

## Z specification language

### Quantifiers

- $\forall$  Universal Quantifier, e.g.  $\forall n : \mathbb{N} \bullet n^2 > n$
- $\exists$  Existential Quantifier, e.g.  $\exists n : \mathbb{N} \bullet n > 0$

### Sets

- $\epsilon$  is a predicate. Use  $n : \mathbb{N}$  to declare a new variable  $n$  of type  $\mathbb{N}$
- $\{x : X \mid P(x)\}$  : All elements of  $X$  for which predicate  $P$  is true
- $a..b = \{n : \mathbb{N} \mid a \leq n \leq b\}$
- $\subseteq$  Subset :  $S \subseteq T \Leftrightarrow \forall s : S \bullet s \in T$
- $\subset$  Proper subset :  $S \subset T \Leftrightarrow S \subseteq T \wedge S \neq T$
- $\mathcal{P}$  Power set:  $P(X)$  = set of all subsets of  $X$ 
  - $S \subseteq T \Leftrightarrow S \in P(T)$
  - $\#X = k \Leftrightarrow \#P(X) = 2^k$
- $\cup$  Union : Suppose  $S, T : P(X)$ ,  $S \cup T \Leftrightarrow \{x : X \mid x \in S \vee x \in T\}$
- $\cap$  Intersection : Suppose  $S, T : P(X)$ ,  $S \cap T \Leftrightarrow \{x : X \mid x \in S \wedge x \in T\}$
- $-$  Difference: Suppose  $S, P(X)$ ,  $S - T \Leftrightarrow \{x : X \mid x \in S \wedge x \notin T\}$
- $\times$  Cartesian Product: Set of all ordered pairs  $(s, t)$  where  $s \in S \wedge t \in T$ 
  - The  $i$ -th value (1-indexed) of a tuple  $t$  is referred to as  $t.i$

### Relations

- $\leftrightarrow$  Relation  $A \leftrightarrow B$  = Set of all possible relations from  $A$  to  $B$ 
  - $A \leftrightarrow B = P(A \times B)$ ; Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$ ,  $R \subseteq A \times B$ 
    - $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a \rightarrow b \in R \Leftrightarrow a R b$
- $\text{dom}(R)$  : Domain of  $R = \{a : A \mid \exists b : B \bullet a R b\}$
- $\text{ran}(R)$  : Range of  $R = \{b : B \mid \exists a : A \bullet a R b\}$
- Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$  and  $S \subseteq A$  and  $T \subseteq B$ 
  - $\triangleleft$  Domain restriction:  $S \triangleleft R \Leftrightarrow \{(a, b) : R \mid a \in S\}$ 
    - $S \triangleleft R \subseteq R$ ;  $S \triangleleft R \Leftrightarrow A \leftrightarrow B$
    - E.g. Suppose has\_sibling: People  $\leftrightarrow$  People, then female  $\triangleleft$  has\_sibling = is\_sister\_of
  - $\triangleright$  Range restriction:  $R \triangleright T \Leftrightarrow \{(a, b) : R \mid b \in T\}$ 
    - $R \triangleright T \subseteq R$ ;  $R \triangleright T \Leftrightarrow A \leftrightarrow B$
    - E.g. Suppose has\_sibling: People  $\leftrightarrow$  People, then has\_sibling  $\triangleright$  female = has\_sister
  - $\triangleleft$  Domain subtraction:  $S \triangleleft R \Leftrightarrow \{(a, b) : R \mid a \notin S\}$ 
    - $S \triangleleft R = R - (S \triangleleft R) = (A - S) \triangleleft R$
  - $\triangleright$  Range subtraction:  $R \triangleright T \Leftrightarrow \{(a, b) : R \mid a \notin T\}$ 
    - $R \triangleright T = R - (R \triangleright T) = R \triangleright (B - T)$
- Relational Image: Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$  and  $S \subseteq A$ , then  $R(|S|) = \{b : B \mid \exists a : S \bullet a R b\} \subseteq B$ 
  - E.g. has\_sibling(| male |) = { people who have a brother }
  - E.g. divides(|{8, 9}|) = { numbers divisible by 8 or 9 }
- Relational Image: Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$  and  $S \subseteq A$ , then  $R(|S|) = \{b : B \mid \exists a : S \bullet a R b\} \subseteq B$
- Inverse: Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$ , then  $R^{-1} = \{(b, a) : B \times A \mid (a, b) \in R\}$
- $\circ$  Relational composition: Suppose  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$  and  $S : B \leftrightarrow C$ , then  $R \circ S = \{(a, c) : A \times C \mid \exists b \in B \bullet (a R b) \wedge (b S c)\}$ 
  - $R^k = R \circ R \circ R \dots \circ R$ ,  $k$  times

