

Modelling Software-based Systems

Lecture 1

The Modelling Language Event-B

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Expressing models in the event B notation

- Models are defined in two ways :
 - ▶ an abstract machine
 - ▶ a refinement of an existing model
- Models use **constants** which are defined in structures called **contexts**
- B structures are related by the three possible relations :
 - ▶ the **sees** relationship for expressing the use of constants, sets satisfying axioms and theorems.
 - ▶ the **extends** relationship for expressing the extension of contexts by adding new constants and new sets
 - ▶ the **refines** relationship stating that a B model is refined by another one.

Machines

- **REFINES**
- **SEES** a context
- **VARIABLES** of the model
- **INVARIANTS** satisfied by the variables
- **THEOREMS** satisfied by the variables
- **EVENTS** modifying the variables
- **VARIANT**

Contexts

- **EXTENDS** another context
- **SETS** declares new sets
- **CONSTANTS** define a list of constants
- **AXIOMS** define the properties of constants and sets
- **THEOREMS** list the theorems which should be derived from axioms

MACHINE
m
REFINES
am
SEES
c
VARIABLES
u
INVARIANTS
I(u)
THEOREMS
Q(u)
VARIANT
< variant >
EVENTS
< event >
END

- $\Gamma(m)$: environment for the machine m defined by the context c
- $\Gamma(m) \vdash \forall u \in \text{VALUES} : \text{INIT}(u) \Rightarrow I(u)$
- For each event e in E :
 $\Gamma(m) \vdash \forall u, u' \in \text{VALUES} : I(x) \wedge BA(e)(u, u') \Rightarrow I(u')$
- $\Gamma(m) \vdash \forall u \in \text{VALUES} : I(u) \Rightarrow Q(u)$

CONTEXTS

c
EXTENDS

ac
SETS

s
CONSTANTS

k
AXIOMS

$ax1 : \dots$
THEOREMS

$th1 : \dots$
END

- $ac : c$ is extending ac and add new features
- s : sets are defined either by intension or by extension
- k : constants are defined and
- axioms characterize constants and sets
- theorems are derived from axioms in the current context

before-after relation for e

For each event e, a before-after relation is defined over (flexible) variables.
Three events are possible

- $e \triangleq \text{BEGIN } x : |P(x, x') \text{ END} : \text{BA}(e)(x, x') \triangleq P(x; x')$
- $e \triangleq \text{WHEN } G(x) \text{ THEN } x : |P(x, x') \text{ END} : \text{BA}(e)(x, x') \triangleq G(x) \wedge P(x; x')$
- $e \triangleq \text{ANY } p \text{ WHEN } G(p, x) \text{ THEN } x : |P(p, x, x') \text{ END} : \text{BA}(e)(x, x') \triangleq \exists p. G(p, x) \wedge P(x; x')$

guard for e

For each event e, a guard is defined over (flexible) variables.
Three events are possible

- $e \triangleq \text{BEGIN } x : |P(x, x') \text{ END} : \text{grd}(x) \triangleq \text{TRUE}$
- $e \triangleq \text{WHEN } G(x) \text{ THEN } x : |P(x, x') \text{ END} : \text{grd}(e)(x) \triangleq G(x)$
- $e \triangleq \text{ANY } p \text{ WHEN } G(p, x) \text{ THEN } x : |P(p, x, x') \text{ END} : \text{grd}(e)(x) \triangleq \exists p. G(p, x)$

Proof obligations for a B model

$$\text{inv1} \quad \Gamma(s, c) \vdash \text{Init}(x) \Rightarrow I(x)$$

$$\text{inv2} \quad \Gamma(s, c) \vdash I(x) \wedge BA(e)(x, x') \Rightarrow I(x')$$

$$\text{fis} \quad \Gamma(s, c) \vdash I(x) \wedge \text{grd}(E) \Rightarrow \exists x' \cdot P(x, x')$$

safe $\Gamma(s, c) \vdash I(x) \Rightarrow A(x)$

$$\text{dead} \quad \Gamma(s, c) \vdash I(x) \Rightarrow (\text{grd}(e_1) \vee \dots \vee \text{grd}(e_n))$$

The factorial model

CONTEXT

fonctions

CONSTANTS

factorial, n

AXIOMS

$ax1 : n \in \mathbb{N}$

$ax2 : factorial \in \mathbb{N} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$ax3 : 0 \mapsto 1 \in factorial$

