

# The Specification Language Z

## Characterization

- ❑ Formal specification of abstract data types
- ❑ Model-oriented specification
- ❑ Data types are defined with the help of sets, relations, and functions
- ❑ Operations are specified with pre- and postconditions
- ❑ Proofs based on logic and set theory
- ❑ Specifications may be refined in an evolutionary way

# Introduction into the Z Notation

## Survey

- ❑ Z is based on set theory and predicate logic
- ❑ Sets may be defined in the following ways:
  - » Extensional: Enumeration of elements
  - » Intensional: Specification of a predicate
- ❑ Operations on sets: union, intersection, ...
- ❑ Base types for sets:
  - » Pre-defined type  $\mathbb{Z}$  (for integers)
  - » User-defined types (abstract data types)
- ❑ Type constructors:
  - » Power set:  $\mathbb{P} X$  denotes the set of all subsets of  $X$
  - » Cartesian product:  $X \times Y$  is the set of all pairs  $(x, y)$ , where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$
- ❑ Strong typing:
  - » All elements of a set must have the same type
  - » Operations require operands of the same type

## Running example: library

- ❑ A library lends books to readers
- ❑ For each book, there may be one or more copies
- ❑ Only registered users may borrow books from the library
- ❑ There is a maximal number of copies which may be issued to one user
- ❑ Operations:
  - » Stock administration (addition and removal of copies)
  - » User administration (registration and deregistration of users)
  - » Issue (lending and returning of book copies)

## Examples of base types and constructed types

$[Book, Copy, Reader]$	User-defined base types for books, copies, and readers
$\mathbb{Z}$	Set of integers
$\mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}$	Set of all subsets of integers
$\mathbb{F}\mathbb{Z}$	Set of all finite subsets of $\mathbb{Z}$
$Book \times Copy$	Set of all pairs of books and copies

## Examples for the definition of sets

$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$	Extensional definition of the set of integers from 1 to 10
$1 .. 10$	Interval notation
$\{n : \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq n \wedge n \leq 10\}$	Intensional definition of the set of integers from 1 to 10
$\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100\}$	Extensional definition of the square numbers $1^2 .. 10^2$
$\{n : \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq n \wedge n \leq 10 \bullet n^2\}$	Intensional definition of the square numbers $1^2 .. 10^2$

## Elements of Z specifications

$readers : \mathbb{F} \text{ Reader}$ $shelved : \mathbb{F} \text{ Copy}$ $stock : \mathbb{F} (\text{Copy} \times \text{Book})$ $issued : \mathbb{F} (\text{Copy} \times \text{Reader})$ $max : \mathbb{Z}$	Variable declarations
$max \geq 0$ $\#stock \leq max$	Predicates
$Stock ==$ $\{s : \mathbb{F} (\text{Copy} \times \text{Book}) \mid$ $\quad \forall c : \text{Copy}; b_1, b_2 : \text{Book} \bullet$ $\quad (c, b_1) \in s \wedge (c, b_2) \in s \Rightarrow b_1 = b_2\}$ $\mathbb{N} == \{n : \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq 0\}$ $\mathbb{N}_1 == \{n : \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0\}$	Constant definitions



## Type concept

- ❑ Types are maximal sets (e.g.,  $\mathbb{Z}$ )
- ❑ Predicates for restricting these sets do not modify the type (e.g.,  $\mathbb{N}$  does not define a new type)
- ❑ Sets constrained by predicates may be used in variable declarations
  - » Example:  
 $max : \mathbb{N}$  stands for  $max : \mathbb{Z}; max \geq 0$
- ❑ Strong typing: The operands of an operator (e.g.,  $\cup$ ) must have the same type

## Notations for quantification and sets

$\forall Decs \bullet Pred$	$Pred$ holds for all objects in $Decs$
$\forall Decs \mid Constr \bullet Pred =$ $\forall Decs \bullet Constr \Rightarrow Pred$	$Pred$ holds for all objects in $Decs$ meeting the constraint $Constr$
$\exists Decs \bullet Pred$	There is an object in $Decs$ which meets the predicate $Pred$
$\exists Decs \mid Constr \bullet Pred =$ $\exists Decs \bullet Constr \wedge Pred$	There is an object in $Decs$ which meets both the constraint $Constr$ and the predicate $Pred$
$\{Decs \mid Pred\}$	Set of all objects in $Decs$ which meet the predicate $Pred$
$\{Decs \mid Pred \bullet Expr\}$ , e.g. $\{n : \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq n \wedge n \leq 10 \bullet n^2\}$	Set of all values of all expressions $Expr$ , where variables range over objects from $Decs$ satisfying the predicate $Pred$

## Definition of enumeration types

$BookKind ::= hardcover \mid paperback$

stands for

$[BookKind]$

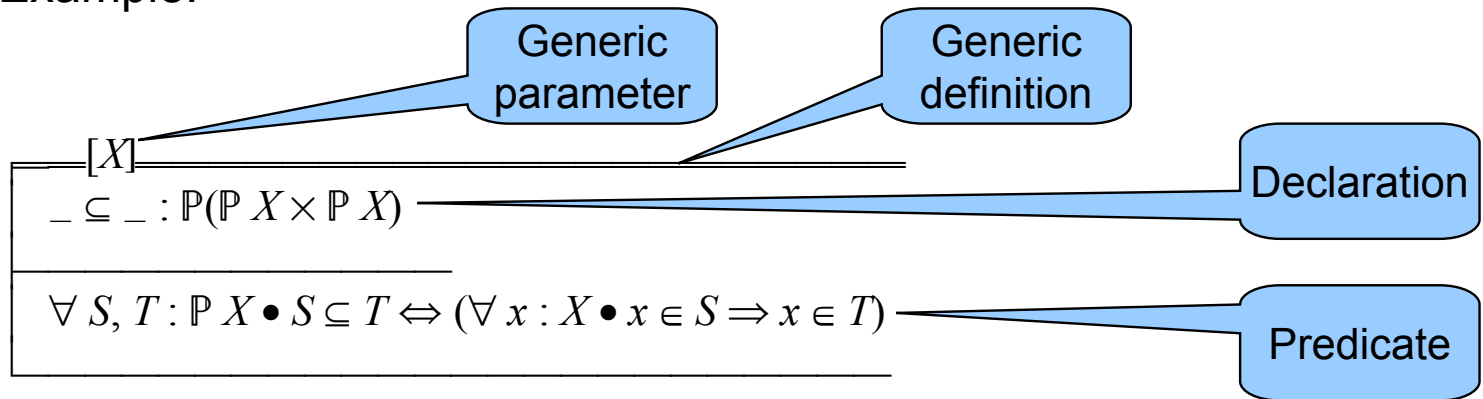
$hardcover, paperback : BookKind$

$hardcover \neq paperback$

$\forall bk : BookKind \bullet bk = hardcover \vee bk = paperback$

## Generic definitions

- There are polymorphic operators, which may be applied to operands of different types
- Such operators may be defined as generic
- Unconstrained genericity: any type may replace a generic parameter
- Example:



