



Models are the ‘M’ in JML

Using ADT Models in
Formal Specification with JML

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Models, not Modeling

- ✧ the ‘M’ in JML is **not** the same as the ‘M’ in UML, even if both use the term ‘model’
- ✧ JML models are mathematical abstractions
 - ✧ UML models are pretty pictures
- ✧ JML models are used to specify abstract behavior independent of implementation
- ✧ an implementation realizes a model and is verified as fulfilling the model



Standard Models

- * standard mathematical models include:
 - * bag, list, map, pair, relation, sequence, set
 - * variants exist for values and objects
- * standard Java models include:
 - * Byte, Char, Double, Float, Integer, Long, Short, String, Type
 - * Collection, Comparable, Enumeration, Iterator



Mathematical Models

- ✧ each model is realized by one Java class
 - ✧ see the package *org.jmlspecs.models*
- ✧ all methods of all models are functional
- ✧ each model has a full specification
 - ✧ spec is in OO/ADT style
 - ✧ algebraic equational axiomatic spec
- ✧ NB no models have been verified yet!



Java Models

- ⊛ all core classes have models
- ⊛ some of these models are quite simple (e.g., Byte, Char, Integer, and String)
- ⊛ others are quite complicated (e.g., Double and Float)



Using Models

- ✧ models are used by declaring *model fields*
- ✧ one can also declare *model methods*
- ✧ in specifications, models are used in lieu of concrete fields when at all possible
- ✧ in implementations, models are bound to implementations with a *represents* clause
 - ✧ representations can be concrete fields or abstract pure method invocations



Example Models: JMLString

```
public /*@ pure @*/ class JMLString implements JMLComparable {  
  
    /** The contents of this object. */  
    //@ public model String theString;  
    //@ public invariant theString != null;  
  
    protected String str_  
    //@          in theString;  
    //@ protected represents theString <- str_  
  
    //@ protected invariant str_ != null;  
}
```



Example Models: JMLInteger

```
public /*@ pure @*/ class JMLInteger implements JMLComparable {  
  
    /** The integer value of this object. */  
    //@ public model int theInt;  
  
    //@ public constraint theInt == \old(theInt);  
  
    private int intValue;  
    //@          in theInt;  
    //@ private represents theInt <- intValue;  
}
```



JMLInteger's remainderBy()

```
/** Return a new object containing the remainder of this object's
 * integer value divided by that of the given argument.
 */
/*@ public normal_behavior
 *   @ requires i2 != null && !i2.equals(new JMLInteger(0));
 *   @ ensures \result != null
 *   @         && \result.theInt == theInt % i2.theInt;
 */
public /*@ non_null */
    JMLInteger remainderBy(/*@ non_null */ JMLInteger i2) {
    //@ assume i2.intValue != 0;
    return new JMLInteger(intValue % i2.intValue);
}
```



Issues with Models

- * awkward to use
 - * all operators are functional and are methods, thus an unfamiliar prefix-notation is necessary
 - * all mathematical models are parameterized on a type, but since Java ≤ 1.5 has no parameterized classes, casting is frequent
- * execution speed with jmlrac is very slow
 - * particularly true of mathematical models



Verifying with Models

- ✧ models with built-in types and functional representations work in ESC/Java2
- ✧ small models with richer types and functional representations sometimes work
 - ✧ primarily complexity issue with Simplify
- ✧ medium to large models with richer types do not work at all
 - ✧ currently revising core specifications to match ESC/Java2's current capabilities

