

The IDP system reference manual

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1 Installation

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2 Comments

Everything between `/*` and `*/` is a comment, as well as everything between `//` and the end of the line. If a comment block starts with `/**`, but not with `/***`, then the comment is added as a description to the first thing after that comment block that can have a description. Currently, only procedures can have a description.

3 Include statements

Everywhere in an IDP file, a statement

```
#include "path/to/file"
```

is replaced by the contents of the file `path/to/file`. A statement

```
#include <filename>
```

is replaced by the contents of the standard library file `filename`. Currently the following standard library files are available:

mx Contains some useful model expansion procedures

theory Contains procedures to transform theories

domain Contains procedures to create ranges

4 Namespaces

A namespace with name `MySpace` is declared by

```
namespace MySpace \{  
    // content of the namespace  
\}
```

An object with name `MyName` declared in namespace `MySpace` can be referred to `MySpace::MyName`. Inside `MySpace`, `MyName` can simply be referred to by `MyName`.

A Namespace can contain namespaces, vocabularies, theories, structures, procedures, options and using statements. A using statement is of one of the following forms

```
using namespace MySpace
using vocabulary MyVoc
```

where `MySpace` is the name of a namespace, and `MyVoc` the name of a vocabulary. Below such a using statement, objects `MyObj` declared in `MySpace`, respectively `MyVoc`, can be referred to by `MyObj`, instead of `MySpace::MyObj`, respectively `MyVoc::MyObj`.

Every object that is declared outside a namespace, is considered to be part of the global namespace. The name of the global namespace is `global_namespace`. In other words, every IDP file implicitly starts with `namespace global_namespace {` and ends with `}.`

5 Vocabularies

A vocabulary with name `MyVoc` is declared by

```
vocabulary MyVoc {
    // contents of the vocabulary
}
```

A vocabulary can contain symbol declarations, symbol pointers, and other vocabularies. Symbols are types (sorts), predicate and functions symbols.

5.1 Symbol declarations

A type with name `MyType` is declared by

```
type MyType
```

When declaring a type, it can be stated that this type is a subtype or supertype of a set of other types. The following declares `MyType` to be a subtype of the previously declared types `A1` and `A2`, and a supertype of the previously declared types `B1` and `B2`:

```
type MyType isa A1, A2 contains B1, B2
```

A predicate with name `MyPred` and types `T1,T2,T3` is declared by

```
MyPred(T1, T2, T3)
```

A predicate with arity zero can be declared by `MyPred()` or `MyPred`.

A function with name `MyFunc`, input types `T1,T2,T3` and output type `T` is declared by

```
MyFunc(T1, T2, T3) : T
```

A partial function is declared by

```
partial MyFunc(T1, T2, T3) : T
```

Constants of type `T` can be declared by `MyConst:T` or `MyConst():T`. Besides functions with an identifier as name, functions of arity two with names `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%` and `^` can be declared, as well as unary functions with names `-` and `abs`.

5.2 Symbol pointers

To include a type, predicate, or function from a previously declared vocabulary V in another vocabulary W , write

```
/* Declaration of vocabulary V*/
vocabulary V{
  //...
  type A
  P(A)
  F(A,A):A
  //...
}

vocabulary W{
  extern type V::A
  extern V::P[A] //also possible: extern V::P/1
  extern V::F[A,A:A]    also possible: extern V::F/2:1
}
```

In the example, explicitly including type A of vocabulary V in W is not needed, since types of included predicates or functions are automatically included themselves. To include the whole vocabulary V in W at once, used

```
vocabulary W{
  extern vocabulary V
}
```

5.3 The standard vocabulary

The global namespace contains a fixed vocabulary `std`, withc is defined as follows:

```
vocabulary std{
  type nat
  type int contains nat
  type float contains int
  type char
  type string contains char

  +(int,int) : int
  -(int,int) : int
  *(int,int) : int
  /(int,int) : int
  %(int,int) : int
  abs(int) : int
  -(int) : int

  +(float,float) : float
}
```

```

    -(float,float) : float
    *(float,float) : float
    /(float,float) : float
    ^(float,float) : float
    abs(float) : float
    -(float) : float
}