## (Binary) relations

$X \leftrightarrow Y = \mathbb{P}(X \times Y)$	Relation between $X$ and $Y$
$x \mapsto y = (x, y)$	Pairs
$\text{dom } R = \{x : X \mid \exists y : Y \bullet x \mapsto y \in R\}$	Domain
$\text{ran } R = \{y : Y \mid \exists x : X \bullet x \mapsto y \in R\}$	Range
$S \triangleleft R = \{x : X; y : Y \mid x \in S \wedge x \mapsto y \in R \bullet x \mapsto y\}$	Domain restriction
$R \triangleright T = \{x : X; y : Y \mid y \in T \wedge x \mapsto y \in R \bullet x \mapsto y\}$	Range restriction
$S \triangleleft R = \{x : X; y : Y \mid x \notin S \wedge x \mapsto y \in R \bullet x \mapsto y\}$	Domain subtraction
$R \triangleright T = \{x : X; y : Y \mid y \notin T \wedge x \mapsto y \in R \bullet x \mapsto y\}$	Range subtraction
$R^{-1} = \{x : X; y : Y \mid x \mapsto y \in R \bullet y \mapsto x\}$	Inverse relation
$R \circ S =$ $\{x : X; y : Y; z : Z \mid x \mapsto y \in R \wedge y \mapsto z \in S \bullet x \mapsto z\}$	Composition

## Functions (1)

Function		Restrictions		
Type	Symbol	$\text{dom } f$	injective	$\text{ran } f$
Partial	$\rightarrow$	$\subseteq X$		$\subseteq Y$
Total	$\rightarrow$	$= X$		$\subseteq Y$
Partial and injective	$\rightarrow$	$\subseteq X$	+	$\subseteq Y$
Total and injective	$\rightarrow$	$= X$	+	$\subseteq Y$
Partial and surjective	$\rightarrow$	$\subseteq X$		$= Y$
Total and surjective	$\rightarrow$	$= X$		$= Y$
Bijjective	$\rightarrow$	$= X$	+	$= Y$
Partial and finite	$\rightarrow$	$\subseteq X$		$\subseteq Y$
Partial, finite, injective	$\rightarrow$	$\subseteq X$	+	$\subseteq Y$

## Functions (2)

$f: X \leftrightarrow Y$ is a function $\Leftrightarrow$ $\forall x: X; y: Y; z: Z \mid x \mapsto y \in f \wedge x \mapsto z \in f \bullet y = z$	Functions are unique relations
$fx$	Application of a function $f$ to an argument $x$
$\text{dom}, \triangleleft, \triangleright, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f^{-1}, f \circ g$	Operations which are “inherited” from relations
$\lambda x: X \mid \text{Pred} \bullet \text{Term} =$ $\{x: X \mid \text{Pred} \bullet x \mapsto \text{Term}\}$	Lambda notation for the definition of functions
$f \oplus g = ((\text{dom } g) \triangleleft f) \cup g$	Combination of functions ( $g$ wins in case of a conflict)

## Sequences

$\langle Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle$	Notation for sequences
$seq X == \{f: \mathbb{N} \twoheadrightarrow X \mid \text{dom } f = 1 .. \#f\}$	Formal definition of sequences
$\langle Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle =$ $\{1 \mapsto Reagan, 2 \mapsto Bush, 3 \mapsto Clinton, 4 \mapsto Bush\}$	Example
$seq_1 X == seq X \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$	Non-empty sequences
$\forall s : seq_1 X \bullet$ $head\ s = s\ 1 \wedge tail\ s = \lambda n : 1 .. \#s - 1 \bullet s\ (n + 1)$	Head and tail of a non-empty sequence
$head\ \langle Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle = Reagan$ $tail\ \langle Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle =$ $\langle Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle$	Example
$\forall s, t : seq\ X \bullet$ $s \hat{\ } t = s \cup \{n : 1 .. \#t \bullet (n + \#s) \mapsto t\ n\}$	Concatenation
$\langle Reagan, Bush \rangle \hat{\ } \langle Clinton, Bush \rangle =$ $\langle Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush \rangle$	Example



# Schemata

## On schemata

- ❑ Schemata are specification units
- ❑ A schema consists of a set of declarations and a set of (conjunctive) predicates
- ❑ Schemata may be combined with the help of several operations, including e.g. schema inclusion, schema conjunction and schema disjunction)
- ❑ Data types are specified in a model-oriented way as follows:
  - » There is one schema for defining the representation of the data type (state) and the respective state invariants
  - » For each operation, there is one corresponding schema which defines its input and output behavior as well as the state changes affected by the operation

## Schema for the state and its invariants

Name

*Library*

$stock : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Book$

$issued : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Reader$

$shelved : \mathbb{F} Copy$

$readers : \mathbb{F} Reader$

Declarations

$shelved \cup \text{dom } issued = \text{dom } stock$

$shelved \cap \text{dom } issued = \emptyset$

$\text{ran } issued \subseteq readers$

$\forall r : readers \bullet \#(issued \triangleright \{ r \}) \leq maxloans$

Predicates

## Schema for an operation

- ❑ An operation is defined by a schema which has to obey certain conventions (i.e., Z does not introduce special-purpose “operation schemata”)
- ❑ The operation is not declared explicitly!
- ❑ Operation name = Schema name
- ❑ Parameter:
  - »  $x?$  : Input parameter
  - »  $y!$  : Output parameter
- ❑ States:
  - »  $s$  : “Before” state of an operation
  - »  $s'$  : “After” state of an operation
- ❑ All declarations and predicates for  $s$  and  $s'$  must be repeated in the operation schema
- ❑ To be introduced: Short-hand notation

## Example: Lending a book

**Issue**

$stock, stock' : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Book$   
 $issued, issued' : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Reader$   
 $shelved, shelved' : \mathbb{F} Copy$   
 $readers, readers' : \mathbb{F} Reader$   
 $c? : Copy; r? : Reader$

Operation  
name

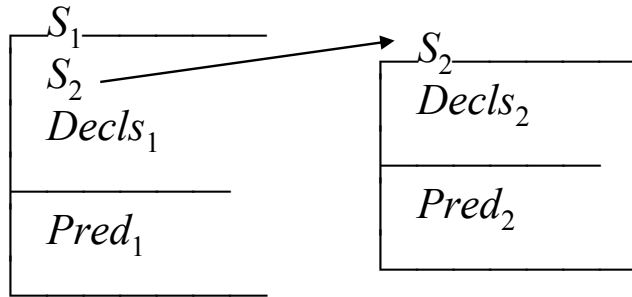
Parameter

$shelved \cup \text{dom } issued = \text{dom } stock$   
 $shelved' \cup \text{dom } issued' = \text{dom } stock'$   
 $shelved \cap \text{dom } issued = \emptyset; shelved' \cap \text{dom } issued' = \emptyset$   
 $\text{ran } issued \subseteq readers; \text{ran } issued' \subseteq readers'$   
 $\forall r : readers \bullet \#(issued \triangleright \{r\}) \leq maxloans$   
 $\forall r : readers' \bullet \#(issued' \triangleright \{r\}) \leq maxloans$   
 $c? \in shelved; r? \in readers; \#(issued \triangleright \{r\}) < maxloans$   
 $issued' = issued \oplus \{c? \mapsto r?\}; stock' = stock; readers' = readers$   
 $shelved' = shelved \setminus \{c?\}$

