMember that is a BindingConnector between that Feature and the result parameter of the value Expression of the FeatureValue. In addition, if the FeatureValue has isInitial = false, then the featuringTypes of this BindingConnector must be the same as those of the featureWithValue. Most commonly, if the featureWithValue is an ownedFeature of a Type, then the BindingConnector will have that Type as its featuringType. Other general semantic constraints for Connectors (see [8.4.4.6](#)) also apply to the BindingConnector required for a FeatureValue.

Given the above, the textual notation for a FeatureValue with isDefault = false and isInitial = false, of the form

```
type T {  
  feature f = expr;  
}
```

is semantically equivalent to

```
type T {  
  feature f {  
    member expr e featured by T { ... }  
    member binding b featured by T of f = e.result;  
  }  
}
```

where *e* is the semantic interpretation of *expr* as described in [8.4.4.9](#).

If a FeatureValue has isDefault = false but isInitial = true, then the validateFeatureValueIsInitial constraint requires that the featureWithValue of the featureValue have isVariable = true, and the checkFeatureValueBindingConnector constraint requires different featuringTypes for the BindingConnector than when isInitial = false. In this case, the BindingConnector must be featured by the startShot (see [9.2.4.2.13](#)) of the that reference of its owning



featureWithValue (see [9.2.2.2.7](#)). Note that this is only possible if the featureWithValue is featured by a Class (see also [8.4.4.3](#) on the semantics of Classes). Most commonly, if the featureWithValue is an ownedFeature of a Class or a Feature typed by a Class, then the BindingConnector will have the startShot of that Class as its featuringType, meaning that the binding only applies initially, that is, at the very start of an Occurrence that is an instance of the Class.

Thus, the textual notation for a FeatureValue with isDefault = false and isInitial = true, of the form

```
class C {
  var feature f := expr;
}
```

is semantically equivalent to (see also [8.4.4.3](#) on the semantics of variable features)

```
class C specializes Occurrences::Occurrence {
  feature f specializes Base::things featured by C_snapshots {
    member feature C_snapshots
      redefines Occurrences::snapshots
      featured by C;
    member expr e featured by C_snapshots { ... }
    member binding b featured by that.startShot of f = e.result;
  }
}
```

(note that the *that* is considered to be implicitly typed by *Occurrence* in this case).

If a FeatureValue has isDefault = true, then no BindingConnector is required for the featureWithValue at its point of declaration. Instead, the checkInvocationExpressionDefaultValueBindingConnector constraint requires that an InvocationExpression own a BindingConnector between the featureWithValue and value Expression of any FeatureValue that is the effective default value for a Feature of the invoked Type of the InvocationExpression, where *effective default value* is defined as follows:

- If the Feature has an owned FeatureValue with isDefault = true, then this is its effective default value.
- If the Feature does not have an owned FeatureValue, but the set of effective default values of the Features it redefines has a single unique member, then this is the effective default value of the original Feature.
- Otherwise the Feature does not have an effective default value.

For example, given the Type declaration

```
type T {
  feature f default = e;
}
```

a binding for *f* is included for the invocation *T()*, which is then semantically equivalent to

```
expr : T {
  binding f = f::e.result;
}
```

where *f::e.result* is the result of the value Expression from the default FeatureValue. On the other hand, for the invocation *T(f = 1)*, the Feature *f* will be bound to 1 rather than the FeatureValue default. A similar construction applies for FeatureValues with isDefault = true and isInitial = true. (See also [8.4.4.9](#) on the general semantics of InvocationExpressions.)

#### 8.4.4.12 Multiplicities Semantics

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.4.11](#)

#### 8.4.4.12.1 Multiplicities

A Multiplicity is a kind of Feature, so the general semantics of Features (see [8.4.3.4](#)) also apply to a Multiplicity. In addition, the `checkMultiplicitySpecialization` constraint requires that a Multiplicity specialize the Feature `Base::natural`s (see [9.2.2.2.5](#)), which is typed by the `DataType ScalarValues::Natural` (see [9.3.2.2.4](#)). This constraint effectively requires that the co-domain of a Multiplicity be a subset of the natural numbers, which can be specified by reference to a library Multiplicity (such as `Base::exactlyOne` or `Base::oneToMany`) or using a `MultiplicityRange` from the Kernel layer (see [8.4.4.12.2](#)).

The `validateTypeOwnedMultiplicity` constraint requires that a Type have at most one `ownedMember` that is a Multiplicity. If a Type has such an owned Multiplicity, then it is the `typeWithMultiplicity` of that Multiplicity. The value of the Multiplicity is then the *cardinality* of its `typeWithMultiplicity` and, therefore, the type (co-domain) of the Multiplicity restricts that cardinality. The cardinality of a Type is defined generally as follows:

- For a Classifier, the cardinality is the number of basic instances of the Classifier, that is, those instances that represent the things classified by the Classifier and are not instances of any subtype of the Classifier that is a Feature.
- For a Feature, the cardinality is the number of values of the Feature for any specific featuring instance (where duplicate features are included in the count, if the Feature is non-unique).

However, there are special rules for the semantics of Multiplicity for end Features (see [8.4.4.5](#)).

The `checkMultiplicityTypeFeaturing` constraint requires that a Multiplicity with a Feature as its `owningNamespace` have the same `featuringTypes` (domain) as that Feature, and, otherwise, have no `featuringTypes`. In particular, a Multiplicity is owned by a Feature that has an `owningType`, then the `featuringType` of the Multiplicity is the `owningType` of its owning Feature. This means that the Multiplicity has a value for each instance of the `featuringType` that is the cardinality of the instances of its owning Feature that are featured by that same instance of the `featuringType`.

```
classifier C1 {  
  feature f {  
    // Implied TypeFeaturing by C2.  
    // Gives the cardinality of the values of f for each  
    // instance of C2 (which is constrained to be 1).  
    multiplicity subsets Base::exactlyOne;  
  }  
}
```

If a Type does not have an owned Multiplicity, but has `ownedSpecializations`, then its cardinality is constrained by the Multiplicities for all of the general Types of those `ownedSpecializations` (i.e., its direct supertypes). In practice, this means that the effective Multiplicity of the Type is the most restrictive Multiplicity of its direct supertypes.

```
classifier C2 {  
  feature f {  
    multiplicity subsets Base::exactlyOne;  
  }  
  feature g {  
    multiplicity subsets Base::oneToMany;  
  }  
  
  // The multiplicities exactlyOne and oneToMany both apply  
  // to h, which means that, effectively, it has a multiplicity  
  // of exactlyOne.
```

```

    feature h subsets f,g;
}

```

#### 8.4.4.12.2 Multiplicity Ranges

A `MultiplicityRange` is a `Multiplicity` whose co-domain is given as an inclusive range of values of the type *Natural*. It thus constrains the cardinality of its `typeWithMultiplicity` to be within this range. A `MultiplicityRange` of the form

```
[expr_1.. expr_2]
```

represents the range of values that are greater than or equal to the result of the Expression *expr\_1* and less than or equal to the result of the Expression *expr\_2*. Note that all other *Natural* values are less than the value of \*, representing positive infinity, so the `MultiplicityRange [0..*]` is the range of all values of *Natural* (that is, no restriction on cardinality).

A `MultiplicityRange` having only a single expression:

```
[expr]
```

is interpreted in one of the following ways:

- If *expr* evaluates to \*, then it is equivalent to the range `[0..*]` (i.e., the entire extent of *Natural*).
- Otherwise, it is equivalent to `[expr..expr]` (that is, the cardinality is restricted to the single value given by the result of *expr*).

**Note.** The KerML textual notation grammar only allows `LiteralExpressions` and `FeatureReferenceExpressions` as the bound Expressions in a `MultiplicityRange` (see [8.2.5.11](#)). However, the abstract syntax allows arbitrary Expressions (see [8.3.4.11](#)).

The `checkMultiplicityRangeExpressionTypeFeaturing` constraint requires that the bound Expressions of a `MultiplicityRange` have the same `featuringTypes` as the `MultiplicityRange`. The `featuringTypes` of a `MultiplicityRange` are determined by the `checkMultiplicityTypeFeaturing` constraint ([8.4.4.12.1](#)). If the `MultiplicityRange` has an `owningNamespace` that is not a `Feature`, then it has no `featuringTypes`, so its domain is implicitly `Base::Anything`, and its bound Expressions can only reference other `Features` in that context.

```

package P {
  // Implicitly featured by Anything.
  feature n : ScalarValues::Natural;
  classifier C3 {
    // An ownedMember, not an ownedFeature.
    // Implicitly featured by Anything.
    // Implied Subsetting of Base::naturals.
    multiplicity [P::n];
  }
}

```

If the `MultiplicityRange` has an `owningNamespace` that is a `Feature`, then it is required to have `featuringTypes` that are the same as the `owning Feature`. In particular, if its `owning Feature` has an `owningType`, then the `featuringType` of the `MultiplicityRange` (and its bound Expressions) is the `owningType` of its `owning Feature`.

```

classifier C4 {
  feature n : ScalarValues::Natural;
  feature m : Member {
    // Implied TypeFeaturing by C4.

```

```

        // Implied Subsetting of Base::naturals.
        multiplicity [1..C4::n];
    }
}

```

### 8.4.4.13 Metadata Semantics

Abstract syntax reference: [8.3.4.12](#)

#### 8.4.4.13.1 Metaclasses

The `checkMetaclassSpecialization` constraint requires that Metaclasses specialize the base Metaclass `Metaobjects::Metaobject` (see [9.2.16.2.1](#)). A Metaclass is a kind of Structure (see [8.4.4.4](#)), but its instances are *Metaobjects* that are part of the structure of a model itself, rather than as an instance in the system represented by the model. The *KerML* library model is a reflective model of the MOF abstract syntax for KerML, containing one KerML Metaclass corresponding to each MOF metaclass in the abstract syntax model (see [9.2.17](#) for more details on the relationship between the *KerML* model and the abstract syntax).

#### 8.4.4.13.2 Metadata Features

A MetadataFeature is both a Feature typed by a Metaclass and an AnnotatingElement that annotates other Elements in a model. The `checkMetadataFeatureSpecialization` requires that MetadataFeatures specialize the Feature `Metaobjects::metaobjects` (see [9.2.16.2.2](#)). At a meta-level, a MetadataFeature can be treated as if the reflective Metaclasses of its annotatedElements were its featuringTypes. In this case, the MetadataFeature defines a map from its annotatedElements, as instances of their Metaclasses, to a single instance of the metaclass of the MetadataFeature.

Further, a model-level evaluable Expression is an Expression that can be evaluated using metadata available within a model itself (see [8.4.4.9](#)). If a model-level evaluable Expression is evaluated on such metadata according to the regular semantics of Expressions, then the result will correspond to the static evaluation of the Expression within the model. Therefore, if a MetadataFeature is instantiated as above, the binding of its features to the results of evaluating the model-level evaluable value Expressions of its FeatureValues can be interpreted according to the regular semantics of FeatureValues (see [8.4.4.11](#)) and BindingConnectors (see [8.4.4.6](#)).

When a value Expression is model-level evaluated (as described in [8.4.4.9](#)), its target is the MetadataFeature that owns the `featureWithValue`. This means that the value Expression for a nested Feature of a MetadataFeature may reference other Features of the MetadataFeature, as well as Features with no featuringTypes or *Anything* as a featuringType.

#### 8.4.4.13.3 Semantic Metadata

A *semantic* MetadataFeature is one that directly or indirectly specializes `Metaobjects::SemanticMetadata` (see [9.2.16.2.3](#)). It is used to introduce a user-defined specialization constraint on the Type annotated by the MetadataFeature. *SemanticMetadata* has the Feature `baseType` typed by the reflective Metaclass `KerML::Type` (see [9.2.17](#)) that is redefined by a semantic MetadataFeature. The target of the effective specialization constraint defined by a semantic MetadataFeature is determined by the value Expression bound to its `baseType` Feature using a FeatureValue (see [8.4.4.11](#)), which is evaluated as a model-level evaluable Expression (see [8.4.4.9](#)).

Specifically, for each semantic MetadataFeature annotating a Type, the `checkMetadataFeatureSemanticSpecialization` constraint requires that the annotated Type directly or indirectly specialize the Type bound to the `baseType` of the MetadataFeature, *unless* the annotated Type is a Classifier and the `baseType` is a Feature. For the case when the Type is a Classifier and the `baseType` is a Feature, the constraint requires that the annotated Classifier directly or indirectly specialize each type of the `baseType` Feature.

#### 8.4.4.14 Packages Semantics

*Abstract syntax reference:* [8.3.4.13](#)

Packages do not have instance-level semantics (they do not affect instances).

The `filterConditions` of a `Package` are model-level evaluable `Expressions` that are evaluated as described in [8.4.4.9](#). All `filterConditions` are checked against every `Membership` that would otherwise be imported into the `Package` if it had no `filterConditions`. A `Membership` shall be imported into the `Package` if and only if every `filterCondition` evaluates to `true` either with no target `Element`, or with any `MetadataFeature` of the `memberElement` of the `Membership` as the target `Element`.



# 9 Model Libraries

## 9.1 Model Libraries Overview

A *model library* is a collection of library models that can be reused across many user models. KerML includes three standard model libraries: the Semantic Library (see [9.2](#)), the Data Type Library (see [9.3](#)), and the Function Library (see [9.4](#)). Each library model in these standard model libraries consists of a single root namespace with one top-level element that is a standard library package, with no subpackages. All of these library models are described for reference in subclauses of this clause.

The normative machine-readable representation for each of these model libraries is a project interchange file, formatted according to the standard for KerML model interchange given in [Clause 10](#). Each library model is packaged as a model interchange file in the project interchange file for its corresponding model library. Regardless of whether such a library model is interchanged in textual notation, XMI or JSON format, the `elementId` for any `Element` in the library model shall be a name-based (version 5, using SHA-1) UUID (see [UUID, 14.3]), which are constructed from a *name space identifier* and a *name* determined as follows:

- For the top-level standard library package:
  - *name space identifier* shall be the `Namespace_URL` UUID, as given in [UUID, D.9] (which is 6ba7b811-9dad-11d1-80b4-00c04fd430c8).
  - *name* shall be the URL constructed by prepending `https://www.omg.org/spec/KerML/` to the name of the package, converted to bytes using a UTF-8 encoding (see [ISO10646, Annex D]).
- For any element directly or indirectly contained in the top-level standard library package (for which that package will be the `libraryNamespace`):
  - *name space identifier* shall be the UUID of the top-level standard library package (as determined above).
  - *name* shall be the string returned by the `path()` operation of the element, converted to bytes using a UTF-8 encoding (see [ISO10646, Annex D]). (See [8.3.2.1.2](#) for the specification of the `path()` operation for `Element` and [8.3.2.1.3](#) and [8.3.2.4.8](#) for its overrides for `Relationship` and `owningMembership`, respectively.)

The `elementIds` constructed as given above shall be normative across all forms of interchange of the library models. For `Elements` with non-null `qualifiedNames`, in particular, the `elementIds` shall remain stable for future versions of the library models, though future revisions of this specification may deprecate certain existing `Elements` and their names, or introduce new `Elements` with new names and hence UUIDs that are distinct (with a high probability).

A tool may also use the above approach for generating the UUIDs for `Elements` of models other than standard library models. However, it is then the responsibility of the tool to assign a unique URL to each top-level element in a model, since this is required in order to ensure the uniqueness of the generated UUIDs. Note also that, if a model undergoes frequent changes in the names and/or ordering of `Elements`, this may result in unexpected changes or reassignment of generated UUIDs.

**[KERML -115](#): Error in specification of library model UUIDs**

**[KERML -36](#): KerML Libraries' elements shall have an `elementId` defined**

## 9.2 Semantic Library

### 9.2.1 Semantic Library Overview

The Semantic Library is a collection of KerML models that are part of the semantics of the metamodel (see [Clause 8](#)). They are reused when constructing KerML user models (instantiating the abstract syntax), as specified by constraints and semantics of metaelements, such as `Types` being required to specialize *Anything* from the library

and Behaviors specializing *Performance* (see [8.4](#)). The library can be specialized for particular applications, such as systems modeling.

The Semantic Library contains a set of packages, one for each library model, as described in a subsequent subclauses. The following are the major areas covered in the Semantic Library.

1. The *Base* library model (see [9.2.2](#)) begins the Specialization hierarchy for all KerML Types, including the most general Classifier *Anything* and the most general Feature *things*. It also contains the most general DataType *DataValue* and its corresponding Feature *dataValues*. The *Links* library model (see [9.2.3](#)) specializes *Base* to provide the semantics for Associations between things.
2. The *Occurrences* library model (see [9.2.4](#)) introduces *Occurrence*, the most general Class of things that exist or happen in time and space, as well as the basic temporal Associations between them. The *Objects* library model (see [9.2.5](#)) specializes *Occurrences* to provide a model of *Objects* and *LinkObjects*, giving semantics to Structures and AssociationStructures, respectively. The *Performances* library model (see [9.2.6](#)) specializes *Occurrences* to provide a model of *Performances* and *Evaluations*, giving semantics to Behaviors and Expressions, respectively. Temporal associations can be used by Successions to specify the order in which *Performances* are carried out during other *Performances*, or when *Objects* exist in relation to each other, or combinations involving *Performances* and *Objects*. The *Transfers* library model (see [9.2.7](#)) models flow of things between *Occurrences*, giving semantics to Interactions and Flows. The *FeatureAccessPerformances* library model (see [9.2.8](#)) defines specialized *Performances* for access and modifying the values of features at specific points in time.
3. The *ControlPerformances*, *TransitionPerformances* and *StatePerformances* library models (see [9.2.9](#), [9.2.10](#), and [9.2.11](#)) provide for coordination of multiple *Performances* to carry out some task by using them as types of Steps in an overall containing Behavior. KerML does not provide syntax specific to these library elements (e.g., KerML does not have any "control node" or "state machine" syntax), though it is expected that other languages built on KerML, and using these library models, can add syntax as needed by their applications.

## **[KERML\\_-107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML](#)**

### **9.2.2 Base**

#### **9.2.2.1 Base Overview**

This library model begins the Specialization hierarchy for all KerML Types (see [8.3.3.1](#) and [8.4.3.2](#)), starting with the most general Classifier *Anything*, the type of the most general Feature *things*, which classify everything in the modeled universe and the relations between them, respectively. Being the most general library elements for their metaclasses means all Classifiers and Features in models, including in libraries, specialize them, respectively. They are specialized into the most general DataType *DataValue*, the type of *dataValues*, the most general Feature typed by DataTypes, respectively (see [8.3.4.1](#)). *DataValues* are *Anything* that can only be distinguished by how they are related to other things (via Features and Associations). These are further specialized into *Natural* and *naturals*, respectively, an extension for mathematical natural numbers (integers zero and greater) extended with a number greater than all the integers ("infinity"), but treated like one, notated as \* (see [9.3.2.1](#)). The Feature *self* of *Anything* relates each thing in the universe to itself only (see *SelfLinks* in [9.2.3.1](#)).

#### **9.2.2.2 Elements**

##### **9.2.2.2.1 Anything**

Element

Classifier



## Description

*Anything* is the most general Classifier (M1 instance of M2 Classifier). All other M1 Elements (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly). *Anything* is the type for *things*, the most general Feature. Since FeatureTyping is a kind of Specialization, this means that *things* also specializes *Anything*.

## General Types

None.

## Features

self : Anything {subsets things}

The source of a SelfLink of this thing to itself. `self` is thus a feature that relates everything to itself. It is also the value of the nested `that` feature of all other things featured by this thing.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.2.2.2 DataValue

## Element

DataType

## Description

A *DataValue* is *Anything* that can only be distinguished by how it is related to other things (via Features). *DataValue* is the most general Datatype (M1 instance of M2 Datatype). All other M1 Datatypes (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

## General Types

Anything

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.2.2.3 dataValues

## Element

Feature

## Description

*dataValues* is a specialization of *things* restricted to type *DataValue*. All other Features typed by *DataValue* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

## General Types

DataValue

things

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.2.2.4 exactlyOne

#### Element

MultiplicityRange

#### Description

*exactlyOne* is a *MultiplicityRange* requiring a cardinality of exactly one.

## General Types

naturals

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.2.2.5 naturals

#### Element

Feature

#### Description

*naturals* is a specialization of *dataValues* restricted to type *Natural*. It is the root *Feature* of all multiplicities, which map from a *Feature* to the set of *Natural* numbers representing allowable cardinalities of the *Feature*.

## General Types

dataValues

Natural

## Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.2.2.6 oneToMany

### Element

MultiplicityRange

### Description

*oneToMany* is a *MultiplicityRange* requiring a cardinality of one or more.

### General Types

naturals

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.2.2.7 things

### Element

Feature

### Description

*things* is the most general *Feature* (M1 instance of M2 *Feature*). All other *Features* (in libraries or user models) specialize it (subset or redefine, directly or indirectly). It is typed by *Anything*.

*things* has multiplicity lower bound 1 because, for any featuring instance, it includes at least that instance as the value of *Anything::self*.

### General Types

Anything

### Features

that : Anything

For each value of *things*, the "featuring instance" of that value. Formally, for any sequence *s* classified by *things*, the *that* includes a sequence whose prefix is *s*, followed by the second-to-last element of *s*. This is enforced by declaring *Anything::self* to be the chaining of *things.that*, restricting *that* to the single value of *self* for all *things*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.2.2.8 zeroOrOne

##### Element

MultiplicityRange

##### Description

*zeroOrOne* is a *MultiplicityRange* requiring a cardinality of zero or one.

##### General Types

naturals

##### Features

None.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.2.2.9 zeroToMany

##### Element

MultiplicityRange

##### Description

*zeroToMany* is a *MultiplicityRange* requiring a cardinality of zero or more.

##### General Types

naturals

##### Features

None.

##### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.3 Links

#### 9.2.3.1 Links Overview

This library model introduces the most general Association *Link*, the type of *links*, the most general Feature typed by Associations (see [8.3.4.4](#) and [8.4.4.5](#)). The *participant* Feature of *Link* generalizes all *associationEnds* (directly or indirectly), identifying the things being linked by (at the "ends" of) each *Link* (exactly one thing per end, which might be the same things). *Link* is specialized into *BinaryLink*, the most general Association with exactly two *associationEnds*, *source* and *target*, which subset *participant* and identify the two things linked, which might be the same thing. *BinaryLink* is the type of *binaryLinks*, the

most general *Feature* typed by binary *Associations*. They are specialized into *SelfLink* and *selfLinks*, respectively, for links that have the same thing on both ends, identified by *thisThing* and *thatThing*, redefining *source* and *target*, respectively. These are used by *BindingConnectors* to specify that *Features* have the same values (see [7.4.6.3](#)). *SelfLinks* are not in time or space (they are not *Occurrences*, see [9.2.4](#)).

### 9.2.3.2 Elements

#### [KERML\\_-18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

#### 9.2.3.2.1 BinaryLink

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*BinaryLink* is a *Link* with exactly two participant *Features* ("binary" Association). All other binary Associations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

##### General Types

Link

##### Features

participant : Anything [2] {redefines participant, ordered, nonunique}

The participants of this *BinaryLink*, which are restricted to be exactly two.

source : Anything {subsets participant}

The participant that is the source of this *BinaryLink*.

target : Anything {subsets participant}

The participant that is the target of this *BinaryLink*.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.3.2.2 binaryLinks

##### Element

Feature

##### Description

*binaryLinks* is a specialization of *links* restricted to type *BinaryLink*. All other *Features* typed by *BinaryLink* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

##### General Types

links

BinaryLink

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.3.2.3 Link

### Element

Association

### Description

*Link* is the most general Association (M1 instance of M2 Association). All other Associations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly). Specializations of *Link* are domains of Features subsetting *Link::participant*, exactly as many as *associationEnds* of the Association classifying it, each with multiplicity 1. Values of *Link::participant* on specialized *Links* must be a value of at least one of its subsetting Features.

### General Types

Anything

### Features

participant : Anything [2..\*] {ordered, nonunique}

The participants that are associated by this *Link*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.3.2.4 links

### Element

Feature

### Description

*links* is a specialization of *things* restricted to type *Link*. It is the most general feature typed by *Link*. All other Features typed by *Link* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

### General Types

things

Link

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.3.2.5 SelfLink

#### Element

Association

#### Description

*SelfLink* is a *BinaryLink* where the *sourceParticipant* and *targetParticipant* are the same. All other *BinaryLinks* where this is the case specialize it (directly or indirectly).

#### General Types

SelfSameLifeLink

BinaryLink

#### Features

sameThing : Anything {subsets thisThing, redefines target}

The *target participant* of this *SelfLink*, which must be the same as the *source participant*. Crosses *thisThing.self2*.

self2 : Anything

Owned cross feature for *sameThing*, with cross multiplicity 1 . . . 1

thisThing : Anything {subsets sameThing, redefines source}

The *source participant* of this *SelfLink*, which must be the same as the *target participant*. Crosses *sameThing.self*.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.3.2.6 selfLinks

#### Element

Feature

#### Description

*selfLinks* is a specialization of *binaryLinks* restricted to type *SelfLink*. It is the most general *BindingConnector*. All other *BindingConnectors* (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

#### General Types

SelfLink

binaryLinks

## Features

sameThing : Anything {redefines sameThing, target}

thisThing : Anything {redefines source, thisThing}

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.4 Occurrences

### 9.2.4.1 Occurrences Overview

#### Occurrences

This library adds a model of things existing in time and space, starting with *Occurrence*, the most general Class (see [8.3.4.2](#)), which classifies *Anything* that takes up time and space, and *occurrences*, the most general Feature typed by Classes. *Occurrences* can take up the same or overlapping time and space when they represent different things happening or existing in it. For example, the time and space taken by a room might have air moving in it, as well as light, radio waves, and so on.

*Occurrences* divide into *Objects* and *Performances* (see [9.2.5.1](#) and [9.2.6.1](#), respectively), corresponding to Classes dividing into Structures and Behaviors (see [7.4.4](#) and [7.4.7.1](#), respectively). This subclause covers what is in common between *Objects* and *Performances*.

#### Lives and Portions

A *Life* is an *Occurrence* that takes up the entire time and space of anything that happens or exists. All *Occurrences*, including *Lives*, identify other *Occurrences* as their *portions* (the most general portion Feature, see [9.2.4.2.13](#) and [8.3.3.3.4](#)), which happen or exist in some or all of their time and space. Portions are the same "thing" as the *Occurrences* they are a *portionOf*, just considered for a potentially smaller period of time and region in space. *Occurrences* are always a *portionOf* themselves, with *Lives* being a *portionOf* only themselves. *Occurrences* have the same *Life* as those they are a *portionOf*, identified by *portionOfLife*. This means following *portionOf* repeatedly will always reach a single *Life*, even though some *Occurrences* along the way might be a *portionOf* of more than one other *Occurrence*.

*SelfSameLifeLinks* include *SelfLinks* (Links between each thing and itself, see [9.2.3.1](#)), as well as *Links* between *Occurrences* that are a *portionOf* the same *Life* (have the same *portionOfLife*).

#### Time and Space Slices

Time slices are *portions* that take up all the space of their larger *Occurrences* within a potentially smaller period of time than the whole *Occurrence*, identified as *timeSlices* of the *Occurrences* they are a *portionOf*. Time slices might have Feature values and *Links* to other things peculiar to their smaller period of time. *Occurrences* are always *timeSlicesOf* themselves. The *snapShots* of *Occurrences* are *timeSlices* that take no time. The earliest *snapShot* of an *Occurrence* is its *startShot*, the latest is its *endShot*. All the others happen during its *middleTimeSlice*. *Occurrences* with a *startShot* the same as their *endShot* take no time, have no *middleTimeSlice*, and vice-versa.