```

Every vocabulary implicitly contains all symbols of **std**. Also, every vocabulary contains for each of its types **A** the predicates $=(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A})$, $<(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A})$, and $>(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A})$ and the functions $\text{MIN}:\mathbf{A}$, $\text{MAX}:\mathbf{A}$, $\text{SUCC}(\mathbf{A}):\mathbf{A}$ and $\text{PRED}(\mathbf{A}):\mathbf{A}$. In every structure, the symbols of **std** have the following interpretation:

nat	all natural numbers
int	all integer numbers
float	all floating point numbers
char	all characters
string	all strings
$+(\text{int},\text{int}) : \text{int}$	integer addition
$-(\text{int},\text{int}) : \text{int}$	integer subtraction
$*(\text{int},\text{int}) : \text{int}$	integer multiplication
$/(\text{int},\text{int}) : \text{int}$	integer division
$\%(\text{int},\text{int}) : \text{int}$	remainder
$\text{abs}(\text{int}) : \text{int}$	absolute value
$-(\text{int}) : \text{int}$	unary minus
$+(\text{float},\text{float}) : \text{float}$	floating point addition
$-(\text{float},\text{float}) : \text{float}$	floating point subtraction
$*(\text{float},\text{float}) : \text{float}$	floating point multiplication
$/(\text{float},\text{float}) : \text{float}$	floating point division
$^(\text{float},\text{float}) : \text{float}$	floating point exponentiation
$\text{abs}(\text{float}) : \text{float}$	absolute value
$-(\text{float}) : \text{float}$	unary minus

The predicate $=/2$ is always interpreted by equality. The order $<_{dom}$ on domain elements is defined by

- numers are smaller than non-numers;
- strings are smaller than compound domain elements (see below for a definitions of a compound domain element);
- $d_1 <_{dom} d_2$ if d_1 and d_2 are numbers and $d_1 < d_2$;
- $d_1 <_{dom} d_2$ if d_1 and d_2 are strings that are not numbers and d_1 is before d_2 in the lexicographic ordering;
- $d_1 <_{dom} d_2$ is some total order on compound domain elements (which we do not specify).

Every structure contains the following fixed interpretations:

$<(A, A)$	the projection of $<_{dom}$ to the domain of A
$>(A, A)$	the projection of $>_{dom}$ to the domain of A
$MIN:A]$	the $<_{dom}$ -least element in the domain of A
$MAX:A$	the $<_{dom}$ -greatest element in the domain of A
$SUCC(A):A$	the partial function that maps an element a of the domain of A to the $<_{dom}$ -least element of the domain of A that is strictly larger than a
$PRED(A):A$	the partial function that maps an element a of the domain of A to the $<_{dom}$ -greatest element of the domain of A that is strictly smaller than a

6 Theories

A theory with name `MyTheory` over a vocabulary `MyVoc` is declared by

```
theory MyTheory : MyVoc{
    // contents of the theory
}
```

A theory contains sentences, inductive definitions, and fixpoint definitions.

6.1 Sentences

6.1.1 Terms

Before explaining the syntax for sentences, we need to introduce the concept of a term and a formula. We also give the syntax for terms and formulas in IDP.

A *term* is inductively defined as follows:

- a variable is a term;
- a constant is a term;
- if F is a function symbol with n input arguments and t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term.

In IDP, variables start with a letter and may contain letters, digits and underscores. When writing a term in IDP, the constant and function symbols occurring in that term should be declared before. The *type of a term* is defined as its return type (see section 5.1) in the case of constants and functions. The type of a variable is derived from its occurrences in formulas (see section 6.2). If a term occurs in an input position of a function, then the type of the term and the type of the input position must have a common ancestor type.

6.1.2 Formulas and Sentences

A *formula* is inductively defined by:

- **true** and **false** are formulas;
- if P is a predicate symbol with arity n and t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a formula;
- if t_1 and t_2 are terms, then $t_1 = t_2$ is a formula;

- if φ and ψ are formulas and x is a variable, then the following are formulas: $\neg\varphi$, $\varphi \wedge \psi$, $\varphi \vee \psi$, $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$, $\varphi \Leftarrow \psi$, $\varphi \equiv \psi$, $\forall x \varphi$, and $\exists x \varphi$.

The following order of binding is used: \neg binds tightest, next \wedge and \vee , then \Rightarrow and \equiv , and finally \forall and \exists . Desambiguation can be done using brackets ‘(’ and ‘)’. E.g. the formula $\forall x P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x) \Rightarrow R(x)$ is equivalent to the formula $\forall x ((P(x) \wedge (\neg Q(x))) \Rightarrow R(x))$.

