

Software Engineering

Lecture 04: The B Specification Method

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The B specification method

- ▶ B-Method: formal approach to specification and development of software systems
- ▶ Developed by Jean-Raymond Abrial, late 1980es
- ▶ Definitive reference: The B-Book, Cambridge University Press
- ▶ Supports all phases of software development
- ▶ Emphasis on simplicity
- ▶ Amenable to formal verification
- ▶ Tool support: Atelier-B, B-Toolkit
- ▶ Industrial use
- ▶ Syntax http://www.stups.uni-duesseldorf.de/ProB/index.php5/Summary_of_B_Syntax

Abstract Machines

Central concept: Abstract Machine

Example: The Ticket Dispenser



Ticket Dispenser in B

Abstract Machine Notation (AMN)

MACHINE Ticket

VARIABLES serve, next

INVARIANT serve : NAT & next : NAT & serve <= next

INITIALISATION serve, next := 0, 0

OPERATIONS

ss <-- serve_next =

PRE serve < next

THEN ss, serve := serve + 1, serve + 1

END ;

tt <-- take_ticket =

PRE true

THEN tt, next := next, next + 1

END

END

MACHINE, VARIABLES, INVARIANT

MACHINE *name*

- ▶ uniquely names a machine in a project

VARIABLES *name, ...*

- ▶ components of local *machine state space*
- ▶ all distinct names

INVARIANT *formula*

Conjunction of

- ▶ type of each variable, e.g., `serve : NAT`
- ▶ relations between variables, e.g., `serve <= next`

OPERATIONS

List of operation definitions

```
output, ... <-- name (input, ...) =
  PRE precondition
  THEN statement
  END
```

- ▶ *name*: name of operation
- ▶ *input, outputs*: names of input and output parameters
- ▶ PRE *precondition*
 - ▶ Formula that must be true to invoke
 - ▶ May be dropped if true
- ▶ THEN *statement*: *body* of the operation
 - ▶ *Must* specify each output variable
 - ▶ *May* update the machine state

Statement / Assignment

Simple Assignment

name := expression

Multiple Assignment

name, ... := expression, ...

- ▶ all distinct names on left hand side
- ▶ simultaneous assignment — evaluate all right hand sides, then assign to left hand sides all at once

INITIALISATION

INITIALISATION *statement*

- ▶ defines a set of possible initial states
- ▶ all variables of the machine state must be assigned

Sets and Logic

Sets

- ▶ B builds on *typed* set theory
- ▶ Standard mathematical notation for set operations is ok, but we use the syntax of the tools
- ▶ Predefined sets:
 - ▶ $\text{BOOL} = \{ \text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE} \}$
 - ▶ INT, NAT, NAT1 machine integers and natural numbers (without 0)
 - ▶ STRING with elements of the form "string content"
- ▶ Types of variables are defined by predicates
 - $v:S$ the value of v is an element of set S
 - $v<:S$ the value of v is a subset of set S

Set Formation

SETS *declaration*; ...

- ▶ another MACHINE clause
- ▶ declaration can be
 - ▶ *set-name*: set with unspecified elements
 - ▶ *set-name* = { *element-name*, ... }: set with named elements
- ▶ example

```
SETS COLOR = {red, green, blue}; KEY; PERSON
```

Set Expressions (Part I)

Excerpt

If S and T are sets, then so are ...