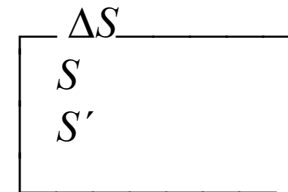
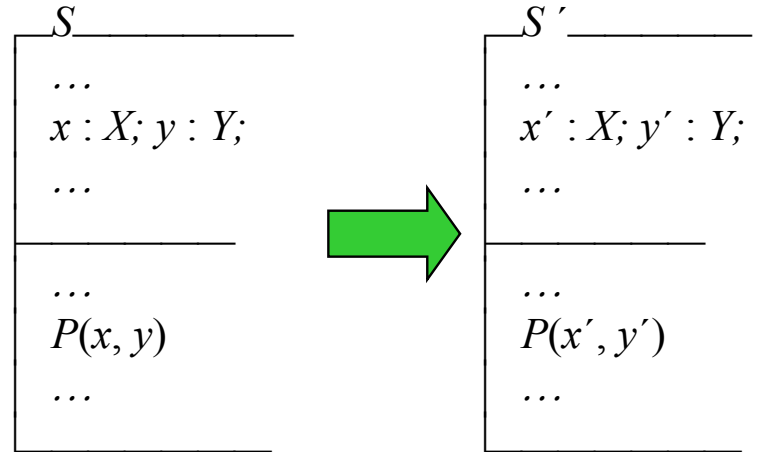
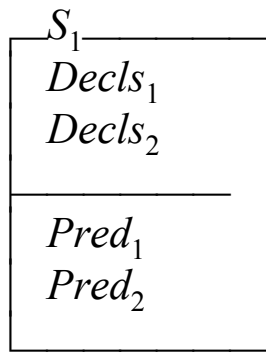
Pre-  
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## Schema operators (1)

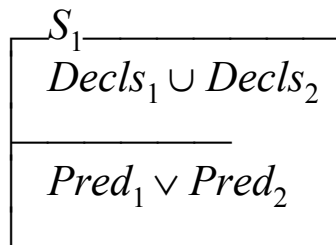
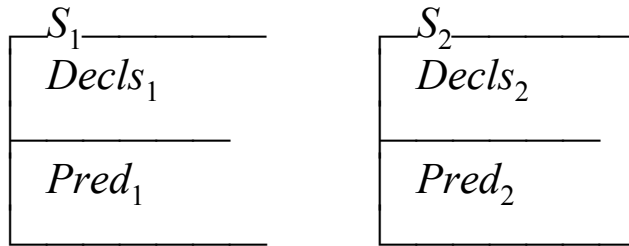


**Schema inclusion**



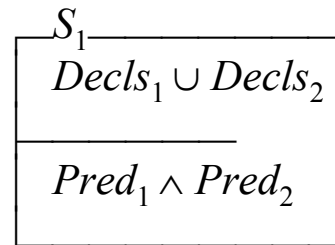
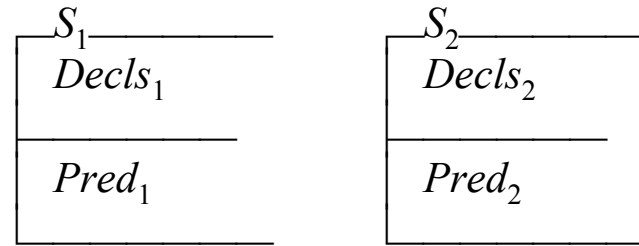
**Schema decoration and  $\Delta$  schema**

## Schema operators (2)



**Schema disjunction**

$$S_1 \vee S_2$$



**Schema conjunction**

$$S_1 \wedge S_2$$

## Schema operators (3)

### Schema composition

- » Given: Schemata for two operations  $Op_1$  and  $Op_2$  on the same state  $State$
- » Schema composition describes the sequential application of  $Op_1$  and  $Op_2$ :
  - ⇒  $Op_1[/'']$  denotes the schema which is derived from  $Op_1$  by replacing variables  $v'$  with  $v''$
  - ⇒  $Op_2[/'']$  denotes the schema which is derived from  $Op_2$  by replacing variables  $v$  with  $v'$
  - ⇒  $Op_1 \circ Op_2 = \exists State'' \bullet Op_1[/''] \wedge Op_2[/'']$

### Precondition

- » Let  $Op$  be a schema for an operation on state  $State$  with output variables  $Outs!$
- »  $\text{pre } Op$  returns the precondition under which  $Op$  is applicable:
  - ⇒  $\text{pre } Op = \exists State'; Outs! \bullet Op$



## Example of a schema inclusion

*LibDB*

$stock : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Book$   
 $readers : \mathbb{F} Reader$

*LibLoans*

$issued : Copy \twoheadrightarrow Reader$   
 $shelved : \mathbb{F} Copy$

$shelved \cap \text{dom } issued = \emptyset$   
 $\forall r : readers \bullet \#(issued \triangleright \{r\}) \leq maxloans$

*Library*

***LibDB***

***LibLoans***

$shelved \cup \text{dom } issued = \text{dom } stock$   
 $\text{ran } issued \subseteq readers$

## Specification of a change operation with a $\Delta$ schema

*Issue*

**$\Delta$ Library**

$c? : \text{Copy}; r? : \text{Reader}$

$c? \in \text{shelved}; r? \in \text{readers}; \#(\text{issued} \triangleright \{ r \}) < \text{maxloans}$

$\text{issued}' = \text{issued} \oplus \{ c? \mapsto r? \}; \text{stock}' = \text{stock}; \text{readers}' = \text{readers}$

$\text{shelved}' = \text{shelved} \setminus \{ c? \}$

## Specification of a read operation with a $\boxplus$ schema

**$\boxplus$ Library**

$\Delta$ Library

*NoChange*  $\equiv$

*issued'* = *issued*; *stock'* = *stock*;