As for terms, if term t occurs in predicate P , then the type of t and the type of the input position of P where it occurs must have a common ancestor type. For formulas of the form $t_1 = t_2$, t_1 and t_2 must have a common ancestor type.

The *scope* of a quantification $\forall x$ or $\exists x$, is the quantified formula. E.g., in $\forall x \psi$, the scope of $\forall x$ is the formula ψ . An occurrence of a variable x that is not inside the scope of a quantification $\forall x$ or $\exists x$ is called *free*. A *sentence* is a formula containing no free occurrences of variables. If an IDP problem specification contains formulas that are not sentences, the system will implicitly quantify this variable universally and return a warning message, specifying which variables occur free. Each sentence in IDP should end with a dot ‘.’.

The IDP syntax of the different symbols in formulas are given in the table below. Also the informal meaning of the symbols is given.

Logic	IDP	Declarative reading
\wedge	$\&$	and
\vee	$ $	or
\neg	\sim	not
\Rightarrow	\Rightarrow	implies
\Leftarrow	\Leftarrow	is implied by
\equiv	$\Leftarrow \Rightarrow$	is equivalent to
\forall	$!$	for each
\exists	$?$	there exists
$=$	$=$	equals
\neq	$\sim =$	does not equal

Besides this, for every natural number n , IDP also supports the following quantifiers (with their respective meanings):

IDP	Declarative reading
$?n$	there exist n different elements such that
$?<n$	there exist less than n
$?=n$	there exist at most n
$?=n$	there exist exactly n
$?>n$	there exist more than n

A universally quantified formula $\forall x P(x)$ becomes ‘ $! x : P(x)$ ’ in IDP syntax, and similarly for existentially quantified formulas. As a shorthand for the formula ‘ $! x : ! y : ! z : Q(x, y, z)$ ’, one can write ‘ $! x y z : Q(x, y, z)$ ’.

In IDP, every variable has a type. The informal meaning of a sentence of the form $\forall x \psi$, respectively $\exists x \psi$, where x has type T is then ‘for each object x of type T , ψ must be true’, respectively ‘there exists at least one object x of type T such that ψ is true’. The type of a variable can be declared by the user, or derived by IDP (see section 6.2).

6.1.3 Definitions

A definition defines a concept, i.e. a predicate, in terms of other predicates. Formally, a definition is a set of rules of the form

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \ P(t_1, \dots, t_m) \leftarrow \varphi$$

where P is a predicate symbol, t_1, \dots, t_m are terms that may contain the variables x_1, \dots, x_n and φ a formula that may contain these variables. $P(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ is called the *head* of the rule and ψ the *body*.

A definition in IDP syntax consists of a set of rules, enclosed by ‘{’ and ‘}’. Each rule ends with a ‘.’. The definitional implication \leftarrow is written ‘<-’. The quantifications before the head may be omitted in IDP, i.e., all free variables of a rule are implicitly universally quantified. If the body of a rule is empty, the rule symbol ‘<-’ can be omitted. Recursive definitions are allowed in IDP. [something about semantics?](#)

6.2 The Type of a Variable

There are two ways to assign a type t to a variable v :

- Explicitly mention the type of v between ‘[’ and ‘]’ when v is quantified. Then v gets type t in the scope of the quantifier. E.g.,

```
theory T:V{
    ! MyVar [MyType] : ? MyVar2 [MyType2] MyVar3 [MyType3] : MyPred(MyVar1,My
}
```

To specify that a variable should range over all integers, one can write ‘[int]’.

- Do not mention the type of v but let the system automatically derive it. The rest of this section explains how this is done.

6.2.1 Automatic derivation of types for variables

IMPORTANT: [this section should be rewritten to the new type derivation system!!!](#) Moet alleszins bevatten: A predicate or function symbol can be disambiguated by specifying its vocabulary and / or types. E.g.,

```
! x: MyVoc::P[A,A](x,x).
! y: ?1 x : F[A:A](x) = y.
MyVoc::C[:A] > 2.
```

We distinguish between *typed* and *untyped* occurrences. The following are typed occurrences of a variable x :

- an occurrence as argument of a predicate: $P(\dots, x, \dots)$;
- an occurrence as argument of a function: $F(\dots, x, \dots) = \dots$;
- an occurrence as return value of a function: $F(\dots) = x$ or $F(\dots) \neq x$.
- an occurrence as argument or return value of an arithmetic function.

