6SENG005W Formal Methods

Week 9
Structuring B Specifications

Overview of Week 9 Lecture: Structuring B Specifications

The aim of this lecture is to outline how to structure a B specification using several B machines:

- The reason for & types of techniques used to structure a multi-machine B specification.
- ▶ The types of machine *clauses* that can be used to Structure B Machines:
 - ► INCLUDES
 - ► PROMOTES
 - EXTENDS
 - ► SEES
 - ► USES
- ► Two examples of Structuring B specifications using *multiple B machines*:
 - A Bank's Safes Specification using 4 B machines: Doors, Keys, Locks & Safes.
 - ► A Births, Deaths & Marriages Registrar Specification using 3 B machines:

 Life, Marriage & Registrar.

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PART I

Introduction to B Specifications Composed of Several B Machines

Complex System States

In almost all systems the state of the system consists of many *components* or *parts*, i.e. *sub-states*, *sub-states*, etc; as depicted in Figure 9.1.

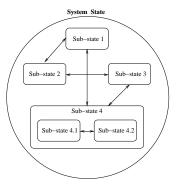


Figure: 9.1 Complex System State

If this is the case then it is good *software engineering practice* to use *modularisation* to decompose it into a number of *sub-systems* each representing one of the state's components.

B Specifications & Complex System States

If we apply good software engineering practice when designing a B specification for a system with a complex state (Figure 9.1), then we need to model the system state as a *collection of B machines*.

This is achieved in the B-Method by modelling each component (sub-state) of the system by a different *B machine*, see Figure 9.2.

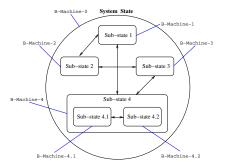


Figure: 9.2 Complex System State & Multiple B Machines

B-Machine-0 models the *System State*, B-Machine-1 models *Sub-state 1*, etc.

Advantages of using Structure Techniques

Modularity & *Abstraction* are the principal weapons in the battle against complexity because they provide:

Modularity:

Separation of concerns (into different state components)

Separation of proof obligations

Aids understanding

Allows module reuse

Abstraction: Information hiding

 Separation of specification from implementation concerns

Reasoning at appropriate level

These are standard approaches used throughout Software Engineering.

For example, in Object Oriented languages like Java, C_{++} , C_{\sharp} ; where programs are structured using collections of classes that are linked together via sub-classing, etc.

Multiple B Machine Specifications

In this lecture we will cover the facilities that the B-Method provides for achieving this "structuring" of B Specifications.

In general a B specification is a collection of Abstract Machines (AM).

B allows software developers to specify a complex system by:

defining a collection of abstract B machines that can be related to & interact with each other in various ways.

This *collection of B machines* are able to *interact* in various ways, such as one B machine can:

- control another B machine by directly accessing its data & use its operations to modify its state;
- use another B machine by directly accessing its data & using its enquiry operations, but is not allowed to use its operations to modify its state variables.

Structuring Specifications: Combining Machines

A B specification "component" can be an: abstract machine, a refinement or an implementation.

Components possess "clauses" incorporating the static (data) & dynamic (operations) description of behaviour.

There are two main ways in which one machine can use another machine:

- One way is to use it as a totally controlled machine, being able to change its state:
 - ► *Including machines*, using the INCLUDES clause.
 - ▶ *Promoting operations* of an included machine, using the PROMOTES clause.
 - ► Extending machines, using the EXTENDS clause.
- ► The other is to use it to answer queries & perform functions, but without being able to change its state:
 - ▶ *Using machines*, using the USES clause.
 - ► Seeing machines, using the SEES clause.

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PART II

Structuring B Specifications using:

INCLUDES, PROMOTES & EXTENDS

B Machine "Structuring Clauses" (I)

The *structuring clauses* that allow one B machine to use another machine *with control over it* are:

INCLUDES: when an abstract machine includes another abstract machine it integrates the data of the included machine & can use its operations, but does not make its operations part of its interface, i.e they are not "visible".

PROMOTES: when an abstract machine *includes* another abstract machine it integrates the data of the included machine.

And can use the PROMOTES clause to **selectively** add any of its *operations* to its interface, by *promoting them*, i.e. making them "visible".

