

# TRAINING B – Level 1

## Understand B

## CLEARSY



# overview

## *introduction to*

*B*

- a formal method...  
...with proofs
- the usage of B
- foundations
- benefits

## *concepts of B*

- B modules
- B components
  - abstract machines
  - refinements
  - implementations
- B projects

## *the B language*

- predicate logic
- set theory
- substitutions
- data typing
- form of components
- Modular decomposition

# introducing B

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- a formal method ...
  - specification method based on a mathematical formalism to build models
- ... with proofs
  - to prove that a model is consistent (in every possible case)
- used for:
  - systems specification
  - software development

# B and Atelier B: a formal method for

- B for Systems
  - Goal: help to understand, specify, design, verify a system development
    - not a method to create a system, but to check it
    - requires contacts with the system creators to deeply understand the system
  - a B-System model formalizes:
    - the system (hardware and software)
    - its environment (other systems, infrastructure, procedures handled by operators)
  - covers functional logical angle of the system, not digital calculus, not real-time requirements

# B and Atelier B: a formal method for

- B for developing (safety-critical) Software
  - Goal: to develop a code that complies with its specification and to be sure of it (to know exactly what is proved)
  - a B-Software model formalizes the software itself, through a modules break down
  - covers a subpart of the software with functional logical procedures, only for one task or thread, not low-level Operating System features  
no direct input/output

# B-Software: Industrial References

- **KVB: Alstom**  
Automatic Train Protection for the French railway company (SNCF), installed on 6,000 trains since 1993  
60,000 lines of B; 10,000 proofs; 22,000 lines of Ada
- **SAET METEOR: Siemens Transportation Systems**  
Automatic Train Control: new driverless metro line 14 in Paris (RATP), 1998. 3 safety-critical software parts: onboard, section, line  
107,000 lines of B; 29,000 proofs; 87,000 lines of Ada
- **Roissy VAL: ClearSy (for STS)**  
Section Automatic Pilot: light driverless shuttle for Paris-Roissy airport (ADP), 2006  
28,000+155,000 lines of B; 43,000 proofs; 158,000 lines of Ada

# B-System: Industrial References

- Peugeot Automobiles
  - Model of the functioning of subsystems (lightings, airbags, engine, ...) for Peugeot aftersales service
  - Goal: Understanding precisely the functioning of cars to build tools to diagnose breakdowns
- RATP (Paris Transportation)
  - Model of automatic platform doors to equip an existing metro line
  - Goal: Verifying consistency of System Specification

# B-System References

- **EADS**
  - **Model** of tasks scheduling of the software controlling stage separation of Ariane rocket
- **Study of a Communication Protocol**
  - Proof that the algorithm of a communication protocol complies with its requirements
- **INRS** (French Institute for Workers Safety)
  - **Model** of a mechanical press complying with safety requirements (protection of the hands of the press operator)
  - **Building the software specification of the press controller**



# basic concepts

- B is a method for specification (and possibly for programming)  
B formalized system properties, static description, dynamic description
- B is based on a mathematical language  
predicates, Booleans, sets, relations, functions
- B is structured  
the notion of module  
the notion of refinement
- B is a framework for development, validated by **proofs**  
proof validation: systematic debugging

# B structuring

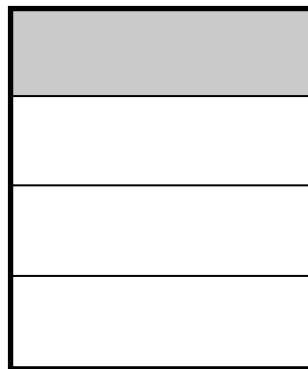
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- the notion of modules
  - to break down a large system or software into smaller parts
  - a module has a specification, where to formalize:
    - system properties
    - static description of requirements
    - dynamic description of requirements

# B structuring

- the notion of refinement
  - a module specification is refined: it is reexpressed with more information:
    - adding some requirements
    - refining abstract notions with more concrete notions (design choice)
    - for B-software, getting to implementable code level
  - a refinement must be consistent with its specification (this should be proved)
  - a refinement may also be refined (refinement column)
  - for B-software, the final refinement is called the implementation