Space slices are *portions* that include all the time of their larger *Occurrences*, but not necessary all their space, identified as *spaceSlices* of the *Occurrences* they are a *portionOf*. Space slices might have Feature values



and Links to other things peculiar to their smaller region in space. *Occurrences* are always *spaceSlicesOf* themselves. The *spaceShots* of *Occurrences* are *spaceSlices* that have a lower *innerSpaceDimension* than the *Occurrences* they are *spaceSlicesOf*, which is the number of variables needed to identify any space point occupied by an *Occurrence*, without regard to higher dimensional spaces in which it might be embedded. For example, the *innerSpaceDimension* of a *Curve* is 1 (see [9.2.5.1](#)), because points on it can be identified by the distance from one end, even if the curve bends in two or three dimensions. A *Curve* can be a *spaceShot* of a *Surface* or *Body*, which have *innerSpaceDimension* of 2 and 3, respectively. The *spaceSlices* of an *Occurrence* that are not *spaceShots* must have the same *innerSpaceDimension* as the *Occurrence*. How much an *Occurrence* bends in higher dimensions is its *outerSpaceDimension* (see [9.2.5.1](#)). For example, the *outerSpaceDimension* of a planar curve is 2 or 1 (*Line*), while it is 3 for non-planar.

## Temporal and Spatial Associations

*Occurrences* can be completely separated in time or space, or both, as indicated by these specialized *Links*:

- *HappensBefore Links* between *Occurrences* indicate they are completely separate in time, with one happening or existing completely before another. The *predecessors* and *successors* of *Occurrences* are those that *HappenBefore* them and after them (those that they *HappenBefore*), respectively. *HappensJustBefore Links* are *HappensBefore Links* between *Occurrences* where there is no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening or existing in the time between them. The *immediatePredecessors* and *immediateSuccessors* of *Occurrences* are those that *HappenJustBefore* them and just after them (those that they *HappenJustBefore*), respectively. *Occurrences* separated in time are not necessarily separated in space.
- *OutsideOf Links* between *Occurrences* indicate they are completely separate in space, without specifying their relative positions (such as above or to the left). The *outsideOccurrences* of *Occurrences* are those that exist *OutsideOf* them. *JustOutsideOf Links* are *OutsideOf Links* between *Occurrences* where there is no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening or existing in the space between at least some of their *spaceBoundaries*, see *space boundaries* below. The *justOutsideOccurrences* of *Occurrences* are those that exist *JustOutsideOf* them. *Occurrences* separated in space are not necessarily separated in time.

*Without Links* between *Occurrences* are provided as a convenience to indicate one *HappenBefore* another or is *OutsideOf* the other or both (they do not overlap at all in space-time), with the *withoutOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that are *Without* it.

*Occurrences* can completely overlap others in time or space, or both, as indicated by these specialized *Links*:

- *HappensDuring Links* between *Occurrences* indicate one happens or exists completely within the time taken by another, with the *timeEnclosedOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that *HappenDuring* it. *Occurrences* overlapping in time do not necessarily overlap in space.
- *InsideOf Links* between *Occurrences* indicate one happens or exists completely within the space taken by another, with the *spaceEnclosedOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that *InsideOf* it. *Occurrences* overlapping in space do not necessarily overlap in time.

*Within Links* between *Occurrences* are provided as a convenience to indicate one *HappensDuring* another and is *InsideOf* that other (one is completely overlapped by the other in space-time), with the *spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that are *Within* it.

*Occurrences* cannot be linked by both *HappensBefore* and *HappensDuring*, *OutsideOf* and *InsideOf*, or *Within* and *Without*. They also cannot *HappenBefore* or be *OutsideOf* or *Without* themselves, but always *HappensDuring* and are *InsideOf* and *Within* themselves. When an *Occurrence* *HappensBefore* another, all *Occurrences* that *HappenDuring* the earlier one (including itself) also *HappenBefore* those that *HappenDuring* the later one (including itself).

*Occurrences* that *HappenDuring* each other both ways (circularly) happen or exist at the same time, which is provided for convenience by *HappensWhile*, a specialization of *HappensDuring*, with the *timeCoincidentOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that *HappenWhile* it. *Occurrences* that are *InsideOf* each other both ways occupy exactly the same space, even though they might happen or exist at separate times. *Occurrences* that are *Within* each other both ways happen at exactly the same time and occupy exactly the same space, which is provided for convenience by *WithinBoth*, a specialization of *Within*, with the *spaceTimeCoincidentOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones that are *WithinBoth* it.

The *Links* above to do not take up time or space, they are temporal and spatial relations between things that do (they are disjoint with *LinkObject*, see [9.2.5.1](#)).

## Other Time-Space Relations

The time and space taken by an *Occurrence* can be related in three ways to the time and space taken by others, identified by the *Features* below. An *Occurrence* with values for these *Features* takes the same time and space as

- *unionOf*: taken by all the other *Occurrences* together.
- *intersectionOf*: is common to all the other *Occurrences*.
- *differencesOf*: the first other *Occurrence* that is not taken by the rest.

The values of the above *Features* are *Sets* of *Occurrences* to enable the time and space of an *Occurrence* to be specified in multiple ways, with each set taken as a complete specification of the time and space taken by the *Occurrence*.

## Space Boundaries and Interiors

The *spaceSlices* of each *Occurrence* are divided into a *spaceBoundary*, which is a *spaceShot*, and a *spaceInterior*, which is a *spaceSlice* that is not a *spaceShot* (has the same *innerSpaceDimension* as the *Occurrence*). They are *JustOutsideOf* each other and union (see below) to the entire *Occurrence*. Space boundaries cannot have a *spaceBoundary*, which means they also cannot have a *spaceInterior*, indicated by *isClosed*=true. For example, a ball has a sphere as its *spaceBoundary*, but the sphere *isClosed*.

A *spaceBoundary* might have *spaceSlices* that are also closed and have the same *innerSpaceDimension* as the *spaceBoundary* (not among its *spaceShots*). In some cases one of these *spaceSlices* surrounds the others, identified as the *outer*, a nested feature of *spaceBoundary*, and the others as the *inner* ones. This means the *outer* one can be taken as the *spaceBoundary* of another *Occurrence* with a *spaceInterior* that completely includes the *innings*. The *inner spaceBoundaries* can also be taken as *spaceBoundaries* of their own *Occurrences*, the *spaceInteriors* of which are identified as the *innerSpaceOccurrences* ("holes") of the *Occurrence* having the *spaceBoundary*. These two cases are covered by *SurroundedBy Links* between *Occurrences*, with the *surroundedByOccurrences* of an *Occurrence* being the ones they are *SurroundedBy*.

*MatesWith Links* are *JustOutsideOf Links* between *Occurrences* indicating that they union (see below) to an *Occurrence* with a *spaceBoundary* but no *spaceInterior*. This means there is no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening or existing in the space between them. *JustOutsideOf Links* additionally include those between *Occurrences* where only some of their *spaceSlices* (of their *spaceBoundaries*) are linked by *MatesWith*.

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

### 9.2.4.2 Elements

**[KERML -57](#): Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**

**[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

#### 9.2.4.2.1 HappensBefore

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*HappensBefore* is a *Without* Association linking an *earlierOccurrence* to a *laterOccurrence*, indicating that the *Occurrences* do not overlap in time (not necessarily in space, see *OutsideOf*; none of their *snapshots* happen at the same time), and the *earlierOccurrence* happens first. This means no *Occurrence* *HappensBefore* itself. Every *Occurrence* that *HappensDuring* the *earlierOccurrence* (including itself) also *HappensBefore* every *Occurrence* that *HappensDuring* the *laterOccurrence* (including itself).

##### General Types

HappensLink

Without

##### Features

*earlierOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {subsets *sourceOccurrence*, redefines *separateOccurrenceToo*}

The participant of this *HappensBefore* link that happens (ends) earlier than the other participant (starts). Crosses *laterOccurrence.predecessors*.

*laterOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {subsets *targetOccurrence*, redefines *separateOccurrence*}

The participant of this *HappensBefore* link that happens later than (starts after) the other participant (ends). Crosses *earlierOccurrence.successors*.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.2 happensBeforeLinks

##### Element

Feature

##### Description

*happensBeforeLinks* is a specialization of *binaryLinks* restricted to type *earlierOccurrence*. It is the most general *Succession* (M1 instance of M2 *Succession*). All other *Successions* (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

##### General Types

HappensBefore

binaryLinks

##### Features

earlierOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines source, earlierOccurrence}

laterOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines laterOccurrence, target}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.3 HappensDuring

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*HappensDuring* links its *shorterOccurrence* to its *longerOccurrence*, indicating that the *shorterOccurrence* completely overlaps the *longerOccurrence* in time (not necessarily in space, see *InsideOf*; all *snapshots* of the *shorterOccurrence* happen at the same time as some snapshot of the *longerOccurrence*). This means every *Occurrence* *HappensDuring* itself and that *HappensDuring* is transitive. Every *Occurrence* that *HappensDuring* the *longerOccurrence* also *HappensBefore* the *shorterOccurrence*. The *shorterOccurrence* also *HappensBefore* every *Occurrence* that the *longerOccurrence* does.

##### General Types

HappensLink

##### Features

happensDuring : Occurrence [1..\*]

*Occurrences* that completely overlap a *shorterOccurrence* in time (not necessarily in space, see *insideOf*; they start when this *shorterOccurrence* does or earlier and end when the *shorterOccurrence* does or later), including the *shorterOccurrence*. Owned cross feature for *longerOccurrence*.

longerOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines targetOccurrence}

The participant in this *HappensDuring Link* that completely overlaps the other in time. Crosses *shorterOccurrence.happensDuring*.

shorterOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines sourceOccurrence}

The participant in this *HappensDuring Link* that is completely overlapped by the other in time. Crosses *longerOccurrence.timeEnclosedOccurrences*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.4 HappensJustBefore

##### Element

Association

## Description

*HappensJustBefore* is *HappensBefore* asserting that there is no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening in the time between the *earlierOccurrence* and *laterOccurrence*.

## General Types

HappensBefore

## Features

*earlierOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {redefines *earlierOccurrence*}

Crosses *laterOccurrence.immediatePredecessors*.

*laterOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {redefines *laterOccurrence*}

Crosses *earlierOccurrence.immediateSuccessors*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.5 HappensLink

## Element

Association

## Description

*HappensLink* is the most general *Association* that asserts temporal relationships between a *sourceOccurrence* and a *targetOccurrence*. They cannot happen in time (be *Occurrences*), making them disjoint with *LinkObject*.

## General Types

BinaryLink

## Features

*sourceOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {redefines *source*}

*targetOccurrence* : *Occurrence* {redefines *target*}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.6 HappensWhile

## Element

Association

## Description

*HappensWhile* is a *HappensDuring* and its inverse. This means the linked *Occurrences* completely overlap each other in time (they happen at the same time) all *snapshots* of each *Occurrence* happen at the same time as one of the *snapshots* of other. This means every *Occurrence HappensWhile* itself and that *HappensWhile* is transitive.

## General Types

HappensDuring

## Features

`happensWhile : Occurrence [1..*] {subsets happensDuring, timeCoincidentOccurrences}`

`thatOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines longerOccurrence}`

Crosses *thisOccurrence.timeCoincidentOccurrences*.

`thisOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines shorterOccurrence}`

Crosses *thatOccurrence.timeCoincidentOccurrences*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.7 IncomingTransferSort

## Element

Predicate

## Description

A Predicate of two *Transfers* that is true when the first should be accepted instead of the other.

## General Types

BooleanEvaluation

## Features

`in t1 : Transfer`

In parameter.

`in t2 : Transfer`

In parameter.

`return t1First : Boolean`

Return parameter.

## Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.8 InnerSpaceOf

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*InnerSpace* is an *OutsideOf* asserting that the space surrounded by an inner space boundary of one occurrence (*outerSpace*) is completely occupied by another occurrence (*innerSpace*).

##### General Types

OutsideOf

##### Features

innerSpace : Occurrence {redefines separateSpace}

The *participant* of this *InnerSpaceOf Link* that completely occupies the space surrounded by an inner space boundary of the other. Crosses *outerSpace.innerSpaceOccurrences*.

outerSpace : Occurrence {redefines separateSpaceToo}

The *participant* of this *InnerSpaceOf Link* with an inner space boundary is completely occupied by the other.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.9 InsideOf

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*InsideOf* is a *BinaryLink* between its *smallerSpace* and *largerSpace*, indicating that the *largerSpace* completely overlaps the *smallerSpace* in space (not necessarily in time, see *HappensDuring*; all four dimensional points of the *smallerSpace* are in the spatial extent of the *largerSpace*). This means every *Occurrence* is *InsideOf* itself and that *InsideOf* is transitive.

##### General Types

SpaceLink

##### Features

insideOf : Occurrence [1..\*]

*Occurrences* that completely overlap a *smallerSpace* in space (not necessarily in time, see *happensDuring*), including the *smallerSpace*. Owned cross feature for *largerSpace*.

largerSpace : Occurrence {redefines target}

The *participant* in this *InsideOf Link* that completely overlaps the other in space. Crosses *smallerSpace.insideOf*.

*smallerSpace* : Occurrence {redefines source}

The *participant* in this *InsideOf Link* that is completely overlapped by the other in space. Crosses *largerSpace.spaceEnclosedOccurrences*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.10 JustOutsideOf

### Element

Association

### Description

*JustInsideOf* is an *OutsideOf Association* linking two *Occurrences* that have some space slices with no space between them.

### General Types

OutsideOf

### Features

*separateSpace* : Occurrence {redefines separateSpace}

Crosses *separateSpaceToo.justOutsideOfOccurrences*.

*separateSpaceToo* : Occurrence {redefines separateSpaceToo}

Crosses *separateSpace.justOutsideOfOccurrences*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.11 Life

### Element

Class

### Description

*Life* is the class of *Occurrences* that are "maximal portions". That is, they are only portions of themselves.

### General Types

Occurrence

### Features



None.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.12 MatesWith

#### Element

Association

#### Description

#### General Types

JustOutsideOf

#### Features

matingSpace : Occurrence {redefines separateSpace}

Crosses *matingSpaceToo.matingOccurrences*.

matingSpaceToo : Occurrence {redefines separateSpaceToo}

Crosses *matingSpace.matingOccurrences*.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.13 Occurrence

#### Element

Class

#### Description

An *Occurrence* is *Anything* that happens over time and space (the four physical dimensions). *Occurrences* can be portions of another *Occurrence* within time and space, including slices in time, leading to snapshots that take zero time.

#### General Types

Anything

#### Features

difference : Occurrence [0..1]

A (nested) Feature of *differencesOf* identifying an *Occurrence* that is the *intersectionsOf* of the *Occurrences* identified by *interdiff* (*minuend* and *interdiff.notSubtrahend*).

differencesOf : OrderedSet [0..\*]

Ordered sets of *Occurrences*, where the time and space taken by first *Occurrence* in each set (*minuend*) that is not in the time and space taken by the remaining *Occurrences* (*subtrahend*, resulting in *difference*) is the same as taken by this *Occurrence* (all four dimensional points in the *minuend* that are not in any *subtrahend* are at the same time and space as those in this *Occurrence*).

dispatchScope : *Occurrence*

elements : *Occurrence* [0..\*]

A nested *Feature* of *unionsOf*, *intersectionsOf*, and *differencesOf* for the elements of each of their (*Ordered*) *Sets*

endShot : *Occurrence* {subsets snapshots}

The *snapshot* of this *Occurrence* that *happensAfter* all its other *snapshots*.

immediatePredecessors : *Occurrence* [0..\*] {subsets predecessors}

*Occurrences* that start just after this *Occurrence* ends, with no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening in the time between them.

immediateSuccessors : *Occurrence* [0..\*] {subsets successors}

*Occurrences* that end just before this *Occurrence* starts, with no possibility of other *Occurrences* happening in the time between them.

incomingTransfer : *Transfer* [0..\*]

incomingTransferSort : *IncomingTransferSort* [0..\*]

Determines which *Transfers* to accept when multiple are available and which of the unaccepted *Transfers* are never to be accepted (dispatched), by comparing two *Transfers* at a time. Defaults to *earlierFirstIncomingTransferSort*, which is true if the first *Transfer* ends (arrives) before the other.

incomingTransferToSelf : *Transfer* [0..\*] {subsets incomingTransfer}

*Transfers* for which this *Occurrence* is the *targetParticipant*.

inner : *Occurrence* [0..\*]

A *spaceSlice* of *spaceBoundary*, see *spaceBoundary*.

innerSpaceDimension : *Natural*

The number of variables needed to identify space points in this *Occurrence*, from 0 to 3, without regard to higher dimensional spaces it might be embedded in. For example, the *innerSpaceDimension* of a curve is 1, even if it twists in three dimensions, see *outerSpaceDimension*.

innerSpaceOccurrences : *Occurrence* [0..\*] {subsets outsideOfOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that completely occupy the space surrounded by an inner space boundary of this occurrence.

interdiff : *Set* [0..\*]

A (nested) *Feature* of *differencesOf* identifying a set that includes its *minuend* and all *Occurrences* that are not in its *subtrahend*.

intersection : Occurrence [0..1]

A (nested) Feature of *intersectionsOf* identifying an *Occurrence* that a) is completely *Within* (the space and time of) all *intersectionsOf elements*, and b) *satisfies the conditions of the same element's nonIntersection*.

intersectionsOf : Set [0..\*]

Sets of *Occurrences*, where the time and space taken in common between the *Occurrences* in each set (*intersectionsOf::intersection*) is at the same as taken by this *Occurrence* (all four dimensional points common to the *Occurrences* in each set are at the same time and space as those in this *Occurrence*).

/isClosed : Boolean

True if this *Occurrence* has a *spaceBoundary*, false otherwise.

isDispatch : Boolean

Determines whether the same incoming transfer can be accepted more than once by *StatePerformances* composed under *dispatchScope*. It defaults to true for *Performances*, and false for other *Occurrences* (including *Objects*).

isRunToCompletion : Boolean

Determines whether *TransitionPerformances* composed under *runToCompletionScope* can happen during *StatePerformance* entry *Performances* composed under this *Occurrence*.

justOutsideOfOccurrences : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets outsideOfOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that have no space between some of their *spaceSlices* and some *spaceSlices* of this *Occurrence*.

localClock : Clock

A local *Clock* to be used as the corresponding time reference for this *Occurrence* and, by default, all *ownedOccurrences*. By default this is the singleton *Clocks::universalClock*

matingOccurrences : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets justOutsideOfOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that have no space between them and this one.

middleTimeSlice : Occurrence [0..1] {subsets timeSlices}

*timeSlice* of this *Occurrence* that takes all of the time between its *startShot* and *endShot*. *Occurrences* do not have *middleTimeSlice* if their *startShot* is the same as their *endShot* (such as being a *snapShot* of another *Occurrence*), otherwise they do.

minuend : Occurrence [0..1] {subsets elements, ordered}

A (nested) Feature of *differencesOf* that identifies the first *Occurrence* in its *elements*.

nonIntersection : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets spaceTimeEnclosedPoints}

A nested Feature of *intersectionsOf.elements* identifying all the *spaceTimeEnclosedPoints* of each *element* that are not identified by *intersection*. These must be *Without* (separate in space or time from) at least one other *element*.

notSubtrahend : Occurrence [0..\*]

A (nested) Feature of *differencesOf.interdiff* identifying all *Occurrences* that are not identified by the *subtrahend* in each value *differencesOf* separately.

outer : Occurrence [0..1]

A *spaceSlice* of *spaceBoundary*, see *spaceBoundary*.

outerSpaceDimension : Natural [0..1]

For *Occurrence* of *innerSpaceDimension* 1 or 2, the number of variables needed to identify their space points in higher dimensional spaces they might be embedded in, from the *innerSpaceDimension* to 3. For example , an *outerSpaceDimension* 3 for a curve indicates it twists in three dimensions. An *outerSpaceDimension* equal to *innerSpaceDimension* indicates the occurrence is spatially straight (*innerSpaceDimension* 1 embedded in 2 or 3 dimensions) or flat (*innerSpaceDimension* 2 embedded in 3 dimensions).

outgoingTransfer : Transfer [0..\*]

outgoingTransferFromSelf : Transfer [0..\*] {subsets outgoingTransfer}

*Transfers* for which this *Occurrence* is the *sourceParticipant*.

outsideOfOccurrences : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets withoutOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that are completely separate from this one in space (not necessarily in time, see *successors* and *predecessors*).

portionOf : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets within}

All *Occurrences* that this one is *Within* that are considered the same thing occurring (same *portionOfLife*), including this one.

portionOfLife : Life

The *Life* of which this *Occurrence* is a *portion*. By default, *portion* is *self* (that is, the *Occurrence* is itself a *Life*).

portions : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences}

All *Occurrences Within* this one that are considered the same thing occurring (same *portionOfLife*), including this one.

predecessors : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets withoutOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that are completely separate from this one in time (not necessarily in space, see *outsideOfOccurrences*) and that happen before this one (end earlier than this one starts).

runToCompletionScope : Occurrence

sameLifeOccurrences : Occurrence [1..\*]

*self* : Occurrence {subsets timeSlices, spaceSlices, spaceTimeCoincidentOccurrences, sameLifeOccurrences, redefines self}

This *Occurrence* (related to itself via a *SelfLink*).

snapshotOf : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets timeSliceOf}

*Occurrences of which this Occurrence is a snapshot.*

snapshots : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets timeSlices}

All *timeSlices* of this *Occurrence* that happen at a single instant of time (zero duration).

spaceBoundary : Occurrence [0..1] {subsets spaceShots}

A *spaceShot* of this *Occurrence* that is not among those of its *spaceInterior*, which it must be *OutsideOf*. It must not have a *spaceBoundary* (*isClosed*= true). It can be divided into *spaceSlices* that also have no *spaceBoundary*, where the *inner* ones are *SurroundedBy* the *outer* one.

spaceEnclosedOccurrences : Occurrence [1..\*]

*Occurrences* that this one completely overlaps in space (not necessarily in time, see *timeEnclosedOccurrences*), including this one.

spaceInterior : Occurrence [0..1] {subsets spaceSlices}

A *spaceSlice* of this *Occurrence* that includes all its *spaceShots* except the *spaceBoundary*, which must exist and be *outsideOf* it. The *spaceInterior* must be of the same *innerSpaceDimension* as this *Occurrence*, except if it is zero, whereupon there is no *spaceInterior*.

spaceShotOf : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets spaceSliceOf}

All *Occurrences* of which this *Occurrence* is a *spaceShot*.

spaceShots : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets spaceSlices}

All *spaceSlices* of this *Occurrence* that are of a lower *innerSpaceDimension* than it.

spaceSliceOf : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets portionOf}

An *Occurrence* this one is a *spaceSlices* of.

spaceSlices : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets portions}

All *portions* of this *Occurrence* that extend for exactly the same time and some or all the space, relative to spatial location of this *Occurrence*. This means every *Occurrence* is a *spaceSlice* of itself.

spaceTimeCoincidentOccurrences : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets timeCoincidentOccurrences, spaceEnclosedOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that this one completely includes in both space and time, and vice-versa, including this one.

spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets spaceEnclosedOccurrences, timeEnclosedOccurrences}

All *timeEnclosedOccurrences* of this *Occurrence* that are also *spaceEnclosedOccurrences*, including itself.

spaceTimeEnclosedPoints : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences}

All *spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences* of this *Occurrence* that take up no time or space (*innerSpaceDimension* 0 and *startShot* the same as *endShot*).

*startShot* : Occurrence {subsets snapshots}

The *snapshot* of this *Occurrence* that *happensBefore* all its other *snapshots*.

*suboccurrences* : Occurrence [0..\*]

Composite *suboccurrences* of this *Occurrence*. The *localClock* of all *suboccurrences* defaults to the *localClock* of its containing *Occurrence*.

*subtrahend* : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets elements}

A (nested) Feature of *differencesOf* that identifies all the *Occurrences* in its *elements* except the first one.

*successors* : Occurrence [0..\*] {subsets withoutOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that are completely separate from this one in time (not necessarily in space, see `outsideOfOccurrences`) and that happen after this one (start later than this one ends).

*surroundedByOccurrences* : Occurrence {subsets outsideOfOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that have inner spaces that completely include this *Occurrence*.

*this* : Occurrence

The "context" *Occurrence* within which this *Occurrence* takes place. By default, it is this *Occurrence* itself. However, this is overridden for *ownedPerformances* of *Objects* and *subperformances* of *Performances*

*timeCoincidentOccurrences* : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences}

*Occurrences* that *HappenWhile* this one does (*Occurrences* that start and end at the same time as this one).

*timeEnclosedOccurrences* : Occurrence [1..\*]

*Occurrences* that this one completely overlaps in time (not necessarily in space, see *spaceEnclosedOccurrences*; they start at the same time or later and end at the same time or earlier), including this one.

*timeSliceOf* : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets portionOf}

*Occurrences* of which this one is a *timeSlice*, including this one.

*timeSlices* : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets portions}

*portions* that extend for some or all the time of this *Occurrence*, but all its space during that time, including itself.

*union* : Occurrence [0..1]

A (nested) Feature of *unionsOf* identifying an *Occurrence* with a) *spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences* including all those identified by a *unionsOf* element, and b) all the *Occurrence*'s *spaceTimeEnclosedPoints* Within (the space and time of) at least one of the elements.

*unionsOf* : Set [0..\*]

Sets of *Occurrences*, where the time and space taken by all the *Occurrences* in each set together (*unionsOf::union*) is the same as taken by this *Occurrence* (all four dimensional points in the *Occurrences* of each set are at the same time and space as those of this *Occurrence*).

withoutOccurrences : Occurrence [0..\*]

All *Occurrences* that are *successors*, *successors*, and/or *OutsideOf* of this one.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.14 occurrences

### Element

Feature

### Description

*occurrences* is a specialization of *things* restricted to type *Occurrence*. It is the most general *Feature* typed by *Occurrence*. All other *Features* typed by *Occurrence* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

### General Types

things

Occurrence

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.15 OutsideOf

### Element

Association

### Description

*OutsideOf* is a *Without* Association linking its *separateSpaceToo* and its *separateOccurrence*, indicating that these *Occurrences* do not overlap in space (not necessarily in time, see *HappensBefore*; no four dimensional points of the *Occurrences* are in the spatial extent of both of them). This means no *Occurrence* is *OutsideOf* itself.

### General Types

SpaceLink

Without

### Features

`separateSpace : Occurrence {redefines separateOccurrence}`

The second *participant* in this *OutsideOf Link*. Crosses `separateSpaceToo.outsideOfOccurrences`.

`separateSpaceToo : Occurrence {redefines separateOccurrenceToo}`

The first participant in this *OutsideOf Link*. Crosses `separateSpace.outsideOfOccurrences`.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.4.2.16 PortionOf

### Element

Association

### Description

*PortionOf* is a *Within Association* that links its *portionOccurrence* to its *portionedOccurrence*, indicating they are considered the same thing occurring (same *portionOfLife*), but with the *portionOccurrence* potentially taking up less time and space than the *portionedOccurrence*. This means every *Occurrence* is a *PortionOf* itself. The *innerSpaceDimension* of *portionOccurrence* is the same or lower than of the *portionedOccurrence*.

### General Types

Within

### Features

`portionedOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines largerOccurrence}`

The *participant* in this *PortionOf Link* that is the *largerOccurrence*. Crosses `portionOccurrence.portionOf`.

`portionOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines smallerOccurrence}`

The *participant* in this *PortionOf Link* that is the *smallerOccurrence*. Crosses `portionedOccurrence.portions`.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.4.2.17 SelfSameLifeLink

### Element

Association



## Description

*SelfSameLinks* are all the *BinaryLinks* such that the *sourceParticipant* and *targetParticipant* are either

- *Occurrences* (which might be lives) that are portions of the same life, or
- *DataValues* that are equal.

## General Types

BinaryLink

## Features

*mySelfSameLife* : Anything {redefines source}

The *source* end of a *SelfLifeLink*. Crosses *selfSameLife.myselfSameLives*.

*myselfSameLives* : Anything [1..\*]

Owned cross feature of *myselfSameLife*.

*selfSameLife* : Anything {redefines target}

The *target* end of a *SelfLifeLink*. Crosses *myselfSameLife.selfSameLives*.

*selfSameLives* : Anything [1..\*]

Owned cross feature of *selfSameLife*.

*sourceDataValue* : DataValue {subsets *mySelfSameLife*}

Same as the *mySelfSameLife* when it is an *DataValue*.

*sourceOccurrence* : Occurrence {subsets *mySelfSameLife*}

Same as the *mySelfSameLife* when it is an *Occurrence*.

*targetDataValue* : DataValue {subsets *selfSameLife*}

Same as the *selfSameLife* when it is an *DataValue*.

*targetOccurrence* : Occurrence {subsets *selfSameLife*}

Same as the *selfSameLife* when it is an *Occurrence*. Also subsets *sourceOccurrence.sameLifeOccurrences*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.18 SnapshotOf

## Element

Association

## Description

*SnapshotOf* is a *TimeSliceOf* that links its *snapshotOccurrence* to its *snapshottedOccurrence*, indicating that *snapshotOccurrence* takes no time (*startShot* and *endShot* are the same).

## General Types

TimeSliceOf

## Features

*snapshotOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *timeSliceOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SnapshotOf Link* that is the *timeSliceOccurrence*. Crosses *snapshottedOccurrence.snapshots*.

*snapshottedOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *timeSlicedOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SnapshotOf Link* that is the *timeSlicedOccurrence*. Crosses *snapshotOccurrence.snapshotOf*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.19 SpaceLink

## Element

Association

## Description

*SpaceLink* is the most general association that asserts spatial relationships between a *sourceOccurrence* and a *targetOccurrence*. Because *SpaceLinks* assert spatial relationships, they cannot also be *Occurrences* that happen in space. Therefore *SpaceLink* is disjoint with *LinkObject*, that is, no *SpaceLink* can also be a *LinkObject*.

## General Types

BinaryLink

## Features

*sourceOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *source*}

*targetOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *target*}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.4.2.20 SpaceShotOf

## Element

Association

### Description

*SpaceShotOf* is a *SpaceSliceOf* that links its *spaceShotOccurrence* to its *spaceSnapshotOccurrence*, indicating the *spaceShotOccurrence* is of a lower *innerSpaceDimension* than the *spaceShottedOccurrence*

### General Types

SpaceSliceOf

### Features

*spaceShotOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *spaceSliceOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SpaceShotOf Link* that is the *spaceSliceOccurrence*. Crosses *spaceShottedOccurrence.spaceShots*.

*spaceShottedOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *spaceSlicedOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SpaceShotOf Link* that is the *spaceSlicedOccurrence*. Crosses *spaceShotOccurrence.spaceShotOf*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.4.2.21 SpaceSliceOf

### Element

Association

### Description

*SpaceSliceOf* is a *PortionOf* that links its *spaceSliceOccurrence* to its *spaceSlicedOccurrence*, indicating the *spaceSliceOccurrence* extends for exactly the same time and some or all the space of the *spaceSlicedOccurrence* and that the *spaceSliceOccurrence* is of the same of lower *innerSpaceDimension* than the *spaceSliceOccurrence*. This means every *Occurrence* is a *SpaceSliceOf* itself and *SpaceSliceOf* is transitive.

### General Types

PortionOf

### Features

*spaceSlicedOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *portionedOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SpaceSliceOf Link* that is the *portionedOccurrence*. Crosses *spaceSliceOccurrence.spaceSliceOf*.

*spaceSliceOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *portionOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *SpaceSliceOf Link* that is the *portionOccurrence*. Crosses *spaceSlicedOccurrence.spaceSlices*.

#### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.22 SurroundedBy

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*SurroundedBy* is an *OutsideOf* asserting that one occurrence (*surroundedSpace*) is included in space by an *innerSpaceOccurrence* of another (*surroundingSpace*).

##### General Types

OutsideOf

##### Features

*surroundedSpace* : Occurrence {redefines *separateSpaceToo*}

The *participant* in this *SurroundedBy Link* that is completely included in the inner space of the other.

*surroundingSpace* : Occurrence {redefines *separateSpace*}

The *participant* in this *SurroundedBy Link* that has an inner space that completely includes the other.

#### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.23 TimeSliceOf

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*TimeSliceOf* is a *PortionOf* that links its *timeSliceOccurrence* to its *timeSlicedOccurrence*, indicating that extend for exactly the same time and some or all the space of this *Occurrence*, including itself. This means every *Occurrence* is a *TimeSliceOf* itself.

##### General Types

PortionOf

##### Features

*timeSlicedOccurrence* : Occurrence {redefines *portionedOccurrence*}

The *participant* in this *TimeSliceOf Link* that is the *portionedOccurrence*. Crosses *timeSliceOccurrence.timeSliceOf*.

timeSliceOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines portionOccurrence}

The *participant* in this *TimeSliceOf Link* that is the *portionOccurrence*. Crosses *timeSlicedOccurrence.timeSlices*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.24 Within

##### Element

Association

##### Description

*Within* classifies all and only links that are *HappensDuring* and *InsideOf*. They link their *largerOccurrence* to their *smallerOccurrence*, indicating the *largerOccurrence* completely overlaps the *smallerOccurrence* in time and space (all four dimensional points of the *smallerOccurrence* *HappensDuring* and *InsideOf* the *largerOccurrence*). This means every *Occurrence* is *Within* itself and *Within* is transitive.

##### General Types

HappensDuring

InsideOf

##### Features

largerOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines largerSpace, longerOccurrence}

The *participant* in this *Within Link* that is the *longerOccurrence* and *largerSpace*. Crosses *shorterOccurrence.within*.

smallerOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines shorterOccurrence, smallerSpace}

The *participant* in this *Within Link* that is the *shorterOccurrence* and *smallerSpace*. Crosses *largerOccurrence.spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences*.

within : Occurrence [1..\*] {subsets insideOf, happensDuring}

All *Occurrences* that the *smallerOccurrence* *happensDuring* and is *insideOf*, including the *smallerOccurrence*. *Owned cross feature of* *\_largerOccurrence*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.4.2.25 WithinBoth

##### Element

Association

### Description

*WithinBoth* is a *Within* and its inverse. This means the linked *Occurrences* completely overlap each other in space and time (they occupy the same four dimensional region). This means every *Occurrence* is *Within* with itself and *Within* is transitive.

### General Types

Within

HappensWhile

### Features

thatOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines largerOccurrence}

Crosses *thisOccurrence.spaceTimeCoincidentOccurrences*.

thisOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines smallerOccurrence}

Crosses *thatOccurrence.spaceTimeCoincidentOccurrences*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.4.2.26 Without

### Element

Association

### Description

*Without* classifies all links that are *HappensDuring* or *InsideOf*, or both. They link their *separateOccurrenceToo* to their *separateOccurrence*, indicating that the *Occurrences* do not overlap in time and/or space (no four dimensional point is in both *Occurrences*). This means no *Occurrence* is *Without* itself.

### General Types

BinaryLink

### Features

separateOccurrence : Occurrence {redefines target}

The second *participant* in this *Without Link*. Crosss *separateOccurrenceToo.withoutOccurrences*.

separateOccurrenceToo : Occurrence {redefines source}

The first *participant* in this *Without Link*. Crosses *separateOccurrence.withoutOccurrences*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.5 Objects

### 9.2.5.1 Objects Overview

*Objects* are *Occurrences* that take up a single region of time and space, even though they might be in multiple places over time. *Object* is the most general Structure, while *objects* is the most general Feature typed by Structures (see [8.3.4.3](#) and compare to *Performances* in [9.2.6.1](#)). *Objects* and *Performances* do not overlap, but *Performances* can Involve *Objects*, which can *Perform Performances*.

*LinkObjects* are *Objects* that are also *Links*, and *linkObjects* is the most general Feature typed by *LinkObject*. *LinkObjects* occupy time and space, like other *Objects*, with potentially varying relationships to other things over time, except for which things are its *participants* (the things being linked), identified by its *associationEnd* Features (the "ends" of a link are permanent, though *participants* can be *Occurrences* with changing relationships to other things). The values of *LinkObject* Features that are not *associationEnds* can change over time. *LinkObjects* can exist between the same *Occurrences* for only some of the time those *Occurrences* exist, reflecting changing relationships of those *Occurrences*. *BinaryLinkObjects* are *BinaryLinks* that are also *LinkObjects*, and *binaryLinkObjects* is the most general Feature typed by *BinaryLinkObject*.

*Body(s)*, *Surfaces*, *Curves*, and *Points* are *Objects* with *innerSpaceDimension* of 3, 2, 1, and 0, respectively.

### Structured Space Objects

*StructuredSpaceObjects* are *Objects* with three Features Subsetting *spaceSlices*:

- *faces*, identifying *Surfaces*.
- *edges*, identifying *Curves*.
- *vertices*, identifying *Points*.

The above are collectively *structuredSpaceCells*, which are also *StructuredSpaceObjects*, enabling *faces* to identify *edges* and *vertices* among the *spaceSlices* of their *spaceBoundaries*, if any, and *edges* to identify *vertices* among theirs. Cells of closed *StructuredSpaceObjects* (*isClosed* = *true*) must be *JustOutside* others along their entire *spaceBoundary* (every cell's *spaceSlices* must *MateWith* some *spaceSlice* of another cell, see Space Boundaries and Interiors in [9.2.4.1](#)), which usually means all the *edges* and *vertices* of cells *MateWith* those of other cells, enabling the *StructuredSpaceObject* to be the *spaceBoundary* for other *Objects*. The *innerSpaceDimension* of a *StructuredSpaceObject* is the highest *innerSpaceDimension* of its *structuredSpaceCells*.

Models can specialize the three Features above for various kinds of *Objects*, for example, one for cylinders would include:

- Three Features Subsetting *faces* for the top, bottom, and middle *Surfaces* of a cylinder. The *edges* of these Features are *Curves* (circles) that are *spaceBoundaries* of the top and bottom *Surfaces* (discs), and *spaceSlices* of the *spaceBoundary* of the middle *Surface* (a rectangle joined at two opposite sides).
- Two Features Subsetting *edges* for the top and bottom of the cylinder. Each Feature identifies two *Curves* that are the *edges* of adjacent *faces*, specified by *BindingConnectors* between the Feature and required *edges*. These two *Curves* must mate, specified by a *MateWith* Connector between the Feature and itself.
- A Feature redefining *vertices* to multiplicity 0.

### 9.2.5.2 Elements

[KERML -107: The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML](#)

#### 9.2.5.2.1 BinaryLinkObject

## **Element**

AssociationStructure

## **Description**

## **General Types**

LinkObject

BinaryLink

## **Features**

toSources : Anything [0..\*] {redefines }

toTargets : Anything [0..\*] {redefines }

## **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.5.2.2 binaryLinkObjects**

## **Element**

Feature

## **Description**

## **General Types**

linkObjects

BinaryLinkObject

binaryLinks

## **Features**

None.

## **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.5.2.3 Body**

## **Element**

Structure

## **Description**

*Objects of innerSpaceDimension 3.*

## **General Types**



Object

#### **Features**

innerSpaceDimension : Integer {redefines innerSpaceDimension}

#### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.5.2.4 Curve**

#### **Element**

Structure

#### **Description**

*Objects of innerSpaceDimension 1.*

#### **General Types**

Object

#### **Features**

innerSpaceDimension : Integer {redefines innerSpaceDimension}

#### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.5.2.5 LinkObject**

#### **Element**

AssociationStructure

#### **Description**

*LinkObject* is the most general AssociationStructure (M1 instance of M2 AssociationStructure). All other AssociationStructures (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

#### **General Types**

Object

Link

#### **Features**

None.

#### **Constraints**

None.

#### 9.2.5.2.6 linkObjects

##### Element

Feature

##### Description

*linkObjects* is a specialization of *links* and *objects* restricted to type `LinkObject`. It is the most general feature typed by *LinkObject*. All other *Features* typed by *LinkObject* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

##### General Types

objects

LinkObject

links

##### Features

None.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.5.2.7 Object

##### Element

Structure

##### Description

An *Object* is an *Occurrence* that is not a *Performance*. It is the most general *Structure*. All other *Structures* specialize it directly or indirectly.

##### General Types

Occurrence

##### Features

enactedPerformances : Performance [0..\*] {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences, involvingPerformances}

*Performances* that are enacted by this *Object*.

involvingPerformances : Performance [0..\*]

*Performances* in which this *Object* is involved.

ownedPerformances : Performance [0..\*] {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences, involvingPerformances, suboccurrences}

*Performances* that are owned by this *Object*. The owning *Object* is the default *this* reference for all owned *Performances*.

self : Object {redefines self}

structuredSpaceBoundary : StructuredSpaceObject [0..1] {subsets spaceBoundary}

A *spaceBoundary* that is a *StructuredSpaceObject*.

subobjects : Object [0..\*] {subsets suboccurrences}

The *suboccurrences* of this *Object* that are also *Objects*.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.5.2.8 objects

#### Element

Feature

#### Description

*objects* is a specialization of *occurrences* restricted to type *Object*. It is the most general *Feature* typed by *Object*. All other *Features* typed by *Object* or its specializations (in libraries or user models) specialize it (directly or indirectly).

#### General Types

occurrences

Object

#### Features

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.5.2.9 Point

#### Element

Structure

#### Description

*Objects* of *innerSpaceDimension* 0.

#### General Types

Object

## Features

innerSpaceDimension : Integer {redefines innerSpaceDimension}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.5.2.10 StructuredSpaceObject

## Element

Structure

## Description

A *StructuredSpaceObject* is an *Object* that is broken up into smaller *structuredSpaceCells* of the same or lower *innerSpaceDimension*: *faces* of *innerSpaceDimension* 2, *edges* of *innerSpaceDimension* 1, and *vertices* of *innerSpaceDimension* 0, with the highest of these being the *innerSpaceDimension* of the *StructuredSpaceObject*. Boundaries of *structuredSpaceObjectCells* are the union of others of lower *innerSpaceDimension* (*edges* and *vertices* on the boundary of *faces*, and *vertices* on the boundary of *edges*), some of which meet when this *StructuredSpaceObject* is *isClosed* (*faces* meet at their *edges* and/or *vertices*, while *edges* meet at their *vertices*), as required to be a *spaceBoundary* of an *Object*.

## General Types

Object

## Features

cellOrientation : Integer [0..1]

A nested *Feature* of *structuredSpaceObjectCell* that gives them a "direction" (1 or -1) or none (0). For example, the *cellOrientation* of a *face* indicates to which side the "positive" normal vector points, of an *edge* the positive direction along the *edge*, and of a *vertex* the positive direction "in or out" of it. When the *cellOrientation* of all *edges* and *vertices* are given, and the *StructuredSpaceObject* is *isClosed*, the *cellOrientations* of the (completely) overlapping ones sum to zero.

edges : Curve [0..\*] {subsets structuredSpaceObjectCells, ordered}

The *structuredSpaceObjectCells* of *innerSpaceDimension* 1 in this *StructuredSpaceObject*.

faces : Surface [0..\*] {subsets structuredSpaceObjectCells, ordered}

The *structuredSpaceObjectCells* of *innerSpaceDimension* 2 in this *StructuredSpaceObject*.

/innerSpaceDimension : Integer {redefines innerSpaceDimension}

Highest *innerSpaceDimension* of the *structuredSpaceObjectCells*.

structuredSpaceObjectCells : StructuredSpaceObject [1..\*] {subsets spaceSlices}

All and only the *spaceSlices* of this *StructuredSpaceObject* that are its *faces*, *edges*, and *vertices*.

vertices : Point [0..\*] {subsets structuredSpaceObjectCells, ordered}

The *structuredSpaceObjectCells* of *innerSpaceDimension* 0 in this *StructuredSpaceObject*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.5.2.11 Surface

### Element

Structure

### Description

*Objects* of *innerSpaceDimension* 2.

### General Types

Object

### Features

genus : Integer [0..1]

The number of "holes" in this *Surface*, assuming it *isClosed*. For example, it is 0 for spheres and 1 for toruses, including one-handled coffee cups.

*innerSpaceDimension* : Integer {redefines *innerSpaceDimension*}

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.6 Performances

### 9.2.6.1 Performances Overview

### Performances

*Performances* are *Occurrences* that can be spread out in disconnected portions of space and time. *Performance* is the most general Behavior, while *performances* is the most general Feature typed by Behaviors (see [8.3.4.6](#) and compare to *Objects* in [9.2.5](#)). *Performances* can coordinate others that *HappenDuring* them, identified as their *subperformances* (see Steps in [8.3.4.6](#) and [8.4.4.7](#)). *Performances* also coordinate and potentially affect other things, some of which might come into existence (start, be "created") or cease to exist (end, be "destroyed") during a Performance, and some that might be used without being affected at all ("catalysts"). Some of these other things might be *Objects*, identified as a *Performance's* *involvedObjects*, some of which might be "responsible" for (enact, *Perform*) a *Performance*, identified as its *performers*. *Performances* can also accept things as input or provide them as output (as parameters, see [8.3.4.6](#)).

### Evaluations

*Evaluations* are *Performances* that produce at most one thing (value) identified by their *result* parameter. *Evaluation* is the most general Function, while *evaluations* is the most general Feature identifying them, typed by Functions (see [8.3.4.7](#)). In other respects *Evaluations* are like any other *Performance*.

*LiteralEvaluations* are *Evaluations* with exactly one *result*, specified as a constant in a model via classification by *LiteralExpression* (see [8.3.4.8](#) for this and the rest of the paragraph). *LiteralEvaluation* is the most general *LiteralExpression*, specialized in the same way, and *literalEvaluations* is the most general feature identifying them, also similarly specialized.

*BooleanEvaluations* are *Evaluations* (but not *LiteralEvaluations*) with exactly one *true* or *false* *result*. *BooleanEvaluation* is the most general *Predicate*, and *booleanEvaluations* is the most general feature identifying them, specialized (incompletely) into those that always have *true* or always *false* *results*, *trueEvaluations* and *falseEvaluations*, respectively. *LiteralBooleanEvaluations* are *LiteralEvaluations* and *BooleanEvaluations*, with *result* specified in a model, potentially identified by *trueEvaluations* or *falseEvaluations*, or one of their specializations.

*NullEvaluations* are *Evaluations* that produce no values for their *result*. *NullEvaluation* is the most general *NullExpression*, and *nullEvaluations* is the most general Feature typed by *NullExpression* (see [8.3.4.8](#)).

## 9.2.6.2 Elements

[KERML -32](#): Association ends can have more than one type

[KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

[KERML -132](#): Constructor invocation expressions are semantically inconsistent

[KERML -107](#): The term "Item" in KerML confusing against SysML

### 9.2.6.2.1 BooleanEvaluation

#### Element

*Predicate*

#### Description

*BooleanEvaluation* is a specialization of *Evaluation* that is the most general *Predicate* that may be evaluated to produce a *Boolean* truth value.

#### General Types

*Evaluation*

#### Features

*result* : *Boolean* {redefines *result*}

The *Boolean* *result* of this *BooleanExpression*.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.2 booleanEvaluations

#### Element

*BooleanExpression*

#### Description

*booleanEvaluations* is a specialization of *evaluations* restricted to type *BooleanEvaluation*.

## General Types

evaluations

BooleanEvaluation

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.3 constructorEvaluations

#### Element

Expression

#### Description

*constructorEvaluations* is a specialization of *evaluations* that restricts the multiplicity of its *result* parameter to 1..1, requiring a *constructorEvaluation* to result in a single value.

## General Types

evaluations

## Features

result : Anything {redefines result}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.4 Evaluation

#### Element

Function

#### Description

An *Evaluation* is a *Performance* that ends with the production of a *result*.

## General Types

Performance

## Features

result : Anything [0..\*] {nonunique}

The outcome of the *Evaluation*.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.5 evaluations

#### Element

Expression

#### Description

*evaluations* is a specialization of *performances* for Evaluations of functions.

#### General Types

Evaluation

*performances*

#### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.6 falseEvaluations

#### Element

BooleanExpression

#### Description

*falseEvaluations* is a subset of *booleanEvaluations* that result in false. It is the most general Feature of Invariants that are negated.

#### General Types

*booleanEvaluations*

#### Features

[no name] : LiteralEvaluation

### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.7 InvolvedIn

#### Element

Association



## Description

*InvolvedIn* asserts that the *involvedObject* is involved in the *involvingPerformance*.

## General Types

BinaryLink

## Features

involvedObject : Object {redefines source}

Crosses *involvingPerformance.involvedObjects*.

involvingPerformance : Performance {redefines target}

Crosses *involvedObject.involvingPerformances*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.8 LiteralEvaluation

## Element

Function

## Description

*LiteralEvaluation* is a specialization of *Evaluation* for the case of *LiteralExpressions*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

result : DataValue {redefines result}

The result of this *LiteralEvaluation*, which is always a single *DataValue*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.9 literalEvaluations

## Element

Expression

## Description

*literalEvaluations* is a specialization of *evaluations* restricted to type *LiteralEvaluation*.

## General Types

evaluations

LiteralEvaluation

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.10 MetadataAccessEvaluation

#### Element

Function

#### Description

*MetadataAccessEvaluation* is a specialization of *Evaluation* for the case of *MetadataAccessExpressions*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

result : Metaobject [0..\*] {redefines result}

The result of this *MetadataEvaluation*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.11 metadataAccessEvaluations

#### Element

Expression

#### Description

*metadataAccessEvaluations* is a specialization of *evaluations* restricted to type *MetadataAccessEvaluation*.

## General Types

evaluations

MetadataAccessEvaluation

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.12 NullEvaluation

## Element

Function

## Description

*NullEvaluation* is a specialization of *Evaluation* for the case of *NullExpressions*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

result : Anything [0] {redefines result}

The result of this *NullEvaluation*, which always must be empty (i.e., "null").

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.13 nullEvaluations

## Element

Expression

## Description

*nullEvaluations* is a specialization of *evaluations* restricted to type *NullEvaluation*.

## General Types

NullEvaluation

evaluations

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.6.2.14 Performance

##### Element

Behavior

##### Description

A *Performance* is an *Occurrence* that is not a *Object*. It is the most general Behavior. All other Behaviors specialize it directly or indirectly.

##### General Types

Occurrence

##### Features

enclosedPerformances : Performance [0..\*] {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences}

`timeEnclosedOccurrences` of this *Performance* that are also *Performances*.

involvedObjects : Object [0..\*]

*Objects* that are involved in this *Performance*.

performers : Object [0..\*] {subsets involvedObjects}

*Objects* that enact this *Performance*.

self : Performance {redefines self}

subperformances : Performance [0..\*] {subsets enclosedPerformances, suboccurrences}

*enclosedPerformances* that are composite. The default *this* context of a *subperformance* is by default the same as that of its owning *Performance*. This means that the context for any *Performance* that is in a composition tree rooted in a *Performance* that is not itself owned by an *Object* is the root *Performance*. If the root *Performance* is an *ownedPerformance* of an *Object*, then that *Object* is the context.

thisPerformance : Performance

The "context" *Performance* during which this *Performance* takes place. It defaults to the root of the *subperformances* composition tree. It is the default *dispatchScope* for *Performances*.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.6.2.15 performances

##### Element

Step

##### Description

*performances* is the most general feature for *Performances* of Behaviors.

## General Types

things

Performance

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.16 Performs

#### Element

Association

#### Description

*Performs* is a specialization of *InvolvedIn* that asserts that the *performer* enacts the *enactedPerformance*.

## General Types

InvolvedIn

## Features

performance : Performance {redefines involvingPerformance}

Crosses *performerObject.enactedPerformances*.

performerObject : Object {redefines involvedObject}

Crosses *performance.performers*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.6.2.17 trueEvaluations

#### Element

BooleanExpression

#### Description

*falseEvaluations* is a subset of *booleanEvaluations* that result in false. It is the most general Feature of Invariants that are not negated.

## General Types

booleanEvaluations

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.7 Transfers

### 9.2.7.1 Transfers Overview

*Transfers are Performances and BinaryLinks that carry payloads from their source Occurrence to their target Occurrence. FlowTransfers are Transfers that start by "picking up" their payload from the sourceOutput Feature (or one of its redefinitions) of the source and end with "dropping it off" at the targetInput Feature of the target (or one of its redefinitions, see [8.3.3.1.5](#) about outputs and inputs). FlowTransfers do this by specifying the existence of BinaryLinkObjects between their source/ target and values of sourceOutput/ targetInput Features of those, identified by the Connectors sourceOutputLink and targetOutputLink, respectively (these can be redefined to specialized associations when FlowTransfer is used). Each sourceOutputLink identifies an output as its transferPayload (one of the values of sourceOutput on the source at the time a FlowTransfer starts) . Each targetInputLink identifies an input also as its transferPayload (one of the values of targetInput on the target at the time a Transfer ends). Both collections of transferPayloads are the same as the FlowTransfer's payloads, and do not change while it is carried out.*

*Transfers are required to take zero time when their isInstant Feature is true (startShot and endShot are the same, see Portions and Time Slices in [9.2.4.1](#)), otherwise they might take time to carry out.*

*Two Boolean Features of FlowTransfers affect timing of their sourceOutputLinks and targetOutputLinks:*

- *isMove true requires sourceOutputLinks to end (cease to exist) when the Transfer starts, otherwise the Transfer has no effect on the sourceOutputLinks.*
- *isPush true requires the Transfer to start when its sourceOutputLinks do (begin to exist), otherwise the Transfer can start anytime after the sourceOutputLinks do.*

*MessageTransfers are Transfers that do not have the additional capabilities of FlowTransfers. SendPerformances and AcceptPerformances are Performances for specifying when MessageTransfers come into and go out of Occurrences, respectively. SendPerformances require a MessageTransfer as outgoingTransferFromSelf from a designated sender (defaulting to this, see [Clause](#)), carrying a payload, optionally to a designated receiver. AcceptPerformances require an incomingTransferToSelf to a designated receiver (defaulting to this), carrying a payload.*

*Transfer and its specializations are binary Interactions, while transfers is the most general Feature typed by Transfer or its specializations, and the most general Flow (see [8.3.4.9](#)). Transfer is not the most general binary Interaction, and transfers is not the most general feature typed by binary Interactions, because binary Interactions can include more than one Flow, as well as other Interactions.*

*Flow's payloadType gives the kind of things being transferred (most generally the type of payload, above). For FlowTransfers, Flow's sourceOutputFeature and targetInputFeature specify which Features of its connected Feature Occurrences identify outputs and inputs, respectively (most generally sourceOutput and targetInput above, respectively).*

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#### 9.2.7.2.1 AcceptPerformance

##### Element

Behavior

##### Description

*AcceptPerformances* are *Performances* that require an *incomingTransferToSelf* of a designated *receiver Occurrence* (defaulting to *this*), providing a *payload* as output.

##### General Types

Performance

##### Features

acceptedTransfer : MessageTransfer [0..1] {subsets receiver.incomingTransfersToSelf}

payload : Anything [0..\*]

receiver : Occurrence

receiver.incomingTransfersToSelf : Transfer [0..\*]

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.7.2.2 FlowTransfer

##### Element

Interaction

##### Description

A *FlowTransfer* is a *Transfer* identifying an output feature of the *source* from which to pick up a *payload* and an input feature of the *target* to which to drop it off. They can start when the *payload* is available at the *source* and move or copy it to the *target*.

