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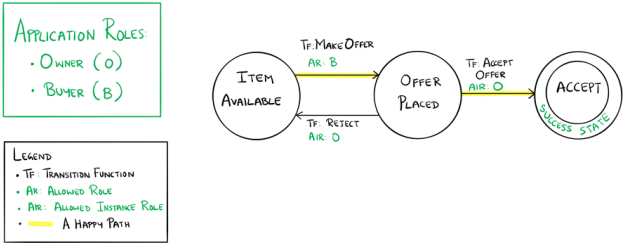
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A smart contract among Owners and Buyers

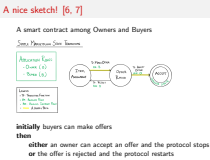
SIMPLE MARKETPLACE STATE TRANSITIONS



initially buyers can make offers
then
either an owner can accept an offer and the protocol stops
or the offer is rejected and the protocol restarts

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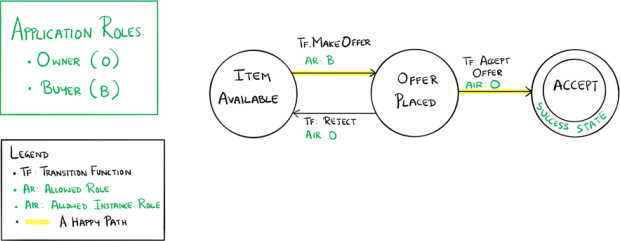
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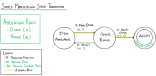
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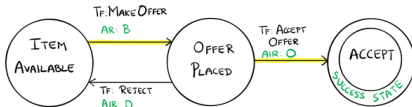
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APPLICATION ROLES

- OWNER (O)
- BUYER (B)

LEGEND

- TF: TRANSITION FUNCTION
- AR: ALLOWED ROLE
- AIR: ALLOWED INSTANCE ROLE
- A HAPPY PATH



but...

✗ what's the difference between roles and instances?

✗ can buyers be owners too?

✗ what's the scope of quantifications?

✗ when are transitions enabled?

✗ how does the state of the contract change?

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1. is the sketch giving semantics to roles and instances?
2. not forbidden...however what if we wanted to separate the roles?
3. from [7]: "The transitions between the **Item Available** and the **Offer Placed** states can continue until the owner is satisfied with the offer made." so, after a rejection, the new offer must be from the original buyer or a new one?
4. ok
5. should the price of the item remain unchanged when the owner rejects offers?

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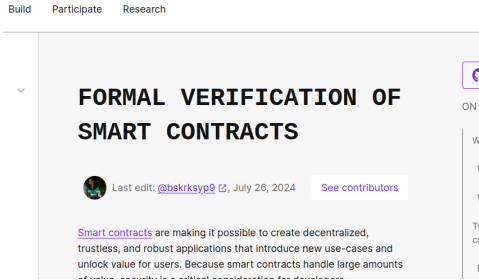
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Expressions are standard but for state variables occurring in rhs e must have the old _ qualifier; this concept will be used in the definition of (progress for) well-formedness

We adapt the mechanism based on the old keyword from the Eiffel language [5] which, as explained in [4] is necessary to render assignments into logical formulae since e.g., $x = x + 1 \iff$ False.

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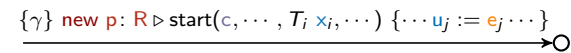
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- predicates formal parameters of its transition and over state variables, provided that it not a start transition
- has to be satisfied for the invocation to succeed: an invocation that makes the guard false is rejected

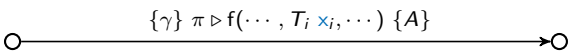
- $\text{new } p: R$ specifies that p must be a fresh participant with role R
- $\text{any } p: R$ qualifies p as an existing participant with role R
- p refers to a participant in the scope of a binder
- invocations from non-suitable callers are rejected

the variables occurring in the right-hand side of assignments in A are either state variables or parameters of the invocation

