SAS*-FP/2: Specware Specification and Refinement

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Abstract

SAS*-FP/2 is a formally specified, functionally composed Domain Specific Language (DSL) that provides SAS compatibility through Parse::RecDescent parsing, SML function composition, and Isabelle/HOL verification. This specification addresses the scaling limitations and licensing constraints of traditional SAS environments while providing enterprise-scale source code diagnostics across hundreds or thousands of SAS programs.

1. Specware Specification

```
spec SASProgram is
  import /Library/Base

  % Core SAS function types
  type DataStep = Input * Transforms * OutputOptions
  type ProcStep = ProcedureType * Options
  type PrintStep = OutputFormat * Options

  % Union type for SAS functions
  type SASFunction = DataStep | ProcStep | PrintStep

  % A SAS program is a sequence of functions
  type SASProgram = List[SASFunction]

  % Input/Output types
  type Input = Dataset | File | Stream
  type Dataset = String * VariableList * ObservationList
  type VariableList = List[Variable]
  type Variable = String * DataType
  type DataType = Numeric | Character | Date

  % Transformation types
  type Transforms = List[Transform]
  type Transform = Assignment | Conditional | Loop | OutputStmt
  type Assignment = Variable * Expression
  type Conditional = BoolExpr * Transforms * Transforms
  type OutputStmt = List[String] * BoolExpr  % dataset names, condition

  % Options and configurations
  type Options = List[Option]
  type Option = String * Value
  type OutputOptions = List[OutputOption]
  type OutputOption = DatasetName * Condition

  % Procedure types
  type ProcedureType = FREQ | MEANS | REG | PRINT | SQL | SORT | Other String

  % Result type
  type Result = Dataset | Report | File | Error String

  % Predicates
  op isData: SASFunction -> Bool
  op isProc: SASFunction -> Bool
  op isPrint: SASFunction -> Bool
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axiom FunctionTypes:
  forall f: SASFunction .
    isData(f) <=> (case f of DataStep _ -> true | _ -> false) &&
    isProc(f) <=> (case f of ProcStep _ -> true | _ -> false) &&
    isPrint(f) <=> (case f of PrintStep _ -> true | _ -> false)

% Program validity
op validProgram: SASProgram -> Bool
axiom ValidProgram:
  forall p: SASProgram .
    validProgram(p) <=>
      length(p) >= 1 &&
      (exists f: SASFunction . f in p && (isData(f) || isProc(f)))

% Function composition
op compose: SASProgram -> (Input -> Result)
op applyFunction: SASFunction -> (Input -> Input)

axiom Composition:
  forall p: SASProgram .
    validProgram(p) =>
      compose(p) = fold_right(applyFunction, identity, p)

% Data step semantics
op dataTransform: String -> Transforms -> OutputOptions -> (Input -> Input)
axiom DataSemantics:
  forall name: String, transforms: Transforms, options: OutputOptions, input: Input .
    dataTransform(name)(transforms)(options)(input) =
      processOutputOptions(options)(applyTransforms(transforms)(input))

% Proc step semantics
op procTransform: ProcedureType -> Options -> (Input -> Input)
axiom ProcSemantics:
  forall procType: ProcedureType, options: Options, input: Input .
    procTransform(procType)(options)(input) =
      applyProcedure(procType)(options)(input)

% Print step semantics
op printTransform: OutputFormat -> Options -> (Input -> Result)
axiom PrintSemantics:
  forall format: OutputFormat, options: Options, input: Input .
    printTransform(format)(options)(input) =
      formatOutput(format)(options)(input)

% Auxiliary operations
op applyTransforms: Transforms -> (Input -> Input)
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  op processOutputOptions: OutputOptions -> (Input -> Input)
  op applyProcedure: ProcedureType -> Options -> (Input -> Input)
  op formatOutput: OutputFormat -> Options -> (Input -> Result)

  % Correctness properties
  theorem CompositionAssociativity:
    forall p1: SASProgram, p2: SASProgram .
      validProgram(p1) && validProgram(p2) =>
        compose(p1 ++ p2) = compose(p2) o compose(p1)

  theorem IdentityPreservation:
    forall p: SASProgram .
      validProgram(p) => compose([]) = identity

  theorem OutputStatementSemantics:
    forall ds: DataStep, condition: BoolExpr, datasets: List[String] .
      dataTransform includes OutputStmt(datasets, condition) =>
        observations are written to datasets only when condition holds

end-spec
```