EXTENDS: when an abstract machine *extends* another abstract machine it integrates the data of the included machine & makes *all of its operations part of its interface*, i.e. "visible".

Accessible Components of a B Machine

If B machine M2 uses one of the structuring clauses: INCLUDES, EXTENDS, SEES or USES, on another B machine M1.

Then M2 can *access* &/or *use* some or all of the following component clauses of machine M1.

SETS & CONSTANTS	declaration of the machine's sets &
	constants.
PROPERTIES	declaration of the <i>types</i> & <i>properties</i> of the
	sets & constants.
VARIABLES	declaration of the state variables.
INVARIANT	declaration of invariant properties of the
	variables
OPERATIONS	declaration of the operations that change
	its state & enquiries that do not.

Which of the specific components listed above can be accessed & how depends on which of the structuring clauses is used.

For example, INCLUDES has the most access & control, whereas \mathtt{SEES} has the least.

The INCLUDES Clause

As an example consider one machine including another:

M2 INCLUDES M1

this is illustrated by the Structure diagram in Figure 9.3.

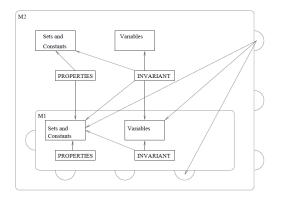


Figure: 9.3 Structure Diagram of M2 INCLUDES M1

Properties of: M2 INCLUDES M1

M1 is *defined independently* of any machines (M2) that *include* it, via an INCLUDES clause.

So M1 cannot refer to any of the information contained in M2.

M2's invariant & operations have access to the state & operations of M1.

M2 can change the state of M1 but only through M1's own operations.

In particular, M2 cannot make an explicit assignment to one of M1's variables in one of its own operations, e.g. the following is illegal:

Restriction on the use of INCLUDES:

A machine may be included in AT MOST ONE MACHINE.

This prevents machines from violating each other's invariant.

See the Safes example where the Safes machine includes two machines: Keys & Locks, (& Locks includes Doors).

Machine "Inheritance" & Restrictions

An abstract machine may be structured by use of an INCLUDES clause, which lists a number of abstract machines (& supplies their parameters) which are incorporated into the extending machine.

In M2 INCLUDES M1:

- ► The "native" variables of M2 are those defined in M2's VARIABLES clause.
- Similarly, the native sets & constants are those defines in M2's SETS & CONSTANTS clauses.
- ▶ The *included* variables of M2 are the native & included variables of M1.
- Similarly for sets & constants.

The PROMOTES Clause

In some situations it is desirable to *promote* some operations of an *included machine* to become operations of the *including* machine, but **not** to promote all of them.

The PROMOTES clause lists all of those *operations* which should be promoted to the *interface* of the *including machine*.

Since these operations are now operations of the including machine, they **MUST** be shown to preserve that machine's invariant.

For example:

```
MACHINE Safes

INCLUDES
Keys, Locks

PROMOTES
opendoor, lockdoor /* promoted from "Locks" */
closedoor /* promoted from "Doors" */
```

PROMOTES Clause

In ${\tt M2}$ the use of the following PROMOTES clause results in the Structure diagram given in Figure 9.4.

```
MACHINE M2
INCLUDES M1
PROMOTES M1_Op1, M1_Op2 /* But NOT M1_Op3 or M1_Op4 */
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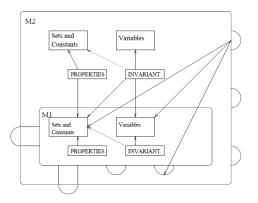


Figure: 9.4 Structure Diagram of M2 PROMOTES M1_Op1, M1_Op2

The EXTENDS Clause

EXTENDS is a special case of INCLUDES.

In M2 EXTENDS M1:

- ▶ All operations of M1 are *promoted* to operations of M2, i.e. are visible.
- All included variables of M1 may be directly read-accessed in operation definitions of M2.
- ► Included variables of M1 may be *updated* in M2 **only** by using M1's *native* operations.
- ▶ M1's operations can be used in the definition of an M2 operation.
- ▶ The *invariants* of M1 becomes part of the *invariant* of M2.
- Any clause of M2's invariant (inherited or defined explicitly in M2) may refer to included variables.

The EXTENDS Clause

The result of using