$\{\}$, $\{E\}$, $\{E, \dots\}$	empty set, singleton set, set enumeration
$\{x \mid P\}$	comprehension (set of all x such that P holds)
$S \cup T$, $S \cap T$, $S - T$	set union, set intersection, set difference
$S * T$	Cartesian product (set of all pairs (s, t) where $s : S$ and $t : T$)
$\text{POW}(S)$, $\text{POW1}(S)$	power set, set of non-empty subsets
$\text{union}(S)$	generalised union over sets of sets
$\text{inter}(S)$	generalised intersection over sets of sets

Set Expressions (Part II)

Excerpt

Properties of sets

$E:S, E/:S$	element of, not element of
$S<:T, S/<:T$	subset of, not subset of
$S<<:T, S/<<:T$	strict subset of, not strict subset of
$\text{card}(S)$	cardinality

Types for Set Expressions

- ▶ Every type in B is a set, but not vice versa
- ▶ Types ensure consistency and the absence of paradoxes
- ▶ Types are generated by the grammar

$$A, B ::= \mathbb{N} \mid M \mid A \times B \mid \mathbb{P}(A) \mid \text{PROP}$$

- ▶ M is an abstract set defined in a SETS clause
- ▶ PROP is the type of propositions (outcomes of predicates)
- ▶ Write $E :: A$ to indicate that set expression E has type A

Rules for Typed Set Expressions (Part I)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 1 :: \mathbb{N} \quad \text{NAT} :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N}) \quad \frac{\text{SETS } M \dots}{M :: \mathbb{P}(M)} \quad \frac{\text{SETS } M = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}{x_i :: M} \\
 \\
 \{ \} :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad \frac{E_i :: A}{\{E_1, \dots\} :: \mathbb{P}(A)} \quad \frac{[x :: A] P :: \text{PROP}}{\{x \mid P\} :: \mathbb{P}(A)} \\
 \\
 \frac{E :: A \quad S :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{E : S :: \text{PROP}} \quad \frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad T :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{S <: T :: \text{PROP}} \quad \frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{\text{card}(S) :: \mathbb{N}}
 \end{array}$$

Rules for Typed Set Expressions (Part II)

$$\frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad T :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{S \cup T :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad S \cap T :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad S \setminus T :: \mathbb{P}(A)}$$

$$\frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad T :: \mathbb{P}(B)}{S * T :: \mathbb{P}(A \times B)}$$

$$\frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{\text{POW}(S) :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(A))}$$

$$\frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(A)}{\text{POW1}(S) :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(A))}$$

$$\frac{S :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(A))}{\text{union}(S) :: \mathbb{P}(A) \quad \text{inter}(S) :: \mathbb{P}(A)}$$

Examples

- ▶ $\{1, 2, 3\} :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$
because $1, 2, 3 :: \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ $\{1, 2, \{\}\}$
not well typed because $1, 2 :: \mathbb{N}$ but $\{\} :: \mathbb{P}(A)$
- ▶ $1 : \{\}$
well typed expression because $\{\} :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$ / wrong proposition
- ▶ $\text{NAT} \cup \{\} :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$
- ▶ $\text{NAT} \cup M$
not well typed because $\text{NAT} :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$ but $M :: \mathbb{P}(M)$
- ▶ $\text{NAT} \cup S * T$
not well typed
- ▶ $\text{union}(\text{POW}(\{1, 2, 3\})) :: \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$

First-Order Predicate Logic

- ▶ Atoms are expressions of type PROP

- ▶ Standard connectives

$P \ \& \ Q$	conjunction
$P \ \text{or} \ Q$	disjunction
$P \ \Rightarrow \ Q$	implication
$P \ \Leftrightarrow \ Q$	equivalence
$\text{not } P$	negation
$!(x) . (P \ \Rightarrow \ Q)$	universal quantification
$\#(x) . (P \ \& \ Q)$	existential quantification

- ▶ In quantification, predicate P must fix the type of x

- ▶ Example

$!(m) . (m:\text{NAT} \Rightarrow \#(n) . (n:\text{NAT} \ \& \ m < n))$

Weakest Preconditions

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- ▶ WP can be calculated for each statement of the AMN

Example

```

VARIABLES x, y
INVARIANT x:{0,1,2} & y:{0,1,2}
OPERATIONS
  f =
    y := max { 0, y - x }
END