$ax4 : \forall(i, fn).(i \mapsto fn \in factorial \Rightarrow i + 1 \mapsto (i + 1) * fi \in factorial) \wedge$

$$\forall f \cdot \left(\begin{array}{l} f \in \mathbb{N} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \\ 0 \mapsto 1 \in f \wedge \\ \forall(n, fn).(n \mapsto fn \in f \Rightarrow n + 1 \mapsto (n + 1) \times fn \in f) \\ \Rightarrow \\ factorial \subseteq f \end{array} \right)$$

END

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The factorial model

MACHINE

specification

SEES *fonctions*

VARIABLES

resultat

INVARIANT

$$resultat \in \mathbb{N}$$

THEOREMS

$$th1 : factorial \in \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N};$$
$$th2 : factorial(0) = 1 ;$$
$$th3 : \forall n. (n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow factorial(n+1) = (n+1) \times factorial(n))$$

INITIALISATION

$$resultat : \in \mathbb{N}$$

EVENTS

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computing1 = BEGIN resultat := factorial(n) END
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END

Communications between agents

MACHINE *agents*

SEES *data*

VARIABLES

sent

got

lost

INVARIANTS

$$inv1 : sent \subseteq AGENTS \times AGENTS$$
$$inv2 : got \subset \overline{AGENTS} \times AGENTS$$
$$inv4 : (got \cup lost) \subseteq sent$$
$$inv6 : lost \subseteq AGENTS \times AGENTS$$
$$inv7 : got \cap lost = \emptyset$$

INITIALISATION

BEGIN

$$act1 : sent := \emptyset$$
$$act2 : got := \emptyset$$
$$act4 : lost := \emptyset$$

END

Communications between agents

EVENT sending a message

ANY

 a, b

WHERE

$$qrd11 : a \in AGENTS$$
$$grd12 : b \in AGENTS$$
$$grd1 : a \mapsto b \notin sent$$

THEN

$$act11 : sent := sent \cup \{a \mapsto b\}$$

END

EVENT getting a message

ANY

 a, b

WHERE

$$grd11 : a \in AGENTS$$
$$grd12 : b \in AGENTS$$
$$grd13 : a \mapsto b \in sent \setminus (got \cup lost)$$

THEN

$$act11 : got := got \cup \{a \mapsto b\}$$

END

Communications between agents

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EVENT loosing a message
ANY
  a
  b
WHERE   $grd1 : a \in AGENTS$ 
        $grd2 : b \in AGENTS$ 
        $grd3 : a \mapsto b \in sent \setminus (got \cup lost)$ 
THEN
   $act1 : lost := lost \cup \{a \mapsto b\}$ 
END
```

CONTEXTS

data

SETS

MESSAGES

AGENTS

DATA

CONSTANTS

n

infile

AXIOMS

$axm1 : n \in \mathbb{N}$

$axm2 : n \neq 0$

$axm3 : infile \in 1 .. n \rightarrow DATA$

END

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General form of an event

```
EVENT e
  ANY t
  WHERE
     $G(c, s, t, x)$ 
  THEN
     $x : |(P(c, s, t, x, x'))|$ 
  END
```

- c et s are constantes and visible sets by e
- x is a state variable or a list of variables
- $G(c, s, t, x)$ is the condition for observing e .
- $P(c, s, t, x, x')$ is the assertion for the relation over x and x' .
- $BA(e)(c, s, x, x')$ is the *before-after* relationship for e and is defined by $\exists t. G(c, s, t, x) \wedge P(c, s, t, x, x')$.

General form of proof obligations for an event e

Proofs obligations are simplified when they are generated by the module called POG and goals in sequents as $\Gamma \vdash G$:

- ① $\Gamma \vdash G_1 \wedge G_2$ is decomposed into the two sequents

$(1) \Gamma \vdash G_1$
 $(2) \Gamma \vdash G_2$
- ② $\Gamma \vdash G_1 \Rightarrow G_2$ is transformed into the sequent $\Gamma, G_1 \vdash G_2$

Proof obligations in Rodin

- $INIT/I/INV : C(s, c), INIT(c, s, x) \vdash I(c, s, x)$
- $e/I/INV : C(s, c), I(c, s, x), G(c, s, t, x), P(c, s, t, x, x') \vdash I(c, s, x')$
- $e/act/FIS : C(s, c), I(c, s, x), G(c, s, t, x) \vdash \exists x'. P(c, s, t, x, x')$

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