### Functions

- $\rightarrow$  Partial function:  $f : A \rightarrow B \subseteq A \times B$ , maps each  $a \in A$  to **at most one**  $b \in B$
- $\text{dom}(f)$  : Domain of  $f = \{a : A \mid \exists b : B \bullet (a, b) \in f\}$
- $\text{ran}(f)$  : Range of  $f = \{b : B \mid \exists a : A \bullet (a, b) \in f\}$

- $\rightarrow$  Total function:  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where  $\text{dom}(f) = A$
- $\oplus$  Function overriding: Suppose  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ 
  - $f \oplus g = (\text{dom}(g) \triangleleft f) \cup g$ ;  $f \oplus g \in A \rightarrow B$
  - $\text{dom}(f \oplus g) = \text{dom}(f) \cup \text{dom}(g)$
  - $\forall a : \text{dom}(g) \bullet (f \oplus g)(a) = g(a)$
  - $\forall a : \text{dom}(g) - \text{dom}(f) \bullet (f \oplus g)(a) = f(a)$

### Sequences

- Sequence  $s : \text{seq } A$  is a special type of function  $s : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ 
  - $\text{seq}_1 A$  = set of all non-empty sequences of  $A$
- $\widehat{\phantom{x}}$  Concatenation, e.g.  $\langle a, b \rangle \widehat{\phantom{x}} \langle b, c \rangle = \langle a, b, b, c \rangle$
- $\text{head} : \text{seq}_1 A \rightarrow A$ , returns the first item in the sequence
- $\text{tail} : \text{seq}_1 A \rightarrow \text{seq } A$ , returns the sequence without the head, i.e.  $\forall s : \text{seq}_1 A \bullet \langle \text{head}(s) \rangle \widehat{\phantom{x}} \text{tail}(s) = s$
- $s(i)$  =  $i$ -th (1-indexed) element of sequence  $s$
- Filter  $\uparrow$ , e.g.  $\langle a, b, c, d, e, d, c, b, a \rangle \uparrow \{a, d\} = \langle a, d, d, a \rangle$

### State Schema

- State schema: ‘snapshot’ of a system
- State variables declared and types on top; predicates listed at the bottom
- An instance = assignment of (valid) values to state variables

### Operation Schema

- An instance of a state schema to another instance, modelling how the system can change
- Pre-state variables: unprimed; post-state variables: primed
- “?” denotes an input; “!” denotes an output

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| - Join -----  
| items, items' : seq MSG  
| msg? : MSG  
|-----  
| #items ≤ max  
| #items' ≤ max  
| #items < max  
| items' = items ^ <msg?>  
|-----
```

### Schema Inclusion

- Schema inclusion to simplify the syntax:
  - $\Delta$  required to use post state variables

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| - Buffer ----- | - Join -----  
| items : seq MSG | Δ Buffer  
|----- | msg? : MSG  
| #items ≤ max |-----  
|----- | #items < max  
| items' = items ^ <msg?>  
|-----  
| - Δ Buffer -----  
| items, items' : seq MSG  
|-----  
| #items ≤ max  
| #items' ≤ max  
|-----
```

### Merging Schemas/Schema conjunction

- $C \triangleq A \wedge B$ 
  - Declaration part: Union of declarations from  $A$  and  $B$
  - Predicate part: Conjunction of predicates from  $A$  and  $B$

```
| - A ----- | - B ----- | - C ----- | - C -----  
| x : T1      | y : T2      | x : T1      | A  
| y : T2      | z : T3      | y : T2      | B  
|----- |----- | z : T3      |-----  
| P(x, y)      | P(y, z)      |-----  
|----- |----- | P(x, y) ∧ P(y, z)  
|----- |----- |-----
```