```
MACHINE M2
EXTENDS M1
```

is that *all of the operations* of M1 (M1_Op1 to M1_Op4) are *promoted to operations of* M2, i.e. become part of M2's *interface*.

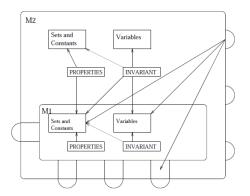


Figure: 9.5 Structure Diagram of M2 EXTENDS M1

Using an Operation of an Included Machine

Operations of a machine that has been included (via INCLUDES) may be used in operation definitions of the including machine.

When using, i.e. "calling", these operations any formal parameters must be replaced with the actual parameters.

For example, the Locks operation

uses the following operation from Doors using dd1 for dd0:

Preconditions of Included Operation

The *precondition* of an included operation is included in its expansion.

Hence it will have to be *true* whenever the operation is called in order for consistency to be obtained.

Hence the including machine:

Must guarantee that the precondition is true whenever the operation is called.

For example, in the previous example of **Locks opendoor** operation calling **Doors opening** operation, it **must ensure** that opening's *precondition*:

```
dd0 : DOOR /* opening's Precondition. */
```

is true, at the point where it is called, with the actual parameter dd1 replacing the formal parameter dd0.

So this must be true:

```
dd1 : DOOR /* Precondition with parameter dd1. */
```

Problem of Included or Extended Operations Invalidating a Machine's INVARIANT

See the multiple machine example in the tutorial using 6 machines: ${\tt M0}$ to ${\tt M5}$.

In particular, the M2 machine:

- ▶ M2 includes M0 & promotes 2 of its operations, &
- ▶ M2's *invariant* relates its variable & M0's variable.

```
MACHINE M2
INCLUDES M0
PROMOTES set_M0_var_equal_M4_var, M0_modify_M0_var
INVARIANT M2_var: NAT & M0_var <= M2_var
```

But both of M0's promoted operations could invalidate M2's INVARIANT.

For example, the MO operation:

could easily invalidate M2's INVARIANT.

Ensuring Included or Extended Operations Satisfy a Machine's INVARIANT

So to ensure that M0's M0_modify_M0_var operation does not invalidate
M2's INVARIANT: M0_var <= M2_var

The operation should **not be promoted** via PROMOTES, since its uncontrolled execution can invalidate M2's INVARIANT.

Solution: *embed it inside* an M2 operation that ensures that this **cannot** happen by checking that M2's INVARIANT will be true *after it is executed*.

