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ENGR 387



# Agenda

- **PAR Diagrams**
- **Purpose of PAR Diagrams**
- **Diagram Layout**
- **BDD/IBD Refresher**
- **Binding Connectors**

# PAR Diagrams

- Display instances of types that exist in a particular configuration of the Block that you defined in a BDD.
- IBDs provide an internal view of a block's structure by displaying:
  - Elements of Usage owned by the block named in the header of the diagram
    - Mainly the Part Properties, Reference Properties, and sometimes Ports
  - How those elements of usage are connected to each other
    - Displayed by using Connectors
  - The services that are provided and required across the connections
    - Displayed by using Standard Ports
  - The types of matter, energy, or data that flow across those connections
    - Displayed by using Flow Ports and/or Item Flows
- NOTE:
  - IBDs CANNOT display elements of definition (blocks or other)

# PAR Diagrams 101

- Refresher of Constraint Blocks: “Special kind of block that encapsulates a constraint expression: the equation or inequality you need to model”
- PARs allow you to impose a fixed mathematical relationship on a block’s value properties
- Allows you to:
  - Specify assertions about valid system values within an operational system (and detect exceptional conditions)
  - Use the blocks in your system model to provide the inputs for (and capture the outputs of) engineering analyses and simulations

# Purpose of PAR Diagrams

- diagramKind = ibd
- modelElementType = block

diagramKind [modelElementType] modelElementName [diagramName]
ibd [block] modelElementName [diagramName]

# PAR Purpose

- Diagram Purposes:
  - Display the bindings between constraint parameters in different constraint expressions to create a composite system of equations (or inequalities)
  - Display the bindings between constraint parameters and value properties to apply a constraint expression to a block

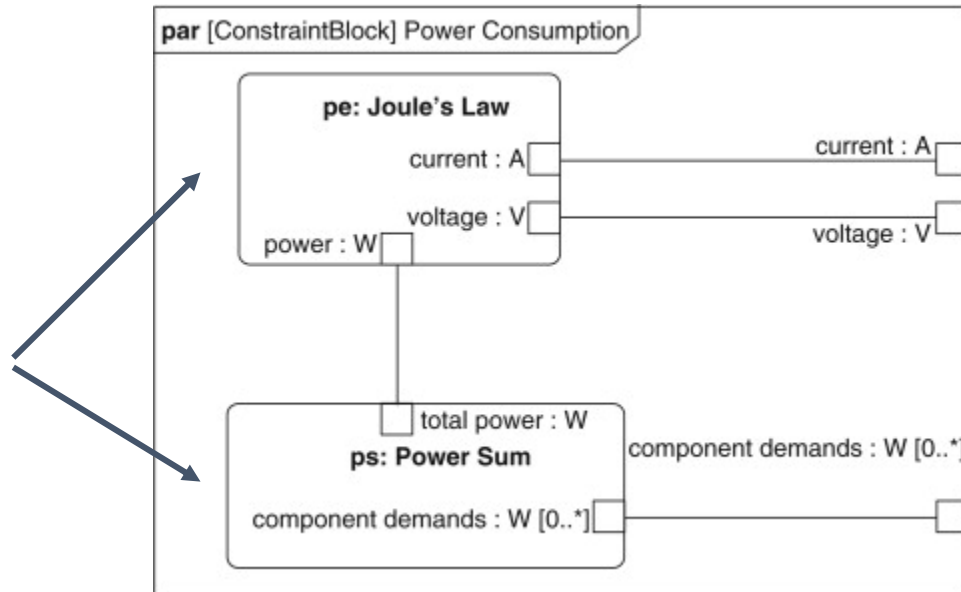
# PAR Diagram Layout

- Remember from BDDs that a Block can own 5 kinds of structural features:
  - Features come in two varieties **Structural** and **Behavioral**
  - 5 Kinds of structural features (aka **properties**)
    - Part properties
    - Reference properties
    - Value properties
    - Constraint properties
    - Ports
- IBDs generally show three of those 5 kinds of features:
  - Part Properties
  - Reference Properties
  - Ports
- Note: the other two kinds (Value and Constraint Properties) are shown on Parametric Diagrams!