```

Weakest precondition

$$\langle \Rightarrow \rangle$$

$$[y := \max \{ 0, y - x \}] (y > 0)$$

$$\langle \Rightarrow \rangle$$

$$(y = 1) \ \& \ (x = 0)$$

$$\text{or } (y = 2) \ \& \ (x = 0)$$

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Calculation of the Weakest Precondition

WP for Assignment

$$[x := E]P = P[E/x]$$

Example

$[y := \max \{ 0, y - x \}] (y > 0)$

\Leftrightarrow

$(\max \{ 0, y - x \} > 0)$

\Leftrightarrow

$(y - x > 0)$

\Leftrightarrow

$(y = 1) \ \& \ (x = 0)$
 or $(y = 2) \ \& \ (x = 0)$
 or $(y = 2) \ \& \ (x = 1)$

Calculation of the Weakest Precondition

WP for skip

$$[\text{skip}]P = P$$

The `skip` statement has no effect on the state.

Calculation of the Weakest Precondition

WP for conditional

- ▶ Syntax: IF E THEN S ELSE T END
for statements S and T
- ▶ Weakest precondition

$$[\text{IF } E \text{ THEN } S \text{ ELSE } T \text{ END}]P = (E \& [S]P) \text{ or } ((\text{not } E) \& [T]P)$$

Example

[IF $x < 5$ THEN $x := x+4$ ELSE $x := x-3$ END] ($x < 7$)

\Leftrightarrow

($x < 5$) & [$x := x+4$] ($x < 7$)

or not ($x < 5$) & [$x := x-3$] ($x < 7$)

\Leftrightarrow

($x < 5$) & ($x+4 < 7$)

or ($x \geq 5$) & ($x-3 < 7$)

\Leftrightarrow

($x < 3$)

or ($x \geq 5$) & ($x < 10$)

Machine Consistency

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Example: Ticket Dispenser

1. For $\text{serve} = 0$ and $\text{next} = 0$, $\text{serve} \leq \text{next}$ holds
2. $[\text{serve}, \text{next} := 0, 0]I = 0:\text{NAT} \ \& \ 0:\text{NAT} \ \& \ 0 \leq 0$

Proof Obligation for Operations

Consider

- ▶ INVARIANT I
- ▶ operation PRE P THEN S END

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Example: Ticket Dispenser `serve_next`

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\text{serve:NAT} \ \& \ \text{next:NAT} \ \& \ \text{serve} \leq \text{next}) \ \& \ (\text{serve} < \text{next}) \Rightarrow \\
 &[\text{serve} := \text{serve} + 1] \ (\text{serve:NAT} \ \& \ \text{next:NAT} \ \& \ \text{serve} \leq \text{next}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Relations

Printer Permissions

MACHINE Access

```
SETS USER; PRINTER; OPTION; PERMISSION = { ok, noaccess }
```

```
CONSTANTS options
```

```
PROPERTIES
```

```
  options : PRINTER <-> OPTION &
```

```
  dom( options ) = PRINTER & ran( options ) = OPTION
```

```
VARIABLES access
```

```
INVARIANT access : USER <-> PRINTER
```

```
INITIALISATION access := {}
```

```
OPERATIONS
```

```
  add (uu, pp) =
```

```
    PRE uu:USER & pp:PRINTER
```

```
    THEN access := access \ / { uu |-> pp }
```

```
  END ;
```

```
  ...
```

New Machine Clauses

CONSTANTS *name*, ...