##### General Types

Transfer

##### Features

isMove : Boolean

If *isMove* is true, then the entire *payload* leaves the *source* at the start of the *Transfer*.

isPush : Boolean

If *isPush* is true, then the *Transfer* begins when the *payload* is available at the *source*.

sourceOutputLink : BinaryLinkObject [1..\*]

The output of the *payload* from *source.sourceOutput*.

targetInputLink : BinaryLinkObject [1..\*]

The input of the *payload* to *target.targetInput*.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.7.2.3 FlowTransferBefore

##### Element

Interaction

##### Description

##### General Types

FlowTransfer

TransferBefore

##### Features

source : Occurrence {redefines source, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.7.2.4 flowTransfers

##### Element

Flow

##### Description

##### General Types

FlowTransfer

transfers

##### Features



source : Occurrence {redefines source, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target}

#### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.2.7.2.5 flowTransfersBefore**

##### **Element**

Flow

##### **Description**

##### **General Types**

FlowTransferBefore

flowTransfers

transfersBefore

##### **Features**

source : Occurrence {redefines source, source, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target, target}

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.2.7.2.6 MessageTransfer**

##### **Element**

Interaction

##### **Description**

A *MessageTransfer* is a *Transfer* that does not specify where the *payload* is picked up and dropped off (see *FlowTransfer*). They are sent by *SendPerformances* and accepted by *AcceptPerformances*.

##### **General Types**

Transfer

##### **Features**

None.

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### 9.2.7.2.7 messageTransfers

##### Element

Flow

##### Description

##### General Types

transfers

MessageTransfer

##### Features

source : Occurrence {redefines source, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target}

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.7.2.8 SendPerformance

##### Element

Behavior

##### Description

*SendPerformances* are *Performances* that require an *outgoingTransferFromSelf* from a designated *sender Occurrence* (defaulting to *this*), carrying a given *payload*, optionally to a designated *receiver*.

##### General Types

Performance

##### Features

payload : Anything [0..\*]

receiver : Occurrence [0..1]

receiver.incomingTransfersToSelf : Transfer [0..\*]

sender : Occurrence

sender.outgoingTransfersToSelf : Transfer [0..\*]

sentTransfer : MessageTransfer {subsets sender.outgoingTransfersToSelf}

##### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.7.2.9 Transfer

#### Element

Interaction

#### Description

A *Transfer* is a *Performance* and *BinaryLink* that carries a *Payload* from its *source* to its *target*.

#### General Types

Performance

BinaryLink

#### Features

isInstant : Boolean

If *isInstance* is true, then the *Transfer* is instantaneous.

payload : Anything [1..\*]

The things that are to be transferred.

source : Occurrence {redefines source}

The entity whose output is the source of the *payload* to be transferred.

target : Occurrence {redefines target}

The entity whose input is the target of the *payload* to be transferred.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.7.2.10 TransferBefore

#### Element

Interaction

#### Description

A *TransferBefore* is *Transfer* that happens after its *source* and before its *target*.

#### General Types

HappensBefore

Transfer

#### Features

self : TransferBefore {redefines self}

source : Occurrence {redefines earlierOccurrence, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines laterOccurrence, target}

### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.7.2.11 transfers**

#### **Element**

Flow

#### **Description**

#### **General Types**

Transfer

performances

binaryLinks

#### **Features**

source : Occurrence {redefines source, source}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target}

#### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.2.7.2.12 transfersBefore**

#### **Element**

Flow

#### **Description**

#### **General Types**

transfers

happensBeforeLinks

TransferBefore

#### **Features**

source : Occurrence {redefines source, source, earlierOccurrence}

target : Occurrence {redefines target, target, laterOccurrence}

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.8 Feature Referencing Performances

### 9.2.8.1 Feature Referencing Performances Overview

The *FeatureReferencingPerformances* package defines Behaviors used to read and write values of a referenced Feature of an Occurrence as of the time the Performance of the Behavior ends.

### 9.2.8.2 Elements

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#### 9.2.8.2.1 BooleanEvaluationResultMonitorPerformance

##### Element

##### Description

A *BooleanEvaluationResultMonitorPerformance* is a *EvaluationResultMonitorPerformance* that waits for changes in the *result* of a *BooleanEvaluation* identified by *onOccurrence*.

##### General Types

EvaluationResultMonitorPerformance

##### Features

afterValues : Boolean {redefines afterValues}

beforeValues : Boolean {redefines beforeValues}

monitoredOccurrence : BooleanEvaluation {subsets timeSlices, redefines monitoredOccurrence}

A *timeSlice* of *onOccurrence* during which its values for *result* change.

onOccurrence : BooleanEvaluation {redefines onOccurrence}

The *BooleanEvaluation* being monitored for changes in its *result* values.

result : Boolean {redefines result, nonunique}

Redefines *BooleanEvaluation::result* and *monitoredFeature*.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.8.2.2 BooleanEvaluationResultToMonitorPerformance

##### Element

##### Description

A *BooleanEvaluationResultToMonitorPerformance* is a *FeatureReferencingPerformance* that waits for the *result* of a *BooleanEvaluation* (identified by *onOccurrence*) to change to either true or false, as indicated by *isToTrue* (defaulting to true). If the *result* is already true (or false), the performance waits for the *result* to become false (or true) before waiting again for it to change back.

## General Types

FeatureReferencingPerformance

## Features

afterValues : Boolean {redefines values, nonunique}

The values of *monitoredFeature* for *onOccurrence* immediately after they change. Always the same as *isToTrue*.

endWhen : HappensJustBefore

See *FeatureMonitorPerformance::endWhen*. It is restricted to *HappensJustBefore* in *monitor1* and *monitor2*.

isToTrue : Boolean

monitor1 : BooleanEvaluationResultMonitorPerformance

Waits for the *result* of *onOccurrence* to change.

monitor2 : BooleanEvaluationResultMonitorPerformance [0..1]

Waits for the *result* of *onOccurrence* to change again, only if the change detected by *monitor1* was not the same as *isToTrue*.

onOccurrence : BooleanEvaluation {redefines onOccurrence}

The *BooleanEvaluation* being monitored for changes in its *result* values.

## Constraints

bertmpMonitor1ElseMonitor2

isEmpty(monitor2) == (monitor1.afterValues == isToTrue)

### 9.2.8.2.3 EvaluationResultMonitorPerformance

## Element

Behavior

## Description

An *EvaluationResultMonitorPerformance* is a *FeatureMonitorPerformance* that waits for changes in *result* of an *Evaluation* identified by *onOccurrence*. The *Predicate* being evaluated must be able to produce multiple *results* over time, for example by only using *BindingConnectors* (*SelfLinks*) between *Steps*, rather than *Successions* or *Flows*, including in its *Step behaviors*.

## General Types

FeatureMonitorPerformance

### Features

monitoredOccurrence : Evaluation {subsets timeSlices, redefines monitoredOccurrence}

A *timeSlice* of *onOccurrence* during which its values for *result* change.

onOccurrence : Evaluation {redefines onOccurrence}

The *Evaluation* being monitored for changes in its *result* values.

result : Anything [0..\*] {redefines monitoredFeature, nonunique}

Redefines *Evaluation::result* and *monitoredFeature*

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.8.2.4 FeatureAccessPerformance

### Element

Behavior

### Description

A *FeatureAccessPerformance* is a *FeatureReferencingPerformance* where *values* are all the values of *accessedFeature* for *onOccurrence* at the time the *Performance* ends. Specializations or usages of this narrow *accessedFeature* to particular *Features*.

### General Types

FeatureReferencingPerformance

### Features

accessedFeature : Anything [0..\*] {nonunique}

The *Feature* of *onOccurrence* that has *values* at the time this *FeatureAccessPerformance* ends.

startingAt : Occurrence {subsets timeSlices}

A *timeslice* of *onOccurrence* that starts when this *FeatureAccessPerformance* ends.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.8.2.5 FeatureMonitorPerformance

### Element

Behavior

## Description

A *FeatureMonitorPerformance* is a *FeatureReferencingPerformance* that waits for values of *monitoredFeature* to change on *onOccurrence* from what they were when the *Performance* started. The values before and after the change are given by *beforeValues* and *afterValues*.

## General Types

FeatureReferencingPerformance

## Features

afterSnapshot : Occurrence {subsets snapshots}

A *snapshot* of *monitoredOccurrence* just after its values for *monitoredFeature* change.

afterValues : Anything [0..\*] {redefines values}

The values of *monitoredFeature* for *monitoredOccurrence* immediately after they change

beforeTimeSlice : Occurrence {subsets timeSlices}

A *timeSlice* of *monitoredOccurrence*, starting at the same time, and ending just before its values for *monitoredFeature* change.

beforeValues : Anything [0..\*]

The values of *monitoredFeature* for *monitoredOccurrence* before any change

endWhen : HappensBefore

A Succession (Connector typed by *HappensBefore*) from *afterSnapshot* to the *endShot* of this *FeatureMonitorPerformance*. Can be specialized to specify how soon the *Performance* should end after the change in *monitoredFeature*.

monitoredFeature : Anything [0..\*] {nonunique}

The *Feature* being monitored for changes in values on *monitoredOccurrence*.

monitoredOccurrence : Occurrence {subsets timeSlices}

A *timeSlice* of *onOccurrence*, starting when this *FeatureMonitorPerformance* starts, during which the values of *monitoredFeature* change.

## Constraints

fmpBeforeAfterValuesNotSame

not beforeValues == afterValues

### 9.2.8.2.6 FeatureReadEvaluation

## Element

Function



## Description

A *FeatureReadEvaluation* is a *FeatureAccessPerformance* that is a Function providing as its result the values of *accessedFeature* of *onOccurrence* at the time the *Evaluation* ends.

## General Types

Evaluation

FeatureAccessPerformance

## Features

result : Anything [0..\*] {redefines result, values, nonunique}

Values of the Feature being accessed, as an out parameter.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.8.2.7 FeatureReferencingPerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

A *FeatureReferencingPerformance* is a *Performance* generalizing other Behaviors relating to values of a Feature of *onOccurrence*, as specified in the specialized Behaviors.

#### General Types

Performance

#### Features

onOccurrence : Occurrence

An *Occurrence* that has values for a Feature determined in specializations of this Behavior.

values : Anything [0..\*] {nonunique}

Values of a Feature of *onOccurrence*, determined in specializations of this Behavior.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.8.2.8 FeatureWritePerformance

#### Element

Behavior

## Description

A *FeatureWritePerformance* is a *FeatureAccessPerformance* that ensures the values of *accessedFeature* of *onOccurrence* are exactly the *replacementValues* at the time the *Performance* ends.

## General Types

FeatureAccessPerformance

## Features

*replacementValues* : Anything [0..\*] {redefines values, nonunique}

Values of the *Feature* being accessed, as an inout parameter to replace all the values.

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.9 Control Performances

### 9.2.9.1 Control Performances Overview

The *ControlPerformances* package defines Behaviors used to type Steps that control the sequencing of performance of other Steps, including the following.

*DecisionPerformances* are *Performances* used by ("decision") Steps to ensure that each *DecisionPerformance* (value) of the Step is the *earlierOccurrence* of exactly one *HappensBefore* link of the Successions going out of the Step. Successions going out of Steps typed by *DecisionPerformance* or its specializations must:

- have connector end multiplicities of 1 towards the Step, and 0..1 away from it.
- be included in a *Feature* of its *featuringBehavior* that unions (see [7.3.2.7](#)) all the outgoing Successions, and is bound to the *outgoingHBLink* of the Step (see [7.3.4.6](#) on feature chaining).

*MergePerformances* are *Performances* used by ("merge") Steps to ensure that each *MergePerformance* (value) of the Step is the *laterOccurrence* of exactly one *HappensBefore* link of the Successions coming into the step. Successions coming into Steps typed by *MergePerformance* or its specializations must:

- have connector end multiplicities of 1 towards the Step, and 0..1 away from it.
- subset a *Feature* of its *featuringBehavior* that unions all the incoming Successions, and is bound to the *incomingHBLink* of the Step.

*IfPerformances* are *Performances* that determine whether a clause occurs based on the result of a *BooleanEvaluation* (see [9.2.6.1](#)). Two specializations *IfThenPerformance* and *IfElsePerformance* have one clause each, *thenClause* and *elseClause*, respectively, that occur when the *BooleanEvaluation* is *true* or *false*, respectively. *IfThenElsePerformance* is an *IfPerformance* that has both a *thenClause* and an *elseClause*.

*LoopPerformances* are *Performances* with a *body* that occurs iteratively as determined by *BooleanEvaluations* *whileTest* and *untilTest*. The *body* occurs repeatedly in sequence (iteratively) as long as the result of *whileTest* is *true* before each iteration (and after the previous one, if any), and the result of *untilTest* is *false* after each iteration and before the next one (except after the last one, when it is *false*).

### 9.2.9.2 Elements

### 9.2.9.2.1 DecisionPerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

A *DecisionPerformance* is a *Performance* that represents the selection of one of the *Successions* that have the *DecisionPerformance* behavior as their source. All such *Successions* must subset the *outgoingHBLink* feature of the source *DecisionPerformance*. For each instance of *DecisionPerformance*, the *outgoingHBLink* is an instance of exactly one of the *Successions*, ordering the *DecisionPerformance* as happening before an instance of the target of that *Succession*.

#### General Types

Performance

#### Features

*outgoingHBLink* : HappensBefore

Specializations subset this from the union of all *Successions* going out of a decision step.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.2 IfElsePerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

An *IfElsePerformance* is an *IfPerformance* where *elseClause* occurs after and only after the *ifTest Evaluation result* is not true.

#### General Types

IfPerformance

#### Features

*elseClause* : Occurrence [0..1]

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.3 IfPerformance

#### Element

Behavior

## Description

An *IfPerformance* is a *Performance* that determines whether the *ifTest* Evaluation result is true (by whether the *ifTrue* connector has a value).

## General Types

Performance

## Features

*ifTest* : BooleanEvaluation

*trueLiteral* : LiteralEvaluation

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.4 IfThenElsePerformance

## Element

Behavior

## Description

An *IfThenElsePerformance* is an *IfPerformance* that has both a *thenClause* and an *elseClause*.

## General Types

IfThenPerformance

## Features

*elseClause* : Occurrence [0..1]

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.5 IfThenPerformance

## Element

Behavior

## Description

An *IfThenPerformance* is an *IfPerformance* where *thenClause* occurs after and only after the *ifTest* Evaluation result is true.

## General Types

IfPerformance

## Features

thenClause : Occurrence [0..1]

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.6 LoopPerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

A *LoopPerformance* is a *Performance* where *body* occurs repeatedly in sequence (iterates) as long as the *while* evaluation result is true before each iteration (and after the previous one, except the first time) and the *until* evaluation result is not true after each iteration and before the next one (except the last one).

#### General Types

Performance

## Features

body : Occurrence [0..\*]

untilDecision : IfElsePerformance [0..\*]

untilTest : BooleanEvaluation [0..\*]

whileDecision : IfThenPerformance [1..\*]

whileTest : BooleanEvaluation [1..\*]

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.9.2.7 MergePerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

A *MergePerformance* is a *Performance* that represents the merging of all *Successions* that target the *MergePerformance* behavior. All such *Successions* must subset the *incomingHBLink* feature of the target *MergePerformance*. For each instance of *MergePerformance*, the *incomingHBLink* is an instance of exactly one of the *Successions*, ordering the *MergePerformance* as happening after an instance of the source of that *Succession*.

#### General Types

Performance

## Features

incomingHBLink : HappensBefore

Specializations subset this from the union of all successions coming into a merge step.

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.10 Transition Performances

### 9.2.10.1 Transition Performances Overview

The *TransitionPerformances* package contains a library model of the semantics of conditional transitions between *Occurrences*, including the performance of specified *Behaviors* when the transition occurs.

*TransitionPerformances* are *Performances* used to

- determine whether a *Succession* (see [7.4.6.4](#)) going out of an *Occurrence* Feature (*Succession::sourceFeature*) has values (*HappensBefore* links), based on values of *sourceFeature* (*Occurrences*) and other conditions, including ending of *Transfers*.
- perform specified *Behaviors* for each value of the *Succession* above.

Values of the *Succession* above are determined by values of a *Step* typed by *TransitionPerformance* or a specialization of it, owned by the same *Behavior* as the *Succession*. A *BindingConnector* links the *Succession* and the transition step's *transitionLink*, ensuring

- Each transition step determines the values of exactly one *Succession* that is not constrained by any other transition step.
- All conditions of exactly one *TransitionPerformance* must be satisfied for each *HappensBefore* link, while all conditions of the other *TransitionPerformances* (values) fail, leaving no values for their *transitionLink*.

The *transitionLinkSource* of the transition step is connected to the *sourceFeature* of the *Succession* by a *BindingConnector*, because conditions on the *Succession* depend on each *Occurrence* of its *sourceFeature* separately, which *TransitionPerformances* identify as their *transitionLinkSource*. This ensures every *Occurrence* of the *sourceFeature* of the *Succession* is paired with a unique *TransitionPerformance*, and vice-versa, that determines whether the *Succession* has a value (*HappensBefore* link) for that *Occurrence*.

*TransitionPerformances* with a *transitionLink* must satisfy these conditions:

- identify at least one *Transfer* trigger that targets *triggerTarget*.
- all *Transfers* identified by *trigger* must happen before all *Evaluations* identified by *guard*.
- all *Evaluations* identified by *guard* must have *result* value *true*.

The *effect* of a *TransitionPerformance* can have values (*Performances*) only if the above conditions hold. The *effect Performances* must happen after the *guards* and before the *laterOccurrence* of *transitionLink*.

Usages of (Steps typed by) *TransitionPerformance* or its specializations can redefine or subset *guard* and *effect* to specify how they are carried out, as well as specify how *triggers* are identified. These usages can

- be steps of any Behavior (not only "state machines"), as well as constrain Successions going out of any kind of Step (not only those identifying *StatePerformances*, see ).
- employ any method of identifying *triggers*, including requiring none at all, as well as constraining *Transfer targets* to be, for example, the *StatePerformance* itself, or a *Performance* it is a *subperformance* of, or an *Object* enacting that *Performance*.

*TransitionPerformances* are either *StateTransitionPerformances* or *NonStateTransitionPerformances*, depending on whether the *transitionLinkSource* is a *StatePerformance* or not. Both ensure *guards* happen before the *laterOccurrence* of *transitionLink*, in case there are no *effects*, but do this in different ways. *NonStateTransitionPerformances* require their *guards* to happen after *transitionLinkSource* (see [9.2.11.1](#) about *StateTransitionPerformances*).

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### 9.2.10.2 Elements

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#### 9.2.10.2.1 NonStateTransitionPerformance

##### Element

Behavior

##### Description

##### General Types

TransitionPerformance

##### Features

isTriggerAfter : Boolean

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.10.2.2 TPCGuardConstraint

##### Element

AssociationStructure

##### Description

##### General Types

BinaryLinkObject

##### Features

constrainedGuard : Evaluation {redefines target}

constrainedHBLink : HappensBefore {redefines source}

Crosses *constrainedGuard.guardedLink*.

guardedLink : HappensBefore [0..1] {redefines }

Owned cross feature for *constrainedHBLink*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.10.2.3 TransitionPerformance

### Element

Behavior

### Description

### General Types

Performance

### Features

accept : AcceptPerformance [0..1] {subsets enclosedPerformances}

effect : Performance [0..\*] {subsets enclosedPerformances}

guard : Evaluation [0..\*] {subsets enclosedPerformances}

guardConstraint : TPCGuardConstraint [0..\*]

transitionLink : HappensBefore [0..1]

transitionLinkSource : Performance

trigger : MessageTransfer [0..\*]

triggerTarget : Occurrence

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.11 State Performances

### 9.2.11.1 State Performances Overview

The *StatePerformances* package contains a library model for the semantics of state-based behavior, including *StatePerformances* and *StateTransitionPerformances*.

*StatePerformances* are *DecisionPerformances* (see [9.2.9.1](#)) that

- only have *Steps* defined in this library, or specialized from them.
- can identify *Transfers* that might be followed by taking the last of the above *Steps* (see *exit* below).



Usages of *StatePerformance* can specialize its library-defined *Steps* to specify how they are carried out, as well as how the *Transfers* above are identified. Any *Behavior* can use (have *steps* typed by) *StatePerformances*, not only "state machines".

The *StatePerformance* *Steps* defined in this library are:

- *entry* [1]: happens before all *Performances* of *middle*.
- *middle* [1..\*]: happen before the *exit* *Performance* (see below). Additional modeler-defined *Steps* must subset this one.
- *do* [1]: a *middle* *Performance* that starts before the others.
- *exit* [1]: happens after the end of *Transfers* identified by the *StatePerformance* (see *acceptable* below).

*StatePerformances* identify *Transfers* that happen before (potentially "trigger") their *exit* with these *Features*:

- *acceptable* [\*]: candidates for being identified as *accepted*.
- *accepted* [0..1]: one of the *acceptable* transfers that enables *exit* to start. This must have a value if *acceptable* does.

The *accepted* *Transfer* must end (arrive) during a *StatePerformance* when its *isTriggerDuring* is *true*.

*StateTransitionPerformances* are one way to determine which *Transfers* are *acceptable* to a *StatePerformance*. They are *TransitionPerformances* (see [9.2.10.1](#)) that

- have a *StatePerformance* as their *transitionLinkSource*.
- are the type of *Steps* connected to *Successions* (see [7.4.6.4](#)) going out of a *StatePerformance* *Step* (as in "state machines").

*StateTransitionPerformances* identify *MessageTransfers* (see [9.2.7.1](#)) by these *Features*:

- *acceptable* [\*]: candidates for being identified as *trigger*. This subsets *acceptable* of their *transitionLinkSource*.
- *trigger* [0..1]: one of the *acceptable* transfers. This subsets *accepted* of their *transitionLinkSource*.

The *trigger* *Transfer* must end (arrive) during the *transitionLinkSource* when *StateTransitionPerformance::isTriggerDuring* is *true*.

The Subsettings above enable a *StatePerformance* *Step* to constrain all the *StateTransitionPerformances* *Steps* connected to its outgoing *Successions*, including to decide which of the *MessageTransfers* *acceptable* to those *StateTransitionPerformances* will be *accepted* by the *StatePerformance* and *trigger* which outgoing *Succession* (will have a *HappenBeforeLink* value).

*StateTransitionPerformances* require their *guards* to happen after the *nonDoMiddle* *Step* of the *transitionLinkSource* (all the *middle* *Performances* except for *do*) and before the *exit* *Step* (compare to *NonStateTransitionPerformances* in [9.2.10.1](#)).

*StatePerformances* identify the *Transfer* that triggered a transition into it (a *StateTransitionPerformance* *trigger*), if any, by the *Feature* *incomingTransitionTrigger*.

Some *Features* of *Occurrences* constrain *StatePerformances* and *TransitionPerformances* composed under them, as sometimes needed in state machines:

- *incomingTransferSort* determines which *Transfer* should be *accepted* when multiple are *acceptable* ones, by comparing two *Transfer* at a time. It defaults to *earlierFirstIncomingTransferSort* for *Occurrences*, including *StatePerformances*, which is *true* if the first *Transfer* ends (arrives) before the other.
- *isDispatch* being *true* prevents the same *Transfer* from being *accepted* more than once by *StatePerformances* composed under *dispatchScope*, and prevents from being *accepted* at all any *acceptable Transfers* that are not *accepted* and are higher in *incomingTransferSort* order than the one that is. It defaults to *true* for *Performances*, including *StatePerformances*, and *false* for other *Occurrences*, while *dispatchScope* defaults to *thisPerformance* for *StatePerformances*, the top *Performance* (indirectly) composing the *StatePerformance* (see [9.2.6.2.14](#)), and *self* for other *Occurrences* (see [9.2.2.1](#)).
- *isRunToCompletion* being *true* prevents *TransitionPerformances* composed under *runToCompletionScope* from happening during *entry*. It defaults to the same as it is on *this* for *StatePerformances*, the *Object* directly composing *thisPerformance*, or *thisPerformance* if there is none (see [9.2.4.2.13](#)), and *true* for other *Occurrences*, while *runToCompletionScope* defaults to the same as it is on *this* for *StatePerformances*, and *self* for other *Occurrences*.

## 9.2.11.2 Elements

### 9.2.11.2.1 StatePerformance

#### Element

#### Behavior

#### Description

#### General Types

DecisionPerformance

#### Features

*acceptable* : MessageTransfer [0..\*] {union}

*accepted* : MessageTransfer [0..1] {subsets acceptable}

*deferrable* : MessageTransfer [0..\*] {subsets acceptable}

*do* : Performance {subsets middle}

*entry* : Performance {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences}

*exit* : Performance {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences}

*incomingTransitionTrigger* : MessageTransfer [0..1]

Transfer that triggered a transition into this state performance.

*isTriggerDuring* : Boolean

*/middle* : Performance [1..\*] {subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences, union}

*/nonDoMiddle* : Performance [0..\*] {subsets middle}

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.11.2.2 StateTransitionPerformance

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

#### General Types

TransitionPerformance

#### Features

acceptable : MessageTransfer [0..\*] {subsets triggerTarget.incomingTransfersToSelf, transitionLinkSource.acceptable}

isTriggerDuring : Boolean

transitionLinkSource : StatePerformance {redefines transitionLinkSource}

transitionLinkSource.acceptable : MessageTransfer [0..\*]

transitionLinkSource.accepted : MessageTransfer [0..1]

transitionLinkTarget : Occurrence [0..1]

trigger : MessageTransfer [0..1] {subsets acceptable, transitionLinkSource.accepted, redefines trigger}

triggerTarget.incomingTransfersToSelf : Transfer [0..\*]

#### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.12 Clocks

### 9.2.12.1 Clocks Overview

This package models *Clocks* that provide an advancing numerical reference usable for quantifying the time of an *Occurrence*.

### 9.2.12.2 Elements

#### 9.2.12.2.1 BasicClock

#### Element

Structure

#### Description

A *BasicClock* is a *Clock* whose *currentTime* is a *Real* number.

#### General Types

Clock

### Features

currentTime : Real {redefines currentTime}

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.12.2.2 BasicDurationOf

### Element

Function

### Description

*BasicDurationOf* returns the *DurationOf* an *Occurrence* as a *Real* number relative to a *BasicClock*.

### General Types

DurationOf

### Features

clock : BasicClock {redefines clock}

Default is inherited *Occurrence::localClock*.

duration : Real {redefines duration}

o : Occurrence {redefines o}

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.12.2.3 BasicTimeOf

### Element

Function

### Description

*BasicTimeOf* returns the *TimeOf* an *Occurrence* as a *Real* number relative to a *BasicClock*.

### General Types

TimeOf

### Features

clock : BasicClock {redefines clock}

Default is inherited *Occurrence::localClock*.

*o* : *Occurrence* {redefines *o*}

*timeValue* : *Real* {redefines *timeInstant*}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.12.2.4 Clock

##### Element

Structure

##### Description

A *Clock* provides a scalar *currentTime* that advances monotonically over its lifetime. *Clock* is an abstract base Structure that can be specialized for different kinds of time quantification (e.g., discrete time, continuous time, time with units, etc.).

##### General Types

Object

##### Features

*currentTime* : *NumericalValue*

A numerical time reference that advances over the lifetime of the *Clock*.

##### Constraints

*timeFlowConstraint*

The *currentTime* of a snapshot of a *Clock* is equal to the *TimeOf* the snapshot relative to that *Clock*.