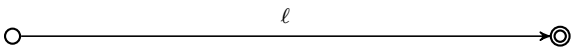
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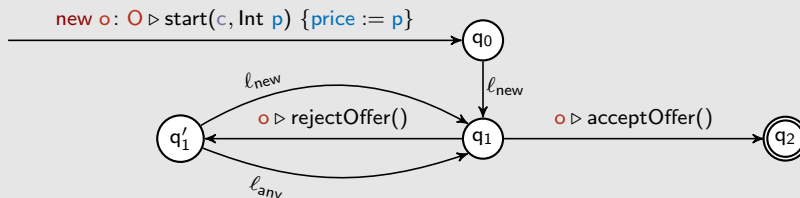
Give a DAFSM for the protocol on slide 7 resolving the ambiguities discussed there.

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Exercise: modelling

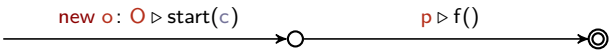
Let $\ell_{\text{new}} = \{\text{newOffer} > 0\}$ **new** **b**: **B** \triangleright makeOffer(Int **newOffer**) {offer := **newOffer**}

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A new participant **o** acts as owner **O** for a coordinator **c** assigning an initial value **p** to the state variable **price** in the initial state q_0 where the only enabled function is `makeOffer(Int offer)`. The first buyer **b** invoking this function with an actual parameter **newOffer**, satisfying the guard **newOffer** $>$ 0, moves the protocol to state q_1 while recording the new offer in the coordinator state with the assignment **offer** := **newOffer**. Contextually, the state of the coordinator records that the caller **b** plays role **B**.

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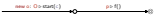


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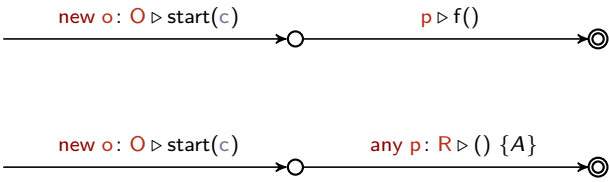
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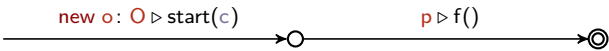
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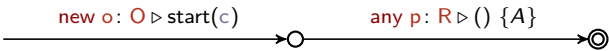
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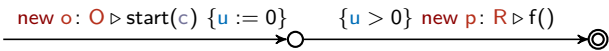
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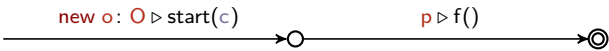


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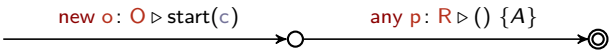
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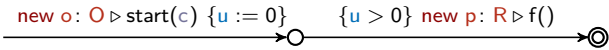
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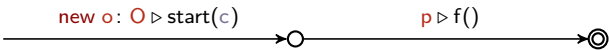


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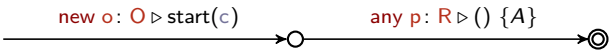
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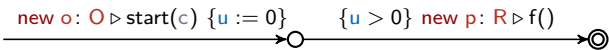
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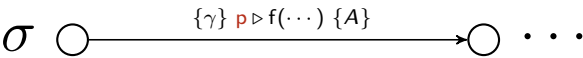
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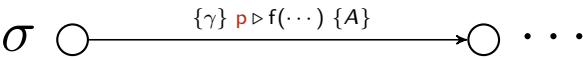
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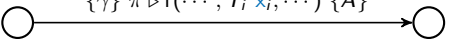
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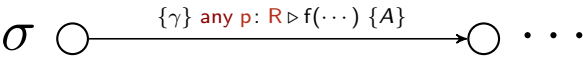
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└ Role emptiness

'expands' means register a new participant with that role in the protocol (the participant might already be registered with a different role)