# B structuring



**module specification**

**module 1<sup>st</sup> refinement**

**module 2<sup>nd</sup> refinement**

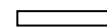
**module 3<sup>rd</sup> refinement**



**B module**

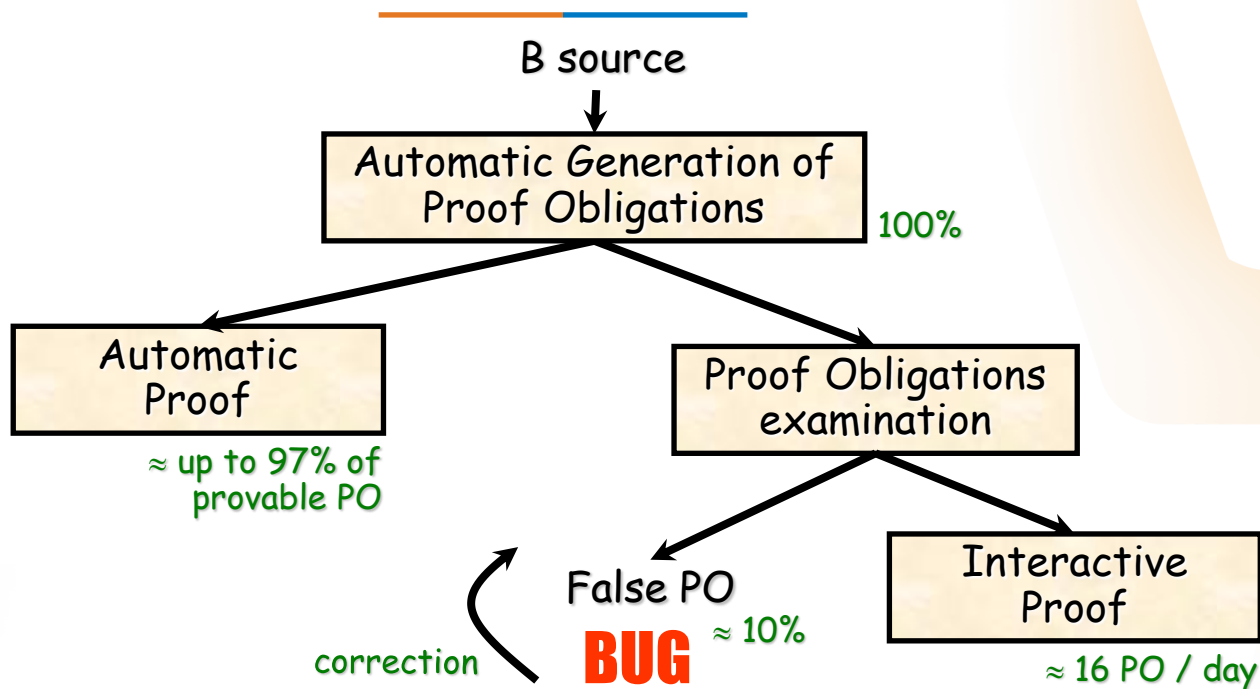


**B specification**

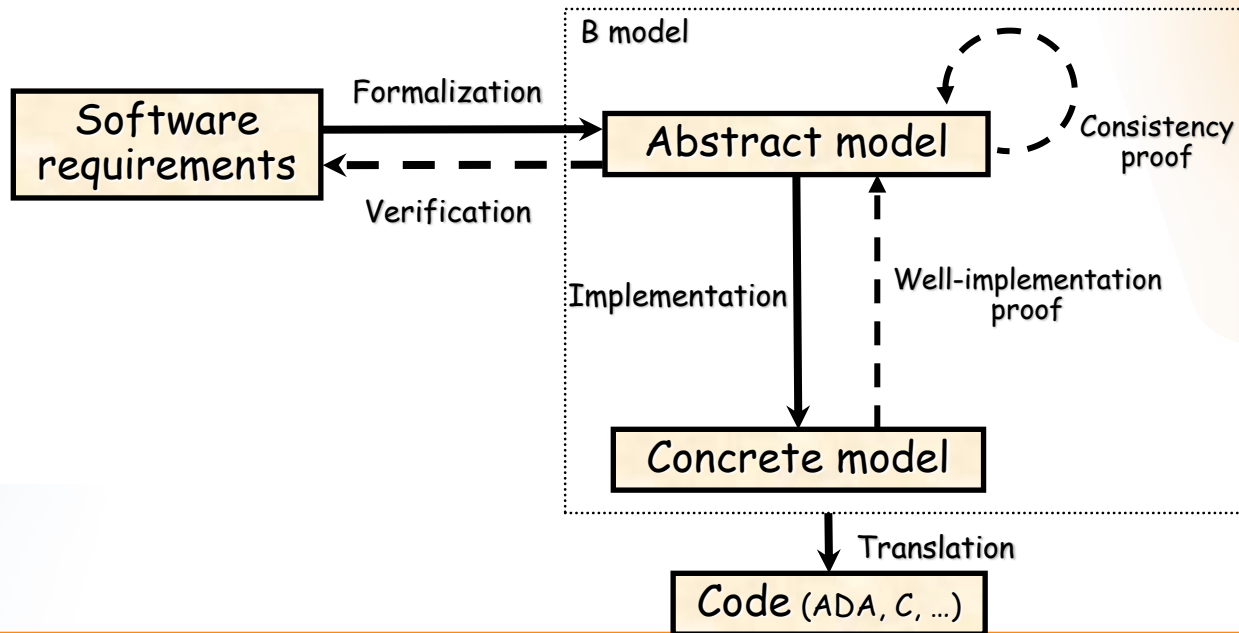


**Implementation or refinement**

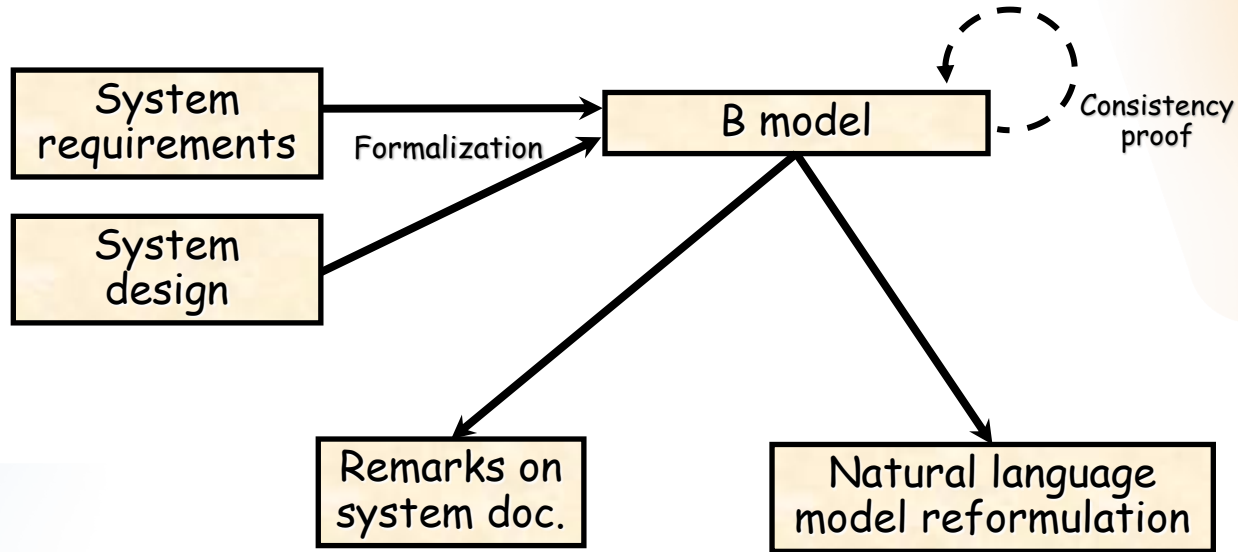
# validation by the proof



# B-Software



# B-System







# benefits of B-Software

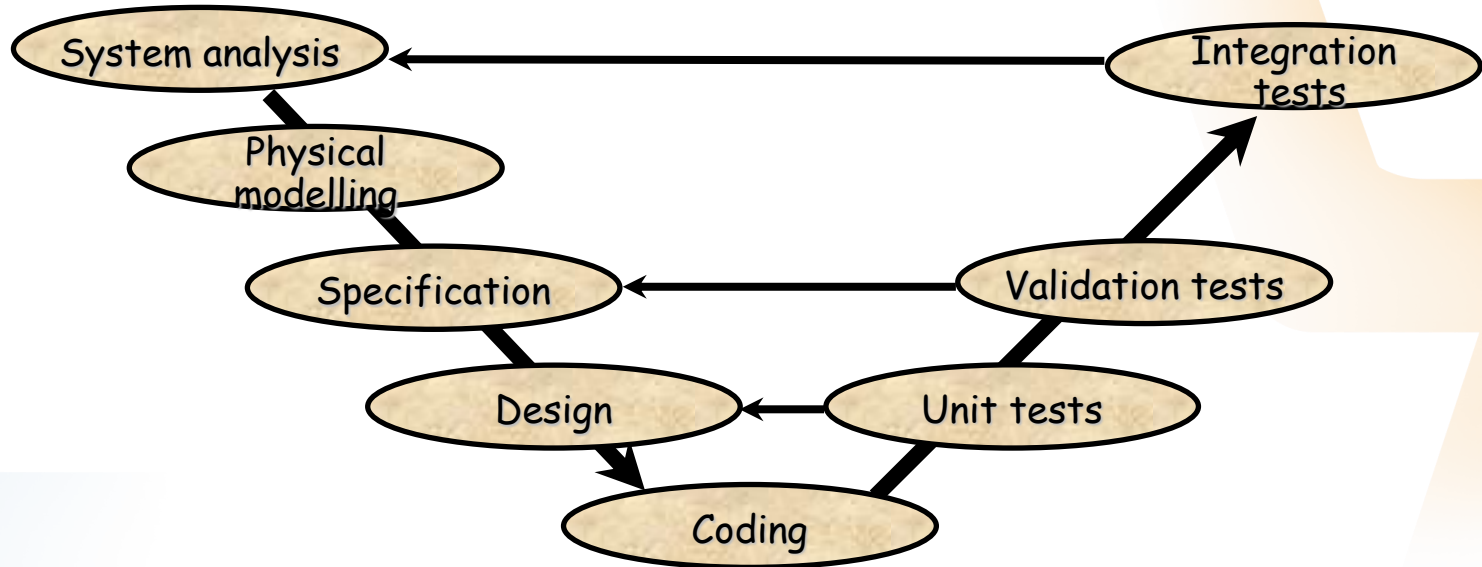
- The Abstract Model
  - Requirements are formalized into B specifications module by module  
Non-formal and formal specification are very close (they both express **what** the software should do) to minimize errors
  - Some software properties are formalized into B  
They strengthen the B model, since we must **prove** that they remain true when the modules are put together
- The Concrete Model
  - We must **prove** that the concrete model complies with its specification (the abstract model)

# benefits of B-Software

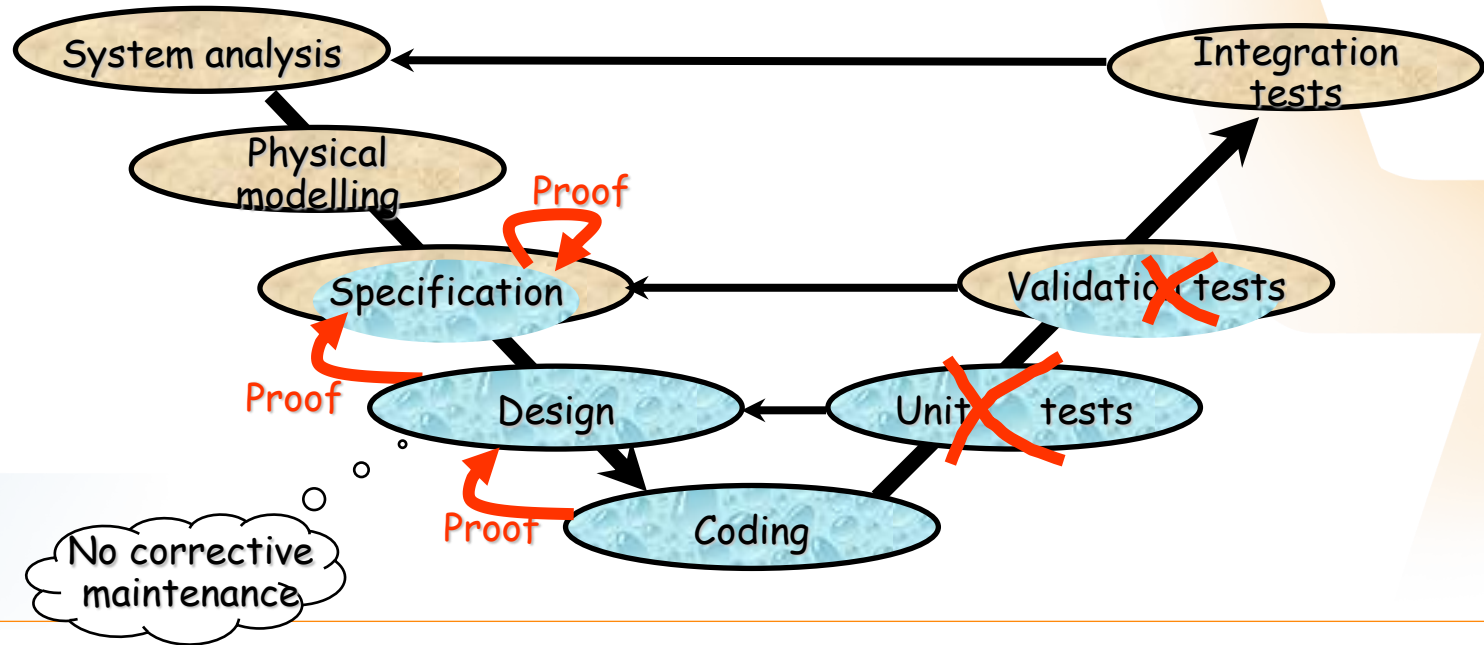
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- The whole Model
  - NO classic programming error in the code (overflow, division by 0, out of range index, infinite loop, aliases)
  - A healthy program architecture
  - Unit Test are no longer used
  - Early detection of errors
  - These benefits remain even after some modifications/evolutions