#### 9.2.12.2.5 DurationOf

##### Element

Function

##### Description

*DurationOf* returns the duration of a given *Occurrence* relative to a given *Clock*, which is equal to the *TimeOf* the end snapshot of the *Occurrence* minus the *TimeOf* its start snapshot.

##### General Types

Evaluation

##### Features

*clock* : *Clock*

Default is inherited *Occurrence::localClock*.

duration : NumericalValue

o : Occurrence

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.12.2.6 TimeOf

##### Element

Function

##### Description

*TimeOf* returns a scalar *timeValue* for a given *Occurrence* relative to a given *Clock*. The *timeValue* is the time of the start of the *Occurrence*, which is considered to be synchronized with the snapshot of the *Clock* with a *currentTimeValue*

##### General Types

Evaluation

##### Features

clock : Clock

Default is inherited *Occurrence::localClock*.

o : Occurrence

timeInstant : NumericalValue

### Constraints

startTimeConstraint

The *TimeOf* an *Occurrence*

timeContinuityConstraint

If one *Occurrence* happens immediately before another, then the *TimeOf* the end snapshot of the first *Occurrence* equals the *TimeOf* the second *Occurrence*.

timeOrderingConstraint

If one *Occurrence* happens before another, then the *TimeOf* the end snapshot of the first *Occurrence* is no greater than the *TimeOf* the second *Occurrence*.

#### 9.2.12.2.7 universalClock

##### Element

Feature

### Description

*universalClock* is a single *Clock* that can be used as a default universal time reference.

### General Types

objects

UniversalClockLife

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.12.2.8 UniversalClockLife

### Element

Structure

### Description

*UniversalClockLife* is the classifier of the singleton *Life* of the *universalClock*

### General Types

Life

Clock

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.13 Observation

### 9.2.13.1 Observation Overview

This package models a framework for monitoring *Boolean* conditions and notifying registered observers when they change from false to true.

### 9.2.13.2 Elements

#### 9.2.13.2.1 CancelObservation

### Element

Behavior

### Description

Cancel all observations of a given *ChangeSignal* for a given *Occurrence*.

### General Types

Performance

### Features

observer : *Occurrence*

signal : *ChangeSignal*

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.13.2.2 ChangeMonitor

### Element

Structure

### Description

A *ChangeMonitor* is a collection of ongoing *ChangeSignal* observations for various observer *Occurrences*. It provides convenient operations for starting and canceling the observations it manages.

### General Types

Object

### Features

cancelObservation : *CancelObservation* [0..\*]

Cancel all observations of a given *ChangeSignal* for a given *Occurrence*.

observations : *ObserveChange* [0..\*]

startObservation : *StartObservation* [0..\*]

Start an observation of a given *ChangeSignal* for a given *Occurrence*.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.13.2.3 ChangeSignal

### Element

Structure



## Description

A *ChangeSignal* is a signal to be sent when the *Boolean* result of its *changeCondition* Expression changes from false to true.

## General Types

Object

## Features

signalCondition : BooleanEvaluation

A *BooleanExpression* whose result is being monitored.

signalMonitor : ChangeMonitor

The *ChangeMonitor* responsible for monitoring the *signalCondition*.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.13.2.4 defaultMonitor

## Element

Feature

## Description

*defaultMonitor* is a single *ChangeMonitor* that can be used as a default.

## General Types

DefaultMonitorLife

objects

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.13.2.5 DefaultMonitorLife

## Element

Structure

## Description

*DefaultMonitorLife* is the classifier of the singleton *Life* of the *defaultMonitor*.

## General Types

Life

ChangeMonitor

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.13.2.6 ObserveChange

#### Element

Behavior

#### Description

Each *Performance* of *ObserveChange* waits for the result of the *Boolean changeCondition* of a given *ChangeSignal* to change from false to true, and, when it does, sends the *ChangeSignal* to a given observer *Occurrence*.

## General Types

Performance

## Features

changeObserver : Occurrence

changeSignal : ChangeSignal

transfer : TransferBefore [0..1]

After waiting for the condition change (if necessary), then send *changeSignal* to *changeObserver*.

wait : IfThenPerformance

If the result of the *changeSignal.signalCondition* is false, then wait for it to become true:

```
in ifTest { not changeSignal.signalCondition() }  
in thenClause : BooleanEvaluationResultToMonitorPerformance {  
    in onOccurrence = changeSignal.signalCondition;  
}
```

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.13.2.7 StartObservation

#### Element

Behavior

## Description

Start an observation of a given *ChangeSignal* for a given *Occurrence*.

## General Types

Performance

## Features

observer : *Occurrence*

signal : *ChangeSignal*

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.14 Triggers

### 9.2.14.1 Triggers Overview

This package contains functions that return *ChangeSignals* for triggering when a *Boolean* condition changes from false to true, at a specific time or after a specific time delay.

### 9.2.14.2 Elements

#### 9.2.14.2.1 TimeSignal

##### Element

Structure

##### Description

A *TimeSignal* is a *ChangeSignal* whose condition is the *currentTime* of a given *Clock* reaching a specific *signalTime*.

## General Types

*ChangeSignal*

## Features

signalClock : *Clock*

The *Clock* whose *currentTime* is being monitored.

signalCondition : *BooleanEvaluation* {redefines signalCondition}

The *Boolean* condition of the *currentTime* of the *signalClock* being equal to the *signalTime*.

signalTime : *NumericalValue*

The time at which the *TimeSignal* should be sent.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.14.2.2 TriggerAfter

#### Element

Function

#### Description

*TriggerAfter* returns a monitored *TimeSignal* to be sent to a *receiver* after a certain time *delay* relative to a given *Clock*.

#### General Types

Evaluation

#### Features

clock : Clock

The *Clock* to be used as the reference for the time *delay*. The default is the *localClock*, which will be bound when the function is invoked.

delay : NumericalValue

The time duration, relative to the *clock*, after which the *TimeSignal* is sent.

monitor : ChangeMonitor

The *ChangeMonitor* to be used to monitor the *TimeSignal* condition. The default is the *Observation::defaultMonitor*

receiver : Occurrence

The *Occurrence* to which the *TimeSignal* is to be sent.

signal : TimeSignal

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.14.2.3 TriggerAt

#### Element

Function

#### Description

*TriggerAt* returns a monitored *TimeSignal* to be sent to a *receiver* when the *currentTime* of a given *Clock* reaches a specific *time*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

clock : Clock

The *Clock* to be used as the reference for the *timeInstant*. The default is the *localClock*, which will be bound when the function is invoked.

monitor : ChangeMonitor

The *ChangeMonitor* to be used to monitor the *TimeSignal* condition. The default is the *Observation::defaultMonitor*

receiver : Occurrence

The *Occurrence* to which the *TimeSignal* is to be sent.

signal : TimeSignal

timeInstant : NumericalValue

The time instant, relative to the *clock*, at which the *TimeSignal* should be sent.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.14.2.4 TriggerWhen

## Element

Function

## Description

*TriggerWhen* returns a monitored *ChangeSignal* for a given *condition*, to be sent to a given *receiver* when the *condition* occurs.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

condition : BooleanEvaluation

The *BooleanExpression* to be monitored for changing from false to true.

monitor : ChangeMonitor

The *ChangeMonitor* to be used to monitor the *ChangeSignal* condition. The default is the *Observation::defaultMonitor*

receiver : Occurrence

The *Occurrence* to which the *ChangeSignal* is to be sent.

signal : ChangeSignal

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.15 SpatialFrames

### 9.2.15.1 SpatialFrames Overview

This package models spatial frames of reference for quantifying the position of points in a three-dimensional space.

### 9.2.15.2 Elements

#### 9.2.15.2.1 CartesianCurrentDisplacementOf

##### Element

Function

##### Description

The *CurrentDisplacementOf* two Points relative to a *CartesianSpatialFrame* is a *CartesianThreeVectorValue*.

##### General Types

CurrentDisplacementOf

##### Features

clock : Clock {redefines clock}

displacementVector : CartesianThreeVectorValue {redefines displacementVector}

frame : CartesianSpatialFrame {redefines frame}

point1 : Point {redefines point1}

point2 : Point {redefines point2}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.15.2.2 CartesianCurrentPositionOf

##### Element

Function

##### Description

The *CurrentPositionOf* a Point relative to a *CartesianSpatialFrame* is a *CartesianThreeVectorValue*.

## General Types

CurrentPositionOf

## Features

clock : Clock {redefines clock}

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

frame : CartesianSpatialFrame {redefines frame}

point : Point {redefines point}

positionVector : CartesianThreeVectorValue {redefines positionVector}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.15.2.3 CartesianDisplacementOf

## Element

Function

## Description

The *DisplacementOf* two Points relative to a *CartesianSpatialFrame* is a *CartesianThreeVectorValue*.

## General Types

DisplacementOf

## Features

clock : Clock {redefines clock}

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

displacementVector : CartesianThreeVectorValue {redefines displacementVector}

frame : CartesianSpatialFrame {redefines frame}

point1 : Point {redefines point1}

point2 : Point {redefines point2}

time : NumericalValue {redefines time}

## Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.15.2.4 CartesianPositionOf

##### Element

Function

##### Description

The *PositionOf* a Point relative to a *CartesianSpatialFrame* is a *CartesianThreeVectorValue*.

##### General Types

PositionOf

##### Features

clock : Clock {redefines clock}

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

frame : CartesianSpatialFrame {redefines frame}

point : Point {redefines point}

positionVector : CartesianThreeVectorValue {redefines positionVector}

time : NumericalValue {redefines time}

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.15.2.5 CartesianSpatialFrame

##### Element

Structure

##### Description

A *CartesianSpatialFrame* is a *SpatialFrame* relative to which all position and displacement vectors can be represented as *CartesianThreeVectorValues*.

##### General Types

SpatialFrame

##### Features

None.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.2.15.2.6 CurrentDisplacementOf



## Element

Function

## Description

The *CurrentDisplacementOf* two *Points* relative to a *SpatialFrame* and *Clock* is the *DisplacementOf* the *Points* relative to the *SpacialFrame* at the *currentTime* of the *Clock*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

clock : Clock

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

displacementVector : ThreeVectorValue

frame : SpatialFrame

point1 : Point

point2 : Point

## Constraints

None.

### 9.2.15.2.7 CurrentPositionOf

## Element

Function

## Description

The *CurrentPositionOf* a *Point* relative to a *SpatialFrame* and a *Clock* is the *PositionOf* the *Point* relative to the *SpatialFrame* at the *currentTime* of the *Clock*.

## General Types

Evaluation

## Features

clock : Clock

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

frame : SpatialFrame

point : Point

positionVector : ThreeVectorValue

#### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.2.15.2.8 defaultFrame**

##### **Element**

Feature

##### **Description**

*defaultFrame* is a fixed *SpatialFrame* used as a universal default.

##### **General Types**

objects

DefaultFrameLife

##### **Features**

None.

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.2.15.2.9 DefaultFrameLife**

##### **Element**

Structure

##### **Description**

*DefaultFrameLife* is the classifier of the singleton *Life* of the *defaultFrame*.

##### **General Types**

SpatialFrame

Life

##### **Features**

None.

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.2.15.2.10 DisplacementOf**

##### **Element**

Function

### Description

The *DisplacementOf* two *Points* relative to a *SpatialFrame*, at a specific *time* relative to a given *Clock*, is the *displacementVector* computed as the difference between the *PositionOf* the first *Point* and *PositionOf* the second *Point*, relative to that *SpatialFrame*, at that *time*

### General Types

Evaluation

### Features

clock : Clock

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

displacementVector : ThreeVectorValue

frame : SpatialFrame

point1 : Point

point2 : Point

time : NumericalValue

### Constraints

zeroDisplacementConstraint

If either *point1* or *point2* occurs within the other, then the *displacementVector* is the zero vector.

```
(point1.spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences->includes(point2) or  
point2.spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences->includes(point1)) implies  
  isZeroVector(displacementVector)
```

#### 9.2.15.2.11 PositionOf

### Element

Function

### Description

The *PositionOf* a *Point* relative to a *SpatialFrame*, at a specific *time* relative to a given *Clock*, as a *positionVector* that is a *ThreeVectorValue*.

### General Types

Evaluation

### Features

clock : Clock

Defaults to the *localClock* of the *frame*.

frame : SpatialFrame

point : Point

positionVector : ThreeVectorValue

time : NumericalValue

### Constraints

positionTimePrecondition

The given *point* must exist at the given *time*.

```
TimeOf(point.startShot) <= time and  
time <= TimeOf(point.endShot)
```

spacePositionConstraint

The result *positionVector* is equal to the *PositionOf* the *Point* *spaceShot* of the frame that encloses the given *point*, at the given *time*.

```
(frame.spaceShots as Point)->forall{in p : Point;  
  p.spaceTimeEnclosedOccurrences->includes(point) implies  
  positionVector == PositionOf(p, time, frame)  
}
```

## 9.2.15.2.12 SpatialFrame

### Element

Structure

### Description

A *SpatialFrame* is a three-dimensional *Body* that provides a spatial extent that acts as a frame of reference for defining the physical position and displacement vectors of *Points* over time.

### General Types

Body

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

## 9.2.16 Metaobjects

### 9.2.16.1 Metaobjects Overview

This package defines `MetaClasses` and `Features` that are related to the typing of syntactic and semantic metadata.

## 9.2.16.2 Elements

### 9.2.16.2.1 Metaobject

#### Element

Metaclass

#### Description

A *Metaobject* contains syntactic or semantic information about one or more *annotatedElements*. It is the most general `Metaclass`. All other `MetaClasses` must subclassify it directly or indirectly.

#### General Types

Object

#### Features

`annotatedElement` : `Element` [1..\*]

The `Elements` annotated by this *Metaobject*. This is set automatically when a *Metaobject* is instantiated as the value of a `MetadataFeature`.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.16.2.2 metaobjects

#### Element

Feature

#### Description

*metaobjects* is a specialization of *objects* restricted to type *Metaobject*. It is the most general `MetadataFeature`. All other `MetadataFeatures` must subset it directly or indirectly.

#### General Types

objects

Metaobject

#### Features

None.

#### Constraints

None.

### 9.2.16.2.3 SemanticMetadata

## Element

Metaclass

## Description

*SemanticMetadata* is Metadata that requires its single *annotatedElement* to directly or indirectly specialize a *baseType* that models the semantics for the *annotatedElement*.

## General Types

Metaobject

## Features

`annotatedElement : Type {redefines annotatedElement}`

The single *annotatedElement* of this *SemanticMetadata*, which must be a *Type*.

`baseType : Type`

The required base *Type* for the *annotatedElement*.

## Constraints

None.

## 9.2.17 KerML

This package contains a reflective KerML model of the KerML abstract syntax. It is generated from the normative MOF abstract syntax model (see [8.3](#)) as follows.

1. The *KerML* model contains subpackages for *Root*, *Core*, and *Kernel*, but all elements are also imported into the top-level package, so they can be referenced directly from the *KerML* namespace.
2. A metaclass from the MOF model is mapped into a *Metaclass* in the KerML package.
  - The MOF metaclass name is mapped unchanged.
  - Generalizations of the MOF metaclass are mapped to *ownedSpecializations*.
  - All properties from the MOF metaclass are mapped to *features* of the corresponding KerML *Metaclass* (see below). All non-association-end properties are grouped before association-end properties.
3. A property from the MOF model is mapped into a *Feature*.
  - The feature property *isVariable* is set to *true*.
  - The following feature properties are set as appropriate:
    - *isAbstract* = *true* if the MOF property is a derived union
    - *isComposite* = *true* if the MOF property is composite.
    - *isConstant* = *true* if the MOF property is read-only.
    - *isDerived* = *true* if the MOF property is derived.
    - *isOrdered* = *true* if the MOF property is ordered.
    - *isUnique* = *false* if the MOF property is non-unique.
  - The MOF property name is mapped unchanged.
  - The MOF property type is mapped to an *ownedTyping* relationship.
    - If the MOF property type is a primitive type, the relationship is to the corresponding type from the *ScalarValues* package (see [9.3.2](#)).
    - If the MOF property type is a metaclass, the relationship is to the corresponding reflective *Metaclass*.

- The MOF property multiplicity is mapped to an owned `MultiplicityRange` with bounds given by `LiteralExpressions`.
  - Subsetted properties from the MOF property are mapped to owned `Subsettings` of the corresponding reflective `Features`.
  - Redefined properties from the MOF property are mapped to owned `Redefinitions` of the corresponding reflective `Features`.
  - If the MOF property is `annotatedElement`, then `Metaobject::annotatedElement` is added to the list of redefined properties for the mapping.
4. An enumeration from the MOF model is mapped into a `DataType`.
- The MOF enumeration name is mapped unchanged.
  - Each enumeration literal from the MOF enumeration is mapped into an owned `Member Feature` (*not* an `ownedFeature`).
    - The MOF enumeration literal name is mapped unchanged.
    - The member `Feature` is given an owned `MultiplicityRange` of `1..1`.

Note that associations are not mapped from the MOF model and, hence, non-navigable association-owned end properties are not included in the reflective model.

**KERML -57: Time and space life/slice/portion modeling patterns are missing**  
**KERML -65: `isOrdered` and `isUnique` are missing from the reflective abstract mapping**

## 9.3 Data Type Library

### 9.3.1 Data Types Library Overview

The Data Types Library provides a standard set of commonly used `DataTypes` for scalar, vector and collection values.

### 9.3.2 Scalar Values

#### 9.3.2.1 Scalar Values Overview

This package contains a basic set of primitive scalar (non-collection) data types. These include *Boolean* and *String* types and a hierarchy of concrete *Number* types, from the most general type of *Complex* numbers to the most specific type of *Positive* integers.

#### 9.3.2.2 Elements

##### 9.3.2.2.1 Boolean

###### Element

`DataType`

###### Description

*Boolean* is a *ScalarValue* type whose instances are true and false.

###### General Types

`ScalarValue`

###### Features

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.3.2.2.2 Complex**

#### **Element**

DataType

#### **Description**

*Complex* is the type of complex numbers.

#### **General Types**

Number

#### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.3.2.2.3 Integer**

#### **Element**

DataType

#### **Description**

*Integer* is the type of mathematical integers, extended with values for positive and negative infinity.

#### **General Types**

Rational

#### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.3.2.2.4 Natural**

#### **Element**

DataType

#### **Description**



*Natural* is the type of non-negative integers, extended with a value for positive infinity.

### **General Types**

Integer

### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

## **9.3.2.2.5 Number**

### **Element**

DataType

### **Description**

*Number* is the base type for all *NumericalValue* types that represent numbers.

### **General Types**

NumericalValue

### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

## **9.3.2.2.6 NumericalValue**

### **Element**

DataType

### **Description**

*NumericalValue* is the base type for all *ScalarValue* types that represent numerical values.

### **General Types**

ScalarValue

### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.3.2.2.7 Positive**

##### **Element**

DataType

##### **Description**

*Positive* is the type of positive integers (not including zero), extended with a value for positive infinity.

##### **General Types**

Natural

##### **Features**

None.

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.3.2.2.8 Rational**

##### **Element**

DataType

##### **Description**

*Rational* is the type of rational numbers, extended with values for positive and negative infinity.

##### **General Types**

Real

##### **Features**

None.

##### **Constraints**

None.

#### **9.3.2.2.9 Real**

##### **Element**

DataType

##### **Description**

*Real* is the type of mathematical (extended) real numbers. This includes both rational and irrational numbers, and values for positive and negative infinity.

## General Types

Complex

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.3.2.2.10 ScalarValue

#### Element

DataType

#### Description

A *ScalarValue* is a *DataValue* whose instances are considered to be primitive, not collections or structures of other values.

## General Types

DataValue

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.3.2.2.11 String

#### Element

DataType

#### Description

`em>String` is a *ScalarValue* type whose instances are strings of characters.

## General Types

ScalarValue

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

### 9.3.3 Collections

#### 9.3.3.1 Collections Overview

This package defines a standard set of *Collection* data types. Unlike sequences of values defined directly using multiplicity, these data types allow for the possibility of collections as elements of collections.

#### 9.3.3.2 Elements

##### 9.3.3.2.1 Array

###### Element

DataType

###### Description

An *Array* is a fixed size, multi-dimensional *Collection* of which the *elements* are nonunique and ordered. Its *dimensions* specify how many dimensions the array has, and how many elements there are in each dimension. The *rank* is equal to the number of *dimensions*. The *flattenedSize* is equal to the total number of *elements* in the array.

Feature *elements* is a flattened sequence of all elements of an *Array* and can be accessed by a tuple of indices. The number of indices is equal to *rank*. The *elements* are packed according to row-major convention, as in the C programming language.

**Note 1.** Feature *dimensions* may be empty, which denotes a zero dimensional *Array*, allowing an *Array* to collapse to a single element. This is useful to allow for specialization of an *Array* into a type restricted to represent a scalar. The *flattenedSize* of a zero dimensional *Array* is 1.

**Note 2.** An *Array* can also represent the generalized concept of a mathematical matrix of any rank, i.e. not limited to rank two.

###### General Types

OrderedCollection

###### Features

dimensions : Positive [0..\*] {ordered, nonunique}

flattenedSize : Positive

rank : Natural

###### Constraints

sizeConstraint

flattenedSize == size(elements)

##### 9.3.3.2.2 Bag

###### Element

DataType

### **Description**

A *Bag* is a variable size *Collection* of which the *elements* are unordered and nonunique.

### **General Types**

Collection

### **Features**

None.

### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.3.3.2.3 Collection**

#### **Element**

DataType

#### **Description**

A *Collection* is an abstract *DataType* that represents a collection of elements of a given type.

#### **General Types**

Anything

#### **Features**

elements : Anything [0..\*] {nonunique}

#### **Constraints**

None.

### **9.3.3.2.4 KeyValuePair**

#### **Element**

DataType

#### **Description**

A *KeyValuePair* is an abstract *DataType* that represents a tuple of a *key* and an associated value *val*.

#### **General Types**

DataValue

#### **Features**

key : Anything

val : Anything

#### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.3.2.5 List

##### Element

DataType

##### Description

A *List* is a variable size *Collection* of which the *elements* are nonunique and ordered.

##### General Types

OrderedCollection

##### Features

None.

#### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.3.2.6 Map

##### Element

DataType

##### Description

A *Map* is a variable size *Collection* of which the *elements* are *KeyValuePairs*. The *keys* must be unique within in the *Map*. The *vakyues* need not be unique.

##### General Types

UniqueCollection

##### Features

elements : KeyValuePair [0..\*] {redefines elements}

#### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.3.2.7 OrderedCollection

##### Element

DataType

## Description

An *OrderedCollection* is a *Collection* of which the *elements* are ordered and not necessarily unique.

## General Types

Collection

## Features

elements : Anything [0..\*] {redefines elements, ordered, nonunique}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.3.3.2.8 OrderedMap

## Element

DataType

## Description

An *OrderedMap* is a variable size *Map* that maintains ordering of its elements.

The ordering may be by key of the *KeyValuePair* elements, or by order of construction, or any other method. The essential aspect is that ordering is maintained and guaranteed across accesses to the *OrderedMap*.

## General Types

OrderedCollection

Map

## Features

elements : KeyValuePair [0..\*] {redefines elements, ordered}

## Constraints

None.

### 9.3.3.2.9 OrderedSet

## Element

DataType

## Description

An *OrderedSet* is a variable size *Collection* of which the *elements* are unique and ordered.

## General Types

OrderedCollection

UniqueCollection

### Features

elements : Anything [0..\*] {redefines elements, ordered}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.3.2.10 Set

### Element

DataType

### Description

A *Set* is a variable size *Collection* of which the *elements* are unique and unordered.

### General Types

UniqueCollection

### Features

None.

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.3.2.11 UniqueCollection

### Element

DataType

### Description

A *UniqueCollection* is a *Collection* of which the *elements* are unique and not necessarily ordered.

### General Types

Collection

### Features

elements : Anything [0..\*] {redefines elements}

### Constraints

None.

### 9.3.4 Vector Values

#### 9.3.4.1 Vector Values Overview



This package provides a basic model of abstract vectors as well as concrete vectors whose components are *NumericalValues*. The package *VectorFunctions* defines the corresponding vector-space functions.

### 9.3.4.2 Elements

#### 9.3.4.2.1 CartesianThreeVectorValue

##### Element

DataType

##### Description

A *CartesianThreeVectorValue* is a *NumericalVectorValue* that is both Cartesian and has dimension 3.

##### General Types

CartesianVectorValue

ThreeVectorValue

##### Features

None.

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.4.2.2 CartesianVectorValue

##### Element

DataType

##### Description

A *CartesianVectorValue* is a *NumericalVectorValue* for which there are specific implementations in *VectorFunctions* of the abstract vector-space functions.

**Note:** The restriction of the element type to *Real* is to facilitate the complete definition of these functions.

##### General Types

NumericalVectorValue

##### Features

elements : Real [0..\*] {redefines elements}

##### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.4.2.3 NumericalVectorValue

##### Element

DataType

### Description

A *NumericalVectorValue* is a kind of *VectorValue* that is specifically represented as a one-dimensional *Array* of *NumericalValues*. The dimension is allowed to be empty, permitting a *NumericalVectorValue* of rank 0, which is essentially isomorphic to a scalar *NumericalValue*.

### General Types

Array

VectorValue

### Features

dimension : Positive [0..1] {redefines dimensions}

elements : NumericalValue [0..\*] {redefines elements}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.4.2.4 ThreeVectorValue

### Element

DataType

### Description

A *ThreeVectorValue* is a *NumericalVectorValue* that has dimension 3.

### General Types

NumericalVectorValue

### Features

dimension : Positive [0..\*] {redefines elements}

### Constraints

None.

#### 9.3.4.2.5 VectorValue

### Element

DataType

### Description

A *VectorValue* is an abstract data type whose values may be operated on using *VectorFunctions*.

## General Types

None.

## Features

None.

## Constraints

None.

# 9.4 Function Library

The Function Library includes library models of basic `Functions` that operate on `DataTypes` from the Data Type Library (see [9.3](#)). The KerML operator expression notation translates to invocations of some of these library `Functions`. It is expected that other languages built on KerML will provide additional domain models as needed by their applications, which can include specializations of the library `Functions` for domain-specific `DataTypes`. The same KerML concrete syntax for `Expressions` can be used with these specialized `Functions` and `DataTypes`, extended with domain-specific semantics.

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## 9.4.2 Base Functions

### 9.4.2.1 Base Functions Overview

This package defines a basic set of `Functions` defined on all kinds of values. Most correspond to similarly named operators in the KerML expression notation.

### 9.4.2.2 Elements

```
abstract function '='{
  in x: Anything[0..1];
  in y: Anything[0..1];
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function '!='{
  in x: Anything[0..1];
  in y: Anything[0..1];
  return : Boolean[1] = not (x == y);
}

abstract function '=='{
  in x: Anything[0..1];
  in y: Anything[0..1];
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function '!=='{
```

```

    in x: Anything[0..1];
    in y: Anything[0..1];
    return : Boolean[1] = not (x === y);
}

function ToString{
    in x: Anything[0..1];
    return : String;
}

function '['{
    in x: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    in y: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] nonunique;
}

function '#{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in index: Positive[1..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..1];
}

function ', '{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function 'all'{
    return : Object[0..*];
}

abstract function 'istype'{
    in seq: Anything[0..*];
    abstract feature 'type': Anything;
    return : Boolean[1];
}

abstract function 'hastype'{
    in seq: Anything[0..*];
    abstract feature 'type': Anything;
    return : Boolean;
}

abstract function '@'{
    in seq: Anything[0..*];
    abstract feature 'type': Anything;
    return : Boolean[1];
}

abstract function '@@'{
    in seq: Metaobject[0..*];
    abstract feature 'type': Metaobject;
    return : Boolean[1];
}

abstract function 'as'{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function 'meta'{
    in seq: Metaobject[0..*] ordered nonunique;

```

```

    return : Metaobject[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

```

## 9.4.3 Data Functions

### 9.4.3.1 Data Functions Overview

This package defines the abstract base Functions corresponding to all the unary and binary operators in the KerML expression notation that might be defined on various kinds of DataValues.