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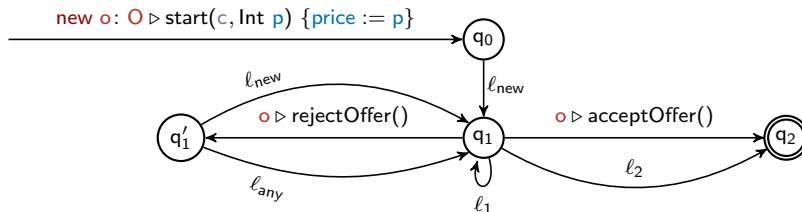
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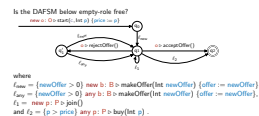
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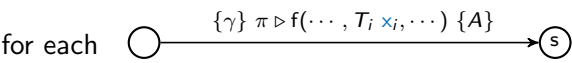


No, because of the paths excluding the self-loop on the role P.

We can fix the problem by adding a parameter of type P to the start transition.

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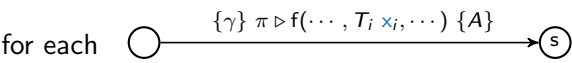
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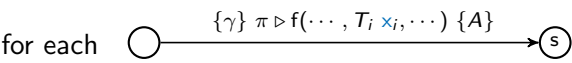
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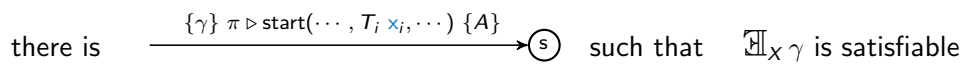
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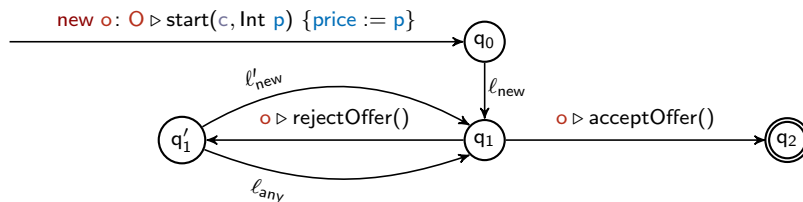
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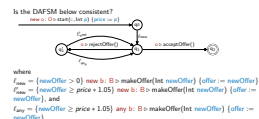
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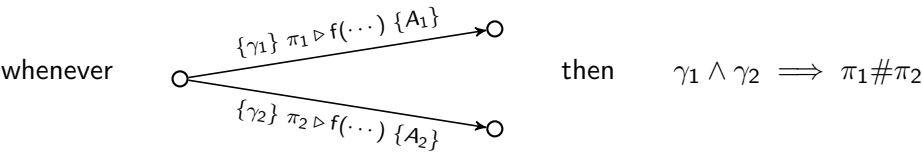
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
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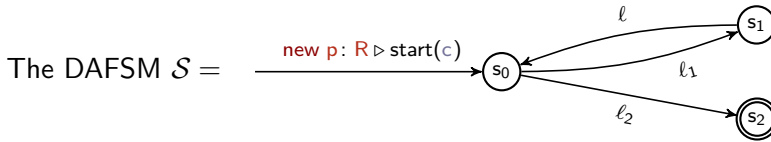
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1. no: eg for $\ell_1 = \ell_2 = \text{new } p: R \triangleright \text{start}(c)$ \mathcal{S} is deterministic
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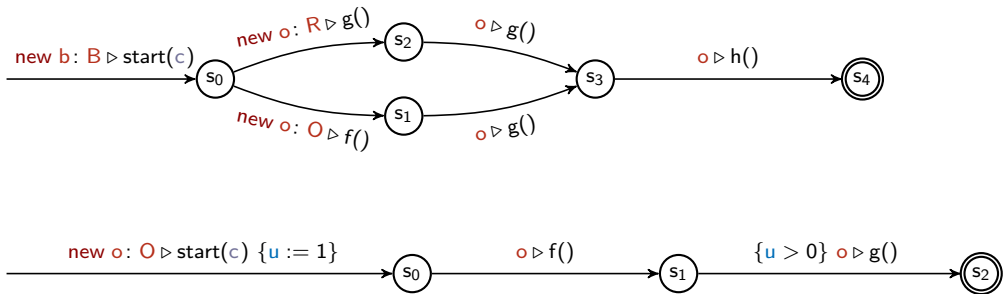
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yes: o is defined on paths it occurs on and the DAFSM is deterministic.