```
M2_SAFE_M0_modify_M0_var

report <-- M2_SAFE_M0_modify_M0_var =

BEGIN

IF ( M0_var + 100 <= M2_var ) /* M2's INVARIANT */

THEN

M0_modify_M0_var || /* M0's Operation */

report := M2_INVARIANT_MAINTAINED

ELSE

report := WOULD_INVALIDATE_M2_INVARIANT

END

END
```

Summary: TopLevel Machine

```
____ Top_Level ____
MACHINE Top_Level
 EXTENDS Machine One
 INCLUDES Machine Two, Machine Three
 PROMOTES
  M Three Op2 */
 VARTABLES
  var 1, var 2
END
```

Then no other machine may use EXTENDS or INCLUDES on Machine_One, Machine_Two Of Machine_Three.

However, TopLevel may be included in some other machine.

TopLevel Machine Structure Diagram

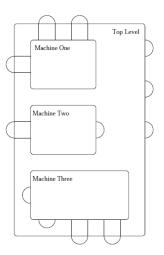


Figure: 9.6 TopLevel Machine Structure Diagram

PART III

Example 1: Safes B Specification

- ▶ 4 B machines,
- ► INCLUDES & PROMOTES clauses.

Example 1: Safes Specification

This example is taken from Chapter 10 of Steve Schneider's book.

It specifies the actions of locking & unlocking a collection of Bank safes, in terms of doors, locks & keys.

The specification is constructed from four B machines:

- Keys records which keys are in a door & operations to insert & extract a key from a door.
- Doors records which doors are open/closed & operations to open & close a door.
- Locks records which doors are locked/unlocked & operations to open, lock & unlock a door.
 It "includes" the Doors machine.
- Safes combines the above machines & records which key unlocks which door, & operations to insert & extract a key into a door; unlocking a door.
 - Safes includes the Locks & Keys machines & promotes 3 operations.

Structure of Safes Specification

The Safes specification is defined by means of a collection of *four* B machines: Safes, Keys, Locks & Doors.

The following diagram shows the INCLUDES relationship between the four machines: Safes, Keys, Locks & Doors.

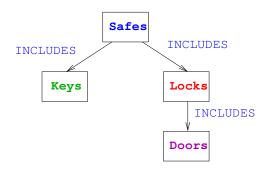


Figure: 9.7 INCLUDES relationship for Safes Specification

ProB's Safes Machine Hierarchy

Using **ProB**'s *Visualize* features a more detailed **Safes** Machine Hierarchy can be produced.

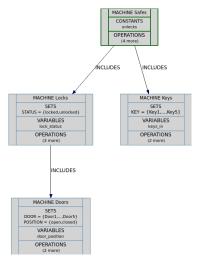


Figure: 9.8 ProB's generated Safes Machine Hierarchy

Doors Machines' State

```
____ Doors State _____
MACHINE Doors
 SETS
   DOOR:
   POSITION = { open, closed }
 VARIABLES
   door_position
  TNVARTANT
   door position : DOOR --> POSITION /* Total fn */
  INITIALISATION
   door_position := DOOR * { closed } /* All Doors closed */
```

- There are a set of doors.
- ► A door's position is either open or closed.
- ▶ Initially, all doors are closed.

Doors Machine's Operations

```
____ Doors Operations _____
 OPERATIONS
    opening( dd0 ) =
     PRE
          dd0 : DOOR
      THEN
           door_position(dd0) := open
     END:
    closedoor( dd0 ) =
     PRE
          dd0 : DOOR
      THEN
           door_position(dd0) := closed
      END
END /* Doors */
```

- ▶ opening (dd0) open a door.
- ▶ closedoor (dd0) close a door.

Keys Machine's State

```
MACHINE Keys
 SETS
                  KEY
 VARIABLES keys_in /* Set of keys in doors */
 INVARIANT keys_in <: KEY /* Set of keys */
 INITIALISATION keys_in := {} /* No key is in a door */
 OPERATIONS
   insertkey( kk0 ) =
     PRE kk0 : KEY
     THEN
           keys_in := keys_in \/ { kk0 }
     END :
   removekev ( kk0 ) =
      PRE kk0 : KEY
      THEN
           kevs in := kevs in - \{ kk0 \}
      END
END /* Kevs */
```

Locks Machine's State

```
Locks ____
MACHINE Locks
  INCLUDES
    Doors
               /* Includes Doors machine */
  PROMOTES
    closedoor /* Promotes Doors's closedoor operation.
                    but NOT its opendoor operation. */
  SETS
    STATUS = { locked, unlocked }
  VARIABLES
    lock status
  TNVARTANT
    lock status : DOOR --> STATUS &
    door_position [ { open } ] <: lock_status [ { unlocked } ]</pre>
  INITIALISATION
    lock status := DOOR * { locked }
```

Notes on the Locks Machine's State

- ► The Locks machine "includes" the Doors machine, i.e. it has access to its state & its operations.
- The Locks machine "promotes" the Doors machine's "closedoor" operation, i.e. it is added to Locks interface.
 But it does not promote Doors's "opendoor" operation, i.e. it is not added to Locks interface.
- The Locks machine keeps track of which doors are locked & unlocked by means of the lock_status total function.
 Note: that the DOOR type set is used as its domain & is defined in the included Doors machine.
- ► The predicate in the **Locks** INVARIANT clause:

```
door_position [ {open} ] <: lock_status [ {unlocked} ]
means that the "open" doors are a subset or equal to the "unlocked"
doors.</pre>
```

In other words if a door is open then it must have been unlocked or alternatively, that only an unlocked door can be open.

Locks Machine's Operations