### 9.4.3.2 Elements

```

abstract function '=' specializes BaseFunctions::'='
  { in x: DataValue[0..1]; in y: DataValue[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '==' specializes BaseFunctions::'=='
  { in x: DataValue[0..1]; in y: DataValue[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

abstract function '+'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[0..1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '-'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[0..1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '*'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '/'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '**'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '^'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '%'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }

abstract function 'not'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function 'xor'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }

abstract function '~'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '|'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function '&'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }

abstract function '<'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>'
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '<='
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>='
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

abstract function max
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }
abstract function min
  { in x: DataValue[1]; in y: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[1]; }

abstract function '..'
  { in lower: DataValue[1]; in upper: DataValue[1]; return : DataValue[0..*] ordered; }

```

## 9.4.4 Scalar Functions

### 9.4.4.1 Scalar Functions Overview

This package defines abstract Functions that specialize the DataFunctions for use with ScalarValues.

### 9.4.4.2 Elements

```
abstract function '+' specializes DataFunctions:: '+'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[0..1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '-' specializes DataFunctions:: '-'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[0..1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '*' specializes DataFunctions:: '*'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '/' specializes DataFunctions:: '/'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '**' specializes DataFunctions:: '**'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '^' specializes DataFunctions:: '^'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '%' specializes DataFunctions:: '%'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }

abstract function 'not' specializes DataFunctions:: 'not'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function 'xor' specializes DataFunctions:: 'xor'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }

abstract function '~' specializes DataFunctions:: '~'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '|' specializes DataFunctions:: '|'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function '&' specializes DataFunctions:: '&'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }

abstract function '<' specializes DataFunctions:: '<'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>' specializes DataFunctions:: '>'
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '<=' specializes DataFunctions:: '<='
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>=' specializes DataFunctions:: '>='
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

abstract function max specializes DataFunctions:: max
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function min specializes DataFunctions:: min
  { in x: ScalarValue[1]; in y: ScalarValue[1]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }

abstract function '..' specializes DataFunctions:: '..'
  { in lower: ScalarValue[1]; in upper: ScalarValue[1];
    return : ScalarValue[0..*]; }
```

## 9.4.5 Boolean Functions

### 9.4.5.1 Boolean Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Boolean values, including those corresponding to (non-conditional) logical operators in the KerML expression notation.

### 9.4.5.2 Elements

```

function 'not' specializes ScalarFunctions::'not'
  { in x: Boolean[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function 'xor' specializes ScalarFunctions::'xor'
  { in x: Boolean[1]; in y: Boolean[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function '|' specializes ScalarFunctions::'|'
  { in x: Boolean[1]; in y: Boolean[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '&' specializes ScalarFunctions::'&'
  { in x: Boolean[1]; in y: Boolean[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function '==' specializes DataFunctions::'=='
  { in x: Boolean[0..1]; in y: Boolean[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function ToString specializes BaseFunctions::ToString
  { in x: Boolean[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToBoolean
  { in x: String[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

```

## 9.4.6 String Functions

### 9.4.6.1 String Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on String values, including those corresponding to string concatenation and comparison operators in the KerML expression notation.

### 9.4.6.2 Elements

```

function '+' specializes ScalarFunctions::'+'
  { in x: String[1]; in y:String[1]; return : String[1]; }

function Length
  { in x: String[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function Substring
  { in x: String[1]; in lower: Integer[1]; in upper: Integer[1];
    return : String[1]; }

function '<' specializes ScalarFunctions::'<'
  { in x: String[1]; in y: String[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>' specializes ScalarFunctions::'>'
  { in x: String[1]; in y: String[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '<=' specializes ScalarFunctions::'<='
  { in x: String[1]; in y: String[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>=' specializes ScalarFunctions::'>='
  { in x: String[1]; in y: String[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function '==' specializes DataFunctions::'=='
  { in x: String[0..1]; in y: String[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function ToString specializes BaseFunctions::ToString
  { in x: String[1]; }

```

## 9.4.7 Numerical Functions

### 9.4.7.1 Numerical Functions Overview

This package defines abstract Functions on Numerical values for general arithmetic and comparison operations.

### 9.4.7.2 Elements

```

abstract function isZero
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean; }

```

```

abstract function isUnit
  { in x : NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean; }

abstract function abs
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; return : NumericalValue[1]; }

abstract function '+' specializes ScalarFunctions::'+'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[0..1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '-' specializes ScalarFunctions::'-'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[0..1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '*' specializes ScalarFunctions::'*'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '/' specializes ScalarFunctions::'/'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '**' specializes ScalarFunctions::'**'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '^' specializes ScalarFunctions::'^'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function '%' specializes ScalarFunctions::'%'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }

abstract function '<' specializes ScalarFunctions::'<'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>' specializes ScalarFunctions::'>'
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '<=' specializes ScalarFunctions::'<='
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
abstract function '>=' specializes ScalarFunctions::'>='
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

abstract function max specializes ScalarFunctions::max
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }
abstract function min specializes ScalarFunctions::min
  { in x: NumericalValue[1]; in y: NumericalValue[1];
    return : NumericalValue[1]; }

abstract function sum
  { in collection: ScalarValue[0..*]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }
abstract function product
  { in collection: ScalarValue[0..*]; return : ScalarValue[1]; }

```

## 9.4.8 Complex Functions

### 9.4.8.1 Complex Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Complex values, including concrete specializations of the general arithmetic and comparison operations.

### 9.4.8.2 Elements

```

feature i: Complex[1] = rect(0.0, 1.0);

function rect
  { in re: Real[1]; in im: Real[1]; return : Complex[1]; }

```



```

function polar
  { in abs: Real[1]; in arg: Real[1]; return : Complex[1]; }

function re
  { in x: Complex[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function im
  { in x: Complex[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function isZero specializes NumericalFunctions::isZero
  { in x : Complex[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function isUnit specializes NumericalFunctions::isUnit
  { in x : Complex[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function abs specializes NumericalFunctions::abs
  { in x: Complex[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function arg
  { in x: Complex[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function '+' specializes NumericalFunctions::'+'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[0..1]; return : Complex[1]; }
function '-' specializes NumericalFunctions::'-'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[0..1]; return : Complex[1]; }
function '*' specializes NumericalFunctions::'*'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[1]; return : Complex[1]; }
function '/' specializes NumericalFunctions::'/'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[1]; return : Complex[1]; }
function '**' specializes NumericalFunctions::'**'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[1]; return : Complex[1]; }
function '^' specializes NumericalFunctions::'^'
  { in x: Complex[1]; in y: Complex[1]; return : Complex[1]; }

function '==' specializes DataFunctions::'=='
  { in x: Complex[0..1]; in y: Complex[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function ToString specializes BaseFunctions::ToString
  { in x: Complex[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToComplex
  { in x: String[1]; return : Complex[1]; }

function sum specializes NumericalFunctions::sum
  { in collection: Complex[0..*]; return : Complex[1]; }

function product specializes NumericalFunctions::product
  { in collection: Complex[0..*]; return : Complex[1]; }

```

## 9.4.9 Real Functions

### 9.4.9.1 Real Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Real values, including concrete specializations of the general arithmetic and comparison operations.

#### 9.4.9.2 Elements

```

function re :> ComplexFunctions::re
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Real[1] = x; }
function im :> ComplexFunctions::im
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Real[1] = 0.0; }

function abs specializes ComplexFunctions::abs
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function arg specializes ComplexFunctions::arg

```

```

    { in x: Real[1]; return : Real[1] = 0.0; }

function '+' specializes ComplexFunctions::'+'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[0..1]; return : Real[1]; }
function '-' specializes ComplexFunctions::'-'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[0..1]; return : Real[1]; }
function '*' specializes ComplexFunctions::'*'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function '/' specializes ComplexFunctions::'/'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function '**' specializes ComplexFunctions::'**'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function '^' specializes ComplexFunctions::'^'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function '<' specializes NumericalFunctions::'<'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>' specializes NumericalFunctions::'>'
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '<=' specializes NumericalFunctions::'<='
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>=' specializes NumericalFunctions::'>='
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function max specializes NumericalFunctions::max
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }
function min specializes NumericalFunctions::min
  { in x: Real[1]; in y: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function '==' specializes ComplexFunctions::'=='
  { in x: Real[0..1]; in y: Real[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function sqrt
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function floor
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function round
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function ToString specializes ComplexFunctions::ToString
  { in x: Real[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToInteger
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function ToRational
  { in x: Real[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function ToReal
  { in x: String[1]; return : Real[1]; }

function sum specializes ComplexFunctions::sum
  { in collection: Real[0..*]; return : Real; }

function product specializes ComplexFunctions::product
  { in collection: Real[0..*]; return : Real; }

```

## 9.4.10 Rational Functions

### 9.4.10.1 Rational Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Rational values, including concrete specializations of the general arithmetic and comparison operations.

### 9.4.10.2 Elements

```
function rat
  { in numer: Integer[1]; in denum: Integer[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function numer
  { in rat: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function denom
  { in rat: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function abs specializes RealFunctions::abs
  { in x: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }

function '+' specializes RealFunctions::'+'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[0..1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '-' specializes RealFunctions::'-'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[0..1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '*' specializes RealFunctions::'*'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '/' specializes RealFunctions::'/'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '**' specializes RealFunctions::'**'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '^' specializes RealFunctions::'^'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }

function '<' specializes RealFunctions::'<'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>' specializes RealFunctions::'>'
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '<=' specializes RealFunctions::'<='
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>=' specializes RealFunctions::'>='
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function max specializes RealFunctions::max
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function min specializes RealFunctions::min
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Rational[1]; }

function '==' specializes RealFunctions::'=='
  { in x: Rational[0..1]; in y: Rational[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function gcd
  { in x: Rational[1]; in y: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function floor specializes RealFunctions::floor
  { in x: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function round specializes RealFunctions::round
  { in x: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function ToString specializes RealFunctions::ToString
  { in x: Rational[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToInteger
  { in x: Rational[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function ToRational
  { in x: String[1]; return : Rational[1]; }

function sum specializes RealFunctions::sum
  { in collection: Rational[0..*]; return : Rational[1]; }

function product specializes RealFunctions::product
  { in collection: Rational[0..*]; return : Rational[1]; }
```

## 9.4.11 Integer Functions

### 9.4.11.1 Integer Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Integer values, including concrete specializations of the general arithmetic and comparison operations.

### 9.4.11.2 Elements

```
function abs specializes RationalFunctions::abs
  { in x: Integer[1]; return : Natural[1]; }

function '+' specializes RationalFunctions::'+'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[0..1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function '-' specializes RationalFunctions::'-'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[0..1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function '*' specializes RationalFunctions::'*'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function '/' specializes RationalFunctions::'/'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Rational[1]; }
function '*' specializes RationalFunctions::'***'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function '^' specializes RationalFunctions::'^'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function '%' specializes NumericalFunctions::'%'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function '<' specializes RationalFunctions::'<'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>' specializes RationalFunctions::'>'
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '<=' specializes RationalFunctions::'<='
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>=' specializes RationalFunctions::'>='
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function max specializes RationalFunctions::max
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Integer[1]; }
function min specializes RationalFunctions::min
  { in x: Integer[1]; in y: Integer[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function '==' specializes DataFunctions::'=='
  { in x: Integer[0..1]; in y: Integer[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function '..' specializes ScalarFunctions::'..'
  { in lower: Integer[1]; in upper: Integer[1]; return : Integer[0..*]; }

function ToString specializes RationalFunctions::ToString
  { in x: Integer[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToNatural
  { in x: Integer[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function ToInteger
  { in x: String[1]; return : Integer[1]; }

function sum specializes RationalFunctions::sum
  { in collection: Integer[0..*]; return : Integer[1]; }

function product specializes RationalFunctions::product
  { in collection: Integer[0..*]; return : Integer[1]; }
```

## 9.4.12 Natural Functions

### 9.4.12.1 Natural Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Natural values, including concrete specializations of the general arithmetic and comparison operations.

### 9.4.12.2 Elements

```
function '+' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '+'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[0..1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function '*' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '*'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function '/' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '/'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function '%' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '%'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Natural[1]; }

function '<' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '<'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '>'
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '<=' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '<='
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }
function '>=' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '>='
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function max specializes IntegerFunctions:: max
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
function min specializes IntegerFunctions:: min
  { in x: Natural[1]; in y: Natural[1]; return : Natural[1]; }

function '==' specializes IntegerFunctions:: '=='
  { in x: Natural[0..1]; in y: Natural[0..1]; return : Boolean[1]; }

function ToString specializes IntegerFunctions:: ToString
  { in x: Natural[1]; return : String[1]; }
function ToNatural
  { in x: String[1]; return : Natural[1]; }
```

## 9.4.13 Trig Functions

### 9.4.13.1 Trig Functions Overview

This package defines basic trigonometric functions on real numbers.

### 9.4.13.2 Elements

```
feature pi : Real;
inv piPrecision { RealFunctions::round(pi * 1E20) == 314159265358979323846.0 }

function deg {
  in theta_rad : Real[1];
  return : Real[1] = theta_rad * 180 / pi;
}
function rad {
  in theta_deg : Real;
  return : Real[1] = theta_deg * pi / 180;
}

datatype UnitBoundedReal :> Real {
  inv unitBound { -1.0 <= that & that <= 1.0 }
}
```

```

function sin {
  in theta : Real[1];
  return : UnitBoundedReal[1];
}
function cos {
  in theta : Real[1];
  return : UnitBoundedReal[1];
}
function tan {
  in theta : Real[1];
  return : Real = sin(theta) / cos(theta);
}
function cot {
  in theta : Real;
  return : Real = cos(theta) / sin(theta);
}

function arcsin {
  in x : UnitBoundedReal[1];
  return : Real[1];
}
function arccos {
  in x : UnitBoundedReal[1];
  return : Real[1];
}
function arctan {
  in x : Real[1];
  return : Real[1];
}

```

## 9.4.14 Sequence Functions

### 9.4.14.1 Sequence Functions Overview

This package defines Functions that operate on general sequences of values. (For Functions that operate on Collection values, see CollectionFunctions.)

### 9.4.14.2 Elements

```

function '#' specializes BaseFunctions::'#' {
  in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in index: Positive[1];
  return : Anything[0..1];
}

function equals{
  in x: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in y: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function same{
  in x: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in y: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function size{
  in seq: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
  return : Natural[1];
}

```

```

function isEmpty{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Boolean[1];
}
function notEmpty{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Boolean[1];
}
function includes{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Boolean[1];
}
function includesOnly{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Boolean[1];
}
function excludes{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] nonunique;
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function union{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}
function intersection{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}
function including{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function includingAt{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in index: Positive[1];
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function excluding{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function excludingAt{
    in seq1: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in seq2: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in startIndex: Positive[1];
    in endIndex: Positive[1] default startIndex;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function subsequence{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;

```

```

    in startIndex: Positive[1];
    in endIndex: Positive[1] default size(seq);
    return : Anything[0..*];
}
function head{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..1] = seq[1];
}
function tail{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}
function last{
    in seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..1];
}

behavior add {
    inout seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in values: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}
behavior addAt {
    inout seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in values: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in index: Positive[1];
}
behavior remove{
    inout seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in values: Anything[0..*];
}
behavior removeAt{
    inout seq: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in startIndex: Positive[1];
    in endIndex: Positive[1] default startIndex;
}

```

## 9.4.15 Collection Functions

### 9.4.15.1 Collection Functions Overview

This package defines Functions on Collections (as defined in the Collections package). For Functions on general sequences of values, see the SequenceFunctions package.

### 9.4.15.2 Elements

```

function '==' specializes BaseFunctions::'==' {
    in col1: Collection[0..1];
    in col2: Collection[0..1];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function size {
    in col: Collection[1];
    return : Natural[1];
}

function isEmpty {
    in col: Collection[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function notEmpty {

```



```

    in col: Collection[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function contains {
    in col: Collection[1];
    in values: Anything[*];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function containsAll {
    in col1: Collection[1];
    in col2: Collection[2];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

function head {
    in col: OrderedCollection[1];
    return : Anything[0..1];
}

function tail {
    in col: OrderedCollection[1];
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function last {
    in col: OrderedCollection[1];
    return : Anything[0..1];
}

function '#' specializes BaseFunctions::'#' {
    in col: OrderedCollection[1];
    in index: Positive[1];
    return : Anything[0..1];
}

function 'array#' specializes BaseFunctions::'#' {
    in arr: Array[1];
    in indexes: Positive[n] ordered nonunique;
    return : Anything[0..1];
    private feature n: Natural[1] = arr.rank;
}

```

## 9.4.16 Vector Functions

### 9.4.16.1 Vector Functions Overview

This package defines abstract functions on *VectorValues* corresponding to the algebraic operations provided by a vector space with inner product. It also includes concrete implementations of these functions specifically for *CartesianVectorValues*.

### 9.4.16.2 Elements

```

abstract function isZeroVector {
    doc
    /*
    * Return whether a VectorValue is a zero vector.
    */

    in v: VectorValue[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
}

```

```

}

abstract function '+' specializes DataFunctions::'+' {
  doc
  /*
   * With two arguments, returns the sum of two VectorValues.
   * With one argument, returns that VectorValue.
   */

  in v: VectorValue[1];
  in w: VectorValue[0..1];
  return u: VectorValue[1];
  inv zeroAddition { w == null or isZeroVector(w) implies u == w }
  inv commutivity { w != null implies u == w + v }
}

abstract function '-' specializes DataFunctions::-'-' {
  doc
  /*
   * With two arguments, returns the difference of two VectorValues.
   * With one arguments, returns the inverse
   * of the given VectorValue, that is, the VectorValue that,
   * when added to the original VectorValue, results in
   * the zeroVector.
   */

  in v: VectorValue[1];
  in w: VectorValue[0..1];
  return u: VectorValue[1];
  inv negation { w == null implies isZeroVector(v + u) }
  inv difference { w != null implies v + u == w }
}

abstract function sum0 {
  doc
  /*
   * Return the sum of a collection of VectorValues.
   * If the collection is empty, return a given zero vector.
   */

  in coll: VectorValue[*] nonunique;
  in zero: VectorValue[1];
  inv precondition { isZeroVector(zero) }
  return s: VectorValue[1] = coll->reduce '+' ?? zero;
}

/* Functions specific to NumericalVectorValues. */

function VectorOf {
  doc
  /*
   * Construct a NumericalVectorValue whose elements are a
   * non-empty list of component NumericalValues.
   * The dimension of the NumericalVectorValue is equal to
   * the number of components.
   */

  in components: NumericalValue[1..*] ordered nonunique;
  return : NumericalVectorValue[1] {
    :>> dimension = size(components);
    :>> elements = components;
  }
}

```

```

abstract function scalarVectorMult specializes DataFunctions::'*' {
  doc
  /*
   * Scalar product of a NumericalValue and a NumericalVectorValue.
   */

  in x: NumericalValue[1];
  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  return w: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  inv scaling { norm(w) == x * norm(v) }
  inv zeroLength { isZeroVector(w) implies isZero(norm(w)) }
}
alias '*' for scalarVectorMult;

abstract function vectorScalarMult specializes DataFunctions::'*' {
  doc
  /*
   * Scalar product of a NumericalVectorValue and a NumericalValue,
   * which has the same value as the scalar product of the
   * NumericalValue and the NumericalVectorValue.
   */

  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  in x: NumericalValue[1];
  return w: NumericalVectorValue[1] = scalarVectorMult(x, v);
}

abstract function vectorScalarDiv specializes DataFunctions::'/' {
  doc
  /*
   * Scalar quotient of a NumericalVectorValue and a NumericalValue,
   * defined as the scalar product of the inverse of the
   * NumericalValue and the NumericalVectorValue.
   */

  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  in x: NumericalValue[1];
  return w: NumericalVectorValue[1] = scalarVectorMult(1.0 / x, v);
}

abstract function inner specializes DataFunctions::'*' {
  doc
  /*
   * Inner product of two NumericalVectorValues.
   */

  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  in w: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  return x: NumericalValue[1];
  inv commutativity { x == inner(w, v) }
  inv zeroInner { isZeroVector(v) or isZeroVector(w) implies isZero(x) }
}

abstract function norm {
  doc
  /*
   * The norm (magnitude) of a NumericalVectorValue, as a NumericalValue.
   */

  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  return l : NumericalValue[1];
  inv squareNorm { l * l == inner(v,v) }
}

```

```

    inv lengthZero { isZero(l) == isZeroVector(v) }
}

abstract function angle {
  doc
  /*
  * The angle between two NumericalVectorValues, as a NumericalValue.
  */

  in v: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  in w: NumericalVectorValue[1];
  return theta: NumericalValue[1];
  inv commutivity { theta == angle(w, v) }
  inv lengthInsensitive { theta == angle(w / norm(w), v / norm(v)) }
}

/* Specialized functions with concrete definitions for CartesianVectorValues. */

function CartesianVectorOf {
  doc
  /*
  * Construct a CartesianVectorValue whose elements are
  * a non-empty list of Real components.
  * The dimension of the NumericalVectorValue is equal
  * to the number of components.
  */

  in components: Real[*] ordered nonunique;
  return : CartesianVectorValue[1] {
    :>> dimension = size(components);
    :>> elements = components;
  }
}

function CartesianThreeVectorOf specializes CartesianVectorOf {
  in components: Real[3] ordered nonunique;
  return : CartesianThreeVectorValue[1];
}

feature cartesianZeroVector: CartesianVectorValue[3] =
(
  CartesianVectorOf(0.0),
  CartesianVectorOf((0.0, 0.0)),
  CartesianThreeVectorOf((0.0, 0.0, 0.0))
) {
  doc
  /*
  * Cartesian zero vectors of 1, 2 and 3 dimensions.
  */
}

feature cartesian3DZeroVector: CartesianThreeVectorValue[1] =
  cartesianZeroVector[3];

function isCartesianZeroVector specializes isZeroVector {
  doc
  /*
  * A CartesianVectorValue is a zero vector if all its elements are zero.
  */

  in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
  return : Boolean[1] = v.elements->forAll{in x; x == 0.0};
}

function 'cartesian+' specializes '+' {

```

```

    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    in w: CartesianVectorValue[0..1];
    inv precondition { w != null implies v.dimension == w.dimension }
    return u: CartesianVectorValue[1] =
        if w == null? v
        else CartesianVectorOf(
            (1..w.dimension)->collect{in i : Positive; v[i] + w[i]}
        );
}

function 'cartesian-' specializes '-' {
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    in w: CartesianVectorValue[0..1];
    inv precondition { w != null implies v.dimension == w.dimension }
    return u: CartesianVectorValue[1] =
        CartesianVectorOf(
            if w == null?
                CartesianVectorOf(v.elements->collect{in x : Real; -x})
            else CartesianVectorOf(
                (1..v.dimension)->collect{in i : Positive; v[i] - w[i]}
            )
        );
}

function cartesianScalarVectorMult specializes scalarVectorMult {
    in x: Real[1];
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    return w: CartesianVectorValue[1] =
        CartesianVectorOf(
            v.elements->collect{in y : Real; x * y}
        );
}

function cartesianVectorScalarMult specializes vectorScalarMult {
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    in x: Real[1];
    return w: CartesianVectorValue[1] = cartesianScalarVectorMult(x, v);
}

function cartesianInner specializes inner {
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    in w : CartesianVectorValue[1];
    inv precondition { v.dimension == w.dimension }
    return x: Real[1] =
        (1..v.dimension)->collect{in i : Positive; v[i] * w[i]}->reduce RealFunctions::'+';
}

function cartesianNorm specializes norm {
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    return l : NumericalValue[1] = sqrt(cartesianInner(v, v));
}

function cartesianAngle specializes angle {
    in v: CartesianVectorValue[1]; in w: CartesianVectorValue[1];
    inv precondition { v.dimension == w.dimension }
    return theta: Real[1] = arccos(cartesianInner(v, w) / (norm(v) * norm(w)));
}

function sum {
    in coll: CartesianThreeVectorValue[*];
    return : CartesianThreeVectorValue[1] = sum0(coll, cartesian3DZeroVector);
}

```

## 9.4.17 Control Functions

### 9.4.17.1 Control Functions Overview

This package defines Functions that correspond to operators in the KerML expression notation for which one or more operands are Expressions whose evaluation is determined by another operand.

### 9.4.17.2 Elements

```
abstract function '.' {
  in feature source : Anything[0..*] nonunique {
    abstract feature target : Anything[0..*] nonunique;
  }
  private feature chain chains source.target;
  chain
}

abstract function 'if' {
  in test: Boolean[1];
  in expr thenValue[0..1] { return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique; }
  in expr elseValue[0..1] { return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique; }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function '??' {
  in firstValue: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr secondValue[0..1] { return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique; }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

function 'and' {
  in firstValue: Boolean[1];
  in expr secondValue[0..1] { return : Boolean[1]; }
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function 'or'{
  in firstValue: Boolean[1];
  in expr secondValue[0..1] { return : Boolean[1]; }
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function 'implies'{
  in firstValue: Boolean[1];
  in expr secondValue[0..1] { return : Boolean[1]; }
  return : Boolean[1];
}

abstract function collect {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr mapper[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function select {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr selector[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
  }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}
```

```

}

function selectOne {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr selector1[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Boolean[1]; }
  return : Anything[0..1] =
    collection->select {in x; selector1(x)}[1];
}

abstract function reject{
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr rejector[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
  }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function reduce {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr reducer[0..*] {
    in firstArg: Anything[1];
    in secondArg: Anything[1];
    return : Anything[1];
  }
  return : Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
}

abstract function forAll {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr test[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
  }
  return : Boolean[1];
}

abstract function exists {
  in collection: Anything[0..*] ordered nonunique;
  in expr test[0..*] {
    in argument: Anything[1];
    return : Boolean[1];
  }
  return : Boolean[1];
}

function allTrue {
  in collection: Boolean[0..*];
  return : Boolean[1] = collection->forAll {in x; x};
}

function anyTrue {
  in collection: Boolean[0..*];
  return : Boolean[1] = collection->exists {in x; x};
}

function minimize {
  in collection: ScalarValue[1..*];
  in expr fn[0..*] {
    in argument: ScalarValue[1];
    return : ScalarValue[1];
  }
}

```

```

    }
    return : ScalarValue[1] =
      collection->collect {in x; fn(x)}->reduce min;
  }

function maximize {
  in collection: ScalarValue[1..*];
  in expr fn[0..*] {
    in argument: ScalarValue[1];
    return : ScalarValue[1];
  }
  return : ScalarValue =
    collection->collect {in x; fn(x)}->reduce max;
}

```

## 9.4.18 Occurrence Functions

### 9.4.18.1 Occurrence Functions Overview

This package defines utility functions that operate on occurrences, primarily related to the time during which those occurrences exist.