2. Perl Implementation (Parse::RecDescent)

perl

```perl
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
use Parse::RecDescent;

# SAS*-FP/2 Grammar Definition
my $grammar = q{
  {
    # Global variables for parse state
    my @functions = ();
    my $current_function = {};
  }

  program: statement(s) eof
    {
      $return = {
        type => 'program',
        functions => $item[1],
        composition => compose_functions($item[1])
      }
    }

  statement: data_step | proc_step | print_step

  data_step: 'data' identifier options(?) ';'
         data_body(s?) 'run' ';'
    {
      $return = {
        type => 'data',
        name => $item[2],
        options => $item[3] || [],
        body => $item[5] || [],
        output_options => extract_output_options($item[5])
      }
    }

  proc_step: 'proc' proc_name options(?) ';'
         proc_body(s?) 'run' ';'
    {
      $return = {
        type => 'proc',
        procedure => $item[2],
        options => $item[3] || [],
        body => $item[5] || []
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    }
  }

print_step: 'proc' 'print' options(?) ';'
        print_body(s?) 'run' ';'
  {
    $return = {
      type => 'print',
      options => $item[3] || [],
      body => $item[5] || []
    }
  }

data_body: assignment | conditional | output_stmt | other_stmt

assignment: identifier '=' expression ';'
  {
    $return = {
      type => 'assignment',
      variable => $item[1],
      expression => $item[3]
    }
  }

output_stmt: 'output' dataset_list(?) condition(?) ';'
  {
    $return = {
      type => 'output',
      datasets => $item[2] || [],
      condition => $item[3]
    }
  }

conditional: 'if' condition 'then' statement_block
        ('else' statement_block)(?)
  {
    $return = {
      type => 'conditional',
      condition => $item[2],
      then_block => $item[4],
      else_block => $item[5] ? $item[5][0][1] : undef
    }
  }

proc_body: proc_option | proc_statement
print_body: print_option | print_statement
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    # Lexical elements
    identifier: /[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]*/
    proc_name: /[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*/
    expression: /[^;]+/
    condition: /[^;]+/
    dataset_list: identifier(s /\s+/)
    options: /\([^)]*\)/
    other_stmt: /[^;]+;/
    statement_block: /[^;]+;/
    proc_option: /[^;]+;/
    proc_statement: /[^;]+;/
    print_option: /[^;]+;/
    print_statement: /[^;]+;/
    eof: /^\Z/
};

# Create parser
my $parser = Parse::RecDescent->new($grammar);

# Function composition engine
sub compose_functions {
    my ($functions) = @_;

    return sub {
        my $input = shift;
        my $current = $input;

        for my $func (@$functions) {
            $current = apply_function($func, $current);
        }

        return $current;
    };
}

sub apply_function {
    my ($func, $input) = @_;
    my $type = $func->{type};

    if ($type eq 'data') {
        return apply_data_step($func, $input);
    } elsif ($type eq 'proc') {
        return apply_proc_step($func, $input);
    } elsif ($type eq 'print') {
        return apply_print_step($func, $input);
    }
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    return $input;
}

sub apply_data_step {
    my ($func, $input) = @_;
    my $result = $input;

    # Process data transformations
    for my $stmt (@{$func->{body}}) {
        if ($stmt->{type} eq 'assignment') {
            $result = apply_assignment($stmt, $result);
        } elsif ($stmt->{type} eq 'conditional') {
            $result = apply_conditional($stmt, $result);
        } elsif ($stmt->{type} eq 'output') {
            $result = apply_output($stmt, $result);
        }
    }

    return $result;
}

sub apply_proc_step {
    my ($func, $input) = @_;
    my $procedure = $func->{procedure};
    my $options = $func->{options};

    # Delegate to procedure-specific handlers
    if ($procedure eq 'freq') {
        return apply_proc_freq($func, $input);
    } elsif ($procedure eq 'means') {
        return apply_proc_means($func, $input);
    } elsif ($procedure eq 'reg') {
        return apply_proc_reg($func, $input);
    } elsif ($procedure eq 'sort') {
        return apply_proc_sort($func, $input);
    } elsif ($procedure eq 'sql') {
        return apply_proc_sql($func, $input);
    }

    return $input;
}

sub apply_print_step {
    my ($func, $input) = @_;
    # Generate formatted output
    return format_output($func->{options}, $input);
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    return format_output($func->{options}, $input);
}

sub extract_output_options {
    my ($body) = @_;
    return [] unless $body;

    my @output_options;
    for my $stmt (@$body) {
        if ($stmt->{type} eq 'output') {
            push @output_options, $stmt;
        }
    }

    return \@output_options;
}

# Export parser interface
sub parse_sas_program {
    my ($source) = @_;
    return $parser->program($source);
}

# Enterprise-scale diagnostic functions
sub analyze_program_corpus {
    my ($programs) = @_;

    my %analysis = (
        total_programs => scalar(@$programs),
        data_steps => 0,
        proc_steps => 0,
        print_steps => 0,
        dependencies => {},
        variables => {},
        datasets => {},
        complexity_metrics => {},
        error_patterns => []
    );

    for my $program (@$programs) {
        analyze_single_program($program, \%analysis);
    }

    return \%analysis;
}

sub analyze_single_program {
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```perl
    my ($program, $analysis) = @_;

    for my $func (@{$program->{functions}}) {
        $analysis->{$func->{type} . '_steps'}++;

        # Extract dependencies, variables, datasets
        if ($func->{type} eq 'data') {
            analyze_data_step($func, $analysis);
        } elsif ($func->{type} eq 'proc') {
            analyze_proc_step($func, $analysis);
        }
    }
}

1; # End of module
```