```
Locks Operations ————
 OPERATIONS
   opendoor( dd1 ) =
     PRE dd1 : DOOR & lock status(dd1) = unlocked
     THEN
           opening(dd1) /* Locks "calls" Doors operation */
     END:
   unlockdoor( dd1 ) =
     PRE dd1 : DOOR
     THEN
           lock_status(dd1) := unlocked
     END:
   lockdoor( dd1 ) =
     PRE dd1 : DOOR & door_position(dd1) = closed
     THEN
           lock_status(dd1) := locked
     END
END /* Locks */
```

```
MACHINE Safes

INCLUDES Locks, Keys

PROMOTES opendoor, lockdoor, /* Locks Ops */
    closedoor /* Doors Op */

CONSTANTS unlocks
PROPERTIES unlocks: KEY >->> DOOR /* Bijection */

INVARIANT
    lock_status~[ { unlocked } ] <: unlocks[ keys_in ]</pre>
```

- ► The Safes machine "includes" the Locks & Keys machines, i.e. it has access to their state & operations.
- ► Safes "promotes" Locks' operations: "opendoor", "lockdoor" & Doors' operation: "closedoor".
- ► The invariant means that the "unlocked" doors, i.e. lock_status [{unlocked}], are a subset or equal to the doors that "have their key currently inserted", i.e. unlocks[keys_in].

Safes Machine's Operations (I)

```
_____ Safes Operations (I) _____
OPERATIONS
  insert( kk, dd ) =
   PRE
        kk : KEY & dd : DOOR & unlocks(kk) = dd
   THEN
        insertkev(kk) /* Safes "calls" Keys operation */
   END:
 extract ( kk, dd ) =
   PRE
        kk: KEY & dd: DOOR &
        unlocks(kk) = dd & lock_status(dd) = locked
   THEN
        removekey(kk) /* Safes "calls" Keys operation */
   END:
```

- ▶ insert (kk, dd) insert the key in the door if it unlocks it.
- extract (kk, dd) extract the key from the door if it unlocks it & the door is locked.

Safes Machine's Operations (II)