# traditional development cycle



# the B development cycle



# comparison with other languages

- Assembly Language
  - no static control
- C Language
  - limited **static** controls (e.g. typing for data size)
- Ada Language
  - extended **static** controls (e.g. strong typing)
- B Method
  - static controls + controlling the program **meaning**  
(by **proving** that the B specification is consistent **and**  
by **proving** that the B code complies with its  
specification)

# benefits of B-System

- B-System model
  - The bottom line is to deeply understand the system through the B model construction
  - A work in cooperation with system creators
  - Early detections of errors, at system design level, producing better Software Specification
- Remarks on the system
  - most questions on the system arise during creation of the B model
  - a few inconsistencies may also be detected through model proof (since the model should be consistent in every possible case)
- Produces
  - interesting remarks on the system
  - a natural language reformulation of the model giving a sharp, concise and highly structured system description

# The Tools

- **Atelier B (ClearSy)**
  - created to develop industrial B-Software projects
  - a set of tools integrated into a project manager tool
    - static checkers
    - automatic proof obligation generator
    - automatic provers and interactive prover
    - code translators: Ada, C, ...
  - it is also used for B-System
- **B4free (www.b4free.com)**
  - free but restricted to academic users and owners of Atelier B
  - the core tools of Atelier B + a new x-emacs interface
- **Rodin platform (September 2007)**
  - a new open platform dedicated to B-System (in construction)

# ClearSy: activities related to B

- uses B-System internally to help understand, specify, verify a system development
- uses B-Software internally to develop safety-critical software (and also to finish up proof or validate proof of B-software projects)
- is part of the B community and tries to create useful processes based on B
- training sessions for the B Language and Atelier B
- development, distribution and support of Atelier B



## B in education

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- 30 universities/research labs currently active
- 300 graduates per year with some experience

## conclusion

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- B is a language
- B is a development method
- B ensures correct systems and software
- B is used successfully by industry
- B is supported by a tool: **Atelier B**
- B brings concrete benefits to its users

# concepts of B: modules

- a B module corresponds to a subsystem model (eventually software)
- each B module manages its own data space : “data encapsulation”
  - cf. classes (object-oriented languages)*
  - abstract data types*
  - packages (ADA)*
- a fully developed B module consists of several **B component**
  - an **abstract machine** (the module specification)
  - some possible **refinements** (of its specification)
  - an **implementation** (final refinement: B0 code)
- these components are maintained within a single **B project**

# concepts of B: components

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- **static aspect**

definition of the subsystem state space: *sets, constants, variables*

definition of static properties for its state variables: *invariant*

- **dynamic aspect**

definition of the initialisation phase (for the state variables)

definition of operations for querying or modifying the state

- **proof obligations**

the static properties are consistent

they are *established* by the initialisation

they are *preserved* by all operations

# concepts of B: abstract machines

- an abstract machine is the **formal specification** of a software module
- it defines a **mathematical model** of the subsystem concerned
  - an abstract description of its state space and possible initial states
  - an abstract description of operations to query or modify the state
- this model establishes the **external interface** for that module
  - every implementation will conform to its specification
  - this guarantee is assured by *proves* that has to be done during the formal development process

# concepts of B: an abstract machine

general form

## **MACHINE**

machine name

## **SETS**

set names

## **CONSTANTS**

constant names

## **PROPERTIES**

predicate

## **VARIABLES**

variable names

## **INVARIANT**

predicate

## **INITIALISATION**

substitution

## **OPERATIONS**

operation definitions

## **END**



**static  
aspect**



**dynamic  
aspect**

# concepts of B: refinements

- components that refine an abstract machine (or its most recent refinement)
- they add new properties to the previous math. model (more detailed properties) and make it more concrete
  - data refinement
  - introduction of new variables to represent the state variables for the refined component, with their *linking invariant*
  - algorithmic refinement
  - transformation of the operations for the refined component
- correctness of development
  - each refinement *has to* preserve the properties of the component it refines

# concepts of B : refinements

## *an intermediate refinement*

general form

### **REFINEMENT**

machine name\_n

### **REFINES**

machine name

...

### **VARIABLES**

variable names

### **INVARIANT**

predicate

### **INITIALISATION**

initialisation refinement

### **OPERATIONS**

operation refinements

### **END**

data for the refined component  
(sets and constants  
are preserved)

new variables  
with  
their own properties  
+ linking invariant

it is not possible to introduce  
new operations here



# concepts of B: implementations

*a final refinement containing B0:  
the B code, that can be executed*

general form

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

machine name\_n

## **REFINES**

machine name

## **VALUES**

valuations

## **CONCRETE\_VARIABLES**

variable names

## **INVARIANT**

predicate

## **INITIALISATION**

initialisation implementation

## **OPERATIONS**

operation implementations

## **END**

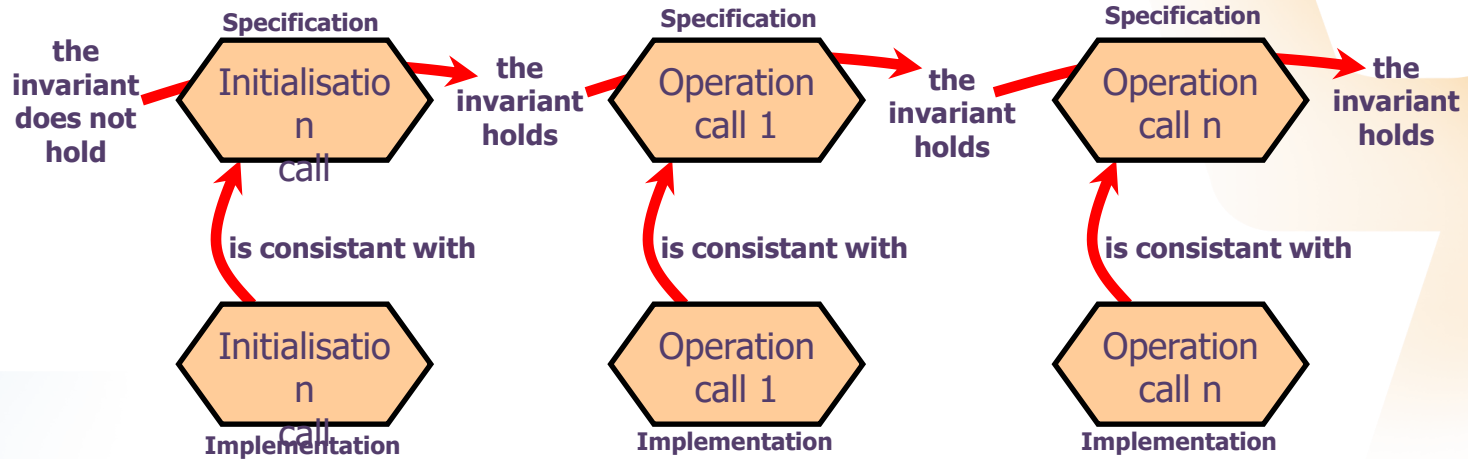
values for fixed sets  
and constants

implementation variables  
with  
their invariant properties  
+ linking invariant

# concepts of B: projects

- a B project is a set of linked B modules
  - each module is formed of components: an abstract machine (its specification), possibly some refinements and an implementation
- the principal dependencies links between modules are
  - IMPORTS** links (forming a *modular decomposition* tree)
  - SEES** links (read only transversal visibility)
- sub-projects may be grouped into *libraries*
- a B project supports formal development of software (translation in Ada, C, C++)
  - software developed in B may integrate or may be integrated with traditionally developed code