### Schema disjunction $\triangleq$

- $C \triangleq A \vee B$ 
  - Declaration part: Union of declarations from  $A$  and  $B$
  - Predicate part: Disjunction of predicates from  $A$  and  $B$

```
| - A ----- | - B ----- | - C ----- | - C -----  
| x : T1      | y : T2      | x : T1      | A  
| y : T2      | z : T3      | y : T2      | B  
|----- |----- | z : T3      |-----  
| P(x, y)      | P(y, z)      |----- | P(x, y) ∨ P(y, z)  
|----- |----- | P(x, y) ∨ P(y, z) |-----  
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### Schema composition $\circ$

- Applies to operation schemas to indicate an operation immediately followed by another (atomically)
- $C \triangleq A \circ B$ 
  - Declaration part: Union of declarations from  $A$  and  $B$
  - Predicate part:
    - Predicates from  $A$  (Pre-state of  $C$  = pre-state of  $A$ )
    - Pre-state of  $B$  = post-state of  $A$  and post-state of  $C$  = post-state of  $B$  (can be represented by  $\exists \text{state}'' : X \bullet \text{post-state of } A \wedge \text{post-state of } B$ )

## Communicating Sequential Process (CSP)

- Process: defined by its behaviour
- Events: A process engages in events; e.g. events for a chocolate vending machine are (i) coin – insert a coin and (ii) choc – extract a chocolate
- Alphabet: Set of events a process can engage in e.g. Alphabet of the chocolate vending machine = { coin, choc }
- Trace: finite sequence of events e.g.  $\langle \text{coin}, \text{choc} \rangle$
- $\text{STOP}_A$ : process with alphabet  $A$  that can do nothing, i.e.  $\text{traces}(\text{STOP}_A) = \{\langle \rangle\}$
- SKIP: A process that can only terminate, i.e.  $\text{traces}(\text{SKIP}) = \{\langle \surd \rangle\}$
- CLOCK: process with  $\alpha \text{CLOCK} = \{\text{tick}\}$ , i.e.  $\text{traces}(\text{CLOCK}) = \text{tick}^n$
- Event Prefix: A process which may participate in event  $a$  then act according to process description  $P$  is denoted as  $a \rightarrow P$

### CSP Primitives

- Sequential Composition ( $P; Q$ )
  - Acts as  $P$  until  $P$  terminates by communicating  $\surd$  and then proceeds to act as  $Q$
- Parallel Composition ( $P \parallel [X] Q$ , or  $P \parallel Q$ )

- No event from set X may occur unless enabled by both P and Q
- When events from X occur, they occur in both P and Q in parallel; events not from X occur in P or Q separately
- E.g.  $(a \rightarrow P) \parallel [a] \mid (c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow Q))$ : Event c must happen before event a for event a to run in parallel
- If  $P \parallel Q$ , we can infer  $X = \alpha P \cap \alpha Q$
- Laws: suppose  $a \in (\alpha P - \alpha Q)$ ,  $b \in (\alpha Q - \alpha P)$ ,  $\{c, d\} \subseteq (\alpha P \cap \alpha Q)$ ,
  - $P \parallel Q = Q \parallel P$
  - $P \parallel (Q \parallel R) = (P \parallel Q) \parallel R$
  - $P \parallel \text{STOP}_{\text{ap}} = \text{STOP}_{\text{ap}}$  (deadlock)
  - $(c \rightarrow P) \parallel (c \rightarrow Q) = c \rightarrow (P \parallel Q)$
  - $(c \rightarrow P) \parallel (d \rightarrow Q) = \text{STOP}$  if  $c \neq d$
  - $(a \rightarrow P) \parallel (c \rightarrow Q) = a \rightarrow (P \parallel c \rightarrow Q)$
  - $(c \rightarrow P) \parallel (b \rightarrow Q) = b \rightarrow ((c \rightarrow P) \parallel Q)$
  - $(a \rightarrow P) \parallel (b \rightarrow Q) = a \rightarrow (P \parallel (b \rightarrow Q)) \parallel b \rightarrow ((a \rightarrow P) \parallel Q)$
- Interleaving  $(P \parallel Q)$ 
  - P and Q execute concurrently without any synchronisations
- Choice  $((a \rightarrow P) \parallel (b \rightarrow Q))$ 
  - Either event a or event b occurs. If event a occurs, then the process acts as P afterwards, otherwise is acts as Q
- Channel event