```
Safes Operations (II) ______
   unlock ( dd ) =
     PRE
          dd : DOOR & unlocks (dd) : keys_in
     THEN
          unlockdoor (dd)
     END:
   quicklock( dd ) =
     PRE
          dd : DOOR & door_position(dd) = closed
     THEN
          lockdoor( dd )
          removekey ( unlocks ~ (dd) )
     END
END /* Safes */
```

- ▶ unlock (dd) if the key is in the door's lock then unlock it.
- ▶ quicklock (dd) if the door is closed then lock it & remove the key.

ProB's Safes Initial State

Using **ProB**'s *Visualize* features the **Safes** system's initial state can be produced.

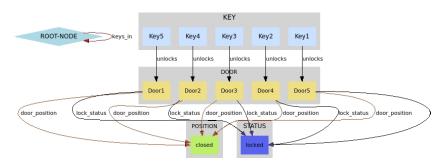


Figure: 9.8 ProB's generated Safes Initial State

Structure Diagram for Safes Machine

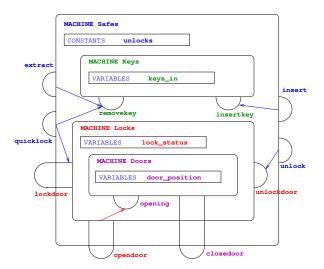


Figure: 9.10 Structure Diagram of Safes Machine

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PART IV Structuring a B Specification using: SEES & USES

B Machine "Structuring Clauses"(II)

There are two *structuring clauses* that allow one B machine M2 to use another machine M1 *without control over it* – SEES & USES.

SEES Clause: MACHINE M2 SEES M1

- Machine M2 has "read access" of M1's state, i.e. its variables.
- BUT M2 cannot alter M1's state.
- ▶ BUT M2 cannot be dependent on M1's state.

USES Clause: MACHINE M2
USES M1

- ► Same relationship as the SEES clause.
- EXCEPT that machine M2's state can be dependent on M1's state.

B Machine "M2 SEES M1" Clause

The features of the SEES clause are:

- ▶ When a machine M2 sees another machine M1, it refers to this machine & has read access to its data: sets, constants & variables.
- M1's variables may be read directly in M2's initialisation & operation definitions, but M2 cannot refer to them in its invariant.
- This means that the "seeing" machine M2's state cannot be dependent on the "seen" machine M1's state.
- Also the "seeing" machine can ONLY use (call) the operations which do not modify the "seen" machine's state, i.e. M2 can only use M1's enquiry operations in the definition of its operations.
- ► The "seen" machine is not under the control of the "seeing" machine, unlike with INCLUDES & EXTENDS.
- ► SEES is often used to *allow many machines* within a specification to "share"/"see" (refer to) a particular component (machine).

SEES Diagram

M2 SEES M1

Note there is no link between M2's INVARIANT & M1's VARIABLES, i.e. M2's state cannot be related to M1's state.

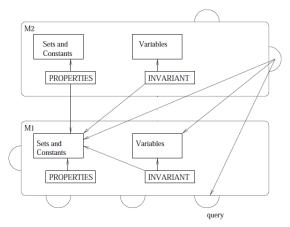


Figure: 9.12 M2 SEES M1 Structure Diagram

B Machine "USES" Clause

The features of the USES clause are:

- ▶ It is a generalisation of the SEES relationship & the "using" machine has the same access to the "used" machine.
- ► IN ADDITION, unlike with the SEES clause, the "using" machine can refer to the "used" machine's state variables in its invariant.
- This means that USES is used to capture a relationship between the states of two different machines.
- That is, the "using" machine's state is related to or dependant on the "used" machine's state.

USES Diagram

M2 USES M1

Note there is a link between M2's INVARIANT & M1's VARIABLES, i.e. M2's state can be related to M1's state.

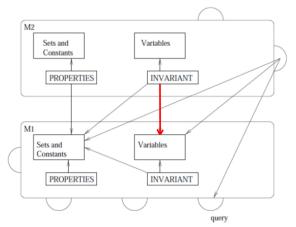


Figure: 9.12 M2 USES M1 Structure Diagram

The USES Clause

When M2 USES M1 this means that:

- ▶ M2 has read-access to the variables of M1.
- M2 may call the enquiry operations of M1, those operations that do not change its state.
 (This may be statically checked.)
- ▶ M2 cannot call the operations that *change the state* of M1.
- M2 may also refer to the state variables of M1 in its INVARIANT. (Represented by the arrow linking M2's INVARIANT to M1's VARIABLES in Figure 9.12.)
- This means that even though M2 does not have control over the state of M1 it still requires a particular relationship between the variables of the two machines.
- M1's variables become "used variables" of M2.
 This means they may appear in the INVARIANT of M2 & on the right hand side of assignments in initialisation & operation definitions.
- ▶ A machine may appear in a number of USES clauses of other machines.

SEES VS. USES

The differences between "M2 SEES M1" & "M2 USES M1":

- ▶ In M2 SEES M1 the variables of M1 cannot appear in the invariant of M2.
- ► This means that there are **no parts of the invariant** of M1 that need to be "passed up" the hierarchy of abstract machines to M2.
- But, in M2 USES M1 the variables of M1 can appear in the invariant of M2.
- ► This means that there are parts of the invariant of M1 that do need to be "passed up" the hierarchy of abstract machines to M2.
- ► In the M2 SEES M1 Structure diagram there is no link between M2's INVARIANT & M1's VARIABLES.
- ► But, in the M2 USES M1 Structure diagram there is a link between M2's INVARIANT & M1's VARIABLES.

PART V

Example 2: Registrar B Specification

- ▶ 3 B machines,
- ► *Uses clauses:* USES, EXTENDS, INCLUDES & PROMOTES.

Example 2: Registrar Machines

This example is taken from Steve Schneider's book pages 168–171.

It specifies the actions of a *Registrar*: registering *births*, *deaths* & *marriages*.

The Registrar specification is defined by means of a collection of *three* B machines: Life, Marriage & Registrar.

- ▶ The Life machine deals with births & deaths.
- The Marriage machine deals with marriages, divorce & who's married to who.
 It "uses" the Life machine, i.e. it USES Life, so it has read access to its state.
- ► The Registrar machine combines the above machines & defines a "dies" operation that takes into account marriage.

 Registrar includes the Life machine & extends the Marriage machine, i.e. INCLUDES Life, EXTENDS Marriage.

Figure 9.13 shows the EXTENDS, INCLUDES & USES relationship between the three machines.

ProB's Registrar Machine Hierarchy

Using **ProB**'s *Visualize* features a more detailed **Safes** Machine Hierarchy can be produced.

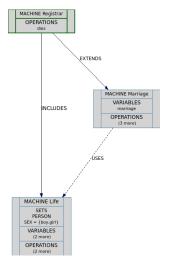


Figure: 9.13 ProB's generated Registrar Machine Hierarchy

Life Machine's State