All others positions are untyped.

Basically, if a variable occurs in a typed position, it gets the type of that position. If the predicate or function symbol is overloaded, not type derivation is done. If a declared variable with type T_1 occurs in a typed position of type T_2 , then T_1 and T_2 should have a common ancestor type.

The more complicated cases arise when a variable does not occur in any typed position, or it occurs in two typed positions with a different type. The system is designed to give a reasonable type to such variables. However, the choices made by the system are ad hoc and are probably not the ones the user intended.

First consider the case where a variable occurs in typed positions with different types. The IDP system will then give a warning. If all the typed positions where the variable occurs have a common ancestor type T , then the variable is assigned this type T . If they do not have a common ancestor, but are all of an integer type, then the variable is assumed to range over all integers.

Now consider the case where a variable does not occur in a typed position. If it occurs in a position where it is forced to be of an integer type, then it ranges over all integers. Else, the IDP system reports an error.

```
! x : ? y : x = y. // error: cannot derive
// the types of variables x and y

! x : 1 < x & x < 5 => x ~= 10 // Ok. Since x
// is compared to integers, it must have an
// integer type. Hence, x is assumed to range
// over all integers.
```

Because of the architecture of the system, problems can only be solved if all variables with an integer type range over a finite number of integers. Sometimes, however, if a variable ranges over all integers, only a finite interval of them is relevant. E.g., the constraint ‘ $! x : 1 < x \& x < 5 \Rightarrow x = 10$ ’ is certainly satisfied for all x ’s outside the interval $[2..4]$, so only this interval is relevant to look at. Therefore, this constraint does not yield an error message. It is beyond the scope of this manual to describe when the system can find a finite relevant interval and when it cannot. When it cannot, one of the following error messages is returned:

```
ERROR: Could not derive an upper bound for integer
variable 'x'.
ERROR: Could not derive a lower bound for integer
variable 'x'.
ERROR: Could not derive bounds for integer
variable 'x'.
```

To avoid these errors, one can add bounds:

- If x is universally quantified, i.e., it occurs as ‘ $! x : \dots$ ’, then write ‘ $! x : \text{phi}(x) \Rightarrow \dots$ ’ instead, where phi is a formula that can obviously only be true for a finite interval of x ’s. E.g., phi is the formula ‘ $1 < x \& x < 5$ ’.
- If x is existentially quantified, then write ‘ $? x : \text{phi}(x) \& \dots$ ’ instead of ‘ $? x : \dots$ ’, where phi is as above.

6.2.2 Chains of (in)equalities

As in mathematics, one can write chains of (in)equalities in IDP. They can be used as shorthands for conjunctions of (in)equalities. E.g.:

```
! x y : (1 =< x < y =< 5) => ...
// is a shorthand for
! x y : (1 =< x) & (x < y) & (y =< 5) => ...
```

6.3 Aggregates

Aggregates are functions that take a set as argument, instead of a simple variable. IDP supports some aggregates that map a set to an integer. As such, they can be seen as integer terms.

There are two kinds of sets in IDP.

- An expression of the form ‘[(phi_1,t_1) ; (phi_2,t_2) ; ... ; (phi_n,t_n)]’, where each phi_i is a formula and each t_i is a term.
- An expression of the form ‘{ x_1 x_2 ... x_n : phi:t }’, where the x_i are variables, phi is a formula and t is a term.

The current system has support for five aggregate functions:

Cardinality: The cardinality of a set is the number of elements in that set. The IDP syntax for the cardinality of a set S is ‘`card S`’ or ‘`# S`’. For the first kind of sets, this denotes the number of formulas phi_i that are true. For the second kind, this is interpreted as the number of tuples (a_1,a_2,..., a_n) such that phi is true.

Sum: Let S be a set of the second form, i.e., of the form ‘{ x_1 x_2 ... x_n : phi: t }’. Then the interpretation of ‘`sum S`’ denotes the number

$$\sum_{(a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n) \mid I \models \text{phi}} t,$$

i.e., it is the sum of all the terms for which there exist a_1,..., a_n that make the formula phi true. For sets of the first sort, this is interpreted as

$$\sum_{i \mid I \models \text{phi}_i} t_i.$$

Product: Products are defined similar to sum.