*shelved'* = *shelved*; *readers'* = *readers*

*WhoHasCopy*

**$\boxplus$ Library**

*c?* : *Copy*; *r!* : *Reader*

*c?*  $\in$  dom *issued*; *r!* = *issued c?*

## Example of a schema disjunction (1)

*AddKnownTitle*

$\Delta$ *Library*

$b? : \text{Book}$

$rep! : \text{Report}$

**$b? \in \text{ran stock}$**

$\exists c : \text{Copy} \mid c \notin \text{dom stock} \bullet$

$stock' = stock \oplus \{c \mapsto b?\} \wedge$

$shelved' = shelved \cup \{c\}$

$issued' = issued; readers' = reader$

**$rep! = \text{FurtherCopyAdded}$**

*AddNewTitle*

$\Delta$ *Library*

$b? : \text{Book}$

$rep! : \text{Report}$

**$b? \notin \text{ran stock}$**

$\exists c : \text{Copy} \mid c \notin \text{dom stock} \bullet$

$stock' = stock \oplus \{c \mapsto b?\} \wedge$

$shelved' = shelved \cup \{c\}$

$issued' = issued; readers' = reader$

**$rep! = \text{NewTitleAdded}$**

$AddCopy \cong AddKnownTitle \vee AddNewTitle$

## Example of a schema disjunction (2)

*AddCopy*

$\Delta$ *Library*

$b? : \text{Book}$

$rep! : \text{Report}$

$\exists c : \text{Copy} \mid c \notin \text{dom stock} \bullet$

$stock' = stock \oplus \{c \mapsto b?\} \wedge$

$shelved' = shelved \cup \{c\}$

$issued' = issued; readers' = reader$

$b? \in \text{ran stock} \Rightarrow rep! = \text{FurtherCopyAdded}$

$b? \notin \text{ran stock} \Rightarrow rep! = \text{NewTitleAdded}$

## Example of a schema conjunction

*EnterNewCopy*\_\_\_\_\_

$\Delta$ *Library*

$b? : \text{Book}$

$\exists c : \text{Copy} \mid c \notin \text{dom } \textit{stock} \bullet$   
 $\textit{stock}' = \textit{stock} \oplus \{c \mapsto b?\} \wedge$   
 $\textit{shelved}' = \textit{shelved} \cup \{c\}$   
 $\textit{issued}' = \textit{issued}; \textit{readers}' = \textit{readers}$

*AddCopyReport*\_\_\_\_\_

$\textit{Stock} : \text{Copy} \twoheadrightarrow \text{Book}$

$b? : \text{Book}$

$\textit{rep}! : \text{Report}$

$b? \notin \text{ran } \textit{stock}$   
 $\Rightarrow \textit{rep}! = \textit{NewTitleAdded}$   
 $b? \in \text{ran } \textit{stock}$   
 $\Rightarrow \textit{rep}! = \textit{FurtherCopyAdded}$

$\textit{AddCopy} \cong \textit{EnterNewCopy} \wedge \textit{AddCopyReport}$

## Sample Specification

## Example: Electronic dictionary

- ❑ Translation between two languages, called *Native* and *Foreign*
- ❑ Only orthographically correct words may be stored in the dictionary (*OrthoNative* and *OrthoForeign*, respectively)
- ❑ Each word of the native language is mapped onto a set of words of the foreign language (and vice versa)
- ❑ Operations to be provided:
  - » Insertion of a valid pair
  - » Output of all translations of a native word
  - » Output of all translations of a foreign word
  - » Testing the knowledge of a user:
    - ⇒ System selects a word randomly
    - ⇒ User supplies his translations
    - ⇒ System calculates the percentage of correct answers



## Structure of the specification

- ❑ Base types and global definitions
- ❑ Abstract states
- ❑ Initialization
- ❑ Partial operations under normal conditions
- ❑ Calculation of preconditions
- ❑ Total operations (including error conditions)
- ❑ Summary and index

## Syntax of Z

`<specification> ::= (<paragraph>)* (* Specification consists of paragraphs *)`

`<paragraph> ::= "[" <ident> ("," <ident>)* "]" (* Base types *)`  
`| <axiomatic-box> (* Declarations plus optional predicates *)`  
`| <generic-box> (* ... plus generic parameters *)`  
`| <schema-box> (* "graphical" schema definition *)`  
`| <schema-name> [<gen-formals>]  $\hat{=}$  <schema-expr>`  
`(* linear schema definition *)`  
`| <def-lhs> "==" <expr> (* Constant declaration *)`  
`| <ident> " ::= " <branch> ("|" <branch>)+ (* Enumeration type *)`  
`| <predicate> (* Predicate for global variables *)`

## Base types and global definitions

[*Native*, *Foreign*]

(\* All character strings in the respective alphabets \*)

| *OrthoNative* :  $\mathbb{P}$  *Native*

| *OrthoForeign* :  $\mathbb{P}$  *Foreign*

(\* Orthographically correct words \*)

*Message* ::= *Ok* | *AlreadyKnownPair* | *NewPairEntered*  
| *ErrorInForeignWord* | *ErrorInNativeWord* | *ErrorInBothWords*  
| *UnknownNativeWord* | *UnknownForeignWord*  
| *VocabIsEmpty* | *NoCorrectResponses*

(\* Return codes for operations \*)

## Abstract states

*WellFormedVocab*

*Vocab* : *OrthoNative*  $\leftrightarrow$  *OrthoForeign*

*NativeWordsKnown* :  $\mathbb{F}$  *OrthoNative*

*ForeignWordsKnown* :  $\mathbb{F}$  *OrthoForeign*

(\* Dictionary \*)

*NativeWordsKnown* = dom *Vocab*

*ForeignWordsKnown* = ran *Vocab*

*RecordOfProgress*

*CumuMaxMarks*, *CumuMarksScored*, *AveragePercent* :  $\mathbb{N}$

$0 \leq \textit{AveragePercent} \leq 100$

*CumuMarksScored*  $\leq$  *CumuMaxMarks*

*AveragePercent* = *percent*(*CumuMarksScored*, *CumuMaxMarks*)

(\* Testing of user \*)

*WordForWord*

*WellFormedVocab*

*RecordOfProgress*

(\* Overall state \*)

## Initialization

*InitWord-For-Word*\_\_\_\_\_

*WordForWord'*

*Vocab'* =  $\emptyset$

*CumuMaxMarks'* = *CumuMaxMarksScored'* = 0

## Definition of partial operations (1)

$AddPair \cong EnterPair \wedge ReportIfAlreadyKnown$

(\* Insertion of a pair into the dictionary with return code \*)

*EnterPair*

$\Delta WellFormedVocab$

$\exists RecordOfProgress$

$n? : OrthoNative; f? : OrthoForeign$

$Vocab' = Vocab \cup \{ n? \mapsto f? \}$

(\* Insertion of a pair \*)

*ReportIfAlreadyKnown*

$Vocab : OrthoNative \leftrightarrow OrthoForeign$

$n? : OrthoNative; f? : OrthoForeign; rep! : Message$

$n? \mapsto f? \in Vocab \Rightarrow rep! = AlreadyKnownPair$

$n? \mapsto f? \notin Vocab \Rightarrow rep! = NewPairEntered$

(\* Information if pair was already known \*)

## Definition of partial operations (2)

$ToForeign \cong ForeignTranslations \wedge ReportIfKnownNative$

(\* Translation of a word with return code \*)

*ForeignTranslations*

$\exists WordForWord$

$n? : OrthoNative; ftrans! : \mathbb{F} OrthoForeign$

$ftrans! = \text{ran} (\{ n? \} \triangleleft Vocab)$

(\* Retrieval of translations \*)

