Assignment 5 Report

Task 1

In this task we have made several refinements to the initial chess model to improve its structure, expressiveness, and alignment with real-world chess rules. These refinements primarily focused on better representation of game status, improved move handling, and enhanced tracking of game history.

1. Introduction of GameResult Enum

A new enumeration, GameResult, was introduced with three possible values: InProgress, Draw, and Win. This change replaced the previous string-based representation of game states, ensuring type safety and preventing arbitrary values from being assigned.

2. Modifications to the Game Class

The Game class underwent significant enhancements to provide a more accurate and comprehensive representation of an ongoing chess game:

- Renaming of state to gameStatus: This change improves clarity by making it explicit that this attribute represents the current status of the game.
- Conversion of gameStatus from EString to GameResult: This enforces constraints on possible values, making the model more robust and preventing invalid states.
- Addition of winner reference: This nullable reference allows tracking of the winning player when the game ends with a Win status. Previously, there was no direct way to identify the winner.
- Addition of elapsedTime attribute: This attribute was introduced to track the duration of a game, which can be useful for game analysis and performance evaluation.

3. Enhancements to Move Handling

To provide a more precise representation of moves within a chess game, the following refinements were made:

- Renaming Move to ChessMove: This change eliminates ambiguity and clearly specifies that the move pertains to chess.
- Addition of movedPiece reference: This explicitly links each move to the piece that was moved, improving traceability.
- Addition of capturedPiece reference: This allows direct tracking of pieces that were captured in a move, facilitating move analysis.

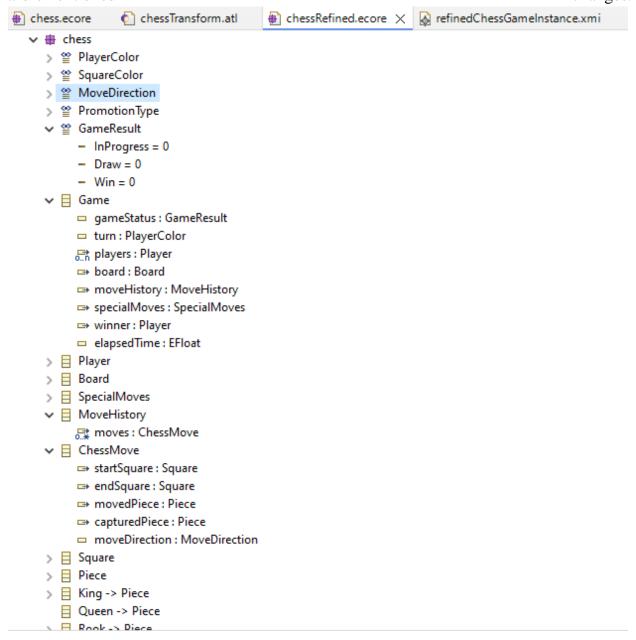
• Addition of moveDirection attribute: This new attribute provides information on the movement direction, which can be useful for determining legal moves and strategies.

4. Improvements to Move History

The MoveHistory class was refined to improve its integration with the newly structured move representation.

The moves attribute was updated to reference ChessMove instead of Move. This aligns with the changes made to move handling and ensures consistency in terminology and structure.

Below is the new chess ECORE file, *refinedChess.ecore*, created by applying the aforementioned changes.



Task 2

For this task we used ATL to define an M2M transformation that allows the migration of models conforming to the initial metamodel version to the one we refined in task 1 of this assignment.

Description of the ATL Transformation Code

The ATL (Atlas Transformation Language) transformation code is designed to migrate models conforming to the Initial Metamodel to models conforming to the Refined Metamodel. This migration accommodates structural and semantic changes introduced in the refined version. The code includes matched rules and helper functions that handle the transformation of model elements and attributes systematically. Below is an overview of the key components of our *chessTransform.atl* file:

1. Module Declaration

The transformation begins with a module declaration, specifying the InitialChess as the source and the RefinedChess as the target. This defines the context for the transformation.