# Concepts of B: what is proved?



# the B language

- order of presentation
  - **predicate** logic
  - set theory (B **expressions**)
  - **substitutions**
  - data typing
  - form of components
  - modular decomposition

# the B language: predicate logic

- Predicates

- the way to express properties
- a predicate is a logical formula, which may or may not *hold* (is true or is false)
- equations, inequalities and membership of a set are simple predicates

e.g.  $x = 3$

$5 < 2$

$x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

- Simple predicates may be combined by negation, conjunction or disjunction

e.g.  $x + y = 0 \wedge x < y$

# the B language: predicate logic

## *propositions*

$\neg P$

negation of P (logical NOT)

$P \wedge Q$

conjunction of P and Q (logical AND)

$P \vee Q$

disjunction of P and Q (logical OR)

$P \Rightarrow Q$

logical implication:  $\neg P \vee Q$

$P \Leftrightarrow Q$

logical equivalence:  $P \Rightarrow Q \wedge Q \Rightarrow P$

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$\neg$	not
$\wedge$	&
$\vee$	or
$\Rightarrow$	=>
$\Leftrightarrow$	<=>
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	#
	.

## *quantified predicates*

$\forall x \cdot (P_x \Rightarrow Q_x)$

universal quantification

$\exists x \cdot (P_x)$  existential quantification:  $\neg ( \forall x \cdot (\neg P_x) )$

# the B language: predicate logic

## *equality predicates*

→ let x and y be two expressions

$x = y$

x equal to y

$x \neq y$

non equality:  $\neg (x = y)$

## *inequality predicates*

→ let x and y be two integer expressions

$x < y$

x strictly less than y

$x \leq y$

x less than or equal to y

$x > y$

x strictly greater than y

$x \geq y$

x greater than or equal to y

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=	=
≠	/=
<	<
≤	<=
>	>
≥	>=

# the B language: predicate logic

## *set predicates*

→ let  $x$  be an element, and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets

$x \in X$  membership:  $x$  is an element of  $X$

$x \notin X$  non membership

$X \subseteq Y$  inclusion:  $X$  is a subset of  $Y$

$X \not\subseteq Y$  non inclusion

$X \subset Y$  strict-inclusion:  $X \subset Y \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq Y$   
 $Y \wedge X \neq Y$

$X \not\subset Y$  non strict-inclusion

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$\in$	:
$\notin$	/:
$\subseteq$	<:
$\not\subseteq$	/<:
$\subset$	<<:
$\not\subset$	/<<:



# the B language

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- set theory (B expressions)
  - sets
  - subsets
  - Boolean set
  - numeric sets
  - sets of maplets
  - relations
  - functions
  - sequences

# the B language: set theory

## *explicit sets*

- empty set:  $\emptyset$
- finite set defined in extension:  $\{ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \}$

e.g.  $\{a, b, c\}$   
 $\{1, x+1, y-2\}$

- set of integers between  $x$  and  $y$  (interval):

$$z \in (x .. y) \Leftrightarrow z \geq x \wedge z \leq y$$

e.g.  $1..3 = \dots$   
 $3..2 = \dots$

## *sets defined in comprehension*

- $\{ x \mid P_x \}$  subset of  $X$  such that the predicate  $P$  holds
- e.g.  $\{ x \mid x \in 1..5 \wedge x \bmod 2 = 0 \} = \dots$

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$\emptyset$	$\{\}$

# the B language: set theory

## *set expressions*

→ let X and Y be two sets

$X \cup Y$

union of X and Y :

$$z \in (X \cup Y) \Leftrightarrow z \in X \vee z \in Y$$

e.g.  $\{1, 3, 5\} \cup 1..3 = \dots$

$X \cap Y$

intersection of X and Y :

$$z \in (X \cap Y) \Leftrightarrow z \in X \wedge z \in Y$$

e.g.  $\{1, 3, 5\} \cap 1..3 = \dots$

$X - Y$

set deference of X and Y :

$$z \in (X - Y) \Leftrightarrow z \in X \wedge z \notin Y$$

e.g.  $\{1, 3, 5\} - 1..3 = \dots$

$$1..3 - \{1, 3, 5\} = \dots$$

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$\cup$	$\vee$
$\cap$	$\wedge$

# the B language: set theory

## *subset types*

→ let  $X$  be a set

$\mathbb{P}(X)$  the set (type) of subsets of  $X$  :  
 $x \in \mathbb{P}(X) \Leftrightarrow x \subseteq X$

$\mathbb{P}_1(X)$  the set (type) of non-empty subsets of  $X$  :  
 $\mathbb{P}_1(X) = \mathbb{P}(X) - \{\emptyset\}$   
e.g.  $\mathbb{P}(\{1,2,3\}) = \dots$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1(\{1,2,3\}) = \dots$

$\mathbb{F}(X)$  the set (type) of finite subsets of  $X$

$\mathbb{F}_1(X)$  the set (type) of finite non-empty subsets of  $X$  :  
 $\mathbb{F}_1(X) = \mathbb{F}(X) - \{\emptyset\}$

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$\mathbb{P}$	POW
$\mathbb{P}_1$	POW1
$\mathbb{F}$	FIN
$\mathbb{F}_1$	FIN1

# the B language: set theory

- Boolean constants
  - TRUE, FALSE predefined constants
- Boolean expressions
  - BOOL predefined Boolean set  
BOOL = {TRUE, FALSE}
- Boolean expressions
  - let  $P$  be a predicate  
the value of `bool (  $P$  )` is TRUE if  $P$  holds, otherwise FALSE  
e.g. `bool( $P$ ) = bool( $Q$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  ...`

# the B language: set theory

## *numeric expressions*

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$\times$	$*$
$x^n$	$x ** n$

→  $\text{card}(X)$  cardinal of  $X$  : its number of elements  
e.g.

$\text{card}(\{1,3,5\}) =$

→  $\text{max}(X)$ ,  $\text{min}(X)$  maximum, minimum of  $X$   
e.g.

$\text{max}(\{1,3,5\}) =$

...

$\text{min}(\{1,3,5\}) =$

→ let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers,  $m$  be a non-zero natural number and  $n$  be a natural number

$\text{pred}(x)$ ,  $\text{succ}(x)$

predecessor, successor

$x + y$ ,  $x - y$

addition, subtraction

$x \times y$ ,  $x / m$

multiplication, integer division

$x \bmod m$

modulo

$x^n$

power

# the B language: set theory

## *Sets of integers*

$\mathbb{Z}$  set of relative integers ( $\geq 0$  and  $< 0$ )  
 $\mathbb{N}$  set of natural integers ( $\geq 0$ )  
 $\mathbb{N}_1$  set of positive natural integers ( $> 0$ )

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$\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{N}$

$\mathbb{N}_1$

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INTEGER

NATURAL

NATURAL1

## *numeric constants*

MAXINT the largest implementable relative integer  
MININT the smallest implementable relative integer  
INT predefined set of implementable relative integers  
INT = MININT .. MAXINT  
NAT predefined set of implementable natural numbers  
NAT = 0 .. MAXINT  
NAT<sub>1</sub> predefined set of strictly positive implementable  
natural numbers  
NAT<sub>1</sub> = 1 .. MAXINT

# the B language: set theory

## *maplet expression*

→ let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements

$x, y$  ordered couple or

$x \mapsto y$  'maplet' ( $x$  associated to  $y$ )

$$x \mapsto y = x, y$$

## *cartesian product types*

→ let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets

$X \times Y$  cartesian product of  $X$  and  $Y$

the set (type) of maplets  $x, y$  such that  $x \in X$  et  $y \in Y$

e.g.  $\{0, 1\} \times \{a, b, c\} = \dots$

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$\mapsto$	$\rightarrow$
$\times$	$*$



# the B language: set theory

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## *relations*

- definition: a **relation** from a source set  $X$  into a target set  $Y$  is a subset of the cartesian product  $X \times Y$ , that is a set of maplets where the first element belongs to  $X$  and the second to  $Y$
- consequence: set expressions may also be applied to relations
- such a relation is denoted:  $R \in X \leftrightarrow Y$