*ReportIfKnownNative*

$\exists WellFormedVocab$

$n? : OrthoNative; rep! : Message$

$n? \in NativeWordsKnown \Rightarrow rep! = Ok$

$n? \notin NativeWordsKnown \Rightarrow rep! = UnknownNativeWord$

(\* Information whether there is a translation for the given word \*)

## Definition of partial operations (3)

$VocabTestNtoF \cong SelectTestWordN \wedge CheckResponsesF \wedge UpdateScoreNtoF$

(\* Test: Select word, check responses, update score \*)

*SelectTestWordN*

*WellFormedVocab*

*TestWord!* : *OrthoNative*

*Translations* :  $\mathbb{F}$  *OrthoForeign*

*TransCount!* :  $\mathbb{N}$

*TestWord!*  $\in$  *NativeWordsKnown*

*Translations* =  $\text{ran} ( \{ TestWord! \} \triangleleft Vocab )$

*TransCount!* =  $\#Translations$

(\* Selection of a word \*)



## Definition of partial operations (4)

*CheckResponsesF*

*Translations, CorrectResponses! : F OrthoForeign*

*Responses? : seq Foreign*

*rep! : Message*

*CorrectResponses! = Translations  $\cap$  ran Responses?*

*CorrectResponses! =  $\emptyset \Rightarrow rep! = NoCorrectResponses$*

*CorrectResponses!  $\neq \emptyset \Rightarrow rep! = Ok$*

(\* Correct responses included? \*)

## Definition of partial operations (5)

*UpdateScoreNtoF*

$\exists$  *WellFormedVocab*

$\Delta$  *RecordOfProgress*

*Translations, CorrectResponses!* :  $\mathbb{F}$  *OrthoNative*

*TransCount!, NewAverage!* :  $\mathbb{N}$

$CumuMaxMarks' = CumuMaxMarks + TransCount!$

$CumuMarksScored' = CumuMarksScored + \#CorrectResponses!$

$NewAverage! = AveragePercent'$

(\* Output of the number of correct responses and new average percentage \*)

## Calculation of preconditions

<b>Operation</b>	<b>Inputs and outputs</b>	<b>Preconditions</b>
<i>AddPair</i>	$n? : \text{Native}; f? : \text{Foreign}$ $rep! : \text{Message}$	$n? \in \text{OrthoNative}$ $f? \in \text{OrthoForeign}$
<i>ToForeign</i>	$n? : \text{Native}$ $ftrans! : \mathbb{F} \text{OrthoForeign}$ $rep! : \text{Message}$	$n? \in \text{OrthoNative}$
<i>VocabTestNtoF</i>	$Responses? : \text{seq Foreign}$ $TestWord! : \text{OrthoNative}$ $CorrectResponses! : \mathbb{F} \text{OrthoForeign}$ $TransCount! : \mathbb{N}$ $NewAverage! : \mathbb{N}$ $rep! : \text{Message}$	$Vocab \neq \emptyset$

## Total operations (error handling)

$TotalAidPair \cong AddPair \vee AddPairError$

(\* Total operation = normal operation + error handling \*)

$AddPairError$

$\exists WordForWord$

$n? : Native; f? : Foreign; rep! : Message$

$n? \in OrthoNative \wedge f? \notin OrthoForeign$

$\Rightarrow rep! = ErrorInForeignWord$

$n? \notin OrthoNative \wedge f? \in OrthoForeign$

$\Rightarrow rep! = ErrorInNativeWord$

$n? \notin OrthoNative \wedge f? \notin OrthoForeign$

$\Rightarrow rep! = ErrorInBothWords$

## Summary and index

$AddPair \cong EnterPair \wedge ReportIfAlreadyKnown$

$ToForeign \cong ForeignTranslations \wedge ReportIfKnownNative$

$VocabTestNtoF \cong SelectTestWordN \wedge CheckResponsesF \wedge UpdateScoreNtoF$

$TotalAddPair \cong AddPair \vee AddPairError$

...

## Proving of Specification Properties

## Survey

- ❑ Foundations for proving specification properties:
  - » Proposition logic
  - » Predicate logic
  - » Set theory
- ❑ Example-based demonstration of
  - » Correctness of the initial state of a data type
  - » Simplification of a precondition of an operation
  - » Proving a property of an operation composition
- ❑ Not all used axioms will be introduced explicitly
- ❑ Example: Administration of soccer fans
  - » Each fan is registered under a unique identification number
  - » A subset of fans may be banned (hooligans)
  - » Operations for inserting, deleting, banning fans, etc.

## Z specification of soccer fan administration (1)

[*PERSON*, *ID*]

(\* Given sets \*)

*Fid*

*members* : *ID*  $\rightsquigarrow$  *PERSON*

*banned* :  $\mathbb{P}$  *ID*

*banned*  $\subseteq$  dom *members*

(\* State \*)

*InitFid*

*Fid'*

*members'* =  $\emptyset$

*banned'* =  $\emptyset$

(\* Initial state (without members) \*)



## Z specification of soccer fan administration (2)

*AddMember*\_\_\_\_\_

$\Delta Fid$

$applicant? : PERSON$

$id! : ID$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran members}$

$id! \notin \text{dom members}$

$members' = members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \}$

$banned' = banned$

*DeleteMember*\_\_\_\_\_

$\Delta Fid$

$id? : ID$

$id? \in \text{dom members}$

$members' = \{ id? \} \triangleleft members$

$banned' = banned \setminus \{ id? \}$

*BanMember*\_\_\_\_\_

$\Delta Fid$

$ban? : ID$

$ban? \in \text{dom members}$

$members' = members$

$banned' = banned \cup \{ ban? \}$

## Correctness of the initial state

$\vdash \exists \text{Fid}' \bullet \text{InitFid}$

$\Leftrightarrow$  (Substitution of  $\text{Fid}'$  and  $\text{InitFid}$ )

$\vdash \exists \text{members}' : \text{ID} \rightsquigarrow \text{PERSON}; \text{banned}' : \mathbb{P} \text{ID} \mid$   
 $\text{banned}' \subseteq \text{dom members}' \bullet$   
 $\text{members}' = \emptyset \wedge \text{banned}' = \emptyset$

$\Leftrightarrow (\exists \text{Decs} \mid \text{Constr} \bullet \text{Pred} \equiv \exists \text{Decs} \bullet \text{Constr} \wedge \text{Pred})$

$\vdash \exists \text{members}' : \text{ID} \rightsquigarrow \text{PERSON}; \text{banned}' : \mathbb{P} \text{ID} \bullet$   
 $\text{banned}' \subseteq \text{dom members}' \wedge \text{members}' = \emptyset \wedge \text{banned}' = \emptyset$

This proposition holds because:

- $\emptyset : \text{ID} \rightsquigarrow \text{PERSON}$
- $\emptyset : \mathbb{P} \text{ID}$
- $\emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$