- ▶ *name* is a fixed, but unknown value
- ▶ Type determined by PROPERTIES

PROPERTIES *formula*

- ▶ Describes conditions that must hold for SETS and CONSTANTS
- ▶ *Must* specify the types of the constants
- ▶ *Must not* refer to VARIABLES

About clauses

- ▶ Clauses must appear in the same order as in the example!
- ▶ No forward references allowed

Relational Operations

- ▶ Binary relation between S and T

$$S \leftrightarrow T = \text{POW} (S * T)$$

- ▶ Elements of a relation $R : S \leftrightarrow T$ are pairs, written as $uu \mapsto pp$, where $uu : S$ & $pp : T$

- ▶ Predefined symbols for domain and range of a relation

$$\text{dom} (R) = \{s \mid s:S \ \& \ \#(t). (t:T \ \& \ s \mapsto t :R) \}$$

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- ▶ Example:

PRINTER = {PL, PLDUPLEX, PLCOLOR}

options = { PL \mapsto ok, PLCOLOR \mapsto noaccess }

dom (options) = {PL, PLCOLOR}

ran (options) = {ok, noaccess}

Printer Permissions (Cont'd)

```
MACHINE Access ...
```

```
OPERATIONS ...
```

```
  ban (uu) =
```

```
    PRE uu:USER
```

```
    THEN access := { uu } <<| access
```

```
    END ;
```

```
nn <-- printnumquery (pp) =
```

```
  PRE pp:PRINTER
```

```
  THEN nn := card (access |> { pp })
```

```
  END ;
```

Relational Operations II

Domain and range restriction

Let $R: S \leftrightarrow T$

Domain restriction: Remove elements from $\text{dom } (R)$

- ▶ Keep domain elements in U :

$$U \ll R = \{ s \mapsto t \mid (s \mapsto t):R \ \& \ s:U \}$$

- ▶ Drop domain elements in U (anti-restriction, subtraction):

$$U \lll R = \{ s \mapsto t \mid (s \mapsto t):R \ \& \ s \notin U \}$$

Range restriction: Remove elements from $\text{ran } (R)$

- ▶ Keep range elements in U :

$$R \ll U = \{ s \mapsto t \mid (s \mapsto t):R \ \& \ t:U \}$$

- ▶ Drop range elements in U :

$$R \lll U = \{ s \mapsto t \mid (s \mapsto t):R \ \& \ t \notin U \}$$

Relational Operations III

Further Relational Operations

$\text{id}(S)$	identity relation
R^{-1}	inverse relation
$R[U]$	relational image
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Overriding ...

- ▶ $R_1 \leftarrow R_2$ means R_2 overrides R_1
- ▶ Union of R_1 and R_2 , but in the intersection of $\text{dom}(R_1)$ and $\text{dom}(R_2)$, the elements of R_2 take precedence
- ▶ $R_1 \leftarrow R_2 = (\text{dom}(R_2) \ll R_1) \setminus R_2$

Functions

Functions

- ▶ In B, a function is an unambiguous relation (i.e., a set of pairs)
- ▶ Shorthand notation to indicate properties of functions

$S \dashrightarrow T$	partial function	$S \twoheadrightarrow T$	total function
$S \dashrightarrow \gg T$	partial surjection	$S \twoheadrightarrow \gg T$	total surjection
$S \gg \rightarrow T$	partial injection	$S \gg \rightarrow T$	total injection
$S \gg \rightarrow \gg T$	partial bijection	$S \gg \rightarrow \gg T$	total bijection

- ▶ Using functions
 - ▶ f (E) function application
 - ▶ $\%x. (P|E)$ lambda abstraction, P gives type of x

Example: Reading Books / Declarations

```

MACHINE Reading
SETS READER; BOOK; COPY; RESPONSE = { yes, no }
CONSTANTS copyof
PROPERTIES copyof : COPY -->> BOOK
VARIABLES hasread, reading
INVARIANT
  hasread : READER <-> BOOK &
  reading : READER >+> COPY &
  (reading ; copyof) /\ hasread = {}
INITIALISATION
  hasread := {} || reading = {}

```

Example: Reading Books / Operations (Excerpt)