## *relation types*

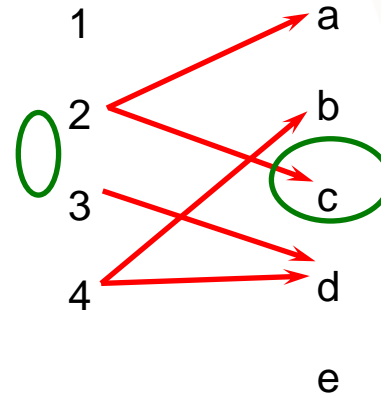
- the set of relations from  $X$  into  $Y$  :  
$$X \leftrightarrow Y = \mathbb{P}(X \times Y)$$

# the B language: set theory

## *Explicit relations*

e.g. :  $\emptyset$  (empty relation)

$\{2 \mapsto a,$   
 $2 \mapsto c,$   
 $3 \mapsto d,$   
 $4 \mapsto b,$   
 $4 \mapsto d\}$



# the B language: set theory

- relational operations

→ let  $R$  be a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$

$\text{dom}(R)$  domain of the relation  $R$  (a subset of  $X$ )

$$x \in \text{dom}(R) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \cdot (y \in Y \wedge x \mapsto y \in R)$$

e.g.  $\text{dom}(\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\}) = \dots$

$\text{ran}(R)$  codomain or *range* of the relation  $R$  (a subset of  $Y$ )

$$y \in \text{ran}(R) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \cdot (x \in X \wedge x \mapsto y \in R)$$

e.g.  $\text{ran}(\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\}) = \dots$

→ let  $R$  be a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$ , and  $S$  be a subset of  $X$

$R[S]$  image of the set  $S$  through the relation  $R$   
(a subset of  $Y$ )

$$y \in R[S] \Leftrightarrow \exists s \cdot (s \in S \wedge s \mapsto y \in R)$$

e.g.  $\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\}[\{1, 2, 3\}] = \dots$

# the B language: set theory

## *relational expressions*

→ let  $X$  be a set

$\text{id}(X)$

$x \in X$ ):

identity on  $X$  (the set of maplets  $x \mapsto x$ , for

$$x \mapsto x \in \text{id}(X) \Leftrightarrow x \in X$$

e.g.  $\text{id}(\{a, b, c\}) = \dots$

→ let  $R$  be a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$

$R^{-1}$

into  $X$ ):

converse relation (inverse maplets, from  $Y$

$$y \mapsto x \in R^{-1} \Leftrightarrow x \mapsto y \in R$$

e.g.  $\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\}^{-1} = \dots$

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paper  $R^{-1}$

at the  
keyboard  $R \sim$

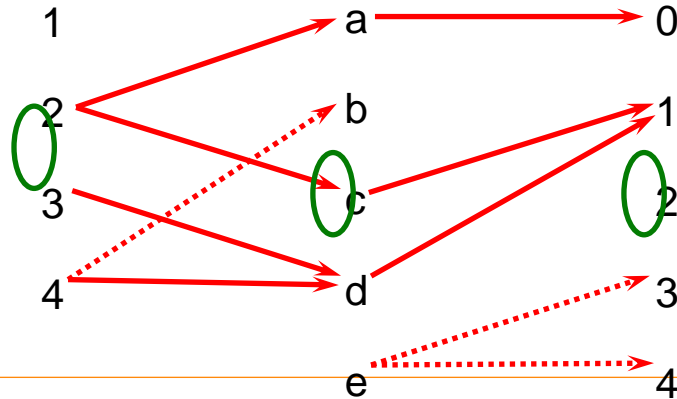
# the B language: set theory

## *composition of relational expressions*

composition of the relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ :  $R_1 ; R_2$

$$x \mapsto z \in (R_1 ; R_2) \Leftrightarrow \exists y. (y \in Y \wedge x \mapsto y \in R_1 \wedge y \mapsto z \in R_2)$$

e.g.  $\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\} ; \{a \mapsto 0, c \mapsto 1, d \mapsto 1, e \mapsto 3, e \mapsto 4\}$   
= ...



# the B language: set theory

## *filtering relational expressions*

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$\triangleleft$	$< $
$\triangleright$	$ >$

→  $S \triangleleft R$  restriction to the set  $S$  over the domain of relation  $R$   
(keeping only maplets with first elements belonging to  $S$ )

$$S \triangleleft R = \text{id}(S) ; R$$

$$\text{e.g. } \{1, 2, 3\} \triangleleft \{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\} = \dots$$

→  $R \triangleright S$  restriction to the set  $S$  over the codomain of relation  $R$   
(keeping only maplets with second elements belonging to  $S$ )

$$R \triangleright S = R ; \text{id}(S)$$

$$\text{e.g. } \{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\} \triangleright \{b, c, d\} = \dots$$

# the B language: set theory

*filtering relational expressions (cont.)*

- $S \triangleleft R$       exclusion of the set  $S$  from the domain of relation  $R$   
(removing maplets with first elements belonging to  $S$ )  
 $S \triangleleft R = \text{id} ( \text{dom} (R) - S ) ; R$   
e.g.                 $\{1, 2, 3\} \triangleleft \{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\}$   
= ...
- $R \triangleright S$       exclusion of the set  $S$  from the codomain of relation  $R$   
(removing maplets with second elements belonging to  $S$ )  
 $R \triangleright S = R ; \text{id} ( \text{ran} (R) - S )$   
e.g.                 $\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\} \triangleright \{b, c, d\}$   
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# the B language: set theory

## *relational expressions (cont.)*

→ let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two relations from  $X$  into  $Y$

$R_1 \triangleleft R_2$

from  $R_1$  where  
belong to  $\text{dom}(R_2)$ ,  
 $R_2$

overloading of relation  $R_1$  by relation  $R_2$  to  
obtain the relation with maplets  
their first elements do not  
together with all maplets from  
 $R_2$

$$R_1 \triangleleft R_2 = (\text{dom}(R_2) \triangleleft R_1) \cup R_2$$

e.g.  $\{0 \mapsto 1, 1 \mapsto 1\} \triangleleft \{0 \mapsto 0\} = \dots$   
 $\{2 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto b, 4 \mapsto d\} \triangleleft \{1 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto b, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto e\}$   
 $= \dots$

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# the B language: set theory

- functions

- reminder

definition: a **relation** from a source set  $X$  into a target set  $Y$  is a subset of the cartesian product  $X \times Y$ , that is a set of maplets where the first element belongs to  $X$  and the second to  $Y$

consequence: set operations also apply to relations

- special case

definition: a **function** from a source set  $X$  into a target set  $Y$  is a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$ , such that each element of  $X$  is associated to *at most one* element of  $Y$  (but in general, the inverse of a function is not itself a function)

consequence: relational expressions also apply to functions

# the B language: set theory

## *function applications*

→ let  $F$  be a function, and  $x$  be an element of  $\text{dom } (F)$   
 $F(x)$  the (unique) value of function  $F$  for  $x$   
the associated element from  $\text{ran } (F)$ , where  $x \mapsto F(x) \in$

$F$

e.g.  $f = \{ 0 \mapsto a, 1 \mapsto b, 2 \mapsto a \}$   
 $f(1) = \dots$

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## *functions defined by expressions*

→ let  $x$  be a name,  $X$  be a set and  $E$  be an expression (in  $x$ )  
 $\lambda x \cdot (x \in X \mid E(x))$  explicit definition in the form of a  $\lambda$ -expression  
the function consisting of maplets  $x \mapsto E(x)$ , for  $x \in X$

e.g.  $\text{plus2} = \lambda z \cdot (z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid z + 2)$   
 $\text{plus2}(1) = \dots$

# the B language: set theory

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## *function types*

- definition: in general, a function from the set  $X$  into the set  $Y$  is called a **partial function**
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \mapsto Y$
- $F \in X \mapsto Y \Leftrightarrow F \in X \leftrightarrow Y \wedge (F^{-1} ; F) \subseteq \text{id}(Y)$
- definition: a **total function** is a function from  $X$  into  $Y$  where the domain is equal to  $X$
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \rightarrow Y$
- $F \in X \rightarrow Y \Leftrightarrow F \in X \mapsto Y \wedge \text{dom}(F) = X$

# the B language: set theory

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## *injective functions*

- definition: a **partial injection** is a function from  $X$  into  $Y$  where each range element has one and only one antecedent
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \rightsquigarrow Y$   
$$F \in X \rightsquigarrow Y \iff F \in X \rightarrow Y \wedge F^{-1} \in Y \rightarrow X$$
- definition: a **total injection** is an injection from  $X$  into  $Y$  where the domain is equal to  $X$
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \rightarrowtail Y$   
$$X \rightarrowtail Y = X \rightsquigarrow Y \cap X \rightarrow Y$$

# the B language: set theory

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## *surjective functions*

- definition: a **partial surjection** is a function from  $X$  into  $Y$  where the range is equal to  $Y$
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \twoheadrightarrow Y$   
$$F \in X \twoheadrightarrow Y \iff F \in X \rightarrow Y \wedge \text{ran}(F) = Y$$
- definition: a **total surjection** is a surjection from  $X$  into  $Y$  where the range is equal to  $Y$
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \twoheadrightarrow Y$   
$$X \twoheadrightarrow Y = X \twoheadrightarrow Y \cap X \rightarrow Y$$

# the B language: set theory

## *bijjective functions*

- definition: a **partial bijection** is a function from  $X$  into  $Y$  that is injective and surjective;
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \rightsquigarrow Y$   
$$X \rightsquigarrow Y = X \rightarrow Y \cap X \rightarrowtail Y$$
- definition: a **total bijection** is a total function from  $X$  into  $Y$  that is injective and surjective;
- such a function is denoted:  $F \in X \rightarrowtail Y$   
$$X \rightarrowtail Y = X \rightarrow Y \cap X \rightarrowtail Y$$
- the inverse of a partial bijection is ...