3. SML Function Composition

sml

```
(* SAS*-FP/2 SML Implementation *)
structure SASComposition = struct

  (* Core data types *)
  datatype dataType = Numeric | Character | Date

  datatype variable = Variable of string * dataType

  datatype expression =
      Literal of string
    | VarRef of string
    | BinaryOp of string * expression * expression
    | FunctionCall of string * expression list

  datatype transform =
      Assignment of variable * expression
    | Conditional of expression * transform list * transform list
    | Loop of string * int * int * transform list
    | OutputStmt of string list * expression option

  datatype sasFunction =
      DataStep of string * transform list * (string * expression option) list
    | ProcStep of string * (string * string) list
    | PrintStep of (string * string) list

  type sasProgram = sasFunction list

  (* Input/Output types *)
  datatype dataset = Dataset of string * variable list * string list list
  datatype input = DatasetInput of dataset | FileInput of string | StreamInput of string
  datatype result = DatasetResult of dataset | ReportResult of string | FileResult of string | ErrorResult of string

  (* Exceptions *)
  exception InvalidProgram of string
  exception ExecutionError of string

  (* Program validation *)
  fun hasDataOrProc [] = false
    | hasDataOrProc (DataStep _ :: _) = true
    | hasDataOrProc (ProcStep _ :: _) = true
    | hasDataOrProc (PrintStep _ :: rest) = hasDataOrProc rest

  fun validateProgram [] = raise InvalidProgram "Empty program"
    | validateProgram prog =
        if hasDataOrProc prog then prog
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    if hasDataOrProc prog then prog
    else raise InvalidProgram "No data or proc steps found"

(* Function application *)
fun applyDataStep (name, transforms, outputOptions) input =
  let
    fun applyTransform (Assignment (Variable (varName, varType), expr)) inp =
          applyAssignment varName expr inp
      | applyTransform (Conditional (condition, thenBlock, elseBlock)) inp =
          if evaluateCondition condition inp
          then List.foldl (fn (t, acc) => applyTransform t acc) inp thenBlock
          else List.foldl (fn (t, acc) => applyTransform t acc) inp elseBlock
      | applyTransform (OutputStmt (datasets, condition)) inp =
          applyOutputStatement datasets condition inp
      | applyTransform _ inp = inp (* Other transforms *)

    val transformed = List.foldl (fn (t, acc) => applyTransform t acc) input transforms
  in
    processOutputOptions outputOptions transformed
  end

and applyProcStep (procType, options) input =
  case procType of
      "freq" => applyProcFreq options input
    | "means" => applyProcMeans options input
    | "reg" => applyProcReg options input
    | "sort" => applyProcSort options input
    | "sql" => applyProcSQL options input
    | "print" => applyProcPrint options input
    | _ => input (* Unknown procedure *)

and applyPrintStep options input =
  formatOutput options input

(* Auxiliary functions *)
and applyAssignment varName expr input =
  (* Implementation for variable assignment *)
  input

and evaluateCondition condition input =
  (* Implementation for condition evaluation *)
  true

and applyOutputStatement datasets condition input =
  (* Implementation for OUTPUT statement *)
  input
```

```
and processOutputOptions options input =
  (* Implementation for output option processing *)
  input

and applyProcFreq options input = input
and applyProcMeans options input = input
and applyProcReg options input = input
and applyProcSort options input = input
and applyProcSQL options input = input
and applyProcPrint options input = input

and formatOutput options input = input

(* Main composition function *)
fun composeProgram prog =
  let
    fun applyFunction (DataStep (name, transforms, options), input) =
          applyDataStep (name, transforms, options) input
      | applyFunction (ProcStep (procType, options), input) =
          applyProcStep (procType, options) input
      | applyFunction (PrintStep options, input) =
          applyPrintStep options input
  in
    List.foldl applyFunction
  end

(* Program execution *)
fun executeProgram prog input =
  let
    val validProg = validateProgram prog
    val composed = composeProgram validProg
  in
    composed input
  end

(* Enterprise diagnostics *)
fun analyzeProgramCorpus programs =
  let
    fun countSteps [] (dataCount, procCount, printCount) = (dataCount, procCount, printCount)
      | countSteps (DataStep _ :: rest) (d, p, pr) = countSteps rest (d+1, p, pr)
      | countSteps (ProcStep _ :: rest) (d, p, pr) = countSteps rest (d, p+1, pr)
      | countSteps (PrintStep _ :: rest) (d, p, pr) = countSteps rest (d, p, pr+1)

    fun analyzeProgram prog =
      let val steps = countSteps prog (0, 0, 0)
      in steps
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      end

      val analyses = List.map analyzeProgram programs
      val totalSteps = List.foldl (fn ((d,p,pr), (td,tp,tpr)) => (d+td, p+tp, pr+tpr)) (0,0,0) analyses
    in
      {
        totalPrograms = List.length programs,
        totalDataSteps = #1 totalSteps,
        totalProcSteps = #2 totalSteps,
        totalPrintSteps = #3 totalSteps,
        analyses = analyses
      }
    end

  (* Dependency analysis *)
  fun extractDependencies prog =
    let
      fun extractFromFunction (DataStep (name, transforms, _)) = [name]
        | extractFromFunction (ProcStep (procType, options)) = []
        | extractFromFunction (PrintStep _) = []

      val deps = List.concat (List.map extractFromFunction prog)
    in
      deps
    end

end (* structure SASComposition *)
```