OPERATIONS (excerpt)

```

start (rr, cc) =
  PRE
    rr:READER & cc:COPY & copyof (cc)/:hasread(rr) &
    rr/:dom (reading) & cc/:ran (reading)
  THEN
    reading := reading \ / { rr |-> cc }
  END
;
bb <-- currentbook (rr) =
  PRE
    rr:READER & rr:dom (reading)
  THEN
    bb := copyof (reading (rr))
  END

```

Sequences and Arrays

Sequences

- ▶ A sequence over set S is a *total* function from an initial segment of NAT1 to S
- ▶ $\text{seq}(S) = (1..N \rightarrow S)$, where $N:\text{NAT}$
- ▶ Notation for manipulating sequences:
formation, concatenation, first, last, etc

Arrays

- ▶ An array over set S is a *partial* function from an initial segment of NAT1 to S
- ▶ $(1..N \dashrightarrow S)$, where $N:\text{NAT}$
- ▶ Notation for updating arrays

$$\boxed{a(i) := E} = \boxed{a := a \langle + \{ i \mid - \rangle E \}}$$

Nondeterminism

Nondeterminism in Specifications

- ▶ Up to now: high-level programming with sets
 - ▶ deterministic machines
 - ▶ abstraction from particular data structures
 - ▶ abstraction from realization of operations
- ▶ Further abstraction
 - ▶ specification may allow a range of acceptable behaviors
 - ▶ specification describes possible choices
 - ▶ subsequent refinement narrows down towards an implementation
- ▶ This section
 - ▶ AMN operations that exhibit nondeterminism

Example: Jukebox / Declarations

```
MACHINE Jukebox
SETS TRACK
CONSTANTS limit
PROPERTIES limit:NAT1
VARIABLES credit, playset
INVARIANT credit:NAT & credit<=limit & playset<:TRACK
INITIALISATION credit, playset := 0, {}
```

OPERATIONS

```
  pay (cc) =
    PRE cc:NAT1
    THEN credit := min ( {credit + cc, limit}) END ;
```

Example: Jukebox / Operations (excerpt)

OPERATIONS

```

tt <-- play =
  PRE  playset /= {}
  THEN ANY tr WHERE tr:playset
        THEN tt := tr || playset := playset - {tr}
        END
  END
;
select (tt) =
  PRE  credit>0 & tt:TRACK
  THEN playset := playset \/ {tt}
        || CHOICE credit := credit - 1
        OR skip
  END
END

```

ANY statement

```
ANY  $x$  WHERE  $Q$  THEN  $S$  END
```

- ▶ x fresh variable, only visible in Q and S
- ▶ Q predicate; type of x ; other constraints
- ▶ S the body statement
- ▶ executes S with an arbitrary value for x fulfilling Q

Examples

Assume `total:NAT`

1. `ANY n WHERE n:NAT1 THEN total := total*n END`
2. `ANY t WHERE t:NAT & t<=total & 2*t>= total
THEN total := t END`

ANY weakest precondition

$$[\text{ANY } x \text{ WHERE } Q \text{ THEN } S \text{ END}]P = !(x).(Q \Rightarrow [S]P)$$

Examples

- $$\begin{aligned}
 &1. [\text{ANY } n \text{ WHERE } n:\text{NAT1} \text{ THEN } \text{total} := \text{total}*n \text{ END}] (\text{total} > 1) \\
 &= !(n).(n:\text{NAT1} \Rightarrow [\text{total} := \text{total}*n] (\text{total} > 1)) \\
 &= !(n).(n:\text{NAT1} \Rightarrow (\text{total}*n > 1)) \\
 &= (\text{total} > 1)
 \end{aligned}$$
- $$\begin{aligned}
 &2. [\text{ANY } t \text{ WHERE } t:\text{NAT} \ \& \ t \leq \text{total} \ \& \ 2*t \geq \text{total} \ \dots] (\text{total} > 1) \\
 &= !(t).(t:\text{NAT} \ \& \ t \leq \text{total} \ \& \ 2*t \geq \text{total} \Rightarrow [\text{total} := t](\text{total} > 1)) \\
 &= !(t).(t:\text{NAT} \ \& \ t \leq \text{total} \ \& \ 2*t \geq \text{total} \Rightarrow (t > 1)) \\
 &= (\text{total} > 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