## Simplification of a precondition (1)

*PreAddMember*

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*Fid*

*applicant?* : *PERSON*

---

$\exists \textit{Fid}' ; \textit{id}' : \textit{ID} \bullet$

$\textit{applicant}' \notin \text{ran } \textit{members} \wedge$

$\textit{id}' \notin \text{dom } \textit{members} \wedge$

$\textit{members}' = \textit{members} \cup \{ \textit{id}' \mapsto \textit{applicant}' \} \wedge$

$\textit{banned}' = \textit{banned}$

$\Leftrightarrow$  (Expansion of *Fid'*)

## Simplification of a precondition (2)

*PreAddMember*

---

*Fid*

*applicant?* : PERSON

---

$\exists$  *members'* : ID  $\rightsquigarrow$  PERSON; *banned'* :  $\mathbb{P}$  ID; *id!* : ID •  
 $\text{banned}' \subseteq \text{dom } \text{members}' \wedge$   
 $\text{applicant?} \notin \text{ran } \text{members} \wedge$   
 $\text{id!} \notin \text{dom } \text{members} \wedge$   
 $\text{members}' = \text{members} \cup \{ \text{id!} \mapsto \text{applicant?} \} \wedge$   
 $\text{banned}' = \text{banned}$

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$\Leftrightarrow$  (Elimination of existential quantifiers for *members'* and *banned'*)

## Simplification of a precondition (3)

*PreAddMember*

---

*Fid*

*applicant?* : PERSON

---

$\exists id! : ID \bullet$

$members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$

$banned \in \mathbb{P} ID \wedge$

$banned \subseteq \text{dom } members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$

$id! \notin \text{dom } members$

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$\Leftrightarrow (Fid \Rightarrow banned \in \mathbb{P} ID)$

## Simplification of a precondition (4)

*PreAddMember*

*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

$\exists id! : ID \bullet$

$members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$

$banned \subseteq \text{dom } members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$

$id! \notin \text{dom } members$

$\Leftrightarrow (\text{dom } (R \cup S) = \text{dom } R \cup \text{dom } S)$

## Simplification of a precondition (5)

*PreAddMember*

*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

$\exists id! : ID \bullet$

$members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$   
 $banned \subseteq \text{dom } members \cup \text{dom } \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$   
 $applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$   
 $id! \notin \text{dom } members$

$\Leftrightarrow (Fid \Rightarrow banned \subseteq \text{dom } members)$

## Simplification of a precondition (6)

*PreAddMember*

*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

$\exists id! : ID \bullet$

$members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$   
 $applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$   
 $id! \notin \text{dom } members$

$\Leftrightarrow (members \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$   
 $applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$   
 $id! \notin \text{dom } members \Rightarrow$   
 $members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON)$



## Simplification of a precondition (7)

*PreAddMember*

*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

$\exists id! : ID \bullet$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$

$id! \notin \text{dom } members$

$\Leftrightarrow$

(Remove first subexpression from the existential quantifier)

## Simplification of a precondition (8)

*PreAddMember*

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*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

---

*applicant? ∉ ran members ∧  
∃ id! : ID • id! ∉ dom members*

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⇔ (Elimination of the existential quantifier)

*PreAddMember*

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*Fid*

*applicant? : PERSON*

---

*applicant? ∉ ran members ∧  
dom members ≠ ID*

---

## Proving a property of the specification (1)

Sequential execution of *AddMember* (with output *id!*) and *DeleteMember* (with input *id?*) does not change the state:

$$\text{AddandDelete} \cong \text{AddMember} \wp \text{DeleteMember} \mid id! = id? \vdash \exists \text{Fid}$$

*AddandDelete*

$\Delta \text{Fid}$

*applicant?* : PERSON

*id?* : ID; *id!* : ID

$\exists \text{Fid}'' \bullet$

*applicant?*  $\notin$  ran *members*  $\wedge$

*id!*  $\notin$  dom *members*  $\wedge$

*members*'' = *members*  $\cup$  { *id!*  $\mapsto$  *applicant?* }  $\wedge$

*banned*'' = *banned*  $\wedge$

*id?*  $\in$  dom *members*''  $\wedge$

*members*' = { *id?* }  $\triangleleft$  *members*''  $\wedge$

*banned*' = *banned*''  $\setminus$  { *id?* }  $\wedge$

*id!* = *id?*

## Proving a property of the specification (2)

$\Leftrightarrow$  (Expansion of  $Fid''$ )

*AddandDelete*

$\Delta Fid$

$applicant? : PERSON$

$id? : ID; id! : ID$

$\exists members'' : ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON; banned'' : \mathbb{P} ID \bullet$

$banned'' \subseteq \text{dom } members'' \wedge$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$

$id! \notin \text{dom } members \wedge$

$members'' = members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$

$banned'' = banned \wedge$

$id? \in \text{dom } members'' \wedge$

$members' = \{ id? \} \triangleleft members'' \wedge$

$banned' = banned'' \setminus \{ id? \} \wedge$

$id! = id?$

## Proving a property of the specification (3)

$\Leftrightarrow$  (Elimination of existential quantifiers for *banned''* and *members''*)

*AddandDelete*

$\Delta Fid$

*applicant?* : PERSON

*id?* : ID; *id!* : ID

$members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON \wedge$

$banned \in \mathbb{P} ID \wedge$

$banned \subseteq \text{dom } members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \wedge$

$id! \notin \text{dom } members \wedge$

$id? \in \text{dom } members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \wedge$

$members' = \{ id? \} \triangleleft (members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \}) \wedge$

$banned' = banned \setminus \{ id? \} \wedge$

$id! = id?$

## Proving a property of the specification (4)

Calculation of *members'*:

*members'* =

$$\{ id? \} \triangleleft (members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \}) = (id! = id?)$$

$$\{ id! \} \triangleleft (members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \}) = (R \triangleleft (S \cup T) = (R \triangleleft S) \cup (R \triangleleft T))$$

$$(\{ id! \} \triangleleft members) \cup \{ id! \} \triangleleft \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} = \text{(Definition von } \triangleleft \text{)}$$

$$(\{ id! \} \triangleleft members) \cup \emptyset =$$

$$\{ id! \} \triangleleft members = (id! \notin \text{dom } members)$$

*members*

## Proving a property of the specification (5)

Calculation of  $banned'$ :