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# the B language: set theory

- sequences

→ definitions: a sequence of 'elements' belonging to a set  $X$  is a total function from an interval  $1..n$  into  $X$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
the sequence then correspond to the second elements of the maplets of this function, *ordered* by their first elements  
e.g.  $\{ 1 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto b, 3 \mapsto c \}$

→ consequence: function expressions also apply to sequences

- explicit sequences

→  $[]$  the empty sequence

→  $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  sequence of  $X$  defined by enumeration

e.g.  $[a, b, c] = \{ 1 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto b, 3 \mapsto c \}$

# the B language: set theory

- sequence operations

→  $\text{size} ( S )$  length of the sequence  $S$

e.g.  $\text{size} ( [ ] ) = 0$

$\text{size} ( [a, b, c] ) = 3$

→  $\text{first} ( S )$  first element of  $S$  :  $\text{first} ( S ) = S ( 1 )$

e.g.  $\text{first} ( [a, b, c] ) = a$

→  $\text{last} ( S )$  last element of  $S$  :  $\text{last} ( S ) = S ( \text{size} ( S ) )$

e.g.  $\text{last} ( [a, b, c] ) = c$

→  $\text{rev} ( S )$  reversal of the sequence  $S$

e.g.  $\text{rev} ( [a, b, c] ) = [c, b, a]$

→  $x \rightarrow S$  insertion of  $x$  before the sequence  $S$

e.g.  $a \rightarrow [b, c] = [a, b, c]$

→  $S \leftarrow x$  insertion of  $x$  after the sequence  $S$

e.g.  $[a, b] \leftarrow c = [a, b, c]$

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# the B language: set theory

- sequence expressions

→  $S_1 \wedge S_2$  concatenation of sequences  $S_1$  and  $S_2$

e.g.  $[a, b, c] \wedge [c, b, a] = [a, b, c, c, b, a]$

→  $S \uparrow n$  sequence comprising the first  $n$  elements of  $S$  at most,  
or  $S$  itself when  $n > \text{size}(S)$

e.g.  $[a, b, c] \uparrow 2 = [a, b]$

→  $S \downarrow n$  sequence obtained by removing the first  $n$  elements of  $S$

e.g.  $[a, b, c] \downarrow 2 = [c]$

→  $\text{tail}(S)$  sequence obtained by removing the first element of  $S$

e.g.  $\text{tail}([a, b, c]) = [b, c]$

→  $\text{front}(S)$  sequence obtained by removing the last element of  $S$

e.g.  $\text{front}([a, b, c]) = [a, b]$

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# the B language: set theory

- sequence types

→  $\text{seq} ( X )$  the set of sequences of  $X$

→  $\text{seq1} ( X )$  the set of non-empty sequences of  $X$

→  $\text{iseq} ( X )$  the set of injective sequences of  $X$

→  $\text{iseq1} ( X )$  the set of non-empty injective sequences of  $X$

→  $\text{perm} ( X )$  the set of bijective sequences of  $X$  (permutations on  $X$ )

e.g.  $\text{perm}(\{a,b,c\}) = \{[a,b,c], [a,c,b], [b,a,c], [b,c,a], [c,a,b], [c,b,a]\}$

# the B language substitutions

- substitutions represent the transformation of data by programs
- so they change the state of a system
- they concern some list of variables
- substitutions are mathematically defined as *predicate transformers*

the application of a substitution  $S$  to a predicate  $P$  is noted:  $[ S ] P$

e.g.  $[x := 2] (x > 1) \Leftrightarrow (2 > 1)$

# the B language substitutions

- these substitutions are used in the specifications (abstract machine and its possible refinements) and also in the code (implementation) of a module
- in specifications [**Spec**]: a substitution describes abstract properties of operations, they may be *non-deterministic*  
e.g. “becomes such that” substitutions
- in implementations [**B0 Code**]: only classical programming language constructs are allowed  
(`:=`, `;`, `IF`, `CASE`, `WHILE`, procedure calls, null statement)

# the B language substitutions

## → null substitution [Spec, B0 code]

**skip** the variables keep their values (what variable list?)

## → “becomes equal to” substitution [Spec, B0 code]

$v := E$  the value of  $E$  is assigned to  $v$

e.g.  $v := 0$

$x := y + 1$

$a, b := c, d$

$f(i) := m$

$r'b := n$

## → “becomes element of” substitution [Spec]

$v \in X$  an element of  $X$  is assigned to  $v$

e.g.  $v \in (1..3)$

# the B language substitutions

→ “becomes such that” substitution [Spec]

$x : (P_x)$

the variable  $x$  is assigned a value which satisfies the predicate  $P_x$

e.g.  $x : (x \in \text{NAT} \wedge x \bmod 3 = 1)$

(results of dividing  $n$  by  $m$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ )

$q, r : (q \in \mathbb{N} \wedge r \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n = (m \times q) + r \wedge r < m)$

the previous value of  $x$  can be referenced in  $P_x$  by  $x\$0$

e.g.  $x : (x > x\$0)$

# the B language substitutions

- simultaneous substitutions [Spec]

→  $S_1 \parallel S_2$

applies the substitutions  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  simultaneously  
the variables modified in  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  must be *distinct*

e.g.  $x := 1 \parallel y := 2$

$x := y \parallel y := x$

- sequential substitutions [B0 code]

→  $S_1 ; S_2$

applies the substitution  $S_1$  *and then* the substitution  $S_2$

e.g.  $x := 1 ; y := 2$

$x := y ; y := x + 1$

# the B language substitutions

- "BEGIN" substitution (block substitution) [Spec, B0 code]

→ BEGIN S END used to parenthesize substitutions

e.g. *BEGIN x := y || y := x END*

*BEGIN x := y ; y := x + 1 END*

- "VAR" substitution (block of local variables) [B0 code]

→ VAR  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  IN S END

introduction of local variables  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  that may be used in substitution S

e.g. *VAR t IN t := x ; x := y ; y := t END*



# the B language substitutions

- pre-condition [Spec]

→ PRE  $P$  THEN  $S$  END

a substitution that may only be used when the predicate  $P$  holds  
used to specify the properties that have to hold when calling an  
operation

e.g.  $PRE\ x \in NAT_1\ THEN\ x := x - 1\ END$

- assertion [Spec, B0 code]

→ ASSERT  $P$  THEN  $S$  END

similar to a precondition, but used to simplify the proof,  
by factorizing a property

# the B language substitutions

- “ANY” substitution [Spec]

→ ANY  $x$  WHERE  $P_x$  THEN  $S$  END

apply the substitution  $S$  in which, the variables  $x$  that satisfy  $P$ , can be used (in read only)

e.g. ANY  $x$  WHERE  $x \in \text{NAT} \wedge x \leq 10$  THEN  $y := x + 1$  END

→ Note: the “ANY” substitution is very versatile

skip      ANY  $x$  WHERE  $x=y$  THEN  $y := x$  END

$y := a$       ANY  $x$  WHERE  $x=a$  THEN  $y := x$  END

$y \in E$       ANY  $x$  WHERE  $x \in E$  THEN  $y := x$  END

$y : (P_y)$       ANY  $x$  WHERE  $P_x$  THEN  $y := x$  END

# the B language substitutions

- “CHOICE” substitution [Spec]
  - CHOICE  $S_1$  OR  $S_2$  ... OR  $S_n$  END
  - apply one of the substitutions  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$
  - e.g. CHOICE  $x := x + 1$  OR  $x := x - 1$  OR skip END
- “SELECT” substitution [Spec]
  - SELECT  $P_1$  THEN  $S_1$  WHEN  $P_2$  THEN  $S_2$  ... ELSE  $S_n$  END
  - defines several branches of substitutions  $S_i$  “guarded” by  $P_i$
  - a substitution may be applied if its guard holds
  - if no guard holds, then the ELSE substitution is applied
  - e.g. 

```
SELECT  $x \geq 10$  THEN  $x := x - 10$ 
WHEN  $x \leq 10 \wedge x \geq 0$  THEN  $x := 2 \times (x - 10)$ 
ELSE  $x := x - 1$ 
END
```