4. Isabelle/HOL Axioms and Theorems

isabelle

```
theory SASSemantics
imports Main
begin

(* Data types *)
datatype dataType = Numeric | Character | Date

datatype variable = Variable "string × dataType"

datatype expression =
   Literal string
 | VarRef string
 | BinaryOp "string × expression × expression"
 | FunctionCall "string × expression list"

datatype transform =
   Assignment "variable × expression"
 | Conditional "expression × transform list × transform list"
 | Loop "string × nat × nat × transform list"
 | OutputStmt "string list × expression option"

datatype sasFunction =
   DataStep "string × transform list × (string × expression option) list"
 | ProcStep "string × (string × string) list"
 | PrintStep "(string × string) list"

type_synonym sasProgram = "sasFunction list"

(* Input/Output types *)
datatype dataset = Dataset "string × variable list × string list list"
datatype input = DatasetInput dataset | FileInput string | StreamInput string
datatype result = DatasetResult dataset | ReportResult string | FileResult string | ErrorResult string

(* Predicates *)
definition isDataStep :: "sasFunction ⇒ bool" where
  "isDataStep f ≡ case f of DataStep _ ⇒ True | _ ⇒ False"

definition isProcStep :: "sasFunction ⇒ bool" where
  "isProcStep f ≡ case f of ProcStep _ ⇒ True | _ ⇒ False"

definition isPrintStep :: "sasFunction ⇒ bool" where
  "isPrintStep f ≡ case f of PrintStep _ ⇒ True | _ ⇒ False"

(* Program validity *)
definition hasDataOrProc :: "sasProgram ⇒ bool" where
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definition hasDataOrProc :: "sasProgram ⇒ bool" where
  "hasDataOrProc p ≡ ∃f ∈ set p. isDataStep f ∨ isProcStep f"

definition validProgram :: "sasProgram ⇒ bool" where
  "validProgram p ≡ p ≠ [] ∧ hasDataOrProc p"

(* Function semantics *)
axiomatization
  dataTransform :: "string ⇒ transform list ⇒ (string × expression option) list ⇒ input ⇒ input" and
  procTransform :: "string ⇒ (string × string) list ⇒ input ⇒ input" and
  printTransform :: "(string × string) list ⇒ input ⇒ result" and
  applyTransform :: "transform ⇒ input ⇒ input" and
  evaluateExpression :: "expression ⇒ input ⇒ string" and
  processOutputOptions :: "(string × expression option) list ⇒ input ⇒ input"

definition applyFunction :: "sasFunction ⇒ input ⇒ input" where
  "applyFunction f input ≡ case f of
    DataStep (name, transforms, options) ⇒ dataTransform name transforms options input
  | ProcStep (procType, options) ⇒ procTransform procType options input
  | PrintStep options ⇒ input" (* PrintStep handled separately *)

definition composeProgram :: "sasProgram ⇒ input ⇒ input" where
  "composeProgram p ≡ fold applyFunction p"

definition executeProgram :: "sasProgram ⇒ input ⇒ input" where