Maximum: One can write ‘`max S`’ to denote the maximum value of the term in S , i.e.,

$$\max(\{t \mid (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid I \models \text{phi} t, \})$$

for sets of the second sort. Sets of the first sort are handled analogously.

Minimum: To get the minimum value, write ‘`min S`’.

When using cardinality, the terms do not matter. You can choose to write 1 for every term, but are also allowed to leave out the terms.

6.4 Partial functions

A normal function is total: it assigns an output value to each of its input values. On the other hand, *partial* functions do not necessarily have this property. In IDP, partial function F can arise in different situations. Either F is explicitly declared as partial function, or it is declared total, but its input types or output type are subtypes or integer types.

The semantics of a partial function F is given by transforming constraints and rules where F occurs as follows:

- in a *positive* context, $P(\dots, F(x), \dots)$ is transformed to $\forall y (F(x) = y \Rightarrow P(\dots, y, \dots))$;
- in a *negative* context, $P(\dots, F(x), \dots)$ is transformed to $\exists y (F(y) = x \wedge P(\dots, y, \dots))$.

Here, $P(\dots, F(x), \dots)$ occurs in a positive context if it occurs in sentence and in the scope of an even number of negations, or it occurs in a body of a rule and in the scope of an odd number of negations. All other occurrences are in a negative context.

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If a function F is explicitly declared partial, one can specify a domain for which it is total in the form of a formula φ . Then, for all input arguments for which φ is true, and only for these, F has an output. To declare the domain of a partial function, the keyword ‘**domain**’ can be used, as is shown in the following example.

6.5 Fixpoint definitions

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7 Structures

8 Options

9 Procedures

10 Declaring a procedure

A procedure with name `MyProc` and arguments `A1`, `...`, `An` is declared by

```
procedure MyProc(A1, ..., An) {  
    // contents of the procedure  
}
```

Inside a procedure, any chunk of Lua code can be written. For Lua’s reference manual, see <http://www.lua.org/manual/5.1/>. In the following, we assume that the reader is familiar with the basic concepts of Lua.

11 IDP types

Besides the standard types of variables available in Lua, the following extra types are available in IDP procedures.

sort A set of sorts with the same name. Can be used as a single sort if the set is a singleton.

predicate_symbol A set of predicates with the same name, but possibly with different arities. Can be used as a single predicate if the set is a singleton. If P is a predicate_symbol and n an integer, then P/n returns a predicate_symbol containing all predicates in P with arity n . If s_1, \dots, s_n are sorts, then $P[s_1, \dots, s_n]$ returns a predicate_symbol containing all predicates Q/n in P , such that the i 'th sort of Q belongs to the set s_i , for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

function_symbol A set of first-order functions with the same name, but possibly with different arities. Can be used as a single first-order function if the set is a singleton. If F is a function_symbol and n an integer, then $F/n:1$ returns a function_symbol containing all function in F with arity n . If s_1, \dots, s_n, t are sorts, then $F[s_1, \dots, s_n:t]$ returns a function_symbol containing all functions G/n in F , such that the i 'th sort of F belongs to the set s_i , for $1 \leq i \leq n$, and the output sort of G belongs to t .

symbol A set of symbols of a vocabulary with the same name. Can be used as if it were a sort, predicate_symbol, or function_symbol.

vocabulary A vocabulary. If V is a vocabulary and s a string, $V[s]$ returns the symbols in V with name s .

compound A domainelement of the form $F(d_1, \dots, d_n)$, where F is a first-order function and d_1, \dots, d_n are domain elements.

tuple A tuple of domain elements. $T[n]$ returns the n 'th element in tuple T .

predicate_table A table of tuples of domain elements.

predicate_interpretation An interpretation for a predicate. If T is a predicate_interpretation, then $T.ct$, $T.pt$, $T.cf$, $T.pf$ return a predicate_table containing, respectively, the certainly true, possibly true, certainly false, and possibly false tuples in T .

function_interpretation An interpretation for a function. $F.graph$ returns the predicate_interpretation of the graph associated to the function_interpretation F .

structure A first-order structure. To obtain the interpretation of a sort, singleton predicate_symbol, or singleton function_symbol **symp** in structure S , write $S[symp]$.

theory A logic theory.

options A set of options.

namespace A namespace.

overloaded An overloaded object.