# the B language substitutions

- “IF” substitution [Spec, B0 Code]

IF  $P_1$  THEN  $S_1$  ELSIF  $P_2$  THEN  $S_2$  ... ELSE S END

the substitution applied is:

$S_i$  if  $P_i$  holds **and** the previous predicates do not hold

S if no predicate  $P_i$  holds (by default S is skip)

e.g.            IF  $x > 10$  THEN  
                     $x := x - 10$   
                    ELSIF  $x = 0$  THEN  
                         $x := x + 1$   
                    ELSE  
                         $x := 1$   
                    END

# the B language substitutions

- “CASE” substitution [Spec, B0 Code]

CASE V OF EITHER  $V_1$  THEN  $S_1$  OR  $V_2$  THEN  $S_2$  ... ELSE  $S_n$  END END

the substitution applied is:

$S_i$  if  $V$  belongs to the list of literals  $V_i$  (the  $V_i$  have to be distinct)

$S$  otherwise (by default  $S$  is skip)

e.g. CASE  $x$  OF  
    EITHER 0, 1, 2 THEN  $x := x + 1$   
    OR 3, 4 THEN  $x := x - 1$   
    OR 10 THEN skip  
    ELSE  $x := x + 10$   
    END  
END

# the B language substitutions

- “WHILE” substitution [B0 Code]
  - WHILE  $P$  DO  $S$  INVARIANT  $I$  VARIANT  $V$  END
    - while loop, or iterative behaviour:
    - while the predicate  $P$  holds, the “loop body”  $S$  is applied
    - the negation of  $P$  is the “exit condition” from the loop
    - the loop INVARIANT parts gives the properties that hold just before the loop, and after every iteration. It should give a recurrence relation on the variables modified inside the loop
    - the VARIANT clause defines a *decreasing positive* expression, in order to prove that the number of iterations is finite, and so that the loop terminates

# the B language substitutions

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## *operation calls* [Spec, B0 Code]

➔ application of the substitution specified for the operation op, with replacement of its formal parameters by the actual parameters “call by value”

e.g.

```
op1  
op2 ( y - 1 )  
x ← op3  
x, y ← op4 ( x + 1, TRUE )
```

# the B language

## data typing

- data typing principles
  - every data item must be typed before being used
  - types within the B language are based on the set theory
  - predicates, expressions and substitutions have to respect *typing rules*
  - such rules avoid obviously meaningless constructs (“don’t mix apples and oranges”)

e.g.  ~~$2 = TRUE$~~

- Definition
  - *the type of a data item is the largest B set to which it belongs*



# the B language

## data typing

- B types

every type is described in terms of *basic types* and *type constructors*

→ the basic types are

□ *BOOL*

□  $\mathbb{Z}$

□ *fixed or enumerated sets* (see the **SETS** clause)

e.g.  $\text{TRUE} \in \text{BOOL}$

$2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

→ the type constructors are

□ *subsets*  $\mathbb{P}(T)$

□ *Cartesian products*  $T_1 \times T_2$

e.g.  $\{1, 3, 5\} \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

$(0 \mapsto \text{FALSE}) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \text{BOOL}$

# the B language

## data typing

- how are data items typed?
  - in general data items are typed by *typing predicates*, which are particular predicates of the form

*untyped\_data\_item*   *typing\_operator*   *typed\_expression*  
where the *typing\_operators* are '=', '∈' et '⊆'

e.g.  $x \in 1..10 \wedge y \in \text{BOOL} \rightarrow \text{INT} \wedge z = x + 1 \wedge S \subseteq \text{INT}$

such typing predicates must be at the highest syntactic level  
within a conjunction list

- local variables and result parameters of an operation are instead typed by *typing substitutions*

e.g.  $\text{VAR } t \text{ IN } \dots t := x + 1; \dots \text{END}$

$r \leftarrow \text{op}(p) \triangleq \text{PRE } p \in \text{NAT}_1 \text{ THEN } \dots r := p - 1 \dots \text{END}$

# the B language

- B components (reminder)
  - **static aspect**  
definition of the subsystem state space: *sets, constants, variables*  
definition of static properties for its state variables: *invariant*
  - **dynamic aspect**  
definition of the initialisation phase (for the state variables)  
definition of operations for querying or modifying the state
  - **proof obligations**  
the static properties must be mutually consistent  
they must be *established* by the initialisation  
they must be *preserved* by all operations

# the B language

## form of components

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- **static aspect**
  - set definitions (SETS clause)
  - constant definitions (CONSTANTS, PROPERTIES clauses)
  - variable definitions (VARIABLES, INVARIANT clauses)
  - set and constant values (VALUES clause)
  - machines with parameters (CONSTRAINTS clause)
  - textual abbreviations (DEFINITIONS clause)
  - supplementary assertions (ASSERTIONS clause)
- **dynamic aspect**
  - initialisation phase (INITIALISATION clause)
  - operation definitions (OPERATIONS clause)

## form of B components: static aspect

- set definitions

SETS  $S_1; \dots ; S_n$

this clause introduces new base types into a component

- a fixed set is defined by its name  $X_i$

e.g. SETS STUDENTS

its *value* is not yet defined, it will be given in the implementation  
eventually its value is a non-empty implementable interval

- an enumerated set is defined by its name and the list of its elements:  $X_i = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

e.g. SETS COLOR = { Red, Green, Blue }

# form of B components: static aspect

- constant definitions

→ ABSTRACT\_CONSTANTS  $x_1, \dots, x_n$   
(CONCRETE\_)CONSTANTS  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

→ these clauses introduce new constants into a component  
a constant may be read but not modified

→ a concrete constant is directly implementable (scalar, interval, array),

it is automatically preserved through refinement,  
it has to be *valued* in the implementation

→ an abstract constant is a constant of any arbitrary type,  
it is not automatically preserved through the refinement,  
it is not allowed in implementations

# form of B components: static aspect

- constant definitions

PROPERTIES  $P_{x1, \dots, xn}$

the PROPERTIES clause defines the types and other properties of the constants

e.g. CONSTANTS  $c1, c2$

ABSTRACT\_CONSTANTS  $c3$

PROPERTIES

$c1 \in 0..10 \wedge$

$c2 \in 0..10 \wedge$

$c1 + c2 < 15 \wedge$

$c3 \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 0..15$

# form of B components: static aspect

- variable definitions

→ (ABSTRACT\_)VARIABLES  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

CONCRETE\_VARIABLES  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

→ these clauses introduce new variables into a component

→ an abstract variable is a data item of any arbitrary type,  
it is not automatically preserved through the refinement,  
it is not allowed in implementations

→ a concrete variable is a variable directly implementable (scalar or array), it is automatically preserved through refinement



# form of B components: static aspect

- variable definitions

→ INVARIANT  $P_{v1, \dots, vn}$

e.g. VARIABLES

$A, B$

INVARIANT

$A \subseteq T \wedge$

$B \subseteq T \wedge$

$\text{card}(A \cap B) = 1$

→ the INVARIANT clause defines the types and other properties of the variables

→ after the module initialisation, these properties remain invariant after any operation call

# form of B components: static aspect

## *example*

<b>MACHINE</b>	
Register	} machine name
<b>SETS</b>	
STUDENTS	} fixed set
<b>CONCRETE_CONSTANTS</b>	
max_students	
<b>PROPERTIES</b>	
max_students $\in$ NAT	} constant type
<b>ABSTRACT_VARIABLES</b>	
Enrolled	
<b>INVARIANT</b>	
Enrolled $\subseteq$ STUDENTS $\wedge$	} variable type,
card (Enrolled) $\leq$ max_students	} and properties
...	
<b>END</b>	

## form of B components: static aspect

- values of fixed sets and concrete constants

→ e.g. VALUES

```
STUDENTS    = 0..255;  
max_students = 255;  
transfer    = {0 ↦ FALSE, 1 ↦ TRUE, 2 ↦ FALSE};  
default_grade = (0..255) × {0}
```