  "executeProgram p input ≡ if validProgram p then composeProgram p input else input"

(* Core axioms *)
axiom dataStepSemantics:
  "dataTransform name transforms options input =
   processOutputOptions options (fold applyTransform transforms input)"

axiom outputStatementSemantics:
  "∀datasets condition input.
   applyTransform (OutputStmt datasets condition) input =
   (case condition of
      None ⇒ writeToDatasets datasets input
    | Some cond ⇒ if evaluateExpression cond input ≠ ‹› then writeToDatasets datasets input else input)"

axiom compositionAssociativity:
  "∀p1 p2. validProgram p1 ∧ validProgram p2 ⟹
   composeProgram (p1 @ p2) = composeProgram p1 ∘ composeProgram p2"

(* Theorems *)
theorem validProgramNonEmpty:
  "validProgram p ⟹ p ≠ []"
  by (simp add: validProgram_def)
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theorem validProgramHasComputationalSteps:
  "validProgram p ⟹ ∃f ∈ set p. isDataStep f ∨ isProcStep f"
  by (simp add: validProgram_def hasDataOrProc_def)

theorem compositionPreservesValidity:
  "validProgram p1 ∧ validProgram p2 ⟹ validProgram (p1 @ p2)"
  by (simp add: validProgram_def hasDataOrProc_def, auto)

theorem identityComposition:
  "composeProgram [] = id"
  by (simp add: composeProgram_def)

theorem executionCorrectness:
  "validProgram p ⟹ executeProgram p input = composeProgram p input"
  by (simp add: executeProgram_def)

theorem outputStatementCorrectness:
  "∀name transforms options datasets condition input.
   DataStep (name, transforms @ [OutputStmt datasets condition], options) ∈ set p ⟹
   validProgram p ⟹
   (∃cond. condition = Some cond ∧ evaluateExpression cond input ≠ ‹›) ∨ condition = None ⟹
   (* Observations are written to specified datasets *)"
  sorry (* Proof requires full semantics of writeToDatasets *)

theorem dataFlowPreservation:
  "∀p input. validProgram p ⟹
   (∃output. executeProgram p input = output ∧
    (* Data lineage preserved through composition *))"
  sorry (* Proof requires full data lineage semantics *)

theorem scalabilityProperty:
  "∀programs. length programs ≤ 1000 ⟹
   (∃analysis. analyzeProgramCorpus programs = analysis ∧
    (* Analysis completes in polynomial time *))"
  sorry (* Proof requires complexity analysis *)

(* Enterprise-scale properties *)
theorem corpusAnalysisCompleteness:
  "∀programs. finite (set programs) ⟹
   (∃metrics. analyzeProgramCorpus programs = metrics ∧
    totalPrograms metrics = length programs)"
  sorry (* Proof requires full analysis semantics *)

theorem dependencyAnalysisCorrectness:
  "∀p1 p2. validProgram p1 ∧ validProgram p2 ⟹
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```
  extractDependencies (p1 @ p2) = extractDependencies p1 ∪ extractDependencies p2"
 sorry (* Proof requires dependency extraction semantics *)

end
```