no: the transition from s_0 violates consistency since True does not imply $u > 0$ hinting that the protocol could get stuck in state s_1 . However, this never happens because u is initially set to 1 and never changed, hence the transition from s_1 would be enabled when the protocol lands in s_1 .

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– Act II –

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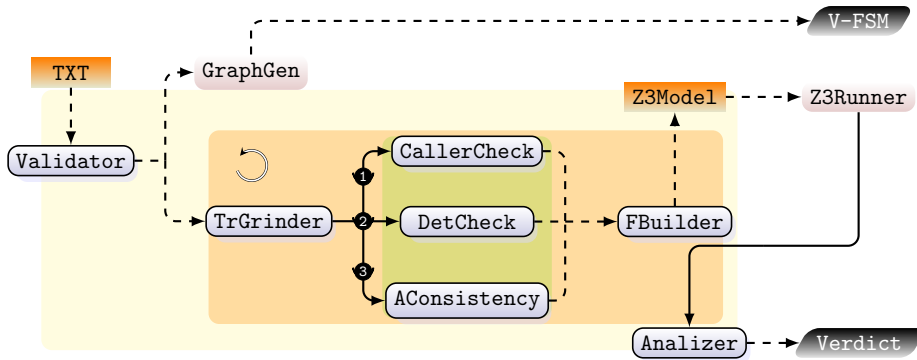
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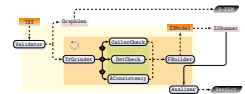


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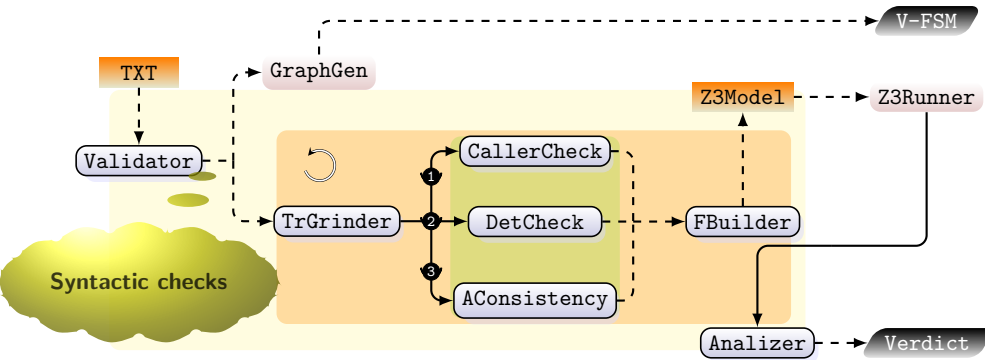
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the architecture of **TRAC** is compartmentalised into two principal modules:
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TRAC's core (orange box). The latter module implements well-formedness check (green box).
Solid arrows represent calls between components while dashed arrows data IO.