$banned' =$

$banned \setminus \{ id? \} =$

$banned \setminus \{ id! \} =$

$banned$

$(id! = id?)$

$(id! \notin \text{dom members} \wedge$

$banned \subseteq \text{dom members})$

$members' = members \wedge banned' = banned \Rightarrow$

$Fid' = Fid \Rightarrow$

$\exists Fid$

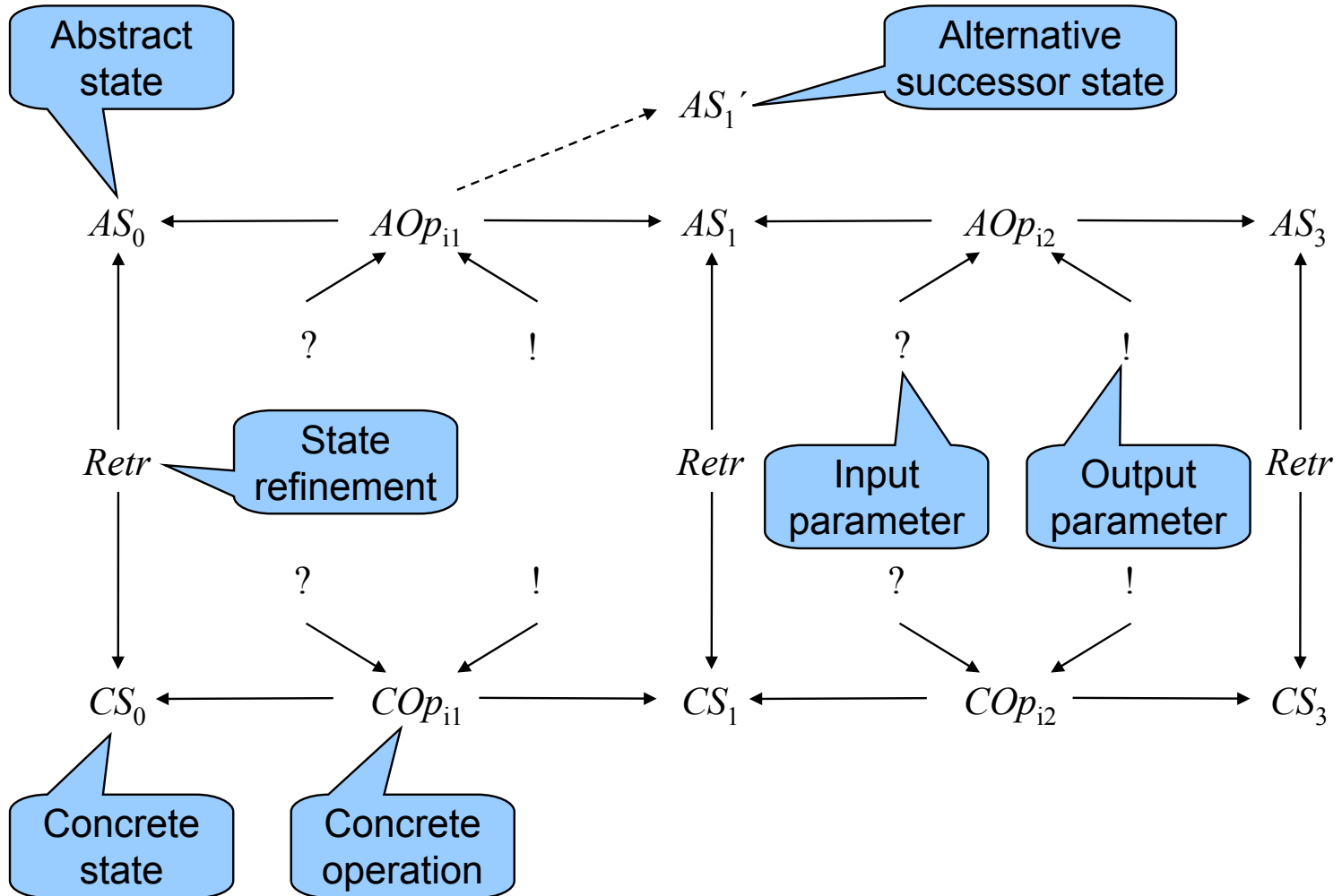
## Refinement of Specifications



## Goal and approach

- ❑ Starting point: abstract specification with an abstract state and abstract operations
- ❑ Goal: transformation into a concrete specification which is nearer to the final implementation
- ❑ Refinement may be performed multiple times (i.e., multiple levels)
- ❑ Definition of a refinement:
  - » Relation between abstract and concrete states, where each concrete state is mapped onto at most one abstract state
  - » Each concrete initial state must be mapped onto a correct abstract initial state
  - » Each concrete operation is mapped onto a corresponding abstract operation
  - » The behavior of the concrete operation must be consistent with the behavior of the abstract operation

# Illustration



## Formal definition of a refinement

- $AS, CS$                       Schemata for abstract and concrete states  
 $InitAS, InitCS$                 Schemata for initial states
- $Retr(ieve)$                     Schema for the correlation of abstract and concrete states

$Retr$

$AS$

$CS$

$RelASCS$

- Each schema  $AO$  for an abstract operation is mapped onto a schema  $CO$  for the corresponding concrete operation

## Theorems to be proved

- **Initialization theorem**

Each concrete initial state represents an abstract initial state:

$$\text{InitCS} \wedge \text{Retr}' \vdash \text{InitAS}$$

- **Applicability theorems**

If an abstract operation is applicable in an abstract state, the corresponding concrete operation is applicable in the corresponding concrete state:

$$\text{pre } AOp \wedge \text{Retr} \vdash \text{pre } COp$$

- **Correctness theorems**

If an abstract operation is applicable and the corresponding concrete operation is applied, the behavior of the latter is consistent with the behavior of the former:

$$\text{pre } AOp \wedge \text{Retr} \wedge COp \wedge \text{Retr}' \vdash AOp$$

## Abstract state of the soccer fan administration

*FidScheme*

$members : ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON$

$banned : \mathbb{P} ID$

$banned \subseteq \text{dom } members$

$\#members \leq maxmems$

(\* Abstract state, now with maximal number of members *maxmems* \*)

*InitFidScheme*

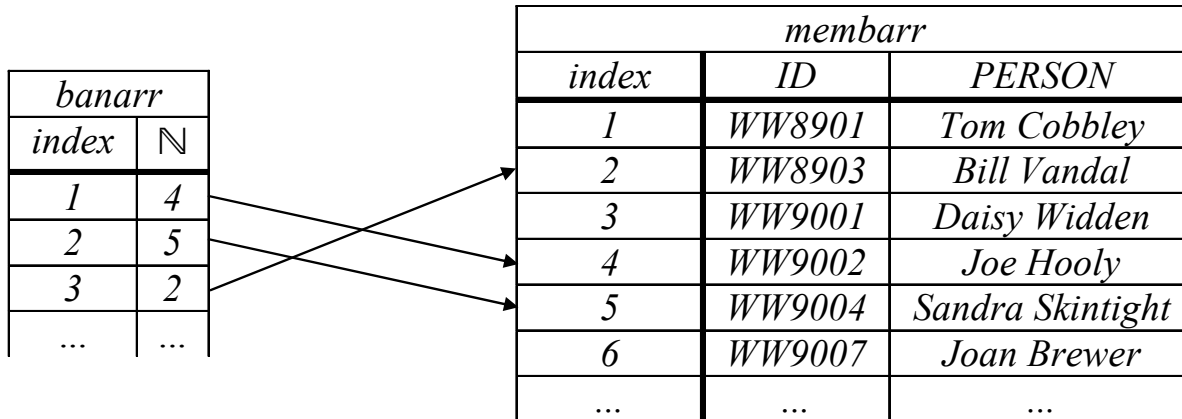
*Fid'*

$members' = \emptyset$

$banned' = \emptyset$

(\* Initial state (without members) \*)