→ the VALUES clause is only allowed in implementation

→ it should give a value to every

- *fixed sets of the B module*

- *concrete constants of the B module*

→ fixed sets are eventually valued with implementable intervals

## form of B components: static aspect

- textual abbreviations
  - the DEFINITIONS clause defines textual abbreviations, which may then be used as expressions in the rest of the current component (similar to #define in C language)
  - definitions may have parameters and may be factorized in definition files

e.g. DEFINITIONS

```
NMAX == 255 ;  
NMAXm1 == NMAX - 1 ;  
no(b) == bool(b = FALSE) ;  
"mydef.def"
```

# form of B components: dynamic aspect

- initialisation phase

INITIALISATION S

this clause defines the initial values of the component variables

initialisation has to *establish* the invariant

ex. : *ABSTRACT\_VARIABLES*

*Enrolled*

*INVARIANT*

*Enrolled*  $\subseteq$  *STUDENTS*

*INITIALISATION*

*Enrolled* :=  $\emptyset$

# form of B components: dynamic aspect

- operation definitions
  - the OPERATIONS clause defines operations (B procedures or functions)
  - each operation defined in an abstract machine has to be redefined in the refinements of the abstract machine
  - it is not possible to introduce new operations within refinements (or implementations)
  - operations may have input and output parameters defined in the operation header, that are implementable
  - properties of input parameters that have to be proved when calling the operation are defined in the precondition (useful only for abstract machines)
  - output parameters are typed in the substitution of the operation specification
  - an operation is a substitution that defines how **all** of the component variables and the output parameters are modified

# form of B components: dynamic aspect

- operation definitions

- syntax of operations

$$op = S$$

$$op ( p_1, \dots, p_n ) = S$$

$$r_1, \dots, r_m \leftarrow op = S$$

$$r_1, \dots, r_m \leftarrow op ( p_1, \dots, p_n ) = S$$

- operations that change some state variables are *modifying operations* (otherwise *querying operations* or *read-only*)

- operations have to *preserve* the invariant

- operation refinements or implementations have to *be consistent* with their specifications

# form of B components: dynamic aspect

*example (version 2 completed)*

## **MACHINE**

Register

## **SETS**

STUDENTS

## **ABSTRACT\_VARIABLES**

Enrolled

## **INVARIANT**

Enrolled  $\subseteq$  STUDENTS

*/\* dynamic \*/*

## **INITIALISATION**

Enrolled :=  $\emptyset$

...

## **... OPERATIONS**

n  $\leftarrow$  num\_enrolled =

n := card (Enrolled) ;

b  $\leftarrow$  is\_enrolled ( s ) =

PRE s  $\in$  STUDENTS

THEN b := bool ( s  $\in$  Enrolled )

END ;

enrol\_student ( s ) =

PRE s  $\in$  STUDENTS – Enrolled

THEN Enrolled := Enrolled  $\cup$  {s}

END ;

withdraw\_student ( s ) =

PRE s  $\in$  Enrolled

THEN Enrolled := Enrolled - {s}

END

**END**



# form of B components: dynamic aspect

- local operation

- a new feature to avoid too much levels of module in a project
- to make the proof of implementations easier
- they may be defined only in implementations
- they may be called from implementation operations (global or local)
- they are specified in the LOCAL\_OPERATIONS clause (abstract specifications on the the visible variables)
- their invariant is made up by the typing of the concrete variables
- they are implemented in the OPERATIONS clause (like global operations)

# form of B components: dynamic aspect

## *local operation example*

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

...

### **LOCAL\_OPERATIONS**

```
r ← GetMax(x, y) =  
  PRE  $x \in \text{INT} \wedge y \in \text{INT}$  THEN  
    r := max ({x, y})  
  END
```

### **OPERATIONS**

```
r ← GetMax(x, y) =  
  IF  $x \leq y$  THEN r := y  
  ELSE r := x  
  END ;
```

...

```
op =
```

```
  ...  
  v ← GetMax(z, 10);  
  ...
```

**END**

# the B language

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- modular construction
  - the B language supports modularity: breaking down large sub-systems, building up small sub-systems into larger ones
- modular mechanisms
  - importing abstract machines at implementation level (IMPORTS clause)
  - read-only visibility of other abstract machines (SEES clause)

# the B language: decomposition

- importing of other machines

e.g. *IMPLEMENTATION*

*A\_i*

*REFINES*

*A*

*IMPORTS*

*B, C*

- the *IMPORTS* clause may only appear in implementations
- an implementation *imports* other abstract machines in order to implement data and operations with lower level machines: this is the main breaking down mechanism in B
- variables of an imported machine may be modified in the implementation by operation calls

# the B language: decomposition

- visibility of other machines

e.g. *MACHINE*

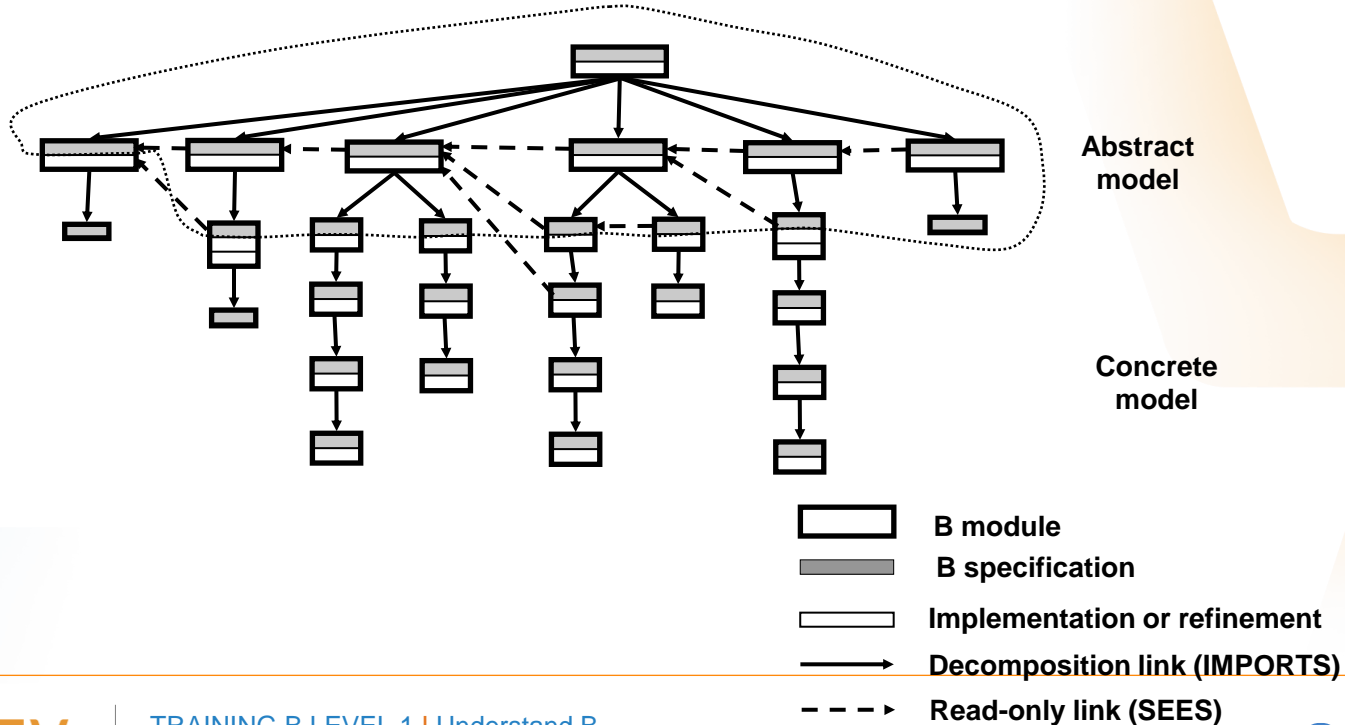
*A*

*SEES*

*B, C*

- when a component sees an abstract machine *M*, the data of *M* may be accessed in read-only, modification operations of *M* can not be called
- the SEES link is not transitive

# B-Software links



# the B language

## B0

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- B0 is the part of B that may be translated
  - the name of the abstract machine and the links in the implementation
  - the concrete data of the module: sets, concrete constants, concrete variables, the valuation of sets and concrete constants
  - implementation initialisation
  - operations: operation parameters and the substitutions of implementation operations
- the data must be concrete
  - scalar data: INT, BOOL, sets (fixed and enumerated sets)
  - sub-intervals of INT
  - implementable arrays

# B Training Sessions

- **Level I: understanding B**
  - overview of the B method and the B language
  - tutorials and practical with Atelier B: specification, writing a program that is consistent with its specification, notion of proof
- **Level II: applying B**
  - advanced notions of the B method, B for systems
  - tutorials and practical with Atelier B: building a large program, Proof Obligations
- **Level III: proving**
  - learning to use Atelier B to prove a project
  - practical: automatic and interactive proof, proof tools, user rules