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2. Transformation Rules

- a. GameToGame Rule:
 - o Converts an InitialChess!Game into a RefinedChess!Game.
 - o Translates state into gameStatus using convertGameStatus.
 - o Retains turn, players, board, moveHistory, and specialMoves.
 - Initializes winner as OclUndefined (since it has no equivalent in the old model).
 - Sets elapsedTime to 0 as an initial value.

```
7 -- Rule 1: Transform Game
8⊖ rule GameToGame {
9
       from
           g : InitialChess!Game
10
11
12
           newG : RefinedChess!Game (
13
                gameStatus <- thisModule.convertGameStatus(g.state),</pre>
14
                turn <- g.turn,
15
                players <- g.players->collect(p | thisModule.transformPlayer(p)),
                board <- thisModule.transformBoard(g.board),
16
17
               moveHistory <- g.moveHistory,
18
                specialMoves <- g.specialMoves,
19
               winner <- OclUndefined, -- No equivalent in the old model, so set to null
20
                elapsedTime <- 0 -- New attribute, initializing with default value
21
            )
```

- b. Player Transformation (Lazy Rule transformPlayer):
 - o Maps InitialChess!Player to RefinedChess!Player.
 - o Preserves the name attribute.

```
24 -- Rule 2: Transform Player
25⊖ lazy rule transformPlayer {
    from
    p : InitialChess!Player
    to
    newP : RefinedChess!Player (
        name <- p.name
    )
}
```

- c. Board Transformation (Lazy Rule transformBoard):
 - o Converts InitialChess!Board to RefinedChess!Board.
 - o Retains rows, columns, and squares.
 - Uses transformSquare to convert individual squares.

```
34 -- Lazy Rule 3: Transform Board
35⊖ lazy rule transformBoard {
       from
37
           b : InitialChess!Board
38
39
           newB : RefinedChess!Board (
40
              rows <- b.rows,
              columns <- b.columns,
42
              squares <- b.squares->collect(s | thisModule.transformSquare(s))
           )
43
44 }
```

- d. Square Transformation (Lazy Rule transformSquare):
 - o Maps InitialChess!Square to RefinedChess!Square.
 - o Retains file, rank, and piece.
 - o Converts color using convertSquareColor helper function.

```
46 -- Lazy Rule 4: Transform Square
47⊖ lazy rule transformSquare {
      from
48
49
          s : InitialChess!Square
50
51
         newS : RefinedChess!Square (
52
             file <- s.file,
              rank <- s.rank,
              color <- thisModule.convertSquareColor(s.color), -- Convert Enum</pre>
55
              piece <- s.piece
           )
56
57 }
```

- e. Move to ChessMove Transformation (Lazy Rule moveToChessMove):
 - o Converts InitialChess!Move to RefinedChess!ChessMove.
 - o Retains startSquare and endSquare.
 - o Initializes movedPiece, capturedPiece, and moveDirection as OclUndefined since they have no equivalent in the old model.

```
59 -- Rule 4: Transform Move to ChessMove
60⊖ lazy rule moveToChessMove {
       from
61
62
           m : InitialChess!Move
63
64
         newM : RefinedChess!ChessMove (
65
               startSquare <- m.startSquare,
               endSquare <- m.endSquare,
               movedPiece <- OclUndefined, -- No equivalent in old model
67
               capturedPiece <- OclUndefined, -- No equivalent in old model</pre>
68
               moveDirection <- OclUndefined -- No equivalent in old model
69
           )
71 }
```

- f. MoveHistory Transformation (Rule MoveHistoryToMoveHistory):
 - o Converts InitialChess!MoveHistory to RefinedChess!MoveHistory.
 - Uses moveToChessMove to transform moves.

```
73 -- Rule 5: Transform MoveHistory
74© rule MoveHistoryToMoveHistory {
75     from
76         mh : InitialChess!MoveHistory
77     to
78         newMH : RefinedChess!MoveHistory (
79         moves <- mh.moves->collect(m | thisModule.moveToChessMove(m))
80     )
81 }
```