### 9.4.18.2 Elements

```

function '===' specializes BaseFunctions::'===' {
  doc
  /*
   * Test whether two occurrences are portions of the same life. That is, whether they
   * represent different portions of the same entity (colloquially, whether they have
   * the same "identity").
   */

  in x: Occurrence[0..1];
  in y: Occurrence[0..1];

  return : Boolean[1] = x.portionOfLife == y.portionOfLife;
}

function isDuring {
  doc
  /*
   * Test whether a performance of this function happens during the input occurrence.
   */

  in occ: Occurrence[1];

  private connector all during: HappensDuring[0..1] from self to occ;

  return : Boolean[1] = notEmpty(during);
}

function create {
  doc
  /*
   * Ensure that the start of a given occurrence happens during a performance of this
   * function. The occurrence is also returned from the function.
   */

  inout occ: Occurrence[1];

  private connector : HappensDuring from occ.startShot to self;
}

```



```

    return : Occurrence[1] = occ;
}

function destroy {
    doc
    /*
    * Ensure that the end of a given occurrence happens during a performance of this
    * function. The occurrence is also returned from the function.
    */

    inout occ: Occurrence[0..1];

    private connector : HappensDuring from occ.endShot[0..1] to self;

    return : Occurrence[0..1] = occ;
}

function addNew {
    doc
    /*
    * Add a newly created occurrence to the given group of occurrences and return the
    * new occurrence.
    */

    inout group: Occurrence[0..*] nonunique;
    inout occ: Occurrence[1];

    private composite step : add {
        inout seq1 = group;
        in seq2 = create(occ);
    }

    return : Occurrence[1] = occ;
}

function addNewAt {
    doc
    /*
    * Add a newly created occurrence to the given ordered group of occurrences at the given
    * index and return the new occurrence.
    */

    inout group: Occurrence[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    inout occ: Occurrence[1];
    in index: Positive[1];

    private composite step : addAt {
        inout seq = group;
        in values = create(occ);
        in startIndex = index;
    }

    return : Occurrence[1] = occ;
}

behavior removeOld {
    doc
    /*
    * Remove a given occurrence from a group of occurrences and destroy it.
    */

    inout group: Occurrence[0..*] nonunique;
    inout occ: Occurrence[0..1];

```

```

    private composite step removeStep : remove {
        inout seq = group;
        in values = occ;
    }
    private succession removeStep then destroyStep;
    private composite step destroyStep : destroy {
        inout occ = removeOld::occ;
    }
}

behavior removeOldAt {
    doc
    /*
    * Removes the occurrence at a given index in an ordered group of occurrences
    * and destroy it.
    */
    inout group: Occurrence[0..*] ordered nonunique;
    in index: Positive[1];

    private feature oldOcc = group[index];

    private composite step removeStep : remove {
        inout seq = group;
        in index = removeOldAt::index;
    }
    private succession removeStep then destroyStep;
    private composite step destroyStep : destroy {
        inout occ = oldOcc;
    }
}

```

# 10 Model Interchange

## 10.1 Model Interchange Overview

*Model interchange* is the capability to interchange models between tools using file-base resources (see [Clause 2](#)). The unit of interchange is the *project*, which is defined as follows:

A project is a set of root namespaces (see [7.2.5.3](#) and [8.2.3.4.1](#)), including all elements in the ownership trees of those namespaces, and a set of references to *used projects*, such that every cross reference from an element in the project is to another element in that project or to an element in one of the used projects.

The root namespaces in a project may be *serialized* into *model interchange files*, using any of the formats given in [10.2](#). A *project interchange file* is then a compressed archive of model interchange files and additional required metadata, as described in [10.3](#).

KerML is intended to be used as the basis for building other modeling languages. Project-based model interchange as defined in this clause may also be used to interchange models in such languages. Each of the following subclauses includes descriptions of the allowed adaptations for interchanging models in *KerML-based* languages.

## 10.2 Model Interchange Formats

A *model interchange file* contains a textual representation (known as a *serialization*) of a single root namespace (see [7.2.5.3](#) and [8.2.3.4.1](#)) and all the elements in the ownership tree root in that namespace. A model interchange file shall have one of the following formats:

1. *Textual notation*, using the textual concrete syntax defined in this specification. Note that in certain limited cases, models conformant with the KerML syntax, but prepared by a means other than using the KerML textual concrete syntax, may not be fully serializable into the standard textual notation. In this case, a tool may either not export such model at all using the textual notation, or export the model as closely as possible, informing the user of any changes from the original model. A model interchange file in this format shall have the file extension `.kerml`.
2. *JSON*, using a format according to the JSON serialization mapping defined in [10.4](#). A model interchange file in this format shall have the file extension `.json`.
3. *XML*, using the XML Metadata Interchange [XMI] format based on the MOF-conformant abstract syntax metamodel for KerML. A model interchange file in this format shall have the file extension `.xmi`.

Every conformant KerML modeling tool shall provide the ability to import and/or export (as appropriate) models in at least one of the first two formats.

For a KerML-based language:

1. *Textual Notation*. If the language has a textual concrete syntax, then this textual notation may be used as a model interchange file format. The language shall define a distinguishing file extension for files of its textual notation.
2. *JSON*. It shall always be possible to use JSON format as a model interchange file format, using the mapping strategy defined in [10.4](#), as applied to the abstract syntax of the language.
3. *XML*. If the language is defined using a MOF-conformat abstract syntax, then XMI may be used as a model interchange file format.

A KerML-based-language specification may specify further requirements on what interchange formats must be supported by conforming language tools.

## 10.3 Model Interchange Projects

A *project interchange file* contains a single project serialized as a set of model interchange files, archived using the ZIP format [ZIP]. The archive shall contain a model interchange file for each of the root namespaces in the project, each formatted in one of the formats listed in 10.2. In addition, the archive shall contain, at its top level, exactly one file named `.project.json` and exactly one file named `.meta.json`. A KerML project interchange file shall have the file extension `.kpar` (KerML Project Archive).

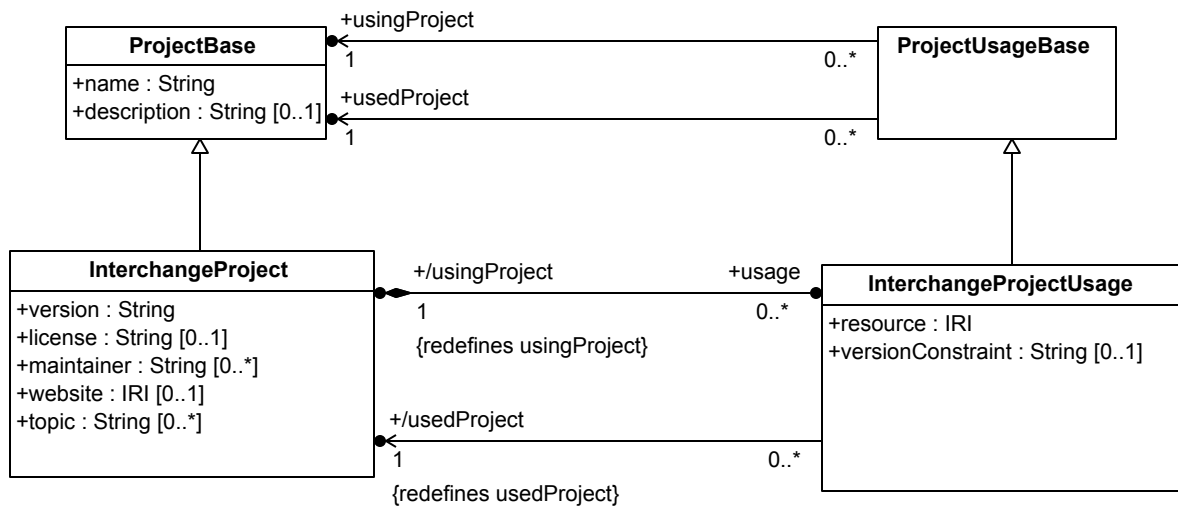
Other than the use of the file extensions given in 10.2, there are no requirements on the naming of the model interchange files. Nevertheless, they should be named in a way that is compatible across different file systems and that allows for easy reference using International Resource Identifiers (IRIs). The model interchange files may be organized into subdirectories, but this has no impact on the global scope for the project, which is always a flat namespace derived from the root namespaces of the project (see 8.2.3.5). However, each model interchange file shall be identifiable by a unique path in the archive directory structure.

The `.project.json` file shall contain the `InterchangeProject` information shown in Fig. 42, serialized as a single JSON object according to the `Project` schema definition in the `ModelInterchange.json` artifact provided with this specification. Table 12 gives all the properties of the `InterchangeProject` and `InterchangeProjectUsage` elements, consistent with the normative JSON schema. Every element referenced in a model interchange file in a project interchange file shall either also be contained in a model interchange file in that project interchange file, or in one of the projects referenced in the `usage` list for the project interchange file.

The usage information for each used project includes an optional `versionConstraint` property. If given, then only versions of the project identified by the `resource` property that meet this constraint may be used. For an interchanged project, the version is as given in its `version` property. It is recommended, but not required, that *semantic versioning* (see <https://semver.org/>) be used for the version numbering of interchange projects and *semantic versioning ranges* (see, e.g., <https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/v6/using-npm/semver#ranges>) be used for version constraints. Tools that support such version formatting should report any version constraint violations when importing an interchange project, for any used projects with dereferencable `resource` IRIs.

The `.meta.json` file shall contain further metadata on the project interchange file, serialized as a single JSON object according to the `Meta` schema definition in the `ModelInterchange.json` artifact provided with this specification. Table 13 describes all the fields specified in the normative JSON schema.

A project interchange file for a KerML-based language shall include model interchange files specific to that language (as described in 10.2). Such a project interchange file may use the generic `.kpar` extension, or it may define its own language-specific extension. If it uses the `.kpar` extension, then the metadata for the file shall identify the KerML-based language metamodel (see Table 13). Each project interchange file shall only contain models in a single language, but it shall be able to have used projects both in the same language and in KerML (such as from the Kernel Model Libraries). A KerML-based-language specification may also allow for project interchange files that use projects in other KerML-based languages.



**Figure 42. Interchange Projects**

**Table 12. Interchange Project Information**

Property	Type	Mandatory	Description
name	string	yes	The name of the project.
description	string	no	A description of the project.
version	string	yes	The version of the project being interchanged.
license	string	no	The license by which project content may be used.
maintainer	array (of strings)	no	A list of names of maintainers of the project.
website	IRI	no	An IRI for a Web site with further information on the project.
topic	array (of strings)	no	A list of topics relevant to the project.
usage	array (of objects)	no	A list of project usage entries, one for each project used by the project being interchanged, with properties as given below.
resource	IRI	yes (within a usage)	An IRI identifying the project being used. If the IRI is dereferenceable, it should resolve to a project interchange file for the used project.

Property	Type	Mandatory	Description
versionConstraint	string	no (within a usage)	A constraint on the allowable versions of a used project.

**Table 13. Interchange Project Metadata**

Name	Type	Mandatory	Description
index	object	yes	An index of the global scope of the project, specified as a JSON object with a key for each name, whose associated value is the path to the model interchange file containing the root namespace for the named element. (See Notes 1 and 2.)
created	string	yes	The date and time of the creation of the project interchange file, in ISO 8601 format [ISO8601].
metamodel	IRI	no	An IRI identifying the metamodel of the modeling language of the models being interchanged in this project interchange file. (See Note 3.)
includesDerived	Boolean	no	Whether derived property values are included in the model interchange files. (See Note 4.)
includesImplied	Boolean	no	Whether implied relationships are included in the model interchange files. (See Note 5.)
checksum	object	no	A dictionary mapping paths to some or all of the model interchange files to a list of one or more objects with the two properties given below. (See Note 2.)
value	string	yes (within a checksum)	The checksum computed according to the checksum algorithm.
algorithm	string	yes (within a checksum)	Identification of the algorithm used to computed the checksum value. (See Note 6.)

## Notes

1. The `index` cross-references all the non-null `shortNames` and `names` of all the top-level elements of the root namespaces of the project (see [7.2.5.3](#) and [8.2.3.5](#)) to the model interchange file of the root namespace that contains the element. Note that, while the names of all top-level elements in a root namespace must be unique, it is allowable (though not recommended) for top-level elements in different root namespaces of a project to have the same name.
2. File paths are always relative to the root of the project interchange file archive, with path segments separated by the forward slash symbol `/`, ending in a file name with extension (e.g., `structure/assembly/Body.json`).
3. For an OMG-standardized language, `metamodel` shall be the version-specific URI specified by OMG to identify the language. For KerML, this URI has the form `https://www.omg.org/spec/KerML/yyyymmxx`, with a version-specific date stamp "yyyymmxx". If `metamodel` is not given, the default is KerML (for a project interchange file with the `.kpar` extension).
4. If `includesDerived = true`, then the serializations in all XMI and JSON format model interchange files in the project interchange file shall include values for all derived properties. If `includesDerived = false`, then XMI and JSON formatted model interchanges files shall not include values for any derived properties. If `includesDerived` is not given, then whether derived property values are included may vary one model interchange file to another, and it is also allowable for some values to be included for some derived properties and not others.
5. If `includesImplied = true`, then the serializations in all XMI and JSON formatted model interchange files in the project interchange file shall include all implied relationships, and the `isImpliedIncluded` property shall have the value `true` for all elements (see [8.3.2.1](#) on `isImpliedIncluded`). If `includesImplied = false`, then XMI and JSON formatted model interchange files shall not include any implied relationships, and the `isImpliedIncluded` property shall have the value `false` for all elements. If `includesImplied` is not given, then whether implied relationships are included may vary from one model interchange file to another, and from element to element, as recorded by the value of the `includesImplied` property for each element.
6. Valid values for the checksum algorithm are
  - SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA-384, SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512 [SHS]
  - BLAKE2b-256, BLAKE2b-384, BLAKE2b-512, BLAKE3 [BLAKE]
  - MD2, MD4, MD5, MD6 [MD]
  - ADLER32 [ADLER]

## 10.4 JSON Serialization

### 10.4.1 Serialization Overview

The JSON serialization format can be used to interchange any model conformant with the KerML abstract syntax. Each root namespace shall correspond with a model interchange file with the file extension `.json` and contain serializations of all model elements in the ownership tree root in that namespace. The contents of this file shall be in the JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format [JSON] and, for KerML, conform to the JSON schema definitions in the `KerML.json` artifact provided with this specification. Other KerML-based languages may extend this schema or define their own schema, consistent with the serialization strategy defined here as applied to the abstract syntax of those languages.

The following subclauses describe the serialization strategy, as realized in the normative JSON schema for KerML.

### 10.4.2 Primitive Type Serialization

The UML primitive types used in the KerML abstract syntax map directly to core JSON Schema types, as shown in [Table 14](#).

**Table 14. UML Primitive Type Serialization**

UML Primitive Type	JSON Schema Type
Boolean	boolean
Integer	integer
Real	number
String	string

### 10.4.3 Enumeration Serialization

Enumeration values map to a JSON Schema `string` with a value that is the name of the enumeration literal, with the same capitalization as defined for the literal in the abstract syntax. For example, `VisibilityKind::public` maps to the string `"public"`.

### 10.4.4 Element Reference Serialization

Values of abstract syntax properties typed by a metaclass (that is, `Element` or one of its subclasses) map to a JSON Schema `object` with a single field `@id`. The value of `@id` is a JSON Schema `string` with a value equal to the value of the `elementId` of the `Element`. For example:

```
{
  "@id": "15fe7607-ceb8-38bb-bd04-dde8ca657cec"
}
```

### 10.4.5 Element Serialization

A model element maps to a JSON Schema `object` with fields `@id`, `@type`, and a set of its attributes. The field `@id` has a `string` value equal to the value of `Element::elementId`. The field `@type` has a `string` value equal to the name of the specific MOF type of the element, e.g. `"Structure"`.

The remaining JSON Schema fields are mapped from the set of MOF properties specified as attributes of the MOF type of the element. This shall include all owned and inherited properties. In addition, while redefined properties are *not* inherited under MOF/UML rules, they *shall* be included in the set of properties serialized for the element if they have a different name than the redefining property.

Each of these maps to a JSON Schema field, where the name of the field is equal to the name of the attribute and the value is equal to the serialization of the attribute value as described in the preceding subclauses. The value must adhere to the allowed multiplicity of the MOF attribute:

- A multiplicity of `[1..1]` requires a non-null value.
- A multiplicity of `[0..1]` allows a value or null
- A multiplicity with an upper bound greater than 1 maps to a JSON Schema `array` with values equal to the serialization of the attribute values described in the preceding subclauses.

### 10.4.6 Model Serialization

A root namespace maps to a JSON Schema `array` with values equal to the serialization, as described in the preceding subclauses, of all model elements in the ownership tree rooted in that namespace.



# A Annex: Model Execution

(Informative)

## A.1 Overview

The language semantics in this specification give conditions to check whether classifiers have been instantiated properly (see [7.3.2.1](#)). For structures this includes their parts and other required objects, as well as feature values and links between them. For behaviors, this includes their steps and other required performances, as well as timing links between them. These two kinds of classifiers are typically interrelated, structures can require behaviors for proper instantiation and vice-versa.

This annex outlines a procedure for incrementally instantiating (executing) classifiers to ensure the completed instances will pass the check above (satisfy classifier conditions). The order of instantiation obeys any timing specified by the classifier. For example, some structures might require others to exist first, such as parents before their children, or parts of a car before assembly, while behaviors typically require some steps to happen only after others finish, such as painting objects before drying them. It covers the basic patterns needed to aid development of a complete execution procedure.

## A.2 Modeling Instances and Feature Values

Instances in this annex are modeled in KerML, rather than as runtime data structures. Execution is taken to be creating these modeled instances in an order specified by their classifiers.

Instances are also modeled as classifiers (called *atoms* in this annex) that each correspond to their own single (runtime) instance. Atoms are all disjoint from each other, but not necessarily from other (non-atom) classifiers (such as the ones being instantiated). In the example below, MyBike and YourBike are atoms. They are both classified by Bicycle (and Vehicle by specialization).

```
classifier Vehicle;  
classifier Bicycle specializes Vehicle;  
classifier MyBike [1] specializes Bicycle;  
classifier YourBike [1] specializes Bicycle disjoint from MyBike;
```

Atoms in this annex are indicated by a user-defined keyword before classifier definitions, with multiplicity and disjointness implied by the keyword, as below.

```
classifier Atom;  
metaclass <atom> AtomMetadata specializes Metaobject {  
    baseType = Atom meta KerML::Classifier;  
}  
  
classifier Vehicle;  
classifier Bicycle specializes Vehicle;  
  
#atom  
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle;  
#atom  
classifier YourBike specializes Bicycle;
```

Atoms are assigned as feature values by typing a feature with them, or a union of atoms, and restricting the feature multiplicity as needed to match the number of atoms being assigned. The example below creates a classifier for the bicycle atoms above (OurBicycle), then redefines a feature (`stores`) to be typed by it. The multiplicity is restricted to the exact number of atoms creating during execution (2).

```

classifier Garage {
    feature stores : Bicycle [*];
}
classifier OurBicycle unions MyBike, YourBike;

#atom
classifier OurGarage specializes Garage {
    feature redefines stores : OurBicycle [2];
}

```

## A.3 Instantiation Procedure

### A.3.1 Overview

The instantiation procedure is described in cases of increasing capability. [A.3.2](#) through [A.3.4](#) cover features, including connectors, without any timing specified. These are applicable to structure and behavior, though the examples are structural. The rest of the procedure adds timing, first for structures, then behaviors.

### A.3.2 Without connectors

Take the example below to illustrate the procedure, a (non-association) classifier without connectors (features typed by associations).

```

classifier Bicycle {
    feature rollsOn : Wheel [2];
    feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [*];
}
classifier Wheel;
classifier BikeFork;

```

The instantiation procedure starts with

1. Create an atom of the classifier being instantiated (Bicycle).
2. Identify features of the instantiated classifier with lower multiplicity greater than zero that are not connectors or other features typed by associations (`rollsOn`).
3. Create atoms for the types of the above features (Wheel), at least up to the lower multiplicity of each feature (2), and assign them as values of the feature.

The model being executed in this example does not specify timing, though it is typically expected that

- classifiers are produced before their atoms.
- Atoms are produced before they are assigned as values or otherwise used by another atom.

The first instantiation step produces the first atom below

```

#atom
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle;

```

The third creates the rest and modifies the one above. Atoms appear each time they are modified (MyBike), to highlight execution order.

```

#atom
classifier MyWheel1 specializes Wheel;
#atom
classifier MyWheel2 specializes Wheel;

classifier MyWheel unions MyWheel1, MyWheel2;

#atom

```

```

classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines rollsOn : MyWheel;
}

```

### A.3.3 One-to-one connectors

#### KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

This covers connectors that

- have multiplicity 1 at both ends, but unrestricted (\*) overall.
- are not timing or binding connectors.

The first above requires the connected features to have the same number of values. When this is not possible, such as the multiplicities of the connected features being incompatible (do not overlap, as in 0..1 and 2..\*), the classifier is not instantiable (satisfiable).

The example below adds a connector to the example in *Without Connectors*, with end multiplicities requiring each wheel to be fixed to its own fork, and vice-versa.

```

classifier Bicycle {
  feature rollsOn : Wheel [2];
  feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [*];
  connector fixWheel : BikeWheelFixed from rollsOn [1] to holdsWheel [1];
}
assoc BikeWheelFixed {
  end feature wheel : Wheel;
  end feature fixedTo : BikeFork;
}

```

The instantiation procedure from *Without connectors* continues with

4. Identify connectors of the classifier being instantiated (*fixWheel*).
  5. For each connector above
    - a. Create association atoms for the types of the connectors identified in step 4 (*BikeWheelFixed*). See below for how many.
    - b. Assign the two participant (end) features (*wheel* and *fixed*) in each association atom, with values taken from the corresponding connected feature (*rollsOn* and *holdsWheel*). See below for which values are taken.
    - c. Assign the association atoms above as values of the corresponding connectors.
- For end multiplicity 1 on both ends
- Create the same number of association atoms as there are values of the connected features with the most values at the time the association atoms are created (2).
  - Assign each connected feature value as participant in exactly one association atom. If one connected feature has fewer values than the other, create atoms for the type of that feature (*holdsWheel*) up to the number in the other feature (*rollsOn*, 2), and assign them as values of the feature with fewer values.

The model being executed in this example does not specify timing, though it is typically expected that

- association atoms are created just after values are assigned to connected features, whereupon the instantiation steps above could be taken on each connector right after its connected features are assigned values during step 3, see [A.3.2](#).

After the instantiations in *Without connectors*, the steps above produce the following atoms. First, 5.a creates as many association atoms for the connector (*fixWheel*) as the connected feature with the most values (2 in *rollsOn*, assigned in *Without connectors*).

```

#atom
assoc MyBikeWheel1_Fork1_BWF_Link specializes BikeWheelFixed;
#atom
assoc MyBikeWheel2_Fork2_BWF_Link specializes BikeWheelFixed;

```

Before 5.b assigns participant features, the one-to-one connector end multiplicities require additional atoms for the connected feature with fewer values (`holdsWheel`), to match the number of the values of the other connected feature (`rollsOn`).

```

#atom
classifier MyBikeFork1 specializes BikeFork;
#atom
classifier MyBikeFork2 specializes BikeFork;

classifier MyBikeFork unions MyBikeFork1, MyBikeFork2;

#atom
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines rollsOn : MyWheel;
  feature redefines holdsWheel : MyBikeFork;
}

```

Then 5.b assigns participant feature values to the association atoms created in 5.a, choosing in this execution to fix the first and second wheels to the first and second forks, respectively,

```

#atom
assoc MyBikeWheel1_Fork1_BWF_Link specializes BikeWheelFixed {
  end feature redefines wheel : MyWheel1;
  end feature redefines fixedTo : MyBikeFork1;
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeWheel2_Fork2_BWF_Link specializes BikeWheelFixed {
  end feature redefines wheel : MyWheel2;
  end feature redefines fixedTo : MyBikeFork2;
}

```

Finally 5.c assigns the association atoms to the connector.

```

classifier MyBikeWheel_Fork_BWF_Link
  unions MyBikeWheel1_Fork1_BWF_Link, MyBikeWheel2_Fork2_BWF_Link;
#atom
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines rollsOn : MyWheel;
  feature redefines holdsWheel : MyBikeFork;
  connector redefines fixWheel : MyBikeWheel_Fork_BWF_Link [2]
    from rollsOn [1] to holdsWheel [1];
}

```

### A.3.4 One-to-unrestricted connectors

#### [KERML -18](#): Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness

This covers connectors that

- have multiplicity 1 at one end and unrestricted (\*) at the other, and unrestricted overall.
- are not timing or binding connectors.

The first above enables the feature connected at the unrestricted end to have any number of values in satisfiable models, but if it has any values, all those values must be linked to exactly one (not necessarily unique) value of the other connected feature (at the multiplicity 1 end) in the same instance of the classifier being instantiated. When this

is not possible, for example due to the connector's association multiplicities being too restrictive (such as not allowing for links to all the values of the connected features), the classifier is not instantiable (satisfiable).

The example below adds another feature and connector to the example in [A.3.3](#). Every basket is intended to be fixed to one of the forks, though more than one basket might be fixed to the same fork, or some forks might have no baskets, or there might be no baskets at all.

```

classifier Bicycle {
  feature carrier : BikeBasket [*];
  connector carrierFixed : BikeBasketFixed from carrier [*] to holdsWheel [1];
}
classifier BikeBasket;

assoc BikeBasketFixed {
  end feature basket : BikeBasket;
  end feature fixedTo : BikeFork;
}

```

Then the instantiation procedure from [A.3.3](#) is amended for one unrestricted end:

5. For each connector above
  - a. ..., b. ..., c. ..., ...
 For end multiplicity 1 on one end and unrestricted on the other
  - Create the same number of association atoms as there are values of the connected feature at the unrestricted end (*carrier*) at the time the association atoms are created.
  - Assign each connected feature value at the unrestricted end as participant in exactly one association atom.

Instantiation proceeds as in [A.3.3](#), modifying the classifier atom created there (*MyBike*), except the number of association atoms created is determined by the number of values of the connected feature at the unrestricted end (*carrier*), choosing in this execution to fix two baskets to the same fork.

```

#atom
classifier MyBikeBasket1 specializes BikeBasket;
#atom
classifier MyBikeBasket2 specializes BikeBasket;

classifier MyBikeBasket unions MyBikeBasket1, MyBikeBasket2;

#atom
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines carrier : MyBikeBasket [2];
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeBasket1_Fork1_BBF_Link specializes BikeBasketFixed {
  end feature redefines basket : MyBikeBasket1;
  end feature redefines fixedTo : MyBikeFork1;
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeBasket2_Fork1_BBF_Link specializes BikeBasketFixed {
  end feature redefines basket : MyBikeBasket2;
  end feature redefines fixedTo : MyBikeFork1;
}

classifier MyBikeBasket_Fork_BBF_Link
  unions MyBikeBasket1_Fork1_BBF_Link, MyBikeBasket2_Fork1_BBF_Link;

#atom
classifier MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines carrier : MyBikeBasket [2];
}

```

```

connector redefines carrierFixed : MyBikeBasket_Fork_BBF_Link [2]
  from carrier [*] to holdsWheel [1];
}

```

### A.3.5 Timing for structures

#### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

*Classes* are classifiers for things that exist in time (*occurrences*), as compared to numbers or other mathematical entities. It usually matters when these things come into and go out of existence, at least relative to each other. For example, in structures it is typically intended that parts exist for at least as long as the thing they are part of. In the bicycle example above, the wheel atoms should exist at least as long as the bicycle atom. A simple way to do this is for a structure and its parts to all exist at exactly the same time, as show below. Bicycle is class with its part features subset from *timeCoincidentOccurrences*, ensuring the values of *rollsOn* and *holdsWheel* happen (start and end) at exactly the same time as the bicycle occurrence they are part of, see [9.2.4.1](#).

```

class Bicycle specializes Occurrence {
  feature rollsOn : Wheel [2] subsets timeCoincidentOccurrences;
  feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [2] subsets timeCoincidentOccurrences;
}

```

The keyword **struct** implies specialization from *Occurrence* and highlights the structural application of classes. With it the example above becomes

```

struct Bicycle {
  feature rollsOn : Wheel [2] subsets timeCoincidentOccurrences;
  feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [2] subsets timeCoincidentOccurrences;
}

```

Some features always include the thing featuring them as a value (logically *reflexive*), such as *self* (see [9.2.2.1](#)), which subsets *timeCoincidentOccurrences*, because occurrences always exist at the same time as themselves (see [7.3.4.4](#) about feature subsetting). The instantiation procedure in [A.3.2](#) is amended below assign values to reflexive features when it creates atoms for features with lower multiplicity greater than zero (3a), as well as assign values to features being subsetted (3b).