# Key Takeaway #1: PAR Diagram Layout

- Diagram Kind: “par” is a Parametric Diagram
- Model Element Type: either [block] or [constraintBlock]

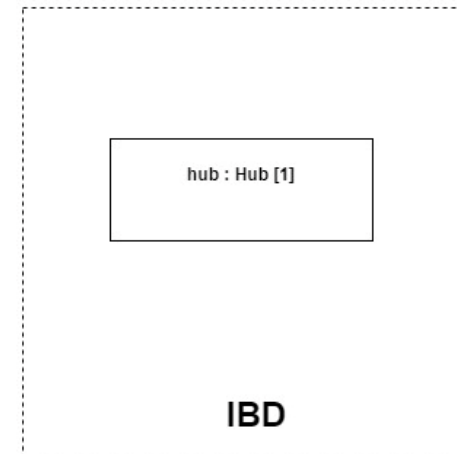
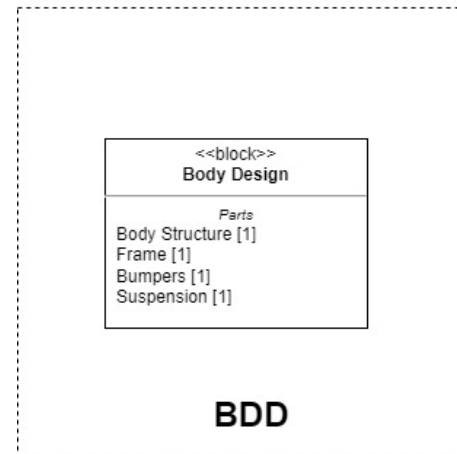
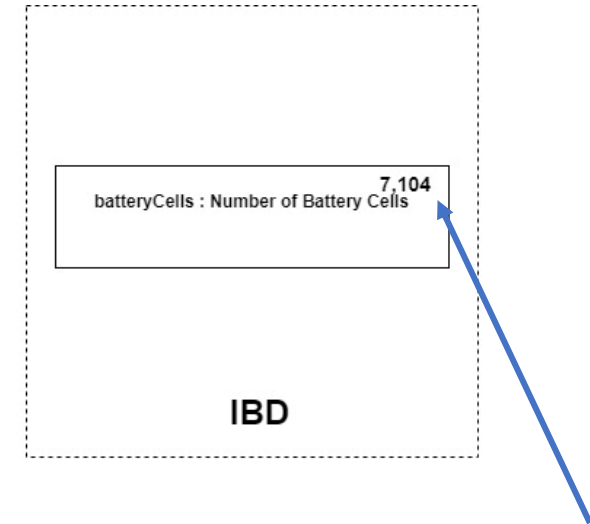
Constraint Properties  
Lenny - “round-angle”  
(rounded corner  
rectangle)





# BDD/IBD Refresher

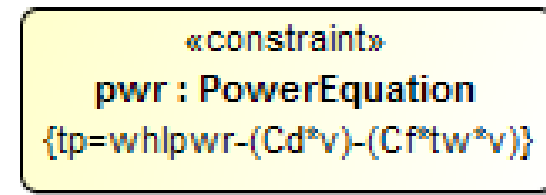
- Graphical Notation:
  - Rectangle with a solid line border
- Namestring:
  - `<part name> : <type> [<multiplicity>]`
  - Default multiplicity when not shown = 1
- Note: It is an option to display multiplicity either at the end of the namestring or in the upper right-hand corner of the rectangle
- Remember:
  - Part property means a thing (block) that is internal to the block that owns the part property



# Key Takeaway #2: BDD/IBD Refresher

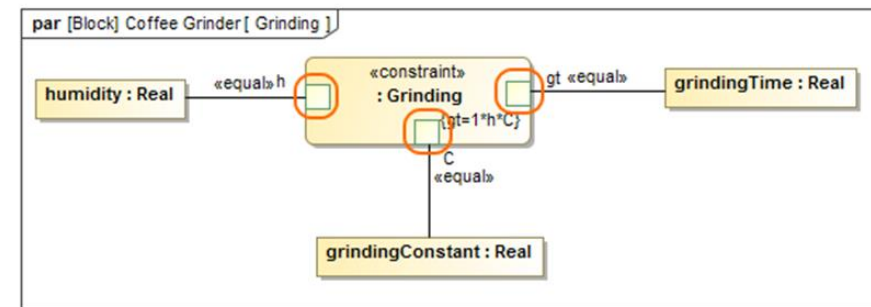
- **Constraint Property**

- Displayed as round-angle on PAR
- Type must be constraint block



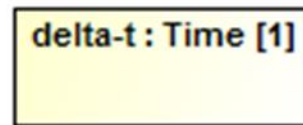
- ▼ **Constraint Parameter**

- Formal term for variable appearing in constraint expression
- Small square attached to the boundary on the inside of a constraint property
- Typed by Value Types



- ▼ **Value property**

- Usage of a value type in context of an owning block
- Supply values to constraint parameters