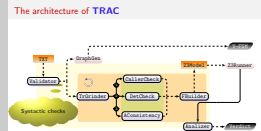
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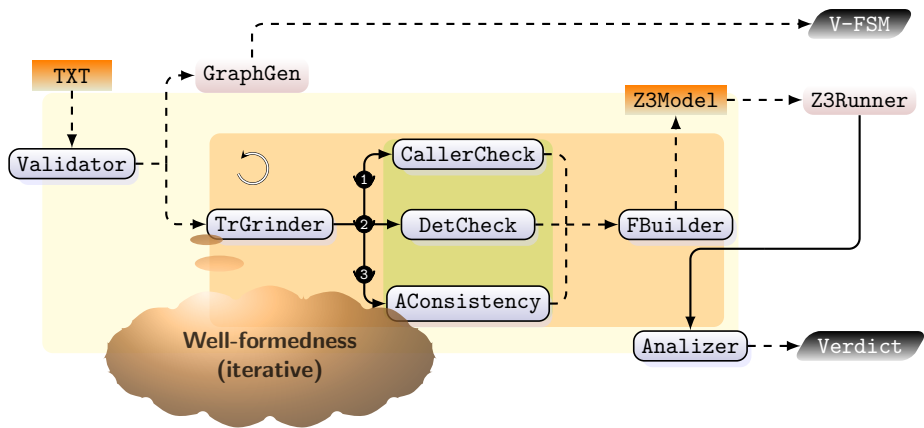


basic syntactic checks on a DSL representation of DAFSMs and transforming the input in a format that simplifies the analysis of the following phases:

- passed to GraphGen for visual representation of DAFSMs (V-FSM output)
- passed to the TrGrinder component (orange box) for well-formedness checking.

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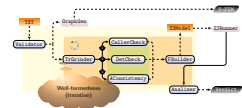


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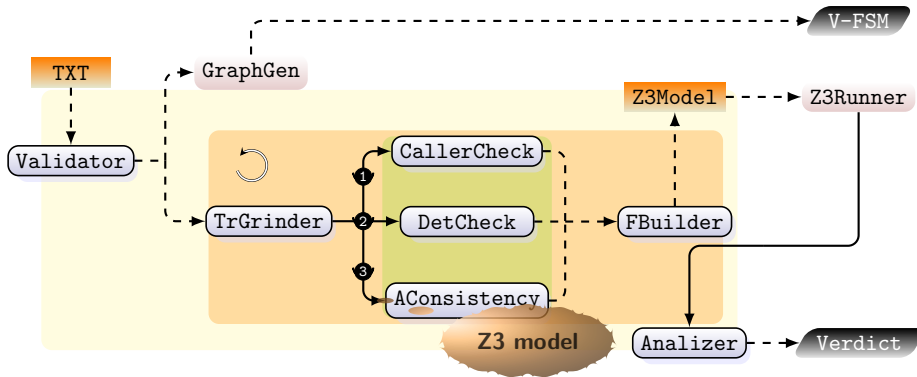
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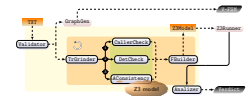
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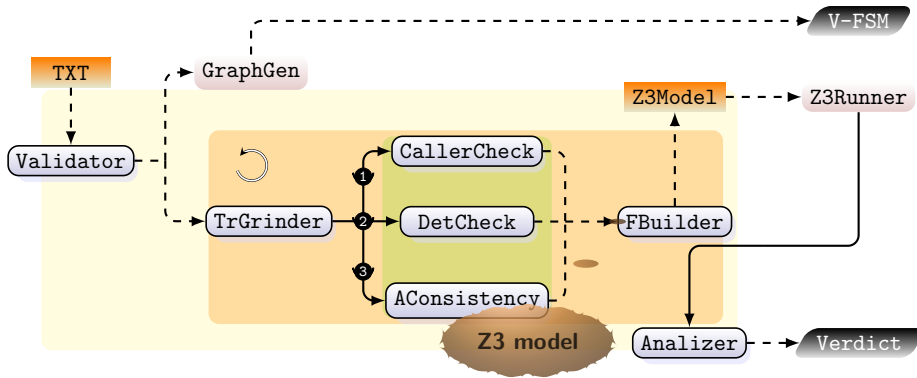
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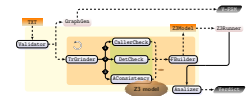
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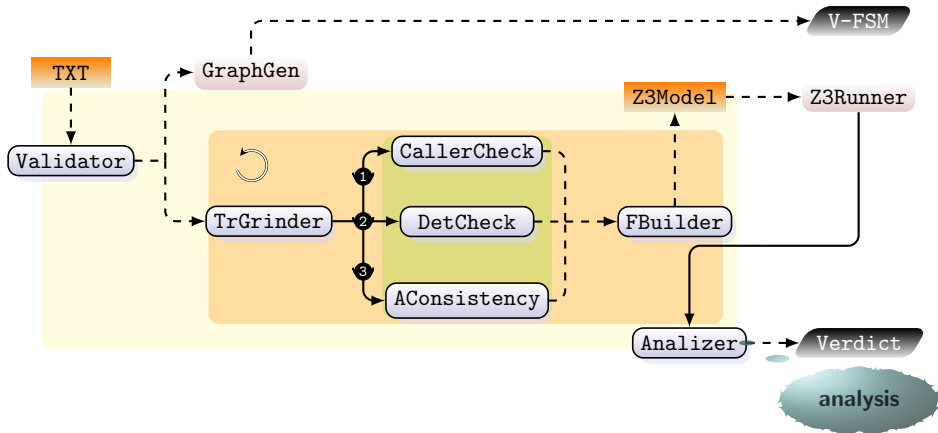
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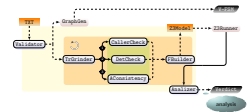