```
____ Life ___
MACHINE Life
  SETS
   PERSON ;
    SEX = { boy, girl }
  VARIABLES
    male, female
  TNVARTANT
    male <: PERSON & female <: PERSON &
    male / female = {}
  INITIALISATION
    male := {} || female := {}
```

The Life machine records the births & deaths of males & females.

The *invariant* means that no one is both male & female.

Life Machine's Operations

```
____ Life Operations ____
OPERATIONS
 born (pp, sex ) =
   PRE pp : PERSON & pp /: (male \/ female) & sex : SEX
   THEN
       IF ( sex = bov )
       THEN male := male \/ { pp }
       ELSE female := female \/ { pp }
       END
   END :
 die(pp) =
   PRE pp : PERSON & pp : ( male \/ female )
   THEN
       IF ( pp : male )
       THEN male := male - { pp }
       ELSE female := female - { pp }
       END
   END
END /* Life */
```

Marriage Machine's State

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_ Marriage _____
MACHINE Marriage
 USES
                  Life /* "read" access to state */
 VARTABLES
                  marriage
                  marriage : male >+> female /* Injective */
 TNVARTANT
                  marriage := {}
 INITIALISATION
 OPERATIONS
   wedding( mm, ff ) =
     PRE mm : male & mm /: dom(marriage) &
          ff : female & ff /: ran(marriage)
     THEN
          marriage(mm) := ff
     END :
```

- Marriage machine "uses" the Life machine, i.e. it has read access to male & female, but it does not control it, i.e. it cannot alter their values.
- ► The machine's *invariant* means that a person can only be married to one person at a time.

Marriage Machine's Operations

___ Marriage Operations _____ part(mm, ff) = PRE mm : male & ff : female & mm |-> ff : marriage THEN marriage := marriage - { mm |-> ff } END : pp <-- partner (pp) = PRE pp : PERSON & pp : dom(marriage) \/ ran(marriage) THEN IF (pp : dom(marriage)) /* pp is husband */ THEN pp := marriage(pp) /* wife */ ELSE pp := marriage (pp) /* husband */ END END END /* Marriage */

Registrar Machine

__ Registrar ____ MACHINE Registrar EXTENDS Marriage /* All operations promoted */ INCLUDES Life PROMOTES born /* Promotes Life's "born" operation. but not "die" operation. */ OPERATIONS dies (pp) = PRE pp : PERSON & pp : male \/ female THEN die (pp) /* Calls Life's "die" */ IF (pp : dom(marriage)) /* husband died */ THEN part(pp, marriage(pp)) /* Marriage's "part" */ ELSIF (pp : ran(marriage)) /* wife died */ THEN part(marriage~(pp), pp) /* Marriage's "part" */ END END END /* Registrar */

ProB's Example Registrar State

Using **ProB**'s *Visualize* features an example of a **Registrar** state after: birth of 2 males & 2 females, and 2 marriages.

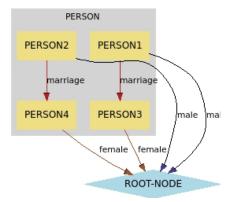


Figure: 9.14 ProB's generated Registrar Example State

Structure Diagram for Registrar Machine

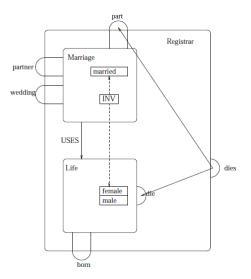


Figure: 9.15 Registrar's Structure Diagram