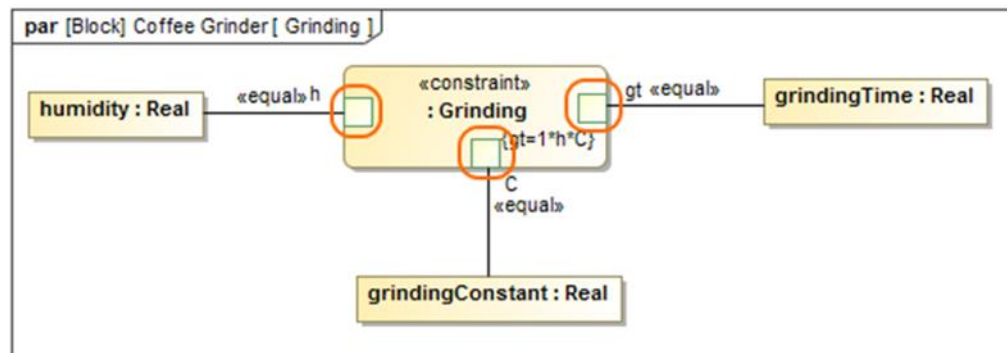
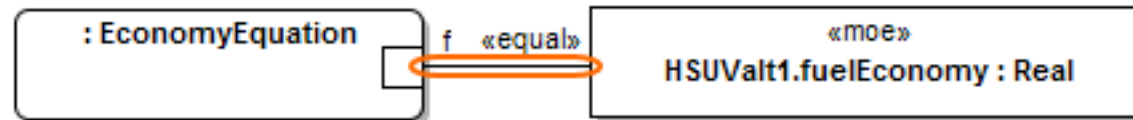
# Binding Connectors

- Connector IBDs
  - SysML defines default multiplicities of 1 on each end of a connector. These multiplicities may be assumed if not shown on a diagram. To avoid confusion, any multiplicity other than the default should always be shown on a diagram.

EXAMPLE

# Key Takeaway #3 : Binding Connectors

- Can appear ONLY on a PAR diagram
- Convey no notion of direction
- One of two bound elements must be constraint parameter
- Other element must be a value property or another constraint parameter



# Questions



# References

- Additional information can be obtained by reviewing:
  - SysML Distilled (Delligatti)
    - Chapter 4: Internal Block Diagrams
  - A Practical Guide to SysML (Friedenthal)
    - Chapter 7: Modeling Structure with Blocks
      - The Block section covers both BDDs and IBDs
  - OMG SysML Spec v1.2
    - Section 8: Blocks
      - The Block section covers both BDDs and IBDs
    - Section 9: Ports and Flows

# Summary

# Review Questions



# Question 1

- What model element can an IBD represent?
  - A. Reference Association
  - B. Part Property
  - C. Block
  - D. Value Type
  - E. Reference Property
  - F. Operation
  - G. Constraint Block
  - H. Connector
  - I. Value Property
  - J. Port

# Review Question N.PAR.1

- Which of the below items are possible model element types represented in a PAR diagram frame (choose all that apply):
  - A. package
  - B. stateMachine
  - C. block
  - D. interaction
  - E. constraintBlock
  - F. modelLibrary

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C. block

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See SysML Distillied Section 9.4

## Question 2







- On an IBD, \_\_\_\_ appear as solid boundary rectangles and \_\_\_\_ appear as dashed boundary rectangles.
  - A. Reference Properties, Reference Associations
  - B. Part Properties, Reference Properties
  - C. Part Properties, Value Types
  - D. Reference Properties, Constraint Blocks

# Review Question N.PAR.2

- Which types of SysML diagrams will never contain binding connectors (choose all that apply):
  - A. ibd
  - B. bdd
  - C. par
  - D. uc
  - E. act
  - F. pkg

# Review Question N.PAR.2 (ANSWER in Green)

- Which types of SysML diagrams cannot contain binding connectors (choose all that apply):

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-  B. bdd
-  C. par
-  D. uc
-  E. act
-  F. pkg

See SysML Distillied Section 9.8

# Question 3

- All solid lines on an IBD are:
  - A. Associations
  - B. Constraints
  - C. Connectors
  - D. Reference Associations
  - E. Sometimes they are Connectors (when they are not typed) and sometimes they are associations (when they are typed)

# Review Question N.PAR.3

- What two elements are binded together in a parametric diagram:
  - A. Constraint Parameters & Constraint Blocks
  - B. Constraint Parameters & Value Types
  - C. Constraint Parameters & Value Properties
  - D. Constraint Properties & Value Types
  - E. Constraint Properties & Value Properties



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See SysML Distilled Section 9.3