CHOICE statement

```
CHOICE  $S_1$  OR  $S_2$  OR ... END
```

- ▶ choice between unrelated statements S_1, S_2, \dots

Example

Outcome of a driving test

```
CHOICE result := pass || licences := licences \/ {examinee}  
OR result := fail  
END
```

CHOICE weakest precondition

$$\boxed{[\text{CHOICE } S \text{ OR } T \text{ END}]P = [S]P \ \& \ [T]P}$$

Example

Check that all licenced persons are old enough.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CHOICE result := pass ||} \\ \quad \text{licences := licences \ / \ {examinee}} \\ \text{OR result := fail} \\ \text{END} \end{array} \right] (\text{licences} < : \text{ofAge}) \\
 = & \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{result := pass ||} \\ \text{licences := licences \ / \ {examinee}} \end{array} \right] (\text{licences} < : \text{ofAge}) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Refinement

Refinement

- ▶ Refinement formalizes design decisions
- ▶ Refinement transforms specification towards implementation
- ▶ Refinement comes with proof obligations that relate the participating machines

Data refinement

- ▶ Formalizes change of data representation
- ▶ Usually from abstract to concrete
- ▶ Example: set \rightarrow list or array

Refinement of nondeterminism

- ▶ Formalizes selection of particular behavior from a nondeterministic specification
- ▶ Refined operations are “more deterministic”

Example: Jukebox / Declarations

```
REFINEMENT JukeboxR
REFINES Jukebox
CONSTANTS freefreq
PROPERTIES freefreq:NAT1
VARIABLES creditr, playlist, free
INVARIANT
  creditr:NAT & creditr = credit &
  playlist:iseq(TRACK) & ran (playlist) = playset &
  free:0..freefreq
INITIALISATION
  creditr:=0 ; playlist:= [] ; free:=0
```

Example: Jukebox / Operations (excerpt)

```
select (tt) =
  BEGIN
    IF tt/:ran (playlist) THEN playlist := playlist <- tt END ;
    IF free = freefreq
      THEN CHOICE free := 0 OR creditr := creditr-1 END
    ELSE free := free+1 ; creditr := creditr-1
    END
  END
;
tt <-- play =
  PRE playlist /= []
  BEGIN tt := first (playlist) ;
    playlist := tail (playlist)
  END
```

Proof Obligation for Refinement

- ▶ INVARIANT of the REFINEMENT specifies the *linking invariant* between state spaces of original and refinement
- ▶ Let INVARIANT I in original and INVARIANT IR in refinement
- ▶ For INITIALISATION T in original and INITIALISATION TR in the refinement, it must hold that

$$[TR] \text{ (not } [T] \text{ (not IR))}$$

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- ▶ For INITIALISATION T in original and INITIALISATION TR in the refinement, it must hold that

$$[TR] \text{ (not } [T] \text{ (not IR))}$$

- ▶ For operation PRE P THEN S END in original and PRE PR THEN SR END in refinement, it must hold that

$$I \ \& \ IR \ \& \ P \Rightarrow [SR] \text{ (not } [S] \text{ (not IR))}$$

Summary

- ▶ B — an industrial strength formal method that supports all phases of software development
- ▶ Approach:
 - ▶ start with high-level spec
 - ▶ apply refinement steps until level of implementation reached
 - ▶ (code generation tools exist)
- ▶ Each refinement step results in proof obligations that must be discharged
- ▶ Tools: ProB, Rodin
- ▶ Omitted from lecture
 - ▶ structuring: machine parameters, inclusion, extension, state and type export
 - ▶ implementation machines, loops, library machines
 - ▶ more notation . . .