3. Helper Functions

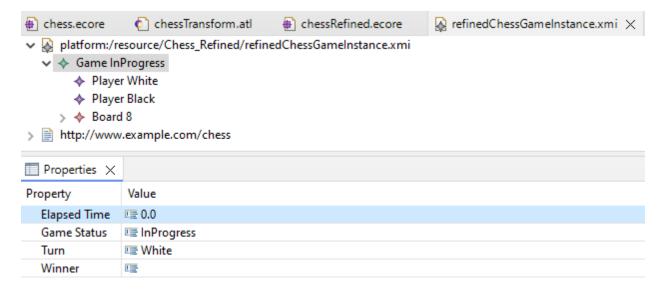
- a. convertGameStatus:
 - Maps the old state attribute (ongoing, draw, win) to the new GameResult enumeration values (InProgress, Draw, Win).
 - Defaults to InProgress if no match is found.

```
83 -- Helper function to convert old state to GameResult Enum
84@ helper def : convertGameStatus(state : String) : RefinedChess!GameResult =
       if state = 'ongoing' then
           #InProgress
87
      else
          if state = 'draw' then
88
89
               #Draw
90
          else
91
             if state = 'win' then
92
                  #Win
93
               else
94
                  #InProgress
95
               endif
96
          endif
       endif;
```

b. convertSquareColor:

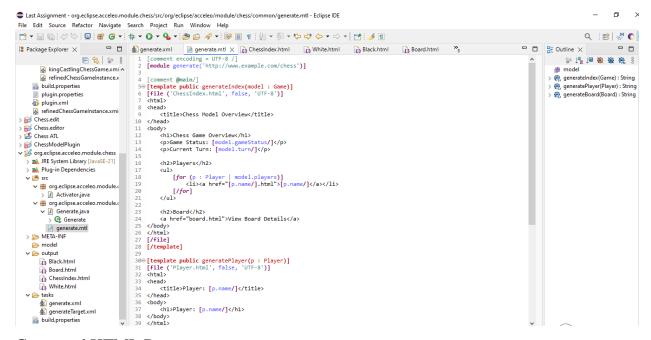
• Maps string-based colors (black, white) to the new SquareColor enumeration (Black, White).

Running the *transfromChess.atl* file creates a new chess model, *refinedChessGameInstance.xmi*, based on the transformations defined in the ATL file.



Task 3

In this task, we created a new Acceleo project in order to create HTML pages for our chess domain. The Acceleo Model-to-Text (M2T) transformation is implemented in *generate.mtl* that generates informative HTML pages that provide a structured overview of a chess game model, including details about the game state, players, and board configuration.



Generated HTML Pages

The transformation generates the following HTML files:

1. ChessIndex.html - A summary page providing an overview of the game status, turn information, a list of players (with links to individual player pages), and a link to view board details.

```
50 [template public generateIndex(model : Game)]
6 [file ('ChessIndex.html', false, 'UTF-8')]
7 <html>
8 <head>
       <title>Chess Model Overview</title>
LO </head>
l1 <body>
12
       <h1>Chess Game Overview</h1>
       Game Status: [model.gameStatus/]
L3
14
       Current Turn: [model.turn/]
L5
L6
      <h2>Players</h2>
L7
      <l
           [for (p : Player | model.players)]
L8
               <a href="[p.name/].html">[p.name/]</a>
19
           [/for]
      21
22
23
       <h2>Board</h2>
       <a href="Board.html">View Board Details</a>
25 </body>
26 </html>
27 [/file]
28 [/template]
```

2. Player.html - A separate HTML file for each player, displaying the player's name.

```
31\(\thermolate\) [file ('Player.html', false, 'UTF-8')]
32 [file ('Player.html', false, 'UTF-8')]
33 <a href="https://documents.com/html">https://documents.com/html</a>
34 <a href="https://documents.com/html">https://documents.com/html</a>
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36 <a href="https://documents.com/html">https://documents.com/html</a>
37 <a href="https://documents.com/html">https://documents.com/html</a>
38 <a href="https://documents.com/html">https://documents.com/html</a>
39 (html)
40 [/file]
41 [/file]
42 [/template]
```

3. Board.html - A page describing the board layout, listing each square's file, rank, and color.

```
440 [template public generateBoard(b : Board)]
45 [file ('Board.html', false, 'UTF-8')]
46 <html>
47 <head>
48
      <title>Chess Board</title>
49 </head>
50 <body>
51 <h1>Chess Board</h1>
52
     53
         [for (s : Square | b.squares)]
54
                [s.file/][s.rank/] - [s.color/]
55
56
             57
          [/for]
      58
59 </body>
60 </html>
61 [/file]
62 [/template]
```

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