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Finally, the **Analyzer** component that diagnoses the output of Z3 and produces a **Verdict** which reports (if any) the violations of well-formedness of the DAFSM in input.

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Detailed instructions at <https://github.com/loctet/TRAC>

Dependencies: Java RE (to render DAFSM graphically) & Python 3.6 or later

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  .
   $\langle dcl \rangle = e$  ;
  .
  .
  if  $\gamma$ 
}
```

set the roles
$\langle dcl \rangle$ declares the participant creating the contract

state variables with initial assignment (if any)

initial guard (this clause can be omitted)

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└ Concrete syntax (I)

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$\langle pars \rangle ::= \varepsilon \mid \langle dcl \rangle (, \langle dcl \rangle)^*$        $\langle dcl \rangle ::= \langle str \rangle \langle str \rangle$



roles  $\langle str \rangle^+$       # set the roles  
dafsm  $\langle str \rangle (\langle pars \rangle)$  by  $\langle dcl \rangle$       #  $\langle dcl \rangle$  declares the participant creating the contract



$\langle dcl \rangle = e$  ;      # state variables with initial assignment (if any)



if  $\gamma$       # initial guard (this clause can be omitted)


```

recall that e and γ are SMT-Lib2 syntax for expressions and boolean expressions respectively

Concrete syntax (I)

$\langle pars \rangle ::= \varepsilon \mid \langle dcl \rangle (, \langle dcl \rangle)^*$	$\langle dcl \rangle ::= \langle str \rangle \langle str \rangle$
$\langle lbl \rangle ::= \{ \gamma \} \pi > \langle str \rangle (\langle pars \rangle) \{ \langle asgs \rangle \}$	
$\langle asgs \rangle ::= \varepsilon \mid \langle asg \rangle (; \langle asg \rangle)^*$	$\langle asg \rangle ::= \langle str \rangle := \langle expr \rangle$
<code>roles $\langle str \rangle^+$ dafsm $\langle str \rangle (\langle pars \rangle)$ by $\langle dcl \rangle \{$</code>	<code># set the roles # $\langle dcl \rangle$ declares the participant creating the contract</code>
<code>...</code>	
<code>$\langle dcl \rangle = e ;$</code>	<code># state variables with initial assignment (if any)</code>
<code>...</code>	
<code>if γ</code>	<code># initial guard (this clause can be omitted)</code>
<code>}</code>	
<code>...</code>	
<code>$\langle str \rangle \langle lbl \rangle \langle str \rangle ;$</code>	<code># the initial state defaults to the source state of the first transition</code>
<code>...</code>	<code># final states are strings with a trailing ' + ' sign</code>