## Concrete state: array-based realization



## Z specification for the concrete state

$\text{iseq}[X] == \text{seq } X \cap (\mathbb{N} \rightsquigarrow X)$

(\* Representation of arrays by injective sequences \*)

*CFidScheme*

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$\text{membarr} : \text{iseq}[ID \times PERSON]$

$\text{banarr} : \text{iseq}[\mathbb{N}]$

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$\text{ran } \text{membarr} \in ID \rightsquigarrow PERSON$

$\text{ran } \text{banarr} \subseteq 1..\#\text{membarr}$

$\#\text{membarr} \leq \text{maxmems}$

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(\* Concrete state, with maximal number of members *maxmems* \*)

*InitCFidScheme*

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*CFidScheme'*

---

$\text{membarr}' = \langle \rangle$

$\text{banarr}' = \langle \rangle$

---

(\* Initial state (without members) \*)

## Relation between abstract and concrete states

*Retr*

*FidScheme*

*CFidScheme*

$members = \text{ran } membarr$

$banned = \text{dom} ( \text{ran} ( \text{ran } banarr \triangleleft membarr ) )$

(\* Members are pairs occurring as elements of *membarr*.

The identifiers of banned persons are obtained as the first components of pairs which are marked by indices in *banarr*. \*)



## Initialization theorem

To demonstrate:

$$\text{InitCFidScheme} \wedge \text{Retr}' \vdash \text{InitFidScheme}$$

$$\text{members}' = \text{ran } \text{membarr}' = \text{ran } \langle \rangle = \emptyset$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{banned}' &= \text{dom} ( \text{ran} ( \text{ran } \text{banarr}' \triangleleft \text{membarr}' ) ) \\ &= \text{dom} ( \text{ran} ( \text{ran } \langle \rangle \triangleleft \langle \rangle ) ) \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

## Abstract and concrete operation

*AddMember*

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$\Delta$ *FidScheme*

*applicant?* : *PERSON*

*id!* : *ID*

---

*applicant?*  $\notin$  *ran members*

*id!*  $\notin$  *dom members*

*members'* = *members*  $\cup$  { *id!*  $\mapsto$  *applicant?* }

*banned'* = *banned*

---

*CAddMember*

---

$\Delta$ *CFidScheme*

*applicant?* : *PERSON*

*id!* : *ID*

---

*applicant?*  $\notin$  *ran (ran membarr)*

*id!*  $\notin$  *dom (ran membarr)*

*membarr'* = *membarr*  $\hat{\ } \langle (id!, applicant?) \rangle$

*banarr'* = *banarr*

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## Preconditions

*PreAddMember*

*FidScheme*

*applicant? : PERSON*

*applicant?  $\notin$  ran members*

*dom members  $\neq$  ID*

*#members < maxmems*

*PreCAddMember*

*CFidScheme*

*applicant? : PERSON*

*applicant?  $\notin$  ran (ran membarr)*

*dom (ran membarr)  $\neq$  ID*

*#membarr < maxmems*

## Applicability theorem

To demonstrate:

$PreAddMember \wedge Retr \vdash PreCAddMember \Leftrightarrow$

$FidScheme; applicant? : PERSON; CFidScheme \mid$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \quad (H1)$

$\text{dom } members \neq ID \quad (H2)$

$\#members < maxmems \quad (H3)$

$members = \text{ran } membarr \quad (H4)$

$banned = \text{dom} ( \text{ran} ( \text{ran } banarr \triangleleft membarr ) ) \quad (H5)$

$\vdash$

$applicant? \notin \text{ran} ( \text{ran } membarr ) \quad (G1)$

$\text{dom} ( \text{ran } membarr ) \neq ID \quad (G2)$

$\#membarr < maxmems \quad (G3)$

## Proof of the applicability theorem

Proof of (G1):

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members$  (H1)

$\Rightarrow applicant? \notin \text{ran } (\text{ran } membarr)$  (H4)

Proof of (G2):

$\text{dom } (\text{ran } membarr)$   
 $= \text{dom } members$  (H4)

$\neq ID$  (H2)

Proof of (G3):

$\#membarr = \#(\text{ran } membarr)$  ( $membarr$  is injective)

$= \#members$  (H4)

$< maxmems$  (H3)

## Correctness theorem

To demonstrate:

$$PreAddMember \wedge Retr \wedge CAddMember \wedge Retr' \vdash AddMember \Leftrightarrow$$
$$PreAddMember \wedge Retr \wedge CAddMember \wedge Retr'$$

$\vdash$

$$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members \quad (G1)$$
$$id! \notin \text{dom } members \quad (G2)$$
$$members' = members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \} \quad (G3)$$
$$banned' = banned \quad (G4)$$

## Proof of the correctness theorem

Proof of (G1):

$applicant? \notin \text{ran } members$

$(PreAddMember)$

Proof of (G2):

$id! \notin \text{dom } (\text{ran } membarr)$

$(CAddMember)$

$\Leftrightarrow id! \notin \text{dom } members$

$(Retr)$

Proof of (G3):

$members'$

$= \text{ran } membarr'$

$(Retr')$

$= \text{ran } (membarr \hat{\ } \langle (id!, applicant?) \rangle )$

$(CAddMember)$

$= \text{ran } membarr \cup \{ (id!, applicant?) \}$

$(\text{Properties of } \text{ran } \text{ and } \hat{\ } )$

$= members \cup \{ id! \mapsto applicant? \}$

$(Retr)$

Proof of (G4):

$banned'$

$= \text{dom}(\text{ran } (\text{ran } banarr' \triangleleft membarr'))$

$(Retr')$

$= \text{dom}(\text{ran } (\text{ran } banarr \triangleleft (membarr \hat{\ } \langle (id!, applicant?) \rangle )))$

$(CAddMember)$

$= \text{dom}(\text{ran } (\text{ran } banarr \triangleleft membarr))$

$(CFidScheme)$

$= banned$

$(Retr)$

# Summary



## Advantages of Z

- ❑ Based on theoretical foundations (logic and set theory) which should be known at least to mathematically trained users
- ❑ Very general approach
- ❑ Compact specifications
- ❑ Model-oriented specification is easier to understand/construct than behavioral specification
- ❑ Proofs with the help of predicate logic and set theory
- ❑ Step-wise refinement of specifications is supported

## Disadvantages of Z

- ❑ Complex notation with many, many operators
- ❑ Abstract data types are modeled only implicitly, relying on certain conventions
- ❑ Modeling of operations with  $\Delta$  schemata is hard to understand at first glance
- ❑ Notations and methods for structuring large specifications are missing (schemata are too fine-grained for this purpose)
- ❑ Transition from the specification to the implementation is difficult
- ❑ Often, Z is used only as a documentation aid

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