  - c!n: A process writes value n to the tail of channel c's buffer
  - c?n: A process reads a value from the head of the channel c's buffer to a local variable n
  - c.n: Channel output and its matching channel input are engaged together by two processes
  - Each channel has a capacity. If a channel is full, only a read event (c?n) can occur. If a channel is empty, only a write event (c!n) can occur
  - Synchronous channel: a channel with buffer size of 0
    - c!n and c?n **must happen at the same time** (denoted as c.n)
- Interrupt  $(P \nabla e \rightarrow Q)$ 
  - Process behaves as P until first occurrence of event e, then the control passes to Q
- $\langle \text{op} \rangle x : \langle \text{dom} \rangle @P(x) = P(x_1) \langle \text{op} \rangle P(x_2) \dots \langle \text{op} \rangle P(x_n)$  for each  $x_k$  in dom

## Process Analysis Toolkit (PAT)

- **Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) assertion**
  - var name = [1, 2, 3] or var name[n]; values defaulted to 0
  - Initialization with range:
    - e.g. var name: {0..} = ..., var name: {1..9} = [...]
  - Fast array initialization:
    - e.g. Suppose #define N 2. Then [1(2), 3..6, 7(N\*2), 12..10] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 12, 11, 10]
  - Multi-dimensional arrays are internally converted into a 1d array
- Macro: **#define** name pred, e.g. #define goal x == 0; often used with #assert to define system property
- Event compound forms: x.exp1.exp2, to uniquely identify events with same event name but different states (e.g. process params, global vars)

- Statement block inside events: Run piece of code when the event is engaged, e.g.  $P = \{ \text{C\# code} \} \rightarrow \text{SKIP}$ 
  - If accompanied with another event, eg  $P = a\{ \text{C\# code} \} \rightarrow \text{SKIP}$ , it means that the C# code runs atomically with event a
- **Conditional choice**: e.g.  $P = \text{if (exp)} \{ a \rightarrow \text{SKIP} \} \text{ else } \{ b \rightarrow \text{SKIP} \}$
- **Guarded process**: Guarded processes only execute when their guard condition is satisfied e.g.  $P = [x == 1] a \rightarrow \text{STOP} \parallel [x != 1] b \rightarrow \text{STOP}$
- **Atomic process**: Use atomic keyword to associate higher priority with process e.g.  $P = \text{atomic} \{ a \rightarrow \dots \}$ 
  - An atomic process will execute it's next event before any non-atomic processes
- **Assertions**: #assert process name
  - Deadlock-freeness: #assert P deadlockfree
  - Reachability: #assert P reaches cond [with exp]

## Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) assertion

- A LTL assertion is true iif **every trace** of the system satisfies F:
  - #assert P |= F, where F = LTL formula = event, proposition or any of the operators below (F = event, just check initial event)

Op	Explanation	Diagram
$X \varphi, X$	next: $\varphi$ must hold at the next state	
$F \varphi, <$	Finally: $\varphi$ must eventually hold	
$G \varphi, []$	Globally: $\varphi$ must always hold	
$\psi U \varphi, U$	Until: $\psi$ must hold at least until $\varphi$ becomes true	
$\psi R \varphi, R$	Release: $\varphi$ must hold until and including but not beyond the first position in which $\psi$ is true, or forever if such position does not exist	

## Timed Process Definition

- Wait[t] process
  - Process Wait[t]; P delays the starting time of P by t time units
- Timeout (P timeout[t] Q)
  - Engage Q if no visible event has occurred in process P before t time units have elapsed
- Timed Interrupt (P interrupt[t] Q)
  - Process behaves as P until t time units elapse and then switches to Q
- Deadline[t]
  - Process P deadline[t] must terminate within t time units
- Within[t]
  - In Process P within[t], the first visible event in P must be engaged within t time units