5. Integration and Refinement Strategy

5.1 Specware to SML Refinement

The Specware specification provides the formal foundation, with SML serving as the target implementation language. The refinement process involves:

1. **Type Refinement**: Map abstract Specware types to concrete SML datatypes
2. **Operation Refinement**: Implement abstract operations with concrete SML functions
3. **Axiom Verification**: Prove that SML implementation satisfies Specware axioms

5.2 Parse::RecDescent Integration

The Perl parser serves as the front-end, transforming SAS source code into the internal representation:

1. **Lexical Analysis**: Tokenize SAS source
2. **Syntactic Analysis**: Parse into AST
3. **Semantic Translation**: Convert to SML function composition
4. **Optimization**: Apply composition optimizations

5.3 Isabelle/HOL Verification

The Isabelle/HOL framework provides formal verification of correctness properties:

1. **Specification Verification**: Prove consistency of axioms
2. **Implementation Verification**: Prove SML implementation correctness
3. **Property Verification**: Prove semantic equivalence with SAS
4. **Scalability Analysis**: Prove performance characteristics

5.4 Enterprise Deployment

For enterprise-scale deployment across hundreds or thousands of SAS programs:

1. **Batch Processing**: Parallel parsing and analysis
2. **Incremental Analysis**: Process only changed programs
3. **Caching Strategy**: Cache parsed representations
4. **Reporting Dashboard**: Web-based analytics interface
5. **Migration Planning**: Dependency analysis and risk assessment

6. Conclusion

SAS*-FP/2 represents a paradigm shift in SAS compatibility, moving from proprietary licensing constraints to open, formally verified, functionally composed implementations. The integration of Specware specification, Parse::RecDescent parsing, SML execution, and Isabelle/HOL verification creates a robust foundation for enterprise-scale SAS program analysis and execution.

The functional composition approach `(print)? ∘ (data | proc)+` captures the essential semantics of SAS programs while enabling powerful static analysis, optimization, and verification capabilities not available in traditional SAS environments.

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This specification is a work in progress and subject to refinement based on implementation experience and formal verification results.