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<code>(pars) ::= $\varepsilon \mid \langle dcl \rangle (, \langle dcl \rangle)^*$ (lbl) ::= $\{ \gamma \} \pi > \langle str \rangle (\langle pars \rangle) \{ \langle asgs \rangle \}$ (asgs) ::= $\varepsilon \mid \langle asg \rangle (; \langle asg \rangle)^*$</code>	<code>(dcl) ::= $\langle str \rangle \langle str \rangle$ (asg) ::= $\langle str \rangle := \langle expr \rangle$</code>
<code>roles $\langle str \rangle^+$ dafsm $\langle str \rangle (\langle pars \rangle)$ by $\langle dcl \rangle \{$</code>	<code># set the roles # $\langle dcl \rangle$ declares the participant creating the contract</code>
<code>$\langle dcl \rangle = e ;$</code>	<code># state variables with initial assignment (if any)</code>
<code>if γ</code>	<code># initial guard (this clause can be omitted)</code>
<code>}</code>	
<code>$\langle str \rangle \langle lbl \rangle \langle str \rangle ;$</code>	<code># the initial state defaults to the source state of the first transition # final states are strings with a trailing ' + ' sign</code>

recall that `e` and `γ` are SMT-Lib2 syntax for expressions and boolean expressions respectively

Edit a .trac file for the contract specified at

https:

[//github.com/Azure-Samples/blockchain/blob/master/blockchain-workbench/application-and-smart-contract-samples/basic-provenance/readme.md](https://github.com/Azure-Samples/blockchain/blob/master/blockchain-workbench/application-and-smart-contract-samples/basic-provenance/readme.md)

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└ Exercise: TRAC usage (I)

roles Owner Counterparty

dafsm basicProvenance(Owner o) **by** cp : Counterparty {}

q0 cp > TransferResponsibility(Counterparty cp) {} q1

q1 **any** cp: Counterparty > TransferResponsibility(Counterparty cp) {} q1

q1 o > Complete() {} q2+

Exercise: TRAC usage (I)

Edit a .trac file for the contract specified at
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Concrete syntax (II)

The syntax of expressions (and hence of guards) follows the SMT-lib standard:

```
<spec_constant> ::= <numeral> | <decimal> | <hexadecimal> | <binary> | <string>
<s_expr>          ::= <spec_constant> | <symbol> | <reserved> | <keyword>
                  | ( <s_expr>* )
<qual_identifier> ::= <identifier> | ( as <identifier> <sort> )
<var_binding>     ::= ( <symbol> <term> )
<sorted_var>      ::= ( <symbol> <sort> )
<pattern>         ::= <symbol> | ( <symbol> <symbol>+ )
<match_case>      ::= ( <pattern> <term> )
<term>            ::= <spec_constant>
                  | <qual_identifier>
                  | ( <qual_identifier> <term>+ )
                  | ( let ( <var_binding>+ ) <term> )
                  | ( lambda ( <sorted_var>+ ) <term> )
                  | ( forall ( <sorted_var>+ ) <term> )
                  | ( exists ( <sorted_var>+ ) <term> )
                  | ( match <term> ( <match_case>+ ) )
                  | ( ! <term> <attribute>+ )
```

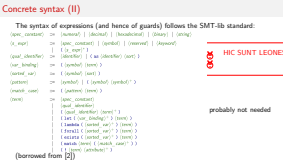
(borrowed from [2])



probably not needed

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Concrete syntax (II)



<https://smt-lib.org/papers/smt-lib-reference-v2.6-r2021-05-12.pdf>

<http://smtlib.github.io/jSMTLIB/SMTLIBTutorial.pdf>

“A <keyword> is a token of the form :<simple_symbol>. Elements of this category have a special use in the language. They are used as attribute names or option names (see later).

Examples

:date :j:= :a2 :56 :foo-bar :-j

Edit a .trac file for the DAFSM on slide 13.

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└ Exercise: **TRAC** syntax (II)

TODO

– Act III –

[A little exercise]

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<https://github.com/blockchain-unica/rosetta-smart-contracts/tree/main/contracts/vesting>

– Epilogue –

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