3. ...
  - a. For features that always have their featuring thing as a value (at least *self* and the features it subsets), assign that atom as a value.
  - b. If a feature subsets others (*rollsOn* and *holdsWheel* subset *timeCoincidentOccurrences*, which subsets *self*), assign values to the others also.

The additional instantiation steps produce the atom below by

- Assigning MyBike with itself for *self*.
- Introducing a class for all part atoms of MyBike, as well as the assembled MyBike, and assigning *timeCoincidentOccurrences* with it.

The model being executed requires all the occurrences to come into and go out of existence at the same time, but since this is not possible when sequentially creating atoms, the ones below appear before they are assigned as values or otherwise used by another atom.

```

struct MyBikeTimeCoincident unions MyWheel, MyBikeFork, MyBike;

#atom
struct MyBike specializes Bicycle {
  feature redefines self : MyBike;
  feature redefines timeCoincidentOccurrences : MyBikeTimeCoincident [5];
  feature redefines rollsOn : MyWheel;
}

```

```

    feature redefines holdsWheel : MyBikeFork;
}

```

It is more realistic for parts to exist before the things they are a part of, such as the wheels and forks above existing before they are assembled into a bicycle. It also might be that the parts outlive the bicycle, if it's only disassembled rather than completely destroyed. A simple way to do this is for parts to exist longer than their assembly, as specified below by a *HappensDuring* connector (see [9.2.4.1](#)) linking the bicycle (*self*) to all its parts (*allParts*), specified as a union of the part features (equivalent to part features subsetting the union feature, but excluding values that are not in the part features). This ensures each bicycle exists during the time their parts do, but enables the parts to exist before assembly into a bicycle, and after disassembly, when the bicycle no longer exists. They still might all exist at the exactly the same time, as in the previous example, because things that exist at the same time all happen during each other.

```

struct Bicycle {
    feature rollsOn : Wheel [2];
    feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [2];
    feature allParts : Occurrence unions rollsOn, holdsWheel;
    connector b_during_ap : HappensDuring from [1] self to [*] allParts;
}

```

The instantiation procedure above is amended again to assign values to union features.

3. ...
  - a. ..., b ...
  - c. If a feature unions others (*allParts* unions *rollsOn* and *holdsWheel*), treat the others as subsetting the union feature, but only assigning values that are in the subsets.

The instantiation procedure in [A.3.4](#), with the amendments above to [A.3.2](#), produces the additional or modified atoms below.

```

#atom
assoc MyBike_During_Wheel1_Link specializes HappensDuring {
    end feature redefines shorterOccurrence : MyBike;
    end feature redefines longerOccurrence : MyWheel1;
}
#atom
assoc MyBike_During_Wheel2_Link specializes HappensDuring {
    end feature redefines shorterOccurrence : MyBike;
    end feature redefines longerOccurrence : MyWheel2;
}
#atom
assoc MyBike_During_Fork1_Link specializes HappensDuring {
    end feature redefines shorterOccurrence : MyBike;
    end feature redefines longerOccurrence : MyBikeFork1;
}
#atom
assoc MyBike_During_Fork2_Link specializes HappensDuring {
    end feature redefines shorterOccurrence : MyBike;
    end feature redefines longerOccurrence : MyBikeFork2;
}

assoc MyBike_During_Parts_Link specializes HappensDuring
    unions MyBike_During_Wheel1_Link, MyBike_During_Fork1_Link,
    MyBike_During_Wheel2_Link, MyBike_During_Fork2_Link;

struct MyBikeParts unions MyWheel, MyBikeFork;

#atom
struct MyBike specializes Bicycle {
    feature redefines rollsOn : MyWheel;

```

```

feature redefines holdsWheel : MyBikeFork;
feature redefines allParts : MyBikeParts [4];

feature redefines self : MyBike;
connector redefines b_during_ap : MyBike_During_Parts_Link [4]
    from [1] self to [*] allParts;
}

```

Parts are sometimes expected not to exist after their structures, such as when a bicycle is completely destroyed, rather than just disassembled. The wheels and forks above would not exist after the bicycle they are part of, even though they might have existed before it (was assembled). Since parts can be replaced over time, the only ones destroyed are those in the bicycle at the time it is destroyed (the parts replaced earlier are not affected because they are no longer in the bicycle). This is specified below by a *HappensWhile* connector, equivalent to a *HappenDuring* connector in both directions, ensuring the ends (*endShot*) of the parts (at the time the bicycle ends) happen at the same time as the bicycle (the connected feature values are *timeCoincidentOccurrences* of each other). End shots are instantaneous occurrences that happen at the end of another occurrence (*life*), but represent the same thing as that occurrence, see [9.2.4.1](#). The ends of the parts are identified by "navigating" (*chaining*) through a series of features, each providing a value on which to get the next value in the navigation, starting with the end of the bicycle, see [7.3.4.6](#).

```

struct Bicycle {
    ...
    feature redefines endShot : Bicycle;
    connector be_while_pe : HappensWhile
        from [1] endShot to [*] endShot.allParts.endShot;
}

```

The keyword **composite** implies the end timing above when used in defining *rollsOn* and *holdsWheel*, as below.

```

struct Bicycle {
    composite feature rollsOn : Wheel [2];
    composite feature holdsWheel : BikeFork [2];
    ...
}

```

The instantiation steps in [A.3.2](#) will assign a value to *endShot*, because it has multiplicity [1], but this is delayed until everything else required in the structure has occurred, due to mandatory *HappensBefore* connectors to *endShot*. With the amendments above, the steps in [A.3.4](#) produce the additional or modified atoms below.

```

/* End atoms */
#atom
struct MyWheel1End specializes Wheel;
#atom
struct MyWheel1 specializes Wheel {
    feature redefines endShot : MyWheel1End;
}
#atom
struct MyWheel2End specializes Wheel;
#atom
struct MyWheel2 specializes Wheel {
    feature redefines endShot : MyWheel2End;
}
struct MyBikeFork1End specializes BikeFork;
#atom
struct MyBikeFork1 specializes BikeFork {
    feature redefines endShot : MyBikeFork1End;
}
struct MyBikeFork2End specializes BikeFork;
#atom

```



```

struct MyBikeFork2 specializes BikeFork {
    feature redefines endShot : MyBikeFork2End;
}
#atom
struct MyBikeEnd specializes Bicycle;

/* HappensWhile atoms */
#atom
assoc MyBikeEnd_While_Wheel1End_Link specializes HappensWhile {
    end feature redefines thisOccurrence : MyBikeEnd;
    end feature redefines thatOccurrence : MyWheel1End;
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeEnd_While_Wheel2End_Link specializes HappensWhile {
    end feature redefines thisOccurrence : MyBikeEnd;
    end feature redefines thatOccurrence : MyWheel2End;
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeEnd_While_Fork1End_Link specializes HappensWhile {
    end feature redefines thisOccurrence : MyBikeEnd;
    end feature redefines thatOccurrence : MyBikeFork1End;
}
#atom
assoc MyBikeEnd_While_Fork2End_Link specializes HappensWhile {
    end feature redefines thisOccurrence : MyBikeEnd;
    end feature redefines thatOccurrence : MyBikeFork2End;
}

assoc MyBikeEnd_While_PartsEnd_Link specializes HappensWhile
    unions MyBikeEnd_While_Wheel1End_Link, MyBikeEnd_While_Fork1End_Link,
        MyBikeEnd_While_Wheel2End_Link, MyBikeEnd_While_Fork2End_Link;

#atom
struct MyBike specializes Bicycle {
    ...
    feature redefines endShot : MyBikeEnd;
    connector redefines be_while_pe : MyBikeEnd_While_PartsEnd_Link [4]
        from [1] endShot to [*] endShot.allParts.endShot;
}

```

### A.3.6 Timing for behaviors, Sequences

#### [KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness](#)

Behaviors also exist in time, but they come into and go out of existence differently than structures, relative to each other. For example, in behaviors it is typically intended that its steps happen

- during the behavior occurrence they are part of, but not last as long as it does.
- before or after other steps in the same behavior occurrence.

These can be modeled by

- subsetting step features (those typed by behaviors) from *timeEnclosedOccurrences*, ensuring they happen during the occurrence they are a step of, but are not required to happen the entire time, as with *timeCoincidentOccurrences*.
- linking steps by *HappensBefore* connectors to specify the order they should occur in.

The example below does this for a behavior with three steps. Only the first one (*paint*) is required (by its multiplicity), indicating the behavior starts there, while the rest (*dry* and *ship*) are unrestricted, to prevent the instantiation procedure from giving values to (performing) them too early. This is left to the end multiplicities of the

timing connectors (`p_before_d` and `d_before_s`), which require their later step to happen once each time the earlier step does, and vice-versa, see [A.3.3](#).

```
class Manufacture specializes Occurrence {
  feature paint : Paint [1] subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences;
  feature dry : Dry [*] subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences;
  connector p_before_d: HappensBefore from [1] paint to [1] dry;
  feature ship : Ship [*] subsets timeEnclosedOccurrences;
  connector d_before_s: HappensBefore from [1] dry to [1] ship;
}
behavior Paint;
behavior Dry;
behavior Ship;
```

The keyword

- **step** implies subsetting `timeEnclosedOccurrences`. These are features of behaviors typed by behaviors.
- **succession** implies typing connectors by *HappensBefore*, and indicates the ends with *first* and *then*, instead of *from* and *to*, respectively.

With these the example above becomes

```
behavior Manufacture {
  step paint : Paint [1];
  step dry : Dry [*];
  succession p_before_d first [1] paint then [1] dry;
  step ship : Ship [*];
  succession d_before_s first [1] dry then [1] ship;
}
```

The instantiation procedure in [A.3.3](#) produces the atoms below, including

- creating step atoms required by one-to-one connectors, and
- the typically expected order to create association atoms (association atoms are created and assigned just after values are assigned to connected features), taken as required for behavioral connectors.

In this example, it results in creating the atoms below ("taking" steps) in the order typically expected for behavioral execution, even though the procedure is the same as for structural execution. Atoms appear below each time they are modified (MyManufacture), to highlight this.

It starts by creating and assigning an atom for `paint`, to satisfy its multiplicity, see [A.3.2](#). The procedure ignores the others because their multiplicities do not require any values.

```
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture;
#atom
behavior MyPaint specializes Paint;
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
  feature redefines timeEnclosedOccurrences : MyPaint [1];
  step redefines paint : MyPaint;
}
```

Step 5 in [A.3.3](#) reacts to the new step atom above by looking for connectors from it with multiplicity [1] at the opposite end, finding `p_before_d`, then creating and assigning an atom for the step connected at that end (`dry`), to satisfy that end's multiplicity.

```

#atom
behavior MyDry specializes Dry;

#atom
assoc MyPaint_Before_Dry_Link specializes HappensBefore {
    end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyPaint;
    end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyDry;
}

behavior MyManufactureStepsPD unions MyPaint, MyDry;

#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
    feature redefines timeEnclosedOccurrences : MyManufactureStepsPD [2];
    step redefines paint : MyPaint;
    step redefines dry : MyDry [1];
    succession redefines p_before_d : MyPaint_Before_Dry_Link [1]
        first paint then dry;
}

```

Step 5 repeats for the remaining connector and step (d\_before\_s and ship).

```

#atom
behavior MyShip specializes Ship;

#atom
assoc MyDry_Before_Ship_Link specializes HappensBefore {
    end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyDry;
    end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyShip;
}

behavior MyManufactureStepsPDS unions MyManufactureStepsPD, MyShip;

#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
    feature redefines timeEnclosedOccurrences : MyManufactureStepsPDS [3];
    step redefines paint : MyPaint;
    step redefines dry : MyDry [1];
    succession redefines p_before_d : MyPaint_Before_Dry_Link [1] first paint then dry;
    step redefines ship : MyShip [1];
    succession redefines d_before_s : MyDry_Before_Ship_Link [1] first dry then ship;
}

```

### A.3.7 Timing for behaviors, Decisions and merges

#### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

Decisions and merges are steps that enable sequences to be selected during execution, rather than ahead of time in models, as in [A.3.6](#):

- Decisions are steps with multiple outgoing successions, but only one is traversed during each execution of the decision.
- Merges are steps with multiple incoming successions, but only one is traversed during each execution of the merge.

These are modeled by

- Optional connector end multiplicities ([0..1]) on ends of the outgoing and incoming successions opposite decision and merge steps, respectively. This enables execution to determine which succession is traversed for each decision and merge.

- Decision and merges steps typed by *DecisionPerformance* and *MergePerformance* from the Kernel library, respectively. These enable additional timing constraints that require exactly one succession to be traversed for each decision and merge.

The example below includes a decision and merge, which appear in sequence like other steps, except with optional branching successions out and in, respectively. The timing constraints at the end ensure successions going out of the decision step and coming into the merge step have exactly one value (*HappensBefore* link) for each time those steps happen, identified by the library features *outgoingHBLink* and *incomingHBLink* of *DecisionPerformance* and *MergePerformance*, respectively, which are required to have exactly one value for each performance.

```

behavior Manufacture {
  /* Before decision. */
  step admit : Admit [1];
  succession a_before_i first [1] admit then [1] inspect;

  /* Decision. */
  step inspect : DecisionPerformance [*];

  /* Two decision branches. */
  succession i_before_f first [1] inspect then [0..1] finish;
  step finish : Touchup [*];
  succession i_before_r first [1] inspect then [0..1] recycle;
  step recycle : MarkForRecycling [*];

  /* Two merge branches. */
  succession f_before_ms first [0..1] finish then [1] mShip;
  succession r_before_ms first [0..1] recycle then [1] mShip;

  /* Merge */
  step mShip : MergePerformance [*];

  /* After merge */
  succession ms_before_s first [1] mShip then [1] ship;
  step ship : Ship [*];

  /* Decision and merge timing constraints. */
  feature inspectOutgoingHBLinks : HappensBefore [*] unions i_before_f, i_before_r;
  connector bindIOHBL : SelfLink
    from [1] inspectOutgoingHBLinks to [1] inspect.outgoingHBLink;
  feature mShipIncomingHBLinks : HappensBefore [*] unions f_before_ms, r_before_ms;
  connector bindmSIHBL : SelfLink
    from [1] mShipIncomingHBLinks to [1] mShip.incomingHBLink;
}
behavior Admit;
behavior Touchup;
behavior MarkForRecycling;
behavior Ship;

```

The instantiation procedure in [A.3.3](#) is amended for decisions and merges:

5. For each connector above

- ..., b. ..., c. ..., ...

For succession connectors with decision steps as their source or merge steps as their target

- Create the same number of association atoms as there are values of all the connected features opposite the decision or merge step (1 for each in this example).
- Assign each connected feature value as participant in exactly one association atom. If all the connected features together opposite the decision or merge step has more or fewer values than the decision or merge step, create atoms for the type of the feature with fewer values up to the number in the other feature, and assign them as values of the first feature.

The instantiation steps above produce the following atoms, choosing in this execution to touchup, rather than mark for recycling. Only the final result of execution is shown, at the end for brevity (MyManufacture), while the other atoms appear in the order created.

```

    /* Before decision. */
    #atom
    behavior MyAdmit specializes Admit;

    /* Decision. */
    #atom
    behavior MyInspect specializes DecisionPerformance;
    #atom
    assoc MyAdmit_Before_Inspect_Link specializes HappensBefore {
        end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyAdmit;
        end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyInspect;
    }
    /* One decision branch taken. */
    #atom
    behavior MyTouchup specializes Touchup;
    #atom
    assoc MyInspect_Before_Touchup_Link specializes HappensBefore {
        end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyInspect;
        end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyTouchup;
    }
    /* One merge branch taken. Merge. */
    #atom
    behavior MyMergeToShip specializes MergePerformance;
    #atom
    assoc MyTouchup_Before_Merge_Link specializes HappensBefore {
        end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyTouchup;
        end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyMergeToShip;
    }
    /* After merge. */
    #atom
    behavior MyShip specializes Ship;
    #atom
    assoc MyMerge_Before_Ship_Link specializes HappensBefore {
        end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyMergeToShip;
        end feature redefines laterOccurrence : Ship;
    }

    behavior MyManufactureSteps unions MyAdmit, MyInspect, MyTouchup, MyMergeToShip, MyShip;

    #atom
    behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
        feature redefines timeEnclosedOccurrences : MyManufactureSteps [5];

        /* Before decision. */
        step redefines admit : MyAdmit [1];

        /* Decision. */
        step redefines inspect : MyInspect [1];
        succession redefines a_before_i : MyAdmit_Before_Inspect_Link [1]
            first admit then inspect;

        /* One decision branch taken. */
        step redefines finish : MyTouchup [1];
        succession redefines i_before_f : MyInspect_Before_Touchup_Link [1]
            first inspect then finish;

        /* One merge branch taken. */
        succession redefines f_before_ms : MyTouchup_Before_Merge_Link [1]
            first finish then mShip;
    }

```

```

    /* Merge. */
    step redefines mShip: MyMergeToShip [1];

    /* After merge */
    step redefines ship : MyShip [1];
    succession redefines ms_before_s : MyMerge_Before_Ship_Link [1]
        first mShip then ship;

    /* Decision and merge timing constraints. */
    feature redefines inspectOutgoingHBLinks : MyInspect_Before_Touchup_Link;
    feature redefines mShipIncomingHBLinks : MyTouchup_Before_Merge_Link;
}

```

### A.3.8 Timing for behavior, Changing feature values

#### **KERML -18: Redundancy in association end multiplicities, ordering, and uniqueness**

This covers changes in feature values of occurrences. Change execution requires creating additional atoms for the periods (*time slices*) when feature values are unchanged for each occurrence (*life*), and ordering the slices in time as feature values change. Time slice atoms are also occurrences, but represent the same thing as their life occurrence, just for a potentially smaller period of time, see [9.2.4.1](#).

Changes to occurrence feature values is modeled using the library behavior *FeatureWritePerformance* as a step, specifying when the change is to happen, see [9.2.8.1](#). Time slices are created each time it is performed.

The example below adds to the example in [A.3.6](#).

- A class with changeable features (MyProduct with *isPainted*, *isDry*, *isShipped*).
- Features of behaviors to identify the above (*objectToFinish*).
- *FeatureWritePerformance* steps specifying when and how to change its feature values (in Paint, Dry, and Ship).

*FeatureWritePerformances* ensure when they finish that the occurrence has a time slice starting right then with the feature values specified, though the values might change immediately afterwards. Execution must define time slice atoms that prevent feature values from changing between *FeatureWritePerformances*, see below.

```

behavior Manufacture {
    feature objectToFinish : Product [1];
    step paint : Paint [1]{
        redefines objectToPaint = objectToFinish;
    }
    step dry : Dry [*] {
        redefines objectToDry = objectToFinish;
    }
    succession p_before_d first [1] paint then [1] dry;
    step ship : Ship [*] {
        redefines objectToShip = objectToFinish;
    }
    succession d_before_s first [1] dry then [1] ship;
}

struct Product {
    feature isPainted : Boolean [1] := false;
    feature isDry : Boolean [1] := true;
    feature isShipped : Boolean [1] := false;
}

behavior Paint {
    feature objectToPaint : Product [1];

```

```

    step painting : FeatureWritePerformance [1] {
      in redefines onOccurrence : Product = objectToPaint {
        redefines startingAt : Product {
          redefines accessedFeature : Boolean [1] subsets isDry; } }
      in redefines replacementValues = false;
    }

    succession p_before_p first [1] painting then [1] painted;
    step painted : FeatureWritePerformance [*] {
      in redefines onOccurrence : Product = objectToPaint {
        redefines startingAt : Product {
          redefines accessedFeature : Boolean [1] subsets isPainted; } }
      in redefines replacementValues = true;
    }
  }

  behavior Dry {
    feature objectToDry : Product [1];
    step dried : FeatureWritePerformance [1] {
      in redefines onOccurrence : Product = objectToDry {
        redefines startingAt : Product {
          redefines accessedFeature : Boolean [1] subsets isDry; } }
      in redefines replacementValues = true;
    }
  }

  behavior Ship {
    feature objectToShip : Product [1];
    step shipped : FeatureWritePerformance [1] {
      in redefines onOccurrence : Product = objectToShip {
        redefines startingAt : Product {
          redefines accessedFeature : Boolean [1] subsets isShipped; } }
      in redefines replacementValues = true;
    }
  }
}

```

The instantiation procedure is amended with

6. For behaviors with *FeatureWritePerformances*
  - a. Create classes for time slices (ProductTimeSlice) specializing the kinds of things they are slicing (Product), and redefining the features being modified as readonly (isPainted, isDry, isShipped).
  - b. Add time slice features to atoms of the kinds of things being modified (MyProduct):
    - i. Before the first *FeatureWritePerformance* (beforePaint),
    - ii. Between each successive *FeatureWritePerformance* (whilePainting, afterPaint, afterDry),
    - iii. After the last *FeatureWritePerformance* (afterShip)
  - c. In the behavior atom using *FeatureWritePerformance* (MyManufacture), create atoms for the above time slice features in order, assigning values to all the features, even if they were not modified, and specify that
    - i. The first time slice above (i)
      - Starts (*startShot*) at the same time (*timeCoincidentOccurrences*) as the behavior.
      - Ends just before (*immediateSuccessors*) the first *FeatureWritePerformance* does (paint.painting.endShot).
    - ii. The middle time slices (ii)
      - Start at the same time a *FeatureWritePerformance* ends.

- End just before the next one does.
- iii. The last time slice (iii)
  - Starts at the same time the last *FeatureWritePerformance* ends (*ship.shipped.endShot*).
  - Ends at the same times as the behavior.

The instantiation steps above produce the following atoms, adding to (or modifying) those created in [A.3.3](#). Step 6.a produces

```
#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product;
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture;

struct ProductTimeSlice specializes Product {
  readonly feature redefines isPainted;
  readonly feature redefines isDry;
  readonly feature redefines isShipped;
}
```

Instantiation step 6.b.i. the start of 6.c.i produces the first time slice (*beforePaint*) and starts it.

```
#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product {
  feature beforePaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
}
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
  feature redefines objectToFinish : MyProduct;
  feature redefines startShot
    subsets objectToFinish.beforePaint.startShot.timeCoincidentOccurrences;
  feature obPiP chains objectToFinish.beforePaint.isPainted = false;
  feature obPiD chains objectToFinish.beforePaint.isDry = true;
  feature obPiS chains objectToFinish.beforePaint.isShipped = false;
}
```

The first of instantiation step 6.b.ii and first start of 6.c.ii produces the second time slice (*whilePainting*), while the end of 6.c.i ends the first (*beforePaint*). The MyManufacture features above are omitted for brevity.

```
#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product {
  feature beforePaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
  feature whilePainting : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
}

behavior MyProductFeatureWrite specializes FeatureWritePerformance {
  in redefines onOccurrence : MyProduct;
}
#atom
behavior PaintingMyProductFeatureWrite specializes MyProductFeatureWrite;
#atom
behavior MyPaint specializes Paint {
  feature redefines objectToPaint : MyProduct;
  step redefines painting : PaintingMyProductFeatureWrite;
}
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
  ...
  step redefines paint : MyPaint;
  feature subsets objectToFinish.beforePaint.immediateSuccessors,
    objectToFinish.whilePainting.startShot.timeCoincidentOccurrences
```



```

        chains paint.painting.endShot;
feature owPiP chains objectToFinish.whilePainting.isPainted = false;
feature owPiD chains objectToFinish.whilePainting.isDry = false;
feature owPiS chains objectToFinish.whilePainting.isShipped = false;
}

```

The second of instantiation step 6.b.ii and second start of 6.c.ii produces the third time slice (afterPaint), while the end of the first 6.c.ii ends the second (whilePainting).

```

#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product {
    feature beforePaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature whilePainting : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterPaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
}
#atom
behavior PaintedMyProductFeatureWrite specializes MyProductFeatureWrite;
#atom
assoc MyPaintingFW_Before_PaintFW_Link specializes HappensBefore {
    end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : PaintingMyProductFeatureWrite;
    end feature redefines laterOccurrence : PaintedMyProductFeatureWrite;
}
#atom
behavior MyPaint specializes Paint {
    feature redefines objectToPaint : MyProduct;
    step redefines painting : PaintingMyProductFeatureWrite;
    step redefines painted : PaintedMyProductFeatureWrite;
    succession redefines p_before_p : MyPaintingFW_Before_PaintFW_Link
        first painting then painted;
}
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
    ...
    feature subsets objectToFinish.whilePainting.immediateSuccessors,
        objectToFinish.afterPaint.startShot.timeCoincidentOccurrences
        chains paint.painted.endShot;
    feature oaPiP chains objectToFinish.afterPaint.isPainted = true;
    feature oaPiD chains objectToFinish.afterPaint.isDry = false;
    feature oaPiS chains objectToFinish.afterPaint.isShipped = false;
}

```

The third of instantiation step 6.b.ii and third start of 6.c.ii produces the fourth time slice (afterDry), while the end of the second 6.c.ii ends the third (afterPaint).

```

#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product {
    feature beforePaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature whilePainting : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterPaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterDry : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
}
#atom
behavior MyDry specializes Dry {
    feature redefines objectToDry : MyProduct;
    step redefines dried : MyProductFeatureWrite;
}
#atom
assoc MyPaint_Before_Dry_Link specializes HappensBefore {
    end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyPaint;
    end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyDry;
}
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {

```

```

...
step redefines dry : MyDry;
succession redefines p_before_d : MyPaint_Before_Dry_Link [1] first paint then dry;
feature subsets objectToFinish.afterPaint.immediateSuccessors,
    objectToFinish.afterDry.startShot.timeCoincidentOccurrences
    chains dry.dried.endShot;
feature oaDiP chains objectToFinish.afterDry.isPainted = true;
feature oaDiD chains objectToFinish.afterDry.isDry = true;
feature oaDiS chains objectToFinish.afterDry.isShipped = false;
}

```

Instantiation step 6.b.iii and 6.c.iii produce the fifth time slice (afterShip), while the end of the third 6.c.ii ends the fourth (afterDry).

```

#atom
struct MyProduct specializes Product {
    feature beforePaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature whilePainting : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterPaint : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterDry : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
    feature afterShip : ProductTimeSlice [1] subsets timeSlices;
}
#atom
behavior MyShip specializes Ship {
    feature redefines objectToShip : MyProduct;
    step redefines shipped : MyProductFeatureWrite;
}
#atom
assoc MyDry_Before_Ship_Link specializes HappensBefore {
    end feature redefines earlierOccurrence : MyDry;
    end feature redefines laterOccurrence : MyShip;
}
#atom
behavior MyManufacture specializes Manufacture {
    ...
    step redefines ship : MyShip;
    succession redefines d_before_s : MyDry_Before_Ship_Link [1] first dry then ship;
    feature subsets objectToFinish.afterDry.immediateSuccessors,
        objectToFinish.afterShip.startShot.timeCoincidentOccurrences
        chains ship.shipped.endShot;
    feature redefines endShot subsets objectToFinish.afterShip.timeCoincidentOccurrences;
    feature oaSiP chains objectToFinish.afterShip.isPainted = true;
    feature oaSiD chains objectToFinish.afterShip.isDry = true;
    feature oaSiS chains objectToFinish.afterShip.isShipped = true;
}

```